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## The Girl On Our Cover

**O**NDINA Maristany is a product of missions in Cuba. She was converted when a little girl, and received her education in mission and government schools. She graduated in law from the University of Havana and practiced successfully. Her record was so outstanding and her future so brilliant she was granted a scholarship to the University of Southern California.

Back in Cuba for the summer she went to the Baptist camp at Yumuri where she heard God's call to special service for him. She came again to the States to study at Southwestern Seminary as the guest of Missouri W.M.U.

Because she knows the student life in Havana, she has unique opportunities to win these leading young people to Christ. Surely Southern Baptists will provide the necessary student center, well-equipped for her work. Our Home Mission Board has bought a lot well located—now, the building! No one can "make bricks without straw." Miss Maristany writes of her joy in the Lord as he led her to an apartment for a temporary student center.

**T**HE Lord has been so good and merciful to me that I could write pages and pages to tell you of all his blessings. He provided an apartment for us. I was a little bit discouraged and tired of looking and not finding anything suitable, some places too expensive, others wouldn't rent to Baptists or students. I saw one advertised in the paper, but because of the location I figured it was terribly expensive. Then when Mrs. Sanchez came by I told her about it and we went to see it. It was just what we needed. Isn't it wonderful?

"I came home and with my heart beating hard I phoned Dr. Caudill and he said, 'Well, go ahead and rent it.' It is much less expensive than we feared and is located just a block and a half from the University. You should have seen the joy of the

students when I told them about it. They have been so fine and responsive to all my suggestions and plans to work. They have been coming faithfully to the meetings in the church downtown, but now the mid-term is coming and there has been much disturbance this year in the University. It would be harder for them to come so far to any meeting, so now we can continue our activities in spite of the exams.

"Of course, there are so many things we need, but I trust in the Lord that he will provide. I asked the students yesterday what they would prefer for the next meeting, to go to the Baptist Temple downtown or to go to the apartment even if they had to sit on the floor. I promised the floor would be clean, and they voted to go to the apartment.

"I feel we must have some good furniture because the Catholic students and the Methodist and others will feel so sorry for the poor Baptist students if we have an unattractive place. The Lord knows that it is not boasting, but we need to provide something better for our students and help them to win their friends.

"I have been so impressed to find out all that the Catholics have been doing since I was away studying at Fort Worth. They had quite a bit of work among the students when I left, but I can tell you that they have duplicated or triplicated their efforts since then. They just inaugurated a residence for girls in El Vedado, which is beautiful and gorgeous; the nuns are the ones to attend it. This is the fifth or sixth residence they have.

"There is so much to do here and days seem to go so fast. The doors of Cuba are wide open to the gospel now. I do hope that we will be adequate in answering. I wish you could see the number of people that have come to me, or have called me already because they want to know more about Jesus. There is hunger for the news of salvation. Will we answer to it?"

## Our Fourteen Children

by Mrs. George N. Smith

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**N**OTHING is more interesting than life in a big family but we have only one son and recently his Naval duty has kept him far away much of the time. Largely through his love and interest, fourteen children from other lands have lived with us. Almost every year one or more American students adopt us as "Mom" and "Pop." Now our "children" almost circle the globe.

It began in Virginia when a young Hungarian girl was trying to earn money to attend school in the fall. As a young pastor's wife, I conceived the bright idea of having her spend about a week in homes of W.M.S. members so she would not have to pay board.

I expected a rush to get on the list; not a person responded! Baffled, we said "Come with us, Margaret." She stayed all summer and worked in the local bank, saving money for her fall schooling. How much joy our family had with our first adopted foreign child!

Her gratitude knew no bounds. On a few Sunday afternoons she visited her family in Virginia City and usually, returned with gifts showing her thankfulness—a sparrow, two white mice, and once a chicken.

This began our wonderful experience. When our son was in Japan for the Occupation he was filled with a desire to help the Japanese. God was working out his marvelous plan!

One day in Tokyo something went wrong with his jeep; George was examining the wheel when a young Japanese spoke in perfect English, "I think this is where the wrong is." So they met. Henry T. Shiosaka was born in U.S.A. and lived

here until thirteen years old. His father had brought his aged parents to U.S.A. three times but they would not stay. On the third return the grandfather died and was cremated in Hawaii. The grandmother took his ashes back to his beloved Japan.

Just before the war this old mother broke her hip and for her sake the Shiosaka family returned to Japan expecting to come back to U.S.A. in six months. But war brought internment for them.

"Hank" became an interpreter and a friendship deep and strong sprang up between him and the big G.I. he lovingly called "Smitty." When "Smitty" came home he promised Hank could come and live with his parents in U.S.A.

Our son's first request was "let him have my room, my bed, be your son and attend Georgetown College." It took two years to clear the papers and get citizenship restored but in January 1948, Hank

Hiroshi Nakano . Henry Shiosaka



came to be our first Japanese son.

His father was Buddhist, his mother Shintoist and he had been accepted in Catholicism. He would not go to church. But there is nothing impossible for God. Love and prayer must win. He was gloriously saved and has been a real soul-winner. He writes often to his Kentucky parents telling us of his victories. His family is now back in California. Before leaving for service in Korea, Hank phoned from Los Angeles. He had taught his mother one sentence in English and his Kentucky mother wept as she heard. "Thank you, Mrs. Smith, for loving my boy."

Yoshiko Kambe of Tokyo came to Georgetown, Kentucky in January 1950. Her father had been killed in Burma, her mother died three days after receiving that news. Yoshiko was alone. She was engaged to a fine young soldier, who returned to U.S.A. and worked constantly to bring his sweetheart here. She had heard of a young man who had come from Tokyo to Georgetown and lived with a family called Smith.

When she came she sought us out. We loved her very much as we later learned to love the young man she married. Mr. Smith baptized Yoshiko one Sunday evening at the Baptist church at Georgetown. She will soon be a citizen of U.S.A. She and her husband always enjoy a happy reunion with their "Kentucky parents" and we look forward with joy to their visits.

### Prayer

*We thank thee for the glories of summer, O God, and the refreshing times of vacation. Grant that we may gain rest and renewal of spirit as well as body. Open our eyes that we may see thy altars beside the mountain stream, beneath the murmuring pines. Refresh us anew with thy benediction. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

Eduardo Lessa is the son of an early national Baptist preacher of Brazil. Our faith receives a boost every time Eduardo comes for a visit. His wonderful vision of a Baptist colony — orphanage, hospital, college, home for the aged, etc. — all these in a clearing in the jungle on the Amazon, is certainly a challenge. His stories of guiding Dr. Lewis Bratcher through the jungle on the Amazon when he, Eduardo, was only twelve years old, fascinated us. Our prayers are with Eduardo now back in Brazil.

Eduardo Lessa

Hiroshi Nakano was a private pupil of Dr. Virgil Warren, our good friend teaching in Tokyo. He arranged for Hiroshi to live with us for the express purpose of our leading him to Christ. He came by plane the whole journey and to help us identify him, wore a bright red feather on his coat. That was unnecessary for he was the only Japanese to arrive by that plane in Lexington that day.

Hiroshi, an excellent chemist, is a graduate of a university with 30,000 students. His father is a manufacturer of cosmetics. The business manager of the company wrote us, "I am not a Christian, the boy's parents are not Christians but we want you to lead him to Christ. We see something in the lives of young Christian Japanese we want him to have."

Hiroshi thought religion was only for the ignorant. He knew only Buddhism and Catholicism. His reaction was "Same as Buddhism. They wear robes, say prayers and slip beads and have little dolls!" Little by little he came to Jesus and at his request Mr. Smith baptized him.

Who will be our next adoption? Hiroshi came in recently and said, "Mrs. Smith, a Japanese boy is coming to Georgetown College next term. I am leaving. I think boy like home better than dormitory. I write him." Perhaps he will be our next child.

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## A Richly-Stored Memory

by Lucille Kerrigan

*Missionary to Cuba*

IT has been such a joy of mine as a missionary to work as a counselor for the Royal Ambassadors that naturally anything pertaining to them is of vital interest to me. But my experiences at the RA camp in Cuba last year will never be forgotten. When Reverend Luciano Marquez asked me if I would accompany the boys from Pinar del Rio Province to Yumuri where the camp was to be, and then serve as a teacher of the mission study book, I felt quite highly honored.

We started early one morning in a car from Cabanas. By "we" I mean my Cuban daughter and Oscar Gonzales, the representative of our church. Along with our suitcases we had baseball equipment for the boys. In Quiebra Hache we picked up two more passengers, in the trunk of the highway to Mariel, the representative from that church and then two more representatives from the church in Artemisa. We had lots of fun getting acquainted and singing.

When we arrived at the Temple in Havana, Luciano Marquez met us and had another car ready for us to embark to Yumuri. It was the first camp for all the boys and everyone was excited. There were boys and more boys there—boys everywhere, all ages and all full of energy. Miss Juana Marquez, sister of Luciano Marquez, was administrator of the camp and she registered us and showed us where to go.

Everyone scurried for his particular "spot." Never have I seen such well-made beds! So many boys—forty-two and there were places for thirty! But the next day beds were sent from the Seminary and there was plenty of room for everyone.

During the noon meal, our first visitors came—among them Dr. Herbert Caudill, secretary of our mission work in Cuba.

As soon as lunch was over, there was a short rest period, and then baseball, checkers, parchesi, Ping-pong, and time for just getting acquainted.

In the evening we gathered and the staff was introduced. Mister Marquez introduced our pastor-counselor for the week—Reverend Hilario Valdez from Cruces. His duties were to give the messages each evening, and to be spiritual advisor and counselor. Certainly he was led of the Lord in every message he gave, for it fitted the occasion exactly. His sincerity, his humbleness, his burden for the hearts of these boys, his being available for every and any occasion, endeared him to us all.

Reverend Juan Bautista Perez was next introduced as the teacher of the Bible Studies during the week. He is one of our younger pastors, but certainly one grand person with boys. He was to be "papa" in one of the dormitories. He is not married but he certainly knew how to fix buttons, fasten this and that, and when to joke and when to be serious. He also led the singing.

*The closing service at camp*



He took the boys on hikes, bound up cuts and wounds, helped in the kitchen and did anything else that needed to be done.

Juana Marquez was introduced to us as our administrator. Upon her shoulders rested the responsibility of our meals. Also she was "mama," doling out medicine, coaxing a homesick boy into drinking orange juice when he wouldn't eat, and being just a general "fixer-up" for every problem. She and I were the only ones besides my small Cuban daughter of five years who were feminine in this male gathering.

Six-thirty every morning was get-up time and it was dash, dash, and dash for everyone to get in a circle for the flag raising. There is something so stirring in the Cuban National Anthem and as the boys sang and saluted their flag, one could not help but think of the terrible price that was paid for this freedom. Then quietly they went under the trees for a time of meditation and prayer and gave their testimonies.

These boys who have let Christ live and rule in their hearts are a product of the investment Southern Baptists have made in Cuba. As one by one told of this missionary or that pastor who had been responsible for their salvation, the responsibility that is ours in proclaiming his salvation and serving him came anew to me.

When the bell rang, everyone was ready for breakfast and afterwards classes. First came the class in Bible Study with Mr. Juan Bautista, and then came the Mission Study. My knees quaked some as I stood before that sea of faces and everyone was listening. But they were the most interested and the most intelligent group I have ever taught a mission study book. They asked questions which showed they listened and in their examination, their grades were above average.

After a time of recess the boys began a study of methods, ranks, and how to have better meetings, under the capable direction of Luciano Marquez. Certainly he is just the man for his place as leader of RA work in Cuba. Just a smile or a word from him could take care of a problem.

One night the boys went in a truck to a nearby town and co-operated with the pastor in a service there. The roads were



*The kitchen crew*

rough but the fellowship was great. You should hear Cuban young men sing. There is nothing like it.

The last day came. How quickly time had passed! There was a lot of giggling and shushing—and a couple of the boys had to make a very secret trip to town. Finally, we were taken into their confidence that they were buying a gift for Mr. Marquez.

In the evening, as the flames leaped from the bonfire, Reverend Valdez gave his last message. With the moon shining through the palm trees and a holy hush over all, he read the Scripture verses. The message was simple, but sweet and as he pled with the boys to know that Christ was life and the joy there was in serving him, forty-two stepped forward, twenty-six accepting Christ and some decisions made for full-time service.

The morning to leave—and beds were stripped and suitcases packed. At the closing service the boys received their various rankings. Luciano Marquez really gave them strict examinations, but as they received their marks, and the outstanding ones from each group were named, the spirit of Christian fellowship was felt. After the service during a social time when cookies and lemonade were served, the gift of a pen and leather notebook was presented to Mr. Marquez.

All this was to become a richly-stored memory. Truly those boys and young men are the finest of Ambassadors for our King. But buses do not wait and good-byes were said until next year. The last words—adios—adios.

# My Martha

by Ann Whitehurst Jordan

As a little girl Martha would scream at the sight of blood; never, never could she swallow a pill or a capsule. When the children played school, it was Martha who was teacher, and a good one too; one neighbor was sure that her son was promoted because of our children's back yard school.

How Martha loved her little uniform and the trips she took with her Daddy's band! When John Phillip Sousa asked her how it happened that she was in a boy's band, she proudly told him that she directed the band!

I was not brought up in the Baptist church, but when Martha was about five I decided that it was time to start our family in my church. After the Sunday morning service as we were going home, I asked Martha how she liked that church. She said, "That's a nice, pretty church, but I like my Shumate Sunday school best!" The Shumate Sunday school was Ruhama Baptist Church, where we have lived happily ever after! All ten children and I were baptized there.

Before Martha's twelfth birthday, she and Irene, the second daughter, went to Texas to visit my folks. I promised them five dollars each if they would not fuss during their whole trip. Needless to say they did not collect. People say that human nature cannot be changed, but I have watched the transforming power of God change natures in my own household. This little girl who cried at the sight of blood, now walks with authority into the operating room and skillfully performs difficult surgery in the Ogbomosho, Nigeria Baptist Hospital. Being a member of the Mayo Clinic Alumni Association has added to her professional prestige with the Britishers in Nigeria.

Martha loved Bible stories when she was only a year old and literally wore out the pages about David and Goliath. I tried to make Sunday really God's day, and even

*Mrs. Jordan is the mother of ten children, each successful in his own right. She was selected Mother of the Year for the state of Alabama in 1953*

had special picture books to use only on Sunday. When Martha started to school I prayed with her before kissing her good-bye every morning; this practice carried over throughout all the school days of all the ten children.

At seventeen, while a sophomore at Howard College, our Baptist co-ed school in Alabama, Martha went to Ben Lippen in North Carolina where she heard veteran missionaries like the Goforths of China and Willis Hotchkiss of Kenya Colony in Africa. She came home aflame with zeal, announcing that she was going to study medicine and go as a medical missionary to Africa. This seemed unreasonable, if not impossible. We had made serious efforts to develop the children musically, and Martha's own achievements were really phenomenal: at thirteen she was playing pipe organ, clarinet, and violin. When she graduated from Woodlawn High School, she was class pianist.

Martha's morning meditation and Bible reading held first place in every day's activities, and the many special providences that came to pass in her life strengthened my own faith. A generous mile from our home in the suburbs of Birmingham lived a number of people whom the depression hit very hard. Martha would walk there on the hottest summer days, look after the sick children, doctor their sores, and arrange for dental care and other medical services.

Her father's Sunday school class helped her to furnish liver and other foods for one frail widow over a period of many months. The word got around that Martha had a long list of needy people, and soon our little music room looked like a rummage sale. All the family enjoyed helping sort and deliver the things. That Easter Martha refused to use her allowance for herself but spent it on a new Sunday outfit for a fourteen-year-old girl. Martha taught Sunday school class of high school



Mack Gilliland, "my Martha," and their two children, Peter Hall and Diana

some of whom volunteered for full-time Christian service. Going across the ocean did not make a missionary of Martha Jordan. Her missionary heart expressed itself in many ways right in her own community.

When she graduated from college and applied for admittance to a medical school, I worried greatly because we had no funds for her. Martha said, "Mother, you must not worry; I am not worrying. If it is God's will, he will make the provisions." Ten days before time for the fall term to open, a letter came from a fine woman in Tuscaloosa, inviting Martha to have a room in their home. (The Alabama Woman's Missionary Union provided tuition for her first two years. Dr. Bill Williams (with whom Martha now works in Nigeria) lent her his expensive microscope.)

All this time Martha was in love with a handsome ministerial student, McKinley Gilliland, who took over the responsibility of financing the last two years of her medical course, for at the halfway mark, they were married. While Mack pursued his work in the Seminary, Martha was studying at the University of Louisville. When night calls came, Mack put on a white coat and went along with her just like the rest of the interns. I went to Louisville and saw Martha receive her M.D. just before her twenty-fourth birthday.

World War II prevented them from going at once to the mission field, but while Mack was Chaplain in China, Martha obtained a fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in

Rochester, Minnesota. Here she learned to do successfully much of the difficult surgery that now is routine for her. She also influenced one of the excellent nurses there to go to Nigeria, Mrs. Ruth Rumphol.

During 1952 Martha did 200 surgical cases besides many deliveries and caring for many sick missionaries. During her African tours she has delivered thirty missionary babies. In her letters she praises the different nurses and doctors who help her.

She teaches school for their two children, Diana and Peter Hall. Mack tries to make his schedule at the Seminary accommodate Martha's surgery, rounds, and household responsibilities.

As a young girl I wished that God would call me into the mission field; instead, he has permitted me to raise two missionary children; our oldest son, Gene Whitehurst, is in Quito, Ecuador, a musician with Missionary Radio Station HCJB (Heralding Christ Jesus' Blessing). One of Martha's big thrills is to turn on their short wave radio in Nigeria and listen in on her brother in South America.

I can think of no greater glory than to be the mother of children whose one desire is to turn many to righteousness. How we look forward to those letters with the foreign stamps on them. Oh, how many blunders I have made in shipping things to these faraway lands! The duty required on some items is outlandish, and sometimes our children have to pay the customs authorities more than the package is worth.

Their letters tell of strange and wonderful things; the missionary babies being born, evangelistic trips into the bush, lepers cleansed, patients bringing tokens of their gratitude for their newfound health, terrific lorry accidents, birthday celebrations, the beauty of the custom of before daylight singing every Christmas morning as the nurses go in a body with lighted candles to every house on the compound.

Martha insists that the thing the missionaries need most is to know that folks back home are praying for them. If other mothers could know the satisfaction that fills my heart, they would pray that God would lay his hand on their own dear ones for his service.



## Praises from the Philippines

by Jewel Abernathy\*



The day of the seminary opening at Baguio, July 15, 1952. Three in center are Mr. Yeh, teacher of Chinese, Dr. Frank Lide, president, Dr. Winston Crowley, vice-president. The nine students are to the front; guests toward the back

OUR cups are well nigh running over as we recall blessings which came to us last summer. July 15 was the day of the opening of our Bible school or Seminary in the Philippines. The students seem of high type and are working hard. We have had this crying need for Baptist trained Chinese workers ever since we began our work here. We have tried to get them from China and the U.S.A., but permission has not been granted, and we see little sign that it will be. We united our hearts and prayed for the school. At the same time we prayed the Lord of the harvest to thrust forth laborers.

SECOND: We are thankful for the young man from our church who has been plan-

ning all this year to enter, if we could open the school this autumn. He feels that Chinese workers should be trained in the Chinese tongue, otherwise they will lose out on both their own language and the understanding of their people. I think I have never felt the need of these workers more than I did at our Youth Retreat in April. I remember the yearning of my own heart, as I quoted, "Here am I, please (in the Chinese language) send me."

THIRD: We praised God for Mr. Lio of my Bible class who returned from the retreat a surrendered vessel. Soon he came saying, "My Buddhist father is now waiting for me to be baptized." The next Saturday night he announced, "My father is

willing for me to enter Christian training." The next week he was not sure that he would be able to go to Bible school this year. I learned through one of his close friends that the trouble was financial, so wrote the president to see if Scholarship No. 4 had been designated. It had not.

When Mr. Lin heard this he said, "How grateful I am! I have prayed without ceasing ever since the Youth Retreat that I might be able to enter the very first day of the school." Last week I gave him a small gift enclosing a ten dollar bill. He brought the money back saying, "May I return this? I know you have many places to spend money." Then a heavenly smile broke over his face as he said, "My old father wants to pay my way. It makes me so happy to know our Father hears and answers prayers."

FOURTH: We remembered three young women who came yesterday afternoon to Bible class and were soon praising the Father that the Bible-school had become a reality. Helen, who was saved just six

months ago, said, "I just wish I could go now." Then Betty, our Fukiense primary teacher said, "Me too, and I am going when the time comes." Yu-Ying, who teaches the Cantonese children, joined in with, "I know I am going just as soon as I qualify." Helen is in college, the other two in high school. All three are busy loyal church workers.

FIFTH: But not least, we thanked the Lord for providing the needed quarters for our growing church. Mr. Larson said, "I am glad we have a small group so that we can give them the individual attention which they need at this time." We are meeting in a wonderful spacious old Chinese residence. Our auditorium will seat 100; the Sunday school auditorium also 100. Then we have a sizable library room and three other rooms which can be used as Sunday school space. It has overflowed both Sunday nights. We are in a Chinese section of Manila where the people know little of Christian churches or manners since most of them have never been inside a church before.

Pray for us, and praise with us as we continue sowing the seed, reaping the harvest, and "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Again I can say, "Don't be sorry for the missionaries."



IN THE CENTER is Tsai Wei Ching who first expressed the hope that we would open a seminary in Chinese language. RIGHT, Lin Nan T'ien who answered God's call during our Youth Retreat. The other young man (left) is Mr. Wong who was saved the same day as Mr. L.

# A New School in An Old Land

by Jerius and Farida Ashcar

*Jerius is the anesthetist and pharmacist for the Baptist Hospital in Ajloun, is superintendent of the Sunday school, and one of the four staff members of the hospital who take turns preaching in the village church. Farida, the daughter of a Protestant minister, is headmistress of the school.*

SCHOOL PLAYS an important part in a child's life in Ajloun, a village in Mount Gilead in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. It is the only place where the children can receive any training at all, as most of them belong to illiterate parents. School molds the child's character, directs his life, and influences his whole being. Many true stories have been told of our Baptist school children who influenced their parents by the way they live in their homes.

A friend who is a nominal Christian, said, with deep gratitude and appreciation, "My heart simply melted at the sight of my daughter saying grace before her meals and praying before going to bed." A scene which he was not accustomed to see! "I was very much touched," he said, "by my daughter's sweet prayers."

Another man used to curse a lot until one day his daughter heard him. She was very sad and talked earnestly to him. The father was much ashamed and promised not to curse again. These little ones devour the right and wholesome spiritual food, so they become preachers in their own homes.

The need for a well-equipped elementary girls' school was greater this year than ever. Four young girls, who finished the

fifth class, came to Mrs. James McRae, our missionary, pleading for a sixth class to be established or else it would mean the end of their school life. Their plea was carefully and prayerfully considered. We were

*This is the third grade. Boys may attend with the girls until this period, then the government does not permit mixed classes*



*Our new school is set upon a small hill. It is not very big but we are so proud of it*

confronted with a difficult problem. Our building at that time was the one-room church building, our teachers were only three, and in order to raise the standard of the school we had to have more capable teachers, more classrooms and more school furniture.

The way these needs were met was really remarkable. A larger and more convenient building was rented, three well-trained teachers were added to the staff, the neces-

sary furniture was made. It is amazing to think that all these things were done in a month's time, considering the shortage of houses and the difficulty of transportation here in the mountains.

The school was opened at the beginning of this year with great zeal and enthusiasm. It is the first Southern Baptist school in an Arab land. The enrollment was very encouraging as the number of students reached 106. Others wanted to come, but unfortunately we have no place to accommodate them nor can we afford to employ any more teachers. Our school faculty has already won the respect and confidence of the people and the school reputation is excellent among both Christians and Moslems.

There is a tremendous need in Ajloun for this good school for girls where they can be brought up in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and at the same time receive a sound scholastic education which may enable them in the future to serve the Lord in a fuller and more effective way. The value of the school in building up Christian homes will be unlimited.

We are aiming at building a full standard school and are full of hope that our infant school will grow up to that level and we will be able to feed our Baptist hospital with educated Christian girls to be trained as nurses. It is a tremendous task, so we very much value your help and fervent prayers.

## A Long Way to Go

A recent study disclosed that Southern Baptists rank lowest among ten major denominations in the ratio enrollment in their educational institutions to membership. The results ranged from .65 per cent for Southern Baptists to 12.4 per cent for Roman Catholics.

Figures for other denominations were Presbyterian, U.S., 4.6 per cent; Seventh Day Adventist, 4.5 per cent; Methodist, 2.6 per cent; Disciples of Christ, 1.5 per cent.

If we Southern Baptists are to maintain worthy representation among Christian leaders and among educated people, we must redouble our efforts in the field of Christian education.—R. ORIN CORNETT



## Eighteen Years in Darkness

by Elvira Lopes da Silva

as told to Missionary Maye  
Belle Taylor, Recife, Brazil

I WAS eighteen years old when I heard the gospel. I was a very good Catholic and I did not like to hear of another religion in our Brazil. I hated the Protestants. Each day I went to the Catholic church and I liked to go to confession. But, I also liked to dance until midnight—then next day go to early mass.

One day my brother, who is a Christian and had been away from home four years came to visit us. He had been converted while away so he brought his Bible and a song book with him. He started preaching the gospel to all of us. I was very sad for I loved my brother. I thought everything he said was a lie because I believed that the priest knew best.

My brother invited a pastor to hold a preaching service in our home. For the first time I attending a preaching service. I was interested and liked the sermon. The second night he preached and gave an invitation; I accepted Christ as my Saviour. After several days of explanation he baptized me. When the priest knew that I had been baptized he was furious. The pastor invited me to spend a few days in his house and that he could teach me Baptist doctrines. I was very happy.

One day my brother who was not a

Christian sent for me to come to his house urgently. I did not know he was going to betray me. Before his family and friends he said many ugly things against me and the gospel. After this he made me go with him to a priest's house to confess the error I had made in accepting the gospel. I did not want to go but he made me. My heart and conscience said, "Only Jesus can save you."

When we arrived at the priest's home they locked me in a room. Six priests were there and my godmother. One at a time they questioned me and tried to humiliate me for taking up the new religion. They questioned me until ten o'clock that night and insisted that I kneel and confess my sins. I could not quote Scripture as I did not know any but I remembered some beautiful words of a sermon I had heard.

I insisted that the priest give me a Catholic Bible and I would compare it with my new Bible; if I found it different from mine I would come back into the church, but if they were alike I'd never go to the Catholic church again. One priest gave me the Bible he had put away, and the more I compared it with mine, the more I knew that only Jesus could save a person, and my convictions were firmer.

My godmother said she would not help me with my education unless I left this religion and she never wanted to see me again. This continued for three days.

Finally word got to my brother who is a Christian and he came at once to my rescue. He shamed my brother for his disgraceful behaviour. When I reached home and told my story, my mother who was an ardent Catholic, was furious and threatened to expose the priests. My father was very angry with my brother.

Today I am studying in the W.M.U. Training School. I have given my life to Jesus to go wherever he wants me to go and do whatever he wants me to do.

from Helen Masters  
... Ogbomoshu, Nigeria, West Africa

As I watched Rhoda, the bride in blue, and the groom leave the chapel I was thinking—nineteen years ago the bride was brought as a tiny sick baby to the Home for Motherless Children. For more than a year she was so sick that no one expected her to live. Little by little she began to look like a normal child. Then she began to go to school.

Though she was not first in her class she studied hard to make the grade. Arithmetic was her hardest subject. All of her spare time was spent taking care of the younger children. Since there were usually around forty of them she was always busy. There were several whom she called her own. When she was big enough she helped in Sunday school. She could lead the singing and tell the Bible stories well. Though she gave her heart to Christ when she was younger, she was not baptized until she was eighteen years old because she had to study the Bible for a year before taking an exam to be allowed to become a church member.

Rhoda met a student at the Seminary whom she liked very much. After he left, they wrote to each other. During the pastors' conference in Ogbomoshu in 1951 this young man came to me and asked if Rhoda could get married at the end of the year. She was willing to do so but seemed afraid. She had no people to help her get ready and she had nothing to begin on because she had so many "brothers and sisters." It was not a hasty marriage because they had been talking about this for almost two years. I gave my written consent for her to be married and the notice was posted in the "town hall."

On December 27, before Christmas seemed to be over, she dressed in a beautiful native costume and walked down the aisle to meet a young man in a long flowing robe. Dr. Pool of the Seminary married them. Her *gali* (hat) was silver and blue and tied in such a way that it stood out in most every direction. Her blouse was a wide blue stripe. Her "skirt" was a bright blue print. I think she was a beautiful bride. The ferns, poinsettias, and red candles seemed to fit in well. All of the



workers from the Home for Motherless Children came dressed alike. One of the other girls who had grown up in the home was the bridesmaid.

The pastor and his wife, with whom she had been living the past year, gave the couple a feast, Yoruba style. After this she closed her box and said good-bye. She cried as if her heart would break as they caught the lorry to go to his home. Now they are at his new church field in Northern Nigeria where the language is different and most of the people are Mohammedan. They are missionaries in their own land.

from Mary Brooner  
... Southern Rhodesia, Africa

I am very, very happy in the work here in Southern Rhodesia to which the Lord has called me. I was so thankful to learn that I would be able to do some of the work that I have so longed to do.

Of course, I have to depend upon one of the schoolgirls as an interpreter. Still I can witness for the Lord in this way.

I am teaching in our Central Primary School which is just beginning its second year here at Sanyati Mission Station. That keeps me quite busy. But it is such a privilege to teach a Bible class each day and also to have charge of part of the chapel services held each morning.

On Tuesday and Thursday afternoons I hop on my bicycle and go out to one of the lines (or villages) and have charge of a woman's meeting. This work too is still in its earliest stages, but God is blessing it. Before we have our Bible lesson, we are helping the women to learn so they will one day be able to read the Bible.

I have the sweetest group of boys and girls in my Sunday school class. How long for the day when I can speak in the language of the people here so I can go out in the *kraals* and witness.



## It's Happening Now

by Marjorie Moore Armstrong

That China's First Lady is a truly great woman is felt even in a receiving line.

So small in body she has to look up to almost everyone, she has a spiritual vitality and personal dignity that make her impressive. And her smile is wonderful!

It was hard to believe that for more than a decade, she had been suffering from a stubborn skin ailment due to a nervous condition. Her medical treatment for the past six months, first in San Francisco, more recently in New York, has been entirely successful.

Her last few days in the States were spent in Washington as the guest of her Ambassador and Madame Wellington Koo. It took several large dinners, luncheons, and teas at "Twin Oaks," the historic home of Chinese ambassadors in this country, to permit all the Chiang's friends in this city to greet the honored guest.

Madame Chiang Kai-shek has been to Washington before. It was at Washington's old Fifth Street Methodist Church that her father Charlie Soong was converted to Christianity in 1880, and Meiling Soong Chiang was educated at Wesleyan College, Macon, Georgia, and at Wellesley in Massachusetts. A devout Methodist, she attended Foundry Methodist Church when she visited the city.

Her last previous visit was in 1949 when she was a guest of the Trumans at Blair House. Ten years ago she was entertained by the Roosevelts at the White House. She recalls details of these visits with delight.

Let us hope she does not remember the smear story which still crops out among those who want to discredit China: that Madame Chiang demanded silk sheets for her bed and when she couldn't get them insisted upon frequent changes of bed linen. The itching agony she has suffered from cotton lint for many years called for special consideration, but the columnist failed to mention that.

"Missimo," as the society pages love to call her, was entertained this time by her good friends, the Dwight D. Eisenhower, at the White House. The President received a big surprise as they sipped tea together. When he thanked Madame Chiang for the gift painting she had sent him by the aide who called to see her in San Francisco during the Presidential campaign, she announced that it was one of her own. The subject of amateur art dominated the conversation for the next half hour! The doctors say it is this hobby she took up two years ago which has helped her get rid of the nervous condition she endured for so long.

The next day Madame Chiang—wearing a Chinese tunic of rich black embroidered with an all-over pattern of tiny dark green figures, her soft black hair curled and worn in a piled-high fashion—greeted many of her American women friends. Her English is flawless because she began speaking it when she was nine, and her voice is gentle and resonant. In response to one expression of deep concern for the people of Asia today, Madame Chiang grew very thoughtful.

"I have learned from real experience," she said, "that although it may sometimes seem that might makes right, in the long run, right is the only might."

Madame Chiang rejoined her husband, the only legal head of the nation of China, March 26 at Taipeh, Formosa, or Taiwan as the Chinese call it.

Just what will become of this island, dominated for so long by the Japanese, now controlled by Nationalists but with Communist China just a hundred miles away, nobody can predict. But one fact is certain: its face is being lifted by the influence of Christianity during this decade.

In a Washington church recently, a handsome young Chinese appeared at the Sunday school hour. He introduced him-

## Our Young People

by Margaret Bruce

### Stretch Your Horizon

The new G.A. magazine is out! By the time you receive your June ROYAL SERVICE, both the May and June copies of the magazine will have been distributed. Have you seen them?

If you have not seen *Tell, A Missions Magazine for Girls*, you just must. It is most attractive in appearance and filled with things which interest girls. "Greetings from G.A.'s. Around the World," "Who's Who in G.A.," "Make-and-Do," "Counselors Corner," "Tell Betty Jane," "I Like to Read," "Gay's Days," a continued story, and the May programs are among the finds in the first issue.

The magazine is only \$1.50 for twelve copies, so you will want to send your subscriptions right away for your daughters, granddaughters, nieces, neighbors, and friends. Of course, subscriptions should be sent to Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama.

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self as John T. C. Wu of Taipeh and Canton, member of the staff of the World Monetary Fund, older son of a Christian Cantonese University professor, now deceased. As he made friends in the church John shared his experience of conversion: he encountered a Miss Bertha Smith on the street outside his office in Taipeh, she invited him to study the Bible with her one hour a week, he accepted Christ under her instruction. Today he is on duty in New York City for China and for God.

His mother writes, "I am so grateful that my older son has found Christian friends in Taiwan and in America, and that he is now a Christian."

From that same address comes something else brand new, *Sunbeam Activities*. It's a quarterly (\$1.00 per year) for Sunbeam Band leaders and offers plans and programs which every leader must have. Sunbeam leaders have been asking for some "show me how" help; we believe that this need will be met now.

June is always an exciting time. There may be a June bride in your Young Woman's Auxiliary. If so, use the gift Bible presentation ceremony. It is a lovely service and a copy may be secured free from your state W.M.U. office.

June is the month for Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Conference. The date is June 5-9. Glorieta Y.W.A. Conference begins June 29 and continues through July 5. Encourage the young women of your church to attend one of these conferences. There is no better way to help stretch the horizon of young women than to make it possible for them to attend such gatherings. Your W.M.S., your church, or individuals in your church will want to make an investment of this type.

Help plan for the college students in your church to invest their summer in service projects. Surely they will be happy to teach mission study classes and to help organize or lead Girls' Auxiliaries, Sunbeam Bands, and Royal Ambassador Chapters.

I like the words of Edgar F. Magnin: "Lift the flaps of your own mental tent and scan the horizon beyond the limits of physical sight and across the boundaries of prejudice and ignorance. You are the one who can stretch your own horizon; you are the person responsible if the horizon is small." Begin stretching your own horizon by helping stretch the horizon of young people.

# Hints to Committee Chairmen

## To Mission Study Chairmen . . .

Dr. Rupert Coleman, member of the Foreign Mission Board, states that the inadequate teaching of stewardship and missions in our churches is one of the reasons why Southern Baptist per capita gifts to missions have steadily declined in recent years. Perhaps, then, we should quit trying to force reluctant souls to give generously but rather seek to educate them in their responsibilities as Christian stewards.

Preparatory to the study of *Sacrifice and Song* by Foy J. Farmer, the members of the society can do a little homework with the Bible as their text. One verse in every four in the Scriptures including nineteen of Christ's major parables deals with this vital subject, writes Dr. John E. Simpson, author of a number of stewardship books. Here in outline are—Scripture references that the women may read at home, commit to memory if they will, and, let us hope, put into practice! You, of course, may add other selections.

God's ownership established by creation:  
Col. 1:16-17; Psalm 100:3

Early practice of the tithe before the Mosaic law:

Gen. 14:18-20; Gen. 28:20-22

God requires the tithe:

Lev. 27:30-32, 34; Mal. 3:10

God reminds man of the source of his wealth:

Deut. 8:11, 17, 18

Jesus sanctions the tithe:

Matt. 23:23

Jesus teaches and interprets stewardship:

Luke 12:15; Matt. 16:26; Matt. 6:19-21, 31-33; Mark 10:17-22; Mark 12:41-44; Luke 19:8; Acts 20:35

Some stewardship parables of Jesus:

The Pounds—Luke 19:12-27

The Talents—Matt. 25:14-30

The Rich Fool—Luke 12:13-27

The Good Samaritan—Luke 10:30-37

Early Christian practice of stewardship:

Acts 4:32; 2 Cor. 8:1-8

Paul's emphasis on stewardship:

1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 9:6, 7, 8, 15

A recognized research organization states that we remember 20 per cent of what we hear, 30 per cent of what we both hear and see, 70 per cent of what we commit to memory and 90 per cent of what we do.

Use these references, if you like, with the first chapter in *Sacrifice and Song*. Illustrate them with posters, print them on streamers, outline them with colored chalk on the blackboard, dramatize portions of the parables. Have the women bring their Bibles to class and let them read various selections.

The combination of an old treasure chest spelled the word J-E-S-U-S. Will he be permitted to unlock your treasure chest or does the combination spell G-R-E-E-D? A study and practice of the stewardship teachings in the Bible can determine which it will be.

*Mrs. William McManis*

## To Community Missions Chairmen . . .

Summertime, and school is out! Homes and yards are overrun with children. It is vacation Bible school time, and your own children are looking forward to attending the one in your church. What about the children out of the reach of your church school? Will they have one to attend? What about the Negro boys and girls? The Mexican children? Will they have one? Probably not unless you and your women and young people plan vacation Bible schools for them and provide at least part of the leadership. If it is too big a job for your W.M.U. to tackle, talk it over with other community missions chairmen in your association. Together you can attempt a larger task.

Remember the "big children" too. College and university students from your church are home for the summer. Some will have summer jobs, some will not. All can make a valuable contribution to the Christian life of the community during summer days. Give them an opportunity. Use them in mission vacation Bible schools. Many have participated week by week in their Baptist Student Union missions program, teaching week-day Bible school, directing recreation in Good Will Centers, leading children's clubs and youth groups. They can share their "know-how" with the community missions committee and be a real asset to your work.

Mrs. Waldo Wood, the state community missions chairman of Florida, tells this experience. "Two years ago I planned for some young people's summer activities: music, dramatics, handicrafts, arts, and reading. This included the older Juniors, the Intermediates, and young people. An art student home from college, for example, led the art work and posters were made for several coming events for various organizations. In handicrafts they first did some plastic weaving, which both boys and girls enjoyed. Those interested in drama planned a Bible play and one missionary play. This is a good way to utilize special talent home from college for the summer."

Why not try such extra activities for your young people's organizations? Not only does such a plan afford an opportunity for college students to share their abilities, but also provides during the summer months wholesome recreation that appeals to alert and active young people.

*Edith Stokely*

## To Stewardship Chairmen . . .

SOMETHING NEW IN STEWARDSHIP MATERIALS! I know you are glad, for we always welcome things which will add to the interest and effectiveness of our

work. "STEWARDSHIP SCRAPBOOK" is the new stewardship publication of Woman's Missionary Union. This is just what the title indicates—materials of all kinds brought together in one book for your convenient use. You will feel almost as if you, yourself, had used scissors and glue to assemble the things which you will find in the book. There are Bible outlines for devotional messages, poetry, quotations, stories, testimonies, acrostics, skits, seasonal suggestions, poster ideas, and other things which will help with your stewardship promotion.

This is not a big book—just large pamphlet size, but we believe it will be a big help to you. It is an addition to the priced literature sold by Woman's Missionary Union. So, you will order it from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 5, Alabama, price 25c.

While we are thinking about scrapbooks, why don't you make one of your own? There is an abundance of good stewardship poems, stories, short quotations, etc. You find them in books. You find them in church bulletins. You find them in denominational periodicals. If you are alert, you will be continually running across something good. So, buy a notebook or composition book or make a scrapbook out of construction paper. Keep your scissors and glue handy and see how rapidly your scrapbook will grow. One stewardship chairman found it a good plan to clip the stewardship column found each month on this page, pasting it in her stewardship scrapbook.

By the way, there are a few blank spaces in the "STEWARDSHIP SCRAPBOOK," where you can paste your own findings. Fill that full first, then start Scrapbook number two, which will contain your own compilation.

Let me add the prices for *Sacrifice and Song*: Teacher's edition, \$1; W.M.U. Y.W.A. book for reading and study, 50c.

*Mrs. C. W. Cheatham*



by Emily Lansdell

## Three New Members

Each year all of the faculty of the Training School prepare reports for the Board of Trustees. Excerpts from the current reports will be of interest to readers of ROYAL SERVICE.

This month we present three members of the faculty. Miss Miriam Robinson, professor of speech, comes from Tallahassee, Florida, and was formerly W.M.U. young people's secretary of Georgia. Miss Robinson writes of her work: "This year I have taught Choral Speaking, Basic Principles of Speech, Religious Drama, Story Telling, Creative Dramatics, and Ways of Worship. A total of 174 students were enrolled in these classes, the classes ranging in size from fourteen in the Story Telling class to sixty-seven in Ways of Worship. Something new has been added this year with a *Radio Story Hour* conducted by the members of the Story Telling class and broadcast five days a week from the Seminary studio.

"The introduction of Creative Dramatics into the curriculum this year has in some measure made amends for the lack of a gym course, and at the same time offered another medium for use in social group work. Its value to the students as they use it in the future cannot be accurately esti-

mated, of course. But the value it has already been to the students in the class in releasing tensions, overcoming inhibitions and revealing innate abilities has, frankly, far surpassed my optimistic expectations."

Miss Elaine Neeley of Louisville served this year as financial secretary in addition to her regular duties as teacher of missionary education. During the summer of 1952 Miss Neeley attended graduate school at Peabody College. A paragraph from her report tells of class and field work activities. "During the first semester of this school year I taught two sections of the survey course in, Missionary Education, Missions 151, with a total of sixty-two students. During the second semester I taught one section of the survey course in Missionary Education and one section of the advanced course, Missions 152, with a total of thirty-one students.

"We had the following visitors in these classes during the second semester: Mrs. J. L. Moyer of the Mexican Baptist Convention of Texas; Mrs. William McMurry and Miss Edith Stokely of Woman's Missionary Union; Mr. Glendon McCullough of the Royal Ambassador office in Georgia; and Miss Frances Hudgins on furlough from Thailand. At the beginning of the school year four seniors expressed interest in doing W.M.U. work on a full-time basis. I have been directing them in field work attempting to supplement the work that they did last year in the Missionary Education classes."



Maxfield Garrott



Elaine Neeley



Miriam Robinson

Dr. Maxfield Garrott, missionary to Japan and formerly president of the University of Seinan Jo Gakuin, has been a visiting professor of missions at the Training School this year. "The point at which my classes have achieved greatest notoriety lies in the fact that they are co-educational and the Seminary men have been coming to the Training School for classes," reports Dr. Garrott. "The seminar has been a step in the direction of the more specialized work of missionary training which the trustees and faculty have agreed is the course for future development and contribution to the advance of the kingdom of God."

## VISUAL AIDS FOR JUNE

By Mildred Williams

ADVANCE IN SOUTH BRAZIL portrays the conversion and training of one of our leading young couples in Rio, Mr. and Mrs. David Gomez. 27 minutes; sound, rental, \$5.

The motion picture, FUJITA, shows the influence a Christian orphanage had on one of its students. The story is told by Fujita himself as he recounts his life story to a group of interested friends. Fujita felt impelled to answer a call to the gospel ministry. After extensive training he and his devoted wife begin their work of teaching, preaching, and witnessing in a small village where the need for Christ is great. 40 minutes; color; rental, \$12.00.

THE DIFFERENCE is the story of a young man who was brought to realize the value of Christian standards as they are taught by his college. 40 minutes; sound; color; rental, \$12.00.

From FEAR TO FAITH is the story of a national, trained in an Anglican Mission in Rhodesia, who returns to his village to teach his people a better way of life. 21 minutes; sound; rental, \$6.00.

## You Can Help!

It has been said that all relief agencies in the United States combined could never send enough clothing to supply the bare essential needs of the suffering people of Korea—but we must try!

Over 10,000,000 men, women, and children are in need of your help. Thousands of women have been widowed and over 100,000 children are orphans as a result of the war.

It has been reported that among the 900,000 inhabitants in the city of Seoul, a great many eat less than seven meals a week consisting only of a handful of rice. Wretched hovels are their shelters with no fuel or warm clothing to keep out the freezing wind. Thousands are dying from starvation and disease.

What can you do? How can you help? Through our missionaries in Korea help can be given to these people. Warm clothing and food are the most important needs and can be sent direct to the Baptist missionaries in Pusan, Korea. You can be sure that whatever used clothing and wholesome foodstuff you send reaches needy friends. One of our three Southern Baptist men in Korea carries the boxes personally to the churches and people in all areas.

Consult your postmaster about the regulations before packing a box. Be sure to mark it "Gift—no commercial value" and address it to:

Rev. Rex Ray  
Baptist Mission  
P.O. Box Special Number 1  
Pusan, Korea

You can help! Why not bring your clothing or other gifts to your circle meeting and pack your boxes there? What a feeling of satisfaction to know that somewhere in Korea a child or a woman or man is comfortable and happy because of your thinking of them.

## Virginia BWC Federation Celebrates Tenth Anniversary

In March 1949 the Federation of Baptist Business Woman's Circles of the Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia was organized. At that time there were three local federations in the state. Today there are twenty-nine. Then there were two hundred forty-five Business Woman's Circles. Today there are six hundred and one.



Mrs. L. S. Overstreet and Miss Barbara Ann Peatross

To celebrate this tenth year, the Virginia BWC Federation is promoting a program of growth and increased missionary endeavor. Goals have been set in literature, mission study, tithers, membership, and new circles. A mission project to establish an Educational Fund for young

people of state mission areas has been launched. All local federations will plan for the presentation of the State Federation historical pageant.

The Federation Annual Banquet, the "big" event of the anniversary year, was held at the John Marshall Hotel, Richmond, at the time of the Virginia Annual W.M.U. Convention. The theme "Firm Foundations—Far Horizons," reflected the past ten years and suggested the years of service ahead. Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary, W.M.U., Southern Baptist Convention, was the guest speaker. Her message led the audience of 702 in "View World Horizons."

The many guests present included all the former presidents of the State Federation since its organization, Mrs. W. C. James, former president of W.M.U., Southern Baptist Convention, and numbers of home, foreign, and state missionaries. Mrs. James was chairman of Commission on Efficiency of Urban Societies which reported to the annual W.M.U. Southern Baptist Convention meeting in 1914 suggesting that in order to enlist in active service a society should have one or more groups of business women.

Miss Barbara Ann Peatross was "Little Miss Tenth Anniversary" and charmed the audience with her songs and presentation of gifts to the retiring president, Mrs. Stanley Malcolm, and the state adviser, Mrs. Malcolm Burke.

Mrs. L. S. Overstreet, president of the Norfolk Federation, was elected state BWC Federation president. The following officers will serve with her: Miss Octavia Brooks, vice-president; Mrs. A. E. McConville, vice-president; Miss Marjorie Hughes, recording secretary; and Miss Mary Alice Sykes, treasurer.

*Back of every preacher, every sermon, every Christian institution, every missionary movement, every Christian church there must be this two-fold message, Christ has redeemed me and I have consecrated myself to Him.*

—Warner Cole

## Is this your question?

Is a second Y.W.A. meeting devoted to a community missions visit to a shut-in counted in reaching point 1 on the standard if the girls do not have a program from one of our mission magazines, and at the same time counted as their community missions work for the month?

Look at the Y.W.A. Standard of Excellence and you will see that community missions activity would not be the same as a definitely missionary program. It would not be possible to count one service twice as the standard. Let your community missions activity be community missions and do not omit the presentation of the splendid missionary programs in *The Window of YWA*.

When two in a family, like mother and daughter or two sisters, get *ROYAL SERVICE*, are they counted as one or two? It seems there is no need of having but one copy in a family.

There is no need in having two copies of *ROYAL SERVICE* go each month to one family but one subscription is just one

subscription no matter how many people read it. Why not take *The Window of YWA* instead of two *ROYAL SERVICE* subscriptions? Then you would have additional missionary reading material which would be of great interest.

In *ROYAL SERVICE* there are two programs. One says "Your Circle Program" and the other "Program." Will you please tell me how and when these programs are to be used in the regular W.M.S. that meets once a week sometimes in the church and other meetings in the homes?

The general W.M.S. monthly program suggestion in *ROYAL SERVICE* is labeled "Program," and should always be used at one W.M.S. meeting in the month. The circle program can be used by your society at another meeting. Evidently you do not follow the circle plan but all your W.M.S. members gather each week. That is perfectly all right unless your membership is large enough so that the circle plan would prove helpful. At your other meetings you have opportunity for mission study.

## Your Circle Program

BWCs use program material starting on page 24

### Women Medical Missionaries

Sing: "Immortal Love, Forever Full."

Read: Matt. 4:23-25; Mark 1:29-34; Luke 4:38-41.

Sing: "At Even, Ere the Sun Was Set."

Tell story: "My Martha," page 6.

Map Talk: Locate Nigeria and Ogbomoso.

Southern Baptists have eleven doctors and twenty-two nurses in Nigeria, at four hospitals and six dispensaries. Missionaries come home on furlough from Nigeria after three years service so that number does not

mean that all those are on the field at once. This medical group is treating 35,000 patients a year.

*Southern Baptist Home Missions* for June has an article "The Sick and Hurt Among the Migrants," by Mrs. Sam Mayo, our home missionary among the migrants. Have one of your circle members tell this story.

"Here They Say It With Healing" Dr. Franklin Fowler, missionary to Paraguay, in the June *The Commission* is something that will be interesting to share with your circle members.

## New Books to Read

by Anna Crittendon Martin

Order these  
books from  
Baptist Book Store

**Five Gentlemen of Japan**  
by Frank Gibney,  
Farrar, Straus and Young, \$4

It is impossible to pick up this book and become acquainted with the five gentlemen of Japan without feeling strangely moved. The five are real people: Emperor Hirohito; Fumio Shimizu, a wartime vice-admiral; Tadao Yamazaki, a Tokyo newspaperman; Hideya Kisei, a steelworker; Sakaji Sanada, a farmer. Through sympathetic handling by the brilliant young author the individual men emerge in life-like proportions, clearly showing in what ways they are similar and more markedly, how they are different.

These five men give us a key to Japan's eighty-five million. The subtitle, "The Portrait of a Nation's Character," is aptly chosen, for the book gives a thorough analysis of the background and history which has molded national thought and action.

This is an honest book. While not glossing over Japanese weaknesses such as the dreadful brutality in wartime atrocities, it squarely points out American failings in her dealings with Japan (i.e., the Oriental Exclusion Act, the shameful moving of Japanese-Americans to relocation centers during World War II, the well-meaning mistakes of the Occupation).

Because of its exhaustive treatment of the subject and the distinctly Christian viewpoint of the author, "Five Gentlemen of Japan" is recommended to all who want a better understanding of modern Japan.

**The Presidents—Men of Faith**  
by Bliss Isely,  
W. A. Wilde, \$3.75

Choosing to praise rather than debunk, Bliss Isely gives us a valuable study of the religious faith of our thirty-three American presidents. An accurate historian as well as an able writer he has done a great service to the American people by his care-

ful research which stretched over twenty-three years.

This unique volume deserves to be read for it verifies our faith in America and the high quality of national leadership from George Washington to Eisenhower. Bringing to light little-known facts, Isely shows how the vital religious experiences of the presidents molded their characters and made them leaders who could win the confidence of the nation. Though of varied social and educational standing they all had one thing in common, a Christian background. A large percentage were active in places of leadership in their churches, as deacons or Sunday school superintendents. Almost without exception they were Bible students and observers of the Sabbath. In most instances the favorite Scripture verse of each is given.

Each sketch vividly presents a man of outstanding ability and fascination. To understand these God-fearing men is to understand one of the factors that made our country great.

**What Can a Man Do?**  
by Arthur Goodfriend,  
Farrar, Straus and Young, \$3

This book, using the universal language of pictures in combination with a lucid narrative, purports to answer the question of what a man can do to lift himself from a life of poverty, ignorance, insecurity and war. Its answer is in terms more sociological than religious as it shows, primarily in pictures, how individuals and communities and nations can increase food production, acquire capital, achieve strength, freedom and dignity. It makes a strong plea for support of the United Nations.

Aimed primarily at audiences in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, where its translated form is already at work, this book is one example of what democracy is doing to answer Communism's threat. The excellent introduction by Carlos P. Romulo adds much to the book.

## Convention Hotels

(See inside back cover for application blank)

For your convenience in making hotel reservations for the coming meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention on May 30-June 6, 1954, in St. Louis, hotels and their rates are listed below. Use the form on the inside back cover, indicating your first, second and third choice. Because of the limited number of single rooms available, you will stand a much better chance of securing accommodations of your choice if your request calls for rooms to be occupied by two or more persons. All reservations must be cleared through the housing bureau. ALL REQUESTS FOR RESERVATIONS MUST GIVE DEFINITE DATE AND HOUR OF ARRIVAL AS WELL AS DEFINITE DATE AND APPROXIMATE HOUR OF DEPARTURE, ALSO NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL PERSONS WHO WILL OCCUPY RESERVATIONS REQUESTED MUST BE INCLUDED.

Hotel	For One Person	For Two Persons	
		Double Bed	Twin Beds
American	\$ 3.75-4.50	\$ 5.25-6.50	\$ 6.50-7.50
Baltimore	4.00-6.00	5.50-7.50	6.50-7.50
Broadview	4.00-5.50	5.50-7.00	7.00-8.00
Chase	5.75-10.00	9.00-12.00	9.00-15.00
Claridge	4.00-8.00	6.50-8.50	7.50-9.50
DeSoto	4.50-7.50	6.50-10.50	8.00-9.00
Fairgrounds	4.00-6.50	6.25-8.50	7.00-8.00
Forest Park	4.00-6.00	7.00-9.00	7.50-9.00
George Washington	3.50-4.00	6.00	7.00
Jefferson	5.00-9.00	8.00-12.00	10.00-12.50
Kingsway	3.50-5.00	5.00-7.25	8.50
Lenox	5.00-9.00	6.50-10.00	9.00-11.00
Majestic	4.00-6.00	6.00-8.00	7.00-10.00
Mark Twain	4.00-7.50	5.50-9.00	8.00-9.00
Mayfair	5.00-10.00	6.50-12.00	8.50-12.00
Melbourne	4.50-8.50	6.50-9.00	9.00-11.50
Park Plaza	7.00-11.00	11.00-14.00	11.00-16.00
Roosevelt	4.50-8.50	6.50-10.50	7.50-10.50
Sheraton	5.85-10.00	8.50-13.00	9.00-15.00
STATLER (WMU Headquarters)	5.00-10.00	7.50-12.00	9.00-15.00
Warwick	3.00-4.50	4.50-6.00	6.50
York	3.50-5.00	6.00-7.50	7.50-8.50

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**The Lost and the Found**  
by Robert Collis,  
Woman's Press, \$3.50

The subtitle, "The Story of Eva and Lazlo, Two Children of War-Torn Europe," introduces the sister and brother who will wind themselves around your heart as you read this book. It is a tender and deeply-moving true story of two children who survived incredible hardships and of the man who helped them back to a normal world.

The man, Dr. Robert Collis, is the author of the book. He is one of Europe's leading pediatricians, an Irishman who is also a writer and a man of great human sympathy and understanding. Finding Eva and Lazlo among the orphans who had miraculously lived through the terror of Belsen concentration camp, he adopts them and takes them home to join his family in Ireland.

Men like Dr. Collis are dedicated binding up the broken of the world and restoring them with love.



# Program

## The Values in Christian Education

Planned by Sibyl Brame Townsend

Mrs. Townsend is Alumnae Secretary at Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Mississippi

### Program Outline

Song: "Arise, O Youth" or "Give of Your Best to the Master"

Devotional Period and Scripture Reading Prayer

Song: "Follow, I Will Follow Thee"

What Next?

Question 1

Question 2

Question 3

Question 4

Question 5

First Student

Second Student

Third Student

Fourth Student

Fifth Student

Question 6

Closing Meditation

Song: "A Charge to Keep"

Leader's Closing Prayer

### Program Plans

Can you select the ten women to be on this forum carefully so they will represent the people indicated by the program leader on page 25? For instance, use actual students home for the vacation or some of your younger women not far from college years. Ask a national to be the Fifth Student, page 28. You may invite pastor and educational director, or two Brotherhood leaders, two men to speak for the Secretary of the Education Commission and a college president.

Arrange for the frame or tableaux at beginning and at close of the program selecting a high school graduate and a stu-

dent who will give these monologues effectively.

Have a map of USA on which to point out location of the six seminaries and Carver School, page 25, and the location of colleges in your own state. Write to your Baptist colleges for enough copies of any literature available for free distribution or for posters to put up. (Some schools have these, some do not.)

If you have students home from your Baptist colleges who would present this entire program, trust it to them. Or ask them to speak of Christian education values from their own experiences omitting the points they say they will cover.

Sing some college songs or have one of the girls home from college sing or lead the women in familiar songs they sang in college.

Suggested Scripture readings: Philippians 1:9-11, Ephesians 3:16, Matthew 16:26a

What Next? (by representative of high school graduates—may wear cap and gown and hold diploma or pose in frame or tableau)

Hello to you, women of the . . . Baptist church. I am your high school graduate. I am your daughter and your son. I am your future and your hope.

I have reached today a crossroad in my life. I stand before the doors of opportunity. I have a choice, a serious choice to make. And I have come to thank you for the many things you have done to help prepare me for this choice. I thank you for the Christian homes, the Sunday school, the Training Union, each forward step through Sunbeams, Royal Ambassadors,

Girls' Auxiliary, and Young Woman's Auxiliary. I thank you for it all!

But I have come to ask a question. My question is "What next?" What does my church, my own denomination, offer to a high school graduate?

I must prepare still further, you admit. You want me to build a Christian home. Where can I learn the art? You want me to hold the standards of our town and nation high. Where do I get the strength? You want me to be a doctor, lawyer, teacher, preacher, clerk, who magnifies his task in Jesus' name. How can I gain the knowledge and the skill and yet not lose the higher purpose and the call?

You want me to be a worthy servant eager to fulfill—no matter what the cost—a place of service for my Lord. Does my denomination provide a college where I can learn and grow and climb and reach and seek and find God's purpose in my life?

What kind of place is it? Where do I find it? Will I like it? Will its credits and degrees be recognized? What kind of faculty and fellow students will I find? Are there any lives that stand as evidence that God has used this school to bring the happiness, the peace, the power that we seek? Give me the answers. Tell me. For this is what I long to know today! (Exit)

Leader—Are we as parents, leaders, church members, and friends prepared to answer this high school graduate? Do you know what your denomination offers them? Baptists have invested much faith, wealth, and personality in Christian education. Today we report on that investment. Our program will be presented as a forum. Questions from the audience will be answered by a group of representatives from these colleges—a secretary of the Education Commission, a college president, a Baptist Student secretary, an alumnae secretary, a number of students, and a parent. The facts used in every instance are from actual representatives.

Question 1—What is the extent of our investment in Christian education? How many colleges and seminaries do Southern Baptists have?

Answer—(by representative of Executive Secretary of the Education Commission of

the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. R. Orin Cornett) One of the many purposes of the Education Commission is to make every year a realistic evaluation of Christian education among Southern Baptists.

We own and operate sixty-nine institutions of learning within our Convention territory. We have twenty-nine senior colleges or universities, twenty-three junior colleges, eight academies, two Bible schools and six seminaries and W.M.U. Training School, now become the Carver School of Missions and Social Work. The percentage of our schools that are fully accredited surpasses the average of the colleges of the United States.

Baptists have long been aware that to have a strong mission program there must be a strong program of Christian education. Our denominational colleges seek to provide foundations of faith for Christian leadership in all vocations, offering to the world workers who are not only well qualified intellectually but who are also inspired with Christian zeal. Our seminaries go still further and provide graduate training in all areas of definite Christian service.

Baptists have every right to be proud of the reputation, record, and growing usefulness of these seminaries—the American Baptist Theological Seminary for Negroes; Southwestern, New Orleans, Southern, Golden Gate and Southeastern in the regional areas of the Convention, and Carver School of Missions and Social Work with its more specialized training in missions and Christian social work. All are ever expanding both in size and resources to meet the demand for a trained and consecrated denominational leadership.

Ten of our fifty-two colleges provide for women alone; the others are co-educational.

Total costs and expenses for a nine-month period range from \$318 per student in one school to as much as \$1,775 in another, the general average being between five and six hundred dollars, which is approximately the same as state-owned colleges. Work scholarships available for qualified students on practically all campuses cut these costs in many instances.

These sixty-nine institutions are valued at \$145,000,000 in terms of endowment and property values. How much more they are

worth in the eyes of God we can only guess. While our schools need more buildings and equipment their greatest need is for young people who are to become our leaders—and their greatest worth is in the convictions, purpose and competence they can give to those young people.

Fewer than one in six of Southern Baptist students who are in college today are in our own Baptist colleges, yet a major share of our Christian leadership must come from that one-sixth.

Our colleges have weaknesses—these can be corrected. They have needs—these can be met. Yet they have nothing until we give them our own to minister unto.

(General information about the Baptist colleges in each state may be added here.)

**Question 2**—With our tax money providing so many good secular schools why is it necessary to maintain anything except our seminaries? What is the distinctive contribution of the Christian college?

**Answer**—(by a college president) We do have many fine tax-supported schools and they are making a commendable contribution to our American way of life. But the very nature of a state-supported school denies it the right to provide the thing most needed in our land today—definite Christian training for our young people. The very freedom that allows the tax-supported school to minister to all faiths and creeds alike forbids their strengthening and revitalizing any of those faiths.

On the one hand there is evidence in every area of life that faith needs to be strengthened. On the other hand there is abundant proof that when given opportunity the Christian college is peculiarly prepared and remarkably successful in meeting this need for stronger faith.

America needs leadership with the robust beliefs, strong convictions, and vigorous faith such as our pioneer church schools gave to the makers of America. The small, intimate atmosphere of the church-related school and the Christian respect for the dignity of the individual inspire greater personal achievement and integrity—ingredients of worthy leadership.

America needs stronger homes to stem the tide of divorce and juvenile delinquency. The successful marriages and

small number of divorces among the graduates of Christian colleges commend them as valuable in helping meet these problems.

America needs the purposeful Christian emphasis in education which not only leads the learner out (*e duco*) from ignorance and superstition but leads him into faith in God, the eternal Source and Answer.

The children of America—your child and mine—need a personal, living faith to meet the daily demands of atomic age. Christian parents feel a growing sense of inadequacy in the face of pressures from without. The most careful training of home and church is not always enough to insure the desired spiritual devotion and power. But our Baptist college—supported by our money, controlled by our democratic choice of trustees, staffed with men and women of our Christian faith, remarkably blessed by the power of God—stands ready and willing to throw every available resource into making our children secure in the Christian faith!

**Question 3**—Are these schools qualified and equipped to give standard degrees and adequate training as well as Christian faith? Can the graduates in fields other than religious work compete with graduates of state schools?

**Answer**—(by an alumnae secretary) Indeed they can! It is a big mistake to think our Baptist colleges are prepared to train only religious workers. It is possible for a student to get a degree in any one of at least forty major fields ranging from the expected Bible courses to medicine or engineering. Fewer than one-fourth of the students enrolled are volunteers for full-time Christian service.

As to recognition—these schools are so credited by their state agencies and the senior colleges with very few exceptions are accredited by the universally accepted regional agencies.

The most convincing evidence, however, is found in the record of the graduates. One comparatively small but rather typical Baptist college numbers among its graduates three governors, four Congressmen, four State Supreme Court Justices, nineteen senior college presidents, and twenty-five junior college presidents besides nu-

merous denominational leaders.

According to such listings as "Who's Who in America" the chances for recognized achievement are four to ten times as great for the graduates of the liberal arts colleges (including practically all denominational schools) as for the graduates of other schools.

We want to emphasize the fact that our denominational colleges invite, encourage, and seek to serve efficiently the "lay constituency" as well as full-time Christian workers.

**Question 4**—Do you think the average young person can be happy and content in the environment of a Christian college?

**Answer**—(by a student secretary) Indeed I do. Our schools are neither convents nor reformatories as some young people seem to think. It is not unusual for administrators to receive letters about prospective student which read like this:

"I would like to see Sue select our denominational college but she is of the opinion that it is a very strict, convent-like school."

If Sue could only visit the pep meetings,

football games, formal dinners, chapel programs, swimming pools, bowling alleys, or skating rinks at these schools she would soon realize that neither faculty members nor students are long-faced, stilted, pious individuals.

Our denominational schools are not monasteries nor are the state schools wholly lacking in Christian influences. There are Ann Hasseltine YWAs on many state campuses. There is a program of organized religious activity promoted by the Baptist Student Union on state as well as denominational campuses. Student secretaries, individual faculty members, and groups of interested students try to maintain the link between church and school in every type of college. But there is quite a difference in the impact of a school emphasis and that of a group within the school. An extracurricular Christian emphasis can never attain the breadth and depth of intracurricular Christianity.

We are grateful for students on state campuses who seem to gain strength though in the midst of those who desecrate Sunday, engage in all forms of worldliness,

*The Fidelis Parsoness' Club is made up of wives of students and employees of Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. Here they get together for a song during a recent meeting of the club.*



and manifest at best only a Sunday loyalty to Christ's church. We covet for every young Baptist the opportunity to secure at least part of his education in an atmosphere where the popular, the approved choice is the Christian choice. Surely one major purpose of the Christian college is to provide such an environment for our young people, to surround them for a brief period with influences wholly in sympathy with and actively helpful to the highest Christian ideals. It is a revealing experience, a boost to faith to find an administration, faculty, and student body—fine, attractive, capable, well-trained—actively engaged in the Lord's work and radiantly happy in their Christian faith.

**Question 5**—In what specific ways is the student touched by these Christian influences?

**First Student**—These other speakers have called attention to the general differences of support, control, and purpose in Christian education. As students we would like to point out some specific differences in atmosphere and emphasis.

For one thing friendship under the Christian education program at my college is priceless. On campus, at socials, and in classes, there is always a bond of love and fellowship among the students. I felt the influence of the Christian atmosphere from the very first. I found something I had been seeking for a long time—peace, fellowship, love, and beyond all a better understanding of God.

**Second Student**—My greatest inspiration has come from the positive Christian witness of the faculty and staff. My college president, business manager, professors and dormitory hostesses hold responsible places of leadership in my church. They are faithful to all its services and willingly accept opportunities to teach study courses, supply in the pulpit, or lead or promote organizations. It strengthens my faith in the importance of the church to see these whose intelligence I respect in science, history, education and other subjects demonstrating such loyalty to Christ.

**Third Student**—One of the greatest satisfactions that comes to me in the Christian college is the knowledge that the Christian

ideal is strong enough to control campus policy and practice. Whether from the administration's angle in giving right of way to events such as annual revival meetings and Focus Weeks or from the student angle in eliminating conflicts between religious, social, and athletic events, Christian faithfulness is encouraged and approved. Student government, campus publications, and the social life contribute to my spiritual growth rather than make me feel I need to compromise my Christian convictions. The campus queen, the candidates for "Who's Who," and the elected leadership, though not always my choice, will at least measure up to my standards and be worthy of the honors.

**Fourth Student**—In the classroom at my college I have been most impressed with the emphasis upon applied Christianity—not an exaggerated, overdrawn application, but a natural, spontaneous interpretation. The best citizen in political science is the Christian citizen. The best homemaker is Home Ec is the Christian homemaker. The best psychiatrist is the one with the strongest Christian faith.

This opportunity for relating all subject matter to one's faith and belief gives a freedom of expression not possible under the limitations of public education. This is especially true in the teaching of Bible.

In spite of the worthy programs of Bible study promoted by our Sunday school, Training Union, and W.M.U. organizations the majority of our young people have not found the key to this great storehouse of spiritual resources, the Bible. At the Baptist college the student finds a wide selection of Bible courses; he finds well-trained teachers who are not hindered by the necessity of a broad, inoffensive approach, but can be frank, positive, specific. The classroom atmosphere respects the right of individual interpretation. He finds and often for the first time, a real joy and thrill in the revelations of God's Word!

**Fifth Student**—(an "overseas student") I, especially, appreciate the emphasis of the Christian college upon the individual. I give great credit to American state colleges and universities for the high standing and the good preparation available for

students in a wide variety of technical fields. But I can give greater credit still for smaller private colleges that provide the right orientation for foreign students. A Baptist college can give proper Christian guidance which is the first and foremost need of overseas students. Proper counseling that aids the foreign students to adjust to the American way of life is also provided.

Overseas students need an entree into American Christian homes, churches, and clubs which a denominational school can arrange. In this way an impression of Christian America is printed on the hearts and minds and, on the return home, they will be true ambassadors of Christ as their personal Saviour.

**Question 6**—How can we as parents and leaders influence our young people to choose the Christian—college enthusiastically?

**Answer**—(by a parent) This, perhaps, is our biggest difficulty. To force our boys and girls to attend Christian schools against their wills creates problems both at the school and in the home. To let a seventeen-year-old attend any college of his choice involves risks and dangers. But at least four things have proved successful.

First, the atmosphere in which our children live from the cradle to high school graduation, can be so saturated with belief in and loyalty to our denominational colleges that they cannot escape a fair appreciation of them.

Every parent should have a conviction on Christian education and be able to pass that conviction to the next generation.

One mother writes, "Our children from the time each could comprehend built plans to go to college—a Christian college—more than that, to go to a certain Baptist college."

"Occasional visits to that campus for special events, regular mail from its president and publicity department, plus numerous contacts with students and graduates of that school led to definite decisions long before each reached graduation."

"How grateful I was for this institution when the time came for them to leave home! How grateful I am today for what that institution gave those children!"

Second, belief and loyalty are not enough; Baptists must be generous and faithful in their financial support of these schools. If we expect to attract the finest of our Baptist youth to our own colleges we must continue to provide facilities, facilities and academic standards that are equal or superior to the state colleges and universities.

To do this we must have increased endowments, more gifts from worthy stewards and many more regular contributors through the Cooperative Program and the Baptist Foundation.

Columbus Roberts was one of the many great benefactors of Christian education. The Lord enabled him to give more than a million dollars to the Baptist colleges of Georgia. When asked why he chose to use his money in that way, he replied that the two supreme comforts of his life had been religion and education. He was, therefore, happy to help endow these schools which were "nurturing young men (and women) in Christian principles, binding them to the service of God, both as laymen and ministers, and sending them out to enrich the intellectual and spiritual life of the state and nation."

Dr. Spright Dowell closes his biography of this great man with the words, "Far down the long avenue of the years his philanthropies will project themselves to bring the light of Christian education to myriads of Georgians yet unborn. Better still, his noble example will constrain many to glorify God in the effective way chosen by Columbus Roberts."

Third, the home and the church must create and promote a continuous program of regular contacts between the denominational college and the young people. The comparatively large enrollments from communities where this has been done proves that this is a successful plan.

A Christian education chairman, chosen by the church, or in some cases by the Woman's Missionary Union, can promote a number of practical activities.

(A) Keep a card file with information about each Baptist high school student and annually forward such information to the state denominational colleges.

(B) Continually display catalogues, an-

nuals, view booklets and the like in the church library or vestibule.

(C) Invite college groups to bring plays, programs, special music, or messages to the community.

(D) Arrange special events such as a Christian education banquet with college representatives as speakers and guests.

(E) Arrange transportation for visits to special week ends, May Days or other college events.

(F) Talk with individual students about financial, scholastic, and personal requirements, offering assistance when possible.

(G) Churchwide observance of Christian Education Week in April, 1954, which is to be promoted by all agencies and publications of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Fourth, we must have the foresight, wisdom and courage to raise the kind of boys and girls who truly want a Christian education!

They should not be religious fanatics, but they must have a sense of values not found in those enamored by the world. They must be seeking a college that cannot only give them what they want, but make them what God wants them to be. This is not easy, but with God's help it can be done.

Those who have discovered a taste for the thrilling lives of David Livingstone, Lottie Moon or William Wallace soon lose their appetite for funny books! Those most faithful in church, Sunday school, Training Union, and W.M.U. organizations become less interested in the mid-night show. Those who vacation at state assemblies, denominational camps and houseparties at Ridgecrest or Glorieta, find little time for later leisure in worldly spots.

These are the ones who will choose somehow, some way the things that Christian education offers. Will you be one to hinder or to help them?

May we prayerfully meditate upon our answer as a graduate of a Christian college leads us in our thinking.

**Closing Meditation** (Repeat opening scene of a graduate in frame or tableau with italicized objects on table beside her.)

Greetings to you, women of . . . . . Bap-

tist church. I am a graduate of your Christian college! I have come today to thank you for providing such a school and to thank you for guiding me to its halls. I thank you for the scholarship that enabled me to stay in school, most of all I thank you for your prayers and faith that challenged me each day to live my best.

But I have come to show you something, too, to show you a few of the many things your college gave to me.

Here is my diploma, a certificate that the world recognizes but an emblem, too, of inner growth the world can never measure.

Here are my scrapbooks—full and running over! A banquet program, a Christmas story, a worship service, a joke, a song, a stunt! So much of what I need to help me live, and lead, and lift!

Here is my college annual—the faces of my friends, both faculty and students. What an inspiration the very memory of each one will always be!

But best of all, my old and dearest treasures have taken on a radiance and a gleam they lacked before.

My Bible has become real and personal with truth and beauty for my every need. My church (use picture) has grown in power to stir and stimulate my soul and through me the souls of a lost world, not with form and ritual but with the living presence of Christ who grows more real and dear to me each day.

O women, help your youth before it is too late to know that though they speak "with tongues of men and angels" and have not this Christian love they are but "sounding brass." Help them to see that though they "understand all mysteries, all knowledge," and can move mountains on this earth but have not learned the way of Christian love they are as "nothing"!

Answer your high school graduate's question "What next?" with the words "God's will" for only that can bring the peace, the happiness young people seek!

**Closing Hymn—"A Charge to Keep"**

**Leader's Closing Prayer**—A charge to keep we have. We are to serve this present age. O, may God prepare us his servants that we may give a strict account of our influence and our life investments.

# "PRAY YE"

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 Monday** "I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies . . . which thou hast shewed unto thy servant"—Gen. 32:10 Miss Theresa Anderson, Philippine Islands, \*Miss Olive Riddell, China, ed. ev., Mrs. Paul Cuevas, ev. among Spanish-speaking, Albuquerque, N.M.

**2 Tuesday** "By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil"—Prov. 16:6 Miss Cornelia Leavell, ed. ev., Honolulu, T.H., Mrs. Andrew Foster, ev. among migrants, 1 Dr. Loyd Corde, secretary of direct missions, HMB

**3 Wednesday** "He that ruleth his spirit (is better) than he that taketh a city"—Prov. 16:32 Mrs. F. T. Woodward, ed. ev., Honolulu, T.H., Rev. Rafael Ocano, ev., Caibarien, Cuba; \*Miss Margaret Bruce, WMU young people's secretary, as she directs YWA Conference at Ridgecrest June 3-9.

**4 Thursday** "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them . . . they shall see the glory of the Lord"—Isa. 35:1-2 Mrs. David Mein, Recife, Brazil, Mrs. C. W. McCullough, San Andres, Colombia, ev., Mrs. Carlos Pierson, ev. among Spanish-speaking, Oklahoma City, Okla., Rev. D. Bejarano, em., HMB

**5 Friday** "Turn to the Lord: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously"—Hos. 14:2 \*Miss Stella Austin, Agbor, Nigeria, \*Mrs. E. L. Copeland, Fukuoka, Japan, ed. ev., Mrs. W. Dewey Moore, Rome, Italy, Rev. Quinn P. Morgan, Tamale, Gold Coast, Rev. Carlos Tellez, Cartagena, Cuba, ev.

**6 Saturday** "He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak"—Mark 7:37 \*Rev. S. C. Jowers, Manila, P.I., \*Rev. J. W. H. Richardson, Shaki, Nigeria, Rev. Norberto Rodriguez, Camajuani, Cuba, Rev. Bibiano Molina, Esperanza, Cuba, ev., Mrs. John C. Hayward, RN, special appointee for Korea, Rev. W. H. Perry, Negro ed. ev., Fitzgerald, Ga., Lidia Molina, MF

**7 Sunday** "The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself"—Eccles. 10:12 \*Mrs. H. P. McCormick, RN, Honolulu, T.H., Rev. William Ferrell, appointee for Argentine, language school, San Jose, Costa Rica, Mrs. W. H. H. Congdon, ed. ev., Iwo, Nigeria

**8 Monday** "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand"—Eccles. 11:6 \*Mrs. Orvil Reid, ed. ev., Guadalajara, Mexico, Miss Nadyne Brewer, language school, Sao Paulo, Brazil, 1 Rev. L. O. Griffith, promotional director, HMB

**9 Tuesday** "Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man"—Eccles. 12:13 \*Miss Mary Frances Gould, ev., Bangkok, Thailand; Ridgecrest, Glorieta, state assemblies, and camps

**10 Wednesday** "To every thing there is a season . . . a time to keep silence, and a time to speak"—Eccles. 3:1, 7 Rev. L. E. Blackman, Rev. J. H. Ware, ed. ev., Honolulu, T.H., Mrs. G. O. Foulon, em., HMB, Mary Carolyn Ware, MF

**11 Thursday** "I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it"—Eccles. 3:14 Dr. L. M. Bratcher, ed. ev., Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Rev. Charles Brown, Negro ed. ev., Columbia, S.C., Mrs. Oscar Hill, ev. among Spanish-speaking, Alamogordo, N.M.

**12 Friday** "Better is an handful with quietness, than both the hands full with travail and vexation of spirit"—Eccles. 4:6 Mrs. William Walker, Oita, Japan, Rev. John DeFoore, Anchorage, Alaska, ev., Miss Mildred Crabtree, Lagos, Nigeria, Mrs. M. G. White, Bahia, Brazil, ed. ev., Rev. T. B. Stover, pub. ev., Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

**13 Saturday** "O Lord, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou . . . our salvation also in the time of trouble"—Isa. 23:2 Miss Inabelle Coleman, ed. ev., Taipei, Formosa, Rev. George B. Mixim, ev. among Spanish-speaking, Brownsville, Tex.; vacation Bible schools

**14 Sunday** "Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart"—Isa. 30:29 Rev. A. R. Dailey, Bogota, Colombia, Mrs. Raul Gonzalez, San Jose de Guasimal, Cuba, ev.; Relief and Annuity Board and offering for the relief of aged ministers

**15 Monday** "I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee"—Isa. 42:6 Mrs. I. V. Larson, ev., Manila, P.I., Rev. F. C. Rowland, Quapaw, Okla., Mrs. George Wilson, Albuquerque, N.M., ev. among Indians

16 Tuesday "Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God"—Isa. 41:10 Mrs. James Watson, ev., Rosario, Argentina, Miss Mary San Miguel, young people's secretary, WMU, auxiliary to Mexican Baptist Convention of Texas, Rev. Fred McCaulley, field worker, HMB

17 Wednesday "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength"—Isa. 40:29 \*Mrs. Heyward Adams, Benin City, Nigeria, \*Mrs. F. P. Lide, China, ev., Miss Bettye Jane Ewen, Shaki, Nigeria, Miss Minnie Lou Lanier, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Rev. John L. Rice, Pernambuco, Brazil, ed. ev., Rev. Leslie Watson, language school, Tokyo, Japan, Mrs. Paul Bell, Jr., appointee for Guatemala, language school, San Jose, Costa Rica, Rev. Celso Villarreal, ev. among Spanish-speaking, Albuquerque, N.M., Anne and Mary Lide, MF

18 Thursday "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers"—Isa. 43:2 \*Dr. C. O. Gillis, pub. ev., El Paso, Tex., \*Mrs. Alvin Hutton, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Mrs. Ernest Lee Hollaway, Tokyo, Japan, Miss Anna Frances Todd, Barranquilla, Colombia, ev., Miss F. Catherine Bryan, em., China

19 Friday "I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground"—Isa. 44:3 Mrs. Charles Whaley, ed. ev., Kokura, Japan, Rev. Roland Armstrong, ev. among Spanish-speaking, Tampa, Fla., Mrs. J. F. Plainfield, em., HMB

20 Saturday "Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses"—Isa. 44:8 \*Mrs. Gerald Riddell, ev., Bogota, Colombia, Miss Harriette King, Singapore, Malaya, \*Dr. W. Maxfield Garrett, Fukuoka, Japan, ed. ev., Dr. C. F. Clark, MD, appointee for Japan, Mrs. Gregorio Perez, San Benito, Tex., Mrs. I. B. Williams, Tucson, Ariz., ev. and ed. ev. among Spanish-speaking, Miss Ruby McGhee, GWC, Christopher, Ill.

21 Sunday "Wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? . . . But thou, O Lord, knowest me: thou hast seen me, and tried mine heart toward thee"—Jer. 12:1, 3 Mrs. M. Giles Fort, MD, Gatooma, Southern Rhodesia, Rev. Luis Aguero, ev., Trinidad, Cuba, Miss Frances Curb, GWC, Tampa, Fla.

22 Monday "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps"—Jer. 10:23 Rev. M. A. Calheiro, Sr., ev., Marianao, Cuba, \*Rev. Frank Halbeck, field worker, department of Jewish Evangelism, HMB

23 Tuesday "Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved:

for thou art my praise"—Jer. 17:14 Rev. Tom Hollingsworth, ev., Buenos Aires, Argentina, Mrs. J. J. Johnson, em., HMB, \*Rev. Guy Bellamy, secretary of Negro work, HMB, Oklahoma City, Okla.

24 Wednesday "When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple"—Jonah 2:7 Mrs. W. H. Sears, em., China, Rev. E. Becerra, Sancti Spiritus, Rev. Juan Perez, Rio Blanco, Cuba, ev.

25 Thursday "Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life"—Jude 21 \*Rev. Maurice Brantley, Port Harcourt, Mrs. Carlton Whitley, Iwo, Nigeria, ed. ev., Rev. M. A. Calheiro, Jr., ev., Yaguajay, Cuba, Miss Pearl Gifford, GWC, Baltimore, Md.

26 Friday "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body . . . and have been all made to drink into one Spirit"—1 Cor. 12:13 Dr. William Logan, dentist, Ogbomosh, Nigeria, Mrs. Tom Hollingsworth, ev., Buenos Aires, Argentina, Dr. C. A. Leonard, em., China, Rev. Nathan Carter, Negro ed. ev., Selma, Ala., Mrs. Pedro Hernandez, ev. among Spanish-speaking, San Jose, Calif.

27 Saturday "Let all your things be done with charity"—1 Cor. 16:14 Miss Dorothy Lucille Taylor, appointee for Nigeria, Mrs. L. W. Crews, ev. among Indians, Chandler, Ariz., \*Dr. C. E. Matthews, secretary of evangelism, HMB

28 Sunday "O the hope of Israel . . . why shouldst thou be as a stranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man that turneth aside to tarry for a night?"—Jer. 14:8 Mrs. Charles Bryan, San Jose, Costa Rica, Mrs. Aurelio Travieso, Havana, Cuba, ev., Miss Ruth Walden, ed. ev., Oshogbo, Nigeria, Mrs. Leslie Gunn, ev. among deaf, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Christian Education Day

29 Monday "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart"—Mark 12:30 Mrs. W. M. Gilliland, MD, Ogbomosh, Nigeria, Miss Evelyn Epps, GWC, Tampa, Fla.; young women and faculty members at YWA Conference, Glorieta, N.M., June 29-July 5

30 Tuesday "The Lord is good . . . his mercy endureth forever"—Jer. 33:11 \*Miss Katherine Cozzens, Recife, Brazil, \*Miss Vivian Langley, Shaki, Nigeria, ed. ev., Rev. Frank Edwards, Joinkrams, Nigeria, \*Mrs. P. W. Hamlett, China, ev.

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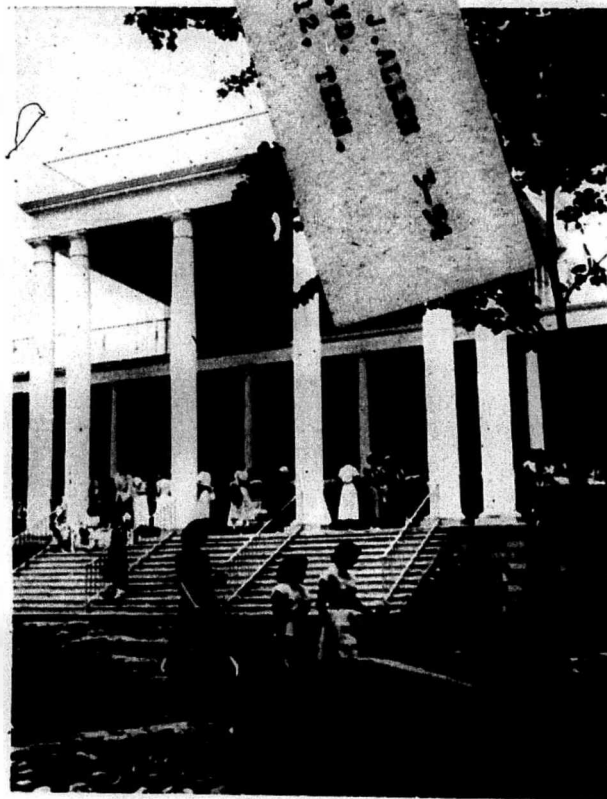


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