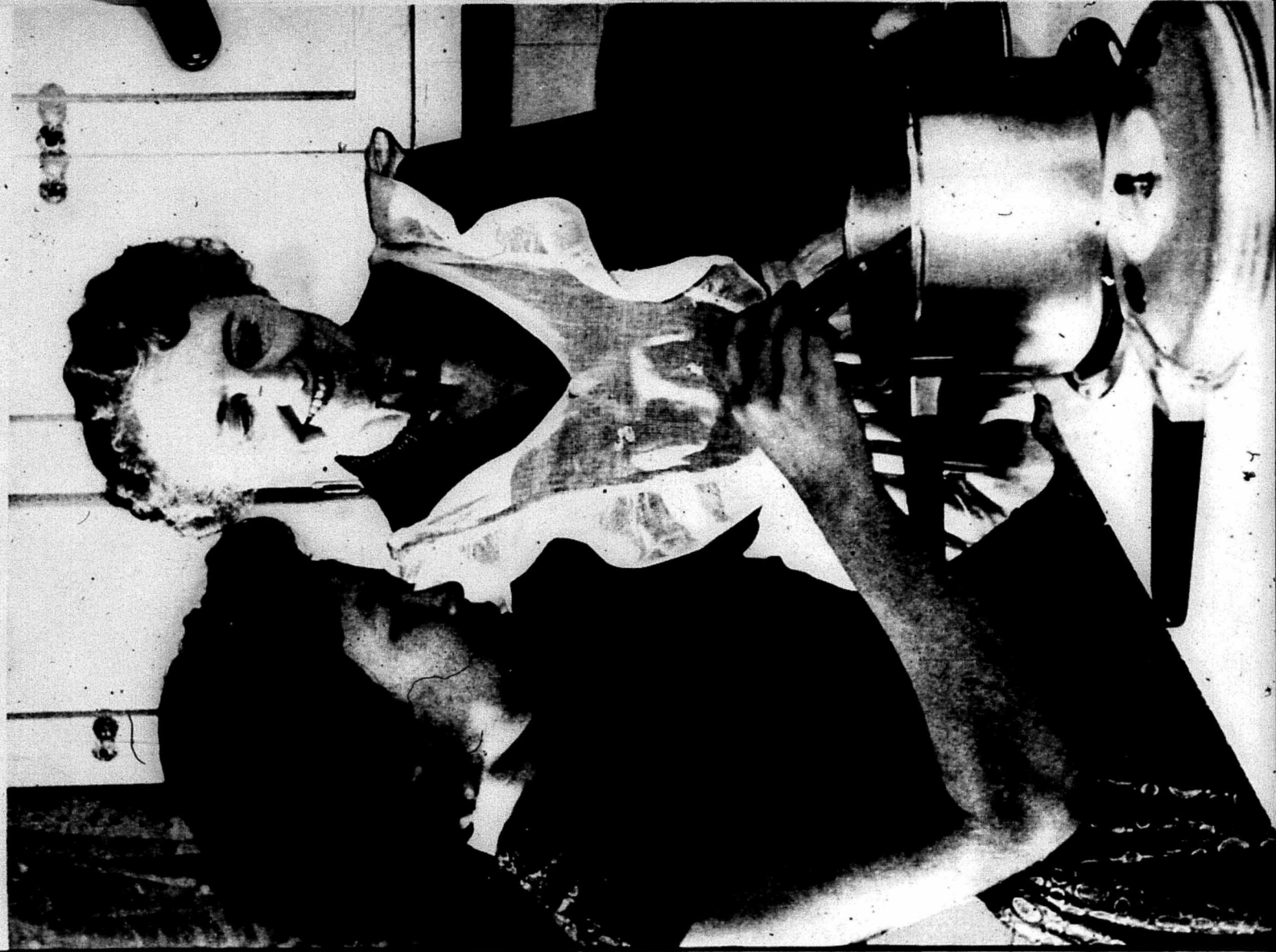


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Little "Miss Pusan"

throw her away again."

She told how the father, a U. S. A. soldier, had promised to send money back for her and the baby but had not so much as answered her letters. Her plans were to leave the baby at the church, and commit suicide; but courage failed her.

I shall never forget the picture when she entered the room where the baby was sleeping. She knelt down and put her cheek against the cheek of the baby, as she sobbed quietly. Soon she was calling her name, "Koyong Sugee" (Honorable Pure), and saying, "I can never live without you." Mrs. Ahn remarked in English, "Not a bad woman; just a nice country girl." Then the mother held the baby close to her heart and left with tears of rejoicing. There were other tears of joy as well.

Yesterday there was much ado in the clinic. "Miss Korea," the equivalent of "Miss America," came for treatment. There

was much staring, some remarks, and a bit of nudging! But in the afternoon when "Miss Pusan" appeared there was interest, appreciation and love for her. Soon our entire group knew about her and were vying with each other to hold "Miss Pusan." Her mother came upstairs for a visit, and we found that the mother could speak a few words of English. The baby was not getting enough milk, so KIM was supplied, along with other baby medicines. The mother saw that she was among real friends, so we think she will be coming back often.

She keeps the baby in their little refugee hut day in and day out. The baby looks so American that the mother and grandmother dread the stares and remarks of people.

Perhaps such fathers do not realize the suffering they have brought these mothers out of wedlock and the disadvantages inherited by such children.

A Subscriber for Forty-Six Years

Aunt Mae Groat subscribed to ROYAL SERVICE first in 1907 when it was a quarterly publication called "Our Mission Fields." Her church in Thomas, Oklahoma, organized a WMS that year with five charter members.

She has been WMU president, treasurer, Sunbeam Band leader, and Junior Sunday school class teacher. One of the Junior boys is now her pastor, one is a missionary in Mexico, one a teacher in the Baptist college in Arizona, and two others preachers in other states.

Her pastor, Hooper Campbell, says, "The Lord has blessed us through the life of 'Aunt Mae.' She has no children of her own but she and 'Uncle Mickey' have been spiritual parents to many in Thomas.

Mrs. Groat writes: "I subscribed for the



ROYAL SERVICE in 1907 and have never missed a number. It has been a wonderful help to me in my Christian work. I am now seventy-five years old and a shut-in, and yet I have so many things to be thankful for. My Lord has been so good to me all my life and I thank him for the little things he let me do for him."

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An American recipe fascinates May Ling Lee from Jakarta, Indonesia. She is coached by Mrs. Ethel Watters, head of the Home Economics department of Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, where May Ling is a student. See *The Window of YWA*, page 23, January

For a colorful WMS Focus Week poster, use inside covers. Loosen staples, remove cover, then bend staples down again. Use this poster on your church bulletin board or wherever it will be seen best by all the women, and by the other church members.



Maui News Photo

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kim enrolled for the fall term at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee. He is a ministerial student. Mrs. Kim plans to study home economics at the university while the three daughters, Vivian, Linda and Wanda, are students in the Shawnee public schools. The Kims received a partial scholarship from the Oklahoma Baptist state convention through arrangements with the Hawaiian Baptist Convention.

THERE was a large crowd in the waiting room at Maui airport when the Kim family left. Someone said, "What's going on? Some V.I.P. must be leaving." To us it was an important event, for our Sunday school superintendent and our WMU president were going to Oklahoma to prepare for full-time Christian service.

Bedecked with many leis, Richard and Frances Kim and their three daughters were waiting for the plane which would carry them to the USA. Our young people began to sing, "Bless be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love." Frances pushed an envelope into my hand and I gave her a quick hug—and they were gone.

Richard and Frances were the first couple

"We Will Serve The Lord"

by Mrs. E. J. Tharpe

Mrs. Tharpe, missionary at Maui, T.H., tells her thoughts as she watched the Kim family leave for the United States to prepare for special Christian service.

from our church to volunteer for full-time Christian service. Also they were the first couple we were able to reach for the Lord when we came to Hawaii over five years ago. So you can imagine the emotion in our hearts as we stood at the airport to bid them aloha.

My mind flooded with memories as I watched them go. I remembered the three little girls in their starched dresses coming to my house to Sunbeam Band for the first time . . . the visits in the home where we spent hours answering questions about the Christian faith. I recalled the struggle that went on in the mind and heart of each of them and the months of halting between two opinions. I recalled the evening Richard and Frances first yielded to the Lord during a service in the old navy building which served as our church.

I remembered the evening Frances had stood in our back yard and said to me, "I came over to say I just can't be a Christian. I can't control my temper and it is impossible for me to be a Christian in the group where I work. I am just going to quit trying."

I saw them again in memory as they returned from the glorious experience at Puu Kahea, our Territorial Bible Conference, and Kauai's Camp Kokee and heard the

testimonies they gave in our little church.

There were the happy times when the children gave their hearts to Jesus, one by one, and when the home was dedicated and opened to Christians from far and near.

I heard again Richard saying, "I want to know God as intimately as it is possible to know him in this life. I'll never be satisfied otherwise." Then he spoke of his desire for a Christian education and a life useful to the Lord.

Yes, these memories and more filled my mind as we watched the plane leave. Now for the first time I looked at the envelope Frances had given me. In it was a picture and the verse from Joshua, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

The Lord had worked a miracle in the last five years. We dared not wish to hold them back now. The Lord, whom they'd chosen to serve; was leading and they must follow. We wouldn't want it to be any other way.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This month the Kims will complete their first semester in college. Already they have won the love and respect of their fellow students. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kim are active in the Little United Nations Club, an organization of overseas students on the campus.)



Mr. Williams is Secretary of the Division of Education and Promotion of the Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention

"A Million More in '54" is a movement among Southern Baptist churches. It is an effort to enroll for Bible study in the Sunday schools in one year a million new pupils. The Sunday school year is from October 1, 1953 to September 30, 1954.

The movement is fostered by all denominational leaders—the Executive Committee of the Convention, the secretaries and employees of all boards of the Convention, the president and members of the faculty and student body of seminaries, universities, colleges and academies—all are promoting the cause. The state mission secretaries and employees of the state mission boards and the pastors and leaders in the churches are working efficiently and effectively at this job.

All alike realize the greatness of this task of enrolling a million new people in our Sunday schools in one year. This is about three times as many as the churches have reached in any one year in the history of our Convention.

The denomination took ten months preceding the beginning of this period for preparation. New buildings were erected; old buildings were remodeled. Workers were enlisted and trained; mission schools

were organized. Class schools moved up to department schools; new departments and classes were organized, and surveys were made to find the people. Good preparation was made.

Now the churches are in the midst of this movement. A wonderful start was made during the closing months of 1953 and now new zeal is taking hold of the people as the new year brings new opportunities.

The Helping Hand of Women

The readers of ROYAL SERVICE play a large part in this movement. From the earliest moment of Christianity until this day, women have been loyal and faithful to Christ and his church. This devotion continues today and will go on through all of the tomorrows. The faithful and devoted women of our churches can do many helpful things for this movement now. Note some of these.

Women can accept places of leadership. Often, in many churches, it is not possible to find a man who will assume the responsibility as superintendent of the Sunday school. A good woman can make a most acceptable and successful leader. Women will not allow a Sunday school to wane or to die or to fail to be organized for lack of leadership.

Women make most acceptable superintendents of departments in the age groups through the Intermediates, and often in the Young People and Adult departments. Superintendents of Cradle Roll, Nursery and Beginner departments have an unusual opportunity now to greatly enlarge the enrollment of the Sunday schools everywhere. These age groups afford a great opportunity for helping to reach the goal, "A Million More in '54."

Of course, women serve in all places in organized classes for women. They are presidents of the classes, fill all vice-pres-

dencies, serve as group captains and as teachers. These classes mean much in building a modern, efficient Sunday school. Women seem to work at the job more faithfully than men and meet with greater success. These are days when all must put forth their best effort to help reach the goal.

Certainly women serve most effectively as teachers, especially among the elementary ages. This is true also among young women in the Young People's department and in the classes for women in the Adult department. Now as schools have enlarged and are enlarging and will enlarge still more during the spring, many more teachers will be needed. Women can volunteer to fill these places. The Sunday school will fail or succeed in its ultimate purpose in proportion to the clearness of the teaching of the Word of God. So women, being in the majority as teachers in the Sunday school, may determine the success of the Sunday school.

Workers among the women, as well as men, are doing marvelously in the Extension Department of the Sunday school. The superintendent selects choice visitors and these visitors take a copy of *Home Life* and other helpful literature and visit monthly individuals who cannot attend the Sunday school. These are enrolled in the Sunday school, as well as all who can attend each Sunday. Large possibilities are before us in this phase of our work at this time.

Members of the Woman's Missionary Union can help this movement in a great way by checking the rolls of the Woman's Missionary Society, the Young Woman's Auxiliary, the Girls' Auxiliary, the Royal Ambassador chapters and the Sunbeam Bands to see if every member of each of these organizations attends Sunday school. If not, they should be enlisted immediately for Bible study in the Sunday school.

by Jerome O. Williams

Some Results We Can Expect

Out of this great movement of reaching a million more people for Bible study during this one year will come many results. We mention only a few.

It will greatly deepen the spiritual life of those who work to enroll others and to see that they are regular in Sunday school attendance and Bible study. Christians must become endued with greater spiritual power in order to accomplish these results.

A greater number studying the Bible in the Sunday school will certainly mean a greater number won to Christ and to church membership. It is a matter of record in the denomination that when there is an increase in the enrolment in the Sunday schools, there is a proportionate increase in the number of professions of faith in Christ and requests for membership in the churches. Bible study is basic in evangelism.

A movement of this kind will necessarily enlist in service a larger number of Christians. When they get into the spirit of it and feel the responsibility of it they will realize their need of greater power and will turn to the Lord for help. As Christians serve they will be endued with power from on high and will become more and more efficient in service.

We may expect also to see an increase in the number of volunteers for full-time Christian service as a result of this movement. There will be more volunteers for the ministry, religious education, ministers of music, missionaries of all kinds and for all types of benevolent services.

As people study the Bible they will also become more and more interested in missions. The message of the Bible about lost people and their need of the Saviour will lead them to study conditions of all people of all nations. Knowledge and love will force Christians to become witnesses for

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Miss Mather (second from right) visits Missionary Pearl Todd, Mrs. Mizumachi, Mrs. Fukunaga and Mrs. Kawano

Their Utmost for the Lord

*This is the second in a
series of articles by
your "Royal Service" editor
during her world tour.
Traveling with her are*

*Miss Josephine Jones, executive secretary-treasurer
of Florida WMU and Miss Ione Gray,
associate editor of "The Commission"*

by Juliette Mather

TOKYO, JAPAN: October 1953

IMAGINE an overnight district WMU meeting with no beds, no chairs, no platform, no coffee, each woman's name already printed on white ribbon badges, baskets to receive rice as they came to register!

We didn't need beds because Japanese women sleep on the soft matting of the floor on a thin mattress-like *futon*. They sit on their heels by the hour each on her own *zabuton*, flat pillow with a white tassel in each corner. There is no need for a platform because standing makes it possible for all these attractive kneeling women to see easily. Rice is rationed so each woman buys her supply.

There were some eighty women in this district meeting at the Hoshiguma Kaikan retreat of the Seinan Seminary. As we drove to the meeting place three miles out of Fukuoka we passed through golden rice fields. We started and concluded with lunch on October 7 and 8. The language was quite different from your similar meeting but the spirit and plans were the same. Our

WMU watchwords I Cor. 3:9 and John 4:35 were displayed the first day. The 1953-54 watchword was put up for Thursday morning.

We had a glorious time bowing and saying "Arigato, gosiemao" (thank you) because the women were so gracious and that was one expression we had learned. Yes, we spoke through interpreters but that is not too difficult especially since Dr. Sadamoto Kawano and Mrs. Kiyoko Shimose Sherabe have both studied in USA and know Southern Baptist work well. I said a sentence; it was repeated in Japanese; I held my place mentally meanwhile and when the interpreter stopped I said another sentence. Many of the women understood some English so I tried to speak slowly and use simple words which they knew without translation.

Far from being too serious, each meal had a playtime feature, led by a woman from a different church. We sang gay songs and acted them out. "Under the spreading chestnut tree," stretched arms

wide. "The cat with big eyes and long whiskers" gave more gestures. "Going to the grocery" we named different vegetables when pointed at before "it" could count three.

But seldom have I been in a more reverent meeting. When it was time to pray there was always a moment of silence before and after the prayer; all joined in the amen. At the close of every message there was a period of silent prayer. Perhaps their habitual kneeling gives them an unusual reverence.

They had a conference with questions interpreted and answers interpreted back. There were familiar questions. One pastor's wife was from a new preaching point—how could she enlist the women? The perennial question—how can we find leaders—had real point because there are few adult women in most churches and there actually are only a few women well grounded in Baptist beliefs and ways.

How could they teach tithing and stewardship? I was all but embarrassed about that reply, realizing how much more generous their giving is proportionately. We have so much in USA and they have so little. They are so eager to do everything just as we do in USA because they think we all do our utmost for the Lord: you can see how embarrassing that is!

When Mrs. Fukunaga, the president of Japan Woman's Missionary Union, spoke on the 1953-54 watchword she said it reminded her at once of Revelation 5:1-10. Carrying out the spirit of the watchword we will live more faithfully and love more devotedly that all nations may in truth praise the name of Christ Jesus before whom we all must stand. Christians must show his glory wherever they are. No matter how small we are, God can use us if we are empty vessels. Let us have courage and pray in faith.

Japan WMU chose a hymn by a Japanese pastor because "Jesus Saves" is not

well known. Their selection carries the same general triumphant theme.

Your missionaries from this section were there helping in many ways, always encouraging and bearing witness to God's grace and goodness in their dedicated lives.

You would have loved the district president, Mrs. Sadamoto Kawano and have been honored to meet Mrs. Mizumachi, the first president of Japan WMU when it was organized in 1920.

You would have been proud of these faithful women, working under difficulties of service women in USA know nothing about. Your heart would have been glowing as mine was if you could have been with them too—how I wish you could! How grateful I am for this unusual privilege!

These happy days go flying by in travel, speeches, seeing rare sights. All of us keep well and are going strong.

Korea is so tragic—so poor, so dirty, so sick, so everything unhappy and sad, scared too. The doctors and nurses saw 775 patients in our Pusan clinic the day we were there. They would have seen more but one doctor and nurse were showing us around and that cut down the number. I felt bad about that and when I left that night it was as if I were running away from the hardest field I shall see.

Dirt is everywhere, in the very air. Yet the people come to church looking so clean and serene it was amazing and they sang with such fervor!

Back to Japan again where we stayed in a Japanese inn and had a bath in running hot spring water. The week has been wonderful. We have seen all our missionaries and all our organized churches which shows we do not have many. We desperately need more men here. People are everywhere and so many! And many are eager to hear the Gospel.

Formosa, Hong Kong, Macao, and the Philippines are next on our travels.



Training Tomorrow's Christian Leaders in Japan

The future of Christian Japan depends partly on these young Japanese girls who attend our Baptist school, Seinan Jo Gakuin, Kokura, Japan

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by Rose Maylowe



ABOVE: This is a view of the Seinan Jo Gakuin campus. (1) Junior high school (2) buildings (3) missionaries' home (4) faculty residence (5) families (6) Mother Memorial Hall (7) three buildings for college and senior high school



ABOVE: Pictured are added to the row when the English class held its good by party.





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TOP: YWAs enjoy playing circle games on the roof of Mallory Memorial Hall

LEFT: Miss Marlowe joins in a favorite Japanese game with some junior high school students

RIGHT: Mrs. Stanley Howard uses the school kitchen for classes in cooking and homemaking

by Rose Marlowe



ABOVE: This is a view of the Seinan Jo Gakuin campus. (1) Junior high school (six buildings), (2) missionaries' home, (3) faculty residence (six families), (4) Mallory Memorial Hall, (5) three buildings for college and senior high school



ABOVE: Paper caps added to the fun when the graduating English class held its good-by party



Except a Corn of Wheat Fall

Here is a story of new life through tragic death, told by three people close to Nicky Kajita. Nicky was killed in an automobile accident returning with other Baylor University students from presenting a program about the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

by Matsuta Hara, President
Seinan Jo Gakuin Baptist Girls'
School, Kokura, Japan

WHEN the war ended and our Seinan high school teachers and students returned to the campus from their evacuation, our first thought was to open a college. We felt it was our God-given mission to train women leaders in order to lay a firm foundation for a peaceful and democratic Japan. Upon this conviction, we opened the Seinan Jo Gakuin Junior College in April 1946, putting much emphasis upon English and evangelism.

Miss Yoneko Kajita, who was born in the Philippines and had graduated from the normal course of the University of Manila, came to apply for a teaching position in the English department. This was shortly before our American missionaries were able to return to Japan.

On learning that Miss Kajita was already a Christian, I gladly engaged her as a part-time teacher of English. Commuting from her home in the country was exceedingly

strenuous, and it was difficult to find a place to live in the city. So I introduced Miss Kajita to the president of our PTA. She moved into his home and became a tutor to his daughter.

Miss Kajita gave promise of developing into a strong Christian teacher. So when Mr. Edwin B. Dozier, the first Southern Baptist messenger to come to Japan after the war, visited our city, I introduced her to him and recommended that in preparation for a permanent place on our college faculty Miss Kajita be given one of the scholarships offered by Southern Baptists for study in the USA.

As far as I know, it was after Miss Kajita had entered Blue Mountain College that she dedicated her life to full-time Christian service. Her first letters were reports of her school and her new life in America. But after she had entered her senior year and began to consider her future course, she expressed in every letter her desire to be a real servant of Jesus Christ. I feel deeply grateful to those in Blue Mountain College who became her friends.

Both of Miss Kajita's parents realized she was unusually talented as a leader. While in college in Manila, she made three



Nicky Kajita was active in campus activities when she attended Baylor University

trips to Japan as a guide to sight-seeing groups, once as the head of the party and once as an assistant leader. Although they had one other daughter and five sons, the parents depended upon her more than upon any of the other children. Miss Kajita was so thoughtful of her parents that she sent medicine from America to relieve her mother's pain from frostbite.

The shock and grief from her sudden death to her parents is beyond words to express. But both her father and mother have received the light of God through this grief and have realized eternity through their daughter's death. This is the result of the prayers of friends in America. Now, as a result of her death, they have opened their hearts and their home to the gospel. I go twice a month and preach to the parents and friends of the neighborhood in their home.

They have followed in the footsteps of their dear daughter, and they will become the cornerstone of the first church to be established in that Buddhist stronghold in the town of Hachiya.

It is my sincere prayer that God's blessings may be upon Miss Kajita's dear parents and family.

by Cecile Lancaster

Missionary in Kokura, Japan

When Miss Nicky Kajita spoke in America she often closed with the request that friends would pray that her Buddhist parents in Japan would accept Christ's salvation some day. How we rejoiced that both her father and mother have confessed their faith and are now bearing testimony in word and deed as Christians in their country town which has long been a stronghold for Buddhists.

Mr. and Mrs. Kajita, Nicky's parents, followed Christ in baptism on Sunday, June 21, 1953. Among others baptized on that day with Nicky's parents were five Seinan Jo Gakuin College girls, Nicky's brother, Takeshi, and Mr. Kameda of her home town, who had been led to Christ through Mr. Kajita's influence.

It was my lot to take to Nicky's parents the sad news of her tragic death in an automobile accident that occurred on December 8, 1951, shortly before she was to receive her M.A. degree from Baylor University. Nicky's home was in a country town about forty miles from Kokura. Nicky and her brother, Takeshi were the only Christians in the family of seven children. Takeshi had taken the responsibility for the aged parents after his sister went to America to study, since the other four brothers live in Tokyo, eight hundred miles away.

The sudden news of her death was a great shock to Nicky's parents and her brother. But they accepted it with courage and a spirit of submission. Though not a Christian, her father expressed gratitude that Nicky had surrendered her life to the cause of Christianity and he felt that she was safe in heaven with God. Both parents, under the leading of Nicky's Christian brother, turned to the Bible for comfort, believing it was Nicky's desire that they find the way of salvation.

A few months later Takeshi surrendered to the Christian ministry, saying that God had called him to take up the work his sister was unable to complete. Some of Nicky's
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She Knew Lottie Moon

by Lilian Coffman Bates

WHEN James Monroe Joiner felt the Lord's call to go to China, he asked Mary Manassa Eager to go with him as his wife. That summer while holding a meeting in the mountains of Kentucky he received her answer on a little visiting card, no comments, just the message Ruth 1:16, 17.

They were married and left at once for China, reaching Tung Chow two months later. Their first home was a modest one in the Lottie Moon compound where they studied the language and the customs of the people. Miss Moon seemed to take Mary into her heart, and treated her as her friend and daughter. She was with Mary when her first child, Webb Brodus Joiner, was born. He took his first steps toward Lottie Moon.

The Joiners moved on to their new field, Hwanghsien. Often there were preaching services from one to five times a day.

Four months later when Miss Moon returned to Tung Chow from a trip, she found Mr. Joiner had suffered a slight stroke. She immediately rushed to Hwanghsien to be with Mary. To encourage her, as well as help carry on the work, Miss Moon remained with Mary several months. She received great joy from little bright-faced Webb, as well as planning and dreaming with Mary about the next child that was to be born in June.

Lottie Moon's courage and friendship strengthened Mary and helped her to face the inevitable fact that her husband was critically ill. The doctors advised that he return to America, in spite of the breaking up of all of their life plans.

"When I went to catch the boat, on our return trip October 1887, I had one baby



MARY EAGER JOINER

in my arms, a second as a toddler by my side, and my husband was on a stretcher," Mrs. Joiner recalled.

Her desire was to stay in China, but she yielded her will to God's will and asked for more faith. This was on the flyleaf of her Bible: "Life is a grindstone and whether it grinds a man down or polishes him up depends on the stuff he is made of."

After a year's rest and good care, the Joiners took up pastoral work here in the homeland. As an Intermediate at Baird, Texas, I was in her Sunday school class. What a blessing she was! How she knew her Bible and taught it to that class of adolescent girls! We saw in her a pastor's wife surrendered to God's will; her consecrated unselfish life, her tidy appearance and beautiful smile radiated Jesus. Her love for all people was something new to us in a town that allowed only white people.

As she went from place to place with her husband, then after his death, alone, she was such a blessing to every church where she belonged. She reflected love and sunshine, helped the mission cause, and encouraged and gave young people a vision of higher Christian education and service. I shall always be grateful for the part they had in my going with their daughter Mary to a Christian college, and the vision they gave me of missions.

Mrs. Joiner never got away from her love for missions, and especially China. She

If you have not yet given your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, this inspiring story will be an incentive to you. If you have already given, then you know you have a part in spreading the Word around the world,—and maybe you will give even more.

said if a person had been with Lottie Moon in China and had seen conditions, they would have realized that one never gives until one sacrifices. She considered time wasted, unless it was used to promote the Lord's work. She was self-denying—the world's hunger, both physical and spiritual, were ever before her. She tithed every penny, then gave offerings.

THE last visit I had with her we spent talking of missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. She had fallen and hurt her back, thus was partly confined to her bed. She was so anxious to get well so she could go to church. Then it would not be long until the season of prayer for foreign missions. She said to me, "I wish I knew I had won someone to Christ in China. There was one man I know I helped, but I don't know if I really won anyone by myself. We were there such a short time after we could use the language."

"Perhaps," I answered, "you helped win more by coming home than you could ever have won had you been permitted to stay in China."

"How do you mean?" she asked.

"You have just told me how you hated to leave and how Lottie Moon hated to see you leave China—how she wrote you that she missed you and the children—how she needed help—more help. Perhaps Mr. Joiner's sickness came at a time that influenced Lottie Moon to realize more that she must appeal to the women in the homeland. For it was just after you left in October 1887, that Lottie Moon wrote that wonderful appeal suggesting that Southern Baptist women should institute a week of prayer and

offerings, the week before Christmas.

"The Lord leads in a wonderful way," I said. "Think of the millions that have been given, the hundreds of other missionaries that have gone, the churches, hospitals and missionary homes that have been built, the souls that have been won and trained, not only in China, but in many parts of the world through prayer and gifts of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions."

She looked at me a moment then said, "Who knows! only God,—at least it is a comforting thought."

AT her ninetieth birthday celebration, a reporter described her as a "spry, bright-eyed little woman—the life of the party of some forty guests." He asked her how she had lived so long and yet kept herself so young and this was her answer: "I owe it all to living as quietly as I can, doing all the good I can, and trusting the Lord."

One day as I visited her I told her of a new WMS that I had organized two days before, and asked if she had a message for them. "Yes," she said. "Tell them—tell all the women—to follow their leaders. Tell them not to forget the missionaries. Pray, pray, pray!"

Not long afterward she just went to sleep in her son Webb's home, where she had received such loving care in her last years. Had she lived eighteen days longer, she would have been ninety-two. She had been a Christian eighty-four years.

Mary Eager Joiner had truly seen royal service and had gone on to meet her Saviour, her loved ones and, among her host of friends, Lottie Moon.

George Washington Carver—Servant of Mankind

by Bonita Cunningham

A ROLLING 210-acre farm west of Diamond, Missouri and southeast of Joplin, has been named as a national monument to a Negro who climbed the ladder from slavery to world renown as an agricultural scientist—George Washington Carver.

Dedication services were held at the monument site July 14, 1953. More than a thousand people, Negro and white, from various parts of the United States sat under the elm and walnut trees that were Carver's first laboratory, and listened to the daylong program. Along with persons of state and national note attending the dedication were the niece of Booker T. Washington, former schoolmates, neighbors, playmates, and pupils of Dr. Carver.

A stone building housing the office and quarters for the superintendent stands on the original Carver plantation home. Close by is the large oak tree from which it is said Moses Carver once was hung by his thumbs by Civil War guerrillas to try to force him to reveal the hiding place of his gold. A large plaque set in a half-ton field stone from the farm and a bust of Dr. Carver, four times life size were presented to the people of the United States during the dedication ceremonies. The family cemetery is some distance away with headstones marking the graves of Moses Carver and his wife Susan, the kindly German couple who adopted George Carver as their son. Future plans include a museum to house relics of Carver's work and life.

Richard Pilant, founder of the Carver Birthplace Memorial Associates, said that he talked to Dr. Carver before

the bill was introduced in Congress. The aged scientist took his hands between his and said, "It will go through." Dr. Carver thought not of Pilant's plan as a memorial to himself, but of what it would mean for the country and the inspiration it would give Negro youth. At the dedication ceremonies Pilant presented the pen used by President Franklin Roosevelt to sign the bill marking the spot as a National Monument, one of the newest of a national system of 175.

Secretary of the Interior, Douglas McKay, was the keynote speaker for the dedication. He called the memorial "a striking object lesson to those abroad who seek to destroy liberty, preach racial hatred, and

A picture of Dr. Carver interests Forbes Brown, who once went to Sunday school with the famous scientist



encourage discrimination."

Mrs. C. W. Cuther, chairman of Missouri Association of Colored Women paid tribute to Carver's mother, Mary, whom Moses Carver bought as a slave girl and reared as a daughter.

Dr. William Kerstetter, president of Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, the only college George Washington Carver found where he was able to enroll because of his race, said that Dr. Carver made two of the greatest decisions of his life while there. He discovered that he was a human being and decided that his life's vocation would be agricultural science. Dr. Carver was an artist, but with this last decision he definitely laid aside all thought of painting.

The music for the dedication program was both patriotic and spiritual. The 317th Army Band from Camp Crowder, Missouri, played at various times. William Winters, a Negro from Joplin, Missouri, accompanied by the band, was soloist. At the close of the day's program, Mr. Winters sang "Steal Away to Jesus," reminding the audience that this was not only the establish-

ment of a national monument, but a memorial service for a man who overcame race, illness, and prejudice to become a truly great American Christian, a benefactor of all mankind.

A highlight of the program was the awarding of the second annual George Washington Carver National Monument Foundation Award to Dr. T. M. Campbell of Tuskegee, Alabama, a former student of Dr. Carver and the first Negro county agricultural extension agent in the nation. Dr. Campbell listed his association with Dr. Carver as one of the three milestones of his life, the other two being learning to read and meeting Booker T. Washington.

One who knew George Washington Carver as a youth has perhaps best explained his secret: "His outstanding characteristic was a strong feeling of the eminence of God." Visitors to the beautiful, wooded Carver National Monument will be reminded of the biblical quotation used by one of his many biographers: "The earth is the Lord's."

New Mailing Address for Korean Packages

The missionaries in Korea want relief supplies, but please, send them through the international mails, not the A.P.O. mails. By sending relief packages through the A.P.O., mail for men in service has been delayed. The missionaries are on the verge of losing their A.P.O. privileges because of the use of the Army Post Office service for relief packages.

Certainly it costs more for postage, but if Southern Baptists are going to be generous, let us not be generous at the expense of our soldiers overseas and of the missionaries. So from now on address your Korean relief packages to:

Rev. John Abernathy
Baptist Mission
P. O. Box Special No. 35
Pusan, Korea

Margaret Fund

by Mrs. W. J. Cox

William Cooper Wins Lowndes Scholarship

THE seventeenth \$200 Elizabeth Lowndes Scholarship Award was received by William F. Cooper, a senior in Baylor University, Waco, Texas. Bill is the son of Dr. and Mrs. William Lowry Cooper, who were appointed missionaries to Argentina in 1939. He not only has outstanding scholastic records but has been actively engaged in college and religious activities.

The WMU helps finance the American college educations of the missionary children through its Margaret Fund, and the Lowndes award is in addition to the regular grant.

At the request of the Margaret Fund Committee Bill has furnished the following account of his life.

Having lived in Argentina most of my life it was hard to realize just what cousins are, what my aunts and uncles looked like or in what respect grandparents resembled those portraits on top of the dresser. But one day I found out. We went to a family reunion on our first furlough and there saw some of our relatives in the flesh—about five hundred of them, as a matter of fact. Later on we Cooper kids found out we had about twenty-five first cousins and lots of nice aunts and uncles. There were a lot of other things we discovered too, all five of us Coopers, three boys and two girls. Perhaps the most startling discovery we made was the fact that we were blessed with a Christian home. Many times we took for granted that our friends' homes were much like ours. But as we came to know them better we realized that many of them did not have a home, just a house: a man and a woman, their parents, lived there too. They usually supplied their children with all the things of secondary importance such as money, food, clothes and a house.

We had what we needed of these, but most important, we soon discovered, was the spirit of Christ and the way his love prevailed. As

a result our parents were patient, yet firm, guiding us with an understanding that will always be a blessing to us, and now that we are away from them, keeps us on our feet. It was at home we came to know Christ as Saviour; it was there we came to realize that we must stay close to the Lord if we would serve him according to his will. It was also at home we learned to wash dishes, rake leaves, mow the lawn, chop wood and clean house.

While in Argentina, during the summer we had opportunity to travel and become acquainted with different parts of the country. We also became better informed on what Southern Baptists are doing in Argentina. Perhaps the most lasting impression of these visits is, "Why do we do so little, when we have the means and the power through our God to do so much? Don't we know that as Christians, these lost people are our responsibility?"

School played a decisive role in our lives. It was a school somewhat out of the ordinary. The American grammar and high school had some three hundred and fifty students in all representing from thirty to thirty-five different nationalities. Nearly everyone there spoke two languages, Spanish and English and many of the students spoke three and four and some as many as six languages. Here we learned to get along with people of other races and countries and we learned to study, co-operate, and play.

Just a few months after I finished high school we came to the States on furlough. When we arrived in Houston that Sunday afternoon in September of 1951, college was not too far off. In fact Baylor was only 180 miles away. And here it is that three of us Coopers are now at school. It is a wonderful thing to be able to go to college and prepare oneself to serve the Lord, whatever his will might be! And it is for that reason that we MKs are so grateful to the Woman's Missionary Union for the Margaret Fund. It is the door and for most of us, the only door to a college education. This aid through the



Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor University, presents scholarship to Bill Cooper

Margaret Fund and the friendship of WMU workers all over the South has been a real blessing to me.

The three years that followed our arrival in the States brought a marked influence in our lives. After one year, Mother, Daddy and Buddy, my youngest brother, returned to Argentina. It took me quite a while—a year, I suppose—to realize that from now on there would be no Mother or Daddy to go to for advice or be at home when I came back from school. There would be no Buddy to play with. One consolation we had, however, for we were very fortunate in having a very dear friend in Mr. Barry Bobo of Lyon, Mississippi who, along with all our relatives, has opened his home to us.

School work at Baylor is a joy. The teachers are certainly kind and patient. It is an inspiration to me to be able to be around professors of the calibre one finds at Baylor. The unlimited opportunities open to one, the expert guidance that is available, the Christian spirit, the student body all go to make an outstanding institution, one to which I am greatly indebted.

The first summer I was in the States I had the privilege of working with RAs in Mississippi, Alabama and Maryland. The first summer in RA camps I became intensely aware of the universal need for Christ. The unlimited opportunities for service were appealing. The next summer I was privileged

to do RA work in Maryland. These two summers were very influential in helping me grow closer to the Lord. Working with boys, trying to help them realize their need for Christ and Christ's need for them, made me see that I must strive to be the right kind of Ambassador for Christ. I came to see that through the Royal Ambassador program boys would become mission-minded men, men who would say with joy, "Here am I, Lord, send me"—men who would say, "Here are my tithes and offerings, Lord,—and my life is thine to serve thee here."

This year I hope to graduate from Baylor with a major in philosophy. Next year I may go to the Seminary or do graduate work. As yet I don't know what the Lord would have me do when I finish the Seminary but I know he will reveal the plan he has for my life.

"A Million More in '54"

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Christ—at home, in the community, in the state, the nation and the world. The Bible message will produce missionary membership.

Another result that we may expect is an increase in gifts to missions. When people see the need they will do more to send the message. As gifts increase the churches will be able to serve in a widening circle and will seek to carry out in a more effective manner the commission of Christ to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

It is also expected that there will be a growing interest in stewardship as more people study the Bible. This stewardship would go beyond a stewardship of money and include the stewardship of life, talent, consecration and of every possible means for advancement of the cause of Christ. Bible knowledge will normally lead to better stewards for the Lord and his service.

These are some of the things that may be expected when we reach "A Million More in '54" in the Sunday schools of our churches.

TIDBITS about WMS Focus Week



WMS Focus Week is almost here. How busy your societies will be January 17-22! Each day will be planned with wonderful and inspirational things for the women. Much preparation and many prayers will accompany these precious days. There are suggestions on page 8 of December ROYAL SERVICE.

Last year many Woman's Missionary Societies, both large and small, observed WMS Focus Week and reported their results to us. We thought you would be interested, and maybe you will get some ideas from their comments.

✓ Used WMU emblem on front cover of church bulletin.

✓ WMS Focus Week bulletin used (Order from Baptist Bulletin Service, 161 Eighth Ave. North, Nashville 3, Tennessee, price 90c per hundred if your church already subscribes to bulletin service; otherwise \$1.50).

✓ Sunday morning service featuring the WMS recorded and taken to shut-ins.

✓ WMS in charge of mid-week service.

✓ Held Day of Prayer for local needs.

✓ Urged each family to have family worship.

✓ Monday was enlistment day; Tuesday, stewardship; Wednesday, organized a new society; Thursday, community missions; Friday, began a mission study book.

✓ At our regular monthly meeting the history of our society from organization to the new WMU year was given.

✓ Twenty-three women responded to the call for new members in the Woman's Missionary Society . . . one of the most encouraging events that has ever happened in our church. There are yet others to join.

✓ On Sunday our pastor's subject was "Frontiers Unlimited," based on our watchword for the year. The music director used our WMU hymn as an anthem; used missionary hymns in congregational singing. The center section of the church reserved for WMS members was filled. On Monday at our regular WMS



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meeting there were 103 present although we have only 82 enrolled. On Tuesday we presented a skit on the Achievement Chart (this appeared in December 1952 and January 1953 ROYAL SERVICE) followed by an officer's clinic. All of our circle officers and chairmen were present. Wednesday night we had charge of prayer meeting. Thursday afternoon and evening we visited unenlisted women. Friday night we had a meeting in three parts: 7:30 a program of inspirational music in the church auditorium; 7:50 a candlelight program in the Intermediate department; 8:10 a reception in honor of all the WMS members and their guests in the fellowship hall.

✓ There was an exhibit of our WMS work in the church lobby. Three different displays featured the (1) WMS at work in community missions, stewardship, program planning, mission study, etc.; (2) mission magazines; (3) mission study.

✓ The missionary society attended church in a group. The colors, lavender and white, were carried out in the floral decorations and in identification ribbons worn by all members. During the week there were special activities such as visiting the sick and intercessory prayer league members, studying a mission book, and enlisting new members.

✓ We tried to observe Focus Week. We got two new ROYAL SERVICE subscriptions and established one family worship. We put pictures in Sunday school rooms that did not have any and painted enough flower pots for each room. The flower expense was only \$1.45 and it was such a pleasure to improve the appearance of each of our eleven rooms. We made plans to send a box to our orphans' home. Also to organize a WMS and Sunbeam Band in a nearby Negro church. We attended the mission study institute. All five of us received a blessing. We prayed a great deal because our WMS almost died about a year ago, but thank God and a few faithful members it wasn't buried! Our young people are more interested than the women seem to be. But we never intend to quit or give up because missions needs us and most of all God needs us. We think Focus Week has helped us in more than one way. To close the week we presented a home mission program Sunday night to arouse more interest in missions as we approach our March Week of Prayer. We don't know yet all we may have accomplished, but we feel the satisfaction that comes from doing our best.

Resolve now that you will keep your Woman's Missionary Society in focus throughout the coming year.

Study WMU Manual by Mail

A study of the **MANUAL OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION** is a part of a course offered by the Seminary Extension Department. The church organizations section includes all the activities in a Baptist church which are promoted by the denomination.

Sixteen other courses, including seven Bible studies, missionary history and evangelism will interest women as well as men.

One of the women who took the course states, "This is one of the most worthwhile ways to utilize one's time and enlarge one's mind. Thank you for this opportunity."

For details write Lee Gallman, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

Hints to Committee Chairmen

To Community Missions Chairmen

If you have not already read the program in this month's ROYAL SERVICE, turn to it right now. As you read, mark the passages that give you ideas of what your women could do to minister to students from other lands. If you are in a college town, talk to the registrar and have names and addresses of overseas students in hand by the time your WMS meets. Do not let the inspiration of the program pass without making definite plans to minister to these young people in your community.

If yours is not a college community, your women could still entertain two or three of these young people for a week end. Get the names and nationalities from a nearby college in your state, and present the idea to your members. The YWA's will enjoy planning entertainment as well as periods of worship for these guests. Your members should respond eagerly to an opportunity to help reveal the Saviour to students from other lands.

As community missions chairman, have you been using the new leaflet "Christian Recreation"? Working with the church to provide wholesome recreation for young people is a special emphasis being made by Woman's Missionary Union this year through its community missions program. Does your church have a program of recreation? If not, the leaflet tells you how to start something. If so, the leaflet suggests activities to undergird the church program. Christian recreation not only will strengthen the moral standards of the community but will also reach out to unenlisted boys and girls, serving as a means to win them to Christ and the church.

Suggestions in the leaflet include: Survey your community for all types and places of recreation both good and bad; begin with youth fellowship on Sunday night, or open house on Friday night or certain hours to keep a recreation room open; plan a "Hobby Lobby" and arrange an exhibit

of the hobbies of church members; invite unenlisted young people to recreation activities. With your committee, study these and other suggestions found in the leaflet and include those activities that will meet the needs of the young people in your own community.

If you do not already have the leaflet "Christian Recreation," order it free from your state WMU office. This planning leaflet is for the use of community missions chairmen and counselors of young people's organizations, so order only enough to use in your committee meeting.

Edith Stokely

To Stewardship Chairmen

January is always a good time to check on the past and make plans for the future. One quarter of your WMU year is over. Your report for that quarter is made. How does your number of tithers compare with the number of members in WMU organizations? How many are giving regularly through the Cooperative Program? These questions and answers are your special concern.

In making your report at the WMS business meeting you should mention the achievements of the year so far, then suggest some New Year stewardship resolutions. Two good slogans would be TITHERS MORE IN '54 and GIVING MORE IN '54.

Cut small bells from construction paper and print on one side: RING OUT COVETOUSNESS—RING IN TITHING; and on the other side: RING OUT SELFISHNESS—RING IN GIVING. These could be given out when making your report at the business meeting or used as favors at luncheon table or on refreshment plates.

This is a good time to distribute some stewardship leaflets. Order free from state WMU office copies of "The WMU Plan

of Giving." This gives detailed information about the Cooperative Program, the offerings of the three seasons of prayer and the obligation of all Christian stewards to become tithers.

Have a supply of stewardship covenant cards on hand (free from your state WMU office). Some members of your society may make New Year's resolutions to tithe. These should be led to sign the card which they will keep, reporting to you that they can be counted among the tithers.

Next to winning a soul to Christ is the privilege of leading a Christian to become a tither. Your personal New Year's resolution should be to use your position as stewardship chairman to lead as many women and young people as possible to become tithers. Still a good slogan: Every member of Woman's Missionary Union a tither.

"The happiest Christians are the tithing Christians."

Mrs. C. D. Cheaman

To Mission Study Chairmen . . .

If you are the teacher order your book now.

Which book? The book in the 1954 Home Mission graded series you have agreed to teach during the first quarter of the new year. While you are waiting for your book, look around to see what else you can find near at hand.

It is obvious that the theme, "Witnessing to our neighbors of many tongues" includes a variety of language groups; however, three books center on the French and the state of Louisiana. These are *In Evangeline's Country* (WMS), *The New Orleans Story* (YWA) and *The Little Boat Family* (Sunbeam). Other books in the series are *The World in Her Hands*, (Intermediate RA and GA); and *Chatting with the Chews*, (Junior RA and GA). Each book is 50 cents and may be obtained from the Baptist Book Store in your state. Teacher's Helps for all the books are given in the book *Our Neighbors Of Many Tongues*, also 50 cents from your Baptist Book Store.

Brush up on a few facts about Louisiana and "America's most interesting city," New Orleans. It was here in 1718 that Bienville, the Father of New Orleans, landed. Here in 1765 arrived the Spaniards

as the new owners of the state. Back to France went "Louisiana" which extended to the Pacific Ocean from which fourteen states were made. Here in 1803 Napoleon sold the territory to the United States for \$15,000,00. For more details and the Battle of Orleans, look up Louisiana in a good encyclopedia. If you have ever been to New Orleans it is likely that you have a tourist's guide book which will provide much colorful and authentic information.

Maybe years ago you bought *Fabulous New Orleans* (1929) by Lyle Saxon. While you are looking on your bookshelves for it see if you have *The Bayous of Louisiana* (1943) by Harnett Kane. Perhaps your public library will have copies of these.

Here are several books that you may purchase from the Baptist Book Store in your state. A charming story about a little French girl and her Indian friend is *Bayou Suzette* by Lois Lenski, \$3. *Gulf Coast Country*, Carter and Regusin, \$3.50 and *Children of Noah*, Burnam, \$3.50, throw light on the first French settlement in what is now the United States and the Chinese of the shrimp platforms in Barataria Bay. *A Path of Light*, 75c, contains a sketch of Lucien Smith, who pioneered in Baptist work in south Louisiana.

Now go through your file of the magazine, *Southern Baptist Home Missions*. Clip all articles and news items that relate to the French, Chinese, and other nationalities who are reached by the Baptist International Center in Berkeley, California. Notice particularly the November, 1953 issue which tells about the French.

By inheritance most French-speaking Americans are Roman Catholic. Write to the Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta 3, Georgia for free tracts on Catholicism. Investigate other sources of information such as *Blanchard's American Freedom and Catholic Power*, \$1.95 from your Baptist Book Store.

Do as much reading and thinking as you can about French-speaking Americans before the time comes to teach. It is important that you see Americans with French-Catholic background as individuals rather than as a separate language group.

Mrs. William M. Murry
MISSION STUDY DIRECTOR



... from Fred M. Horton
Japan Baptist Mission, Yokohama

It was May and we had searched Yokohama over for suitable property for a missionary dwelling. Most lots were too expensive for our budget. Within the budget limits, one piece was right in the midst of tinder-box tenements, another was occupied by cave-dweller squatters, and others had rice crops on them.

Finally, our broker had one last plot to show us. We wearily trudged up a beautiful valley toward a hill-top area. The broker led us on past a corner lot which caused a sigh in my heart.

But he said, "The owner won't sell. He's keeping it for his own home." My heart fell. The other plot proved to be nice, but that lovely corner lot seemed to me to be the best. The broker agreed to ask the owner again, but was pessimistic.

A few days later, the broker sent a message. The owner had heard that his own former home was to be released by the occupation and he would sell. But his price was too high. Another message from the broker failed to reach me—and I failed to show up at an interview with the owner. This scared me a little—what if the owner got mad! This plot was the best in location and was practically all that was available. (The broker made another appointment, and this time, I got the message and was there. It was May 27th. I didn't think of what day it was. But we talked, and the owner came down on his price and we made the bargain then and there. I would bring the money later, and he would prepare the deed.

The significance of May 27th occurred to me later. It was my birthday, and people all over the south were praying for the success of God's work entrusted to my care. The missionary property in Yokohama is certainly the "land of answered prayer."

... from Mary Lillian Harris
Lima, Peru

It is after Christmas now, but our tiny girl of four still plays her Christmas game with the four boys of Pastor Gamarra who live next door to us. To "make the manger" they put a doll in a simple bed on the floor, or sometimes in the lovely four-postered doll bed that Mary Carol received for Christmas. Next they put around all their animals, which include a broken set of animals like the Peruvians use instead of Christmas trees. Then all the favorite toys and treasures are placed as presents for the Christ child, often wrapped by tiny fingers. And then they put the star. After wearing one star out, Mary Carol spotted a tiny mirror in the market in the shape of a star and planned all week to go back the next Tuesday to the same trinket place to buy it. Now it twinkles brightly as they hang it over the blessed scene. With Mary, Joseph, angels, and shepherds complete, the children sing "Silent Night" over and over in Spanish.

As we planned the simple Christmas pageant for the children at our mission, it was our prayer that those children and their parents would get the real message from the lines, songs, and Scripture verses. What times we had! Mary was much taller than Joseph; and one shepherd, eight years old, sent me word at the last minute that he could not go through with it. (There was an extra wise man, but he refused to change.) But the two brave shepherds did well, and I shall always remember how one of them said, "I do not know a man who does not need a Saviour." We were all blessed too by the happiness of the chorus of angels as they spoke and sang.

But I did not know that our own little girl, who refused to say her line as the smallest ones expressed what they would give to the Christmas baby, "I give my eyes to Jesus to see what service he has for me," had understood so much from the program and would want to repeat it under her own direction day after day.



... from Enrique and Hazel Pina
Cerro, Havana, Cuba

We are in a house, but we are trusting God in his time will make it possible for us to get a larger place on the main street where it would be more centrally located. This place where we are was in answer to prayer. I am so glad to say God answered our prayers for a piano. He has us here for a purpose. Most of our neighbors are so Catholic they wouldn't think of attending a service but praise God when we had special meetings here the other week, our neighbors on both sides looked at the slides and they had to hear the message.

All the neighbors are very friendly with me. I meet them in the stores in the mornings and wherever I see them I speak to them. The only talent that I believe I have is that I love people and they are all so nice to me. When we do get a place on the main street, I don't doubt but what these people will come to our church.

The newly organized mission society of
the Cerro Baptist Church, Havana, Cuba



... from the Lester Bells
Sao Paulo, Brazil

Greetings from the land of Brazil. We thank you so much for your letters and prayers. How they cheer us along through adversity, obligation, and sunshine.

One month last summer the women entertained the men in a *festa* given in our back yard as a result of a contest between the two adult Sunday school classes in our church. The women provided a loaded table with all kinds of sweets and sandwiches. We had songs, a devotional message, and colored slides of a recent evangelistic trip.

The growth of our Guanabara church, where Mr. Bell is pastor, is a source of great joy to our hearts. This little group of Brazilian Baptists is achieving great things for God. Our attendance is increasing so that we cannot possibly care for more until our building is completed. The part done to this point has been mainly paid for by the Brazilians. Twenty-three have recently decided for Christ, and should all of these be baptized soon, our membership will have increased more than 50 per cent within less than a year. Among other actions, the church has applied for a weekly radio program on a local station, which, if granted, should prove a great opportunity for service in this industrial center. Should this church maintain its present rate of growth, it will become, within a few years, one of the leading churches in this state.

I have been on several long trips into the interior of the states of Minas Gerais and Sao Paulo within recent months, and so have been called the *viajante* (traveler) among my colleagues here in the school. While in Minas Gerais I preached my first full-fledged sermon in Portuguese, and God blessed our efforts with the conversion of four adults. My first radio sermon in the language was delivered in Martinopolis, western Sao Paulo. While on one of these trips I had my first sermon interpreted. I thought in English, preached in Portuguese, and the pastor interpreted the sermon into Latvian, since a large portion of the audience was Latvian. While preaching in Santo Anasta, western Sao Paulo, a Russian girl was saved. I had the joy of visiting this girl and her family while on

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It's Happening Now!

BY MARJORIE MOORE ARMSTRONG

Whoever dials Decatur 2-4044, Washington, D. C., is surprised when the switchboard operator answers: "Protestants United!" So she reduces to two words the unwieldy name, "Protestants and Other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State." This organization was launched largely with Baptist help to safeguard a basic principle of American government. Glenn L. Archer, J.D., its first director, celebrated his fifth anniversary with POAU last September. A quiet, friendly, youngish man, son of a Methodist preacher, and formerly dean of the law school at Topeka, Dr. Archer has the legal skill to deal with the pressures that would destroy our Constitution.

The first test of that skill came when he tried to buy a suitable building for headquarters in the capital city. By outwitting certain hostile forces behind the city's zoning board, and by winning the confidence of the chief beneficiary of the property, Dr. Archer effected the purchase of the vacant home at 1635 Massachusetts Avenue, North West.

POAU is now devoting its energies to testing the constitutionality of tax moneys being used for parochial schools. "Our Roman Catholic friends are pressing for special advantages," Dr. Archer says.

In twenty-two counties of Missouri, POAU found that a total of \$960,000 of tax funds was being used annually for religious teaching. Bringing suit, it had the satisfaction of hearing the court declare such use of such funds was unlawful. Twelve other lawsuits are now pending.

Its enemies declare that POAU is solely responsible for the loss of thirty to thirty-five million dollars by parochial schools in America! "We do not claim such influence," Dr. Archer says, "but we believe the American people want the public schools to be freed of domination by nuns and brothers in clerical garb."

Kentucky is the scene of POAU's current activity. A full page of the Louisville Courier-Journal for March 22, 1953, pre-

sented in news and photograph the story of Catholic influence in education. A four-column headline reads: "The Catholic Church Now Operates 24 Public Schools in Kentucky Alone with 111 of Its Own Institutions." Dr. Archer spoke throughout the state in October, revealing the facts.

The fifth National Conference on Church and State will be held in Washington January 20-21 at Constitution Hall.

Where does the money come from? Dr. Archer says letters arrive daily with contributions of \$1, \$2, 3, and \$5—occasionally \$25—from individuals all over America, most of them Christians, some of them non-Christian Americans who believe in the Constitution.

Who are the officers? The president is Baptist pastor, Dr. Edwin McNeill Potetz of Raleigh; the recording secretary, Dr. J. M. Dawson, formerly of Washington, now Waco, Texas; chairman of the executive committee is Baptist pastor, Dr. Louie D. Newton of Atlanta.

Typical of the "other Americans" in POAU is Stanley Lichtenstein. A rather shy New Yorker, he came in one morning to ask for a job. Dr. Archer said he had no money to hire him.

"But why did you come here?" he asked the young man.

"I just finished college. I have a brother here in Washington, so I decided to settle here. I believe in what this organization stands for. I'd like to work for it." Then he added: "It wouldn't take much money to hire me. I'm single."

Impressed with the young man's sincerity, Dr. Archer thought of something. "If you can help me put out this monthly newsletter, I'll take you on for ten days. When can you start to work?"

"Right now!" Stanley replied, taking off his coat.

Stanley, a devout Jew, has made himself indispensable as press relations director. He got married early in 1953—at eight o'clock (Cont. used on page 28)

Our Job for '54

Our Young People

BY MARGARET BRUCE

Southern Baptists are familiar with the slogan "A Million More in Fifty-Four." Woman's Missionary Union must assume her responsibility for helping to reach this goal and must be ready for this great influx of new members.

Community missions chairmen and committee members will encourage every member of the organizations to assist with census taking. They will secure names of prospects from the pastor and arrange visiting teams. To have a part in bringing in this great number of people will be a thrilling experience.

In order to be ready for these new members we must constitute new auxiliaries; we must organize more Sunbeam Bands, Girls' Auxiliaries, Royal Ambassador chapters, and Young Woman's Auxiliaries. We must train new counselors. Study the man-

uals of each of the organizations, and acquaint the officers and members with the standards of excellence and every phase of missionary education. Secure all the materials for carrying on an A-1 full-graded Woman's Missionary Union. See the current WMU Year Book, and order the attractive supplies available for each of the young people's organizations.

Promote the whole program of Woman's Missionary Union. Enlist the young people in praying for worldwide missions. Encourage them to follow daily the calendar of prayer. Begin now to prepare for the season of prayer for home and state missions. As young people memorize the required passages of Scripture in the Forward Steps and Ranking System, Bible study becomes more essential to them. Continuous mission study in classes and through programs and missionary reading will help promote all the work of Woman's Missionary Union. Quite naturally service and stewardship follow knowledge of need.

To enlist the "Million More in Fifty-Four" we must publicize the fact that there is an organization for every age group. The newcomers must be informed about the purpose, the program, the place of meetings. The publicity chairman in each organization must use wisely the bulletin boards, church bulletins, newspapers, and other means of giving information.

Report progress being made. Reports either encourage or discourage. If good work is being done, encouragement is welcomed; if little progress is being made, we need to know so that our dissatisfaction will push us out to change things. Urge every counselor and young people's director to be prompt and careful in reporting all activities requested on the blanks.

During the next fifty-two weeks let's have a vital part in this tremendous undertaking of our denomination and be ready to enlist the "million more" in the missionary education program of Woman's Missionary Union.



Its' Happening Now

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one week day morning and reported for work at nine—and his salary is no longer \$15 a week as it was three years ago. Dr. Archer is editor of the monthly publication *Church and State*, which Stanley Lichtenstein helps produce, and the two work together as a team in promotional efforts.

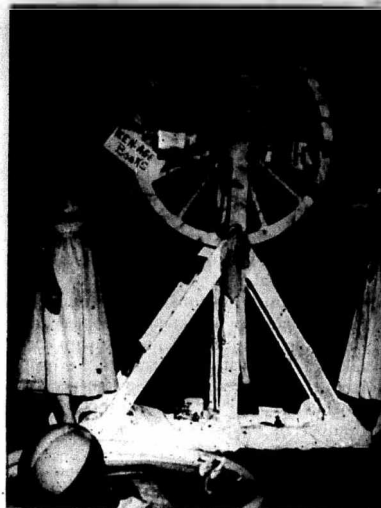
Two major obstacles confront POAU. "Some Protestants oppose our work on the grounds that we are fastening upon our society a 'secularistic culture'—whatever that means," Dr. Archer reports. "'Secular' seems to them to mean 'ungodly.'" In the public schools godliness will be taught by devout teachers who live according to the highest principles of Christian faith, but teach no particular dogma.

Protestants teaching in public schools is the other problem. "Protestant and non-Catholic people have a duty to contain their zeal at the point of using the public school for the teaching of their denominational beliefs," he declares. "They weaken our fight against the official policy of the highly-integrated Catholic Church, to break down the wall of separation of church and state, and gradually take over the public schools. Any religious group violates the law when it moves into the public school and imparts sectarian teachings."

Letter-ettes

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a second trip to this city, and she took great delight in preparing a delicious lunch for me while I was there. The power of the gospel of Christ erases all racial barriers. The great hunger for the gospel and the spiritual needs of the masses of people here in the vast reaches of this land almost crush one's soul. Once while passing through a city of 75,000 in Minas Gerais, we gathered together four believers (there are only eight Baptists in the city) for a preaching service in a home. To our surprise and joy, the house was almost filled with people interested in the gospel. As we prepared to leave, a man faced us with this plea: "Please stay with us. How can you leave us and this city when there is such hunger for the message?" His question was hard to answer.



Scenes from the Book Fair at the Illinois BWC and YWA Retreat



Louisiana

Webster Parish Federation met at Minden with forty-eight attending. Officers were elected; then Mrs. James Fritz, retiring president, introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Jack Roop of Shreveport.

As Mrs. Roop told of visiting the Holy Land, her descriptions showed her deepened love for Christ. A solo, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked," and prayer were a fitting climax to the meeting.



Oklahoma

One of the six Business Woman's Circles of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City formed a Missionary Round Table more than a year ago. Every member was invited to come to the mission study chairman's home to hear about the Missionary Round Table and to join if she wished. Fifteen came. The mission study chairman held up one book after another, giving a brief review or simply stating something that dealt with the book and asked who would like to take each. In no time all fifteen people had a book, thus a Missionary Round Table was formed.

Some fell by the way during the fifteen months that this round table was in exist-

Keep us informed about the activities of your BWC.

We are always glad to receive news and pictures.

ence. This report is not complete because some of the members moved from town and the count on their reading cannot be reported. One hundred and one books were read, two members read fourteen of the books, two members read thirteen of the books, others read all the way from eleven books down to one. We found this very stimulating and we look forward to forming another Missionary Round Table in our circle.

"Though some read but one or two books, we feel that even those books would not have been read had those members of our circle not come and joined the Missionary Round Table. We acknowledge also that fifteen is too many for a round table but this was our first attempt and had no idea that fifteen would come manifesting interest and a desire to join. When we form our new one no doubt we will limit it to ten or twelve members. We were delighted with the books," the circle reports.

Illinois

"We've been a campin'! We've been a campin'!" could be said by all those attending the BWC and YWA Retreat at Lake Sallateeska.

Everyone attended a "Book Fair" and reception for three state officers—Mrs. Curtis Martin, state WMU president, Mrs. Jack Knowles, BWC president, and Miss Denise Hagan, state YWA president.

The auditorium was decorated in a "Fair Atmosphere" with mirror room, Ferris wheel, airplanes, balloons, umbrellas and even a very inviting wading pool. Delicious lemonade was served, which just "hit the spot."

Miss Eva Berry, WMS secretary of Missouri, was BWC guest speaker telling of her trip to Mexico. Mrs. Jack Knowles taught the BWC Guide.

Why don't you have a "Book Fair" in your BWC?

Except a Corn of Wheat...

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friends of the First Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, heard of his decision and provided the funds necessary for Takeshi to enter the Baptist Seminary in Fukuoka, Japan. He had been a member of another denomination, but he chose to come into the Baptist church along with his parents. He has been in school since April, having given up a good business position at the age of twenty-eight, to enter the ministry.

One year after Nicky's death, President Hara of Seinan Jo Gakuin, with several of her close friends, went to Hachiya to conduct a memorial service for Nicky. On that day it was decided that regular Sunday services would be held in the Kajita home. So since December, 1952, the gospel has been preached in that Buddhist community. Eight adults including Nicky's parents made decisions for Christ at a special evangelistic meeting held in the Kajita home in the early summer.

"Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit" (John 12:24).

Surely God is wonderful! He has brought out of Nicky's tragic death the salvation of her loved ones. The influence of her life is felt today on two continents—Asia and America.

by her father, Mr. Yonezo Kajita

Nicky, our daughter, was born July 5, 1918 at 12:30 a.m., in Mary Johnson Hospital at Tondo, Philippine Islands.

At the time of Nicky's birth I was having financial difficulties. But through the kindness of Mr. Ruston, an American friend in Manila, I was able to pay the hospital bill with the money he offered to lend me.

Now Nicky lies buried in America. When I think of the kindness of this American friend in Manila, I feel grateful that her grave is in America. I do not believe that it makes any difference where one is buried, and I feel that this is God's will.

Nicky was very thoughtful of her old parents. She sent us letters very often. By these letters we were led to see God's love. It grieves our hearts that though Nicky, through the help of Baptist friends in America, had received a three year scholarship and was preparing to return to Japan to do Christian work, she was taken before she could accomplish her task. But I am overwhelmed with the realization that God gave Nicky to us. I am grateful that through her death we, her parents, can feel God's leading hand. Her brother, also, because of this sad experience, has dedicated himself to the Christian ministry.

I believe that Nicky is now happy in heaven. As long as God gives me strength I will gladly serve him throughout my life.



Missionary Melvin Bradshaw (standing center) baptized this group of believers in Japan. Nicky's parents are seated in the center

THEME: A Sinful World--A Sufficient Saviour

Program The World At Our Doorstep

by Mrs. Fred Neiger

The writer is the wife of Dr. Fred Neiger, teacher of Bible at University of Missouri

Program Helps

Invitations: On a government card or correspondence card, draw or paste a world globe with a picture of a woman holding a telescope, looking at the world. Print below: How close is your world? Meet us (place of meeting) at (time and date) and see the world on your doorstep.

Individual Programs: Draw an outline of your state on the cover of your program and paste the faces of international on the outline of your state. Print below: Are you ready for your guests?

VISUAL AIDS: 16 mm. sound motion pictures

Gateway to Europe—16 minutes—color
Southern Baptist ministry through the Baptist Seminary in Ruschlikon-Zurich. Glimpses of student life through one year at the seminary, as young men from the several countries study and train together. We meet the faculty and see the school building and equipment. Rental, \$5

Handmaidens of the King—14 minutes—color
Presents the Armstrong Memorial Training School of Rome, the missionaries, Italian workers, students, physical equipment, etc. A Program Guide is furnished. Rental, \$5

That They May Hear—30 minutes—black and white. A Broadman film release prepared in co-operation with the Foreign Mission Board. In this story a Japanese student from a mission school enters an American school and leads his roommate, and the roommate's family, to accept their responsibility as Christians in today's world. Rental, \$9

Slide-set

Turn on the Lights—48 Kodachrome slides 2 x 2, Educational Missions in Nigeria, Study Guide or 16"—\$3½ RPM record

All films and slides may be ordered from your Baptist Book Store.

Program Plans: Have an attractive centerpiece made up of flags of various countries. The flags may be purchased from your Baptist Book Store (price, 50¢ each) or use flags made by GAs in Forward Steps. If students are home from college, ask some to tell

about the overseas students on their campus. Draw or build up with cutouts pasted on large poster the entrance to a home with students from several countries standing on the porch, steps, and lawn. Print below these words: *These Are Your Guests.*

Community Missions: Here are some suggested books that are easy to read and not very expensive, which the students of other lands could read and more easily understand Christianity. If they are already Christians these books will strengthen them greatly.

Lord I Believe, by R. G. Lee, \$1.50
The Targum of the Gospel, by Dr. Townley Lord, \$1.50
Mr. Jones, Meet the Master, by Mrs. Catherine Marshall, \$2.50

Program Outline

Hymn: "Give of Your Best to the Master"

Prayer: Use the Calendar of Prayer

Devotional Period: It's The Way You Live

Prayer: For those in our community who do not know Christ as Saviour, also the thousands of guests in our land from other countries.

Talks: The World at our Doorstep
Who are these Guests?
A Compelling Responsibility
Revealing Our Saviour

Hymn: "Make Me a Channel of Blessing"

Talks: A Student's Christian Experience Strengthened

Food—Fellowship—Friends
Wrong Winning
How We Begin
Be His Witness
A Two-way Process

Hymn: "The Light of the World is Jesus"

Prayer: That today Christian women the world over will accept God's call to be his witness, his missionaries at home and abroad

It's The Way You Live!

"... and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8b).

The highest human service to our fellow man and the highest service to our Lord is leading an unsaved, unregenerate person to the Saviour. The world's most powerful people are active personal soul-winners. The most effective soul-winners are those who demonstrate their love for souls in the life they live each day.

We cannot read Acts 1:8 without realizing that every Christian is a missionary. Even as Christians have gone to China, Japan, Africa and many other countries because God has called them to be missionaries, you and I must know that God is calling us, as Christians, to be missionaries at home.

Every Christian a missionary means that regardless of vocation in life the opportunity and the responsibility of witnessing to the power of Christ belong to every Christian. Our daily prayer should be, first, "O God, make me a Christian," then "a good mother, a good wife, a good secretary, etc." In that way the saving power

of Christ would be made manifest in our community, in our state, in our United States and unto the uttermost parts of the world.

Christ's work must be done through the overflow of Christian living in the lives of the millions who represent Christ in this and other countries of the world. Are you helping to extend his kingdom by witnessing where you are?

The World At Our Doorstep

How would you like to have over 30,000 guests from many foreign countries standing at your doorstep? They stood there last year and this year there will probably be more. Every year there are students and others that come to observe special projects in the United States.

"Oh," you say, "not many of these students are in my state." Let's look by states in our Southern Baptist Convention. In 1952-1953 there were in Alabama 165, Arizona 112, Arkansas 72, California, 4,442, District of Columbia 1,018, Florida 607, Georgia 298, Illinois 1,700, Kansas 391, Kentucky 208, Louisiana 597, Maryland 75, Mississippi 109, Missouri 513, New Mexico 374, North Carolina 125, Tennessee 311, Texas 976, Virginia 230, and Washington



Dr. Samuel Maddox with foreign students at Ridgcrest during BSU week

Bryce Finch

1,072. These in your state are standing on your front porch. If you open your door, you have the opportunity of showing these future national leaders what our country is really like.

One of these days this intellectual group will return to their respective countries. They will take their impressions with them. What will they be? What will they tell their families and their friends about America? What will they tell them about Christianity? That depends on you and me.

These guests make a parade of attractive students from many lands. Regardless of their nationality, their eyes shine with the same light and their laughter and chatter fill the air. Yes, they are right on our own streets in college towns from all over the world. Since childhood haven't you longed to go into all the world, but couldn't? Now God has brought the world to us! How wonderful!

Who Are These Guests?

These students represent the finest in their land. They have the best cultural backgrounds, and have been carefully selected from many applicants. Many have completed their college work in their own country and enter for post-graduate study or technical training. They look to America as the educational center of the world and are here with a definite objective: to better prepare themselves to be the future leaders of their countries and of the world. Some attended Christian colleges in their own country. This experience was satisfying and uplifting and they expect to find that same spiritual atmosphere in America. It will be sad if they become disillusioned and return to their countries feeling that Christianity does not work, hating America and using their influence against us.

Approximately 19,000 of these guests list themselves as Christians. Of this number nearly 8,000 are of the Protestant faith, another 700 to 800 are of the Orthodox, and slightly over 7,000 are Roman Catholics. They are in nearly 1,300 colleges and universities in the United States.

These students have been rightly called "unofficial ambassadors." As contacts are made with students and teachers in school, as they observe Americans at home, on the streets, and in places of business, they gain

the impressions which they will share with their countrymen. They are constantly judging our motives, the depth of our friendship and our loyalty to Christ.

The students come to our country under special regulations and their stay is dependent upon their carrying a full academic load of study. When a college or university accepts them that college or university is responsible for them as long as they remain in the United States. Therefore, most schools have on their faculty or administrative staff some one person who becomes the Foreign Student Adviser.

Some students come under special grants from our government to study the democratic process and various departments of life and work. Still others come through the generosity of Christian organizations, and a few come on personal resources.

Those who have had any of these guests in our homes will enthusiastically declare that friendship breaks down all barriers. A Chinese family was to go with an American family to a church Thanksgiving dinner. The parents tried to prepare their children



Audio-Visual for January

by Mildred Williams

Johnny Gordon was very upset and embittered when he returned to college and discovered one of his roommates was to be Kiyoki Sugiyama, a Japanese national student. John's brother was killed during the war in a Japanese prison camp, and he and his family had allowed bitterness to become imbedded in their heart.

Kiyoki's wonderful Christian spirit, however, wins first the love of Johnny and then his parents. Johnny finally dedicates his life to serve as a missionary to Japan.

This story is portrayed in the film, **THAT THEY MAY HEAR**. The motion picture is a Broadman Films production, in co-operation with the Foreign Mission Board. It runs for 30 minutes and may be rented for \$9.00 through your nearest Baptist Book Store.

for the occasion by telling them the Chinese children might look a little different but that children the world over are really all alike. Soon after the arrival of the Chinese friends the children began to giggle and point out the differences. But from that evening on the children of the two families became good friends. Less than a year later, the nine-year-old girl said, "Mother, do you remember how we giggled when we first saw our Chinese friends because we thought they were different? You know, they don't look any different to me now. Why is it?"

A Compelling Responsibility

The presence of 30,000 young men and women in our country confronts the churches with their single greatest concentrated evangelistic and missionary opportunity. Through the years we have sent hundreds of missionaries to foreign lands. It was easy to promise them we would pray and give that they might work and win. Today, we are faced with the privilege and the obligation of adding work to our praying and our giving. To teach these students the technical know-how, to give them material aid or theoretical good will is not enough. These will not build international friendship.

The Committee on Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students, 291 Broadway, New York, N. Y., always has a group of well-trained volunteers ready to meet any student coming by plane, or ship, at any port of entry in the United States. This means much to even the bravest of these students entering our country for the first time. This committee does an admirable work and gives the overseas student a good first impression of America. From the port of entry the student goes to his college or university.

Some may say, "If they are taken care of so nicely in the beginning of their adventure in America, it seems to me they should have no trouble." But here is where the real work should begin. Regardless of how helpful the professors may be, it is not enough for our guests merely to learn the facts presented in the classroom. Our responsibility as Christians is to make them feel welcome in the community as a whole, in the state in which their school is located,

and in these United States.

All of us remember our first few days away from home when we entered college. We recall how homesick we were, even though we knew there would soon be a vacation and we could go home for a visit. These students cannot go home for the holidays. They must stay until their education is completed, sometimes two or three years. Often wife and children had to be left in the homeland. Each has a real need for a home away from home, a family fellowship.

Many Christians are co-operating with the Foreign Student Adviser, opening their homes to these students. Who of us Baptists could not share our home with these visitors and bring joy and good will into their lonely hearts? There are Baptist students among these guests; we are brothers in Christ, this is our opportunity to put our beliefs into practice. Not only should we open our homes to the Christian, but the same warm fellowship should and must be extended to those of the Buddhist, Moslem, or Hindu faith.

The Chambers of Commerce, service clubs, and many other groups unite to acquaint the overseas student with the cultural, professional, business, and social values of our country. Our churches must not fail to give them a true picture of Christianity.

Revealing Our Saviour

These students are with us only a very short time. While we must act quickly, we must also remember that we are an unknown quantity to these young men and women from abroad. Many will quite likely be somewhat uncertain of our motives. The approach must be one of willingness and sincerity in order to win their confidence and respect. If there is any suggestion that our overtures of friendship are motivated only by compulsion to do the right thing, if we leave the impression that we are discharging a duty, their sensitive natures and natural hesitancy will sense it at once. This undertaking in friendship is no easy task. The best foundation for it is a genuine respect for the student as an individual, and an appreciation of the natural culture he represents as part of the world picture. We must accept the fact

that persons of different cultural, racial, and religious backgrounds are sincerely seeking to know, appreciate and understand one another. It is a mutual quest.

Mr. J. Benjamin Schmaker says, "The Committee on Friendly Relations knows that the Christian foreign students in our country are not having the fullest opportunity in fellowship with the Christian church and with Christian families that we hope they might have. We have evidence that some of them are returning to their homeland quite disillusioned with their experiences with American Christians."

A Student's Christian Experience Strengthened

Several years ago, in Japan, Mr. Yamamoto came home to tell his family he had met a most unusual person that day—a missionary. He said to his daughter, "Jan, this missionary has something that we don't have. He's different, there's a light in his face. It must be his religion that makes the difference. I want you to meet him and learn of his religion. I'm too old to make a change, but it isn't too late for you."

Jan met the missionary and soon accepted Christ as her personal Saviour. Jan said, "I wanted to tell others about my Saviour, but my knowledge was too limited. When I learned I would come to America to study, I was so happy because now I would learn more about Christianity."

"My arrival in the States was most pleasant. But, when I arrived at my university I had trouble finding a suitable room and could not find a roommate. The first few weeks were very lonely and I began to have an unkind attitude toward America and her people. One day an invitation came inviting me and several others to be dinner guests in a home. Other invitations followed and I met many lovely Christian people. The women of the various churches in the community invited me to speak and always they encouraged me. Everything seems different now. I love America and all the people. I'm going back to Japan and tell my people I've seen Christianity at work. Too, I feel I can talk with our young people about Christ. I do pray many of our young people in Japan will have the experience of Christian fellowship in America."

The Year Before Us

*Standing at the portal
Of the opening year,
Words of comfort meet us,
Hushing every fear;
Spoken through the silence
By our Father's voice,
Tender, strong, and faithful,
Making us rejoice.*

*For the year before us,
O what rich supplies!
For the poor and needy
Living streams shall rise;
For the sad and sinful
Shall His grace abound;
For the faint and feeble
Perfect strength be found.*

*He will never fail us,
He will not forsake;
His eternal covenant
He will never break;
Rising on His promise,
What have we to fear?
God is all-sufficient
For the coming year.*

—FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL

Food—Fellowship—Friends

In December of 1952, the members of the WMS of the First Baptist Church of Mexico, Missouri, took cookies and nut and orange bread to be used at a tea for overseas students at nearby Columbia, Missouri. Among the many guests was a student from India and one from Pakistan, who met for the first time. A few evenings later they were having dinner in a Baptist home with three other students. Sitting across the table from each other the Moslem student said, "In our own country we have no friendship with the Hindu, we do not speak, and already here in America we've become fast friends. Why is it?" Was it not that the principles of Jesus Christ were being felt in this international relationship, drawing these two young men of different faiths together?

Wrong Witnessing

Two Baptist women called on a couple from Cuba four months after school started. "We are very happy to see you," they said. "We began to feel the American people were not too friendly. You are our first American callers. American students all have the spirit of 'We Americans'."

A young lady from Holland said in an argument with an American student, "The trouble with you Americans is that you think you are better than other peoples of the world. You think you are more intelligent and that your schools are better than ours. You always try to start an argument to prove you are better."

An Oriental commented: "The lack of modesty in the American girl hurts me and it seems to me the American girls are not very understanding of our ideas of modesty."

A student from Uganda who had been refused food in restaurants wrote: "Mercilessly they send you away; you go with your hunger and your anger, not knowing what to do. Is this the land of brotherly love? Even our Bishop when he came was not spared such experiences."

A West Indian writes: "I concede that there are fine folks everywhere but in general I find a cold front built on prejudice, which seems to me due to ignorance of the rights and culture of other peoples. . . . It is paradoxical how a supposedly Christian nation can be so unchristian."

How We Begin

In many states the community missions chairman, or an international chairman, appointed by the community missions chairman, seeks to promote Christian friendliness between our women and the overseas students.

The Foreign Student Adviser is always ready to furnish the list of these students with all necessary information. This Adviser wants to co-operate with churches and missionary organizations in all planned activity. But one request is that we not interfere with the student's study hours. Too many speaking engagements can utilize too much time. So begin:

1. Simply by being friendly. Urge Baptist students to speak to these students as

they meet them on the campus, on the streets, or in places of business. Encourage them to extend a cordial invitation to the student building for refreshments and fellowship.

2. In the District of Columbia there is an Interracial Fellowship Day in November planned co-operatively by Negro and white Baptist women of the District. The Baptists sponsor two "Baptist Nights" and co-operate in an Interracial Night at the International Center. A few Interracial Clubs promoted by District of Columbia Baptists, are proving to be a source of unusual blessing. Overseas families are "adopted" under the Christian Friendliness Program. Christian Friendliness Tour is always planned in January, visiting Washington International Center, the Italian Baptist Church of the Redeemer, and the Baptist Christian Center. Mrs. Carleton Long, executive secretary of WMU of the District, writes: "Howard Reese, our BSU secretary, contacts these students and endeavors to win them through active interest in the student union into the kingdom of God."

3. Many churches have planned teas, buffet suppers, banquets, fellowship hours, and sightseeing trips for groups of foreign students, acquainting them with the town.

4. College YWAs select "overseas sisters." During the year each girl is remembered with small gifts, an invitation to the BSU banquet, a party, or a church activity. YWAs over the state write for the names of girls from other lands, and correspond with them or invite them as week-end guests.

5. It would be worth while to secure sectional maps of the world to place in the

OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS

Why not send your old Christmas cards to Formosa? Peter Tang writes that they give the cards to the children in Sunday school each Sunday. The boys and girls like to paste Scripture verses on them.

Check with your post office about mailing regulations. Then wrap your bundle securely and address it to

Peter Tang
Taiwan Baptist Seminary, Box 427
Taichung, Taiwan

Student Center or church. Ask each student to designate his home city with a pin, thumbtack, or star and write his name in the margin of the mounted map with an arrow from name pointing to location on map.

6. A number of schools had International banquets last year. Three successful dinners were served at the Baptist Student Center in the University of Missouri. Local Baptist women cooked and served the food which was provided by the Baptist women of the state. The BWC established an "Overseas Fund" to help defray expense of the dinners, to buy Bibles for students, to aid families in time of illness, and so on.

7. YWAs never forget the joy of having a Christmas party for children of parents from overseas. A Christmas tree, Santa, and Christmas story show these children and their parents how Christianity is at work.

8. On holidays many of these students are invited to go home with an American student. What an opportunity to witness! How tragic if the homes to which they go are not Christian!

9. A church sometimes invites a number of students to its community for a week end. Plans are usually made for one or more to speak or sing during one of the services on Sunday. Of course, an invitation is always extended to them to worship with the host family. If they refuse, the host is gracious and understanding.

10. Every foreigner is eager to see St. Louis, New York, Washington, San Francisco. At Christmas time many go to these cities. This presents a wonderful opportunity for the student secretary or the church leader to secure the names of those who plan to spend the holidays in their city, and to extend a written invitation for a party at some Baptist church or center or in a home. Holidays are lonely days in a strange country.

11. Each year a number of churches not in college towns write to the colleges and "adopt" a student. Boxes of cookies, candy, small gifts especially at Christmas and Easter are sent to the adopted "son" or "daughter."

There are many ways of revealing our Saviour to these students. But, the easiest and most effective way of all is to invite at least two of these guests into our home for a meal. A good home-cooked meal has its

appeal. It is so easily done—a call on the telephone and hostess and student eagerly look forward to his arrival. A written invitation should follow so there will be no misunderstanding as to the place and time.

The host usually calls for the guests. This does away with hesitancy in ringing strange doorbells. These guests love to feel they are a part of the family. Children are good "ice breakers." During the meal and all through the evening the good host and hostess make the conversation natural, spontaneous, honest, and sincere. The guests are not questioned too much about life in their country, how they differ from us, etc., but, rather, are permitted to talk as they wish. If the student is so impressed with their friendliness that he has the desire to "drop in" and chat from time to time, much has been accomplished.

Be His Witness

In all these contacts be thoroughly Christian. Pray that God will use you as his witness, and before you realize it, these students will want what you have in your life and will begin asking questions about your church, your religion, and your God. They say, "I like your religion" or "I am impressed with Christianity, but how do I know there is a God?" "Is it not enough just to be a good man?" "Why do you have so many different churches?" The process is slow; it is not easy for them to cut age-old ties but they do like the Christian way of living and say, "There must be a God!"

A Two-way Process

The exchange program is a two-way process, and for you there is fully as much to receive as there is to give. They have much to offer in the way of culture of the centuries. A sense of belonging is strengthened if the student gives as well as receives.

Here is a challenge not only to win these multitudes but to demonstrate to the world that in Christ people of all races can dwell together in peace. As Christians we have the privilege and opportunity to illustrate before the eyes of the world a fruitful realization of this dream as we reveal our Saviour and his teachings to more than 30,000 guests this year. What will you do about it?

Pray Ye

by Mrs. Elmer W. Brillhart, Oklahoma

The missionaries are listed by birthdays. For detailed addresses, see directory in *Southern Baptist Home Missions magazine*, and *Directory of Missionary Personnel* which may be obtained without charge from the Foreign Missions Board.

1 Friday "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"—Phil. 3:13-14 *Mrs. Raymond Spence, Nagasaki, Japan, med. ev., Rev. A. V. Richey, Palmer, Alaska, Rev. Daniel Luper, Sao Luiz, Brazil, ev., Rev. M. J. Bradshaw, Miss Cecile Lancaster, Kokura, Japan, Miss Cornelia Brower, Temuco, Chile, ed. ev.

2 Saturday "The rich and poor meet together: the Lord is the maker of them all"—Prov. 22:2 Rev. W. R. Straasner, Raleigh, N. C., ed. ev. among Negroes, Miss Mary Demarest, Hsin Chu, Formosa, Miss Barbara Epperson, Ire, Miss Edythe Montroy, Iwo, Nigeria, ed. ev., Mrs. H. H. Muirhead, Brazil, em., Rev. H. Y. Bell, Winfield, La., ed. ev. among Negroes

3 Sunday "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength"—Isa. 30:15 Rev. J. A. Abernathy, Pusan, Korea, Mrs. V. L. Franks, Hong Kong, Miss Genevieve Gonzalez, Cienfuegos, Cuba, ev., Miss Elizabeth Roa, China, em.

4 Monday "All scripture is given by inspiration of God"—2 Tim. 3:16 Mrs. Elizabeth Escobedo, San Antonio, Tex., ed. ev. among Spanish-speaking, Mrs. A. E. Spencer, Kobe, Japan, *Rev. P. H. Hill, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, ev., Rev. J. H. Bitner, San Jose, Costa Rica, Mrs. Leslie Watson, Tokyo, Japan, lan. sc., Miss Frances Talley, Kokura, Japan, *Miss Edith Rose Weller, Belem, Para, Brazil, *Rev. L. R. Brothers, Ibadan, Nigeria, (Miss Marjorie Spence, Temuco, Chile, ed. ev.; Special Bible Study Week, January 4-8)

5 Tuesday "The words of the Lord are pure words"—Psalm 12:6 Rev. R. Paret, Santo Domingo, Cuba, Mrs. J. N. Thomas, Barranquilla, Colombia, ev., Rev. H. H. Culpepper, Buenos Aires, Argentina, ed. ev., Miss Minnie Berry, Scottsboro, Ala., em.

6 Wednesday "Study to show thyself approved unto God"—2 Tim. 2:15 Mrs. W. R. Medling, Kumamoto, Japan, ev., Rev. A. N. Murray, St. Joseph, La., ev. among Negroes, Rev. S. M. Weaver, Houston, Tex., ed. ev. among Negroes, *Miss Edith Chaney, Ire, RN, Miss Margaret Lamberth, Agbor, Nigeria, ed. ev.

7 Thursday "Seek ye out the book of the Lord, and read"—Isa. 34:16 Rev. Luciano Marquez, Regla, Cuba, ev., Rev. T. A. Welch, Kansas City, Mo., ed. ev. among Negroes, Rev. Isais Valdivia, Harlingen, Tex., ed. ev. among Spanish-speaking

8 Friday "I will not forget thy word"—Psalm 119:16 *Mrs. B. W. Orrick, Montevideo, Uruguay, ev., *Rev. E. S. Swenson, Buenos Aires, Argentina, pub. ev., Rev. M. A. Sanderford, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. sc.

9 Saturday "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he"—Prov. 23:7 Rev. Genus Crenshaw, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., ev. among Indians, Rev. F. J. Rodriguez, Calabazar, Cuba, *Rev. James Bartley, Montevideo, Uruguay, ev., Miss Louise Whitmire, East St. Louis, Ill., GWC, Dr. J. D. Hughey, Zurich, Switzerland, Mrs. J. E. Lingerfelt, Jaguacura, Brazil, Dr. R. F. Ricketson, Baguio, P. I., ed. ev., Charles and Mary Jo Lingerfelt, MF

10 Sunday "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace"—Gal. 5:22 Rev. George Bowdler, Sr., Cipolletti, Argentina, ev., *Miss Josephine Scaggs, Joinkrama Village, Nigeria, ed. ev.

11 Monday "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations"—2 Pet. 2:9 Rev. Wilson Boggan, Sulphur, Okla., ev. among Indians, Mrs. John DeFoore, Anchorage, Alaska, Mrs. H. R. Tatum, Hilo, Hawaii, *Rev. V. L. Franks, Hong Kong, ev., Mrs. M. C. Garcia, San Antonio, Tex., ed. ev. among Spanish-speaking, *Mrs. M. F. Moorhead, Sapporo, Japan, Mrs. Ulman Moss, Barquisimeto, Venezuela, Rev. H. B. Ramsour, Jr., Hilo, Hawaii, ed. ev., Dr. J. T. Williams, Ajloun, Jordan, med. ev., Dr. J. T. Williams, Rev. P. H. Anderson, China, em., Samuel Garcia, MF

12 Tuesday "Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life"—Matt. 7:14 Miss Amelia Rappold, New Orleans, La., GWC, Miss Carrie V. Parsons, Davao City, P. I., Miss Mary Evelyn Fredenburg, Eku, via Sapele, Nigeria, RN, Rev. V. E. Hughes, San Jose, Costa Rica, ed. ev., Mrs. J. W. Moore, China, em.

13 Wednesday "Men's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesses"—Luke 12:15 Mrs. S. A. Candal, Birmingham, Ala., ev. among Italian-speaking, Miss Viola Williams, New Orleans, La., GWC, Rev. L. G. Lane, Lagos, Mrs. J. S. McGee, Igede, Nigeria, ed. ev., Rev. L. C. Smith, Pineville, La., em.

The world is blessed most by men who do things, and not by those who merely talk about them.—JAMES OLIVER

mingham, Ala., ev. among Italian-speaking, Miss Viola Williams, New Orleans, La., GWC, Rev. L. G. Lane, Lagos, Mrs. J. S. McGee, Igede, Nigeria, ed. ev., Rev. L. C. Smith, Pineville, La., em.

14 Thursday "Be ye holy in all manner of conversation"—1 Pet. 1:15 Rev. C. C. Fuller, Oak Ridge, Tenn., ev. among Negroes, Rev. J. W. Mefford, Jr., Barcelona, Spain, *Mrs. George Hays, Fukuoka, Japan, Mrs. H. L. Hardy, Concepcion, Chile, Mrs. A. B. Bedford, Rosario, Santo Domingo, Rev. M. S. Blair, Buenos Aires, Argentina, ed. ev.

15 Friday "Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man"—Eccles. 12:13 Rev. R. M. Spence, Nagasaki, Japan, ev., Mrs. L. B. Olive, China, Dr. J. F. Ray, Japan, epn.

16 Saturday "He which converteth the sinner shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins"—James 5:20 Pray for the protection of all missionaries who travel, for physical health and healing to those in need, for rest of heart and joy of spirit to those in difficult surroundings; pray for Chinese Christians on Formosa

Prayer for 1954

Dear God, at the very beginning of this year, before we take a single step, we come to thee for guidance. Lead us through all the future scene, in daylight and in dark, and help us to meet whatever is in store. May this year bring to us the very things we need to draw us closer unto thee and make us more worthy of thy love as revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. In his name. Amen.

From TODAY

17 Sunday "Remember now thy Creator"—Eccles. 12:1 Rev. V. O. McMillan, Jr., Tokyo, Japan, Mr. A. J. Glaze, Jr., San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. sc., Mrs. C. W. Dickson, Parahiba, Brazil, ev., Mrs. C. D. Clarke, Kyoto, Japan, ed. ev.; WMS Focus Week, January 17-22

18 Monday "There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the Lord"—Prov. 21:30 Mrs. Allegra LaPrairie, New Orleans, La., emergency home, Mrs. James H. Bitner, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. sc., Rev. Milton Leach, Jr., Ft. Worth, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking, *Mrs. R. A. Jacob, Pingtu, China, Mrs. J. I. Miller, Valparaiso, Chile, ed. ev., Miss Christine Garnett, Santa Clara, Cuba, em., *Dr. W. D. Moore, Tungshan, China, Dr. Audrey Viola Fontnote, Tokyo, Japan, med. ev., Lydia and Mary Jacob, MF

19 Tuesday "The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life"—Prov. 10:11 *Rev. J. B. Underwood, Recife, Brazil, Rev. H. F. Duffer, Torreón, Mexico, Rev. Marvin L. Garrett, Oyo, Nigeria, ed. ev., Mrs. A. L. Gillespie, Osaka, Japan, Miss Monda Vesta Marlar, Gatooma, Southern Rhodesia, RN, Arthur, James and Paul Gillespie, MF

20 Wednesday "Be ye ready: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not"—Luke 12:40 Rev. A. K. Bonham, Sacramento, Calif., ev. among Japanese, Rev. C. W. Bryan, San Jose, Costa Rica, Rev. Emilio Planos, La Ceiba, Mariano, Cuba, ev., Miss Mary H. Sampson, Kaohsiung, Formosa, ed. ev., Dr. Jeannette Beall, Mrs. C. A. Hayes, China, em., Christopher Hayes, MF

21 Thursday "Recompense to no man evil for evil"—Rom. 12:17 *Rev. M. W. Rankin, Hong Kong, Mrs. G. B. Seright, Triunfo, Pernambuco, ev., Mrs. S. A. Qualls, Campinas, Brazil, ed. ev.

22 Friday "Love envieth not"—1 Cor. 13:4 Rev. W. E. Haltom, Kaneohe, T.H., Rev. J. C. Powell, Oyo, Nigeria, ev., Mrs. C. R. Overholser, Phoenix, Ariz., ev. among deaf, Miss Jessie Green, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, ed. ev., *Mrs. S. E. Ayers, China, med. ev.

23 Saturday "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart"—Psalm 34:18 Mrs. Enrique Pina, Havana, Cuba, ev., Dr. B. Frank Belvin, Oklahoma City, Okla., ev. among Indians, *Rev. D. N. Mayhall, Iwo, Nigeria, Dr. G. W. Strother, Penang, Malaya, ed. ev.

24 Sunday "He that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul"—Prov. 8:36 Mrs. Harold Heiney, Rev. D. D. Cooper, Shawnee, Okla., ev. among Indians, *Rev. E. L. Copeland, Fukuoka, Japan, ed. ev., Rev. E. L. Kelley, Alice, Miss Fannie Taylor, McAllen, Tex., em.; Know Your Denomination Day

25 Monday "The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus"—Phil. 4:7 Miss Emma Mildred Watts, Ogbomoso, RN, Miss Mary Ellen Yancey, Ede, Nigeria, Rev. W. E. Allen, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ed. ev., Mrs. L. C. Quarles, Argentina, Rev. A. Worthington, Newkirk, Okla., em., Geneva and Ruth Ann Worthington, MF

26 Tuesday "For the word of God is sharper than any two-edged sword"—Heb. 4:12 Mrs. W. L. Cooper, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Dr. J. C. Pool, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, ed. ev., William Davis and Annie Cooper, MF

27 Wednesday "The prayer of faith shall save the sick"—James 5:15 Miss Lillian Williams, Barranquilla, Colombia, ev., Mrs. A. R. Crabtree, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ed. ev., Rev. Wilson Fielder, Dr. C. G. McDaniel, China, em., Gerald Fielder, MF

28 Thursday "O give thanks unto the Lord; make known his deeds among the people"—Psalm 105:1 Rev. Harold P. Reeves, Bangkok, Thailand, lan. sc., Dr. R. C. Moore, Santiago, Chile, ed. ev., Rev. Frank DiMaggio, Birmingham, Ala., Dr. J. W. Shepard, Brazil, Mrs. Carrie Rowe, Japan, em.

29 Friday "Be thou my strong habitation, wherunto I may continually resort"—Psalm 71:3 Rev. Frank Ramirez, Deming, N.M., Rev. O. I. Romo, Ft. Worth, Miss Frances Moreno, McAllen, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking, Rev. E. M. Fine, Abeokuta, Nigeria, Mrs. H. C. McConnell, Santiago, Chile, ed. ev.

30 Saturday "When ye pray, use not vain repetitions"—Matt. 6:7 Miss Gracia Bailey, Joao Pessoa, Paraíba, Brazil, ed. ev., Mrs. W. D. Moore, Tungshan, China, med. ev., Rev. R. H. Standley, Jr., Fortaleza, Brazil, Rev. J. G. Morris, Bangkok, Thailand, Rev. H. P. McCormick, Honolulu, T.H., ev., Mrs. C. F. Frazier, Coolidge, Ariz., ev. among Indians

31 Sunday "Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy hill"—Psalm 99:9 Miss Celia Perez, Havana, Cuba, Mrs. W. J. Ferguson, Keffi via Gudi, Nigeria, ed. ev., Rev. C. E. Clark, ev., Mrs. W. M. Clawson, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. sc.

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Devotional Moments: The Bible and Reading

Read Job 19:23-27. Then Paul's references to reading in 1 Tim. 4:13; 2 Tim. 4:13.

There are two skits advertised in the Year Book, either one of which could be used but "Housecleaning Time," price 5c, lasting 5 minutes will likely be your choice. It requires three women and one boy. "The Postman's Surprises," price 8c, lasts 10 minutes, and calls for some twenty young people. Order either or both from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama. See also "A Woman's Tool," free from your state WMU office. You may choose it if it is not being used in your WMS.

Assign to three different women responsi-

Let's Go to School
Reading Lesson

bility for a clever conversation about fascinating items and sections in this ROYAL SERVICE. Be sure they point out picture of Mrs. Groat, page 2, who has read ROYAL SERVICE for forty-six years.

Ask three other women to point up values in *The Window of YIWA*, *Tell and Ambassador Life* for young people. Speak of *Sunbeam Activities* which is for Sunbeam Band leaders, not the children, but be sure your Sunbeam workers all have copies.

Let the women guess the words which go in these spaces (the second and third, fourth and fifth, and sixth and seventh are the same.

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(said 'loud' 'loud' 'loud' 'loud')

Read and tell in January *Southern Baptist Home Missions* "Ignorance is Not Bliss" by John Caylor and in January *The Commission* "Travel Unlimited."

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