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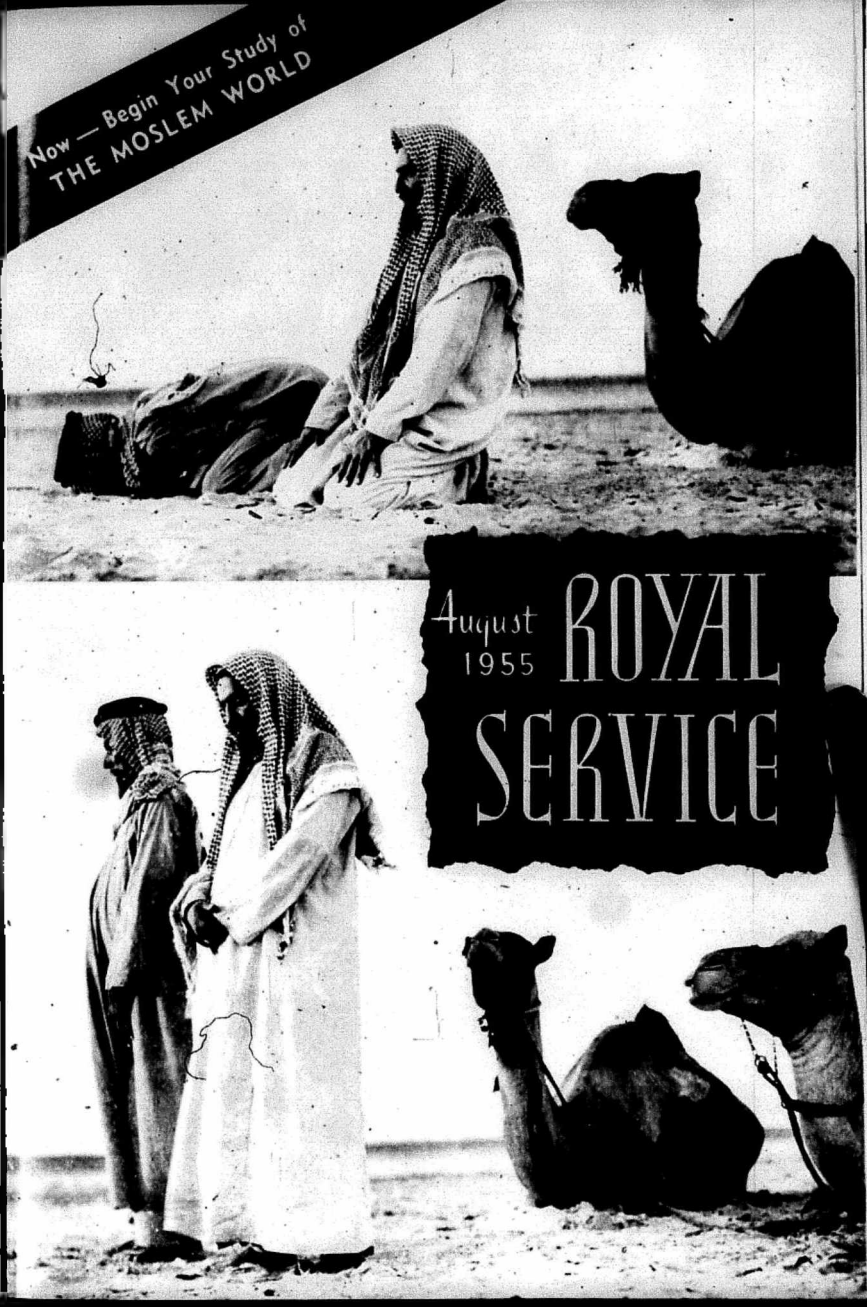
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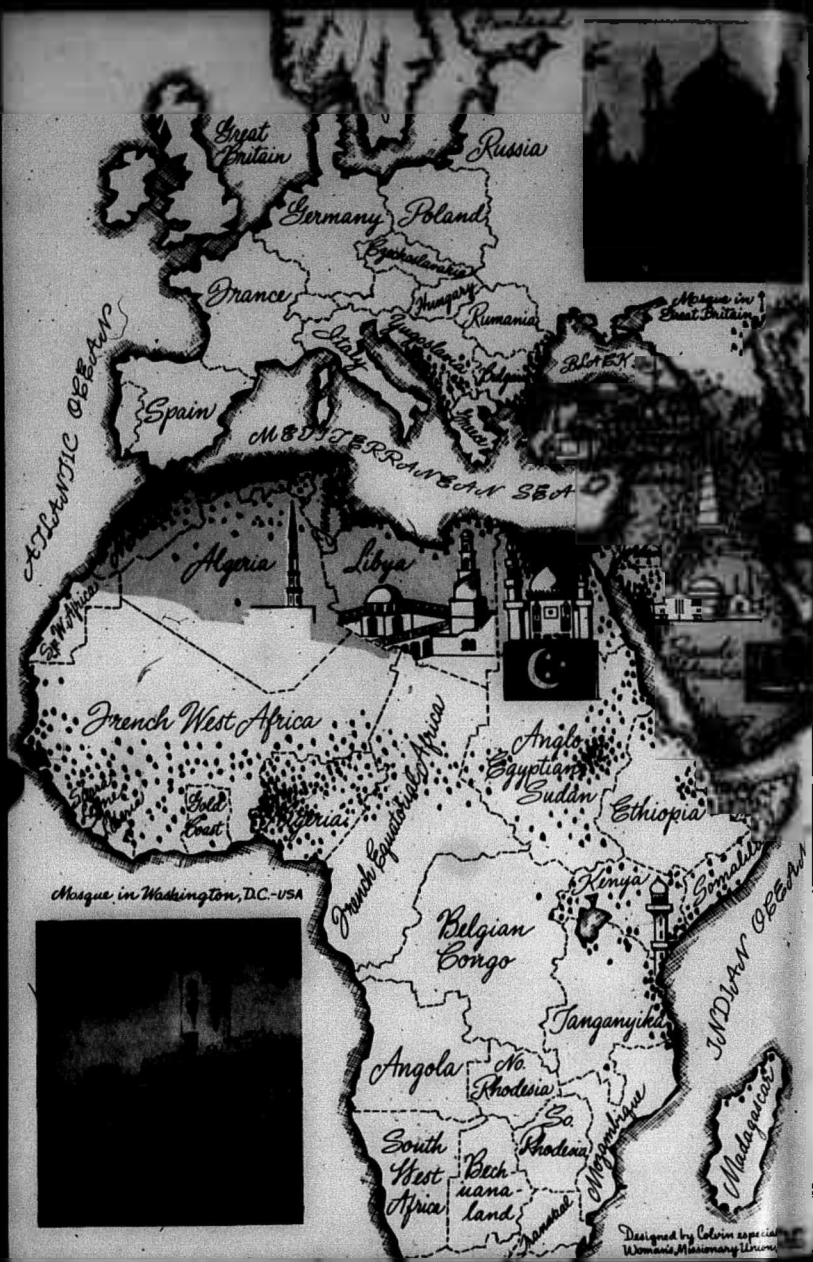
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FRONT COVER—Camels wait patiently as their masters observe prayer on the desert in Saudi Arabia. Five times each day those of the Moslem faith stop their workaday tasks, face the holy city of Mecca, birthplace of the prophet Mohammed, and prostrate themselves in meditative prayer. The people pictured are Bedouins in the eastern part of ancient Saudi Arabia. Photos from Arabian American Oil Company. Save this issue to use with fall mission study.

Let's Fight This Evil

by Millard J. Berquist, Pastor,
First Baptist Church, Tampa, Florida

THERE isn't anything particularly new to be said about the liquor traffic. Last year another nine billion dollars worth of the stuff was poured down the throats of the American people, to befog their brains, degrade their morals, destroy bodies and souls, wreck havoc in homes and families, and blight unborn generations. You know about the evils of liquor. You read the daily papers where a few of the ugly details come out in the daily news items.

I do not need to remind you that liquor is back of most of the crimes and collisions, wrecked cars and wrecked humanity, reported. It's high time that we came to recognize it for what it is. There are altogether too many people who are being fooled by the incessant repetition of such phrases as "beer belongs" and "it's smart to drink."

Here is public enemy number one. It is doing more than anything else to undo the work of the Lord Jesus Christ and to undermine our national life, and for its own greedy, filthy profits, is dooming our civilization to destruction as certainly as it did ancient Assyria, Greece, and Rome.

While Alcoholics Anonymous, as worthwhile and effective as it is, is salvaging and restoring one poor victim, hundreds and thousands more are being made, as people stand back in silence and wage no war on liquor!

Talk about alcoholism being a disease! Yes, a preventable disease—a nongerm disease—a noncontagious disease—a self-imposed disease to which none but the total abstainer is sure of immunity. A disease which may strike any time, soon or late. A disease that is not apparent until it has its victims absolutely helpless to help themselves. Has any born-again Christian any business trifling or trafficking with such a commodity?

The American Business Men's Research Foundation reports Protestant adult membership in America at forty-one million, of which more than two-thirds are said to be social drinkers. That's what has happened in twenty years since repeal with a veritable avalanche of lying propaganda and a terrific social pressure resulting. No wonder there are not more souls won to Christ, not more missionaries going forth to the mission fields, not more money dedicated to God. No wonder we are facing our greatest crisis in American life and international relationships.

It is said that India, Pakistan, and Turkey—Mohammedan or partially Mohammedan nations are now dry countries. There are three exceptions—alcoholics, ambassadors from foreign lands, and adherents of Christianity are permitted to buy alcohol. What a rebuke! What a commentary! What misrepresentation of Him who said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly," and of whom it was said he "went about doing good." A prominent Mohammedan leader said, "If soldiers and statesmen and tourists would behave as the Christian missionary behaves in Oriental lands all of us would become Christians, and I would be the very first one!"

We need to wake up, to arouse ourselves and to let the wets know that we don't propose to allow them to ruin our nation without a fight. Don't be afraid of riding a hobbyhorse—it needs to be ridden hard. It hasn't been ridden much. The liquor industry monopolizes the newspaper and the magazine advertising. Who has one-quarter and a half- and full-page color ads? Who commercializes the sacred seasons and the great national holidays? One third of the distilled spirits business in America is done during the Christmas Season.



Terrific brain-washing is taking place in the living rooms of our homes today. When my little daughter was five years of age and we passed a liquor store or a billboard where a beer or whiskey bottle was pictured she would turn and say to me, "We don't believe in that, do we, Daddy?" When she was seven years of age after listening over radio and TV to such announcements as "So smooth, so velvety, so flavorful, so mellow," she turned to me one day and said, "Daddy, I just wonder how it tastes. I think I'd like to try it some time." Brain-washing of a seven year old—then what is it doing to our teen-agers and young people? They are now selling "beer especially bottled for children." If we church leaders don't arouse ourselves and hit this thing and hit it hard, destructively and constructively, there will not be much left in this country after a few years.

Ted Hightower, a Methodist preacher made the statement, "From an outlaw traffic in 1932 to the largest industry in our economy, this despicable force in our so-

A Year of Growth?

by Charlin A. Wells

A summary of the advances made by the churches of America during the last year hails it as the greatest period of religious growth in our history. In numerical gains, new members, baptisms, money raised, and funds spent on new buildings, it was indeed the greatest year.

So it would stand, except that other records were broken last year which cloud the sky. Increment in divorce, juvenile delinquency, crime, and alcoholism cast a heavy shadow over the achievements of our churches. Can the growth of our churches really be measured by gains in numbers and property without taking into account the measure of influence upon the life around them? Our churches seem to have had a rather discouraging year in terms of their influence upon society. Perhaps now that the impressive growth within our churches has been accomplished, we will see that their influence increases in the life of our nation during this and following years.

cety is growing at the rate of a billion dollars a year. From nothing twenty years ago, it has grown to be bigger than oil, and thinks itself bigger than the nation." Do not think for one moment that it is not already deeply enmeshed in all our life.

Mexico succeeded in doing what we have not yet been able to do, outlaw liquor advertising.

The dry forces can only be satisfied as liquor advertising is eliminated completely. But who was present before the congressional committee to fight the Bryson Bill, which would eliminate interstate advertising of alcoholic beverages? Not only the brewers and distillers but also representatives from the United States Chamber of Commerce, from the National Association of Manufacturers, from the Association of Magazine and Newspaper publishers, and from the radio, television, and movie industry. Why were they there? Because liquor is so deeply enmeshed in American industry. These are all eating at the

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FROM near the ancient, medieval-walled town of Acre, Israel, the camp looked out over the Mediterranean sea. In a secluded spot under silvery-leaved olive trees, eleven Arab boys had made a commitment of their lives to Christ. This was to affect not only the nominally Christian town of Nazareth when they returned home, but was to reach surrounding Arab villages, and then even spread the leaven of influence into spheres of Baptist work among the Jewish majority of Israel. Through the Baptist school in Nazareth, teachers and students alike came to grips with spiritual reality which was followed by a real awakening in the church and many decisions for Christ. This thing which had its visible beginning at a Royal Ambassador camp four years ago was contagious!

This was no two-week revival which sprang up and died down again into humdrum routine. There has been steady growth for the past four years, growth in the outward signs, so that now there is in Nazareth a

fully organized church in the time-honored Baptist tradition, with graded Sunday school, Training Union, two Sunbeam Bands, three RAs, three GAs, a YWA, and a Business Woman's Circle. But far more important than listing organizations is the very real evidence of spiritual growth and desire for service.

A recent visitor to the Young People's Department in Sunday school in Nazareth heard the songs ably led by a young man who was not one of the "natural born leaders," but who was not only finding an opportunity to serve but was acquiring worthwhile personality traits. Then she heard a



Contagious!

by Margaret Lindsey, Israel Mission

lovely young high school girl give an inspiring devotional message. In the Sunday school class of young women which she visited, mostly teachers, plans were in progress concerning a party to which they were inviting acquaintances who might be interested in joining the class. Then there were plans for visiting and every girl was eager to participate.

Recently the BWC decided that for a special project they would hold meetings in the partly Moslem village of Raney. One of the missionary wives loads up a mission car with flannel-graph materials and volunteers and off they go. The car has been "stoned" occasionally but these BWCers are courageous.

For some time meetings have been held in Cana every Sunday afternoon. Now they are led by a well-trained young church member and helper who is ably assisted by a team of volunteers from among the RAs.

Clearly we see the sure and healthy growth and spread of that conflagration which started in the hearts of boys around a campfire. That something is happening in Nazareth and some of its surrounding villages, anyone can see. It does not even require pointing out. The spread of this influence into the Jewish work is a little more subtle. Perhaps the little hints and suggestions of that influence may seem insignificant but it is very possible that we are just on the verge of seeing a tremendous work of the Spirit.

In Jerusalem the services are entirely in Hebrew. How could it come about that any of the friends or church members from Arabic-speaking Nazareth could have fellowship or anything to offer there? Dur-



Above—Girls' Auxiliary counselor (in foreground) listens with GAs (picture at left) to Mrs. Herman Petty, missionary in Nazareth, Israel.

LEFT BELOW—Here is the Royal Ambassador chapter in front of the Nazareth Baptist Church with the two counselors.

ing the summer three fine looking Nazareth boys who were in Jerusalem to study Hebrew made a real contribution in singing and discussion at some of the meetings.

A beautifully groomed young teacher from our Nazareth school, also in Jerusalem for the summer to study Hebrew, added immensely to the attractiveness of the services there. But more than her beauty of features, her delightful personality and her spiritual understanding, attracted Jewish young people. Her close friendship with one of the believers of Jewish heritage, an equally attractive girl, was a joy to see. It was a clear demonstration that barriers of misunderstanding and bitterness between people can be overcome time and time again by individuals. In Nazareth this teacher is a member of the young women's Sunday school class and in charge of enlisting prospective members. She is also active in BWC in addition to her many duties as a teacher. Her intelligence and her quick grasp of the Hebrew language commanded respect.

Meir (and we have several "Meirs" attending services in Jerusalem) came as a sincere seeker for spiritual realities. All summer he attended services and has had private instruction besides. He has made

Contagious!

great progress. He is very keen on bringing friends and acquaintances around and was always happy when some of the Nazareth young people were there to swell the crowd and make a better impression. These visitors gave the Jerusalem work a real lift during the summer.

Another newcomer is a leader with many young people under his influence. He was once engaged in Jewish terrorist activities and has always thought of accomplishing his purposes in terms of violence. Frustrated in some of his work as a contractor, the thought came to him that "for spite" he would become a Christian. As his angry thoughts went on, he realized that as a Christian he could not behave as formerly. When he struggled to lift his thoughts heavenward he felt that Christ spoke to him and that he met him just as truly as did Paul on the Damascus road. Searching for more light and understanding he visited many missions. Because in the Baptist group he finds everything in Hebrew, he feels very much at home. He has asked for baptism but has a long period of study ahead before he will reach the understanding needed to take that step. He is a man

of great courage and determination. Not long ago he expressed the wish that he might see a real, full-fledged Baptist church in action. How good it was to be able to tell him that he must soon visit Nazareth where he will certainly see exactly that. And there he will find many true believers, not Christian in name only, but young people who have had the experience of rebirth and are as eager as he to make Christ known in this land.

There is a plan underway for a camp or conference to be held during the fall holidays which are known as the "Feast of Tabernacles." Plans are to bring together believers and inquirers from the Jerusalem and Tel Aviv groups and many from Nazareth in a conference which will be mutually helpful. There will be a strengthening of spirit by the very fact of numbers of believers coming together. Who knows but that some of those who have been won by this very revival which has been taking place in Arab Nazareth may be able to encourage believers of Jewish background to come forth and take an open stand for what they believe?

It may well be that in the plan of God, whose leadership is being so definitely felt in all this, there are still greater and greater results to come, directly or indirectly from that beginning, four years ago, in the hearts of eleven boys.

Will Man Drink It?

A man who owned a goat took it into the saloon one day and made it drunk (just for fun). The goat had always gone into this place and waited for his master, but after this experience it would not go near the door, much less inside.

A man in England poured some very strong liquor in the watering trough of the cows; they would not drink it, and would not even go near the trough the following day.

The crows were very busy devouring the corn crop on one of the best farms on the Illinois River. The farmer soaked some corn in alcohol and scattered it over his fields. The crows came and ate some of it, flew away in an amusing manner, but never returned for another feast of corn.

A horse was led in the usual way to the water trough, in which strong liquor had been poured. The horse expanded his nostrils and snorted and blew at it but would not touch it; neither would he drink from that trough for more than four weeks, until every trace and smell of liquor was gone.

Is that which neither goats, cows, crows, or horses will drink, safe, fit, or useful for man to drink?

Canadian Evangelical

She Listened at the Window

by Addie E. Cox, missionary to Taiwan



LI FU MEI

A LOVELY YOUNG GIRL of sixteen was one of the group baptized in our new building here in Taiwan the last Sunday in March. Telling me her experience, Li Fu Mei said, "I was born into a Buddhist home where all the family worshiped idols. When I was in junior high school you invited me and other students to attend preaching service at the chapel. The first time I did not dare to come in but listened at the window.

"The next Sunday I still lacked courage to enter. But the third time I came in and sat in the rear. Mr. Yang preached on the love of Jesus, telling how he cares for us, supplies our needs, and died in my place. These things touched my heart tenderly.

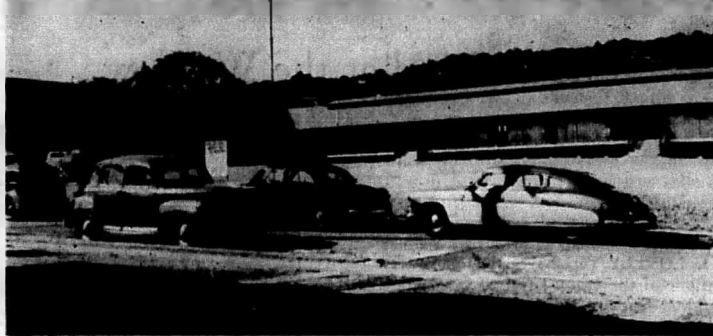
"On another occasion I saw pictures representing Jesus' suffering and death for us. Mr. Tang preached and explained the meaning. I was deeply moved and wanted to believe and be saved, to receive forgiveness of sins and have eternal life. After that, when I came to church I was happy. If I remained at home, my heart was sad.

"One day my grandmother told me to go to the temple and worship the 'gods.' When I refused to obey she was angry and forbade my coming to church. If I came without her knowledge, she cursed me when she found it out. But I continued to come. She used physical force and prevented my attending. I read the Bible you gave me and prayed in my room. I have read the New Testament through and am reading it again. When I learned that those who believe in Jesus and want to follow him should be baptized, I was happy to be hurried with Christ in baptism. My grandmother finally stopped cursing me for attending worship, and I am praying that she may believe and be saved.

"The Lord has given me his peace and joy. I used to get angry very often, but now he helps me control my temper. I have

talked to my schoolmates about faith in Jesus and some of them promised to come to church. In the telephone office where I work there are many opportunities to witness for Christ. However, those people worship idols as my relatives do and are not easy to influence. I desire to love the Lord with all my heart, mind, soul, and strength and to please him in all that I do. I hope he will use me to win others. In reading Acts, I was impressed by the attitude of the apostles. When they were persecuted they were "rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name." When Jesus our Saviour was beaten and mocked and crucified he suffered without a murmur. Because of his wonderful love for us we are the children of our Heavenly Father and will have a happy home in heaven throughout eternity. Our love for him causes us to love and help others.

"I pray the Lord to guide my future. My grandmother does not want me to attend senior high school. She says it is all right for boys to have higher education but girls do not need it. My idea is different. I hope to resume my studies and to major in art for which I have some talent. The Master knows what is best and right, and I believe he will hear and answer my prayers."



This visitor at the Baptist Academy in Honolulu, Hawaii, was offered

An Unexpected Experience

ONE morning in 1954, on a balmy April day, my sister, Hannah Plowden, who was at home on furlough, called me over long distance. "What do you think about going to Hawaii with me?" she asked.

I think I have never been so shocked, never more sure something was completely impossible.

She continued, "I will go ahead and make plane reservations for you. We should be leaving in about three weeks." I don't remember at all what I said, probably, "I am sure I cannot go."

I went on with my day's work, announcing, laughingly, that I was on my way to Hawaii. It was a good joke to all who heard it.

IN THREE WEEKS I was packed, my plane ticket was bought, and we were off to Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Honolulu! The trip is one I would recommend to all. The weather was beautiful and calm. Although I have always been a poor traveler, I was not the least bit air sick.

A number of Hannah's friends met us at the plane and decked us out in lovely leis of orchids, pekaki, and plumaria blossoms, and beautiful orchid corsages. I never felt so important nor so dressed up!

There is but one word to describe these

islands. They are magnificent. Everywhere you can see the rugged, old volcanic mountains or the calm, peaceful blue Pacific or you can see both at the same time. Nowhere in the world could the flowers be more gorgeous. The fact is there is not a short season of flowering but a continuous springtime of flowers, birds singing, and there is sunshine the whole year round.

It is very interesting to witness the mingling of the races here, to notice their different customs, food, and dress. Then taking another look, though there are Japanese, Chinese, Hawaiian, Portuguese, Korean, Negro, Filipino, and Caucasian, actually you see but one, the American, and realize that we are one.

I WAS considering returning to the States about the first of September but when I was invited to work with the Academy Baptist Church in Honolulu, I was happy to stay for a longer time.

We have a very new, small, church group and no church building. We meet in the Baptist Academy for all our services.

I have had some wonderful experiences while here. One particular family was so unhappy. The husband and father drank and made life quite unbearable when he was under the influence of drink. His wife

by *Helyn P. Whitley*

and children finally left him. He called the pastor to say that he was going to commit suicide. The pastor was not at home, and his wife called me to go with her to that home. We talked to the father until the pastor arrived and together we got the poor man calmed to some extent.

After working, talking, and praying for a week, his wife agreed that she would meet him at the church the next Sunday morning. They met there as planned.

After the sermon, when the invitation was given they and their two oldest children, a girl, ten, and a boy, twelve, went forward and gave their hearts to Jesus. They all went home together that day. On the last Sunday of the old year 1954 they were all baptized. Praise his name!

Won't you pray for our work at the Academy Baptist Church and for all the work here in the islands? There is so much that needs to be done; there are so many who need the Saviour.

Let's Fight This Evil

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troughs of lavish liquor profits.

It is high time for churches and Christian people to become aroused and stiffen our convictions. We can "make our churches places where folks shall face the challenge of total abstinence or find themselves uncomfortable in its membership." It is high time to realize that we are dealing with a deadly evil that is gnawing at the very vitals of our nation. Let us get on the right side and stay on the right side against the most insistent and persistent enemy that we have. Don't coddle it but condemn it! Don't foster it but fight it! Call out in no uncertain terms for total abstinence and total warfare against our fiercest foe.

YOUR FALL STUDY

WMS—*World Within a World*,
Elwyn Lee Means
YWA—*Among the Minarets*, John Marion
INTER. BA, GA—*Mission Doctor*, J. T. McRae
JUNIOR BA, GA—*The Big Difference*,
Alta Lee Lovgren
WMSIAM—*Under the Olive Tree*,
Jane Carroll McRae
Order from your Baptist Book Store

Death in the Cup

A BEAUTIFUL young woman in high-class English society was being married to a handsome young man and was planning for the wedding. The father and future husband begged her to lay aside her strong principles for this once and celebrate the occasion by taking a glass of wine with the others. She finally consented to do so. At the proper time she took the glass and raised it to her lips, and then reaching it out to her arm's length and, pointing a finger of her other hand to the glass of wine, she said: "I see a picture in this glass of a very fine young man who in the society in which he lived formed the habit of 'the social glass.' After a time he developed into a drunkard and his people sent him to Canada, hoping that in the new location he would reform. But the habit had gotten so strong on him that he could not break it; he joined a band of Indians; and finally, from exposure and a hard life, he sickened and died. There in the forest, his Indian friends scooped out a grave and buried him, my own twin brother. Father, shall I drink it now?"

"No, No, No!"

"Husband, shall I drink it now?"

"No, No, No!" She loosened the cup from her hand, and it dropped to the floor, breaking into a thousand pieces.

—E. S. SWIFT



In Egypt, the Arab women grind the meal as they have done for many centuries.

Save this eight-page picture section and the cover of this issue for fall study, "The Moslem World"

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Above—The never-ending task of patching old clothes in refugee camp in Lebanon. Right—Teachers in a Moslem Koran school in Matrah, Arabia.



Young woman of Bethlehem

Merel Callaway



The Everday Life of WOMEN in the NEAR EAST

beneath the olive trees in Lebanon, Arabian women make coffee in careful urns.



Fin Seifeld

The Baptist women of Mio Mio, Lebanon, in loyalty to their missionary society and church, go through cold and mud and dust to meet together in Christian fellowship.



Arab refugees in the burning deserts

When the UN...
break...
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Homeless without hope - what can a future of tent ropes hold?



Islam ...



Christianity ...





Baptist
Hospital
in
Palestine
GAZA



To the harsh life of the desert, the Baptist hospital brings its sympathetic healing. Christian doctors and their helpers, Christian pharmacists and student nurses serve with a tenderness unusual in Arab lands. An oasis in the desert gives rest and relief to tired travelers. Our Baptist hospital brings renewal of body and soul to weary, hopeless refugees in this desert land.



Persecution in Martins

by Mrs. J. A. Tumblin, missionary to Brazil



Mr. and Mrs. Tumblin

HOW would you like to take a trip with me to Martins? Climb almost straight up a high mountain making seventy-three curves so fast you almost meet yourself coming around the corner. In Martins, 259 miles from Natal, in the western part of Rio Grande do Norte, we have a two-year-old church which is becoming the center for much of our interior work. Pastor Joao Coimbra (*Co-em-brah*) and his talented wife are doing a wonderful work in this small city and church.

Through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in 1952, we received two thousand dollars to buy property and build. We were able, because of favorable exchange, to buy a fairly good residence that could be used for the pastor and his family, with a good-sized lot to build the church on. The money paid for the house and lot and most all the material for the construction of the twenty-three by forty-nine foot church building. The people are making a heroic effort to pay for the actual construction job which is their part of the work. It is a hard task for them because their members are poor, but they made sacrifices and completed the construction before we left for our furlough. They

wanted us to attend the dedication before we went for our year of rest.

A few weeks ago our pastor's wife was invited to teach Portuguese in the pre-nominal school in Martins. She really did not have time for it, but her civic pride, as well as her desire to make a little extra money to help in building the new church, led her to accept the invitation. When the local priest found out that the Protestant pastor's wife was going to teach in the normal school, he began a campaign against her and the believers in the city. Probably he was already disturbed because of the pretty new church building going up in the city, the first of its kind.

He went from house to house threatening to excommunicate the parents if they sent their daughters to the school while a Protestant woman was a teacher there. He made speeches over the loud-speaker system of the city and marched in processions down the main streets of the town.

As a result, few pupils came to their classes, and some of the teachers refused to teach. The director of the school was firm in her decision that this qualified Christian should continue teaching. So, classes went on for three weeks. Then the priest said, "If they allow a Protestant to teach in the school, I will leave town and no other priest will come to take my place."

Telegrams flew back and forth from Martins to Natal until the state superintendent of education closed the school. A committee from our Baptist church in Natal went to talk to the superintendent. He was very polite and promised to look carefully into the case. He has sent his inspector to Martins to study the situation.

We feel that this publicity will mean the spreading of the gospel in all that section. The Lord works in mysterious ways his wonders to perform.

1955-56 Monthly Program Topics

Doing the Work of the Lord Together

An over-all study of the work of the Southern Baptist Convention and Woman's Missionary Union's part in it.

Here are the topics for 1955-56 if you want to look ahead before your Year Book is out—order it, price 15c, for delivery about September 1.



The WMU Watchword

"All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord" Psalm 22:27a

The WMU Hymn

"The Kingdom Is Coming"

October "Come, Women, Wide Proclaim"

Our primary loyalties—a member of a WMS was first a member of a Baptist church (normally) but before she became a member of a church she became a Christian. Make-up of Southern Baptist Convention. Woman's Missionary Union—purpose, history, present activities

November "Christ for the World"

The Foreign Mission Board, how it works, how Woman's Missionary Union helps foreign missions

December "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Power of prayer, secular press interest in prayer, and need for prayer

January "We Give Thee Thine Own"

Nationals are stewards too, self-support, tithers and gifts on foreign and home mission fields

February "God Save America"

The Home Mission Board, how it works, how Woman's Missionary Union helps home missions

March "Make Me A Channel of Blessing"

My personal mission task in my community, service in Christ's name, for Christ's sake

April "Tell Them of Jesus the Mighty to Save"

Direct evangelism in its various phases on home and foreign mission fields, evangelistic campaigns

May "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

Commissions of Southern Baptist Convention—Educational Commission regarding our Baptist colleges, Radio Commission, Historical Commission concerned with collecting and preserving Southern Baptist Convention historical documents and items, Christian Life Commission dealing with the great issues of minority groups, liquor traffic, peace, etc., in today's world, Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary, and Baptist Brotherhood Commission

June "Thy Word—A Lamp, A Light"

The Sunday School Board and Relief and Annuity Board, how they work, how Women's Missionary Union helps in their work

July "Publish Glad Tidings"

Fiftieth anniversary of Royal Service—beginning as "Our Mission Fields," development of young people's magazines from ROYAL SERVICE, growth of WMU literature and Southern Baptist publication work on mission fields

August "Ye Christian Herald! Go Proclaim"

One hundred fiftieth anniversary of Haystack Prayer Meeting; institutions of Southern Baptist Convention—Seminaries and Hospitals; Carver School of Missions; responsibility of Woman's Missionary Societies for Christian service

September "Lead On, O King Eternal"

Responsibility of local Woman's Missionary Union leadership for fostering missionary education organizations for young people, vales of these organizations, participation of women and young people in future growth and service of Southern Baptist Convention

The 1955 graduating class of Carver School in Louisville includes young women from Japan, China, Brazil, Africa.



Carver School of Missions and Social Work

"Firsts" at Graduation

BY EMILY K. LANSDALE, PRESIDENT

Carver School is still marking "firsts." For the first time in the history of the school, a young man stood with the graduating class on May 26 to receive a degree from the school that had been graduating all women classes for forty-seven years.

Louis Stone, of Oklahoma City, came to Carver in 1953, the year the school became coeducational. Although he found men in some of his classes, he discovered that the institution long known as the Woman's Missionary Union Training School was still pretty much a woman's world. Undisturbed by situation or position, he fitted into the life of the school and the student community. During his second year he faced his "chapel day" with characteristic fear and trembling. The student body honored him on that occasion by presenting him a Carver School pin. On May 25 he attended the senior luncheon and participated in the traditional friendship circle of juniors and seniors.

Louis came to Carver because he wanted to study social work with a "religious emphasis" or Christian approach. He was

seeking preparation for a career in institutional service in one of our Baptist children's homes or in a Good Will Center. While a student at Carver, he lived at the Good Will Center, owned and operated by the school, and served as director of playground activities and athletics. His field work placement was at a home for dependent boys where he did casework. Thus, he not only received specialized training for his chosen Christian vocation but also supervised experience.

Immediately after graduation, Louis, his wife and two children, left for Missouri where he will be a caseworker in the Missouri Baptist Children's Home at Pattonville.

A 1953 graduate of the school had the distinction of receiving the first Master of Science degree to be conferred by the institution. Winnie Fitzgerald Smith, of Gretna, Virginia, received the degree after completing three years of study in the field of missions. She and her husband hope to serve overseas.

Carver School Graduates 1955

First Row (left to right): Faye Nichols, Wilmington, North Carolina; Pat Thompson, Gadsden, Alabama; Pauline Martin, Kingsport, Tennessee; Gladys Batson, Taylors, South Carolina; Dorothy Reed, Benton, Arkansas; Geraldine Woody, Maryville, Tennessee; Josephine Bekker, Taylors, South Carolina; Roberts Gardner Weather, Sanford, North Carolina; Nobuko Kawano, Fukuokishi, Japan; Dorothy Allen, Montgomery, Alabama; Frances Dulin, Mitchell, Louisiana; Myrtle Ellis, Seymour, Missouri.

Second Row (left to right): Martha Harrell, Brookfield, Georgia; Jane Jackson, Gilo, Alabama; Mary Evelyn Hensley, Burnsville, North Carolina; Juan Brooks Couch, Elizabethton, Tennessee; Virginia Shange, Lyndon, Kentucky; Gloria Walker Birmingham, Alabama; Muriel Evans, Benton, Arkansas; Romona Hall, Metzer, Fayetteville, Tennessee; Elizabeth Jackson, Summerville, Georgia; Marian Penuel Pentad, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Phyllis Greenwell, Elizabethton, Tennessee; Edna Earle Nation, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Third Row (left to right): Joy Pope, Cynthiana, Kentucky; Myrtice Taylor, Dunedin, Florida; Dorothy Pryor, Decatur, Alabama; Jessie Smith, Blue Mountain, Mississippi; Ettie Jeanne Johnson, LaGrange, Georgia (Brazil); Louis Stone, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Mary Littleton, Toccoa, Georgia (Gold Coast); Carolyn Hennessy, New Orleans, Louisiana; Winnifred Wheeler, Capitan, New Mexico; Sarah Wilson, Mt. Holly, North Carolina; Joan Beck, Marietta, Georgia; Vera Proctor, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Not Pictured: Ibbie Johnson Bouchillon, Florida, Alabama; Irene Cox, Excello, Missouri; Juanita Holt Denton, Eldorado, Arkansas; Mary Sue Meuth, Henderson, Kentucky; Victoria Parsons, Arrington, Virginia; Jacqueline Durden Tobey, Swainsboro, Georgia; Frances Foh Yin Taou, Shanghai, China; Nadine Aderhold, Columbus, Georgia; Winnie Fitzgerald Smith, Gretna, Virginia.

Christmas in August

Many young people's organizations and WMS circles delight in following the Christmas in August plan. With merry singing of carols and reading the loved Christmas story in the summer, Christmas becomes a more than once a year matter and the loving spirit of Christmas comes more and more to tarry with God's people.

Missionaries among the Indians can use these gifts in practical ways to demonstrate genuine love of Christians for the Indians. They have met so much that is not Christian this assurance is wise.

Dr. B. Frank Belvin, general missionary to Creek and Seminole Indians, recently expressed his gratitude for the usefulness of these Christmas packages. He says:

"Some things that are always helpful to us are: School supplies, pencils, paper, crayons, etc. Toilet articles, toothpaste, brushes, soap, etc. Towels, wash clothes, dish clothes, dish towels, clothing, all especially baby clothes.

"We, of course, appreciate all kinds of toys too, but the other things are of greater necessity."

Dr. B. Frank Belvin
819 South Delaware
Okmulgee, Oklahoma

In packing your summer Christmas tree gifts, send some boxes to Dr. Belvin, who can distribute them among the other missionaries serving with these tribes, as they are needed.



Hints to Committee Chairmen

To Community Missions Chairmen

Has your society studied the *Guide for Community Missions*, using the new teaching helps available free from the state WMU office? Check with the mission study chairman and do not let this quarter pass without such a study. If you are studying by circles, see if the teachers need any additional helps and give them encouragement to keep on doing a first-rate job.

What about your young people? Are the Sunbeams using *David and Jane* (price, 40c) The Junior GAs and RAs studying *The Secret Next Door* (35c), the Intermediates *Let's Go Exploring* (35c), and the YWAs, *Within Our Reach* (35c) There is a teacher's edition of each book that carries excellent teaching plans. (Prices in *The World in Books*.)

Through your planned community missions, you have a wonderful opportunity to lead your members into some positive action following the program on the problems of beverage alcohol in our nation. There are many possibilities for action. Here are a few to consider.

Find out if any grocery or drug stores in your community carry beer, wine, ale, or liquor. Urge your members to protest personally to the managers, saying they would prefer trading in a store that does not carry any beverage alcohol. At the same time have your members personally commend managers whose stores do not carry alcoholic beverages and ask the women to give such stores their trade when possible.

Write your senators and representatives, urging them to back any bill which would limit the flood of alcohol beverage advertising that pours into the homes of our nation through magazines, radio, and television. Also through personal letters protest such advertising to the editors of magazines and managers of radio and television stations. Again, commend those who do not carry the advertisements. They need encouragement.

The educational emphasis is most important too. See that your young people read

such books as: *What About Drinking, It's Smarter Not to Drink, Alcohol at the Wheel, Alcohol Talks to Youth*. All of these are small 25c books, except the first named which is 30c, available from your Baptist Book Store. Your women may want to see that several copies of each are placed in your church library and also in the public school library. It would not hurt your women to read these books too.

For other suggestions, order from your state WMU office a copy of the leaflet, "What You Can Do About the Alcohol Problem."

Edith Stokely

To Stewardship Chairmen

The big WMU event of August is Sunbeam Focus Week. It will be well for you to focus your attention on the stewardship activities of the Sunbeams in your church. Have you ever noticed the stewardship programs which appear every month in *Sunbeam Activities*? Are you sure that your Sunbeam Band Leader is using these programs? Have you given her suggestions and offered to help her with them?

Focus Week furnishes you a good opportunity to go into the matter of the stewardship education of the Sunbeams. No doubt the leader would be glad to have you attend one of the meetings this month and tell the stewardship story. Then, as a part of the Sunbeam Focus Week plans, you might arrange with her to have one or more of the older children visit circle or general WMS meetings and tell one or two of the stewardship stories showing the accompanying picture.

Very small children cannot understand the full meaning of stewardship—few adults do! But, the very least Sunbeams can learn that all good gifts come from God and can be led to give their love gifts to him. Sharing is an experience which every child should have early in life, and this forms the basis of stewardship training. Our stewardship education plans are designed to

lead the children and youth step by step in understanding the meaning of Christian stewardship.

Of course, parents should have a part in the stewardship education of their children. Sunbeam Focus Week would be a good time for you to see that all parents of Sunbeams have copies of the leaflet, "What Do Your Children Do With Their Money?" Copies are furnished free from your state WMU office. This leaflet will help parents know how they can co-operate with the Sunbeam leaders in stewardship training. Place copies in envelopes and give to the children to take home as a gift for "Mother and Dad." Or, they could be distributed at any parents' meeting planned for the week.

"Bonny Baptist and the Sunbeams" is the Sunbeam stewardship study book. It should be taught often enough to reach each generation of Sunbeams, and a class studying the book could be a part of Focus Week.

Don't forget that it is nearing time for the observance of Church Night of Stewardship. Sunbeam participation in this program can be attractive and effective. One child could tell a story. "The Earth Is the Lord's," the story for March in *Sunbeam Activities*, would be especially good. Other Sunbeams could repeat Scriptures and sing a song.

Mrs. C. W. Cheaman

To Mission Study Chairmen

By this time you have launched your circles or society into the study of the *Guide for Community Missions* and have started your personal preparation for the Foreign Mission Graded Series on the Moslem world.

As time has to be allowed for filling orders as well as for inevitable delays, suppose you make a list of the materials you know you will want to use with the Moslem books. The Publicity Department of the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York, can furnish you with a Scripture exhibit sheet in Arabic and English for 5c and one of the gospels in Arabic at 14c. The selection of the gospel can be left with the Bible Society.

THE MOSLEM WORLD

All free teaching helps and materials are now ready for distribution from the Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond, Virginia or your state WMU office. Order all books from your state Baptist Book Store.

Write to the American Friends of the Middle East, 47 East 67th Street, New York 21, New York, for a list of their pamphlets published under the title *Moslem Series*. You will find numbers 1, 2, and 5 helpful and modestly priced at 10 and 15 cents. The Egyptian Embassy, 2310 Decatur Place, N. W., Washington 8, D. C., will send you a number of booklets free on request. One of the best for this study is *Women in the Moslem World*.

There are several activity materials that you should know about. One is called "Our World Cut-Outs." Each book in the series contains a family unit. The figures are colored and when cut out will stand easily. You will want the book called "Arabia." The price is \$1.00. Either Built-Up Panel Posters set 694 (price 65c), or Picture Posters set 711, (price 80c), both depicting desert life, will provide atmosphere for your adult class and possible handwork for your Junior GA and RA classes. Order all these items from your state Baptist Book Store.

Perhaps you would like to have a paper Syria-Lebanon family busy at their daily chores. If so order by this name in the Cut-N-Fold Series from: Presbyterian Distributing Service, 156 5th Avenue, New York 10, New York. Price 50c.

Flags not only help to create atmosphere but at the same time are good visual aids in teaching a bit of history and geography. Attractive silk and rayon flags, size 4x6 inches, of Israel, Jordan and Lebanon may be purchased for 50c each from your state Baptist Book Store. Larger ones printed on muslin, size 12x18 inches, will cost 75c. Though Israel is a Jewish nation; Nazareth is an Arab town and an important center of Baptist work. The old city of Jerusalem is held by Jordan. Thousands of Arabs are still in Israel. You will want her flag.

As usual in any study involving countries, issues of the (*Turn to page 25*)



South's Biggest Mission Study Class

Twelve hundred women in the Miami Association heard Dr. John Haldeman teach "Under the North Star" in February, 1955.

BELOW—Close-up of part of the Alaskan exhibit arranged by Mrs. E. J. Gummoe, mission study chairman of Miami Association. Left to right are Mrs. George Q. Holland, state WMU president, Mrs. Gummoe, Dr. John Haldeman, pastor of Allapattah Baptist Church, Mrs. H. D. Benton and Mr. Robert Jones.



Circle Program

MISSION STUDY

(BWCs use program on page 32)

Having begun your study of the *Guide for Community Missions* in July, you are ready for the second session as outlined in the Teaching Helps. Use the worship suggestions on page 13. Be sure to use a talent as suggested in this session to discover the abilities and interests of your members. It will give valuable information to the incoming community missions committee.

Did the community missions chairman ask your circle to make a survey of one phase of your community life, such as the need for Christian recreation, the alcohol problem, institutional needs, unchurched in the community? Since much of the outlined study for this session concerns primarily the community missions chairman and committee, part of the teaching time could be given to discussing what your circle members discovered in the survey about your community.

Also you will want to decide what problems from sessions three and four you will discuss at the September meeting. Choose from those that are applicable to your own community. There are twenty problems

suggested for discussion. If you assign them at your August meeting to individuals or groups of two or three, the circle members can be ready to report when you meet in September. By making the assignments in advance you will have more time in September to give to discussion.

In connection with your meeting, use "Mission Study Can be Different" in August, *Home Missions*.

Hints to Mission Study...

(From page 23) *National Geographic* are indispensable. Look in your own or public library files for the following numbers: December, 1944 and December, 1952 (Jordan), January, 1951 (Iraq, the Mesopotamia of the Bible), July, 1953 (Pilgrimage to Mecca), December, 1954 (a view of the Bible lands today following along the crusader's route of 1099. Superb pictures). These are among the best and will be of the greatest help. Of course there are many other issues on the Moslem countries.

It is well to see what is fairly current among popular sources such as *Holiday*, February, 1955, *Reader's Digest*, May, 1955, and *Life*, May 9, 1955. The last two concentrate on Islam rather than on the Moslem countries.

Do not forget to visit the local offices of the airlines, steamship companies and travel agencies. They will co-operate with you in securing posters of many Near East countries.

After August 1, covers of the adult book *World Within a World* can be bought for 2c each from your Baptist Book Store. Staple blank sheets inside these attractive folders and give to the members of your adult class for note-taking. Or you may wish to include mimeographed sheets of supplemental extras.

Mrs. William McMurry

Visual Aids for Your Study of THE MOSLEM WORLD

"*Isaiah in Gilead*"—an account of our Baptist witness in the Holy Lands. Motion picture, 22 minutes. \$5.00 rental.

"*Sharing the Word in the Near East*"—a survey of Baptist mission work in Israel, Jordan, and Lebanon. Kodachrome filmstrip. \$3.50.

"*The Challenge of the Moslem World*"—just what it says, with emphasis on Moslem need in all the Moslem areas. Kodachrome filmstrip. \$3.50.

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from Frances Watson, District Missionary in Buenos Aires, Argentina

Our car may look like a toy but it isn't! It's the car that was purchased for the Buenos Aires district by your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. And has its purchase made a big difference in the amount of work which the missionary family Watson has been able to do! Three times as much work is accomplished with a third the effort. We had wasted so much time waiting for streetcars, buses, subway trains, and every other available kind of transportation that we were very discouraged.

We don't know how we can say thank you! But we hope all who gave will read this for we do say it from the very depths of our hearts.

Why didn't we purchase a Ford, Plymouth, or Chevrolet? If you knew the prices, you wouldn't ask that. Ours is a small four cylinder Javelin made in England. It is fairly comfortable and above all, economical. What makes us happiest is that with it we can get on with the job. The field is white and the workers are few so we need the best equipment possible. How happy we are that Southern Baptists are not only interested in appointing and sending missionaries but also in equipping them!

We ask your prayers that God will raise up laborers to harvest this crop of four million souls in the province of Buenos Aires. This spring we had a series of simultaneous services in all of the one hundred and fifty churches of the country. We believe that many were saved and baptized into our churches.

May the Advance Program of Southern Baptists never cease to ADVANCE until the kingdoms of the earth have become the kingdom of our Lord.

from a missionary on furlough
Virginia Wingo, Louisiana and Italy

Like every other missionary on furlough, I have been a gadabout—engagements in fifteen states. It would be a joy to tell of the churches and conventions visited, the wonderful friends seen again, the new friends made, the kindnesses of Baptists interested in all their missions and in any missionary.

With Italy in mind, it seems years since seeing friends there, especially that best of colleagues, Grace Tyler, and the students at Armstrong Memorial Training School. Yet, thinking of family and friends here, it seems that furlough lasts just a brief time, instead of practically a year.

Some of you may not yet know that our largest student body was enrolled this past session, seventeen young women, five of whom are from Spain. Two of the Spanish girls and three Italian girls graduated on Friday, June 30. Especially proud and happy was Grace Tyler, the only missionary at the school this year, and the only full-time teacher. Several capable Italians, teaching from two to eight hours weekly, have shared the work with her.

Below—The Watson family in Argentina.



Our Young People

Sunbeam Focus Week

by Elsie Rives, secretary of division of Sunbeam Bands



August 14 through 20 is Sunbeam Focus Week. Throughout the Convention territory Woman's Missionary Union will give special attention to the 14,224 Sunbeam Band organizations with their membership of 210,126 children.

As you think about the many young lives engaged in missionary study, may your plans for this Focus Week include several purposes: 1. To promote in your church a better understanding of the Sunbeam Band and its program of missionary education for children; 2. To give an opportunity to the other church organizations to know better the plans of your Sunbeam program; and 3. To plan something of special interest for the Sunbeams.

Sunbeam leaders will need help from the WMS to accomplish all this. Some of the following suggestions will be helpful to you in planning for this week in your church.

1. Make use of the church bulletin. Ask that space be given to the announcement and plans for Sunbeam Focus Week in the Sunday, August 14 bulletin.

2. Weekly church papers will afford space for an article about the Sunbeam organization.

3. The WMS can provide a time in the program meeting for Sunbeam leaders to present the plans and needs of the Sunbeams in your church.

4. Co-operate with the children in a Sunbeam-Parent meeting. Fostering circles and interested parents can assist the leaders in making plans for this meeting.

5. This week is an excellent time to teach a mission study book to the children. Help from the WMS can make this most profitable.

6. Make Focus Week an opportunity to visit in the homes of children not yet enlisted in your Sunbeam Band.

7. Focus Week will be a good time for fostering circles and societies to look at their Sunbeam Bands. Can you answer yes to these questions?

a. Does your organization have adequate leadership for effective teaching? The Sunbeam manual suggests a helper for every six to eight of preschool age (four and five) and one for every eight to ten children of school age.

b. Do you have separate Sunbeam Bands for preschool and school age children?

c. Are all the children of Sunbeam ages (four to six; six to nine) of the WMS members in your church enlisted in the Sunbeam Band organization?

d. Are your Sunbeam Bands supplied with adequate materials for teaching? *Sunbeam Activities* and *A Manual for Sunbeam Band Leaders* will help you answer affirmatively.

e. Are you, as a fostering group, fully acquainted with the aims and purposes of the Sunbeam Band organization?

8. If your church does not have a Sunbeam Band, Focus Week would be a wonderful time to organize. Of the 19,896 Woman's Missionary Societies reported in 1954, 5,672 did not have Sunbeam Bands.

As this Sunbeam Focus Week calls your attention to children studying missions in our organizations, may you be reminded to pray, work, plan, and teach well today so that there can be a great tomorrow for the cause of missions.

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Alabama

Twenty-nine Federated BWC members and ten visitors enjoyed a wonderful banquet at Thomaston, Alabama, in the spring with the Brotherhood serving as host, chief cook, and bottle washer.

Three YWAs from Demopolis brought a message in song. The Linden BWC entertained with an old fashioned "Tacky Tea Party"—full dress and tea cakes at their best.

The Thomaston Brotherhood took the limelight with several numbers by their quartets.

The serious notes were added by a solo, "And I If I Be Lifted Up," and the message of the Rev. Claude Haygood on "Redeeming the Time," Ephesians 4:16 and 17. All joined in the hymn of the year, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." The Brotherhood quartets said goodnight by singing, "Good-night, Ladies."

This was truly a highlight in our history.

Virginia

With the theme, "Doors to Christian Service," the twelfth annual meeting and banquet of the Virginia Federation of the BWC was held in March at Roanoke.

Held in connection with the annual session of Woman's Missionary Union, the business included the election and instal-

lation of officers by Miss Alma Hunt, WMU executive secretary.

The new officers are: Mrs. L. S. Overstreet, president; Miss Mary Blevis, first vice-president; Mrs. Helen C. Riley, second vice-president; Miss Myrtle Patterson, secretary; and Miss Mary Alice Sykes, treasurer.

During the year, sixty-six new circles were organized in the state and 1,635 new members enlisted. There are now thirty-two local Federations with a membership of over ten thousand. Ninety per cent of the women read a mission study book and fifty-eight per cent subscribed to a missionary magazine. Eighty-one per cent of the reported circles participated in community missions projects.

Guest speaker for the meeting was Mrs. William McMurry, secretary of the department of missionary fundamentals of WMU. Her subject was "Doors to Christian Service."

The president announced a statewide retreat at Virginia Beach from August 12 to 14 and a statewide motorcade to be planned for next summer to visit mission areas of Virginia.

North Carolina

The Mount Zion BWC Federation met at the Alexander Wilson School Cafeteria in Burlington, with 115 BWCs from 14 churches present.

The theme for the evening was in keeping with the simultaneous revival being held throughout the South: "Win White We Work."

The banquet tables were appropriately

Business women of the Mount Zion Federation used appropriate decoration for their banquet.



State officers for North Carolina are (l. to r.) front, Mrs. Bryan Hurd, Mrs. Hugh W. Page; back, Miss Mamie Faucelte, Mrs. Ike Fesmire, Mrs. E. H. Simpson.

decorated with articles used by business women every day—typewriters, adding machines, nurses' caps, pencils, chalk, ink, note pads, thread on cones, and spools, since we are in a textile section.

Officers were elected and installed with Mrs. Harry Puckett leading the installation prayer.

Speaker for the evening was Mrs. Ruth Snow Askin, director of nursing education at Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and former missionary to Lebanon. Mrs. Askin stirred the hearts of each one to try to truly serve Christ every day.

South Carolina

The South Carolina State BWC Federation is really having growing plains! This organization is eager to reach every BWC in the state.

A new associational BWC Federation has been added in the organization of North Greenville BWC Federation.

Miss Carol Locke, of Taylors, South Carolina, is the chairman. We are grateful for this group and inspired by their work. This brings the total associational BWC Federations in South Carolina to fourteen.

Let's reach out for the other twenty-three associations which have BWCs but no Federations.

Some may wish to unite with nearby associations until such expansion calls for division. But now that we have had a shove off by North Greenville, let's just keep growing!

Also, from South Carolina come some important questions.

Are you doing any reading and preparation toward the Foreign Mission Study for 1955—the Moslem World? What definite plans and materials are you gathering?

And how about the 1956 Home Mission Study on the American Indian? On some of your trips to reservations, to the pageants, and even just vacations in such areas, there is much that you could gather to bring this study to life.

You still have time
to travel to
GLORIETA
WMU Conference
AUGUST 4-10

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For reservations, write to Mr. E. A. Herron, Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, New Mexico



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Program

Program Plans

Be sure your society uses this material and presents the program, instead of securing a local lecturer to do it. There is always a strong temptation to turn this difficult, oft-repeated subject over to someone else. While doing it yourself, consult the local or state dry force agency for extra materials—not a speaker! You may decide to use this material in a panel presentation, or make it into a radio play using the worship last, or you may present it in a series of posters you make.

Highway signs and safety posters can be used as background or interest centers. Mimeograph program folders with Scripture verses and some of the more pertinent sentences from this material and the program outline. If you do not arrange for the individual programs with outline of topics, put them on the blackboard or on poster where all can see; you need not put the explanatory parentheses on, too.

Program Outline

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(Historical Aspects of Alcohol)

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(What Alcohol Is)

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What Can We Do?

1. Educate?
2. Legislate?
3. Eradicate?

Prayer that professing Christians will be total abstainers; prayer that the use of beverage alcohol will be abolished everywhere.

A Sure Road to National Downfall

Worship

Quote in unison Isaiah 40:3

Hymn: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Prayer that every Baptist woman will feel she must do something in her home, in her business and social life to stamp out the evils of beverage alcohol.

Assign Scripture references to six different women who stand and read them from the audience:

- Deuteronomy 29:6
- Proverbs 20:1
- Proverbs 21:17
- Proverbs 23:20,21
- Proverbs 23:29-32
- Ephesians 5:18

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(Historical Aspects of Alcohol)

No one knows who discovered alcohol. Possibly man stumbled on it by accident. Some prehistoric woman may have left a bowl of fruit in the sun too long. An inquisitive, and not very discriminating person, attracted by the odor must have tasted the first wine. Quickly man discovered that alcohol could be produced from any material that would spoil. It comes from the palm tree, the cactus, honey, beans, sugar cane, wheat, potatoes.

When history dawned most of the people of the world had already discovered and put to use alcoholic beverages even in tribal worship though personal intoxication was frowned upon.

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by Mrs. Joe Burton,

Mrs. Burton is wife of the editor of HOME LIFE, Nashville, Tennessee

So primitive man handed down to us "an alcoholic tradition" that has never been stamped out. May God forgive us that society still drinks to welcome friends, to launch ships, to celebrate victory, to commemorate great occasions, to greet new babies, to speed the bride and groom on their way, and to celebrate the birth of our Saviour and Lord into the world.

Down through the years there have been people who have spoken for the conscience of society and have preached total abstinence and prohibition.

The early periods of recorded history reveal excessive drinking in Persia, Rome, Greece, and Egypt. Then prohibition laws were directed against the consequences of drinking, rather than against drinking itself. The early church regarded drunkenness a sin. During the Protestant Reformation drinking was condemned by the church. Calvin and Luther preached temperance, then Wesley brought burning messages on total abstinence. These sermons had a direct effect on colonial America.

The use of beverage alcohol became more widespread when the process of distillation became a major industry in the early part of the eighteenth century.

Drinking customs in colonial America were like those in England. All the colonies condemned excessive drinking but they encouraged the brewing industry. Yet our country became toward the latter part of the 18th century, a "hard liquor" drinking nation despite much legislation against

it. Goethe said, "Some people spend the day complaining of a headache and the night drinking the wine that causes it." Early laws prohibited the sale of "spirits" to Indians, minors, or drunkards, but later legislation had to do with revenue from its manufacture and sale. The temperance movement increased during the American Revolution.

History shows then that from the time of primitive man, "John Barleycorn" has been an outlaw and despite his respectable cloak is still one today. From the beginning of history this strange paradox is before us: Man encourages the manufacture and use of alcohol as a beverage even while his conscience deplores its devastating effects on his life.

Ethyl Is Not A Lady

(What Alcohol Is)

We borrow this title from the National Temperance League—"Ethyl is not a lady." There are different kinds of alcohol, namely, butyl, amyl, methyl, isopropyl, and ethyl. The latter is the beverage. Ethyl quite definitely is not a lady. "It is a transparent, colorless, volatile substance with a slight odor and a burning taste." Its boiling point is 172.5° compared to 212° for water.¹ Ethyl is used for industrial purposes, also, in the manufacture of high explosives, disinfectants, etc.

¹ Alcohol Education by Hirsch, Schuman Publishers

While the manufacture of drinking alcohol is an involved process today, the basic chemical process of fermentation and distillation is the same as in the days of cave men. Wine is made from fermented fruit juice. Often distilled alcohol is added. Beer and ale are made from malted grains, yeast, water, and hops. Brewing has three phases: mashing the grain and dissolving it into liquid, fermentation with the yeast, and finally storage into vats. Whiskey and other "hard liquors" are made from fermenting grains, distilling the liquid to increase its alcoholic content, and aging it in oak casks with charcoal lining. A bottle of

WHAT DO THE COMMUNISTS SAY?

"The worst survival of the capitalist past" is the same Communists are said to be using for drunkenness. Lecturers are warning that this "cannot be tolerated in our socialist society." Newspapers and other publications are campaigning against heavy drinking especially among young workers in the city and collective farmers who make illegal home-brew.

beer containing 4.2 per cent alcohol, a glass of wine that is 14 to 18 per cent alcohol, and a "shot" of whiskey that is 50 per cent alcohol will each give the drinker the same amount of alcohol.

Alcohol is a narcotic, having the effect of a sedative. It is not a food but does have energy producing quality. At the same time it has none of the minerals or vitamins essential to food.

Why do people drink the stuff? Experts give the following answers: First, to be sociable! "A lot of people do it." We are less conspicuous if we conform. Second, they drink to release the brakes, remove inhibitions, become sociable, talkative, even funny. Some drink because they like it. Some, to get a feeling of importance, escape frustration, get away from bad living conditions, escape from worry, to quench a growing thirst. Are these adequate reasons for consuming a beverage that is a concentration of spoiled substance, that has no food value, that is narcotic in effect, and accompanied by unfortunate or disastrous consequences?

Watch the Waste Line

(What Alcohol Does to People)

We would emphasize the word waste because it well describes what alcohol does to people, to homes, to nations, to property.

In the United States today 70 million people drink. Of that number 7 million are alcoholics. In one county in the South there were 17,000 arrests of public drunks last year. In addition to that number 1,200 were arrested for driving while drinking. In a neighboring county the annual total arrests for drinking while driving represented a 70 per cent increase over the previous year.

Seventy million people drink this narcotic that enters the blood stream immediately. Saliva and stomach juices have no effect on it. About 80 per cent of it passes quickly into the small intestine and into the blood. Twenty per cent is absorbed directly into the blood stream from the stomach. The brain, enmeshed in a network of blood vessels, is directly affected by a concentration of alcohol in the body. So the slightest degree of intoxication has a depressing effect upon the nervous system.

The behavior pattern of human beings is divided into three levels. The first level involves such involuntary basic activities as coughing, sleep, digestion, heart action. The second level consists of acquired physical skills such as vision, walking, speech, games of skill. The third level is that of acquired mental skills like judgment, sensitivity, self criticism, caution. Drinking touches the top level first. One small drink will affect this third upper level of behavior. As more is consumed walking, vision, speech, etc., are affected. Lastly, a continuous indulgence in drinking will affect the biological function of the body.

In the record of one hundred traffic deaths a day in the United States, with about a third of the drivers proved to be drinking we can see the glaring waste of human life on the highway. We see wasted working hours as we study the effect of alcohol on such skills as typing, industrial work, piloting planes, operating trains, etc. Medical science has established the fact that alcohol wastes health. Some say that moderate drinking does no harm to body tissue. But

there seems to be conclusive evidence that consistent drinking does affect the heart, stomach, and liver. All sources of information agree that alcohol lowers resistance to diseases. Recovery from pneumonia is hard for the alcoholic. There is a definite relation between alcohol and venereal disease. "Intemperate use of alcohol is a major factor in the increase in number of patients in mental hospitals."

All of us know there are wastes in home life, in heartache, in money turned from useful purposes. Do we not need to watch and control such a waste line?

What Can We Do?

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God"—Isaiah 40:3.

Even as the prophet heard the voice in the wilderness so in a desert of worldliness we hear the same clear call today to prepare a straight highway for our God. The signs point downward. What can Christian women do to turn the path of the nation upward?

Educate?

We know that education is the basic means of social progress. Facts supplied by home teaching, in the schoolroom, in our churches, and by many agencies such as Allied Youth, National Committee on Alcoholism, State Leagues Against Beverage Alcohol, etc., can lead people toward a better way. Alcohol education can give society an increased awareness of the dangers of alcohol. Recent studies of the drinking habits of high school students show that such education must begin before the high school years.

In December, 1933, the 18th Amendment, called a "Noble Experiment," was repealed. We quote from the President's proclamation: "The objective we seek through a national policy is the education of every citizen toward a greater temperance throughout the nation." As we look at facts today we conclude that either the training method was not good or that education is not the final answer.

¹ The Alcohol Problem Visualized, National Forum Inc., 407 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 5, Ill., price \$2.50.

You Can Advertise, Too

Using the slogan "Arrive Alive! Don't Drink and Drive!" a safety program designed to create an increased awareness in the public mind of the danger of drinking and driving has been launched.

The slogan appears in eye-catching red and black on a fluorescent bumper sticker, an envelope sticker, and a wallet size calendar card. Many thousands of these items are already being used.

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An attractive four page folder in color, giving the sizes and prices of each item and offering numerous suggestions for their use may be had free of cost by writing to The National Reform Association, 209 Ninth Street, Pittsburgh 22, Pa.

Legislate?

Legislation must accompany education if the better way is found. The Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church U. S. A. makes these suggestions for legislation.

1. Revision of the alcoholic tax structure.
2. Strict enforcement of laws controlling issue of liquor licenses and regulation of hours when it may be sold.
3. Use of public revenue from sale of alcoholic beverages to promote alcoholic education and rehabilitation of drunkards, relief of families, etc.
4. Regulation of liquor advertising.
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7 Sunday "O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him"—Psalm 34:9 Mrs. Lonnie A. Doyle, Manaus, Brazil, ed. ev., *Dr. W. C. Gaventa, Eku, Nigeria, MD, Mrs. Garreth Joiner, Quito, Ecuador, *Rev. W. W. Lawton, Jr., Baguio City, Philippines, Mrs. A. L. Iglesias, Alligandi, Panama, ev., Miss Elizabeth Lundy, Atlanta, Ga., GWC, Inabelle Lawton, MF

8 Monday "Take root downward, and bear fruit upward"—Isa. 37:31 Rev. Paul Bell, Jr., Guatemala City, Guatemala, ev., *Mrs. J. A. Lunstford, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Miss Sara Frances Taylor, Rosario, Argentina, ed. ev., James Lunstford, MF

9 Tuesday "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord"—Phil. 3:8 Mrs. B. Frank Belvin, Okmulgee, Okla., ev. among Indians, Miss Edelmira Robinson, Havana, Cuba, sec. ev., Miss Mary Lou Massengill, Tokyo, Japan, lan. st., Mrs. Robert Dorrough, Mati, Philippines, MD, *Dr. John D. Watts, Zurich, Switzerland, Mrs. R. L. West, Ogbomoso, Rev. W. J. Ferguson, Oyo, Nigeria, ed. ev., Rev. C. J. Lowe, China, em. Pray for Japan Baptist Youth Conference, August 8-11

10 Wednesday "Fear not I am thy shield"—Isa. 15:1 Rev. W. O. Horn, Beirut, Lebanon, Rev. Charles L. Whaley, Kokura, Japan, Mrs. Clem D. Hardy, Manaus, Brazil, ev., Mrs. J. E. Hubbard, Pawnee, Okla., ev. among Indians, *Mrs. Davis L. Saunders, Iwo, Nigeria, RN, Dr. Robert Dorrough, Mati, Philippines, MD, Miss Mary Crawford, Hawaii, Mrs. C. J. Lowe, China, em.

11 Thursday "With God nothing shall be impossible"—Luke 1:37 Miss Roberta Hampton, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st., Miss Cristina Aguilera, Edinburg, Tex., ed. ev. among Spanish, Mrs. Solomon Aragon, Clayton, N. M., Rev. I. B. Williams, Williams, Ariz.,

Pray Ye

ev. among Spanish, Dr. A. R. Cragtree, Rio de Janeiro, ed. ev., Mrs. E. H. Crouch, Brazil, Rev. Filomeno Hernandez, HMB, em.; Young Men's Mission Conf., Glorieta, August 7-17.

12 Friday "Even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye"—Col. 3:13 Mrs. Norman Kelley, Flagstaff, Ariz., ev. among Indians, Rev. Henry Walters, Baltimore, Md., GWC, Mrs. H. M. Harris, China, em., Rev. A. B. Craighead, Rivoli, Italy, Miss May Perry, Abeokuta, Nigeria, ed. ev., Mrs. R. H. Culpepper, Fukuoka, Japan, Rev. Rafael Fraguera, Placetas, Cuba, ev.

13 Saturday "Every good gift cometh down from the Father"—James 1:17 Mrs. W. C. Harrison, Porto Alegre, Brazil, ed. ev., Dr. A. W. Yocum, Pusan, Korea, MD, Mrs. Gerald Fielder, Tokyo, Japan, Jan. st., Mrs. M. W. Stuart, Honolulu, Hawaii, ev., Mrs. Andrea Viera, Roswell, N. M., ed. ev. among Spanish, Mrs. Alejandro Pereira, HMB, em.

14 Sunday "O come, let us worship and bow down"—Psalm 95:6 Rev. James A. Foster, Baguio, Philippines, Rev. Harry L. Ruley, ev., *Mrs. C. L. Culpepper, Sr., Taipei, Taiwan, Miss Jaxie Short, Hong Kong, Miss Juana Luz Garcia, Havana, Cuba, ed. ev. Pray for Sunbeam Band Focus Week, August 14-20

15 Monday "He that diligently seeketh good, procureth favour"—Prov. 11:27 Mrs. R. E. Gordon, Dagupan, Rev. J. E. Jackson, Cotabato, Philippines, ev., Rev. Lee Roebuck, White Rocks, Utah, ev. among Indians, Mrs. C. H. Westbrook, China, em.

16 Tuesday "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit"—Gal. 6:18 Mrs. Edwin B. Dozier, Tokyo, Japan, Rev. Lloyd H. Neil, Ogbomoso, ev., Rev. Carrol F. Eaglesfield, Ibadan, Nigeria, Rev. Robert L. Lindsey, Jerusalem, Israel, ed. ev., Mrs. C. F. Landon, Los Angeles, Calif., ev. among deaf, Rev. E. L. Morgan, China, em.

17 Wednesday "This is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us"—1 John 5:14 Rev. Herbert Caudill, Havana, Cuba, ev., Mrs. W. C. Newton, China, em. Pray for all associational missionaries throughout the convention

18 Thursday "Lest I should be exalted above measure there was given to me a thorn"—2 Cor. 12:7 Miss Irene Branum, Pusan, Korea, Miss Alice Miller, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, RN, *Mrs. Worth Grant, Sendai, Japan, ev., Miss Martha Hairston, Recife, Brazil, ed. ev., Mrs. L. W. Pierce, Mrs. P. H. Anderson, China, em.

19 Friday "The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom"—Prov. 10:31 Rev. Garreth Joiner, Quito, Ecuador, Mrs. Gerald S. Harvey, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, *Mrs. Morris J. Wright, Urawa Shi, Japan, ev., Rev. S. P. Mireles, Kingsville, Tex., ev. among Spanish, Miss Sophie Lanneau, Miss Pearl Caldwell, China, em.

20 Saturday "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart"—Psalm 27:14 Mrs. J. J. Cowser, Rio de Janeiro, pub. ev., Mrs. Raymond L. Kolb, Recife, Rev. J. R. Allen, Brazil, em., Rev. Emmanuel Rojas, Cristobal, Canal Zone, ev., *Mrs. John D. Watts, Zurich, Switzerland, ed. ev., Mrs. Ruby Vidaurri, Abilene, Tex., ev. among Spanish, Rev. Dewey E. Mercer, Tokyo, Japan, Jan. st. Pray for Japan Mission Meeting, August 20-29

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What do you do for them?

21 Sunday "The desire of the righteous is only good"—Prov. 11:23 Rev. Juan Naranjo, Colon, Cuba, ev., Mrs. Louis McCall, Mrs. Bobby Lee Spear, Bangkok, Thailand, Mrs. James Bartley, Montevideo, Uruguay, Jan. st., Rev. G. B. Cowser, Rio Grande, Miss Minnie Landrum, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ev.

22 Monday "He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names"—Psalm 147:4 Mrs. Daniel Cantu, Carrizo Springs, Tex., ev. among Spanish, Rev. Ted Trent, Shiprock, N. M., ev. among Indians, Rev. Bert Lewis, Charleston, S. C., ed. ev. among Negroes, *Rev. A. G. Dunaway, Shaki, Nigeria, ev., Dr. Giles Fort, Gatopans, Southern Rhodesia, MD, Miss Lenora Hudson, Kokura, Japan, ed. ev., Mrs. J. C. Quarles, Argentina, em., Bertha Cantu, MF

23 Tuesday "The Lord will lighten my darkness"—2 Sam. 22:29 Rev. H. A. Zimmerman, North Pole, Alaska, Rev. Oz Quick, Taichung, Taiwan, ev., Mrs. Marvin A. Lytle,

In all the world there is no holier sight
Than families at prayer—mothers beside
Their children bowing down, and fathers, too;
The little ones who echo heaven here;
Whose joy is prayer; the tempted older ones
Who hear clear calls to honor God in all
Their ways.



What joy is his to hear their pleas
For guidance from home's quiet altar place!
All families are dear to him who once
Knew mother-love and father-love, and joined,
As child and youth himself, in family prayer.

Thy kingdom come! Thy will be done! Were these
Prayers made in all earth's homes, each desert place
Would blossom as the rose; all hate would cease;
And his true peace unite men's hearts and hands.

But peace he gives to every home on earth
Where families in humble reverence pray,
Thy kingdom come! Thy will be done, each day.

—Herald of Holiness

Tyler, Tex., ed. ev. among Negroes, Rev. W. W. Grafton, New Orleans, La., WEH, Rev. J. E. Lingerfelt, Salvador, ed. ev., Mrs. A. E. Hayes, Brazil, em.

24 Wednesday "Though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day"—2 Cor. 4:16 Mrs. M. V. Gonnens, Dulce, N. M., ev. among Indians, Mrs. Mike C. Mojica, San Antonio, Mrs. Opal D. Walker, Weslaco, Tex., ed. ev. among Spanish, *Miss Vera Campbell, Fukuoka, Japan, Mrs. Winfred Harper, Okeho, Nigeria, ed. ev., Miss Bertha Hunt, Brazil, em.

25 Thursday "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life"—Prov. 4:23 Mrs. O. C. Robison, Benin City, Nigeria, RN, Dr. John A. Roper, Beirut, Lebanon, MD, Mrs. Sam F. Morris, Shawnee, Okla., ev. among Indians

26 Friday "A man's pride shall bring him low"—Prov. 28:23 Rev. R. E. Johnson, Corrente, ed. ev., Rev. G. H. Wise, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Mrs. Adalberto Santizo, Panama City, Panama, ev.

27 Saturday "Delight thyself also in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desire of thine heart"—Psalm 37:4 Rev. Rudy Vidaurri, Abilene, Tex., ev. among Spanish, Mrs. Ruben J. Franks, Santiago, Chile, ev., Rev. G. O. Foulon, HMB, em.

28 Sunday "In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength"—Isa. 30:15 *Dr. Eugene Hill, Singapore, Malaya, ev., Mrs. J. H. Benson, Mexico, Mrs. George Green, Nigeria, em.

29 Monday "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance"—Gal. 5:22-23 Rev. Boyd A. O'Neal, Maccia, Brazil, ev.

30 Tuesday "Thou shalt know that I am the Lord: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me"—Isa. 49:23 Mrs. Eugene Kratz, Gatooma, Southern Rhodesia, Rev. A. P. Pierson, Chihuahua, Mexico, ev., Mrs. James Horton, Caniua Creek, Calif., ev. among migrants, Rev. W. B. Mitchell, Houston, Tex., ev. among Jews, Mrs. Harold Hurst, Tegucigalpa D. C., Honduras, RN

31 Wednesday "The righteous shall never be removed"—Prov. 10:30 Rev. George R. Gaddie, Dayton, Ohio, pioneer missions, *Rev. Horace E. Buddin, Goyania, Brazil, ev., Mrs. Samuel L. Jones, Gatooma, Southern Rhodesia, Jan. st.

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by Jack Finegan

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The area long known as India is now the home of two nations, India and Pakistan. Among the conditions which retard the development of a national consciousness are the separateness of group areas, the divisiveness of caste, the numerous religions, and the large number of languages.

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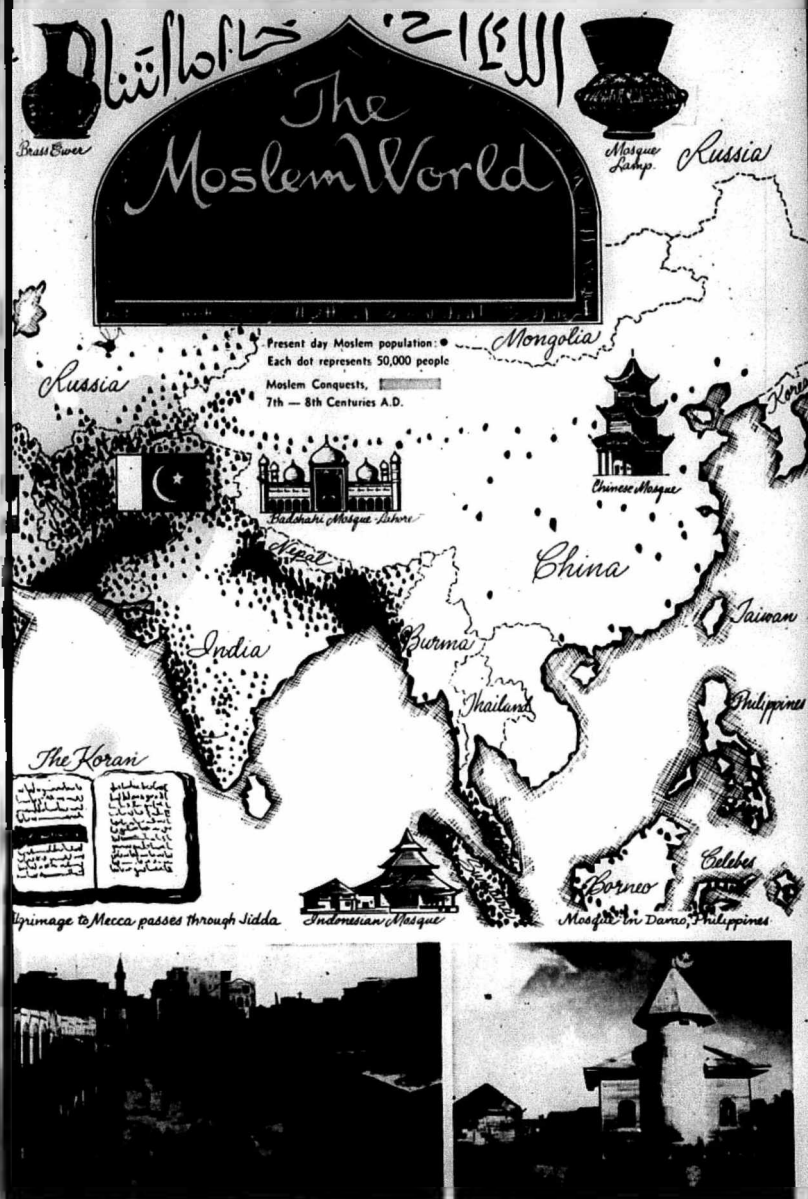
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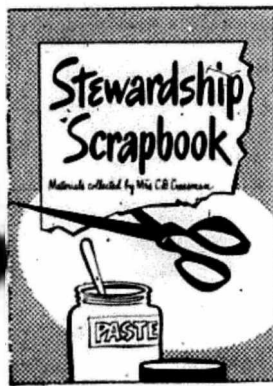
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