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IT WAS in 1783 that William Carey sailed away from familiar English shores. He was on his way to unknown India to take the simple message of Jesus' love. Like Caleb, Carey knew himself inadequate for God's assignment. But God's bounty of blessing poured itself out, making Carey "the father of modern missions."

From one man's faith and dedication mission fires flamed in England and then spread to our shores. In the intervening years millions have "followed in His train," going, sending, living, praying—bringing in Christ's kingdom.

You will find "An Open Door," your program, a missionary challenge to

*"Expect great things from God;
Attempt great things for God"*

—CAREY

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Behind the Columns of Woman's Missionary Union

by Alma Hunt, WMU Executive Secretary

WHAT goes on in there?" is a question often asked by the taxi driver as one of our "travelers" returning home, directs him to WMU headquarters, saying, "It's the white granite building with the columns on the corner of Sixth Avenue and Twentieth."

We delight to tell our story to those who inquire for we feel that it was of the Lord that we are in the WMU building. Men come to the headquarters every day and many of them show surprise at the sight of people who work behind the columns. Men seem more surprised at the bigness of what they think of as women's work. It is a big work and its scope grows year by year, as we prepare to strengthen state and local promotion of Christ's mission program.

Woman's Missionary Union are assigned to oversee the two major divisions of which are the Promotion Division and the Business Division.

The Promotion Division is made up of four departments: The News department, the Youth, G.A., and Sunday School departments. Each of these departments has a director and is designed to be expanded according to need to include editorial, promotion, and art associations. The professionals in each department are united in making plans and producing the magazine, the youth magazine, the Sunday School organization, and the group of

Woman's Missionary Union has never before had a department devoted wholly to

Today we are working under a new plan which has been in the making for two years.

The administrative officer of Woman's Missionary Union headquarters is the executive secretary. Attached to her office are an administrative assistant, Mrs. J. H. Godwin, secretaries, and an editorial assistant. Working closely with the executive secretary are the Promotion director Mrs. William McMurtry and the Business director, Mrs. La Venia Neal. All other employees

of that life depends upon the women today, the missionary vision and zeal they have, the leadership and fostering they give to youth organizations.

We stand on the brink of a bright future, organizationally, with this strengthening of our women's work.

Miss Margaret Bruce who has during all her professional life been engaged in WMU work, and who during recent years has been secretary of the youth department, was elected by the Executive Board to be the

Behind the Columns at WMU

first director of the WMS department.

Coming to the department with eleven years of experience on the staff of WMU and excellent editorial training and experience was Miss Ethalee Hamric, who as WMS editorial associate is the editor of *Royal Service* and all other WMS materials. Miss Hamric was formerly editor of *The Window of YWA* and in February was elected the editor of *Royal Service* (see April *Royal Service*).

For sixteen years Miss Rachel Colvin has been art editor of WMU. As the publications have increased in number and in size, art assistants have been added to the staff. Miss Colvin, the senior artist, is serving as art associate in the WMS and the other promotion departments. In this capacity she is one of "the team" in planning the magazines and other publications. Some of the art responsibility is borne by the able art assistants and other artists.

In place of the "old" youth department we now have three youth departments—a YWA, a GA, and a Sunbeam Band department. Each department follows the same pattern and the four promotion departments are co-ordinated by Mrs. McMurry, the Promotion Director. The YWA department is the only fully staffed one to date. Miss Doris DeVault, the director, was YWA secretary in the "old" youth department.

The granddaughter and daughter of missionaries, she comes with a delightful background. Her mother, Mrs. Roswell E. Owens, herself the daughter of pioneer missionaries to Argentina, was asked to write the story of carrying "this baby girl" in a basket when she and Dr. Owens went out as our missionaries to Palestine. Miss Owens is a graduate of Blue Mountain College, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Before engaging in graduate study she was on the editorial staff of the Sunday School Board.

Miss Pate likewise comes from a missionary home, one which has sent a daughter to a foreign mission field. Miss Pate's sister, Mrs. Carl E. Yarnell, was appointed along with her husband, in 1955 to Malaya.

Miss Pate is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and Carver School of Missions and Social Work. She joined our staff in July and is presented in the October issue of *The Window of YWA*.

In the GA department we have at present Miss Betty Brewer, director, and Miss Dorothy Weeks, editorial associate. Miss Brewer has served as GA secretary since April 1955. Miss Weeks was assistant edi-



Alma Hunt

tor, Sue Terry Woodson, who works with the Sunbeam Band director, Miss Elsie Rives, on the preparation of the units of study for *Sunbeam Activities*. These two have the services of an able editorial assistant.

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Laurella Owens



Billie Pate

every week and in addition the Year Book, guides, manuals, and approximately 100 different leaflets. The "traveling people" among these professionals cover thousands of miles every year, some of them spending more than half their time in field engagements from Washington state to Florida and from Maryland to California. All of them share in the summer conference responsibilities at Ridgecrest and Glorieta.

Among the headquarters personnel there

Our plan of organization was developed by Booz, Allen, and Hamilton of Chicago. The firm was employed to survey the headquarters operation and to bring recommendations for a pattern of organization which promised to meet the needs and opportunities in this day for a more adequate program of missionary education and witness. A year after the adoption of the recommendations of the firm, the By-laws of Woman's Missionary Union were brought in line with the pattern of organization. At the same time suggested By-laws for a Local Woman's Missionary Union were adopted which can do for the local church Union what the survey has done for the Convention-wide Union—point it toward a more adequate program of missionary education.

Earlier I mentioned mechanization of our business operation. This mechanized age is wonderful. The electric letter opener has permitted us to lay aside the fancy desk letter opener. Almost in the twink of an eye a handful of letters is opened, the cut edges falling away in thread-like curls.

Machines divide the money which comes into the several accounts and then add it back together. That machine work is done on every order we receive.

Flexowriters are used when you send in your subscription. These cut your name, or rather cut a series of little holes in a tape which resembles the old player-piano roll. More holes make your address and

Automatic Graphotype



Department — Miss Laurella Owens and Miss Billie Pate.

Miss Owens joined the staff in June.

Flexowriter



Electric Letter Opener



The very nature of Sunbeam Band work makes the setup in this department different. The publication of the department, *Sunbeam Activities*, is a quarterly for leaders of Sunbeam Bands. Instead of having an editor this department uses a professional

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of tape. They are automatic graphotypes and do what the name implies—they work automatically. As long as the current is on and the tape is fed they cut fifteen hundred to two thousand addressograph plates a day.

Such mechanical devices reduce the number of employees which otherwise would be required. But machines, to be really effective, must have effective operators. It takes human beings to read (turn to page 17)



Still waiting—families of sick patients wait for a place to stay, to keep their belongings, to cook for the patients. They wait for a hospital compound—

but they

Are grateful for skilled doctors like Dr. Fort and his wife Dr. Wana Ann Fort—and for the Baptist Hospital at Sanyati, Southern Rhodesia



IT WAS a beautiful African night—the moon was full, lighting the countryside; the familiar night sounds filled the air—birds chirping, crickets serenading, the distant bark of an African dog warning of wild animals near the kraal (craw). The rhythmical beat of the drums reminding us there is still much of the “old” in the changing Africa of today. Wana Ann (my wife also a doctor) and I were walking home from the hospital—our last night at the Sanyati Reserve in Southern Rhodesia, Africa. On the morrow we were to complete

our packing and leave for furlough in the USA, closing the book on our first term of missionary service. Now we were returning home from one of the “routine calls” to the hospital.

Late in the afternoon a couple from the Gokwe area had reached the mission station with their little girl who was half dead and severely anemic with chronic malaria. The Umniati River which lies between our reserve and Gokwe was finally low enough in this early part of the dry season so people could risk wading it, and this couple had

A Doctor in the heart of Africa

by Milton G. Fort, MD

Look through back issues of WMU magazines and *The Commission*. You will discover valuable information and stories about our work in Africa. Keep this warmhearted story from one of our missionary doctors for reference as we study Africa in mission study classes

to bring their child to the hospital. We were able to give blood transfusions and adequate medicine so that another day came a living testimony to the power of the Lord for his people, and the power to perform through his disciples

Homeward that night, our hearts were filled with many thoughts—our first visit to the Sanyati Reserve. It was the end of the rainy season—the muddy miles of dirt road seemed almost impossible as we rode in our truck from Gokwe, often pulling through deep mud-holes. The “hospital” on the station was a small mud and pole hut where Miss Monda Marlar, missionary nurse, was already busy at work (seeing patients daily). The house we were to occupy was under construction—just walls of baked clay brick plastered with cement. We thought of our early medical work—the patients who had to be transported to the government hospital because our equipment and drugs were still in transit from the States, and we had no facilities for caring for them. We remembered our first Christmas in Africa—Christmas of 1953—when the hospital building, still not finished, but usable and badly needed, was dedicated to the healing of broken, diseased bodies in the name of our Lord Jesus. We praised God again for the early foundations laid by the Dotsons and Bowlins as they began the work in Southern Rhodesia—and for the workers who had

built upon this work—and the progress the Lord had given.

We looked about us to see outlined in the moonlight the comfortable houses for the teachers in the school, the four missionary residences, the storeroom building, new church building, and the school and hospital buildings. There was our home before us—the bush and stumps now cleared and replaced by flowering trees and shrubs. Vegetables, and fruit trees flourished in the garden.

At the hospital we had just left, the nurse on duty was making her way from ward to ward to administer health-giving restoring drugs to the sick. There was a fully equipped laboratory where necessary diagnostic tests could be performed. A small pharmacy contained many of the latest drugs. Well-equipped surgery and delivery rooms were ready to be used when needed. X-ray facilities were available. Indeed it seemed wonderful that all these things and many more had come in the few years of work there. As we entered our gate and walked the path to our door our cup was full and running over in gratitude to the Lord.

But in the dark rooms of our house, we turned from our reveries to think of all that remained to be done before we could leave the next evening—packing, last-minute details to decide, gifts to be distributed, things to tell Tom, the hospital books to close out for the month. And that night as we lay in our bed, we thought of the future—and of



Patient delivered to Baptist Hospital



Dr. Wana Ann Fort and a new friend



Injections are necessary in Africa too!

A Doctor in Africa

plans to meet more effectively the medical needs of the people.

Badly needed are isolation wards where we may treat contagious diseases such as tuberculosis, meningitis, encephalitis, diphtheria, and many more. The hospital compound for families of patients is an urgent need, for they must come and help care for their sick ones, and there is no place for them to stay, to keep their belongings, to cook for the patients themselves.

In the future a nursing school for training Africans is planned, and teaching buildings and dormitories will be needed. As we pray for a bridge across the Umaniati River and roads into that area to give us access to the people, we plan ahead for clinics to give them medical care. We thought ahead of personnel needs for the hospital: when the nursing school is started, a missionary nurse to supervise and direct it will be needed; if clinic work is begun in Goweke there must be a nurse for this program. A laboratory technician is needed immediately. As the medical work expands, another permanent doctor and his family will be necessary at the hospital.

Doors are being opened into the other two countries comprising the Federation, Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and we must think of possible medical progress into these areas—more doctors, more nurses, more technicians—more, more, more—for “unto the uttermost” will require more of everything—more personnel, more operating expense money, more capital outlay for buildings.

The cost of doing the Lord's work is great, but the rewards are rich and bountiful, and blessed are they who seek to obey the Lord to carry—and send—his work to those who do not know.

The dawn of our last day at Sanyati was near at hand—and soon we fell asleep, but not until we had earnestly prayed, “Lord, if it can be thy will, return us to this place, for there is much that must be done for you here. Amen.”



by Cyril E. Bryant, Editorial Staff
Baptist World Alliance, Washington

Education—Of Concern to All Parents

America's booming birthrate has brought a major headache to the public school situation of the nation. Despite the training of tens of thousands of new teachers and the erection of thousands of new school buildings, youngsters still are hanging out the windows and bulging from the doors of present educational structures. Many communities have cut school hours so that two “shifts” of students can be accommodated each day.

Tax resources of most local communities are not sufficient to meet both the increased cost of larger facilities and the tremendous expenses of building new school structures.

Seeking to help local communities meet their problem, Congress has before it a bill, House Resolution 1, which would authorize a five year \$1.5 billion program of Federal assistance in school construction.

Under the bill, as approved by the House Education and Labor Committee, \$400 million in federal aid would go to states each year on a 50-50 matching basis. Half the funds would be distributed to the states on the basis of a flat per capita allotment for the school age population. The other half would be distributed on the basis of need in the various states.

Distribution of funds within the states would be determined by the state educational agencies. The bill does not restrict the funds to public schools and it is conceivable that in some states some funds might become available to parochial education.

In addition to these grants, the proposed bill also would help local school districts to borrow money for school construction purposes. It would authorize the use of \$750

million in federal funds to buy school construction bonds of local districts which are otherwise not able to find markets at reasonable interest rates. Federal advances of up to \$150 million to state school financing agencies to assure payment of their obligations also would be authorized.

Meanwhile, down Independence Avenue from Capitol Hill, three major government agencies are taking another look at public education and the fact that 40 per cent of the boys and girls enrolled in high schools the country over drop out of school before graduation.

The agencies are the United States Department of Labor, the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and the United States Department of Defense. They are pooling their efforts, through publication of a handbook and in other ways, in an appeal to persuade all the nation's young people to take full advantage of the public education opportunities offered them.

President Eisenhower has joined in the appeal: “I urge every girl and boy in the United States to continue as students in school until they have developed their God-given capacities to the full. Only in this way can they hope to make their finest contribution to the nation and reach the fulfillment of their own life purposes.”

Copies of a National Stay-in-School Campaign handbook, giving specific suggestions as to what adult leadership can do to encourage the undecided to stay in school may be ordered from Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. at 15¢; a 25 per cent discount is given on orders of 100 or more.

30,000

Mrs. R. L. M...ident of Woman's Missionary Union

A NEW VENTURE into the world of home missions began at the Southern Baptists at the 1956 convention meeting in Kansas City. It came when the convention's president, Dr. C. C. Warren, in his presidential address, challenged the convention to establish 30,000 new churches and missions by the celebration of the Baptist Third Jubilee in 1964.

The challenges and visitors quickly responded to this thrilling message by Dr. Warren and the convention voted to accept the challenge. As people left the session hall comments were overheard.

"Impossible," said some.

"Not possible," replied others.

"Impossible," said still others.

Everybody seemed to have ideas about the matter. There was discussion—much discussion. With it interest began to mount.

Little groups talked about it. Little groups grew into larger groups. The idea, though, caught fire.

What if we could do it? What would it mean? What would it mean to the church? What would it mean to home missions? What would it mean to making America truly Christian? Well, for that matter what would it mean to world missions? What if? What if we could do it? Surely God's purposes would be fulfilled as his people, seeking the power of the Holy Spirit, try to win more and more of the hordes of lost people in our country.

The Executive Committee of the Convention took up the matter. A 30,000 Committee was appointed.

People began to pray, the committee met several times, plans are being made, meetings have been held, in many states there has been appointed a "30,000 Committee."

The challenge of it has caught the imagination of a people—a denomination.

Added to the plan in 1964 of a great Jubilee observance of the 150 years of organized Baptist work on the continent of North America the idea takes on an even greater meaning for all of us. And so, the 30,000 Committee has been formed by the Jubilee Committee.

It is time in the large Southern Baptist Convention to put the machinery of planning in motion. But the yeast is working. In the various boards and agencies of the convention and in the states, goals have been adopted, or will be in the future. Slowly but surely, the wheels are beginning to turn and we shall be working together to carry out the greatest challenge ever accepted by our denomination.

This new venture into a world missions program is like a drama. We shall discover that it will require many performers, some called extras, to be in crowd scenes, others to take the leading parts. But, only as all of us play our roles—whether they be leading ones, or only parts in the crowd scenes shall we achieve our goal of 30,000 new churches and missions by 1964.

Key words in the language of Southern Baptists today are "thirty thousand." What does this mean for Woman's Missionary Union?

To me, first, it means a very real way for us to implement our program of community missions. We shall assist the pastors and our churches in an enlarged program of establishing missions for the winning of lost people to a knowledge of Christ as Saviour. And we shall assist the pastor in a marvelous way with our program of soul-winning visitation. There are literally millions of people all about us who can be gathered together in small mission Sunday schools which will grow into churches.

Members of Woman's Missionary Union, here is our opportunity to demonstrate what really is the real purpose of our community missions program. A deep concern for the lost is basic to this purpose.

To me, second, it means a very real reason to increase our efforts in the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 3-7, 1958, and in the Annie Armstrong Offering. This year there are allocations in the Annie Armstrong Offering for new churches. As we increase the offering year after year we can allocate larger and larger amounts to this

worthy cause. Through the Week of Prayer each WMU may share with the church the program part, the prayer part, and the giving part through the Annie Armstrong Offering which will provide much of the needed assistance to build the 30,000 new churches and missions.

To me, third, it means another opportunity for our women to "lend their influences" as they were urged to do by the convention in 1900, to get all the members of their churches to give with deeper concern for missions. Through the Cooperative Program women can "lend their influences" to lead all church members to give more. And finally, to lead the church to increase its percentage of giving year by year. As this is done during the next eight years we shall increasingly build—and build.

The symbol for Southern Baptists today is 30,000—thirty thousand additional churches and missions. What shall historians say about our use of that symbol?

If they are to record success—we must determine that we will do so with God's leadership.

It is my belief—and there is surely nothing original in it—that the failure of a plan is often not in the falsity of its principles. The failure is one of implementation. If we plan and preach and speak everywhere, and practice nowhere, we shall fail.

Our adopted plan must be implemented so that words are parallel to action.

At this very hour we are making much of the numerical growth of our denomination, of the prosperity (to page 17)

Challenge: What Is It?

**LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING
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**Youth Work—Indonesia
\$3,000**

A woman, beginning the day with God, uses that day in positive ways to strengthen her family and friends. She concerns herself with God's loving desire that every person know Jesus as Saviour and Lord



**Amagi Assembly—Japan, "Little Ridgecrest"
\$1,000**

Before-Breakfast Praying

In the Bible we are told to "pray without ceasing." A woman is peculiarly situated to do this. As she prepares breakfast, with family noises reaching her ears from over the house, her prayer might well be "O compassionate Father, give to Jim the courage to stand for his convictions in that business deal today!" Or murmur, "Father, whose Son was once a boy, furnish Jim, Jr. with understanding of the new boy who is a bit different."

For herself she no doubt would pray "Thank Thee, Father, for my wonderful family, for your watchcare. Help me this day to live missions in such a positive way that I shall turn a lost soul to Jesus, the altogether lovely!"

Prayer that does not cease is a blessing to that woman who realizes its significance. She recognizes God's abiding Presence and interest in every activity of every Christian. She takes God's ways as her ways. She is

blessed in the companionship of close fellowship with God in home, community, church interests. She is not alone in any problem or concern.

But a mission hearted woman's sights must be set to see and ponder and feel the needs beyond her own doorway. Woman's Missionary Union's purpose is to help her to do these things.

All year you have reached beyond yourself in circle and missionary programs, in mission study and by reading. You know much more about world conditions than you did last year. Your vision and concern have expanded. You have grown as a child of God and have taken on a bit more as your responsibility the challenge of the Great Commission. As you have come to know and feel more urgency for telling the lost about Jesus the Saviour, you have prayed with greater persistence.

The Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions



**Baptist Seminary
Bangkok, Thailand
\$8,000**



**Kindergarten Work
Singapore, Malaya
\$1,000**



**Evangelism—Korea
\$30,000**



**Welfare Center—Iro, Nigeria
\$2,500**



**Good Will Center—Antofagasta, Chile
\$1,700**



**Sadler College, Ghana
\$3,000**

**Baptist Hospital
Sunyani, Southern Rhodesia
\$4,000**

Before- Breakfast Praying

sions, December 2-6, is a sacred trust and the missionaries depend upon us to use this week to go beyond our daily calendar of prayer in bringing before God the needs we know about. Thousands and thousands—even millions of women will join you and the members of your society in day-by-day objective praying this week.

As a natural and logical result of knowing and praying about specific needs, a woman then wants to do something else. She wants to give of herself to help meet the needs. That is why so many women give with joy to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering—which is a part of the Week of Prayer. Our goal this year is \$5,000,000. This is the largest goal ever set for this offering. Your society will wish to set a goal early. Then women will get to thinking personally about increasing their gifts over last year's. Every woman will have to determine to give more if we meet the opportunities.

On these pages you see some of the objectives which the Foreign Mission Board has set for us.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, tells us that every year there must be some needs omitted from the list because there is not enough money available. Women in missionary societies are concerned over more rapid advance in foreign missions. Giving and praying are two ways all of us can help.

As you prepare breakfast early each morning will you also "pray without ceasing" for God's kingdom advance around the world. Then you will come to give with plan and in proportion to the pressing needs.



Book Store Stock—Barquisimeto, Venezuela
\$1,000



Nursery School—Quito, Ecuador
\$320



Nurses Training School—Asuncion, Paraguay
\$2,500



Hospital—Barranquilla, Colombia
\$18,500



Boys Student Home
Guadalupe, Mexico
\$4,296



Student and Faculty Mission Work
Zurich, Switzerland
\$1,500



Capanga Church—Recife, Brazil
\$5,000

Mission hospital, current expenses
Ajloun, Jordan
\$25,000



Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering
Objectives 1957

"I Do Know That Was God's Choice"

by Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler



Mrs. Tyler in 1938

When the nominating committee of Woman's Missionary Union called me in 1938 during the Jubilee session, Richmond, Virginia, and asked if they might submit my name as their nominee for recording secretary, my definite and quick reply over long distance was no. I was not trained as a secretary, and I had other plans. For five years I had prayed for children. We lost our first baby at birth, and I had fervently prayed that we might have others, although medical science was discouraging.

As I walked down the dormitory corridor from the telephone call, having given an unequivocal no, God said, "I thought you were sincere when you said you would do anything for me. I have just called and you did not even pause to ask my will." For the first and only time in my life, I knew what people meant when they said, "My heart weighed a ton."

Mrs. Alice Coleman was leveling a dress for me when the call came, and when I walked back into her room she exclaimed, "Mrs. Tyler, what is the matter? You are as pale as death."

I replied, "Mrs. Coleman, I have just failed God."

Before she finished leveling the hem, there was a knock at the door. "Mrs. Tyler, long distance is calling you again." It was Richmond! Another chance? I prayed humbly. This time it was Edwina Robinson, a familiar friend, "Frances, as a member of the nominating committee I had to call. We are in complete accord that you are the one God has chosen for our recording secretary. We do want you to reconsider. We cannot accept your no."

Then I told Edwina God had spoken to me, too, and that I would surrender any personal desires or plans to do his will.

I recognized my youth and inexperience. Mrs. A. T. Robertson expressed my own

feelings when she said to me soon after my election, "Child, why in the world did they elect you recording secretary of Woman's Missionary Union?"

I can truthfully say I have never known why, but I do know that I was God's choice and that has been the source of my joy, courage, and faith through the years.

The gracious, loving, gentle, assistant recording secretary, Mrs. Sumter Lea, held me close to her heart so that I could not waver during those first tedious meetings. Oh! how she helped me—and listened as I read the minutes to her after each session. And then Mrs. J. Furniss Lee succeeded her, and she too, stabilized me. God has

never granted any young woman the friendship of two nobler women than these two assistant recording secretaries of the Union. They along with Miss Kathleen Mallory, Miss Ethel Winfield, and Mrs. J. H. Godwin, literally bore me along "armed by faith and winged by prayer."

Those first committee meetings in the Pine Room of the Tutwiler were memorable ones for me. There sat my beloved YWA vesper leader, Mrs. W. J. Cox, Miss Juliette Mather whom I had idolized since childhood, Mrs. Carter Wright whose stewardship stories had thrilled my mother's heart, and Mrs. Frank Burney who was the epitome of gracious womanhood—oh, and Mrs. J. Clyde Turner. I could go on and on!

These friends are just one of the many "extras" that have come to me through the years as I have tried to follow his leading.

Today, Dr. and Mrs. Tyler, Landrum and Carol—at home in Blue Mountain



I had just begun to catch on to a portion of my duties so that I could do them without worrying other people, when I realized we were going to have a baby! Oh, I was so grateful! When I told Mrs. Armstrong, she said tenderly, "When you said yes to God, then he said yes to you!" Both Mrs. Armstrong and Miss Mallory thought I should continue as secretary if my husband and I could arrange my schedule at home. Thanks to him and his provision for all the mechanical help I needed, and to our loving Father in heaven, and for the health of our two babies, I have never missed a single annual meeting and only two Executive Board meetings.

Humanly speaking, I owe all the joys of these years to Wilfred, our mothers, the two loving nurses who cared for our children in my absences. Spiritually speaking, I owe everything to our God who doeth wonders.

Our son Landrum is now a freshman in college, and our daughter Carol is a junior in high school. They are typical teenagers with a plus. As Mrs. Howard Butt said in Chicago, life with them is "an endless drama, a ceaseless adventure."

I read in *Fortune Magazine* "There is no ceiling on miracles," and that expresses my feeling. I have seen God do the impossible during these years. As we stand on the brink of this International Geophysical Year when sixty-four nations are exploring the earth in a unified effort to harness its resources, I feel new spiritual vistas are ahead for "those that love him." "I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation" (Hab. 3:18). Thank you for letting me be a laborer together with you!

Note: See September *Royal Service* for story about Mrs. Robert Fling, our newly-elected WMU recording secretary—Editor.

by Mrs. William McMurry
WMU promotion director

Go "sky-hopping" to Africa via the book, *Continent in Commotion* (price 60c from Baptist Book Store). To add sparkle use information from *Tales from Tre* (price 35c). Forecaster gives basic ideas on which three circle sessions (October, November, December) are to be built.

Prepare a flight folder for each woman as she enters the room which has been arranged to look like an airport. Write to the British Overseas Air Corporation, 95 Pearl Street, New York 1, New York and ask for travel folders and other free materials on Africa. Consult your local airlines for flight ads. Borrow model airplanes. Rig up a ticket counter from which to give out folders. A few pieces of luggage marked "Africa Bound," "To Nigeria and Ghana," "Fly African Airways" lends atmosphere.

To make the folder, take a colored sheet of construction paper, fold up one end about $3\frac{1}{2}$ ", staple in center and crease through middle. You have two compartments for the contents. On the front print African Airways serving Nigeria, Ghana, Southern Rhodesia, Kenya, and Tanganyika. Decorate front and back with pictures of Africa.

The contents of the folder are important. A small map, size $8\frac{1}{2}" \times 11\frac{1}{2}"$ can be bought from your Baptist Book Store for 25c a dozen. A ticket is necessary. Take a sheet of construction paper in contrasting color to the folder and cut a strip $3\frac{1}{4}"$ wide. Fold in the center. Print on the outside: Airways to Africa, Travel Service Operated by Woman's Missionary Society. (Name of church), good for one round trip flight. On the inside right draw off spaces to look like an airplane ticket. In one square indicate the fare as Book 60c. Let center section

carry something like this: When you board the plane hold your own first class ticket—your copy of *Continent in Commotion*. On opposite side give date and time of class. Books may be sold at this point.

There should be in each folder a short current news story from at least one country where Southern Baptists are working. Issues of *Time*, *Newsweek*, and *U. S. News and World Report* carry pertinent information from time to time.

Other delightful material is in the "One-Dollar Africa Assortment," including program aids and work sheets, available from the Wright Studio, 5335 Ohmer Avenue, Indianapolis 19, Indiana. The envelope contains 10 "Safari" Puzzlemats, 10 word puzzles, 10 decorative seals, and helpful ideas for leaders for \$1.00. Those who want these for thirty or more can buy the Wright Studio "Africa Units-of-ten," first unit for 10 people, \$1.75 (10 program covers added); each additional unit ordered with the first, 70c. The puzzlemat is the perfect introduction to a safari, for the puzzle is in zig-zag fashion across the mat like a safari which never follows a straight path. The key to the answers can be found too, but don't tell!

Allow time for examination of contents of folder. Look at map. Take up puzzlemat. Study first the pictures and discuss each. Then try puzzle. Comments on each answer led by the teacher can be stimulating and informing. Allow time for silent reading of the news items. Then follow with a two or three minute report on each. Locate on the map the country to which the current event refers.

Conclude the flight with meditation suggested for session 3 in adult teaching helps (see October Forecaster).

Behind the Columns . . .

(from page 3) letters and write replies, to "figure out" hurriedly written letters and "too hurriedly" added orders. Those who do this are many and are unnamed in this article but they are vital to our organization and loyal to our purpose.

In the organization survey, the analysts concluded: "The Union is a large organization that enjoys a responsible position in Southern Baptist life. To a degree, this present position is due to three significant strengths: the basic missions appeal of its programs, the completely democratic process of its operations, and the large degree of participation by its leadership." That is a business firm's evaluation. But those at the headquarters—in state, associational and local church leadership know that Woman's Missionary Union's strength must continue to rest elsewhere. God prospers our work as we continue to be "laborers together" with him.

30,000 Challenge . . .

(from page 5) of our churches. Well and good provided we launch out into a greater missionary movement. A movement which matches that of our founding forebears who began Baptist work on this continent 150 years ago.

Will we meet this hour with something that has always been stronger than force: love? Will we meet it with so much love that we shall move as one outside our local orbits to give the gospel to lost people that the kingdom of God may be realized in time. In our time—is our prayer!

Order after November 1 free leaflets from your Baptist state office:

1. "How a Church Can Participate in the Movement for 30,000 New Churches and Missions"
2. "The Movement for 30,000 New Churches and Missions"
3. "How An Association Can Function in the Movement for 30,000 New Churches and Missions"
4. "How the State Convention Can Participate in the Movement for 30,000 New Churches and Missions"



by Hermione Dannelly Jackson

Program Chairman, this year you may choose to engage in mission study every month. The suggestions for October are on page 16. For three months you will study *Continent in Commotion*, price 60c from your Baptist Book Store. Your WMS may have a special mission study time. In that event, you will use the circle program on this page and the quotations on page 20. With either mission study or program the meditation moments suggested below will be appropriate.

Create a Center of Interest by using a globe with several opened books around it. Use books suggested in this program if possible. If not, secure books of world interest from your public library. At center front, place an open Bible. Scattered across the table should be copies of the WMS Round Table Booklist, The World in Books, the Mission Study Achievement Chart, and the leaflet, "Explaining the Mission Study Achievement Chart." (All free from your state WMU office.) Copies of your WMU Year Book for 1957-58 (25c from WMU, Birmingham 3, Alabama) and of *Royal Service*, The Commission, and *Home Missions* should also be displayed.

Notice That the Program Outline is an acrostic spelling BOOKS. Make miniature books from construction paper. Fold outline inside and list names of those taking part. Include names of missionaries on prayer calendar.

Quotations from Suggested Books can be found on page 20 of this issue of *Royal Service*. Choose longer quotes if these books are available.

(Continued on page 10)

Transfer of Royal Ambassadors to Baptist Brotherhood

by Alma Hunt, executive secretary, Woman's Missionary Union

It is in October of this year that the Baptist Brotherhood takes over the Order of Royal Ambassadors. Woman's Missionary Union and the Southern Baptist Convention voted in May of 1954 that this work was to be sponsored for three years by a Joint Committee on RA work, composed of equal membership from WMU and the Brotherhood. The committee began its work in October of that year.

During these past three years of joint sponsorship the Brotherhood has elected an RA secretary and other staff members who share the promotion and editorial responsibilities. Woman's Missionary Union has given \$10,000 a year toward the "building up" of the Brotherhood's RA staff and has continued the publication of *Ambassador Life* and other RA materials.

Visual "handing over" of the organization took place when the Brotherhood reported to the Southern Baptist Convention on Friday evening, May 31, 1957 in Chicago's International Amphitheater. I represented WMU. Myron Taylor, Ambassador Plenipotentiary, son of Dr. Noel M. Taylor, executive secretary Illinois Baptist Convention, and Mrs. Taylor, was chosen to represent the RA members. As he and I stood before the microphone I reviewed briefly the history of Royal Ambassadors.

Shortly after the organization of Woman's Missionary Union the Foreign Mission Board asked the WMU to take the sponsorship of the Sunbeam Bands. Year after year the women saw boys and girls pass the age limit for this organization and realized that there was need for missionary education of boys and girls above the Sunbeam Band age. To meet this demand Woman's Missionary Union organized the

Order of Royal Ambassadors in 1908.

Women nurtured this organization with a remarkable degree of success for many years and can be justifiably proud of the accomplishments which were made during those years. Many of our missionary-minded men had their early interest in missions stimulated in Royal Ambassador meetings or in RA camps.

We rejoice in the privilege we have had as an organization, to prepare the missionary soil and atmosphere in which the minds and hearts of boys have been stimulated to answer God's call.

Each time I go to a meeting of the Foreign Mission Board and hear the testimonies of the candidates for appointment I am reminded of the tremendous missionary impact of the program of Royal Ambassadors.

God does not place all his trophies in foreign service. Many of his choicest are missionaries under our Home Mission Board. Some former RAs are in pastorates and are leading their churches into enlarged missionary vision and participation. Others have come to positions of leadership in our denomination.

Dr. Duke K. McCall president of Southern seminary, made his first public appearance when he, as a boy, spoke to the WMU Annual Meeting in his native city of Memphis. Perhaps the jolt that came to him in that experience contributed to the poise which has enabled him to face difficult speaking assignments since. At that memorable time he started his speech to those women who were fostering Royal Ambassadors in their churches by asking "Do you know what RA stands for?" His assurance that he knew something they did not know was quickly shattered by the



laughter his boyish question provoked. In spite of the fact he did not get off to a smooth start that day he did get off to a start through RA.

For thirty years Woman's Missionary Union nurtured this organization. But women recognized that the aid of men in the leadership of boys, especially Intermediate RAs, would be a great asset. In 1938, nineteen years ago, Woman's Missionary Union first turned to the Brotherhood asking for men counselors to be furnished and trained by the Brotherhood. In 1945 an appeal was again made to the Brotherhood for more help with RA leadership. Again in 1948—this time the appeal more clearly pointing out that we were looking toward the day when the leadership of RAs could be transferred to male sponsorship, logically to the Brotherhood. In 1954 the decision was made and we entered upon the three-year period of joint sponsorship.

Now in 1957, on the eve of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Royal Ambassadors, Woman's Missionary Union is giving over the magazine, *Ambassador Life*, the stock of priced and free materials, and more important—the members, 133,000 boys.

At this point I invited Mr. Eddie Hurt, RA secretary of the Brotherhood, to join Myron Taylor and me before the microphone and in behalf of WMU I said to Mr. Hurt, "As we give to the Baptist Brotherhood the Order of Royal Ambassadors represented by Myron Taylor, we give you the boys, the methods, the materials. We give you also the assurance that Woman's Missionary Union is not relinquishing interest in or willingness to help with the mission-



RA secretary, Eddie Hurt



RA Myron Taylor

ary education of boys. We are simply reversing the position of the past twenty years, placing upon the Brotherhood the responsibility of this vital phase of Southern Baptist life and placing ourselves in the position of responding to your calls as you have responded to our calls in years past.

"Take the boys, guard well their heritage, and may God bless you and your associates in this labor."

Mr. Hurt is a quiet and forward-thinking leader who will guard their heritage. We have come to appreciate him in his monthly visits to Birmingham headquarters to work on *Ambassador Life*. He will have the guidance and co-operation of Dr. George Schroeder, the executive secretary of the Brotherhood, and the able editorial assistance of Mrs. Mildred Dunn whom we have known in the editorial staff of the Home Mission Board and who has recently gone to the Brotherhood. These we should add to our calendar of prayer daily as they take over the vital, fruitful, and promising task. For you, I gave them a promise, that you stand ready to help where help is needed. By that I mean that we stand ready to help on the convention level, on the state and association levels, and in the churches where you and I work. Surely we are eager to undergird this organization blessed of the Lord and which we so confidently place in the competent hands of consecrated men.

Spotlight on the World...

OF YESTERDAY

"The timidity of the women engaged in the work often led the pastors to supervise and direct their public meetings. A state historian records, 'The brethren graciously consented to lend their assistance by nominating the officers.' The first meetings largely featured men speakers. When the women were ready to present their reports the brethren were asked to retire.

"The Southern Baptist Convention was in session at the First Baptist Church a short distance away. While the women were forming the organization in the Methodist Church, there was uneasiness in the Convention. The attitude of many there might be expressed in the words of one pastor who, suffering that same uneasiness, said he always felt it safer to attend the women's meetings, as "You never could tell what the women might take to praying for if left alone."

(From *Following in His Train* \$1.00 by Ethlene Boone Cox, The Broadman Press.)

OF TODAY

"I have found that there are all sorts of people in the world, and the great majority are kind and thoughtful. In hotels you meet courteous and gracious people working as managers, desk clerks, waiters, bell-boys, telephone operators, and maids. In some hotels I pick up the phone shortly after arriving and, without identifying myself, ask for room service. The operator says, "Miss Anderson, you're back. We're glad to have you." Some attend the concerts and send their programs up with the waiters to be autographed. Bellboys, who have been known to look the other way when a lot of baggage had to be handled, often make a beeline for our things. It is not because we overtip—not exactly, but we do pay well for good service.

As I have said, I take my meals in my room. That is my preference. If I wanted to take them elsewhere I would. I assume that there are hotel managements that are happier to have me dine in my room. It is not because they have any objections but because they feel other guests might complain—or so the explanation would go. If I were inclined to be combative, I suppose I might insist on making issues of these things. But that is not my nature, and I always bear in mind that my mission is to leave behind me the kind of impression that will make it easier for those who follow."

(From *My Lord, What a Morning* \$5.00 by Marion Anderson, The Viking Press.)

OF MISSIONARY ENDEAVOR

"With Nancy's (Ann Hasseltine Judson) pregnancy so far advanced, they did take a few practical measures before sailing. Because it was altogether possible, even probable, that her baby would be born aboard the *Georgiana*, Nancy employed a European woman to go with her as servant and nurse—a fine, strapping woman, the picture of health. She went on board the ship a few days early to make things comfortable for Nancy. But no sooner had Nancy and Adoniram entered the ship themselves, just as it was about to sail, than she fell on the floor, apparently in a fit. We made every possible effort to recover her, but she gasped a few times and died."

There was no time to find another servant, and the *Georgiana* sailed out into the bay of Bengal with Nancy stricken with shock and the heavy exertions she had made to try to save the woman's life. The ship was small and dirty, the winds strong and the waters rough.

They had been at sea like this only a few days when Nancy went into labor.

Like Harriet she had "no physician, no attendant but Mr. Judson." The baby was born dead. For a while it looked as if Nancy growing more and more exhausted from the continual tossing of the ship, would have to be buried in the waters of the Bay after her baby."

(From *To the Golden Shore* \$6.00 by Courtney Anderson, Little, Brown and Company.)

OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"Miss Mallory built part of one of her messages around her experience in the Orient of watching a long Chinese funeral procession. Solemnly the relatives and friends of the dead man filed by, bearing great trays of cooked food and life-sized paper figures representing servants, furniture, and the like. All were for the future comfort of the departed. Paper money would be burned at his grave or tossed into the caldron of a Buddhist temple in order that in the hereafter he would not lack anything. In the same way, she said, Christians looking toward the future had laid up perishables."

Southern Baptists were investing nearly fourteen-fifteenths of the tithe which belonged to the Lord in perishable things of this world—for the most part, in things which they thought would insure for themselves or their children future comfort or security—new clothes, purring automobiles, palatial homes, bank bonds.

Moreover, Southern Baptists were attempting to conceal from God this misused tithe money, "Just as Rachel could not arise to bow before her earthly father because of goods she was hiding, so the children of the Heavenly Father are not bowing in praiseful prayer before him because they know that much that is rightfully his is hidden . . . O, that this may not be true of any member of a WMU organization!"

(From *The Story of Kathleen Mallory* \$2.50 by Annie Wright Ussery, The Broadman Press.)

Order all books from Baptist Book Store.

Program HELPS

(See program on page 24.)

Stretch across front of room a strip of shelving paper on which has been written: "Behold, I have set before thee an open door."

Make program folders to give out as women arrive. Take a piece of construction paper (colored) about 4" by 6" in size. Draw on it a door, then cut along the line of the top, bottom, and right side; crease on the left side. Write the program outline (see page 24) on a separate piece of white paper and paste back of opening. The idea will be to open the door in order to see the program. Print on front name of program, date and time of meeting.

An effective program depends upon materials available, and the concern of program chairman that this be a real mission experience for all. Some suggestions for presenting your program follow:

1. The simplest way is for chairman to invite women to imagine themselves going through an open door, stopping at doors they see along the corridor as the doorkeeper directs them.
2. Another way—Make posters labeling the doors which the doorkeeper explains. She may show these as she introduces those who will explain what lies behind the doors.
3. Or improvise an open doorway, actually, or on cardboard or paper. Place placards with names of doors in the open door or on separate strips of cardboard at the side. Each person places the name of her door in place as she begins to speak. The doorkeeper is seated beside the door. She remains seated while others talk. Those on program come from behind a screen near the doorway, or some other unobserved spot, not out of audience.
4. For those who have equipment and talent, use them—and your imagination. Make your own plans after carefully studying the program and this magazine.



Edited by Mrs. William McMurry

On Reading

In the year 1858 the owner of a Chicago store posted this unique notice in a conspicuous place for the benefit of his employees:

This store will be open from 6 A. M. to 9 P. M. the year round.

On arrival each morning, store must be swept, counters, shelves, and showcases dusted. Lamps must be trimmed, a pail of water and a bucket of coal brought in before breakfast.

The employee who is in the habit of smoking Spanish cigars, being shaved at the barber's, and going to dances will surely give his employer reason to be suspicious of his integrity.

Each employee must pay not less than \$5.00 per year to the church, and must attend Sunday school regularly.

Men employees are given one evening a week for courting, and two if they go to prayer meeting.

After 14 hours of work, leisure hours should be spent mostly in reading."

According to the American Institute of Public Opinion all adult book reading in the United States is done by 17 per cent of the post-school population.

Half of the world's people cannot read or write. But as Mark Twain once said, the person who does not read is no better off than the person who cannot read.

"Read first the best books," wrote Erasmus. "The important thing for you is not how much you will know but the quality of what you know."

Geophysical Year

Beginning last July 1 and continuing through 1958, world scientists are studying the physical environment in which we live. But why in particular at this time? The answer comes from the sunspot cycle. Roughly every eleven years the number of sunspots on the surface of the sun reaches a maximum. The first of July such a state of affairs came to pass. Because these sun disturbances have profound consequences for the physical features of the earth, this year seems to be the approximate time for intensive geophysical exploration. Volcanoes and earthquakes, tidal waters and glaciers, sunspots, meteors, atmosphere, solar flares all come under scrutiny by the men of science. Some of the activities carried out in the coming year will be of practical importance.

What scientists discover about the high atmosphere will have bearing on the development of long range missiles. Herein lies a possibility that such knowledge may come through international scientific co-operation. In this event who knows but that the International Geophysical Year may through the pooling of information among the scientists of many nations including Russia, United States, and Great Britain, lead to the fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy: weapons of war being converted into instruments of peace.

Bibles in a Flood Area

Last January when a cloudburst broke over the Cumberland Mountains in one of the most destructive floods ever to strike this region, the Red Cross moved in with food, clothing, and money. Following close on the heels of the Red Cross was the American Bible Society with Bibles for the homes and churches which had lost everything. The comfort brought by the Word of God sustained many a discouraged heart. Out of gratitude one village pastor in a completely flooded area gave from his meager funds a check for \$50.00 to the Bible Society to purchase Bibles for others.

Through the Lottie-Moon Christmas Offering members of Woman's Missionary Union have a part in the work of the Society in distributing Bibles around the world.

Anti-Semitism in West Germany

More than a dozen years after Hitler, West Germany, powerful and independent, has done some moral stocktaking to overcome its anti-Semitic forces. A new generation not personally stained with crimes of the past is replacing the old one and the following Associated Press dispatch lends hope for the future:

Jewish and German youth pledged brotherhood in a ceremonial over the graves of 30,000 Jewish victims of Nazi persecution. The ceremony opened brotherhood week in West Germany sponsored by the Christian Jewish Society. Two thousand German and Jewish young people of Hamburg made the pilgrimage to the graves at Bergen-Belsen.

News from Africa

• Newly independent Ghana's (Gold Coast) Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah, spoke at the Commonwealth Conference held in London the first of July.

• Six hundred women, all the mothers of twins, who had been banished by their husbands for having twins, have been given

permission to return to their village in Eastern Nigeria.

• *Pilgrim's Progress* has now been translated into Tonga for readers in Rhodesia. This is the 147th language into which John Bunyan's famous book has been translated.

• Since the birth of Ghana independence on March 6 of this year, strengthened independence movements have risen in many countries in Africa.

• Kenya has recently held its first election in which eight Africans were seated in the fifty four member Legislative Council. The British know that they will have to move toward independence or face increased civil disorder.

• In Tanganyika about 150,000 among eight million Negroes are training as "freedom workers." What is involved in being a freedom worker is not yet known but undoubtedly it will include whatever the leaders feel is necessary to gain independence for their country.

Listen to the Drums

From now on the United States will be dealing more and more with Africans who are bent on self government. Colonialism is dead and ties with the West are broken.

There are many unbiased observers who believe that Christianity may lose ground to Islam, for Christianity is identified in the African mind with racial segregation. It is true that Africans give full credit to Christian missions for the schools and colleges that have been established in their countries. They also call attention to the fact that the educated Negro still finds himself in uneven competition with the white minority.

Islam, on the other hand raises no racial barriers in social or religious life. African Christians state frankly that if Christianity is to make progress in Africa, the white West should begin to put it into practice now!

OCTOBER



Planned by Kate Chenault Maddy

PROGRAM OUTLINE for Your Program Folders

An Open Door

In Unison: "Behold, I have set before thee an open door."

Hymn: Lead On, O King Eternal

Prayer

Introduction by Program Chairman and/or keeper of the doors

A Cobbler's Shop—Door to Christian Missions
Door of Heritage
The Door of the Present
The Door of Opportunity
New Doors for Southern Baptists
The Door of Responsibility
Doors Opened Wide

Solo: "Christ for the World We Sing"

An Open Door

In Unison: "Behold I have set before thee an open door."

Hymn: "Lead on, O King Eternal"

Prayer

Program Chairman: October brings us to the threshold of an open door—the New WMU Year. Lest we go limping down the long corridor of another year, let us consult our doorkeeper. Perhaps she can show us what lies behind other doors we see along the way.



Mrs. W. J. Cox

Our doorkeeper, Mrs. W. J. Cox of Memphis, Tennessee, is qualified to show us how Woman's Missionary Union can continue to

be a channel for missionary education and inspiration of Southern Baptist women. She has opened and led hosts of women and young people through doors of opportunities and service. For eight years she inspired them through her leadership as president of Woman's Missionary Union. It was for four years that she served as the most efficient WMU treasurer and as keeper of the Margaret Fund. She is loved for her writing of *Following in His Train*, for the Golden Jubilee celebration of Woman's Missionary Union and for *Star Trails*, a devotional book. She is remembered for her messages which came through the pages of *The Window of YWCA* and *Royal Service*, as well as for her gripping appeals from many platforms, especially at Ridgecrest vespers. When her last president's message, "The Wondrous Christ," was given in Washington, those who listened felt again that Mrs. Cox loved, honored, and served.

Missionary interest, vision, and expe-

Hint to Lively Program Chairman

In order properly to present missions to your Society at the missionary program meeting or to your BWC, you will need to be an informed Baptist.

To keep abreast of the times, then read a national news magazine, such as *Newsweek*, *Time*, *US News and World Report*. Read your local paper.

To know about Baptist life and missions, read *Royal Service*. See pages 1, 4, 8, 10, 18; also *The Commission*, *Home Missions*, your state paper.

Call attention to new developments in Baptist life or mission news as you present your program.

Make reading your habit and you and your Society will grow immeasurably!

Combine discussions if necessary, to keep program within time limit. Estimate the number of minutes for each discussion. Close on time.

(See program plans on page 21.)

rience developed in Mrs. Cox a zeal for missions throughout the world. In commemoration of her missionary vision we contribute each year through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to the "Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund for WMU Work on Foreign Fields." The fund this year will go to Formosa, Hong Kong, and Korea.

And now, Mrs. Cox, we wait as you open still other doors.

Keeper of the Doors: The first door you see is labeled "Christian Missions." If you enter this door you find still other doors, for this is an ideal storage room. The records are neatly kept and the doors are plainly marked for those who would do research. There are two doors within this room which I believe you want opened for you. (Call the names of the people taking part.) Mrs. and Mrs. have opened these doors and they can tell

you in a few minutes what it would take you days to learn from the books and records stored there.

A Cobbler's Shop Door to Christian Missions

The door to William Carey's shoeshop looked like other shoeshop doors in England. But what Andrew Fuller, the great Baptist theologian, was astonished to see as he stepped into Carey's shop was what every other customer saw. The cobbler sat on his bench with his back to the door. He faced a wall covered almost entirely by a map. This was a crude map. It was made of leather, and Carey himself had taken his pen and drawn on all the nations of the known world. This was no bare, relief map before Carey, but a map with writing and lists of numbers, showing population and bits of information.

Andrew Fuller's eyes left the wall momentarily to fall upon a stack of books beside the cobbler's bench—one of them open. He did not know it then, but this little shop was Carey's college. He borrowed what books he could, but oftentimes he went hungry in order to buy more books. He read books on science, history, and travel. He bought, and with determination laboriously read books in Latin, Greek, Hebrew, French, Italian, and even Dutch.

From these books William Carey learned about the nations of the world. As he learned facts he wrote them on the map in the spaces surrounding the countries. He carefully recorded what he learned concerning the population and religious beliefs, along with the characteristics of people. He recorded facts concerning the flora and fauna. And so it was that every time Carey lifted his head from his work, his eyes were upon the world and the facts and figures recorded would not let him forget the tremendous unmet needs of this world. The numbers estimating the population of these nations were people to him—people who did not know Jesus Christ as Savior. And always as he hammered he wondered what he should do to help them to know.

The book Carey studied most was his Bible. And as he studied he reasoned that the command given to the apostles to teach all nations was as binding on all Christians as it was on the apostles to whom Jesus spoke. Only God himself knew the hurt in Carey's heart when he ventured to remind his fellow ministers of this conviction and was told, "Sit down, young man. When God pleases to convert the heathen, he'll do it without consulting you or me."

The dynamic spirit of Carey was kept alive by the Holy Spirit working in his life. He did not have an easy time—never, not even as a child. He taught school and later preached besides trying to keep his cobbler shop open. He was humble and hard working. He walked from twelve to twenty-three miles to preach. But with all his hard work he found it difficult to supply the necessities for his family. His noted sermon on "Expect Great Things from God; Attempt Great Things for God!" became a daily practice for him. This, together with his many hardships, prepared

and schooled him for his life as a missionary when he went out to India in 1783. Because of studying, praying, and thinking that went on behind this cobbler's shop, Carey later was able to open many difficult doors.

Door of Heritage

If you were to open the door to the great hall of Serampore (*SER-am-por*) College, you would see behind and above the platform a flag of Denmark, with its white cross on a scarlet field. Then, almost immediately, you would see a bust of William Carey.

One recalls with gratitude the beginnings of this college, as the governor of that Danish territory in which Serampore was located, welcomed William Carey to that part of India.

Today, a look about the stately buildings, especially the library and dwelling house provokes appreciation for Carey, a great genius, and for his spirit which still

pervades the colleges. Even the widespread-ling trees which Carey himself planted give one a feeling that he is in the presence of a great spirit. And we will find ourselves agreeing with a great admirer of Carey who said, "Everything that William Carey did was large and noble."

This great institution is also a reminder that . . . he was to be God's lamplighter for the East." Certainly he could claim this title for his great contribution in translating the Bible into more than twenty-five languages, mostly dialects.

The Serampore College was incorporated in 1827 as a University by Royal Charter, making it the oldest modern university in India. Affiliated with this college are seventeen theological colleges and seminaries in many parts of India. This college, therefore, prepares those who serve the ministry, to open doors for the gospel in India, Pakistan, and Ceylon.

Doorkeeper: The next door we see is the Door of the Present. This door opens into a huge library which you will need to visit frequently during this year. Today the librarian and two of her assistants will brief us on what to look for as we make our search. The next three topics will be given without further announcement.

The Door of the Present

Perhaps the world today could be dated from the year 1914. The world we know may be characterized by the prominence of war. It is a day of problems and complexities. Our day is a day of racial tensions. It is a day of new nations. It is a day of suffering and poverty, of restlessness and corruption. It is a day of inflation, unemployment and under-employment.

We are conscious of secularism, nationalism, and other results which have been brought about by industrialization. Some of these changes led to the spread of the gospel. A large number of churches have sprung up all over the world in evidence that Christian believers are continuing to propagate the gospel. Dr. Kenneth Latourette says, "Missions are more and more

drawing their support from the rank and file of church members, and—the missionary enterprise has been increasingly woven into the texture of the structure and life of the churches."

We have seen an increase in interest in religion. The proportion of church members in the population in our own country rose 6 per cent in the thirty years between 1910 and 1940. The next ten years it increased 6 per cent, but in the next year, 1950-51, the increase mounted to 9 per cent.

Still, our world is a world in which only one third of its people claim to be nominal Christians. And this includes the Roman and Orthodox Catholics as well as Protestant denominations.

Our world is a world which does not yet read the Bible. While the whole, or some portions of the Bible have been translated into 1,109 languages and dialects, there are still about 1,000 languages or dialects into which it has not been translated.

Dr. Eugene A. Nida, secretary in charge of translations for the American Bible Society, has reminded us that there are at least forty million people each year who learn to read for the first time. All the Bibles published by all the Bible Societies throughout the world would not supply these new literates, to say nothing of replacing the worn-out or lost copies.

He said at the WMU annual meeting in Chicago last May, "It is the written Word which reveals the living Word, Jesus Christ, our Master and Lord, the only Saviour for a confused world, threatened with suicidal chaos and destruction. To this world you and I must provide the good news of the written Word."

The Door of Opportunity

"How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" (Rom. 10:14-15a)

Mrs. Charles A. Maddy, New Program Writer

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In addition to being a pastor's wife she is superintendent of Primary work for the local association, Margaret Fund chairman for her WMU Division, and for the past three years, mission study chairman for North Carolina.

She has written Sunday school lessons for Primaries, contributed to *Home Life*, and her first vacation Bible school book *Meeting Bible Friends*, was used last summer. Her second one, *Jesus, Our Best Friend*, will be used next summer.

The Rev. Charles A. Maddy is a North Carolinian and a graduate of Wake Forest College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Since their marriage they have held pastorates in Florida, Virginia, Kentucky, and North Carolina. For the past seven years they have lived in Durham, North Carolina, where their church, Temple Baptist, has just entered a new sanctuary. Mr. Maddy is a Trustee of his alma mater, and contributes to the denominational press.

As a GA Mary became Queen Regent. She is now editor of the *Window Pane*, North Carolina YWA magazine. She is a sophomore at Duke University and is studying to be a pediatrician.

Bill is a junior in high school, ranks as RA Ambassador, takes piano, and has dedicated himself for definite Christian service.

Charles A. Maddy, Jr., the eldest son, married, lives in Durham where he is connected with the city and could not be present when the picture was made.



The pastor and family—at home

A most unique contribution of Baptists to the world of our day has been their persistence in principle of freedom of worship. Just recently the *South African Baptist* carried this message: "Freedom of worship has been won at the cost of great sacrifice, and Baptists were among the first to suffer for this cause."

... Whatever legislation may be to the contrary, we must continue to witness to our Christian unity with members of all races, whatever their nation or color."

The *Baptist Times* of London reported a special international service in observance of Baptist World Alliance Sunday. In the front of the church was a globe of the world with a cross shedding light upon it. On one side was printed this question: "Who claims the world?" The answer on the other side read: "Every tongue should confess that Jesus is Lord."

But Baptists do not always find witnessing easy. Just recently missionaries of the European Baptist Missionary Society in the Cameroons have been forced to leave because of the many difficulties presented by the Sultan of that district.

Dr. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance has just announced that Baptists have entered their one hundredth country with work organized in New Guinea. Baptists have work on all six continents and in many islands of the sea. The Baptist membership now totals more than 21 million. More than nineteen million of these are in North America.

New Doors for Southern Baptists

Southern Baptists now have work in thirty-eight areas of the world. This work is represented in 211 centers by a missionary force numbering 1,165 as of last June. One hundred and twenty-one new missionaries were appointed during 1956. More preachers, teachers, doctors, and nurses are needed in all of these areas. The June *Commission* appealed to men and women with specialized training to respond to the need for specialized services. Agriculturalists and editors are needed; teachers of music, sci-

ence, and economics can be used; and business administrators could fill important places.

In 1956 our Foreign Mission Board sent missionaries into two additional areas in East Africa—Kenya and Tanganyika. Work was also opened last February in Pakistan.

New theological institutes were opened last year in Paraguay, Uruguay, and Venezuela. Only a knowledge of the effectiveness of the Christian witness in national leadership can make us fully appreciate the far-reaching progress in theological training.

World Missions Year* has given enthusiasm to Southern Baptists, to the extent that there have been many conferences and many goals set for missionary expansion. Let us hope that we will measure up to our responsibilities. We have within the bounds of the territory served by the Home Mission Board fourteen million people from forty-two language groups, 95 per cent of whom are unevangelized. There are 15,000 communities without a Baptist church of any kind, and 24,000,000 out of reach of any Baptist church which might serve them. We are proud of the more than 1200 home missionaries serving in forty-one states.

In Chicago Dr. Courts Redford expressed his gratitude to Woman's Missionary Union. "Among those who have contributed most to the progress of the task, and promises most for the program of the future, is Woman's Missionary Union."

In the midst of missionary achievement and opportunity, there are many hindrances. We live in a land where alcoholism is a major problem. During 1955 Americans consumed 2,167,000,000 gallons of beer, one third of the world's total consumption. The FBI reports that 60 per cent of all arrests for the first six months of 1956 were alcohol-related.

There are 137,608 more alcoholic beverage outlets than the combined total of churches, synagogues, and temples. Consider further a recent survey which revealed

*See pages 3 for information about World Missions Year.

that among teenagers in ninety communities 56 per cent of those who drank said they got their first drink at home. And the average American spends three times more for alcoholic beverages than for religious welfare causes.

Prosperous United States affords one television receiver for every 4.5 persons. This is a terrifying fact when mothers and maids say daily to the children in their care, "Go look at television while I do my work."

We also spent in one year 666 times more for defense than forty-nine major denominations gave to foreign missions. Recently our attention has been focused on the "Ultimate Weapon"—the Atlas. Not even one's imagination is capable of visualizing a bomb more than 100 feet long, with a range of 5,500 miles, speeding four miles a second, powerful enough to devastate 450 square miles in one blow.

The Baptist World Alliance is working, organized Southern Baptists are working, but the effectiveness of this work to meet needs of this world depends upon what individual Christians are willing to do about sharing the love of God. We need to pray that Southern Baptists may have the concern expressed by a 14-year old girl in Taiwan during a recent evangelistic campaign. She left in the middle of a service, and when someone asked her why, she answered, "I am going to get my sister. I want her to hear too."

Doorkeeper: I should like to call your attention to another door. This door has printed on it in bold letters, Door of Responsibility. This door is locked until women with zeal, compassion and concern make a real effort to open it. The room contains many priceless treasures, but I carry with me the "sharing" key (*holds up huge cardboard key with "sharing" key printed on it*) which readily unlocks this door. This key fits the lock because sharing is basic in these fundamentals around which Woman's Missionary Union work revolves. We consider only the fundamental of stewardship of possessions at the beginning of our church year when we plan our

budget and pledge. In our circles this year we will consider all four of these vital missionary principles, however.

I have a friend who has gone many times into this room. She is a graduate of the Carver School of Missions and Social Work. She has learned through study and experience how the fundamentals of study, prayer, community missions, and stewardship of possessions all fit together—indeed are dependent upon each other. She has two close friends who go often with her into this room. Perhaps they too will share their discovery. (*If there is a Carver graduate in your WMS, perhaps you will want to use her for the first discussion below.*)

The Door of Responsibility

More than twenty years ago I was a student at the WMU Training School in Louisville, Kentucky. I listened carefully to the announcements concerning the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. I read the book suggested as the basis for study preceding this special week. I had my offering envelope and I had laid aside my money to put in it. This procedure was not new to me; I was used to participating in the weeks of prayer. So I went that first evening and carried my offering with me. It seemed a worthy offering for any student to make.

The programs that week were full of information. I became aware of conditions and needs I had not realized before. And when the time came to pray, I prayed earnestly that the offerings would be large enough to send missionaries where they were needed. Suddenly one night as I prayed with concern I began to see a bank on my dresser. This bank held about 200 Indian head pennies which I had been saving for two or three years. I was as proud of them as of anything I possessed.

I went to my room to study but those pennies kept disturbing me. Besides, it would look silly to put that many pennies into an offering. I could not study, so I went to bed. But neither could I sleep—nor until I got up and took every penny

from that bank and sealed them in a large envelope to place in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering the next evening.

During the latter part of the week as I prayed, I began to see a ten-dollar bill hidden in my suitcase away up on a shelf in my closet. This was too much! This was all the money I had with the exception of a few small coins in my purse. I argued with myself again, but the more I argued the weaker the arguments seemed. So finally I got a stool, stood on it and reached up to the shelf, pulled down the suitcase and unpinned from a pocket that precious ten dollars. It really did not seem like common sense to give away everything I had. But not until I had given it had I known that a person could be happy without any money or the knowledge of when or from what source more would come. The verse, "But rather seek ye the Kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you" took on real meaning.

Doorkeeper: Unless the fine Christian impulse to share is actually practiced, we become as a stagnant pool—unhealthy with covetousness and unpleasantness. Surely Jesus knew that it was good for us to share or he would not have given the tonic prescription, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. . . . For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Sharing carries with it a two-fold blessing—a blessing to the one who gives and to those who receive. It would be hard to imagine what this world would be like if all Christians practiced the attitude of David Livingstone which he expressed so sincerely: "I will place no values on anything I am or possess except in its relation to the kingdom of God."

Doors Opened Wide

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse," is as definitely a command as "Thou shalt not covet." Jesus spoke of

tithing in a manner which indicated that it was an unquestioned practice. And Paul encouraged a definite plan for tithing: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him."

This definite and practical way of giving is the plan churches seek to follow as they work out their budgets from year to year. The scriptural plan of giving will be practiced only as individuals understand what stewardship of possessions means. It is at this point that members of Woman's Missionary Union should be of great help and inspiration in our churches. While Woman's Missionary Union seeks "to distribute missionary information and stimulate missionary effort," this also is a purpose of the church to which we belong. As members of the church we should be loyal and helpful. There are some definite ways in which we can help, especially at this season of the year. *Write them on a poster to show:*

1. Study to understand the Cooperative Program and know how to explain it to others.
2. Pledge to tithe and pay the tithe.
3. Volunteer to help the church put on its "Every Member Canvass."

1. Try to help other church members to practice scriptural plan of giving.

If only Southern Baptists would tithe. There would be an end to building funds and unexpected offerings. The majority of the churches could give 50 per cent of all pledged contributions to the Cooperative Program, keep the remaining 50 per cent and have more than they have ever had for buildings and for the local program. And in addition they could increase their gifts to the Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong offerings. The average per member giving of Southern Baptists during 1956 was \$12.73, with a total of \$872,136,675. On the basis of the average per capita income of Southern Baptists, the tithe from all of us would have been approximately \$142.00 per member or a total of more than a billion dollars! What a difference such giving would make in the cause of missions!

Dr. James Crane stood before an audience in Chicago and challenged those who heard him to be loyal stewards as he told the story of Pablo Jimenez.

This young Mexican farmer had only one leg, and naturally his greatest desire was to have an artificial leg. But Pablo was a church member and a tither. He brought his tithe regularly. At the end of the year, as the treasurer was making out his report, he was surprised to see how much money Pablo had given to the church. He knew that the amount he had given would have bought the cork leg Pablo had talked about. He even asked Pablo if he wished he had used the money for that purpose. But Pablo answered, "No. I had rather walk on crutches than for my church to walk on crutches."

Doorkeeper: Meditation Period (Read Rev. 3:6-10.) While John wrote these words, it was Jesus who directed what he should write: "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass."

In his message to the church at Philadelphia he made it plain that he himself was the doorkeeper. ". . . Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." Jesus goes further to give his reason for opening the door—"Thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name."

Jesus had watched the temptations and hardships of the members of this church, and though their strength was small, it had endured in spite of the strain upon them. They had taken the teachings of Jesus and tried to live by them. They had considered his commands and sought to carry out those commands. They had refused to deny the name of Jesus in face of persecution. As a result of their faithfulness, Jesus promised that he would keep them from temptation and ultimately give to them their reward—an open door to the kingdom of heaven.

Let us bow our heads. Jesus expects us to open and enter doors of opportunity and

Baptist Women

There's still time for you to make a reservation to the historic second Continental Assembly of the North American Women's Union of the Baptist World Alliance in Toronto, Canada, November 5-7, 1957.

The theme of this second assembly is "The Family Circle of God." There will be opportunity for rich experiences with Baptist women on this continent in the three-day session.

Speakers will include Mrs. J. T. Ayarinde of Nigeria. Southern Union's Mrs. William McMurtry will lead the mission's conference.

Send your reservation fee of \$2.00 by air mail to Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Baylor University, Waco, Texas before October 10.

responsibility. He said, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." (Pause after each question.)

Considering what you have heard about our world today, what are you doing to bring others to the doorkeeper of eternal life?

Will you study diligently?

Will you pray that God will give you compassion?

Will you be patient and understanding in your daily living?

Will you share the love of Jesus with your minority-group neighbors?

Will you be a better steward of your possessions?

And through it all, will you remember his promise, "Lo, I am with you."

Solo: "Christ for the World We Sing" or choose another appropriate song (While heads are still bowed, the soloist will sing "Amen.")

CALL TO PRAYER

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, . . . This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth—I Timothy 2:1, 3-4.

1 Tuesday Jesus answered him: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" John 14:6

In a Guatemalan village, a young man used to stand before the images of the saints and pour out his soul to a statue of Jesus in a dusty glass sarcophagus in a deserted cathedral. But he found no solace, no meaning to life, no answer to his search for peace and joy. One day, behind the altar, he discovered a Bible. No one knows how it got there, where it came from. The young man began to read it and discovered that Christ is not an image but a living Lord. He shared the good news with friends and neighbors and in time there was a congregation of 250 members. Later, the young man said: "I thought I had found just another book, but it was really a new way of life." Our work in Guatemala includes eight missionaries. Pray for them, and Miss Helen McCullough,* China, ed. ev.; Rev. R. Maz Willocks, Taejon, Korea, ev.

2 Wednesday Whatever you ask in my name I will do John 14:13

While visiting her native village to try to lead her relatives to Christ, Lucy Yao took the "fire god" out of a house formerly her father's and held meetings there. The villagers were sure the god would avenge itself. One evening after returning to her home in Chinkiang, fire broke out and the houses up the street were burning. A strong wind was blowing toward the Yao house. While others were removing the family's belongings, Lucy knelt and prayed: "O Lord, our things do not matter but protect us to prevent others from saying it was vengeance from the fire god." Suddenly, with a roar, the wind changed and blew the flames toward some vacant lots. Only one house stood between the Yao's and

the last house burned. There is not a Southern Baptist missionary in China today. But God is working among many faithful Chinese Christians. Pray for them. Mrs. H. O. Walters, Baltimore, Md. GWC; Mrs. T. L. Granger, Washington, La., ev. among French; Rev. H. L. Rutledge, New Orleans, La., WEH chapelain; Mrs. Gilbert Oakeley, Raton, N. M., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. and Mrs. S. F. Longbottom, Jr., Honolulu, Hawaii, Rev. D. L. Orr, Cali, Colombia, ed. ev.; Mrs. T. N. Johnson, China, em.

3 Thursday I, even I, am he that blot out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins. Isaiah 43:25

One who will "shine . . . as the stars for ever and ever" is a man who, some years ago, was a prisoner in the penitentiary in Mendoza de Oro, Argentina, convicted for having killed a man. One day, someone gave him a New Testament, and he began to read it. The power of God's Word reached into his heart and soul, bringing conviction. Eventually, with the pardon of God came the pardon of man. But he did not wait to be freed from prison to begin his witness. Even while in prison he sent messages to his family and friends. Today the Mendoza mission with some twenty believers stands as a witness to his faithfulness. In Argentina there is political unrest which affects our missionary witness. Will you pray for our Baptist witness there?

Miss Claribel Jeffers, Beeville, Tex., ed. ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. Roy Remont, Moreauville, La., ev. among French; Dr. W. J. Jester, Ogbomoshu, Nigeria, ed. ev.

4 Friday He is also able instantly to succor those who are tempted Heb. 2:18

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Addresses in Directory of Missionary Personnel, free from Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond 20, Virginia and in Home Missions

Marie, an Apache Indian in Arizona, had known only a life of despondency and drunkenness. After her conversion she determined never to take another drink. She endured ridicule and scorn from friends, physical harm from her husband, but in the Lord's strength she persevered. Others, watching her, said, "If Marie can, I can," and began to turn to Christ. A year later, her husband too accepted Christ. Now the church has become a place for both to witness to the lost and to share the fellowship of the saved. Drunkenness among western Indians is of great concern to Christian Indians and missionaries. Pray for them.

Rev. F. M. Cassidy, Kenedy, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Moises Gonzales, Santa Clara, Cuba, Mrs. R. T. Boulton, Gwelo, Southern Rhodesia, ev.; Mr. John A. Tumbilin, Jr., Campina, Brazil, lan. st.; Mr. Edward B. Trutt, Brazil, Mr. Russell B. Hilliard, Spain, ev.

5 Saturday Now you ought rather to forgive and comfort him, lest he should be overwhelmed by the excess of his grief 2 Cor. 2:7

"Busy, busy days—yes I cannot write about the thing that fills most of my time—personal conferences. The world is full of sick souls. This year has been a year of hours and hours of individual conversations and consultations. In this ministry, only God can detect and properly relate man's inner nature with himself" Mrs. ALBERT BAGBY, PORTO ALEGRE, BRAZIL. Pray that our missionaries may have the wisdom of Jethro, the wise counselor who guided Moses in his dealing with wandering Israelites.

Rev. Thomas Lowe, Los Angeles, Calif., ev. among Chinese; Mrs. Amelia Giannetta, Richmond, Calif., ev. among Italians; Miss Lillian Robertson, New Orleans, La., WEH; Mrs. J. M. Sanchez, Havana, Cuba, ev.; Mrs. J. M. Haulbrook, Nashville, Tenn., rescue mission; Mr. J. H. Rose, Valdez, Alaska, Rev. Alcides Lazono, La Chorrera, Panama, ev.; Rev. D. E. Kendall, Bandung, Indonesia, lan. st.

6 Sunday How are they to believe in One of whom they have never heard? Rom. 10:14

Mrs. Sam Mayo tells of knocking on a door in a migrant camp one morning and of finding a woman inside the cabin reading a Bible.

"Can you read?" asked Mrs. Mayo. "Not much," answered the woman, "but I want to read the Bible. I try to at every chance."

Even more surprised, Mrs. Mayo asked, "Are you a Christian?"

"No, ma'am," the woman replied, "but I've been wanting to be for a long time, but there was nobody to tell me how." Thousands of Americans are migratory workers. Will you pray for the four missionary couples trying to work among them?

Mrs. W. S. Wall, Cubera, N. M., ev. among Indians; Miss Helen Stuart, Kenedy, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Wesley Lawton, Jr.,* Hawaii, Rev. Gerald Riddell, Barranquilla, Colombia; Mrs. W. H. McGinnis,* Sekondi, Ghana, ev.; Mrs. Deaver Lawton, Bangkok, Thailand, ed. ev.; Rev. W. C. Newton, China, em.

7 Monday For if there be first a willing mind, the gift is accepted according to what a man has, and not according to what he has not 2 Cor. 8:12

Jyano-gwo stood uneasily, nervously. "I thought if I could borrow some books from you, I could use my spare time studying. Many people drop by our chapel. Maybe I could help them know about Christ." He was a thin, unattractive young Christian. Life had been unkind to him. His father's second wife had cast him out. His education went only to the second grade. He was a refugee in Formosa. Pulling a pedicab barely gave him a living. But one day he had wandered into a chapel and had immediately responded to Christ. Carl Hunker, the missionary, did not lend him books; he bought books in simple Chinese and gave them to Jyano-gwo. Since then, many young boys have heard his testimony and have been moved by his insistent invitation. Even one talent when dedicated to God bears fruit a hundredfold. On the Formosan island we have sixteen churches. God's Holy Spirit is working in a marvelous way there. Pray for Christians and missionaries.



Rev. J. A. Lunsford, Belo Horizonte, Rev. H. E. Renfrow, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Mrs. H. W. Schweinsberg, Bogota, Colombia, ev.; Marcia Schweinsberg, MF; Miss Marie Van Lear, Lagos, Nigeria, ed. ev.

2 Tuesday This is eternal life, to know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent John 17:3

William Hyman, a Jew, was eighty years old when he attended a baptismal service in Grace Baptist Church, New Orleans, and met Christ for the first time. He became aware of his own need for the Messiah, Christ. Soon after that, Mr. Hyman made a profession of faith and was baptized.

"Now," he says, "for the first time in my life I feel complete and at perfect peace." There are 5,185,000 Jews in our country. Are you witnessing to your Jewish neighbors and friends? Will you? Pray for yourself.

Mr. M. V. Gonsen, Dulce, N. M., ev. among Indians; Mrs. R. R. Standley, Jr., Fortaleza, Brazil, ev.; Mrs. Jack E. Walker, Mbeya, Tanganyika, med. ev.; Mrs. J. E. Mills, Ibadan, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Rev. H. M. Harris, China, em.

3 Wednesday But rise and stand on your feet, for I have appeared to you in order to appoint you my minister and my witness both of what you have already seen and of those things in which I will appear to you Acts 26:16

"There just ought to be a way to do this mission work without so much sacrifice . . . without missionaries having to spend their lives . . . away from loved ones and their fatherland. Then there wouldn't be so many pleas for offerings . . . when people are urged to give beyond what they can 'afford' . . . young people wouldn't be constantly upset by the grim reminder that many of them should plant their lives on foreign soil. Yes, there ought to be a way. Christ too must have wished for a different way. When seeing the course . . . he deliberately and joyfully chose it, knowing it was the better part!"—RUBEN I. FRANKS, SANTIAGO, CHILE. Will you pray for real dedication of life to win the world to Christ?

Mrs. S. H. Cockburn, Buenos Aires, Mrs. J. B. Matthews, Tucuman, Argentina, ev.; Mrs. Frank Brodyer, Tucson, Ariz., ev. among Spanish-speaking

10 Thursday A woman came up to him who had an alabaster vase of very costly perfume, and poured it over his head, as he reclined at table Matt. 26:7

The church in Taipei was receiving a special offering to buy a Lord's Supper set, and the Shen family were sad and embarrassed because they had no gift to bring. The critical illness of their youngest child had left them deeply in debt. On the day the offering was taken, however, Mrs. Shen placed in the offering box a beautiful jade pin, a family treasure brought from the mainland when they fled before the oncoming Communists. To those who had only a keepsake left of their beloved homeland, this pin was almost as precious as life itself. Do you need deliverance from a love of material "treasures" which clouds your relationship with God?

Mrs. W. M. Garratt, ed. ev.; Rev. G. H. Hays, Fukuoka, Japan, Mrs. Daniel Rap, Taejon, Korea, Rev. Douglas Cather, Tamale, Ghana, ev.; Rev. J. F. Mitchell, Antofagasta, Chile, Rev. J. L. Moon, Manaus, Brazil, ed. ev.

11 Friday I ask that you may give thanks to the Father who has made us fit to receive our share of the heritage of the saints in the light Col 1:12

When Moni Mafolasayo finished the school at Idi Aba, she wrote to the American women who had paid her tuition through all the years: "The theme of my letter is being grateful to God. My key word is thanks. My heart is raised to God in thankfulness for all his great kindness and love to me.

"But how could I have had this opportunity? . . . The Lord asked for one who would help and you answered. For this kindness, I say thank you. May the Lord make me live in his likeness." Moni begins now her service, teaching in one of our Baptist schools.

Do you recognize God's hand in your life? Are you living in his likeness? Pray for our wonderful schools in Nigeria.

Mrs. Frank Mendez, Phoenix, Ariz., ev. among Spanish-speaking;—Rev. O. C. Robinson, Jr., Benin City, Mrs. A. G. Dunaway Jr., Shaki, Nigeria, Mrs. R. C. Sherer, Kobe, Japan, ev.

12 Saturday Eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness Isa. 55:2

A young woman came to the morning service in the mission at Mt. Olive, Illinois. She sat by the door and left as soon as the service closed, before anyone could speak to her. After several Sundays, the missionary met her while the congregation continued to sing. She was a Catholic but had heard a Baptist evangelist preach. She became con-

vinced in the work of the mission. Avidly, she studied Bible doctrines held by Baptists. When questioned, she said: "I read, for I am hungry for the Bible." Twenty thousand dollars from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is for the work of the American Bible Society. Pray for that fine organization.

Miss Mary C. Page, Chattanooga, Tenn., GWC; Mrs. H. L. Shoemaker, Guayaquil, Ecuador, ev.



13 Sunday The young man answered: "I have carefully kept them [commandments] all. What yet do I lack?" Matt. 19:20

Writing of the first simultaneous revival ever held in Taiwan, Missionary Lorene Tilford concluded: "I am sure there must have been near two thousand (saved) during the campaign. Now our task of enlisting and training for giving, witnessing, praying Christians is before us. We shall go on with classes every week for three months. After that they may be examined for church membership. We just aren't going to rush them into church membership. I know that you have all been praying for us. . . . New converts on mission fields and in our country need to 'grow in grace.' Encourage those you know. Pray for thousands of them around the world.

Miss Evelyn Schwartz, Jakarta, sec. ev.; Mrs. B. L. Nichols, Semarang, Indonesia, ed. ev.; Buford, Jr. and John Nichols, MF; Mrs. H. H. Holley, Singapore, Malaya, lan. st.; Rev. Carter Morgan, Kowloon, Hong Kong, Miss Mary E. Truly, Abeokuta, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Mrs. Oz Quick, Taichung, Taiwan, ev.; Miss Esperanza Ramirez, Waco, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Miss Annie Sandlin, China, em.

14 Monday Continue to pray at all times Eph. 6:18

"Prayer is a privilege . . . an honor . . . a great responsibility. One's prayers should include one's friends and enemies, at home and abroad. Will you not pray daily for your missionaries? . . . Some have just left their homes and loved ones for service overseas. Many times they are a little homesick. . . . Some are in the difficult process of language

study. . . . Always some are going through great experiences of sorrow and bereavement. . . . Often the extra-heavy load of work and other frustrations try their souls. Will you not lift these to the throne of God's grace? . . . Prayer changes things for our missionary witness"—ROCCAN M. SMITH.

Mr. Early Reed, McIntosh, Ala., ev. among Indians; Mrs. D. L. Baker, Nazareth, Israel, Mrs. Thomas High, Oyo, Nigeria, Mrs. G. B. Cousert, Rio Grande, Brazil, ev.; Mrs. Carl Hunker, Taipei, Taiwan, ed. ev.

15 Tuesday If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask whatever your will is, and it shall be yours John 15:7

An Argentine nurse, a Baptist girl, had felt God calling her to medical work in Paraguay ever since she had heard of it. She prayed persistently to work in the Baptist Hospital in Asuncion, Paraguay. One day the invitation to do so came, and Cecilia rejoiced that her prayer was answered. When she found herself alone in a foreign country, she knew comfort and strength in constant companionship with the Master through prayer. Today many Paraguayans have heard God's Word for the first time through this Argentine nurse who works quietly among patients who have been dominated by the Catholic Church. Pray for Cecilia.

Rev. J. F. Plainfield, HMB, em; Rev. J. D. Belote, Miss Mildred Lovegren, Mrs. G. R. Wilson, Jr., Kowloon, Hong Kong, ev.; Dr. Martha Hagood, Kyoto, Japan, MD; Rev. Otis Brady, Nassau, Bahamas, ed. ev.

16 Wednesday All your own needs my God will fully supply, according to his riches in glory, in Christ Jesus Phil. 4:19

The A. V. Pickerns, missionaries to the French in Louisiana, needed a boat to reach the people who live on the bayous. When at last they were supplied with the boat, it lacked an engine. They did not have money to buy one, so they made it a matter of prayer for a month. One Sunday a brother-in-law called. He had a ten horsepower motor he used little. Since the Pickerns lived and worked on the bayous he thought perhaps they could use it. If they could, he would send it to them!

"Thank you, Ed," the Pickerns said. "Thank you, Lord." God sends his specific blessings to those who have faith to believe his promises. The Home Mission Board has twenty-three missionaries to the French-speaking people of Louisiana. Pray for these missionaries.

Rev. Efrain Flores, Alamo, Tex., Rev. C. W. Stumph, HMB, em.; Rev. H. L. Hardy, Jr., Temuco, Chile, Mrs. Glenn Bridges, Mato Grosso, Mrs. P. H. Kelley,* Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Mrs. W. J. Blair,* Argentina, Rev. C. W. McCullough,* Jamaica, ev.; Mrs. R. F. Starmer, Rome, Italy, ed. ev.; Mrs. Glen Martin, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, lan. st.

17 Thursday I entreat you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies to Him as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God Rom. 12:1

A group of missionaries went to a mission meeting to welcome a new couple to the field. The new missionaries were a little homesick, feeling very strange in strange surroundings. One of the older missionaries suggested that the group pray that God would strengthen the new couple and give them courage. After praying thus for the young couple, Missionary Frank Lide went on to add: "Oh, God, we thank thee for the joy and privilege of being thy servants out here. If we had the choice to make again, looking back over the years, we would make the same one." Pray for parents, for yourself, that you will be strong to encourage children and youth to God's choices.

Mrs. Aurelia Hurtado, Taos, N. M., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. Ray Shelton, San Carlos, Uruguay, Rev. L. R. Brock, Jr., Natal, Brazil, Mrs. L. E. Ledford, Lima, Peru, Rev. W. A. Solesbee,* Davao City, Philippines, Mrs. F. C. Parker, Kanagawa, Japan, Rev. Elmo Scoggin,* Jerusalem, Israel, ev.; Mrs. J. Dale Carter, North Brazil

18 Friday Let her own works praise her in the gates Prov. 31:31

The influence of a Christian mother is eternal. Joshua Grijalva, missionary to Spanish-speaking people in Cologado, says that his mother is the reason he is in Christian work today. "The example of my Christian mother has always been a great inspiration to me." Another missionary, Mrs. A. P. Pierson of Mexico, says of her mother: "Through her prayers God took hold of me and caused me to seek his will for me and my life work." A great host of missionaries in our country work among the Spanish-speaking who for the most part are from Mexico. Pray for missionaries here and south of the border.

Rev. Henry Hardin, Sumter, S. C., HMB, ed. ev.; Rev. C. A. Brantley, asst. sec. Direct Missions Department, HMB; Mrs. C. E. Bearden, Atlanta, Ga., ev. among deaf; Rev.

John Meiss, Fort Worth, Tex., ev. among Jews; Miss Eunice Fenderson, Jerusalem, Israel, ed. ev.

19 Saturday My grace is sufficient for you; it is in weakness that my power is perfected 2 Cor. 12:9

Wajeeh, a brilliant student in the American University at Beirut—proud, arrogant, self-sufficient—slipped and fell while swimming in the Mediterranean one day. For days he lingered between life and death with a fractured vertebra. Later, he was taken to his home in the village of Min Mio, paralyzed from the neck down. For more than five years he was visited from time to time by the Baptist pastor and church members, but he only cursed them, God, and the world for his condition. He was cynical, embittered, hating everything and everybody. But loving, prayerful witnessing, and visiting bore fruit, and Wajeeh was eventually gloriously saved. He begged for baptism, and the villagers wove a special stretcher for him, took him down to Sidon by the sea. He was baptized there on the stretcher by Missionary Finlay Graham. Now everyone who visits him feels his wonderful spirit.

The work in the Near East moves slowly while tensions are high in this "center of the Arab world." Will you pray for Arabs, Jews, Christians, and missionaries who work in the "Holy Land."

Mrs. J. B. Dotson, Spenard, Alaska, Rev. D. B. Warren, Lawton, Okla., Rev. R. W. Fuller, Hong Kong, ev.; Mrs. W. B. Sherwood, Brazil, em.; Rev. R. H. Wolf, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st.



20 Sunday And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing Psalm 107:22

Lucy Ching came to know Christ in our mission school in Canton. Later, Missionary Mildred Lovegren put her in touch with Braille publications. Through these influences, she finally surrendered her life for full-time Christian service. She is now studying at Southwestern Seminary on a two-year scholarship. She writes: "My family and friends . . . join me with our personal

word of sincerest appreciation to all who have helped to make . . . more than a 'dream come true.' It is the wonderful grace of my Saviour in answer to my earnest prayers." There are almost 40,000 foreign students studying in this country. Pray for them and for American Christian witness.

Rev. Edward Brown, Baton Rouge, La., ev. among Negroes; Rev. E. J. Combs, Fresno, Calif., director, foreign language missions in Calif.; Mrs. J. L. Moon, Manaus, ed. ev.; Mrs. L. C. Bell, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ev.; Mr. W. L. Cooper, Buenos Aires, Argentina, ed. ev.; Rev. E. J. Tharpe,* Oahu, Hawaii, ev.; Miss Doris Knight, Abeokuta, ed. ev.; Miss Laete Datson, Iwo, Nigeria, RN; Miss Betty Hodges, Chile, lan. st.

21 Monday Strive earnestly to present yourself unto God, tested and proved worthy by trial, a workman unashamed, ever cutting a straight path for the message of the truth 2 Tim. 2:15

Mrs. Werrito, a Navajo Indian, could not read or write until she began to attend the literacy classes of the Navajo mission in New Mexico. It was there she first heard the gospel message. As the Navajo lessons in the Scriptures were repeated over and over, she came to see the need for the Lord Jesus in her life, and in time became a Christian. Now she is proud and happy to be able to read the printed Scripture passages from the New Testament recently printed in Navajo, to her family and to the congregation. "I am praying," she says, "that the Lord will use me to help others to accept him as their Saviour." Missionary witnessing among the Navajos in New Mexico and Arizona is very difficult. Pray for new work in Winslow, Arizona near to the government school.

Miss Carrie Bockelman, Atlanta, Ga., GWC; Mrs. M. N. McCall, Sr., HMB, em.; Mrs. Horace Buddin, Piaui, Brazil, Miss Annie Hoover, Hokkaido, Japan, ev.; Mrs. Homer Brown, Ibadan, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Rev. Carlos Garcia, Abilene, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking

22 Tuesday Get rid of the old leaven, so that you may be like a new lump, as you are now unleavened 1 Cor. 5:7

Marcello had come down from Mestre to see his fiancée in the training school in Rome and had stayed over for the special "Week of Evangelism." A sincere and very young Christian, he was discouraged and bewildered about trouble in his church and especially a misunderstanding with his pastor, who led him to Christ last year. A day or so

later he wrote his pastor, asking pardon, seeking to make things right. When he returned home, the pastor met him with outstretched hand. The reconciliation had its effect on the entire church. When Marcello wrote about it, he spoke of the influence of the Week of Evangelism: "It helped me come out of the abyss into which I had fallen." Young "babes in Christ" need the undergirding of experienced Christians. Pray for the 56 churches in Italy and the 4,160 members.

Miss Nina Gillespie, Tucson, Ariz., ev. among Chinese; Mrs. R. B. Robertson, Mendoza, Mrs. Anne S. Margrett, Buenos Aires, Argentina, ed. ev.; Mrs. Vance Vernon, Belem, Para, Brazil, ed. ev.; Mrs. W. A. Solesbee,* Mrs. Clyde Jowers, Davao City, Philippines, Rev. H. R. Tatum, Hilo, Hawaii, Rev. G. R. Wilson, Kowloon, Hong Kong, ev.; Dr. Paul Cullen,* Eku, MD; Mrs. T. J. Kennedy,* Kaduna, Nigeria, ed. ev.

23 Wednesday When he saw the crowds he had compassion on them because they were distressed and fainting, like sheep without a shepherd Matt. 9:36

In Ire, Nigeria there is an idol house built against the base of a high stone cliff. Inside are many sacrifices and food offerings, made by barren women who come from miles around on certain dark nights. There they scream and wail and plead for children before their god. Writing of heathen expressions of worship, Edgar Burks says: "As we see . . . these, we experience a little of the feeling of Jesus as he wept over . . . Jerusalem." Nigerians and other Africans are caught between the old ways and the new. Pray that the giving up of old customs will be supplanted by Christ and his ways in hearts and lives.

Mrs. Elias Delgado, San Francisco, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Miss Bertie L. Kendrick,* Wailuku, ev.; Miss Josephine Harris, Honolulu, Hawaii, Mrs. B. R. Lawton, Rivoli, Italy, Mr. W. H. Congdon, Iwo, Nigeria, Rev. Keith Parks, Semarang, Indonesia, ed. ev.; Mrs. R. M. Wright, Pusan, Korea, RN; Dr. D. E. McDowell, Asuncion, Paraguay, MD; Mr. G. W. Carroll, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, ev.

24 Thursday A door has opened to me, great and effectual, and the opponents are many 1 Cor. 16:9

"Christian history is full of examples of man's failure to take advantage of missionary opportunities. Suppose the early Chris-

tian fathers in North Africa . . . had been more concerned about evangelism, missions, and Christian education and less concerned about ecclesiastical domination and political prestige. . . . Suppose the Christian forces of the thirteenth century had answered the call of Kublai for one hundred missionaries to evangelize and teach the Oriental world of Christ. . . . Suppose the theological seminary where young Stalin enrolled in 1894, had filled (him) with love for Christ—and missionary zeal. . . . The atomic age offers another mission opportunity. . . . The world needs religion and only Christianity will meet that need"—Covers Roads. Pray for revitalized Christians to be alert to necessity for personal soul-winning and intercessory praying.

Mr. Michael Naranjo, Taos, Mrs. F. A. Bloomer, Grants, N. M., ev. among Indians; Mrs. Luciano Marquez, Regla, Cuba, Rev. C. W. Dickson, Paraíba, Brazil, Mr. B. W. Orrick, Conchillas, Uruguay, Rev. J. W. Smith, Jerusalem, Israel, Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Johnson, Djakarta, Indonesia, ev.; Mrs. R. L. Brothers, Ibadan, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Mrs. D. G. Whittinghill, Italy, Miss Addie Cox, Taiwan, em.

25 Friday All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee 1 Chron. 29:14

Teresita, an Indian, is a faithful member of the Santa Clara mission in New Mexico. She is a potter, and each year takes beautiful pottery to exhibit at the State Fair in Albuquerque. She receives prizes for the very best pottery. Once she returned home with her prize money and told her children about her success and they rejoiced with her. But, knowing their mother, they asked not how much money she received, but how much her tithe was. Teresita tries to witness in a community where Christian ideals are scorned by many. Pray for her.

Rev. Eulogio Garza, San Antonio, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. P. H. Pierson, HMB, em.; Miss Peggy Pemble, Piqui, Brazil, Rev. J. A. Parker, Santiago, Chile, Mrs. Douglas Cather, Tamale, Ghana, ev.

26 Saturday O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise Psalm 51:15

Soon after she had first gone to China, a missionary knelt to pray together with an humble but radiant Chinese Christian woman. The Chinese woman led the prayer, and the missionary became more and more amazed at the flow of joyful thanksgiving

and praise that poured from the little woman's lips. There was hardly a thing in her life that she did not praise God for and give glory to his name. Then, turning to the missionary, she said softly, "Now it's your turn to praise him." Abashed, the missionary confessed, "Why, I'm afraid I don't really know how to praise him." "Oh, yes," said the Chinese friend. "Come, I'll help you. Just try." And there the missionary learned one of the most precious lessons of her life. Will you praise him now, today?

Miss Ruth O'Dell, Berkeley, Calif., International Center; Mrs. J. L. Bice, Brazil, em.; Rev. E. E. Hasty, Hermosillo, Mexico, Mr. W. C. Grant, Sendai, Japan, Mrs. Edward Doherty, Oyo, Nigeria, Rev. J. G. Goodwin, Taejon, Korea, ev.



27 Sunday O let not the oppressed return ashamed: let the poor and needy praise thy name Ps. 74:21

"The dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty, places where tortured hearts face a future devoid of hope; where young lives are blighted and shattered because custom decrees and religion sanctions it. How our dear Lord's heart must ache as he sees the innocent and helpless lives, and with what loving expectancy he must look to his children"—Anne Dwyer, MISSIONARY TO GAZA, Egypt. Will you "expect great things from God, attempt great things for God" today? Pray that this may be so in every mission station this day.

Mrs. Eddie Savore, Jennings, La., ev. among French; Mr. Nemesio Garcia, Havana, Cuba, ev.; Miss Olive Allen, Honolulu, Hawaii, ed. ev.; Rev. Lowell Ledford, Lima, Peru, lan. st., World Missions Week, Oct. 27-Nov. 3

28 Monday I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me Ezek. 3:17

David Yen was teacher of the Intermediate and Young People's class. When the revival time came, the Sunday school teachers were encouraged to contact their class members and urge them to attend. David not only contacted his but went with them. Every

night he rode across town to see that his pupils had a way to go. When they were all ready, they went en masse to sit together. Then David saw that each one got safely back to his home before he went home himself. Result: fifteen made professions of faith and later became church members. How concerned are you for the lost? Pray for lost friends and loved ones by name and need.

Miss Wanda Ponder, Asuncion, Paraguay, Miss Everley Hayes, Kediri, Indonesia, RN; Rev. T. S. Berry, Sao Paulo, Brazil, ev.; Dr. Charles Tabor, Korea, MD

29 Tuesday As long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord 1 Sam. 1:28

During the Seminole Indian Bible Institute last year, at the close of the consecration service, the pastor's daughter and her husband brought their baby boy to the front and said: "We want our boy to become a Christian early and to serve God faithfully. . . . We want to dedicate him to the Lord. We want you to pray the prayer."

Earnestly the prayer was made, seeking to express what was in the hearts of those young parents offering their son to God. And the presence of God was strongly felt by all. Missionary sons and daughters come from such homes. Pray for young parents in your church.

Miss Martha Ellis, San Antonio, Tex., pub. ev.; Miss Josephine Ward, Taipei, Taiwan, ed. ev.

30 Wednesday So, brothers, stand fast, and hold fast the teachings which you have been taught by me 2 Thess. 2:15

Franjo Klem, Baptist youth secretary and pastor in Yugoslavia, while studying in America, said: "Your living standard is so wonderful that there is much opportunity to do for the Lord." He was surprised to find such large churches in America, but added: "It is not so easy to become a church member in Yugoslavia. Our teaching must be stronger because of our difficulties. Thus, our people are more consecrated." Pray for Christians in Yugoslavia, a Communist country.

Mr. J. J. Rodriguez, Calabazar, Cuba, ev.; Rev. J. W. Gardner, HMB, em.; Rev. George Leavitt, El Rito, N. M., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. A. R. Major, Sao Paulo, Brazil, ev.; Miss Hannah Plauden, Honolulu, Hawaii, ed. ev.; Mrs. J. W. Richardson, Shaki, Nigeria, MD; Mrs. James O. Teel, Jr., San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st.; Miss Rebekah Lam-

bert, Korean lan. st.; Mrs. Russell B. Hilliard, Spain, ev.; Rev. J. W. McGavock, Chile, em.

31 Thursday Whoever would become great among you shall be your servant; and whoever among you would be first, shall be slave of all Mark 10:43-44

The sympathetic care and compassion of Christian doctors and nurses on the mission fields have greater influence than many sermons. "A man from a distant village will not soon forget the Christian spirit shown him by a nurse in the hospital. The nurse not only cared tenderly for his fatally ill

It is our usual custom to observe the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions here in the Baptist College at Iwo, Nigeria to give our men an opportunity to widen their spiritual vision. Our Christian young people are developing in their missionary spirit as was evidenced by their offering of \$43.50, and the fact that several seniors dedicated their lives as missionary teachers in needy areas. We are praying that some of them may hear God's call to be Nigeria's first foreign missionaries in Africa where Baptist witness is needed and our Convention plans to open work. Pray for our young people—Ethel Guest.

child but also went out and dug the grave and helped him bury his little one." In November we study about medical missions. Pray for program chairmen who will prepare with consecration the missionary programs in our societies.

Rev. J. L. Isaacs, HMB, em.; Miss Sophia Nichols, Mrs. A. B. Oliver, Rio de Janeiro, Mrs. Grayson Tennison, Recife, ev.; Mrs. S. S. Stover, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Mrs. W. J. Webb, Caracas, Venezuela, Rev. B. L. Nichols, Java, Indonesia, ed. ev.; Rev. Hubert Neely, Memphis, Tenn., rescue mission

NOTE: New Testament Scripture verses are from Montgomery's translation.

ed. educational
em. emigrant
ev. evangelism
* on furlough
RN nurse
lan. st. language study
WEM Women's Emergency Home
GWC Good Will Center
MF Margaret Fund student
HMB Home Mission Board
med. ev. medical evangelism
pub. ev. publication evangelism
sec. ev. secretarial evangelism
lan. st. language study WEM Women's Emergency Home
GWC Good Will Center



AT YOUR CIRCLE MEETING

(Continued from page 17)

Hymn: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" Point out how our eyes, ears, mouth, and heart are opened by what we read. If there is no piano at the place of meeting, read the first two lines of each stanza as a Call to Worship.

Bible, Book of Books. Use testimony from famous men. *George Washington*: "It is impossible to rightfully govern the world without God and the Bible." *John Adams*: "the best Book in the world." *Abraham Lincoln*: "Take all of this Book upon reason that you can and the balance by faith and you will live and die a better man." *Woodrow Wilson*: "The Bible is the Word of life. I beg that you will read it and find out for yourself." *Theodore Roosevelt*: "Almost every man who has by his life-work added to the sum of human achievement of which the race is proud, almost every such man has based his lifework largely upon the teachings of the Bible." Read WMU Watchword for the year, Revelation 3:8, also read Psalm 84:1-10 and mention that the first general meeting of the new year will emphasize the theme, "An Open Door." Conclude by reading or singing hymn, "Holy Bible, Book Divine."

Prayer: For missionaries on Calendar of Prayer, for ourselves, that we might possess inquiring minds and sensitive hearts.

(Present the following program or begin your mission study on *Continent in Commotion*; see page 16.)

BOOKS WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

Other Lands. Read the quotation from new mission study book on Africa, *Continent in Commotion*. Call attention to *The Commission*, with its news of other great missionaries and foreign mission fields.

Other Races. Read the quotation from Marian Anderson's biography, *My Lord, What a Morning*, page 20. Refer to October *Home Missions* article for WMS by Mrs. Gordon Maddrey, "One Mission, One Program, One Pattern."

Key Personalities. Read quotation from *The Story of Kathleen Mallory*, page 21. See *The World in Books* for missionary biographies. Call attention to other biographies in your WMS Round Table Booklist. Let mission study chairman present briefly the points on the Mission Study Achievement Chart.

Story of the Past. Read quotation from *Following in His Train*, page 20. Discuss the fact that your church budget will be voted on soon. Impress your members with their responsibility to pray and give according to the Bible plan of stewardship. This is an old book, first published in 1938 but reemphasized this year as an "essential" for WMS members. Ask those not on program to tell of books that have left an impression on them.

Conclude with prayer.

