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Hands Across the Sea

Baptists for an educated ministry by participating in the Week of Prayer and giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for in these allocations is \$11,000 for the seminary.

In Rome I stayed in the Armstrong Memorial Training School which Woman's Missionary Union erected as a living memorial to its immediate past president, Mrs. F. W. Armstrong. Young graduates go forth to fill the places God has appointed for them. Through your prayers and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering you reach hands across the sea to Rome and strengthen the bonds of fellowship by which we are bound.

Through the 1952 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering you gave \$87,200 toward the erection and furnishing of a dormitory for married students at the seminary in Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland. As my visit there was during the students' vacation period it was my privilege to stay in this dormitory which your hands helped to build. In Ruschlikon again I felt that our missionary endeavor is characterized by sound judgment and vision as the scholarly efforts of able, dedicated minds are bent toward educating international Baptist leadership. In its first five years of operation the seminary has reached students from nineteen countries.

A map on the wall with lines radiating from Ruschlikon to the present location of

graduates brought mixed emotions. A feeling of exultation gripped me as I saw the far reach of such missionary endeavor. At the same time a feeling of loneliness seized my heart as I saw that some lines led to places far removed from the centers of Baptist fellowship. When we gather for our Week of Prayer let us unite our hearts in audible petition not only for the students in the seminary now but for the graduates. Let us pray for courage for those in difficult places and for God's special blessing upon those who minister in lonely places. As we give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering let us remember the far reach of this seminary to which we are allocating \$19,000 of the 1955 offering.

On each mission field I visited, missionaries and nationals spoke gratefully of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. And each time I thought of hands across the sea. I was not thinking primarily of the hands at work in these places—hands strengthened by our prayers and using the materials provided through the offering. I was thinking of *your* hands—hands that are often clasped in prayer for these who have paid more dearly than most of us for their faith, hands that toil in homes, in schools, in offices, in factories—*your* hands from which a portion of your material blessings will go to these others through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Do you want people to read the Bible more? Do you want more people to read the Bible?



The American Bible Society promotes a Worldwide Bible Reading program every year. Bookmarks are supplied free by American Bible Society, address: 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.

Ask your pastor if he has received this information, and offer to help him with distribution of bookmarks—being the daily Scripture passages from Thanksgiving to Christmas.

In your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering allocations, our Foreign Mission Board has included \$15,000 for the amazingly fruitful work of the American Bible Society in encouraging Bible reading and in translating God's Word so that all the world can read it.

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OUTSIDE COVERS The missionary program of Southern Baptists always majors on evangelism; preaching, teaching, and healing are the large areas of service. (Photo inserts show Ronald Hill street preaching in Thailand, Dr. Martha Gilliland operating in Nigeria, and Lois Hart teaching in Chile.) The emblem of our Foreign Mission Board (on back cover) challenges us to "go into all the world"—does that not mean strengthen the work in every place (indicated by white areas of map) where our missionaries now work?

INSIDE COVERS Here is a Christmas tree for your church bulletin board to remind everyone that the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions brings the overflowing and life-giving support of missions at this season of the year. As our offerings pour into the Foreign Mission Board, so will this tree at Christmas have luster and fruit.

New Heights of Dedication—Worldwide

by BAKER JAMES CAUTHEN, Executive Secretary, Foreign Mission Board



Korean pastors need co-workers to help them give God's Word.



African boys need an education.

Children of Thailand need to hear the story of Jesus' love.



Great movements are not usually brought about solely by individuals or groups of individuals; but individuals and groups must gather up and give expression to the feelings of those they represent or lead. The rising tide of interest in world missions on the part of the Southern Baptist Convention and the acceptance of responsibility for this task are related in large measure to the study, prayer, and giving of Women's Missionary Union.

Now more than ever there is need for deeper prayer and greater sacrifice as the Convention tries to give some organized and tangible expression to this movement toward world evangelization. The needs are not alone in the world beyond the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, the United States, or the nonwhite or the nonwestern portions of the world. They defy geographical, national, and racial barriers. The need is for Christ and it is worldwide. The need is for the total life of every human being.

One of the most encouraging things about the business of world evangelization is that a number of the countries we call mission fields now have their own mission boards. Many more have their own Christmas and love offerings. National Christians are also caught up in this movement which seeks to carry out God's plan for the world.

Early this year the Foreign Mission Board received a check for \$34.05 from the *Union Nacional Femenil Bautista de Costa Rica*, representing the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering taken during their Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions last December. Women from all eight churches in Costa Rica participated in the meetings and offering. That was their second season of prayer and offering for foreign missions.

The National Baptist W.M.U. of Spain gave \$225.68 last year as a Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for the Baptist hospital in Korea. Then, in addition, the First Baptist Church of Madrid gave \$170.29 for the same cause.

But the poverty-stricken Baptists of Korea were not willing merely to receive love gifts. Out of their poverty they sent to the Foreign Mission Board \$175, representing the Korean Lottie Moon Christmas Of-

fering for Foreign Missions.

From Missionary Crea Ridenour, Cali, Colombia, came the following letter about Christmas, 1954:

"As dusk fell, the candle vendor made his way along the street. 'Candles,' he cried, 'buy candles to light the way for the Virgin.' That night flickering candles stood in rows in windows and on patio walls. The virgin was passing through the street, according to popular belief, and would leave a blessing where candles were lighted to welcome her. So began the Christmas season in Cali, Colombia.

"In the First Baptist Church there was a different kind of activity. Early in the month the missionary society held a Week of Prayer, gathering each day to pray and to study how Christians can labor together with God in home, community, church, and nation. On Friday night the YWAs presented a program showing the means used to preach the gospel in missions all over the world.

"During Christmas week the church members met each night for special stewardship studies, promoted by the pastor, Hugo Ruiz Roca, in preparation for their 'Christmas Offering for Christ,' destined to support mission work planned by the Colombian Baptist Convention. On Sunday, December 26, more than 3,000 pesos (\$1,200 U. S.) were given, an offering of sacrifice and love by a church of only 150 members."

When the Japan Baptist Convention dedicated its first foreign missionaries to Okinawa at its 1955 annual meeting, Mrs. Higasa, executive secretary of the W.M.U. of Japan, rose and said that the women in their annual meeting the week before had anticipated the possibility of sending missionaries and had decided to dedicate this year's Christmas offering to that purpose.

These five are typical of more than a dozen Southern Baptist mission fields now engaged in foreign mission work through gifts of money. Several more have their own foreign mission boards.

The most significant development in Baptist life in our generation should lie in the dedicating of our resources in life and money for a world task. The future of Baptist life for the next hundred years will be greatly enriched, if in this day we develop a deep commitment to a world ministry that will enable us to project and sustain a world mission enterprise on proportions we have not even dreamed of.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering reached \$3,957,821 in 1954, which is approximately thirty-five per cent of the money used to finance the overseas work of Southern Baptists. Just a little more love and sacrifice will push this year's total beyond \$4,000,000. May love for the Christ of Christmas, along with the example of the prayers and sacrifice in giving by those nationals who have so little in material things, inspire the women and young people of our Convention to new heights of dedication this year!



People in Japan need literature.

Religion in Japan . . .

Is Buddha best . . . or does
Christianity win converts?



*Some young people turn their backs on Buddhism—
but many yet look to other gods than the one true God.*

Baptist Church in Japan



Urawa Baptist Church



Oita Baptist Church



Nagoya Baptist Church



East Fukuoka Baptist Church



*Grandmother beseeches a Jizo idol
to bring health to the sick child*

Do YOU feel the crushing burdens of a people loving beauty, desiring freedom, yet held by idol worship? Then your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering envelope will be heavy with your gift for Jesus' sake. Offerings of past years have built many of the new churches in Japan which sound forth the love of God.

Photos by Morris Wright



*A priest, in proper regalia, reads
prayers suited to each occasion.*



*Burdened hearts know no other way to
God than kneeling before the idols.*



Nationals become strong leaders and welcome visitors to a new way of life.





Cathedrals, parks, modern buildings—but no Baptist

Hospital in Guadalajara

by R. Lofton Hudson

pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri, and visitor to Mexico in the summer of 1955

GUADALAJARA, in the state of Jalisco, Mexico, is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. It has broad streets, modern buildings, beautiful plazas, and some of the handsomest people in all Mexico. The climate is almost perfect the year around. The altitude is 5,000 feet above sea level, and it is close to the Tropic of Cancer. The population is almost a half million.

But this section of Mexico is the heart of Catholic fanaticism, in this predominately Catholic country. One sees people walking on their knees for miles, wearing crowns of thorns, doing penance for their sins, trying to find favor with a God whom they do not know. Saints are prayed to oftener than the South.

Last June I saw a doll dressed up to re-

present the Virgin of Zapopan carried through the streets from one church to another. This virgin is supposed to keep the city from being wasted away in a flood. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people were in the procession. The Packard in which the girls rode with the virgin was drawn by ropes, pulled by the faithful who considered this worship a part of the service of God. They worship the virgin as we worship God.

Catholicism in Mexico is a combination of Indian paganism, Roman ritualism, and natural immorality which goes with the lack of knowledge of the living Christ.

Southern Baptists have twenty-seven missionaries in the western half of Mexico. American Baptists have about eight, one of them retired, in the eastern half.

One of the great needs in Mexico is Christian hospitals. American Baptists own and operate one, Latin American Hospital, at Puebla, about one hundred miles east of Mexico City.

In 1946 Southern Baptists sent Dr. and Mrs. E. Lamar Cole as our only medical missionaries to these needy people just south of the border.

Dr. and Mrs. Cole had a hard time getting established. It took five years of study before he was allowed to practice as a full-fledged physician. All his medical exams had to be taken over in Mexico before he could get a license to practice. But they stuck it out. Now he is in a clinic with a Congregationalist, Mexican doctor and is witnessing for Christ in a section of the world that has little of New Testament religion.

What is the need for medical missions in

in dire need. The humiliation and embarrassment is more than most will take.

Or just compare 1500 beds to a half million residents to the proportion in your nearest large city.

Besides Mexico has a kind of socialized medicine, a part of their social security, as we call it. Their name is Seguro Social. But probably only about twenty per cent of the population of Mexico is included in this coverage. If you do not happen to work at a concern that is covered, you will find your medical help from private doctors, or do without. Missionaries testify that most evangelicals do without. Millions of the poor have no alternative.

Roberto Diaz is an example. Eleven years of age, from a poor home, and a victim of polio, he was dragging his left leg. It was shorter than the other and turned in. The ligaments had hardened. He had gone to a doctor who had done him a little good. Other surgery was necessary.

Dr. Cole did some fasciotomies on various affected muscles. He then proceeded to do a "growth stimulation" operation on the bone above the knee. It was the first of its kind to be done in Mexico. It happened that Dr. Cole had done his thesis on this new type of surgery.

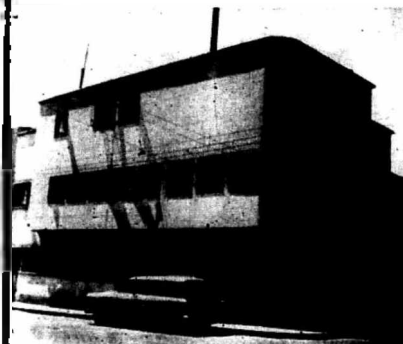
What will Roberto Diaz think of Christ and the ministry of love and care that he has received? You should have seen the smile on this bright, young face.

This work is being done in the clinic, but Southern Baptists now own an eleven and one-half acre site that was purchased for a new hospital. It is about three miles from downtown. It borders a poorer section on one side, and a new country club residential area on the other. It is a real bargain at \$67,000.

This plot of land provides space for a hospital, fifty beds to start with, a doctor's home, a church, two clinics, and student homes.

Student homes? Yes, in Mexico it is against the law to establish religious schools. But boarding homes bring in students from outlying areas, as well as local, and provide them with Christian training and influence while they attend the public elementary, or secondary, or professional schools.

All of this is aimed at making and developing Christians.



A drug store occupies a corner of fourteen bed clinic where Dr. Cole works.

Mexico? Do they not have doctors and hospitals?

In Guadalajara, for example, there are about 1500 hospital beds. Practically all of these are under the control of Catholic nuns. There are actual cases where evangelicals are refused medicine in these hospitals because they are not Catholics. Imagine calling for a hypodermic, or even a bed pan, under such circumstances. What happens, of course, is that most non-Catholics simply do not go to the hospital except



Wide-eyed children, shoes off Korean style, listen to the sermon.



See traditional white dress of able woman, children's bright smiles, as Mary Church, missionary nurse, and G.A. visit. Another, G.A. talks to a group of children about Jesus.



Your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering at Work IN KOREA

"We Koreans have lost everything but our souls. So long as we have them, we shall build our nation and our lives again." But each Korean in the nation needs to know the Saviour of mankind to build right. Our missionaries' help in Korea is vital and urgent. The Christmas Offering has helped rebuild churches, supply literature and evangelistic workers.



Morris Wright Photos for Foreign Mission Board

The mass of the gospel leads people in Christ when this excellent choir sings.



Dr. R. G. Lee, of Memphis, found sincere fellowship with Korean Christian leaders.



Our Baptist church, Seoul, speaks the word of salvation and peace to all.



Friendly Koreans linger to speak to each other and to Mrs. Abernathy after service is over on Sunday morning.





Classes are close together in busy witnessing churches.

*Do our churches in Seoul or Pusan
need educational buildings
even before your own church?*

Your Offering IN KOREA

There is an eager forward look in Korea
where we build on Christian interest
inherited from mission efforts before
Southern Baptists entered Korea.



Preaching in a Lottie Moon Christmas Offering church.

*The Korean children know the characters of faith, hope,
and love. Southern Baptists want them to believe, by faith,
the one true message of love which gives eternal hope.*

Morris Wright Photos for Foreign Mission Board

The Bible is truly used in Korea.

Cold, hungry, crowded: can this message be true? Bright-faced boys want to answer correctly.

Mrs. Abernathy, young business men, students.



"The City of Aristocrats"

by Helen Frances Hillman

DOES it matter how we got together? We were seven adults of varying ages going to Guadalajara on an "exchange" arrangement between Wayland College and the University of Guadalajara.

We drove through the enchanting city of Monterrey and took the road south, then westward to San Luis Potosí, where we arrived around midnight. Relaxing at the hotel in San Luis renewed our strength, and the next day we entered the state of Jalisco.

Jalisco (*Haleevra*), what a lovely name for a state! Guadalajara (*Guan-dala-ha-ra*), whose Arab syllables of Spanish Moorish influence signify "river of homes," is its capital. This city of 150,000 people was founded in 1530 by Spanish aristocrats, so it is called "The City of Aristocrats."

Junnye and I, being the only married couple, were offered the furnished, but empty house of Dr. and Mrs. J. Lamar Cole. Dr. Cole was then in Mexico City with his family getting his license to practice as our medical missionary in Mexico. The rest were located in one of the enormous, high-ceilinged homes whose occupants could probably use the stable American dollar to keep it in operation.

About an hour after our arrival in Guadalajara we met Mr. Orvil Reid who was to aid us greatly during our stay. Mr. Reid was at one time the only active Southern Baptist missionary living in Mexico. With his flair for writing, he tells many of his experiences and other facts we should know about our work in Mexico in a book called *The Challenge of Mexico to Missions*. The book is printed by seminary students in Guadalajara so it gives them gainful work to do and the proceeds help finance vacation Bible schools in their association. They had some seventy-five such schools this past summer.

Mrs. Reid has been her husband's faithful helper and co-laborer for well over a decade.

Mr. Reid's idea of attracting boys and men through physical culture, showing them how to acquire "muscle" is very effective. What man doesn't want to possess strength, and what woman doesn't admire it?

He originated the student homes as a family group, living in his home. Now the Boys and Girls' Student Homes give young people the atmosphere of a Christian school which they could not have otherwise because of a national ban on denominational education. Missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Lee are in charge of the Boys' Home and Miss Miriam McCullough of the Girls' Home in Guadalajara.

The day clinic Southern Baptists help to support was getting started, and we visited the newly acquired site. It is rendering a good service to the poorer people of Guadalajara through the work of Dr. Cole and Mrs. Lee, a registered nurse.

A Baptist hospital is really what Dr. Cole needs so that his ability and capacity to heal the sick can be used to the maximum by the Great Physician. Dr. and Mrs. Cole have had many setbacks during their years of service in Mexico, and still, the promised hospital remains an unfulfilled dream. When will we realize that to follow our Master's example, fully healing men's bodies is second only to salvation for their souls, and is a first in opportunity for telling the gospel message?

In all these different projects the missionaries work in close association with each other and the nationals. Regular church work and evangelism, the real core of any successful missionary endeavor, goes on continuously, of course.

According to agreement, our exchange group was to provide courses in English and in return we were to have the choice of taking any subjects the University of Guadalajara had to offer. When it was discovered I had taught English in Brazil, I was immediately asked to do the same



Pure water is hard to get so bottled "pop" was served at the farewell fiesta. Junnye Hillman is eating (left, across table). His wife sits at his left.

there. It was a privilege and a responsibility to accept. Through such teaching in Brazil we have for many years reached a class of people who would never be seen attending one of our humble little mission churches. In the informal setting of an English class many are the opportunities to speak of spiritual matters, rather than the pronunciation of a word, especially in a private class of one or two pupils.

There was a long two-column article in the daily paper *El Informador* about our arrival, three flowery paragraphs of which described the "miracle course" in English I would be teaching. The biggest difficulty was making explanations, because my Spanish is mostly "adapted Portuguese." The students teased me about teaching them three courses in one: English, Portuguese, and some new Spanish words they had never heard! A cross section of one of these classes of thirty to forty people included doctors, high school and college students, housewives, schoolteachers, and some business people.

Because of construction work at the university, our classes were held in the hushed and musty atmosphere of an old museum. We learned that this historic building was erected in 1700 and is one of the finest examples of early eighteenth century architecture on the American continent. The gracefully arched patio is filled with flowering shrubs and exotic trees which make a fragrant setting for the ancient Indian carvings and sculptures of pre-conquest Mexico placed there.

One class I profited from was taught by Mr. Reid on the religious history of Mexico. We discussed the many historical facts behind Mexico's present laws against all religious groups and churches. In essence, this condition was brought about because of the exploitation of the people by the Catholic clergy, creating a rich and powerful religious empire of paupers. This is the paradox that exists in differing degrees in all Latin American countries. How hard is the task of our missionaries in Mexico! Active persecutions, opposition and hostility are only a few of the things they have had to endure to fulfill the Great Commission.

We visited a monastery which had been discovered to be operating clandestinely, and were told of a convent near Cuernavaca which had just been exposed. The introduction of Catholicism into Mexico by the Spaniards was effectively carried out by "adapting" it to the already existent rites and practices known to the Indians.

While in Guadalajara, Junnye and I made several good friends, including two cultured *señoritas* with whom we went to nearby Lake Chapala, surrounded by picturesque villages—an artist's paradise. We visited Tlaquepaque, a large pottery center; went to hear the Guadalajara Symphony; heard a recital by a visiting guitarist; attended the elaborate wedding banquet of a socially prominent couple; and by formal invitation of the president of the university, heard a (turn to page 21)

"If My Health and Age Permitted"

As Told by Dr. Hallie Neal, emeritus missionary to Mexico

DR. RUFUS W. HOOKER was the first medical missionary sent out by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He reached Mexico in the fall of 1899. Soon he saw the importance of medical missions to bring him in contact with the people. He went back and took a course in medicine, then came to Guadalupe, Jalisco. There he soon had a good practice with as high as forty patients on a favorable day. In 1912 he had a furlough, then the revolution grew so extensive that he only stayed a few months after his return to Mexico before he resigned.

When I, Dr. Hallie G. Neal, arrived in Leon, Guanajuato, in 1907, our Board had no hospital in Mexico and was too much in debt to think of building one.

The bishop of that district published an edict and had it nailed on the doors of the different Catholic churches, forbidding all Catholics to rent, buy, sell, serve us, or come to my clinic. One priest told his people they could go to the clinic but not to listen to any of the teaching nor receive tracts. The patients came with cotton in their ears. One was frank enough to tell me why she had cotton in her ears when I asked her about it. I had a young ministerial student holding service each day.

I did not have many patients, but one very serious case needed an operation, and I took her to the Methodist hospital at Guanajuato. The hospital was not properly equipped for surgical work; the patient did not withstand the shock, and during the night she died. Her husband had gone with us to the hospital, but when his wife was put on the table, he left the house and has not been seen since. The doctor and I had to bear the expense of the burial.

Another surgical patient was our Southern Baptist missionary, the Rev. J. E. Davis, who had charge of the printery. He had a severe attack of appendicitis, and I took care of him. When the pain had subsided some, he wanted to go to the Methodist

doctor, but I persuaded him not to go, and he and his wife went to St. Louis. The Missouri state Baptist convention was in session and Mr. Davis stopped over Sunday. The Lord took care of him for he made three public addresses that day. The next day the surgeons found a ruptured appendix that had broken into the intestine and was draining that way. It was a long and dangerous operation, but he got well and directed the printing plant forty years.

The presence and work of the Baptist missionaries in Leon seemed to stir up the wrath of the priests. While Mr. Davis was sick in bed and Mr. Neal gone to a convention, some priests talked with the crowds on the street and gave them drink and told them to pass by the two houses where we missionaries lived and stone them. The front room of Mr. Davis' home was used for religious services and at the back was the printery. The mob broke windows there. I saw and heard them and ran to close the heavy shutters on my windows and the heavy doors to the street. The next day the officials of the city sent to repair the damage done to the Davis home because Mr. and Mrs. Davis were registered as American citizens. My husband and I had not registered.

Petty persecutions were keeping my signboard pasted over with dirty shucks from tamales, filling the big key hole of the street door with tar, throwing a dead rat in the patio, and also a mass of dung from the street. My husband and I rode bicycles, and the boys would throw stones making them roll along after us in try to trip us up.

One Sunday I was seated near the front window, and as we were called to prayer, I knelt right there at the window, and a man passing stopped and spit a mouthful right on my back. The dress was one of my trousseau, a white linen suit hand-embroidered. After that I sat further from the window.

As soon as Mr. Neal could make himself understood, he was elected director of the two schools for boys and girls in Toluca,



Dr. Hallie Neal

capital of the State of Mexico and we moved there.

I got my official papers registered, and the very next day an English doctor who had a sanitarium there called me to give an anaesthetic to one of his patients. That day came out well. The following day he called me to sponge in an operation for cancer. The patient died on the table. The surgeon and I were arrested, and I was taken to the office of the mayor to await trial. The judge had gone to a picnic, so I had to stay two nights and a day before going to court. There was a big iron gate that shut off the courtroom from the prisoners. I was kept there all day and then sent under guard to the county hospital to be kept until my case was decided. The lawyer got my case decided that night, and I was released, and Mr. Neal and I went to home sweet home. It was published in the press of the city, and several people came to see what I looked like.

Somehow that publicity gave me a start as a doctor. Soon I had as a patient the wife of a businessman who had an iron foundry. The woman had typhoid fever with heart complications. There was no serum treatment then and I might add no nurses. I took care of the patient, giving her the attention a nurse would give her as well as a physician. She lived to sing my praises, and she had many friends, especially among the Germans. Of course, I cared for the health of our students, and there were three cases of typhoid fever among them.

In Toluca I battled with patients of three epidemics, smallpox, typhus fever, and

worst of all the 1918 epidemic of influenza. In these epidemics the number of my patients went to fifty-four in a day. I had no nurse and no pharmacist, and only the help of Mr. Neal when he could get a short time off from his school duties. I went to homes where there were from five to seven in bed at a time.

During the epidemic of typhus fever, I took care of a family of five who had no one to wait on them. I carried a big pitcher of atole that my servant made each day for them, and at their house I brought in water and did other services of a nurse. They claimed to be Christians. I reported the cases to a health officer for them to be taken to the hospital, but it was full. The officers had confiscated a school dormitory to help take in the sick, but it was full. There were just mats on the floor and as many as five to a mat.

Several days after the members of that family had been able to be up, an officer came to see them and wanted them to get out while the one-room house was being disinfected. They wanted to come to my house to stay, but my house had the room for church services, my waiting room for patients, and my office besides the living quarters for my household. I explained to the man that it would be too dangerous for other people, and I told him that lice carried the disease and just turned back his coat collar and showed him the lice on his clothes.

My servant was a great help to me. She would bring hot and cold water as I needed it and take out the dirty instruments and sterilize them.

Another unusual case of typhus was a man who was father of a pupil in the school. He had one room in a large tenement (*vecindad*). He had heard the groans of a neighbor in an adjoining room until they grew weak in death, and that scared him so he got out and crawled the many blocks to my house. He was perfectly exhausted. I gave him what he needed and called a coach, took him back to his room, and left nourishment for him and his medi-

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Footprints marked the paths and roads from the villages where many women walked as far as twelve miles to attend. Tracks of lorries showed on the road to Gatooma as women came from distant towns to at the first W.M.U. convention for African women



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WIDZIRAI
KUBGINYA KWAKE

The hostess group at Sanyati Mission Station. Note the head gear (duke) of each woman on which she wears the W.M.U. emblem. Below: at the scene of the meeting is the theme "Declare His Glory" posted in two languages of Rhodesia. At these sessions the missionaries explained to the African women the meaning and methods of W.M.U.—they want to learn and grow.



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RHODESIA**

Food and fellowship are a part of any meeting. Sadza (a soft mealie meal mush) and relish (beans, green vegetable or meat) was the menu for lunch and supper with tea and bread for breakfast. Right: After a tour of the mission hospital, the W.M.S. from Bulawayo presented curtains for windows in the wards. They had made these as a community missions project. Dr. Giles Fort received the gift as it was presented by their leader.



"Declare His Glory"

in Southern Rhodesia.

Mrs. Lockard taught the Sunday school lesson, and the morning worship service followed with Munfundisi Kratz in charge and Munfundisi Lockard as preacher. (Munfundisi means preacher or missionary) Below: Then began the long trek home for those who came on foot or by lorry. The hours together on this weekend prepared these women for days ahead in their own villages to "Declare His Glory."



Freedom to Believe

by Marjorie Rouden, missionary in Israel

IT WAS getting dusk in the city of Jerusalem. To all appearances it had been just another day. The ancient city, now actually two cities divided between Arab and Jew, stood stately and silent on its perch high up in the Judean Hills.

But in at least three different homes in Jerusalem, this had not been an ordinary day. In each of the three families a new son had been born.

In the Meah Sharim quarters of new Jerusalem, Sarah and Eli were smiling fondly at their new born son.

"His name shall be Moshe," said the father proudly. "We shall teach him the Torah every day. He will be a good Jew. He will even be a great Rabbi someday!"

In another part of the city, separated from the first by soldiers, guns, and barbed wire, another father was admiring his new baby. Abdulla softly pinched the cheek of his new son and walked to the doorway of his one-room home. Respectfully he watched as the Moslem who would give the call to prayer climbed the winding stairs of the tall minaret. Tonight Abdulla sank dutifully to the ground facing towards Mecca, his evening prayers had more meaning than usual. He was grateful to Allah for his new son. Another Moslem had been born.

There was yet another happy home in Jerusalem this evening. Fuad and his wife, Afaf, talked softly in the twilight. Fuad looked down at their sleeping baby and spoke: "You are a fortunate baby, my son. You were born a Christian. Tomorrow I will register your name with the Khoury" (priest of the Greek Orthodox Church).

So, three new "church members" were born. Each was born into a particular religion. In this religion he will no doubt stay all of his life. To leave the religion of his birth would be a sin worse than any other. To change his religion could even mean death!

Sad though it be, this is the picture of the Middle East today. Religion has noth-

ing to do with conviction. A person's religion is given him at birth just as his name. He must grow up in a fixed religious community. He must not dare even to marry outside that group. Thoughts of leaving one's religious community are disgraceful thoughts.

Recently, in Nazareth, the hometown of our Saviour, a young Moslem and a young Christian woman fell in love and wanted to marry. The act of "falling in love" in itself is a very bad sin, but the greater sin, by far, was that each dared to marry outside his religious community. The Christian church would not marry them, the Moslem group would not marry them, the Jewish Rabbis would not marry them. There is no such thing as civil marriage. The problem was solved another way—the girl was found dead in her home. The village people all say that the parents killed their daughter.

In a Jewish city nearby a young Jewish woman openly confessed that she had changed her religion, that she had accepted Christ as her Messiah. She was fired from her position as a teacher. A week later she went into a restaurant in Jerusalem to eat lunch. She was asked to leave because "her kind" was bad for business.

A young Greek Orthodox boy attended the Nazareth Baptist Church. For the first time he heard about becoming a Christian in his heart, not just in name. He accepted Christ as his own personal Saviour and was baptized against the threats of his family. His baptism meant that he had "changed religions." Many months have passed, and his father has absolutely forbidden him ever to set foot in the Baptist church again.

In Tel Aviv, the Baptist group had been meeting one night each week for prayer and Bible study. Repeatedly they were asked to leave each roof that they managed to rent for their gathering. Finally, the roof of a building was leased and a small meeting hall was begun. The building, half finished, was ordered stopped by



An Orthodox Jew reads his Torah by the side of the road, Mt. Zion, Jerusalem.

the municipality. The reason: if it continued some Jews might be persuaded to "change their religion."

How thankful we Americans should be for the fact that centuries ago some one settled the matter of freedom of religion for us. How grateful we should be that we were born in a nation where our religion could be one of conviction, not of birth! Where we can change our faith every day, if our conscience so dictates. Or where we can have no religion at all if we want it that way.

Your missionaries in the Middle East are not struggling simply against cold hearts, they are struggling against ways of life which are as strong around the people as chains. For a Moslem, Jew, or even a so-called Christian in this part of the world to leave the religion of his birth and to accept the living, loving Christ as Saviour and Lord is a momentous thing. In most cases he has to give up family, home, friends, job, and is looked upon as lower than a traitor.

Have you ever thanked God for the freedom you have to believe what you like about him? Many people do not have that freedom. Pray for them.

"The City of Aristocrats"

(from page 15) speech by the president of Cuba. A Sunday at the church the Reids attend (our missionaries there are field workers since it is illegal for a foreigner to pastor a church) gave us opportunity of associating with a more humble class of people, some of them our brothers and sisters in Christ.

When we left Guadalajara, the old museum echoed with the sounds of a farewell fiesta, where blindfolded, we tried to hit piñatas dangled on a rope from the ceiling. There was a full Mexican meal which we enjoyed, after which we played games and heard speeches and songs. That was really a happy farewell party, for we had made so many friends.

We passed through the high, arched gates of Guadalajara out onto the modern highway which would take us to many more adventures: Morelia; the night-time spectacle of the active volcano of Paricutin; climbing the four hundred and twenty-seven steps to the top of an inactive volcano; Patzcuaro, across from the island of Janitzio, surrounded by its hutterfly boats (here we crossed over and climbed more steps to the top of the gigantic statue of Morelos, one of Mexico's liberators); the flowered canals of Xochimilco; the ruins of Pyramid of the Sun at Teotihuacan; Mexico City itself. . . . But not even seeing all of these things could for one moment dim the lovely, lingering memories we have of Guadalajara, City of Aristocrats.

Five Grains of Corn on an Empty Plate

Three hundred years ago our Pilgrim ancestors put five grains of corn on each empty plate before the Thanksgiving dinner was served. When the children asked questions about them, the parents told of the desperate straits of their forefathers which allowed each person to eat only five grains of corn a day.

And your Thanksgiving dinner in 1955? Why not place the five grains of corn on a plate before each person, give the explanation, and ask for thoughtful naming of five things for which each is glad and grateful.

Wouldn't this be a good preparation for a thoughtful Lottie Moon Christmas Offering?

My Conversion and Call to the Ministry

by Alberto Marin

I BEGAN attending the Good Will Center when it was not yet located in its present site.

I first went, because my younger sister, Doris, attended school there. She went to kindergarten and was invited to the Sunbeam Band and to Sunday school. My sister liked both of these meetings very much, and I accompanied her for a long time.

In the meantime, the teachers and the missionary especially tried to show me little by little the blessed doctrines of Christ, and slowly but surely I became absorbed in this gospel.

I put forth every effort to obtain permission from my parents to attend all the meetings. After some time I was invited to an intermediate meeting, and I went eagerly and full of optimism.

At first I was given bits of Bible reading to do in front of the others, then small talks which I did not read but developed, though poorly. I was very happy to participate in this way and tried to do better each time.

My sisters and brothers also attended and likewise became interested in the meetings. There are five of us. My parents only came

occasionally but never objected to our participation, though we were Catholics.

On many occasions, after the messages, invitations were given to confess Christ as our personal Saviour publicly. In spite of the fact that many times I wanted to express my desire to receive Christ as my Saviour, I did not do it because I was ashamed, so instead of standing up I would cling to my seat. But the power of our Lord triumphed in my life, and I accepted him in my heart.

I continued my preparation in the way of the Lord and after a time asked for baptism. The day of my baptism will always stand out as one of the best in my life, together with the day I accepted Christ as my Saviour.

From constant mission study we had in our intermediate meetings, an impression was definitely made on my mind. It was a beautiful and sublime picture of the person who dedicates his entire life to show others the way of salvation. This and the responsibility of a Christian to be used in the salvation of the many lost souls in the world stayed with me. It was at this time that I decided that, if it were God's will, I would dedicate my life to this task.

I have felt this call in my heart because I have seen, even in my scanty years, the horrible vision of a world lost in sin and have felt the need of showing the way to as many as possible that they may be saved and not eternally lost.

This is his own story of his experience with the Lord, a translation of the testimony sent with his request for admittance to our seminary in Santiago, Chile. In the picture Alberto is with one of his Royal Ambassadors.

"... And this is Alberto," announced Doris, proudly, with laughter in her eyes, as she presented her older brother to us at the Good Will Center Sunday school.

I looked into the face of a small but dignified boy with a very courteous manner, evidence of his home training by his older father. This was Alberto's first visit to the Good Will Center which was then located in a small, rented building only a few blocks from the children's home.

Doris Marin was attending our little school and had accepted our invitation to bring other members of the family to Sunday school. She had brought the younger members of the family the first Sunday and both of her older brothers on this day.

After that first visit, Alberto became one of our finest Will Center boys making a definite contribution to our choir for he has a beautiful tenor voice.

from Lois Hart, missionary in Chile



New Missionary Appointees

by Laura Frances Snow, in Language Study, San Jose, Costa Rica



Miss Snow, before her appointment, was Tennessee W.M.U. Young People's secretary.

In his second letter to the church at Corinth, Paul wrote these words: "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place" (2 Cor. 2:14).

I represent 64 new missionaries appointed already this year, who have recognized a very personal and practical application of Paul's words: "to make manifest the savour of his knowledge . . . in every place."

If you could know us as individuals, you would find each one of the 64 different from the others. We are different in appearance. We come from different backgrounds—different homes, different states and schools. We have had different experiences, consequently, our testimonies are varied. God spoke to some when they were little children, and they have spent years in preparation for his service. Others have heard God's call only recently, perhaps after the period of training and study had been completed. We have different interests, different interpretations of our tasks, and different abilities. Some of this group of new appointees may become well known or even famous because of some circumstance or outstanding work. Most of us are destined to be ordinary missionaries relatively unknown except for the few with whom we work directly. Yet we are all serving the same Lord.

Despite our differences, we are of one faith and are bound by the common purpose of telling the simple, beautiful story of Jesus and bidding all mankind to come to him. We are alike, too, in that each of us has been brought to a realization of God's purpose through prayer—the prayers of godly parents who were willing to dedicate their children to the Lord, the prayers of missionaries in lonely and difficult places pleading for reinforcements, your prayers that God would thrust forth laborers into his harvest, our own prayers to know God's will.

As we go to the different fields we have

been chosen for—Malaya, Thailand, Indonesia, Africa, Europe, and the Latin countries—we depend upon you to equip us from the unlimited resources of God's power through your prayers in our behalf.

*His cross which drew me here
Must send me forth unflinching;
His message must be sped,
And I, if I be lifted up," he said,
Will draw all men to me.
O miracle, that I
May be among the hosts to lift him
high!"*

PRAYER

"What God requires and looks at," says Bishop Hall, "is neither the arithmetic of our prayers—how many they are; nor the rhetoric of our prayers—how eloquent they be; nor the geometry of our prayers—how long they be; nor the music of our prayers—how sweet our voices may be; nor the logic of our prayers, nor the method, nor even the orthodoxy of our prayers. The one thing which prevails is ferventness and sincerity."

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... the task of this staff in Richmond, your Foreign Mission Board headquarters

For Southern Baptists they are the focal center in carrying out the Great Commission overseas. Each individual or each church could send out missionaries, but how would all churches locate the right people? How would work be maintained when a missionary had to come home? Who would make long-range overall plans for schools and hospitals and publishing houses and build a spirit of unity among the new churches? Missions requires men at the home base led by the Holy Spirit serving with missionaries year after year without interruption, proclaiming the gospel message.

How grateful we are for our Foreign Mission Board!



Two buildings on Monument Avenue used as headquarters of Foreign Mission Board.



... in an Effort for World Peace

November 11 may be Veteran's Day on official American calendars, but to those who were living on that day in 1918, it will always be Armistice Day. They remember World War I which the United States entered "to make the world safe for democracy" and which many believed was "the war to end war."

Long before 1955 people realized war did not bring the desired results, but the hope for world peace will not die. The American people can be persuaded to finance a huge military machine, not on the basis of conquest, but on the strength of the promise of peace.

Last March President Eisenhower dramatized his own promises for peace by creating a new post in the cabinet. He appointed a Special Assistant on Disarmament Problems. The curtailment of weapons, he said in the official announcement, "has an inseparable relationship to our constant objective of peace."

The man chosen for this job was Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota, chief of the Foreign Operations Administration which was to be closed June 30. In August Mr. Stassen was sworn in by the President as U. S. deputy representative on the U. N. Disarmament Commission, which further strengthens his position as a national peace-maker.

He occupies an office in the west wing of the old State Department Building, looking out upon the White House. He has free access to the President's office.

When asked in May how much his salary was to be in the new assignment, Harold Stassen said he did not know, and added, "If I were interested in salary, I wouldn't be working for the Government."

Harold Stassen is a genuine Christian. He and Mrs. Stassen and the children joined Chevy Chase Baptist Church promptly

on their arrival in Washington. Their junior high daughter went to camp at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin, last summer. The family is known and respected throughout the American Baptist Convention for its Christian devotion.

Mr. Stassen has undertaken his new job with quiet diligence. He began by asking all the people who would, to send in their ideas on disarmament. He launched intensive research into all the disarmament efforts of history, to discover the "common denominators" of success and failure of peace moves. His staff unearthed the interesting fact that, six hundred years before the birth of Christ, warring Chinese feudal lords along the Yangtze River somehow agreed to disarm; and they kept the peace for a hundred years.

In America the idea of a Secretary of Peace was offered by a signer of the Declaration of Independence. He was Dr. Benjamin Rush, a noted physician and Revolutionary War surgeon. "Let a Secretary of Peace be appointed," he said in 1790. "Let him be a genuine republican (not Republican Party member) and a sincere Christian, for the principles of republicanism and Christianity are no less friendly to universal and perpetual peace than they are to universal and equal liberty."

A free Negro named Benjamin Bauheker, who published a plan for peace in his *Albany*, took up the idea and suggested it to President Thomas Jefferson.

In spite of all rebuffs the thought of a Secretary for Peace kept coming up. Just before the War Between the States it was brought to the attention of national leaders. Secretary of State John Hay seriously considered it right after the Spanish American War. In 1909 President Taft's

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"Can Catch One Small House for Kim?"

by Jewell L. Abernathy, missionary in Korea

WHEN Mr. Abernathy announced, "We are to put one more building in this yard" my reaction was, "Surely there isn't space for even one more room." We are finishing a lean-to for the office overflow. Last year when the doors were opened, the guests used the sitting room for a waiting room.

But "Driver Kim" had already found the space for his room, and it will not detract from the landscaping of our crowded compound. The chug is one foot from our house at one point. The garage is three feet from the other end. It is a bit confusing which steps are ours and which lead to the church from a third angle.

Anyhow, Driver Kim has found space, and three walls were already complete—provided by the garage, fuel room, and cement block yard wall. All he needed was sliding glass doors, Korean style, on the fourth side, a tin roof overhead and a door opening into the garage.

Driver Kim is special since he was Queen Yun's chauffeur for fifteen years. He never lets us forget the carriage and garage when we visit the Royal Palace. They have a surrey, French car, and Cadillac on exhibition. The joy of it all is that he treats us like royalty, too.

I am learning not to open the door and hop out as soon as the car stops. He drives to the destination, jumps out, and opens the door with a little bow.

Fortunately, Mr. Abernathy is treated like royalty, too—and enjoys it much with the frequent night trips to the railroad station. It is especially nice when the time comes to "suck dirt from the fuel line." This happens far too often, so our beloved physician, Dr. Yukum, requests repeatedly that we never get out without this mechanic-driver, Kim.

The one wall foundation is laid already for Kim's house, and when the cement is dry enough, the edifice will soon be completed. It will be long enough to lie down, wide enough to sit down, and high enough to stand. There will be a sliding door



Car and Driver Kim on duty.

closet where he can keep some bedding. The floor will be made of two straw matting cushions, and I think Driver Kim will move his little table-desk in. He spends much time reading his Bible and his Training Union quarterly. He says, "I'll always be near when the car is needed, and I can sleep here nights when it is too late to go home or you need to leave in the morning before curfew is lifted."

Driver Kim was one of the first converts baptized in our garden with its wonderful goldfish pool. Many people were baptized here before the church was completed, and while the water pipes were thawing.

Driver Kim has been able to win his family to the Lord. He is still a familiar figure around the Royal Palace grounds. We are praying that he may win his friends over there to Jesus, also.

Kim was baptized in garden pool.



Carver School of Missions and Social Work

BY EMILY K. LANSDALL, PRESIDENT

Miss Margaret McKinney of the class of 1946 has been elected president of the Carver Alumni Association to succeed Miss Laura Frances Snow, recently appointed missionary to Chile. Miss McKinney is manager of the Baptist Book Store in Richmond, Virginia. Miss Snow, who was graduated from the school in 1948, directed the young people's work of Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union for the past five years. She left the states in late August for Costa Rica where she will be in language school for a year before going to her assignment in Chile.

Eleven Carver alumni were appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board last spring: Mrs. Judson Lennon (45) to Thailand, Mrs. Dewey Mercer (55) to Japan, Lucy Wagner (53) to Korea, Mary Sue Neuth (55) to Indonesia, Mrs. J. Bryan Brasington (52) to Peru, Laura Frances Snow (48) to Chile, Pauline Martin (55) to Nigeria, Mrs. Roy Chamlee, Jr. (53) to Peru, Mrs. Tummie Halliwell (46) to Brazil, Mrs. P. A. Cline (51) to Thailand, Mrs. Charles D. Mullins (41) to Hawaii.

When the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Carver School met during the summer, two new resident members were welcomed to the group: Mrs. Clyde T. Francisco and Mrs. Charles P. Gunther. Mrs. Francisco is a former student of the school and president of a local Woman's Missionary Society. Her husband is a professor of Old Testament Interpretation at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mrs. Gunther is a member of the Executive Board of Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union and chairman of the Department of Fundamentals for the state WMU.

Mrs. Tsugiko Fukunaga visited Carver School in early August as she was returning to Japan after attending the Baptist World Alliance in London. Mrs. Fukunaga is president of the Japan Baptist Woman's Missionary Union and also head of the Training School in Fukuoka.

Miss Miriam Robinson, professor of Religious Education, left the school this summer to take up duties as executive secretary of North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union. Miss Robinson was graduated from the Training School and taught here for eleven years. She made an invaluable contribution to the life of the school, and we miss her.

Two of Miss Robinson's co-workers are also graduates of Carver School. Miss Janet Wilson (52) is youth secretary in North Carolina, and Miss Beverly Neilson (54) is Sunbeam worker.

Several members of the 1955 graduating class have entered the work of Woman's Missionary Union. Miss Dorothy Reed of Arkansas has been elected youth secretary in Illinois. Miss Joan Beck of Georgia is now field worker in Louisiana. Georgia Woman's Missionary Union has named Miss Dorothy Pryor of Alabama as YWA secretary and Miss Ettie Jean Johnson of Brazil as Sunbeam Secretary.

Some painting and redecoration was done during the summer months. The walls in the opening foyer and center parlor are now cascade blue. New wallpaper was put up in the school dining room. It is an interesting Williamsburg design that blends with the green-tiled floors. This is still House Beautiful!



Mrs. Tsugiko Fukunaga



BY MARGARET BRUCE
Secretary of Department of Youth

"That They All May Be One"

Ten thousand men and boys from seventy nations gathered in Paris, France, recently to celebrate the One Hundredth Anniversary of the organization of the World's Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations.

The dream of such an international YMCA was largely that of Henri Dunant, who "thought and planned and prayed in terms of continents."

Southern Baptists have an organization for boys which also encourages its members to "think and plan and pray in terms of continents." In November our entire denomination will focus attention on the Order of Royal Ambassadors, our missionary organization for boys. The October and November copies of *Ambassador Life* give suggestions for observing this Royal Ambassador Focus Week, November 5-12. Fostering circles and Brotherhoods will cooperate in using these ideas for making this a meaningful week.

Be sure that the Focus Week poster has been put in a prominent place in your church. Copies have been distributed through the state Brotherhood offices. Urge members of the Brotherhood to read the new leaflet "Brotherhood Opportunities with Royal Ambassadors."

Mission study is usually an important part of each RA Focus Week. This fall Juniors will study *The Big Difference* and Intermediates, *Mission Doctor*. The entire Moslem series is most interesting and mission study chautauqs, youth directors, and counselors must work together in arranging for the books to be taught. The Sunbeam book *Under the Olive Tree* is a delightful story for little children, and the YWA book *Among the Minarets* is most fascinating. GAs use the books mentioned above for RAs. (See Hints to Mission Study Chairmen.)

This study will give excellent preparation for the Week of Prayer for Foreign

Missions with the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Plan now for your youth organizations to observe their season of prayer during November 28-December 2 and lead them to set high goals for their offerings.

The program material written for the different age groups and sent to youth directors and counselors will help young people to "think and plan and pray in terms of continents." Inspire them to use the offering envelopes and give sacrificial offerings to make Christ known.

What's Happening Now!

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Department of State actually included an under-secretary for peace. William Jennings Bryan advocated it. Kirby Page in 1926 outlined a detailed scheme with a budget. The late Senator Brian McMahon was ardent about "spending for peace."

All the while, the cabinet included a "Secretary of War" until, within the past decade, the title was changed to "Secretary of Defense." For a nation of peace-loving people to have no cabinet officer whose specific responsibility is to explore avenues of peace and advise the President on techniques and policy, may leave the world in doubt as to America's actual intentions.

Mr. Stassen's sense of mission, and the President's reliance upon him at the summit talks and in White House conferences, give reason to believe the appointment was highly significant. With the death potential of nuclear weapons, the United States must take the leadership in checking the arms race. Harold Stassen has a formidable task: he needs the prayer support of all who deplore mass violence and the threat of civilization's suicide and who yearn for world peace.



Medical Missions in Mexico

Why not a levy of Mexican *señoritas* or *señoras* invited to present this circle program? And if you have refreshments, why not tortillas or enchiladas, and so on? Combs and mantillas would turn circle members into Mexican women easily. Mexican decorations would give additional atmosphere.

Move your business along with dispatch. Include final plans and announcements about your circle's participation in the Week of Prayer and impress on each woman her response to this prayer opportunity.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering lists \$3900 for expenses of the Guadalajara Medical Clinic. Last year \$30,000 was given from the Additional Allocations toward the Baptist hospital building. It is the earnest hope of many that there will be enough money given so that more will be allocated to this needed cause.

Hospital in Guadalajara

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For example, recently Dr. Cole operated on a boy in the clinic for a throat condition. He was from a village out from Guadalajara and had never heard the gospel. Orvil Reid, local Southern Baptist missionary, visited him. The Christian nurse invited ten others from the waiting room, friends of the boy, to come up to the room for a religious service. These along with five members of the immediate family and the boy, listened with apt attention to the Christian message. Thirteen of the sixteen present made professions of faith, including the patient.

If this can be done in a fourteen-bed clinic, what can be done in a hospital?

What remains to be seen, and depends largely on Southern Baptists. At present the Foreign Mission Board has \$50,000 in a bank at Richmond toward the building of this hospital. It will take \$100,000 to build

Three talks from the three articles will present the matter:

1. "The City of Aristocrats," page 14.
2. "If My Health and Age Permitted," page 16.
3. Hospital in Guadalajara, page 8.

A fourth talk can be based on the article in November *Home Missions*, "They Needed a Doctor."

Read the Scripture lesson at the close, if you wish, Acts 9:32-42.

Select hymns like "The Great Physician," "The Hem of His Garment," and "At Even Ere the Sun Was Set."

Pray for the missionaries named on Calendar of Prayer on your circle meeting day. Pray for your society observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, and pray that you will far surpass the goal you have set for your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

a hospital that would cost a half million in the United States. Labor and materials are cheap in Mexico.

But what of equipment, and the other buildings on this site? What of the student homes, the church, the doctor's home, and the two clinics? It may be that God will raise up some individual who has eyes to see these great needs. Or perhaps he has some other plan. It may be that he will lead the Foreign Mission Board to include these needs in future Lottie Moon offerings.

The Coles, the Mexican mission, Dr. Frank Means, secretary of our Latin American mission work, and many others will be praying to these ends. This hospital is only one of the many objects to which the 1955 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering needs to go. The offering must supply \$3,900 for clinic expenses and current expenses of \$15,296 for the student homes in Guadalajara and Chihuahua; we hope it can supply a large sum for the new hos-

"If My Health and Age Permitted" (Continued from page 17)

pital. But I had to go back for two days to give him the medicine for he was not able to raise up to get it. I had notified the health department, and they put him in the hospital. I went to see him there, and as soon as he was free of fever they sent him out, and he came right back to my house for me to give him food. He was a member of our church.

Another patient was a woman in a cheap bawdy house who was a syphilitic and had smallpox. A man came for me, and we went to the outskirts of the city to a big, old barn-looking place. The patient was lying on a mat on the floor, and there was a little box that I could sit on. She had very high fever and was unconscious, the pocks were not outstanding, but there was a puss in moor at each place as large as the last joint of my thumb. I lanced well over a hundred of them and cleaned out the pus. She never even groaned. The next day I lanced nearly a hundred more of them. Her temperature had dropped four degrees, she was still unconscious but she looked much better.

A poor, old Indian woman who lived out in the mountains brought a baby with first degree burns over a large part of the body. She had to come daily after five for I had to wait on the patients in the house before starting that long treatment of cleaning the little body and bandaging hands, fingers, and toes separately and then the little legs and buttocks. I don't know how many weeks she came carrying that child with all tenderness, and it stirred my sympathy and affection for the grandmother and

baby. It looked like it was getting well, but then it died.

One obstetrical case was a syphilitic who had lost four children in the infancy. She was left to the mercy of an old, ignorant woman who served as midwife. When the patient began to hemorrhage, and the old woman could not stop the bleeding, they sent for me, and the old woman got out of sight. I called for boiled water, and the mother-in-law brought a tin can of water with a dead fly floating on top. I went home and got ready. I boiled water and

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had some hot and some cold, well covered from flies and dirt. I took surgical instruments already sterilized, clean basins, sheets, bandages, etc., all I thought I would need and carried them to her house. I nailed a sheet up over the one window that opened right onto the street. Then all alone without even one woman to help me, I tackled the job and made a success of the surgical operation without the aid of hospital facilities. The woman lived and came to church regularly. The baby was not saved.

I have given you these details of the difficulties of medical work so you will see how much we need mission hospitals on our fields. Surely you will help Dr. Lamar Cole get his hospital built and opened in Guadalajara. He is our doctor now in Mexico.

I would gladly go back again if my health and age permitted me to go.

WHAT ABOUT HOTELS IN KANSAS CITY?

Women's Missionary Union Annual Meeting and Southern Baptist Convention are scheduled for Kansas City, Missouri, May 27 through June 2, 1956. If you are planning to go, see the list of hotels and the application form carried in your Baptist state paper. The President Hotel will be W.M.U. headquarters.

No hotel reservations will be confirmed before November 15. All hotel and motel reservations will be handled by the Convention Bureau of the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce. Address your reservation requests to the Convention Bureau.



Kentucky

According to *The Buzzer*, the attractive paper of the BWC, Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for 1954 from that BWC was \$1418.

They first gave to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in 1927, and to date this circle has given a total of \$15,221 to foreign missions.

In addition they gave \$290 to home missions and \$322 to state missions last year.



Notes sent shut-ins by Kentucky BWC.

Mississippi

An extra string of lights had to be added quickly to the Lottie Moon Christmas tree at the First Baptist Church, Piquette, Mississippi.

Each light represented \$100, and the goal was \$2400. Seven more lights than planned had to be provided for the total offering of \$3,121.12.

Mrs. Helen Anderson is W.M.U. president, and the Rev. John R. Maddox is pastor.

Kentucky

The BWC of Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Kentucky, has carried out a number of projects.

Organized in 1950, it helped the WMS become A-1 in 1952-53 and ever since. Beside their mission gifts, this BWC has given to the church building fund, the Kentucky W.M.U. 50th anniversary scholarship fund, the Kentucky Baptist encampment, and the Baptist Children's Home.

A meeting was held for shut-in members of the Intercessory Prayer League at the home of the community missions chairman. Each BWC member wrote a note of cheer and greeting to her prayer partner and mailed it to the home where the meeting was held. The shut-ins were given their notes during the program of "Good News." Transportation was provided by BWC and other WMS members.

A program and business session was presented by the Severns Valley BWC before members of the First Baptist Church, Colored. After the program members of the First Church voted to organize a BWC and elected officers. The officers were given the BWC Guide, W.M.U. Year Book, and copies of ROYAL SERVICE.

An important event in the history of the Severns Valley BWC was the organization of a BWC Federation when representatives from four other BWCs met at their church.

Tree in Mississippi is full of lights.



New Books to Read

CHARLES E. MADDRY, AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY by Charles E. Maddry, price \$2.50.

In the program (page 39) Mrs. Maddry refers to the autobiography of her husband. This is now a published book which is fascinating to read for an understanding of our present foreign mission enterprise. From his travels, often with Mrs. Maddry accompanying, Dr. Maddry tells of mission experiences that will give understanding of the working of our Board.

With spiritual discernment, there is food for spiritual growth in this story of a valiant leader, as well as denominational information of value. This is a good month to read Dr. Maddry's autobiography.

SO STRONG OUR FAITH by Clem Hardy, price \$1.

Here is the thrilling story of the Lord's leadership in the lives of a young man and a young woman. It illustrates the way our Foreign Mission Board deals with dedicated lives and the way a vast work is built. Mr. and Mrs. Hardy followed E. A. Nelson, "Apostle of the Amazon," and his wife into the Amazon Valley. The Nelsons

had labored alone; with the Hardys there were two couples for a while. But the enormous task is too much for so few. The picture is clearly drawn and intimately told and will stir hearts and assure of God's blessing on every effort in his name.

Another book for November reading in connection with this program and preparation for the Week of Prayer and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

THE RICE-SPROUT SONG by Eileen Chang Charles Scribner's Sons, price \$3.

This is a delightful book, beautifully written, with a story that takes on a certain radiance in the telling. The scene is a small village. The particulars have to do with the lives of a young married couple and their struggle for a bare subsistence under the present Communist regime in China. Indeed, this is the first authentic novel coming out of Communist China.

Throughout the story there is a quality of family love, understanding, and respect for individual dignity which not even the most stringent official restrictions can destroy.

Alabama

Five BWC Circles, Bay Minette, Daphne, Fairhope, Spanish Fort, and Foley, were represented when the Baldwin County Federation met at Daphne Baptist Church, Daphne, Alabama.

The Daphne Circle prepared the table display for this quarterly meeting to carry out the theme of "Peace." A white cross, American and Christian flags, and a white lamb were used. Silver candelabras held lighted candles of white and red.

The program was presented by the Spanish Fort BWC, Miss Marjorie Ann Bullock, a senior at Judson College, spoke on "Home Mission Work."

Delicious refreshments and a wonderful social hour were enjoyed by about fifty women.

A Slight Correction, Please

In your blue program for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions on page 41, there is a bit of moving you can do that will clear any confused thinking about the matter of "Additional Allocations."

The paragraph printed under "Additional Allocations for 1954 Offering" really belongs as a plea at the end of the list of committee members. It is not a part of the report of "Additional Allocations for 1954 Offering." The paragraph is an explanation about the money between the allocated \$1,807,700 and the goal of \$3,500,000 in the 1955 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. We hope that \$3,500,000 will grow into at least \$4,000,000.

Notes to Committee Chairmen

DEPARTMENT OF MISSIONARY FUNDAMENTALS

to Mission Study Chairman

Beginning with the July issue of ROYAL SERVICE and continuing through October this column has carried suggestions for the Moslem series, your 1955 foreign mission study theme. By this time you should be completely ready in so far as your outside materials go, for whatever kinds of classes you have planned for all the WMU organizations in your church.

Here are a few concluding reminders. You will find many helpful ideas in the Teacher's Guides to be used with the young people's books. By all means read the Primary guide from cover to cover. In it there are excellent atmosphere-creating devices that will add greatly to the delight of your adult and YWA classes. You will find costume suggestions, interesting things to make that will give charm and authenticity to your setting, where to order suitable music, familiar Bible stories which may be used during the time for worship, and a list of our Near East missionaries including the names of the children. The teaching helps and the packet of extra material are free on request from your state WMU office in the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond 20, Virginia.

Do your best to inspire the teachers with pride in what our missionaries are doing among the Moslems and at the same time help them to realize how little is being done in comparison with the staggering need. Our schools in Aghoun and Beirut are impressing the Arabs and members of the Orthodox church. The hospitals at Aghoun and Gaza are our greatest agencies for breaking down the prejudice of Islam against the gospel. Read *Mission Doctor*, the Intermediate book. Get your teachers to read it. If they have neither time nor inclination for other books as background, encourage them to read all the books in the series. For so little an outlay in money you will hardly find so much information from other sources.

If you are a brand new mission study chairman, that is, you haven't served in this office during 1951-55, or failed to keep close copies, ask the former chairman for the issues of ROYAL SERVICE containing suggestions about the Moslem books. You may have been a long-time subscriber, but if you have not you will soon discover your need for ROYAL SERVICE not only for the mission study column, but for the material that you will want to file for future studies. Develop *now* the check, clip, and file habit. As you read your ROYAL SERVICE (any magazine for that matter) check with a pencil what you want. Go back and clip it, then file according to your own system. A used manilla envelope clearly labeled will serve as well as an expensive filing cabinet.

Presuming that you are a new chairman you will want your own copy of the 1955 56 Year Book. On pages 51-58 is a list of the materials you will need, a replica of the Achievement Chart, and plans for this year. Order as indicated and study carefully all the material. Do not accept another's word about what is required or not required, what your society can or cannot do. Read for yourself, plan your work accordingly, and ask for the co-operation of your committee and the society.

Nothing is impractical in the mission study program as set up in the Achievement Chart. It is within the reach of every WMU with as few as two youth organizations. Not all of it is possible for every society. Choose what you can do. Do that well and forget the rest of it.

Please read carefully in your Year Book the suggested plans for the adult book in the 1956 Home Mission series. You cannot wait until the study of the Foreign Mission books has been completed before beginning to accumulate materials on the Indian. It will be too late then. There will be separate teaching helps for each book in the Home Mission series at 15c per copy.

Order these along with the books from your state Baptist Book Store. The price of each book is 50c. They will be ready for distribution after December 10. "Early preparation means better mission study classes" is a good slogan for you to hang on the wall of your mind.

Wm. William McMurtry

to Stewardship Chairman

For a seasonal stewardship emphasis, make a stewardship Thanksgiving poster. Place in the center a picture of Puritans, a cornucopia, or a harvest scene. Print above the words: Oh, Give Thanks, and below: For Christian Stewardship. In presenting the poster you could give reasons for being thankful for Christian stewardship as follows.

1. It makes us ministers of God's grace—1 Corinthians 1:1, 2.
2. Faithful stewardship wins God's approval—Matthew 25:21.
3. Heavenly blessings are promised to faithful stewards—Malachi 3:10.

The presentation of the poster may be brief, as a special feature in circle meetings, or as a part of your report at the business meeting. Or the outline may be developed into a devotional service or a talk.

November brings Royal Ambassador Focus Week. Doubtless the Brotherhood in your church will be glad to have your help in planning stewardship activities in the week's program. You could suggest that the boys present a stewardship play at the prayer meeting hour. "Destination Unknown" would be good for this. In the play Tommy RA has in his pocket four coins whose destination is unknown. As the coins, represented by four boys, talk, Tommy learns the meaning of faithful Christian stewardship. The presentation of the play takes fifteen minutes. Order copies from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North 20th Street, Birmingham 3, Alabama, price 15c.

The Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions starts on November 28 this year, so is more an activity for November than De-

ember. Certainly you will include plans for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in November. You and your committee will carefully distribute the offering envelopes. Put names on them to make them personal and help you in being sure that every member of every WMU organization has one. The names will help you know when all of the offering has been turned in. Lead in setting a worthy goal for this offering, one that exceeds the total of last year and challenges every woman, boy and girl to enlarged giving.

"My Largest Christmas Gift for Jesus" is a good slogan to use in promoting the offering.

Mrs. C. D. Creaman

to Prayer Chairman

The Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions should be uppermost in your thinking this month. Already you know that the theme is "Haste: Pray . . . Make Known." Some matters for prayer do require haste. There is still time to set in motion the Intercessory Prayer League for effective use preceding and during the Week of Prayer. A new leaflet has been prepared since the transfer of the Prayer League from community missions to this department. A copy free on request from your state WMU office will explain the purpose of the League, how to start it and the function of your committee.

Women members of the church who for providential reasons cannot attend the meetings may be a powerful force in the life of the society. Make sure that your committee understands that the purpose of the League is primarily to work for the Lord through prayer. Have members of your committee visit each member of the League to lay on her heart the purpose of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. These stay-at-home women can be led to feel that nothing is more important to the success of the week than their undergirding prayers. They must realize first of all that we need the presence of the Holy Spirit in our daily meetings. They must have a feeling of compassion for the lost. They must know some of the specific needs on the

various fields. They must be made conscious of how much missionaries are needed to expand our work throughout the world. They must feel the burden of the indifferent WMS members who either do not attend at all or come only one day. It is the attitude of these luke-warm women which has reduced the observance to a single meeting. A genuine concern among the League members for a spiritual awakening in the missionary society will bear fruit.

Provide each woman with a list of objects for prayer. Along with the object should be a written explanation so that the petition can be intelligently voiced. For example, on a slip of paper type the following: "Southern Baptists have no missionaries in Egypt. Two years ago, a young Egyptian, Seiddik Gergis, a graduate of our seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, returned to his country to work with his people. Now small groups of Baptists may be found in various places near Cairo. Mr. Gergis rented a hall in the city and began holding meetings there. A month later eighty were in the service. During 1955 interest has steadily grown and the little hall continues

to be filled at every service. Pray that God will call missionary evangelists to go to Cairo and other places in Egypt."

Take along a map and explain to the shut-in where Cairo, Egypt is. Remind her that Mary and Joseph found refuge in this land when Herod sought to kill the infant Jesus. Let her see that Egypt is a large country but in spiritual darkness under the power of Islam, the religion established by Mohammed. You will not find it necessary to be thus detailed in all prayer requests but when knowledge for effective praying is necessary do not withhold it. The clearer the request is made, the greater the feeling of responsibility and concern.

As S. D. Gordon once wrote: "There are people who put prayer first and group the other items in life's schedule around and alter prayer. These are the people today who are doing the most for God in winning souls, in solving problems, in awakening churches, in supplying both men and money for mission posts." Not all shut-ins will agree to become members of the Intercessory Prayer League. Remember that numbers do not count, just those people who will take time to pray.

Bulletin Cover for the Week of Prayer

If you might prefer a program folder for your observance of the week of prayer, you may want to order these bulletins designed by Women's Missionary Union with a prayer theme. On the back is a brief history of the WMU weeks of prayer. The inside is left blank for your printed program. Order:

Prayer Bulletin Cover (price 2¢ each from Women's Missionary Union, Birmingham 7, Alabama)



"Balm in Gilead" — an account of our Baptist witness in the Holy Land. Kodachrome filmstrip. 3¢/10

"Sharing the Word in the Near East" — a survey of Baptist missions in Israel, Jordan, and Lebanon. Kodachrome filmstrip. 3¢/10

"The Challenge of the Moslem World" — what it says, with emphasis, on Moslem need in all the Moslem areas. Kodachrome filmstrip. 3¢/10

Slide Library — individual slides available through your Baptist Book Store. Interesting background and mission activities. Kodachrome. 50¢ each. 10¢ or more slides 40¢ each.

Order all films from your Baptist Book Store



If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear... and will forgive... and will heal their land. — 2 Chron. 7:14

Community Missions Chairman

Statisticians tell us that two out of three new members who join the churches of our nation become inactive. What about your church? Do you have new members who become inactive or perhaps never become active in the first place?

Does your church have a plan for following up its new members? Talk with your pastor about the possibility of the women serving as "sponsors." Such a plan goes much farther than shaking hands with the new members on Sunday morning, and it is definitely needed.

As men and women, boys and girls come into your church, get their names and addresses from the church office. Print them on separate cards. As soon after a person joins as possible, assign him to the member who will serve as his sponsor. If the new member is a man, give the name to a woman whose husband will help her. Christian young people in the youth organizations can be sponsors of the boys and girls who join.

With the help of your committee, pre-

pare a list of suggestions for the sponsors, see page 63 of the WMU Year Book. Notice such things as visiting the new member, having him in your home, finding out the reason for any absence, etc. Present the plan to your members. Perhaps one woman can tell what it would have meant to her to have had a sponsor when she first came to the church. As you put the plan into practice give a member only one or two names for you want each to be able to do a good job. It takes time to be a friend, and that is what being a sponsor means.

One of the special emphases for 1955-56 in community missions is the Christian Use of the Ballot. Read carefully the suggestions in the Year Book (page 61) on this emphasis. Also, if you have not already received it, write your state WMU office for a free copy of the leaflet, "Christian Use of the Ballot." With your committee decide what suggestions you will include in your community missions plans. Find out now the date for registration in your state, for the emphasis on voting will be lost if your women have not registered. It takes active Christian citizens to build a Christian community and nation.

Did You Appreciate Your Free Material?

The Press Secretary of the Embassy of Egypt, Washington, D. C., M. Samir Ahmed, found himself embarrassed by the flood of requests for literature in connection with our fall study of the Moslem World.

With a limited staff it would have been impossible to send out the materials in time for their best usefulness. Mrs. Carleton Long, executive secretary, Women's Missionary Union of the District of Columbia, has generously arranged with some of the Baptist women to help address labels, and we are all grateful to them.

Mr. Ahmed says:

"A number of the persons who have written to us have requested copy of a publication descriptive of the Washington Mosque. Un-

happily, that folder is no longer available. Some persons have also requested other titles in quantity. We are unable to furnish any publication in quantity because our supply is limited. Therefore we have decided to send, to each person who wrote to us, three pertinent booklets. They are: "Women in the Moslem World," "Questions to a Moslem," and "Christianity in Egypt." It is our idea that these will be useful to the program of study which is contemplated. If you could use a note to this effect in a forthcoming issue of Royal Service, it might clarify the situation for your readers.

"Incidentally, the requests are still coming in. My congratulations upon the power of your publication."



"CHRIST FOR THE WORLD"

by Mrs. O. K. Armstrong, Washington, D. C.

Program Plans

Suggestions: For this meeting issue invitations on "informals" in this style:

Your Baptist Foreign Mission Board
at home
(in imagination)
to the Woman's Missionary Society
at _____ Baptist Church
10:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
_____ day, November _____

For this program you will need a large bulletin board or display table; a sample copy of each item of free literature distributed by the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, at least one of its world maps, a sample of *The Commission*, a copy of the annual report, "The Field Is the World"; and on a poster the pictures of the executive staff members. These portraits can be clipped from back issues of *The Commission* and *ROYAL SERVICE*. Write to the Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond 20, Virginia, for leaflets, etc.

It will add interest to impersonate the women who speak. Let it be as if the nine women of the Board are actually receiving one or two of the women of your society. All may be in the entrance hall at "2037" or some may pass by or your visitors can move about as if looking around and entering other rooms. An informal, chatty atmosphere will be pleasant.

If your society is small, all the women may be used in the visit without having an audience. Or if you prefer, the program may be a formal series of talks.

Program Outline

Worship
Baptist Foreign Mission Board
"Mrs. L. Howard Jenkins, the Board's
"First Lady"
"Mrs. Valleria Green Rankin, widow of
past secretary"
"Mrs. Charles E. Maddy, wife of secretary
emeritus"
"Edna Frances Dawkins, assistant secretary
of personnel"
"Mrs. Fon H. Scofield, Jr., wife of associ-
ate secretary of audiovisual aids"
"Jone Gray, director of press relations"
"John Johnson, feature article writer"
"Mary Elizabeth Fuqua, assistant to the
executive secretary"
"Mrs. Baker J. Cauthen, wife of executive
secretary"
Appeal, page 1
Hymn: "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"
Closing Prayer

"Christ for the World"

Worship

Hymn: "Christ for the World"
Scripture quoted in unison: John 3:16,
Matthew 28:19, 20
Prayer: For understanding and apprecia-
tion of the practical methods Southern
Baptists have developed for carrying on
Christ's commands
Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign"

Baptist Foreign Mission Board

Today we are invited to visit the home office of one of the two oldest Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention. They were born during the same week as the parent organization, the Convention itself. Can you guess what they were? (*Foreign and Home Boards*) How old are they? (*110 years old*) Where are these headquarters? (*Richmond, Virginia, and Atlanta, Georgia*)

Let us quickly board a magic carpet and go to Richmond where some of the women staff members and "Board wives" will show us around. Our hostesses will be the wife of the president, Mrs. L. Howard Jenkins, and Mrs. Valleria Green Rankin, widow of Dr. M. Theron Rankin who died while serving as our executive secretary.

Mrs. L. Howard Jenkins: Welcome to the home office of the Foreign Mission Board. One has to look sharply to find it along Monument Avenue here. It is in a residential section where a large sign would be inappropriate. The two remodeled residences look about like all the other buildings in the twenty hundred block. Here in our chapel the staff gathers every morning at ten o'clock for prayer. The room overflows at the semiannual meetings in April and October when the out-of-town members from all over the convention territory come to Richmond to transact the business of the Board.

Mrs. Rankin: You know that each state sends one member to these meetings, and one additional member for every 500,000 Baptists in the state, and another member for each additional 250,000 Baptists. Eighteen members are chosen from the vicinity of the Board. The members are divided into three groups. One group is elected each year to serve three years.

Mrs. Jenkins: Now we will go next door to the square red brick, tile-roofed, modern structure which was the old Wilson home. It was a real "find" in 1943 when the Board needed a spacious, quiet office with ample parking space. Then it seemed big enough for the next half century! In less than five years the Board has outgrown it, and this second house had to be bought and converted to our needs.

This year several of the ten bathrooms

in the original house were ripped out and the space turned into offices. This fall the station wagon which hauls mail to the post office and does other odd jobs will have to be left out in the cold; the garage is needed for the storage of valuable records and equipment.

Mrs. Rankin: The business manager says we have 18,000 square feet of office space in these two houses, but it would take 30,000 square feet to house us adequately now. I sometimes wonder what dear Dr. James Royce Taylor, first secretary of the Board, would think if he could see us. In 1846 his home was his office. Probably he had only a roll-top desk, an inkwell, and a pen staff to administer our world mission enterprise. In 1847 he moved in to the first permanent home of the Board in the basement of the old First Baptist Church on East Broad Street which we occupied rent-free for a quarter of a century.

Sixty years later, waist-deep in depression, the eight people operating the Board used one floor of the Presbyterian Building down on Sixth Street. In 1935 they moved across the street to one whole floor of an office building bought as an investment of trust funds.

Mrs. Jenkins: Someday this clumsy makeshift arrangement of two separate houses must give way to an office building constructed to meet the home base needs of our worldgirdling spiritual enterprise. When this happens, I hope that Mr. Jenkins and I will still be around and I can continue to serve unofficially as hostess. My husband eats, sleeps, and breathes foreign missions.

Mrs. Charles E. Maddy: As wife of the executive secretary emeritus, I really live in Hillsboro, North Carolina, where my husband is pastor of the church in which he began his ministry in 1902. I came today to tell you a little of the Board's background, for ever since my husband began writing his autobiography he has talked of nothing else but the Board's history.

For the first eighty-five years the Southern Baptist Foreign Board was practically a one-man project, and it was hard to find the one man. In 1845 five prominent Baptist leaders were asked, one after the other, to become "corresponding secretary" of the

infant Board. The sixth one, Dr. James B. Taylor, accepted.

You should read the book entitled *Life and Times of James B. Taylor* written by his son and published in 1872. It contains copies of the secretary's wonderful letters, written in his own hand to the missionaries in China and West Africa. Some excerpts from his diary tell about tiresome trips to Boston, New York, or Philadelphia to help the missionaries get passage, buy equipment, and embark for foreign ports. Letters to his family told about all night trips in stagecoaches or wagons on bumpy, muddy roads through the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi to reach the annual associational meetings and appeal for the support of the Board. His salary was \$1,200 a year.

After Dr. Taylor died, Dr. Henry Allen Tupper was elected secretary with a salary of \$1,500. He used a rented office over Ellyson's Store down on Main Street.

When he resigned, Dr. R. J. Willingham was called from Memphis First Church. Out of respect for his family of nine children, the Board increased the salary to \$2,500. The home office was then in a bank building. Dr. James F. Love succeeded him, then Dr. T. B. Ray. In 1932 the Board was head over heels in debt. It was so hard to get an executive secretary that at least six men declined it, and they elected Mr. Maddy without asking him in advance!

Some say that the Foreign Mission Board's great advance program began in 1933 when I. Howard Jenkins was elected president and Mr. Maddy became secretary. By getting rid of the debt, they broke the fetters on the Board, and by organizing the work, they laid a good foundation for expansion. My husband is still amazed at how wisely the Lord led in those dark days. Without a debt it was easier to call men into the Board's service, and the work was no longer a one-man enterprise.

Now the executive secretary works with three regional secretaries. They make a wonderful team. Dr. M. Theron Rankin who actually launched the advance program first used that word for their relationship in working together for the cause of Christ. "A team has to have a captain," I remember hearing him say, "and I guess I am it, but we all have to work together to win."

Today the "captain" is Baker James Cauthen, who succeeded Dr. Rankin as secretary for the Orient in 1945 and as executive secretary in 1953. Dr. J. Winston Crawley, missionary to the Orient, is now secretary for that vast region.

The man first selected for secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East is the veteran on the staff, Dr. George W. Sadler, onetime missionary to Nigeria.

Supervisor for Latin American missions was at first Brazilian Missionary W. C. Taylor, who is still in active service in Rio. Then Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., who died last year. Dr. Frank K. Means, who was already on the staff in charge of education and promotion, became secretary for Latin America in 1954.

Those of us who know the Board intimately realize that there is a divine camaraderie among these men who carry such terrific responsibility. They are Christians of refinement and culture. Most of them speak more than one language. They are at ease in any group, be it the most sophisticated government leaders or the humblest upcountry church folk. With mutual respect and appreciation they work out their problems together.

Miss Edna Frances Dawkins: My job is assistant secretary of missionary personnel. I want to thank all of you visitors for everything you do to help us find and train the young people whom God calls to overseas service. In my interviews on college and seminary campuses, I am constantly hearing the statement, "I first felt called for overseas missions when I attended Royal Ambassador or Girls' Auxiliary or YWCA Camp," or "I became impressed as a Sunbeam or Royal Ambassador or Girls' Auxiliary member that God needed more missionaries and I ought to be one."

Southern Baptists were fortunate back in 1845 to have a missionary already on the foreign field. The secretary had only to invite J. Lewis Shuck of Virginia to become a missionary of our Board. He and his wife had been commissioned in 1835 by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, but by 1845 she had died. A grand total of 1,960 missionaries have been recruited and appointed in these 110 years, and a thousand of them are now in service.

Mr. Maddy realized after personal visits to mission fields the need of extreme care

in choosing missionaries. He led the Board to establish a special department for that and proposed that they engage the special skills of a psychiatrist to help examine candidates. Some Americans can be "at home" wherever they "hang their hats" but some cannot. The stress and strain of a foreign environment break some of even the most spiritually-minded and consecrated Christians. It is important, both for the sake of the candidate and for the Mission, that the personnel committee recommend for appointment only those candidates who seem to have the most promise of adjustment.

My "boss" is Secretary Elmer West, Jr. Have you heard him speak at Ridgerrest or Glorieta or your state annual meeting? He is careful to present the appeal of the Board fairly in any dedication service he conducts. After his Sunday morning message at YWA Conference last June, for example, he said:

"We make no attempt to take you on an emotional binge—to cause you to do something as a result of being in an unreal situation and, after you leave, to ask your self, 'Just what kind of decision was it I made up there at Ridgerrest?'"

"What we want to do here this morning is to cause you to face yourself, to face world need and to face Christ."

Dr. West is equally practical in the orientation session held for the new missionaries each summer. Americans going abroad as preachers, teachers, doctors, nurses, field evangelists, and homemakers need to know what to take, what to look for, what to avoid, in their effort to adjust happily in a strange environment.

Mr. Bill Gody has come in the past few months to work with us among the volunteers growing up in high school and college.

We are proud of our 1,000 missionaries for we know by physical, emotional, and spiritual tests that they are the finest young Baptists in the world! Now we push on to the goal our beloved Dr. Rankin set for us: 1,750 missionaries for a lost world.

Mrs. Fan H. Scofield, Jr.: My husband is a friend about film. He believes in pictures and especially color pictures to teach people what we want them to know. Americans are not the only people who enjoy a good sound motion picture presenting

truths; Yorubas in Africa, Japanese, Spanish-Americans, Italians, and Brazilians; really all people love a worthy movie. More than thirty films with sound tracks in their languages are now in use by the missionaries of our Board to teach the Bible and Christian ideals.

A growing library of colored motion pictures of professional quality giving the story of missions around the world is now available to our churches. Colored slides and filmstrips produced by the Board are on sale at the Baptist Book Stores, too.

But projected visual aids are only one part of a big department of education and promotion masterminded by Dr. Means when he was secretary of that phase of our work. This display of free pamphlets, maps, and handbills shows what the Board is turning out month by month to help us keep informed about the advance of missions.

Dr. Maddy revived a periodical called *The Commission*, a name which Dr. Taylor first used. It is a monthly, \$1 a year, with a circulation of 100,000 plus. By the church budget plan it costs only 55¢ per family per year for the Foreign Mission Board supplements any deficit in the cost of publication. Schools of Missions are also a part of the work of the Board, and the annual Foreign Missions Conferences at the two summer Assemblies are very important. We hope you have had a chance to be in one or more of these.

Ione Gray: Just put me down as "a girl reporter." My job is to be associate editor of *The Commission* and to "cover" all the Board's activities for the daily papers and the denominational press. There is one routine of little news value which intrigues me much.

I'm told that a letter came to the Board from Nazareth during the war years with this request: "Please send me twelve dozen diapers and enough powdered milk to feed my seven foundlings for one year." Dr. Sadler read the letter, then said to Kitty Dyer, his secretary, "Would you see about this on your lunch hour?"

Several lunch hours later, she had rounded up the full twelve dozen and after finding out about the quantity, had purchased the cartons of milk powder and sent them on their way.

Naturally the missionaries so far from home must ask the Board to buy things

needed and deduct the amount from their salaries. Supplies and equipment for the Missions also have to be ordered from home and the expenses deducted from Mission budget funds. With the increase in missionaries this soon became almost a fulltime job; so combining other jobs with it, a business manager was added to the staff.

Today E. L. Wright, "personal shopper" to 1,000 men and women, has amazing shopping lists.

"Eleven gross crayons for WMU, Nigeria—ship to Carol Humphries.

"Paris (see letter attached) for a '29 model Ford for Rio seminary.

"Carpet, plumbing fixtures, electrical fixtures, paint, X-ray machine, sterilizer, refrigerator for hospital, Pusan, Korea. (Check mail-order house first.)

"Plumbing fixtures, electrical fixtures, play pens, cribs, pink paint, blue paint, George W. Truett Home, Tel Aviv, Israel.

"Full hospital equipment, Kediri, Indonesia.

"One hearing aid to suit missionary in Taiwan—exact tone elements to be checked and double checked for accuracy.

"One airplane wheel for interior Brazil, to be delivered to returning missionary at port of embarkation."

"Cars may be "cheaper by the dozen," but Mr. Wright can tell you they are a headache to ship to missionaries. To avoid the excessive duty charged by foreign governments in trying to kill the black market in American make autos, a new Mission car must be at least six months old. The fact that different countries have different rules makes the business manager's job more interesting! In Japan, for instance, the certificate of ownership for a car must be in the name of the missionary, not the Mission. The Board ships such a car six months after the date of purchase, with 10,000 miles on it. This is also true of Indonesia. That's one way to save the missionary \$5,000 duty when the car reaches the foreign port.

Our Board is getting to be a big customer. Many large firms welcome our business and co-operate with Mr. Wright in every possible way to benefit foreign missions.

Johanni Johnson, feature writer: Richmond is the crossroads of the world for Southern Baptists. People are always coming and go-

ing on business for the Lord. Of the sixty men and women in the home office, ten or twelve travel a great deal, some of them overseas. Every missionary visits the Foreign Board office when he is appointed and at least once during almost every furlough. Sometimes we feel as if we are working at an international airport.

The switchboard operator plugs in on a call to hear the operator say, "Hong Kong calling Dr. Cauthen," or "Beirut calling Dr. Sadler." Cablegrams are taken by our own teletype machine. Until twenty years ago the executive secretary or his personal secretary handled all of these; and because of the differences in time where the missionaries were, they came at all hours of the night as well as day. I've heard missionaries speak of Gene Newton, now Mrs. Thomas Eugene West, as though she were an angel. She was Dr. Maddy's and then Dr. Rankin's secretary.

She carried a world of details in her head—all about passports and visas; airplane, boat, and train passage; what inoculation shots to get, what clothes to wear, what drugs were good for air or sea-sickness. She was gentleness itself in dealing with all the missionaries for she was an M. K. (missionary kid) and she knew what it was to have a friendly voice and an efficient helper at the home office.

Mr. Wright is one of the five persons it took to fill Gene's place when she married in 1948. Transportation is the most troublesome of his problems. Here's one case.

Missionary George H. Clark of Illinois got off to Malaya this year by the hardest! His passage was booked on a freighter from the West Coast to Singapore. Mr. Clark had already left home when the Board received word that the freighter was not sailing. By long distance Mr. Wright traced him to a railroad station in St. Louis and told him to go on to San Francisco while the Board tried to get him on another boat.

"But there's a strike on out here," Mr. Clark shouted, "and my baggage hasn't shown up."

"Go ahead anyhow," Mr. Wright said. "There is an American President Line's ship leaving for Hong Kong two days after you get to San Francisco. They say they haven't any space left, but if you can get aboard, you can take another ship at Hong Kong for Singapore. Your baggage will no



On the porch at Ridgecrest are (left to right) Mrs. M. Theron Rankin, Mrs. Everett Gill, Jr., Mrs. Baker J. Cauthen, Mrs. George Sadler.

doubt get there by the time you do."

A cancellation just six hours before sailing time permitted the steamship company to book Mr. Clark for that ship, but still no baggage! Frantic long distance calls brought no trace of it, but precisely thirty minutes before the ship weighed anchor, the missing goods went into the hold.

"This sort of thing is what makes a business manager's hair grow thin," I heard Mr. Wright say, but with him it is all in the day's work—and as a former missionary to Japan, I know how important all this is in a vast missionary undertaking.

Mary Elizabeth Fuqua: I'm another one of the people who succeeded Gene Newton. They call me assistant to the executive secretary, now Dr. Baker J. Cauthen. I take the minutes at all the Board meetings. Few Southern Baptists know the president of the Foreign Mission Board as they do the executive secretary, but he is around the home office so much that everyone of us here knows L. Howard Jenkins well. Elected the same year as Dr. Maddy, he wanted to retire when Dr. Maddy did, but in spite of his sincere protests the Board continues to re-elect Mr. Jenkins.

We really should put in a direct telephone line to his office two blocks away! As head of L. H. Jenkins, Inc., manufacturer of books and magazines, he is a highly respected businessman. But he spends an enormous amount of time on the Board's affairs without any remuneration. The secretaries are often away when the Board meets on the second Thursday, but Mr. Jenkins is invariably in the chair.

Much of the credit for pulling the Foreign Board out of debt in 1933 goes to L. Howard Jenkins. He helped convince fellow businessmen that Southern Baptists could be trusted to support the Foreign Board. He gives liberally of his own resources and guides the Board in a wise use of the gifts of others.

The Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering support this truly worldwide effort, and last year the 30,000 Southern Baptist churches gave more money for foreign missions than in any previous year of the Board's existence. When we look at the proportion for foreign missions it isn't so good though. Mrs. Cauthen, maybe you would like to tell about the 1954 report?

Mrs. Baker James Cauthen: During 1954 Southern Baptists gave \$305,573,654 to our churches. The Foreign Mission Board received \$4,772,125 of that amount through the Cooperative Program. An additional \$1,589,230 was designated for specific projects or persons, and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, ending May 1, was \$3,957,821.

The budget adopted in October, 1954, was the largest up to that time, \$7,140,742.65.

Miss Fuqua: I have heard old-timers on the staff speak of the penny-pinching era. "We didn't spend money for a new pencil without consultation," one of them said, and the letters written then were often impossible to read, the ribbon was so dim.

Mrs. Cauthen: Compared to that day this one must seem like luxury, but the Foreign Board is not rich. Every time we appoint a missionary, we not only have to give him passage and basic equipment and language study, but we promise to finance him for life because he is appointed for life. Every time a Mission sends in its budget for the next year, we have to whittle it down—and last year we reduced the minimum requests from the fields by \$300,000. The backlog of requests for new buildings and property, all desperately needed, now stands at \$1,500,000.

Miss Fuqua: "Mission Volunteers plus adequate support equals continued missionary advance," is what they tell us in the Education Department.

They have figured out that last year the average giver in Southern Baptist churches contributed \$37.40. Of that sum \$30.93 was kept in his church for local expenses, leaving only \$6.47 for the mission causes his church promotes in the U.S.A. and overseas. Of that six dollars and nearly a half, only \$1.21 went to foreign missions—and a mere 5% of that amount was contributed through the Cooperative Program.

If you women visiting our home office today could take back with you only one

thing, I think it should be the slogan: "One dollar per member for foreign missions through the Cooperative Program." Since that goal was adopted, Maryland has reached it and in 1954 went over it to \$1.21 per member for foreign missions through the Cooperative Program. South Carolina is very close to the goal. You have to figure carefully to get your gift divided according to your church and state plans and not think that \$1 through the Cooperative Program is one dollar to Foreign Missions. But you can figure your gift and see what you actually give to Foreign Missions through the Cooperative Program.

Mrs. Cauthen: As Dr. Cauthen has been saying all over the convention this year "Southern Baptists have the potential at this time to increase our world ministry 500 per cent. If even five cents of each dollar we give in our churches were made available for service beyond the borders of our own land, there would be more than \$15,000,000."

Let us thank you for coming to see us. We hope you will feel you know more about the work you are doing through this agency Southern Baptists established so long ago. This is the way Southern Baptists function in the total plan of world redemption.

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Is in the center of
GOD'S LOVE.

Holy Bible

"GO YE THEREFORE"
Is our mandate
SOUTHERN BAPTISTS.

TYPICAL SOUTHERN BAPTIST-1953

LAST YEAR I GAVE \$16.16 TO MY LOCAL CHURCH

16% OF THIS WENT OUT FOR ALL MISSIONS AND BENEVOLENT CAUSES

Only 5¢ reached the FOREIGN MISSION BOARD through the COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

TYPICAL SOUTHERN BAPTIST-1954?

THIS YEAR ALL CAUSES WILL GROW IF MY Stewardship PROVIDES 11¢ FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS through the COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Pray Ye

Mrs. J. Wash Warts, Louisiana

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

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

1 Tuesday "Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually"—Heb. 13:15 Rev. Oscar Hill, Roswell, N. M., ev. among Spanish. Miss Ora Elizabeth Gray, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya. Miss Helen Masters, Eku, Nigeria, RN. Rev. L. C. Quarles, Argentina, em. *Miss Oleta Snell, Santiago, Chile, ed. ev.

2 Wednesday "Launch out into the deep"—Luke 5:4 Miss Helen Lowe, Mission, Tex., ed. ev. among Spanish, Miss Pearl Todd, Fukuoka, Japan, ed. ev., Rev. E. Gordon Crocker, Quito, Ecuador, ev., Mrs. L. M. Bratcher, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ed. ev.

3 Thursday "Just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints"—Rev. 15:3 Miss Vivian Wilson, Granite City, Ill., GWC, Miss Hannah Barlow, Kokura, Japan, ed. ev., Miss Lucy Belle Stokes, Urawa shi, Japan. Rev. William H. McGinnis, Gold Coast. *Rev. Burley E. Cader, Feira de Santana, Brazil, ev., Mrs. George H. Kollmar, Barranquilla, Colombia, ev.

4 Friday "I will watch to see what he will say unto me"—Hab. 2:1 Rev. Ulman Moss, Caracas, Venezuela, ed. ev., Dr. Everett Gill, Europe, em.

5 Saturday "Their strength is to sit still"—Isa. 30:7 Rev. Joe White Conley, Selma, Ala., ed. ev. among Negroes, Miss Myrtle Salters, Atlanta, Ga., GWC, Mrs. Milton Leach, Sr., Albuquerque, N. M., ev. among Spanish and Indians, Mrs. A. P. Pierson, Chihuahua, Mexico, ev.

6 Sunday "I trust in thy word"—Ps. 119:42 Mrs. Lawrence Thibodeaux, South Houma, La., ev. among French, Miss Frances Hammett, Shaki, Nigeria, RN, Mrs. John Lake, China, em. Pray for Royal Ambassador Facus Week, November 8-12.

7 Monday "Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord"—Ex. 14:13 Rev. Heriberto Rodriguez, Ranchuelo, Cuba, ev., Miss Ernestina Mesa, Lajas, Cuba, ed. ev., Dr. Nelson A. Bryan, Pusan, Korea, MD, Rev. Leland James Harper, Asuncion, Paraguay, ev., Miss Georgia Mae Ogburn, Santiago, Chile, WMU secretary; Kansas WMU annual meeting, Bethel; Oklahoma at Tulsa.

8 Tuesday "What he had promised, he was able also to perform"—Rom. 4:21 Rev. Stephen Gover, Weatherford, Okla., ev. among Indians, Mrs. Tom Law, Jr., Havana, Cuba, Mrs. Chester R. Young, Honolulu, Hawaii, ev., Mrs. W. H. Berry, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, pub. ev., *Mrs. Marlin Russell Hicks, Santiago, Chile, Rev. Melvin K. Wasson, Ogbomoso, Mrs. Russell T. Locke, Oyo, Nigeria, ev., Mrs. A. R. Gallimore, China, em.; South Carolina WMU annual meeting at Greenville; Arizona WMU at Phoenix.

9 Wednesday "He knoweth the way that I take"—Job 23:10 Rev. Carl E. Conrad, Alexandria, La., ev. among French, Dr. A. T. Bequer, Cienfuegos, Cuba, Miss Charlene Jones, Terezina, Brazil, ev.

10 Thursday "Faith is the evidence of things not seen"—Heb. 11:1 Rev. Horace Fisher, Philadelphia, Miss., ev. among Indians, Rev. Carlos Ramirez, San Angelo, Tex., ev. among Mexicans, Miss Laura Frances Snow, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan st., Rev. Andres Rodriguez, Guanajay, Cuba, Mrs. William Graves, Rosario, Argentina, ev.

11 Friday "I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord"—Ps. 27:13 Rev. A. M. Lopez, Guanabacoa, Cuba, ev., *Dr. D. F. Stamps, Honolulu, Hawaii, ed. ev., Miss Elaine Crowell, Davau City, Philippines, Miss Gladys Hopewell, Tamag, Taiwan, Rev. Rex Ray, Pusan, Korea, ev., Miss Alma Hazel Rohm, Iwo, Nigeria, ed. ev.

12 Saturday "I call to my remembrance my song in the night"—Ps. 77:6 Rev. Aurelio Hurtado, Taos, N. M., ev. among Spanish, Mrs. W. A. Hickman, Asuncion, Paraguay, ev.

13 Sunday "I have called you friends"—John 15:15 Mrs. John O. Johnson, Napoleonville, La., ev. among French, Rev. Bailey Sewell, Oklahoma City, Okla., ev. among Indians, Miss Christine Eidson, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Dr. James M. Young, Jr., Ajloun, Jordan, MD, Dr. R. E. L. Mewshaw, China, Mrs. J. T. Williams, Shanghai, China, em.

14 Monday "In everything ye are enriched by him"—1 Cor. 1:3 *Miss Jennie Alderman, China, ev., Mrs. Melvina Roberts, Tinsan, N. M., ev. among Indians, Mrs. Emit O. Ray, Nassau, Bahama Islands, Mrs. James Lee Garrett, Recife, Brazil, *Mrs. John Watson Shepard, Fukuoka City, Japan, ev.

15 Tuesday "My expectation is from him"—Ps. 82:5 Mrs. Emmett Rodriguez, Kerrville, Tex., ev. among Mexicans, Rev. Ammon Bradford, New Orleans, La., ed. ev. among Negroes, Lorne E. Brown, Ajloun, Jordan, MD.

16 Wednesday "In due season we shall reap, if we faint not"—Gal. 6:9 Rev. John T. Dickerson, Fairbanks, Alaska, ev., Dr. V. L. Seats, Ibadan, ed. ev., Miss Ernelle Brooks, Abeokuta, Nigeria, RN, Helen Nixon, Buenos Aires, Argentina, ev., Miss Bertha Smith, Taipei, Taiwan, ed. ev., Mrs. W. E. Craighead, Encarnacion, Paraguay, ev.; Maryland WMU annual meeting at Baltimore

17 Thursday "Neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee"—2 Chron. 20:12 Rev. Andres Viera, Roswell, N. M., ev. among Spanish, Mr. Ted O. Badger, Makati, Philippines, pub. ev., Mrs. Peyton Stephens, China, em., Mrs. John Ratliff, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Rev. R. L. Carlisle, Montevideo, Uruguay, ev., Mrs. Fred M. Hawkins, Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil, lan. st., Mrs. Finlay M. Graham, Beirut, Lebanon, ed. ev., Mrs. Lloyd A. Lovegren, Ajloun, Jordan, ed. ev., Mrs. Judson Lennon, Bangkok, Thailand, lan. st.

18 Friday "Giving thanks always for all things unto God"—Eph. 5:20 Rev. R. James Glasco, Montgomery, Ala., ev. among Negroes, Miss Annie Ivey, Atlanta, Ga., GWC, Miss Erlene Howard, Belen, N. M., ed. ev. among Spanish, Rev. James D. Crane, Torreon, ed. ev., Mrs. J. E. Davis, Mexico, em., Rev. Antonio Martinez, Cardenas, Cuba, ev., Rev. Harvey Walworth, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st., *Rev. Samuel Herbert Cockburn, Buenos Aires, Argentina, ev., Mrs. E. M. Hostick, Mrs. E. L. Morgan, China, em., Dr. C. H. Westbrook, Shanghai, China, em., Miss Lucy Wright, Pusan, Korea, RN, Mrs. G. W. Struther, Penang, ed. ev., Rev. Carl F. Yarnell, Jr., Singapore, Malaya, lan. st.

19 Saturday "For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, fear not I will help thee"—Isa. 41:13 Rev. S. E. Grinstead, Nashville, Tenn., ed. ev. among Negroes, Miss Vada M. Waldron, Mendoza, Argentina, GWC

20 Sunday "I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me"—Acts 27:25 Miss Rupy Matejka, New Orleans, La., GWC, Rev. Felix E. Buldwin, HMB, em., Rev. David Espurvoe, Edinburg, Tex., ev. among Mexicans, Rev. Lee Aull, Farmington, N. M., ev. among Indians, Mrs. William Lee Clinton, Sao Paulo, Brazil, ev.

21 Monday "I have all, and abound"—Phil. 4:18 Mrs. Frederick M. Horton, Yokohama, Japan, Mrs. Stockwell B. Sears, Surabaya, Indonesia, ev., Mrs. Franklin T. Fowler, Asuncion, Paraguay, RN, *Dr. David Mein, Recife, Brazil, ed. ev., *Miss Marjorie L. Stephens, Agbor, ed. ev., Miss Lawanda Couch, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, RN, *Rev. Dwight L. Baker, Nazareth, Israel, ev.

22 Tuesday "Great is our Lord, and of great power"—Ps. 147:5 Mrs. Alcides Lazano, Las Tablas, Panama, ed. ev., Miss Cleo Morrison, Philippines, ev., Mrs. P. S. Evans, China, em. Pray for the Hawaii annual WMU meeting, November 22-23

23 Wednesday "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"—1 Cor. 15:57 *Dr. William Skinner, Asuncion, Paraguay, MD, Mrs. Erhardt S. Swenson, Buenos Aires, Argentina, pub. ev., Rev. Ross Coggins, Bandung, Indonesia, lan. st.

24 Thursday "Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name"—1 Chron. 29:13 Mr. H. C. Hooper, Lake Charles, La. City Missions, Rev. Leslie H. Gunn, Oklahoma City, Okla., ev. among deaf, Mr. Francisco Diaz, San Blas, Panama, ev., *Rev. A. E. Blankenship, Santa Catarina, Brazil, ed. ev., Mrs. Alex F. Garner, San Francisco, Argentina, ev., Dr. Robert Wright, Pusan, Korea, MD

25 Friday "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed"—John 20:29 Miss Gertrude Hart, Jackson, Miss., ev. among Negroes, Rev. Sam Hider, Jay, Okla., ev. among Indians, Miss Lois Glass, Fukuoka, Japan, ed. ev., Rev. Albert H. Dyson, Jr., Oyo, Nigeria, ev.

26 Saturday "God is our refuge and strength"—Ps. 46:1 Rev. Ben Yelvington, Santa Fe, N. M., ev. among Indians, Rev. W. W. Enzie, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ed. ev., Rev. J. L. Hart, Chile, em., Mrs. W. H. Carson, Ebute Metta, Mrs. Orville W. Taylor, Oyo, Nigeria, ev.

27 Sunday "The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me"—Ps. 138:8 Mrs. S. L. Watson, Brazil, em., *Rev. S. L. Goldfinch, ev., Miss Miriam Willis, Asuncion, Paraguay, RN, Rev. Calvin Parker, Kanazawa City, Japan, ev.

28 Monday "I gave myself unto prayer"—Ps. 109:4 Mrs. Donald A. Dalby, Copper Mine, Ariz., ev. among Indians, Mrs. Eddie Sanchez, Eagle Pass, Tex., ed. ev. among Spanish, Miss Martha Morrison, Honolulu, Hawaii, ed. ev., Mrs. Ray Shelton, San Carlos, Uruguay, ev. Pray for a faithful observance of the Week of Prayer and for an outpouring of gifts beyond the \$3,500,000 goal for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Pray for Guatemala annual WMU meeting

THE THANKSGIVING GUEST

BY CHARLES A. WELLS

One of the most ironic things about our American civilization today is revealed when we consider the Pilgrim fathers who gave us the Thanksgiving festival. They were surrounded by constant physical dangers; they knew little comfort from the elements; their ranks were swept by famine and illness. Yet they gave America an early inheritance of calm steady nerves, serenity and courage that endured as our national characteristic until modern days.

But now we seem to be about the most hurried, harassed of all people.

We must ask the Pilgrim fathers to sit at our tables this Thanksgiving season that we may acquire some of their deep, abiding faith.



29 Tuesday "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years"—Hab. 3:2 Mrs. John O. Johnson, Napoleonville, La., ev. among French, Rev. Pedro Carranza, Westlaco, Tex., ev. among Spanish, Mrs. Antanasio Cabrera, Belen, N. M., ed. ev. among Spanish, Miss Alberta Steward, Fortaleza, Brazil, Mrs. T. B. Hawkins, Buenos Aires, Argentina, ed. ev., Mrs. William S. Wester, Gatooma, Southern Rhodesia, ev. Pray that this Week of Prayer with the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will be a time of rich spiritual development

30 Wednesday "We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God"—2 Cor. 5:20 Miss Lucille Kerrigan, Cabanas, Cuba, RN, Rev. Ernest Lee Holloway, Nagoya, Japan, ev., Dr. John C. Abell, Jr., Eku, Nigeria, MD, Pray that all WMU members enter heartily into this week of prayer and giving

ev. evangelism
ed. educational
ed. ev. educational evangelism
em. ementia
pub. ev. publication evangelism
* on foreign
RN nurse
MD doctor
GWC Good Will Center
lan. st. language study
HMB Home Mission Board

A Missionary Remembers China

They know no rest,
Bear weary souls who walk these roads.
They only know
Life's bitter cares, life's tollsome loads.

They know no peace,
Poor frightened souls, in spirit bound.
They only know
Entangling fears that ever bound.

They have no light:
To temple gods they vows they pay;
They blindly seek
But know not how to find the Way.

The rest, the peace
That Christ must give the human heart,
The light divine,
Thou dost through him to men impart.

To these poor souls
Reveal, O God, Thy Word we cannot preach.
But Thou alone,
With pow'r divine, their hearts can reach.



Make a Sand Pile Set-up for Study of the Moslem World

As the Moslems far more than the Arab states today, it had its origin in desert country where people live in dry earth as they did two thousand years ago. You can pitch a tent of black cotton cloth in a mound of sand (or on hardboard to which layers of sand have been sprinkled over surface painted with yellow). Use wire sticks for the tent poles. Make a wire and crepe paper palm tree. Cloth-porcelain tiles may be dressed with bits of gay-striped and black cloth. Cooking pots are of modeling clay. Rugs are pieces of striped cloth fringed. Visitors and animals on the right were furnished from a National Geographic.

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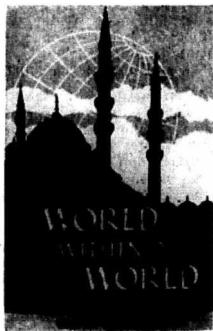
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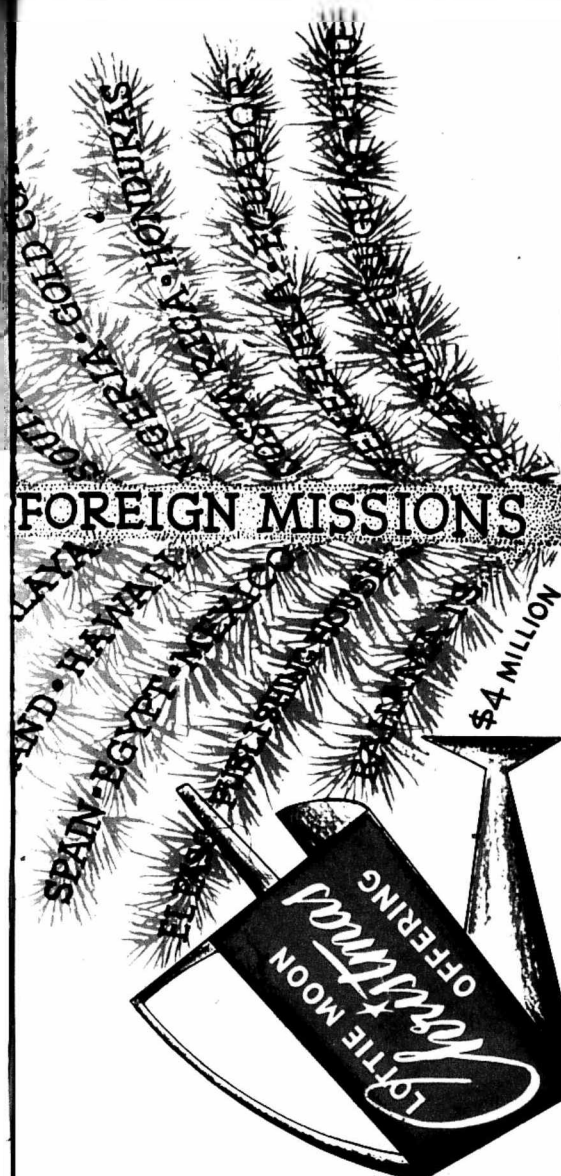
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The Quests of Christmas

by LORNE TILFORD, missionary in Taiwan

IN SOUTHEAST ASIA the quests of Christmas now are not unlike those of the first Christmas. Men and women still go up from their homes to be enrolled by their governments because the state seeks to tax them, to exploit them, to use them, to promote selfish ends (Luke 2:1-5).

The displaced and homeless, modern fathers and mothers are asking for shelter, a place to spend the night. While we feast in our comfortable homes, countless refugees in Korea, Hong Kong, Jordan, Egypt, and Indo-China will not have even a crib in which to lay their newborn sons because there is not enough room nor love in our hearts for others (Luke 2:7).

In simple villages of Taiwan (Formosa), the Philippines, and Thailand, peasants and laborers, hungry-hearted, are saying to one another, "Come, let us go to find the Babe of Bethlehem of which we have been told a little by the missionaries, and let us see what God has brought to us." And when they find the Lord, peace comes into their hearts for they become men of good will (Luke 2:15).

And behold, students, professors, intellectuals, wise men from all these countries of the Orient like Japan and Malaya and other countries of Southeast Asia are asking of the Occident, "Where is he who has been born King? For we have come to worship him." And led by the Word, like the prophets of old, they find him and fall down and worship him and offer to him their gold, influence, and service (Matt. 2:1-2, 11).

Godless ideologies, selfish materialism, and deceitful men are searching for Christ to destroy him, to replace him, to use him for their own ends, but the Spirit of the Lord appears to all who respond through faith and obedient wills; and to these, Christ is alive, saving them and bringing them peace (Matt. 2:13-16).

Listen to the full message of the angel choir, "Be not afraid for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which is come to all the people for there is born a Saviour who is Christ the Lord, for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son to come to earth to seek and save those who are lost and whosoever believeth on him shall not perish but have everlasting life" (Luke 2:21, John 3:16).

So the quests of Christmas continue but the supreme quest is the quest of the Christ of Christmas seeking and saving the hearts of sinful men.

"O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for thee."

Christmas Eve in Bethlehem

Mrs. John Maguire



Christmas bells ring out from Bethlehem.

IT was not a dream. I was truly there in beautiful Shepherd's Field, outside of Bethlehem, at twilight, that most peaceful time of the day. As I rested on the huge rock that looked as if it had not been disturbed in 1,900 years, I watched the shepherds with their flocks on the far hillside. They were on their way to the folds. Occasionally a camel made its way homeward. The spasmodic braying of a donkey ("the Jordan nightingale") did not mar the serenity of the occasion nor the scene.

I was not unmindful of my high privilege. I shivered, not so much from the wind that was picking up, as from unbelievable happiness. Here before me I could imagine Ruth gleaning in the fields of Boaz. I could almost see the shepherds of that night of long ago, when they heard the angel anthem that echoed around the world. I could not say it was a dream of a lifetime come true. I had never dared to dream so large a privilege. It was "exceeding abundantly above-all" that I had dared ask or think.

My appreciation was enhanced by the fact that I was sharing this experience with friends and loved ones. Eighty of us were scattered over the great rocks, all Christians, and by coincidence, all Baptists.

We sang softly, "O Little Town of Bethlehem." A preacher from Texas read Matthew's account of that first Christmas Eve. A preacher from Arkansas read the nativity story from Luke. A representative of our Foreign Mission Board led in prayer. Our guide said, "Now let us sit in quiet meditation and watch for the first star of the evening."

As I gazed upward, thanking God for sending his Son to be my Saviour, thanking

him for coming into this troubled world of sin, I felt a deep sense of peace.

My peace was short-lived. The serenity of the scene was disturbed—not by guns or cannons, not by crashing noises, but by a sibilant whisper, "Baksheesh, Baksheesh," and a tiny reaching hand.

The little Arab girl who whispered was on the other side of the rock-wall fence that surrounded the place where we had gathered. I could not see her body, but I could picture her standing taut on tiptoe. All I could see was her black, black hair, her brown forehead, and occasionally her imploring brown eyes. The little hand could barely reach above the wall of rock, but it was extended pleadingly. The whisper that we could scarcely hear had become a most familiar one as we had traveled in the Near East—"Baksheesh," "give me."

Suddenly our driver noticed her, and quietly, not to disturb those deep in meditation, he slipped from his place in the back, down to the fence facing us, and drove her away. A few minutes later, her importunate whisper came once more. Again our driver bade her, "Be gone." The act was repeated several times.

There had been practically no sound. Yet my peace was gone. Questions raced through my mind. What right had I, a foreigner, to be sitting here in her country, rejoicing in my salvation, yet not sharing it with her, a native of the land of our Lord? (Please turn to page 23)