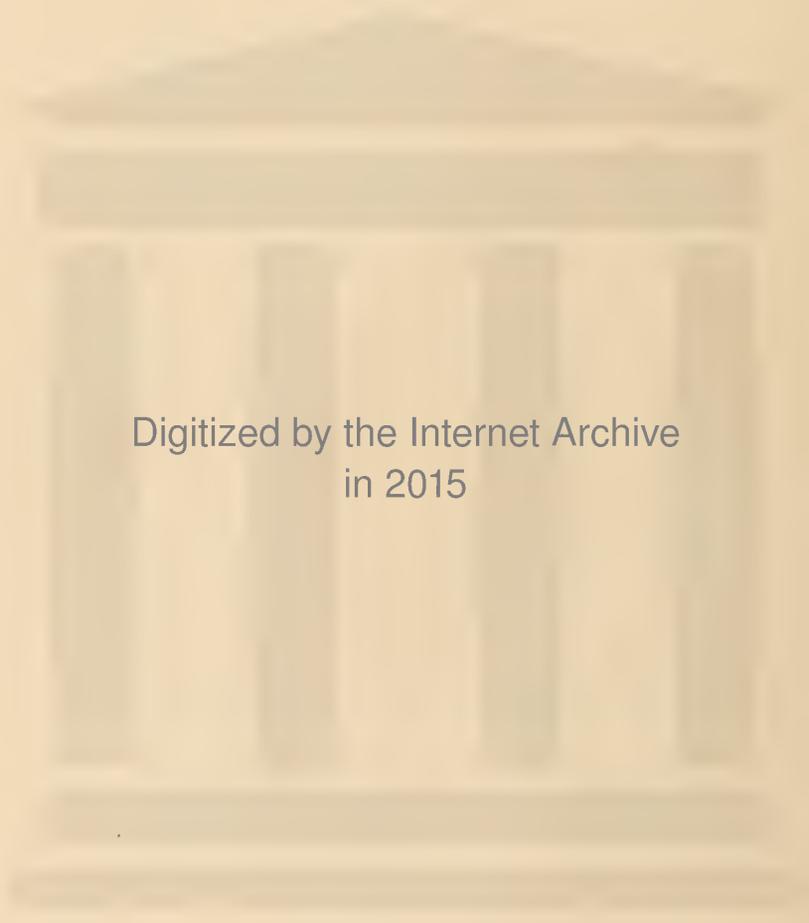




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Editorial of the Month

What Shall We Do?

DR. John R. Mott, Chairman of the International Missionary Council, and one of Methodism's most distinguished laymen, has shared his thinking with all of us in the following principles which he has sought to apply personally in his relation to China and Japan:

"1. We should pray for both China and Japan—for their rulers, their peoples, and, very especially, for all their Christians; for the ending of the war, and for a just and enduring peace. Not to pray indicates that we believe that human wisdom, devisings, combinations and power alone will suffice to effect these things; whereas, to pray indicates that we believe that super-human wisdom, love, and power are absolutely necessary to the achievement of this wonder work. We should become alarmed if we find that in our secret prayer life this tragic need does not have a large place.

"2. We should do all in our power to relieve human suffering. The volume of *unrelieved* suffering in areas affected by this war in the Far East is greater even than at any one time in the World War. Notwithstanding this alarming fact, it is tragic that, as yet, the efforts put forth by the Christians and others in America to meet this overwhelming and indescribable need are relatively negligible. Our sympathy and sacrificial action in such a situation are a true test of our Christlikeness.

"3. We should, with true patience, acknowledge the sins of our own country against both China and Japan, and bring forth fruits meet for repentance. This will be difficult. It will involve real self-denying effort, and, it may be, very prolonged effort.

"4. Let our Government know unmistakably that the Christian forces will be solidly behind them as they put forth their full influence to secure a just settlement.

"5. Let us guard against the sins of the tongue, such as, statements calculated to generate ill will and hatred. This does not imply that we should ever condone wrong or keep quiet about it. If it be possible in good conscience, we should say and do nothing which

will handicap either the missionaries or the national Christians in either of these countries.

"6. We should be faithful in dealing with our friends in both of these sister countries. We should tell them what seems to us essential truth, but should do so in the spirit of love.

"7. We should, in all that we do, insist on the clear distinction between right and wrong.

"8. We should befriend the nationals of all lands of the Far East—Chinese, Japanese, Koreans—who are within our gates. It is not too early to begin to pray, plan, and act in the direction of laying foundations for reconciliation.

"9. We should safeguard and strengthen in every way in our power the interest of Christian missions in China and Japan, for a period characterized by far greater need and opportunity than ever will inevitably follow the present overwhelming catastrophe. We should bear in mind that the real Christians in these countries are primarily the ones on whom we must depend to effect the great changes which must take place.

"10. We should concern ourselves profoundly with the basic causes of the present alarming breakdown of international treaties and agreements, and of moral standards.

"11. We should master, make our own, and propagate the principles of Jesus Christ which, if seriously applied, would increasingly make the world a safe place and flood it with good will.

"12. We should do in these critical and testing times what, as Christians, we shall wish ten years from now that we had done. To this end we should school ourselves day by day to take not only short views with reference to meeting immediate situations, but also long views."

Using Doctor Mott's twelve principles as an example, the reader is urged to work out for himself a procedure for personal and cooperative action.

From "China and Japan" by
RALPH E. DIFFENDORFER.

The Quiet Hour

JULIA HALL BARTHOLOMEW

Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth. —JER. 33: 6.

I met God in the morning,
When my day was at its best.
And His presence came like sunrise,
Like a glory in my breast.
All day long the presence lingered,
All day long He stayed with me,
And we sailed in perfect calmness
O'er a very troubled sea.

—RALPH CUSHMAN.

The restless soul of man in his hunger is turning
to spiritual themes of life.

—C. EVERETT WAGNER.

The first thing Christianity must do for us and we
must do for those to whom we offer Christianity is to
learn to love the kind of life that constitutes salva-
tion; so that the world will see this life through us
and come to value it.

—HENRY ST. GEORGE TUCKER.

The thing about the teaching of religious men that
makes religion universal and final is not race, creed,
or color, but the recognition of the true nature of
the human community.

—JOHN WALTER HOUCK.

A miracle, a nameless thing
Beyond our little schemes or plans;
It rises high, a mighty fact—and we are led
To know we too shall live, because,
He is no longer dead!

—K. STEPHENSON SHAFFER.

Compassion in the form of an aroused sense of
personal responsibility for the alleviation of all kinds
of human distress carries with it a double blessing—
it sweetens the life of him who helps as well as the
one who is helped.

—LEON M. FLANDER.

Fly the tumultuousness of the world as much as
thou canst; for the talk of worldly affairs is a great
hindrance, although they be discoursed of with sin-
cere intention.

—THOMAS A KEMPIS.

Happiness is not what you find; it's what you
make. The days that make us happy, make us wise.

—JOHN MASEFIELD.

They are not dead who live in lives they leave
behind; in those whom they have blessed they live
a life again and shall live through the years, eternal
life, and grow each day more beautiful, as time de-
clares their good, forgets the rest, and proves their
immortality.

—HUGH ROBERT ORR.

So this endeavor to explain Christian faith away
as fantasy and make-believe in the end faces its
insuperable difficulty in Christ Himself. It takes
more than unreality to produce anything so real
as that.

—HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK.

Just whistle a bit if your heart be sore;
'Tis a wonderful balm for pain.
Just pipe some old melody o'er and o'er,
Till it soothes like summer rain.

—PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR.

"The creative artist lives a life of heroic play.
Play in that sense—creative play—may some day
be recognized as man's supreme activity. If we so
regard it we may eventually cease to be the prisoners
of our economic systems."

Right triumphs when it comes to the controversy
with a pure heart. It must make its proposition
without any ulterior motives and without any un-
stated purposes.

—SAMUEL GOLDENSON.

Man would not have raised himself from the cave
stage if he didn't have faith and the guidance of a
higher power. This is not an accidental universe.
Man is a child of God. Religion is something we're
born with.

—JOHN DOYLE.

We must have human beings who can respect
themselves, capable of making moral decisions, or
else all efforts to build a new world will end in
catastrophe and disillusionment.

—ABRAHAM J. MUSTE.

O winds, O waters, O mountains
O earth with your singing sod.
I'm glad of the weather
That brings together
My heart and the heart of God.

—CALE YOUNG RICE.

The Prayer

DRAW us near to Thee, O Lord, that our lives may be a faithful witness to Thy saving work! Amen.

—J. P. ALDEN.

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OUR MOTTO: *The Church a Missionary Society—Every Christian a Life Member*

The Japanese Churches in This Time of Crisis in the Orient

By REV. CHARLES W. IGLEHART, D.D.

WITH the moving of the hostilities in China into the new phase of a long-term campaign the churches are feeling an ever deepening sense of the gravity of the situation and of their increased responsibilities. The National Christian Council of Japan was the clearing-house for mutual reports and conference between Christian leaders from most of the Protestant denominations in a recent informal meeting at Kamakura. According to the general trend of the discussions it is clear that the activities of most of the denominations follow the same general lines, and that they may be grouped under three heads:

Evangelism

In every one of the larger church groupings the emphasis on aggressive evangelism is pronounced. It is felt that this is not optional but imperative at the present juncture. Without reference to definite statistics it may be said that the churches are finding extreme difficulties in attracting the usual individual inquirers into the church circle and from there on into the Christian life. Sunday Schools are struggling against heavy odds in even holding their own children to regular attendance. This is not a time when outsiders drift into a Christian church or lightly accept the obligations of the Christian religion. Church members, though, throughout all the churches are giving evidence of deepened earnestness and devotion, both in their largely increased financial contributions and in their readiness to engage in the projects of the local church. Church attendance seems to have fallen off very little if at all.

Public meetings are well attended, especially if the themes of the speakers bear a reference to current conditions and problems. Young people, particularly, respond to definite appeals for decision. This fact is constantly

witnessed to by Dr. Kagawa, and by the remarkably successful evangelistic meetings in schools recently held by Rev. S. Kimura. In Kobe College over 300 women students signed decision cards. As always, youth in its idealism responds to the challenge of Christ.

In some of the denominations well organized campaigns of evangelism are under way. In the Japan Methodist Church, for instance, the third year of the Wesley Revival campaign finds all the churches actively engaged in a nation-wide effort toward deepened spiritual life among members and a widely enlarged inclusion of new believers. The two recently held annual conferences of this church gave central attention to reports and plans of this work.

The general feeling is that these denominational undertakings do not hinder, but rather help the united evangelistic campaign which is still going on under the auspices of all the denominations. The chief speaker again for this year is Dr. Kagawa, who is kept busy with continuous public speaking meetings. All reports on the results of the campaign are favorable.

War-Time Welfare Work

With many members and a fair number of pastors called to the service the church is faced with immediate responsibility for relief and welfare work. In the neighborhood there is much visitation to be done in the homes of families left without the head. This extends beyond the immediate range of member families, and in cases where a pastor has lived long in the community calls for wide range service among many groups in society. In some instances the pastor has gone and the laymen and women of the church are not only carrying on the regular duties of the parish but also maintaining the support of the pastor's wife and family. Hospital visitation and

pastoral care of invalid men in some localities keep the churches busy.

Overseas contact has been kept by numerous visits of church leaders and by the work of the rest-centers in Tientsin and elsewhere. A scrap-book sent back to the Council headquarters bears eloquent and pathetic testimony to the appreciation of the boys who have found these centers of Christian gentleness and unselfish helpfulness veritable havens of refuge. Many of them in the past have had some touch with Christianity, in school or Sunday School or in some circle of friends, and now under the stresses of their present situation they are finding a new reality in the moral power and the active love of Christ through His followers.

In all the forms of welfare work the central committee operating inter-denominationally is taking the lead. It has sent a number of deputations of visitors; it is backing the rest-centers, it is gathering and distributing to wounded men in hospitals the comfort bags filled by individuals and churches; and recently through its women's section it has sent a medical worker and a trained nurse to carry substantial relief to the distressed Chinese refugees. This, again, is intended not to duplicate, but rather to coordinate and strengthen the work of the separate denominations.

China Evangelism

There seems to be a spontaneous urge among the Japanese Christians to do something for the people of China. In the larger denominations it has been taking form in definite proposals to undertake direct missionary work on the mainland in the Chinese language and for Chinese. For almost two decades the Nihon Kirisuto Kyokwai has maintained church work for Japanese living in China, and recently the Kumiai Churches have moved to start similar work. But the present trend is quite different, and is distinctly a foreign missionary movement. It grows, of course, out of the total present situation and cannot be viewed apart from it. But, whatever forms it may eventually take the primary impulse does credit to the sense

of obligation on the part of the churches of this country for bringing to bear upon the present emergency some impact of a spiritual and Christian nature.

There are already in operation several organs for carrying the work of the Christian church outside the boundaries of Japan proper. Following the World War when the South Sea islands were taken over by mandate the religious work hitherto done by German missions was reorganized under the Japan South Sea Islands Missionary Association, and the work is now being successfully carried on. By the activities of another group of individuals, mostly laymen, the Overseas Missionary Association was formed, and this reaches the Japanese emigrants in Brazil, the Philippine Islands and other foreign countries. Still another group,—though the membership does overlap,—has for several years been developing work in Manchuria under the direction of the Manchurian Missionary Association. Events on the mainland have led step by step to a widening of the scope of its activities until at its recent annual meeting a re-organization took place. The name now becomes the East-Asia Missionary Association (To-A Dendo Kwai), the budget is enlarged from 10,000 yen to 50,000 yen, a board of trustees has been established, and within a few months it is planned to open missionary work in several places in China for the people of that country.

Thus the question is raised, not only of the relation between this interdenominational body and the more or less developed urges to similar work on the part of the various denominations, but also of the proper coordination of all these agencies for Christian work abroad. No final plan has yet emerged, but the trends are in favor of combining all missionary work in China within the East-Asia Missionary Association. It also looks as though some sort of federation might be formed to bring all the organizations for work overseas within the circle of common counsel and planning.

*Bulletin of the National
Christian Council of Japan*

Missionary Conferences

- Hood College, Frederick, Md., July 2-8.
- Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa., July 23-29.
- Mission House, Plymouth, Wis., August 8-14.

Home Missions

CHARLES E. SCHAEFFER, *Editor*

Notes

DR. Alexander Toth, the special representative of the Board of Home Missions in work among the Hungarians, has recently been appointed as the new editor of the *Reformatusok Lapja*, the Hungarian Church paper in America. The *Lapja* is issued bi-weekly, and Dr. Toth will carry this additional work with his other duties. The business management of the *Lapja* is in charge of Rev. A. Bernath of Akron, Ohio.

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The Federal Housing Administration is projecting the erection of 248 houses in the 14th Ward of the city of Allentown, Pa., which are to provide homes for people who are now living in the slum districts of that city. St. Paul's Mission, Rev. E. E. Sensenig, pastor, is right in the heart of the 14th Ward, and is therefore facing a great opportunity as well as a serious responsibility. Its Adult Bible Class is largely attended and all its members attend the Church services.

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The mission at McAdoo, the only Protestant Church in a large mining community, outside of Hazleton, Pa., has recently reinstated all the members who had become delinquent during the depression. Since then the attendance has greatly increased and the financial condition improved.

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The 20,000 Club is still alive. Almost daily money is coming in for the same to the Board of Home Missions. The total received now amounts to \$86,000. The Woman's Missionary Society of Schuylkill Classis at its recent 50th Anniversary voted \$100 for the Club. Many congregations and members should want to have a part in this project. The first \$100,000 seem to be in sight. Now for the second \$100,000! Only 10,000 members at \$10 each will be needed to reach the goal—and bring the Board of Home Missions in its General Fund completely out of debt. This can easily be done if there is the will to do it.

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A Trip to the Pacific Coast

THE Board of Home Missions at its annual meeting in January asked the treasurer to visit our work on the Pacific Coast. The treasurer planned this trip so as to visit the spring meetings of Portland-Oregon and California Classes.

I left Philadelphia on the evening of February 12th, via the Pennsylvania Railroad. On Sunday morning I boarded a Union Pacific train in Chicago headed for Portland, Oregon. I arrived in Portland on Tuesday evening almost on schedule time. At no time did I behold a more beautiful sunset than the one that Tuesday evening as the train wormed its way along the Columbia River. It was a scene never to be forgotten. No artist could blend his colors so fine as did nature in the western horizon.

On Wednesday morning I found my way to the First Reformed Church where Portland-Oregon Classis opened its annual sessions the night before. Most of the men were strange to me but in a short time I felt as though I were a member of the Classis. They had almost a hundred per cent attendance. It was a great pleasure to meet with these brethren. In the afternoon I was given an opportunity to address the Classis on the general work of the denomination. The service on Wednesday evening was in charge of the Women's Federation of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches. At this service I was asked to give the address. A good audience from the different congregations was present. I was very much impressed with the interest manifested by both clergy and laity in the transaction of the business.



AT THE RECENT MEETING OF CALIFORNIA CLASSIS
Held in the Japanese Reformed Church, Los Angeles.

On Thursday morning, February 17th, I left Portland for San Francisco. This was a most interesting journey on account of the deep snow on the mountains. Never have I seen such huge snow drifts as on Mt. Cascade. Houses literally buried in snow. I arrived in San Francisco on Friday morning in a down-pour of rain. Rev. J. Mori met me at the station and escorted me safely to my hotel. Every reader of the *OUTLOOK* knows that in San Francisco we have a very fine work among the Japanese. My mission was to visit and study this work as much as possible.

On Friday afternoon Rev. Mr. Mori took me to the Community Building where I saw twenty-five Japanese boys and girls in school. This school is conducted every day after the public school. In the evening I visited the same place and saw a Boys Scout Troop of 27 in action. These boys were in scout uniform and are doing the same type of work as is done by scouts of other churches.

On Saturday evening I had a most unique experience. The Consistory of the First Japanese Reformed Church entertained me at a Japanese hotel in Japanese style. Everything in the room was from Japan. We sat on the floor and ate Japanese food prepared in Japanese style, with chop sticks. I suppose I was somewhat awkward, but at least I tried to do as the Romans do. I got a real kick out of it. After the dinner we all went to the church parlor for a conference. This consistory is composed of a set of very fine and capable

men devoted to the Church. Their one ambition is to put, as one of them put it, "the First Japanese Reformed Church on the map."

The next day was Sunday. A most glorious Sabbath it was. Two young Japanese men met me at the hotel and took me to the church. First I visited the Sunday School, about 125 present. I addressed each department and heard them sing. They sang in English. Next came the regular church service in the main auditorium with a congregation of more than 100 present. The service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Mori in a very dignified manner. You would call it a semi-liturgical service conducted in Japanese and English. The writer preached the sermon. After the service the congregation assembled in the Community Building where a dinner was given in my honor. Here a representative of each department spoke. These addresses were of a high order.

The day closed with a service in charge of the Young People. Any American congregation could feel proud to have young people capable to conduct such a meeting. It was very well done.

The writer is convinced that here we have a work that is well begun. There is still a large work to be done. We have a fine plant to work with and there are plenty of Japanese people to be gathered. During some spare moments Mr. Mori and some of his helpers showed me the sights of San Francisco and

surrounding country. It was a rare treat. Many thanks.

On Monday evening, February 21st, I boarded the train for Los Angeles arriving in that great metropolis on the morning of Washington's birthday. I was met at the station by my friend Dr. E. F. Evemeyer who drove me to a Japanese hotel where I was the guest of the Japanese congregation for two days.

That evening California Classis met in its annual session in the First Reformed Church. I preached the opening sermon to a good sized congregation. When the Classis was called to order and the roll called, every member answered to his name. Each congregation was represented by an Elder. Some of these men had to come a great distance. After this opening service a reception was given the writer in the social hall of the church. The next day the sessions were held in the Japanese Church of Los Angeles. This congregation was host to the Classis. The entire Classis was entertained at the Japanese hotel referred to earlier. The pastor of this congregation is the Rev. K. Suzuki. In addition to this congregation he also serves one in West Los Angeles.

It was a rare privilege to meet with this Classis because of its cosmopolitan makeup. Its membership is composed of 3 Americans, 1 Scotch, 5 Germans, 2 Hungarians and 5 Japanese. Rev. Mr. Suzuki and his fine people did themselves proud in the way they entertained the Classis. On the evening of the second day the congregation gave a banquet to the members of Classis and other invited guests. This banquet was given in a Chinese restaurant. I was informed that I was the first representative of any Board to visit California Classis since its organization.

It was a real inspiration to listen to their discussions.

My Sunday in Los Angeles I divided between our church in West Hollywood and our Hungarian Church in Los Angeles. In Trinity Church, of which Rev. A. W. Ogston is pastor, I was greeted with a good congregation in spite of the heavy rains. (This was the beginning of the flood). On Sunday noon I was entertained at a dinner by Mrs. Buchanan, a daughter of the late William Berger, the donor of our Old Folks Home at Wyncote. My last service was with the Hungarian congregation on Sunday evening. Rev. Albert Hady is the very popular pastor of this people. In a down pouring rain a large congregation was present. After the service a reception was given the writer. These people are very appreciative for all that the Church at large did for them.

I did not have the privilege to visit our First Church at a Sunday service. I met many of the members at the opening of Classis. I am free to say that we have a very fine church plant and a very fine congregation. The entire Church can well be proud of all our congregations on the Coast.

Dr. Evemeyer and Rev. Mr. Hady proved to be two of the finest hosts I have ever experienced. They did all that was humanly possible to make my stay in Los Angeles pleasant and profitable. One of their cars was always at my disposal.

I left Los Angeles Tuesday morning, March 1st, arriving in the City of Brotherly Love the evening of the 3rd. I have nothing but pleasant memories of my trip and I trust it may have been of some value to our congregations on the Coast.

WM. F. DELONG. *Treasurer.*



DR. DELONG AND REV. J. MORI WITH YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP OF THE FIRST JAPANESE REFORMED CHURCH, SAN FRANCISCO

A Faithful Servant of the Church Passes Away

L AURA Wright Bair, wife of the Rev. John F. Bair, pastor of the Olivet Charge, Butler, Pa., died January 31, 1938, after an illness of many years.

Mrs. Bair was born at Frostburg, Md., April 4, 1880. She was baptized in her infancy by Rev. Mr. Ruhl and was confirmed by the minister who afterwards became her husband. When she was fourteen years old, her parents moved to a farm nine miles north of Frostburg near Pocahontas, Pa. Here on August 29, 1901, she became the wife of her pastor, Rev. Mr. Bair. Immediately she showed that she had remarkable ability to win people and bring them into the fold. She went out and gathered together a crowd of married people and brought them into the Sunday School and organized them into a Bible Class. She had ability to win rough and unruly boys and make good men out of them.

In the Third Church, Greensburg, Pa., which was organized by her husband, she took charge of a class of boys from ten to fourteen years of age and by her patience and kindness of heart, she won all of them for the Church. Eight of her boys whom she had gathered into the Church sang the hymns of her own choice at her funeral services and also acted as pallbearers and accompanied the remains to Greensburg, Pa., where they were interred in Harrold's Reformed Cemetery. In this cemetery the Bair ancestors have been buried since before the Declaration of Independence.

Many letters of sympathy have been received from friends near and far, one from Dr. Elwood Worcester, the great psychiatrist and author, of Boston, and another from a brother of Rev. Mr. Bair who is an invalid in the national sanitarium at Hot Springs, S. D.

There remain besides her husband, the following children:—Mrs. Mildred Lissfelt, Abington, Pa., Russell F. Bair, Youngstown, Ohio and LaVerne who is a senior at Penn State College, Pa. There are also four grandchildren. One son, John Raymond, died in infancy.

Her husband paid this beautiful tribute to her memory:—



MRS. JOHN F. BAIR

My heart with grief now overflows,
Because no more I'll see
Her smiling face within our home,
But she'll be near to me
In spirit, and will help me bear
Whatever burdens come
Upon me till the angels come
And bear me to my home.

Until that time, farewell, I know
Not how long I'll remain
Here in this world where ev'ry one
Must suffer grief and pain;
But memories of you will give
Me strength to labor well
Until the end, dear precious wife,
Farewell, farewell, farewell!

"We never miss reading every issue from cover to cover, and thoroughly enjoy every bit of it."

MRS. HARRY J. GARBER, Timberville, Va.

Towards Unity

By THEODORE P. BOLLIGER

THE Evangelical Synod of North America and the Reformed Church in the United States will soon be one, in so far as a plan of union and a new, somewhat heckled, constitution can effect oneness. Real union of heart and purpose, however, has yet to be wrought hopefully and laboriously. Vital union comes not from resolutions, agreements, contracts or charters, but from the patient and loyal working together at our supreme duty of exalting and serving Christ and His Church. Other matters may be desirable and needful but this is life-bringing, for vital union comes not from the higher judicatories by whatever names known, but from the congregations getting together in their own communities, whether these be large or small. Eventually, in a generation or so, this vital, spiritual unity will work to the top.

Curtiss-Colby

By way of illustrating the awakening longing to achieve this vital union, I wish to present some indications observable in the mission fields of the Synod of the Northwest. Go with me to Curtiss and Colby belonging to the Sheboygan Classis, located about thirty miles from the Neillsville Indian School. These two congregations were founded thirty years ago, and received mission support from the beginning until the middle of 1937. At that time a total of 135 communicants for the two congregations was reported. The field had been vacant for some months, and the prospect of self-support was too distant to be seen. In Colby there was also an "E" congregation with a membership of a hundred souls, possessing a neat church and parsonage, but quite unable to support a pastor of their own; furthermore they also were shepherdless. Then the presidents of the Classis and the District put their heads together, the Superintendent of missions also added his bit, and a plan to merge the two Colby congregations and together with Curtiss to constitute a new charge, was worked out. This plan was adopted almost unanimously by all the congregations involved. The new Curtiss-Colby charge immediately called as pastor the son of an "E" minister, who had just graduated from the Mission House Seminary, and had received an almost unanimous vote. The new charge is self-supporting. Other fields within

the bounds of the Synod of the Northwest, in due course of time, will follow this splendid example.

Appleton

As another example from the Sheboygan Classis, let us take Appleton. This is a beautiful little city of 26,000 people and the seat of a splendid denominational college. Nearly thirty years ago a Reformed congregation was organized there, receiving mission support throughout the years. With many ups and downs, the mission struggled through the years until a membership of about one hundred had been gathered. But evil days broke over the little flock, the members began to scatter, the financial ability dwindled, until finally at its 1937 annual meeting the Sheboygan Classis, where Humbird is located. The unite with the St. John's congregation of the Evangelical Synod, a flock of more than two hundred communicants. Shortly before last Thanksgiving Day, this union was consummated. The Reformed members are satisfactorily cared for, the Board of Home Missions has one mission less to support, the property has been sold, and all debts of the congregation have been paid from the proceeds. The pews were given to the mission at Madison and they have been installed in the spacious basement auditorium, greatly to the delight of the Madison membership. Quite a number of the members upon seeing the pews the first time exclaimed: "Now, our place of worship really looks like a church!"

Other Unity Projects in Wisconsin

Almost at the northernmost tip of Wisconsin, an "R" minister is serving two "E" mission fields at Pike River and Madeline Island. Some of his trips during the winter might almost be classed as arctic explorations. About 140 miles to the south of Madeline Island we touch the northwest boundary of the Sheboygan Classis instructed the congregation to "R" missionary there also serves an "E" congregation, twenty-eight miles away. Each congregation gets a morning service every Sunday, in spite of winter's snow, slush and ice. About sixty miles to the east is Stratford and Marshfield, "R" and "E" congregations. These have now been united as one charge and are served by an "R" minister. Now we shall go back into the Mission House area, some-

thing like 130 miles. At Elkhart Lake there used to be an "E" and an "R" congregation in the same block. These have now been merged and are served by an "R" pastor. Furthermore within this area five Reformed ministers are serving seven Evangelical Synod congregations. Wisconsin has been producing about two-thirds of all the dairy products of the entire United States. It almost looks as though Wisconsin is getting ready to make another record and produce the most mergers, and unions and good fellowship agreements.

In Washington

Now we must turn our faces westward, making a jump of 1,600 miles to Spokane, Wash., (Pronounce it Spōkân! Hit last syllable hard) where an "E" mission is located. Between Spokane and the Cascade mountains, is a vast semi-arid region about two hundred miles across. Ages ago it formed one vast lava bed, the most gigantic ever known to man. Time and the ravages of the elements have wrought amazing changes. Flats of vast extent, coulees and valleys, boulders of fantastic forms, volcanic ashes and burned out craters of extinct volcanoes, alternate in bewildering confusion. Vegetation in the later part of summer is dressed in grays and tans, the rocks come in yellow, green, red, brown and black, and every shade between. You wonder whether anything can possibly grow in this region: but, when drenched with water the soil produces with wonderful prodigality. Thirty-five years ago a large number of German-Russians poured into Idaho and Washington, took up homesteads, or bought land and began farming and fruit raising. The heavens poured down abundant rains and for a period of years large crops of grain, and every kind of vegetable were harvested, and where water could be secured for irrigation purposes, wonderful apple orchards were developed which carried the fame of their delicious flavor into every corner of the United States. (For verification of these statements consult any native-born Washingtonian.) Then the seasons changed, the rains became less and less, vegetation shrivelled and died, great orchards perished for lack of moisture. This cycle has continued for nearly a quarter of a century. Countless wells were drilled to great depths to tap the underground reservoirs and streams of water, but as the wells multiplied the water level fell more and more, until in many cases the expense for irrigation devoured the proceeds of the crop. To be sure, the federal government soon promised to

develop great irrigation projects, but before this had been undertaken the Great War broke out, and soon the government was expending billions for destruction with nothing left for irrigation. And the seasons kept getting drier and drier.

A goodly number of the earliest settlers, mostly German-Russians, were Reformed "von Haus aus". Two congregations were soon organized, the most promising one being located at Quincy. The other congregation after some years gave up the ghost, but Quincy lived and had the distinction of being the only Reformed congregation in the State of Washington, for the last score of years. Finally the time came when the Mission Board raised the question as to whether the congregation could continue or not. Now it came to pass that about that time the "Plan of Union" with the Evangelical Synod of North America had been adopted and I visited our congregations in the Portland-Oregon Classis and also those of the Pacific Northwest District. The first stop was Spokane, Wash., where a mission of the "E" Board is located. The missionary, Rev. W. A. Werth, favored the idea of becoming the supply missionary at Quincy, President Warber of the district heartily endorsed the plan, the president of the classis wanted it, and I was enthusiastic for it. The people at Quincy also hailed this with delight, and thus Quincy became the first step towards unity, within the bounds of the Department of the Northwest. The results have been gratifying: regular services and pastoral oversight have awakened new interest, attendance at services has been good, offerings for missionary and benevolent purposes have been very generous. After his most recent visit President Warber summed up his impression in these words, "Things are going along very well in Quincy." Whereat we may all rejoice. For long the people had felt desolate and alone, for the closest Reformed pastor lived nearly 400 miles away, in Portland; but now at long last they had opportunities for Christian fellowship, because they had communion with six congregations, 500 members and five pastors of the "E" wing.

Another hope also is gradually approaching fulfillment, for the Grand Coulee Power and Irrigation Project is being rapidly completed. This will furnish unbelievable quantities of water for every purpose. When once the tunnels, the aqueducts, the great ditches, and the smaller ditches, are finished, and the life-giving waters rush forth to refresh the thirsty land, those bleak and barren flats will be trans-

formed into fields of waving grain, gardens producing every form of vegetable, berry patches galore and countless orchards of the most delicious apples and other fruits, that have ever tickled the palates of weary men. Through all these lean and heart-breaking years these folks of German speech have stuck to it. Off comes my hat to these German-Russians, especially those in Kansas, the Dakotas, Idaho, and the coast states. They are a rugged and tenacious breed. They stick to their church and to their land, believing that God is with them, even in the dust storms.

In Oregon

Now, we must hurry on to Oregon, and note some signs towards unity there. At Salem the capital of the State, Rev. E. Horstmann an "E" pastor, has been serving the Reformed congregation for nearly four years, with satisfaction to the people and progress in the congregation. Salem is beautifully located in the famous Willamette River Valley, which is a famous fruit, berry and farm region. The tall tales of the wondrous size attained by these products still fill me with awe, and some wandering doubts. I am unable to determine which is greater, their fertility of soil or of the imagination; or, perchance, both. But the location of the church is certainly ideal, only two blocks from the state capitol, on as fine a site as could be desired. In Portland we have an "E" pastor serving an "R" and an "E" congregation, and an "R" pastor serving an "E" and an "R" congregation. The geographical location of the four congregations was such that each pastor could save many miles of driving in preaching at two congregations every Sunday forenoon. So the matter was officially arranged and everybody was satisfied. At Walla Walla, Wash., an "R" minister is serving an "E" mission and the congregation is growing. Thirteen hundred

miles southward lies Los Angeles. In that area two "R" ministers are serving "E" congregations and one "E" man is preaching in an "R" pulpit.

In Canada

Now flying to the northeast about 3,500 miles, we land in Manitoba a few miles from the border of the United States. There, at Morden and Brown an "R" pastor is serving two "E" missions. Now off for Colorado. Two "R" pastors are serving "E" missions, and another "R" pastor is serving the largest "E" congregation in the Colorado District, with a membership equal to about one-third of the total "E" communicants in the state, and the president of the district is regularly supplying an "R" mission. In Idaho an "E" missionary is serving the only "R" congregation in the state, and in Missouri an "R" minister, son of an "R" minister, is a full-time minister in the Ozarks. This list is not quite complete, but it clearly shows that local movements towards unity appear most frequently in the Mississippi Valley and westward. Furthermore, this movement is bound to increase rapidly; as soon as the next General Synod meeting has passed into history. In a recent letter from the coast, I find these words: "This year the Pacific Northwest District and the Portland-Oregon Classis will breathe their last. Then we will start again at the beginning." The longing towards unity on the part of the "E" and the "R" ecclesiastical organizations began as a mighty venture of faith: it continued with many prayers, supplications and intercessions for God's gracious guidance; and under that same guidance will grow into a beloved community in Christ Jesus, a people for God's own possession. To this task we dedicate our strength, our hearts, our lives. Use us, O God, as Thou wilt. To Thee alone be all the glory.

Statistics of the Board for Home Missions of the Evangelical Synod

Number Projects.....	114		
Number Workers.....	92		
Church Members.....	11,185		
Sunday School Enrollment.....	9,648		
Raised by Churches for Them-			
selves	\$157,971.00	Raised by Churches for Benevo-	
		lences	\$ 15,300.00
		Subsidy from Board for Home	
		Missions	\$ 75,088.00

The Annual Statement of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States

(Evangelical and Reformed)

TO THE REVEREND SYNODS:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—

When the Board of Home Missions at its annual meeting last January received the report of the Treasurer for the year 1937, it was gratified to learn of the financial progress that was made during the year, and it is pleased to share this information with you.

There was a slight increase in the receipts on the apportionment; \$161,510 as against \$150,327 the previous year. While this is only \$11,000 more, yet it is an increase, and indicates that the Church is steadily regaining its former standard of giving. However, the fact that only 46% of the apportionment was paid leaves much room for improvement. In addition to the receipts from the apportionment, the Board received \$20,527 from the W.M.S.G.S.; \$46,480 through the 20,000 Club; \$6,868 through the Debt Reduction Plan and \$3,747 as special gifts.

More than 50% of the receipts in the General Fund came from sources other than the apportionment. The Board simply could not carry on its work if it had to depend solely on the apportionment, unless that were paid more nearly in full.

Now, what was the Board able to do with the monies it received? It paid out \$86,990 on salaries to its missionaries, and in addition \$40,450 on back salaries, or a total of \$127,440 went right out to the missionaries. By paying off certain pressing loans, and by curtailing every item of expense, and economizing to the utmost, the net profit for the year was \$61,205—which means that the deficit in the General Fund is that much less today than it was a year ago. The debt in this Fund on January 1, 1938, was \$112,000 which includes \$68,000 still owing to the missionaries for back salaries.

The Board feels greatly encouraged by this indication of progress and expects by the end of this year to show similar improvement in its financial matters. The 20,000 Club really made this improvement possible. A total of \$85,000 has been received through this effort. While this is still far from the goal, it has been of tremendous help. When it is remembered that less than half of our congregations participated in this special effort, we are led

to believe that if those who have done nothing were to do their part, and others would be willing to go the "second mile," the entire deficit in the General Fund, including back salaries, could be paid during this year, and the Board be in a better position to merge its work with the new Board of National Missions.

In its Church Building Department the Board received \$10,454 in the form of Church-building Funds; \$8,692 as bequests; \$7,100 as Annuity Bonds and \$24,658 was paid back by the churches on account of their loans from the Board.

The Board has consistently and conscientiously kept the Church informed of the Board's obligations, so that the Church has seen only the debit side of the Board's work. Perhaps the Board has failed to impress the Church with the fact that there is twice as much owing to the Board as the Board itself owes. These obligations to the Board are on the part of churches themselves. The Board has loaned to missions and congregations formerly on the roll, the sum of \$1,350,000. This money was loaned in good faith. Legal documents, such as deeds, mortgages, and notes were given by these churches to the Board. Failure to pay back to the Board has embarrassed the Board. If the Synods and Classes could do something to get such congregations in their bounds as owe money to the Board to speed up their payments, it would relieve the pressure greatly. This is a just obligation, not a benevolent gift. When the Board makes a loan in a bank it is required to pay it back. It is a moral as well as a financial obligation. The Board must pay its debts under duress of the law, but it has no other than moral persuasion to get its debtors to pay the Board. This situation is reaching a crisis because of the merger. The Board has employed a man on part time to negotiate with these churches that owe money to the Board, and help them to work out ways and means to make payments. Through a form of life insurance provision has been made for the repayment of \$300,000 over a period of years.

From the above references to the Board's financial status it must not be inferred that

the Board was unmindful of its real task,—the extension of the Kingdom and the Christianization of our American life. One hundred and fifty-one mission stations are maintained in all of the Synods of the Church. One-tenth of the ministry of the Church are engaged in the work of Home Missions, and in addition there are 10 full time deaconesses at work. Sunday Schools and other Church organizations are maintained, and these mission churches are supplying the privileges and blessings of the Gospel to 15,000 members, with a like number of children and young people in our Sunday Schools. These missions are located in urban and rural areas, and are ministering to eight different nationalities.

In anticipation of the merger of the Home Mission work in the new Board of National

Missions, joint enterprises with the Board for Home Missions of the Evangelical Synod are already being carried forward. In fact, these are far more numerous than some folks realize.

The time is here when we must challenge the Church to a great advance in this field of Christian service. In this period of transition we must patiently set our house in order, so that when the merger is complete we may go forward to larger things and make a worthwhile contribution to the Christianizing of America.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. MILLER,

President.

CHARLES E. SCHAEFFER,

General Secretary.

Pressing On

Abstract from the Report of Rev. J. J. Braun, Executive Secretary of the Board for Home Missions to the Districts of the Evangelical Synod

THREE compelling considerations bid us press on toward more effective work in Home Missions:

1. Concern for the very life of our Church. A Church that does not carry out the mandate of its Lord nor in any measure represent His high and Holy Spirit in the face of colossal human need, wrong and confusion, must decline. Growth may have meant building of new churches in earlier home missions, but growth today means inward growth in service and in usefulness, without which a Church loses face with its fellows and favor with God.

2. The need for re-enforcement of the nation's moral energies. The staggering increase of crime as reported by J. Edgar Hoover suggests the seriousness of our condition. He says that four million criminals are costing this country fifteen billion a year and in 1936 committed 1,333,526 major crimes, and furthermore that the average age of the criminal is only 19 years. A prominent judge of Philadelphia, Harry S. McDevitt, said that the prison population of America is growing at the rate of 25,000 a year—"that means that a new penitentiary must be built every week." At a great meeting of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in Chicago, it was reported that 27,000,000 nominally Protestant young people and children twenty-five years and younger sustain no contacts of any sort with organized religious ministries.

Warden E. Lawes of Sing Sing prison emphasized the conviction in a broadcast that

the most effective way to reduce the population of Sing Sing as well as other penal institutions is to multiply the ministries of a positive, life-enriching character to the childhood of our land.

This whole situation would be bad enough if we lived in quiet, uneventful times. But the times are fraught with such momentous crises, so that we can ill afford to have so many millions face the decisions of the hour with such a woeful lack of moral and spiritual orientation and motivation. The problems of today and tomorrow are as complex and dangerous as the machines we have developed. It takes better people than ever before to pilot a single human life safely through the maze of intricate relationships.

3. The main missionary consideration of truly religious people is the direct imperative of God. The Great Commission clearly reveals the will of God to the Christian Church. God loves the world and has planned for its redemption. The soul of our entire orientation in this life rests in the will of God. Our satisfactions, our morality, our aspirations, our destiny, everything is conditioned upon the righteous, benevolent love-purpose of the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ. Here is sufficient driving power for the winning of the world for God. America needs God and it needs Jesus Christ and this need is desperate. This is indeed a crucial time for a strong advance in National Missions."

Foreign Missions

JOHN H. POORMAN, EDITOR

A Labor of Love for Chinese People

by Japanese Christians

By MISS MARY E. GERHARD, Sendai, Japan

DURING the past seventeen years, a Christian Japanese and his wife have been doing a quiet but noteworthy work for Chinese girls in Peiping. Mr. Yasuzo Shimizu, a native of Shiga province in Japan, while studying in a government academy in the province of Omi, came under the influence of Mr. Merrill Vorles, teacher of English and teacher of Bible. Mr. Shimizu became a Christian, and fired by the zeal of his teacher, began to plan a life of service for others. While studying theology in Doshisha University, he happened to read an account of the travels in China of a Japanese journalist, Mr. Tokutomi, who told of his visit to an American missionary preaching the Gospel in a remote and lonely village. This Japanese concluded by saying, "I wonder if there is among our young religionists anyone who will sacrifice his life in service for China?"

This question so deeply impressed young Shimizu that he then and there decided to become a missionary to the Chinese. Soon after his graduation, Mr. Shimizu was sent by the Japanese Congregational Church to study the language and the situation in Peking.

In 1920 there was a great famine in North China. A group of Japanese business men raised contributions among themselves to establish an Orphans' Home for the children made destitute by the famine. Among these business men was the late Viscount Shibusawa, a good friend of our Dr. Schneder, and more than once a giver of funds and influence to further the cause of Christian Education. Mr. Shimizu, being in Peiping and able to speak Chinese, was asked to take charge of the money, use it to help the starving, and to save the children. During the course of a year or two, he was able to save the lives of about 800 children, and when normal conditions returned, many of the families were able to take back and care for their little ones. Some

60,000 suits of clothes were given by the Educational Society of Japan.

When the special need was over, Mr. Shimizu found that he had a small balance of the money contributed by the business men, and then he decided that as there were still many orphans or unwanted children, in the slums of Peiping, he and his wife would open a Christian Orphanage and Girls School there. From the Congregational Church he received a small monthly allowance as a Christian worker's salary, but there was at first no visible support for the girls whom they took into their home. However they had faith in God, and an earnest purpose to follow the teaching of Jesus expressed in the parable of Matt. 25:34 to 40, and they shared what they had with those "least of these". They fed and clothed and guided them. They taught them cleanliness and Christian living. Cheerfully they denied themselves even the simplest of comforts. For many years Mrs. Shimizu did not make a single dress for herself. But she was an expert with the needle, and taught the girls not only how to make their own clothes, but also various kinds of embroidery, and how to make tablecloths, handkerchiefs and scarfs, which could be sold in other countries to get funds for the support of the school. The relatives and friends of these young girls came to the school and also learned embroidery and thus were able to increase the number of self-supporting families, and at the same time were taught the gospel.

Gradually the good work being done by Mr. and Mrs. Shimizu began to attract attention and money was sent by Japanese sympathizers. Land was purchased and four modest buildings were erected. It is planned to erect a chapel and library. This is an example of sacrificial living and giving for the needy ones in China, by Japanese whose motive is Christian love.

The New Chapel-Auditorium in Use

A letter from Miss Harriet P. Smith to the Secretary of the Board gives one an interesting account of the advantages and opportunities made possible for Miyagi College by the new chapel-auditorium. Miss Smith says:

"You have not heard from me since the auditorium was completed. Well, I cannot tell you how deep our appreciation is. The building itself is so complete and can be used for so many occasions. This last week was a good example of its varied uses.

"On Monday evening Alice Ilsley gave a very beautiful recital. The acoustics are fine and the large audience was delighted and impressed by the entire recital.

"Every Tuesday and Thursday morning we have joint chapel in our new auditorium. On Tuesday the service is in Japanese, while on Thursday it is in English. I am always deeply impressed by these chapel meetings as the setting is so peaceful, restful, and dignified. The students and faculty seat themselves quietly while the prelude is being played. The Music Course seniors and Marie Leidal then enter singing a hymn. The chorus moves down the center aisle while the rest of the school joins in with the singing of the processional. The choir girls sit on the front row and during the service they sing an anthem. The last hymn is then used as a recessional and the student body quietly stands while the choir sings the amen. I believe that these services will leave

a lasting impression upon our students as the Japanese love form at any time. In addition, there is a strong spirit of reverence in these meetings.

"Well, to continue with last week's schedule, on Wednesday afternoon the students, each with one guest, were given the opportunity of seeing the moving picture, 'One Hundred Men and a Girl.' This was a great treat as high school girls are not allowed to go to the ordinary moving picture house unless accompanied by a parent.

"On Thursday afternoon one of the graduation recitals was held and a number of parents were present.

"On Friday afternoon the mothers of the third year high school girls were entertained at school so that they could be told about the division into A and B sections in the fourth and fifth years. The A division leads to the College Music or English Courses, while the B division prepares the girls especially for Home Economics. While the parents were at school they were taken to the auditorium where they heard one or two musical numbers by their children.

"As you can easily see we are putting this new building of ours to splendid use. I have frequently thought that the erection of this fine new building has done much toward creating the remarkable spirit of unity which we feel at this especially difficult time."

Resolution Concerning World Peace

Adopted by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America in annual session at Toronto, Canada, January 6, 1938.

Resolved: That we believe the complete solution of the Far Eastern and all similar difficulties and conflicts can be achieved only by the creation of a world community, free from racial discrimination, based on economic justice and fair opportunity for all, animated by good will and governed by law. Such an ideal demands the cooperation of all the leading powers, and we express the view that our governments should assume their full share of responsibility for the erection and maintenance of such a new world order. However distant the realization of this ideal may be, it may at once give direction to our

efforts and we may strive to move steadily forward toward its achievement.

In particular, there are some things which can be done now by ourselves and other Christians desirous of alleviating misery, removing enmities and hastening world-wide peace and friendship.

(a) By word and act, to discourage and oppose hatred of any nation or people, no matter what the provocation; and to promote respect and affection for all the children of God in every land;

(b) To seek to make our love and understanding especially felt by our fellow-Chris-

tians in other countries and by their representatives in our own countries;

(c) To demonstrate in our own churches and countries the power of Christianity to overcome race prejudice and eliminate racial discrimination;

(d) To uphold respect for international agreements and to oppose war, declared or undeclared, as an instrument of national policy;

(e) To lead and share in well-considered efforts to change the policies of impotent isolation into those of active participation in the organization of a world order based upon law and justice;

(f) To advocate measures for peaceful change in international relations, such as the removal of trade barriers, and other methods of economic appeasement;

(g) To assist in developing a conscience which will refuse in spite of tempting profits to benefit by others' sufferings and, in particular, to extend credits or loans to be used to finance aggression or resulting exploitation;

(h) To give leadership and strong support in every humanitarian attempt to relieve the suffering and to meet the needs of those desolated by war:

(i) To support with new vigor and sacrifice the missionary work of the churches, recognizing that our Christian representatives abroad are our most potent agents of international confidence, helpfulness and peace founded on permanent principles;

(j) By direct evangelism in our own churches and communities to build up the Christian community which is essential to the achievement of all these steps.

Extract from "Americans in China"

By GEO. E. SOKOLSKY

AMERICANS are in China for many reasons. Some go there to trade. Other Americans come to China to buy there. But the most significant job done by Americans in China is neither the buying nor the selling of goods. It is so great a work that it is altogether misunderstood by small minds and even smaller hearts. That is the tremendously important and valuable services of the American missionary.

These men and women have gone to town and village, bringing with them not only the many varieties of Christianity, but a new cultural pattern; in my opinion, a nobler cultural pattern than the Chinese retained amid the disintegration of China's indigenous social and intellectual establishments during the last century.

Take, as an example, St. John's University in Shanghai, or the Shanghai College, or Lingnan University, or Yenching in Peking, or Soochow University, or Yale-in-China; these and many more have kept the light of modern learning aflame in China during the dark days of civil war and revolution and change of government.

And these missionaries brought medicine and hospital and nursing and child welfare to China. They brought a new conception of social relationships—not man-for-his-family, but man-for-society—a broadening of viewpoint.

They planted the seeds of a social revolution, which, if it did not quickly make China strong, at any rate produced in China a forward-looking, progressive, non-opium smoking monogamous leadership.

Chiang Kai-shek and the Soongs are Christians. In fact, the Soong family is particularly notable for its Christian affiliations, for on the mother's side they trace themselves back to a famous figure at the end of the Ming dynasty who came under the influence of Ricci and whose daughter, Candida, was the first nun in China, while Charles Soong, the father, actually came to China from the United States to teach English and the Bible.

The present Chinese Ambassador to the United States, Dr. C. T. Wang, was the first Chinese secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in China, while Dr. H. H. Kung, who was in this country recently and is now Premier of whatever remains of government in China, was secretary of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. in Japan at one time.

It is impossible to over-emphasize the great value to China of the American missionary, of the American school and hospital situated in that country. And it is something to note in these days of collectivist materialism that there has been no return to the United States for this service. It has cost us more, over a century, than we ever earned out of our trade

with China. It was the contribution of a well-off people to those who needed our help and assistance.

I have known the American missionary in China well. He has been my friend. I have lived at his house. He has dined at my table. I know of no human beings who are more self-

sacrificing, more loyal to the people among whom they live, more generous and less materially rewarded for an arduous life than most American missionaries. No matter what happens to China, most of them will remain at their posts valiantly laboring for the simple people who love them.

“For Where Your Treasure Is —”

By MISS MINERVA S. WEIL, Yuanling, Hunan, China

CHOU Dung In is a sixteen-year-old girl who was baptized a year ago Christmas. She attended Chen Teh School as an auditor for more than a month last fall until her mother through some misunderstanding in the family decided to leave her home in Yuanling in charge of her only son's wife, a bride of a year, and go to Kiangsi with Dung In to live. Perhaps her idea was to get her daughter away from Christian influence. She also took the slave girl who is the same age as the daughter and has been in the home for about four years. While in Yuanling, the slave would often secretly slip away from home and attend chapel services where she too heard the Gospel and learned simple tracts. She says she believes.

The Chou family own many fields and a large home in Kiangsi, from which Dung In is to be married. The slave will go with her as her own property.

Here the girl ate the food prepared by a servant who cooked for the clerks in their store; there the slave cooks the rice, and Dung In is learning to prepare vegetables.

Although many trains were bombed or delayed because of air raids, Dung In reported a safe journey to Nanchang and enclosed \$1.00, her church collection for December. Her sister-in-law, now hostess in the Yuanling home, has resumed her study of the Gospels. She had stopped after reading of Herod demanding the head of John the Baptist, saying, “If that is what happens to Christians, I do not want to be one.” Her interest was resumed through definite answer to prayer which concerned her own happiness.



CHOU DUNG IN

The new hostess in this wealthy home gave only 20 cents toward the 100 padded garments (70 cents per garment) now being made by our W.M.S. and Needle Work Guild for wounded soldiers, and gave that reluctantly.

How true! “For where your treasure is there will your heart be also.”

To one, Christ is the Treasure; for the other, the material things in which she has already been disappointed, take first place.

“Please accept the enclosed check in return for your monthly visits.”

MRS. W. C. BECKMAN, Plymouth, Wis.

Miyagi College Notes

I WANT to say a word or two about the program of the Piano Recital given by Miss Ilsley, assisted by Dr. Hansen, in the new Chapel Auditorium on the evening of February 28th. Miss Ilsley has been working very hard at her piano during the past year, occasionally going to Tokyo for a lesson with the great German pianist Kreutzer, now in exile here. The first *Apassionata* Sonata was given with brilliance, intelligence and clearness. The tone effects were satisfying in their richness and beauty.

The second group were more quiet, revealing a clear understanding and full sympathy with the composer. The Bach-Hess Chorale through Miss Ilsley's musicianship carried its message to the heart and had to be repeated along with the Brahms' intermezzo as encores after repeated calls from the audience. The modern Griffis pieces were pure liquid melody and held the audience enthralled. The Schumann concerto gave the artist full opportunity to display her masterly musicianship, and the beautiful quality of the new Steinway Concert Grand Piano. Sendai has rarely had opportunity to hear so satisfying a concert.

PROGRAM

I

Sonata—Op. 57*Beethoven*
 Allegro assai
 Andante con moto
 Allegro ma non troppo-presto

II

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring.....*Bach-Hess*
 Chorale from Cantata No. 147
 Intermezzo—Op. 117, No. 3.....*Brahms*
 Scherzo in F minor.....*Brahms*
 from Sonata No. 5

III

The White Peacock—Op. 7, No. 1.....*Griffis*
 Scherzo—Op. 6, No. 3.....*Griffis*
 Malaguena*Lecuona*
 from Andalucia, Suite Espagnole

IV

Concerto—Op. 54*Schumann*
 Allegro affettuoso
 Andantino grazioso
 Allegro vivace
 Orchestra Parts on Second Piano
 Dr. Hansen
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On March 19th, we are graduating a class of 48 from the High School, and 32 from the college, and on March 22, we have our Entrance examinations for the High School. We are anxious to keep our entering class up to the standard of the one last year.

We are having lovely chapel services in the new auditorium, with special music each time by a choir composed of the Music Course graduating class and processional and recessional by the choir. On Tuesdays the program is in Japanese and on Thursdays in English. The new auditorium is a constant joy and satisfaction.

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We are remodeling the west wing of the dormitory to provide a large sewing room, a sewing display room, rooms for etiquette, flower arrangement, and nursing. In the east wing we are providing an extra room for teaching "brush" manship, and drawing and painting. The whole expense will be about \$400 which we are hoping to provide out of our current budget. It will greatly improve our equipment for Home Economics and the High School.

CARL D. KRIETE.

Echoes of the Holiday Season

Yungsui, Hunan, China. January 31, 1938.
 Dear Friends of W.M.S.:

No doubt many of you have been wondering about your missionaries in China during these war months. Our Mission has not suffered as some others have which have been in the north and around Shanghai. If the Japanese should move farther inland then Yochow might become endangered. Shenchow and

Yungsui are farther away from the war zone but these cities are being taught that Japanese airplanes might reach them. In fact recently Shenchow has had two alarm signals indicating that Japanese planes have been seen not so far away. People have received instructions as to what to do in case of an air raid and have been urged to build tunnels for hiding in time of actual air raids.

We are all distressed at the tales of destruction and suffering caused by the war. We have been very thankful we could buy butter, milk, coffee and sugar in Hankow or Canton though these things are very high and sometimes very scarce. Local products are no higher and rice is cheaper than usual.

Our country districts are much disturbed because of bandits. Farmers must meet exorbitant demands for money and rice by the bandits. Because farmers were being robbed of their cows and pigs, some people living near town drove their animals inside the city wall each night for protection. We trust the situation will clear soon so the farmers will be able to work their fields in the Spring. Our town has been fairly quiet for some weeks.

It is rather late but I want to tell you about our Christmas. For several weeks before Christmas there were many rumors and great unrest and robberies took place close to the city. But on Christmas we all united again and again in thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for permitting us a quiet Christmas, free from alarm. The Chapel had been decorated with cedar and hand-made paper ornaments, and a special program was planned. Christmas morning there was an early service at 7:30 led by Mr. Hartman. This was a Scripture and Praise service and at eleven o'clock the regular Christmas service took place. We sang in Chinese, Joy to the World; While Shepherds Watched their Flocks; Holy Night; O Come All Ye Faithful and another hymn to a Chinese tune. Besides Scripture and Prayer several groups of little boys and little girls sang some special numbers. The little folks like to make gestures and they are very graceful. Christmas greetings which had been received from churches and individuals were read. There was a good sermon, the whole service lasting over two hours. The members of the church had prepared a little repast of hot rice dumplings served in a bowl with chopsticks for each guest. After that, those who had paid their ten cents and had put their name in the pot remained, sitting around chatting until supper was ready. Over one hundred persons ate. Not all were Christians but all had an interest in the church. The next day Sunday was a big day too. There was communion and six persons were baptized, two women, one old man and three young men.

On Monday the annual Station Classes started. These continued for ten days. Thirty-

two were enrolled, mostly from the country, a few from town. There were classes for the illiterate where they could learn characters and read simple Gospel truths; a class for enquirers and a class for church members. They all brought their rice; their vegetables, oil and salt were furnished through special gifts. The country people slept here. Some of these had walked as far as fifteen miles to attend. Everything went along very nicely with one heart and one mind so we felt gratified with the results. New Year's afternoon we celebrated with games and refreshments.

After a respite of a week, Mr. Hartman started a course of study for two weeks for the benefit of our six untrained workers. I do my bit in teaching hymns. As you know, I am not an accomplished musician, but I play the baby organ and can read music. In our backward section of the land, not many can read the notes; in fact, only about three adult folks among our members could formerly read notes. Our people are eager to learn to sing but they cannot sing any of the hymns without a great deal of help. At present music is being taught in the schools so the children are able to read simple notes.

We have two women workers for town and country, Mrs. Dong and Miss Ai Chen Djou (Loving Truth Blessing). We hope we may be permitted to do much more work throughout the country villages in the Spring. Many country people have moved into the city so that there is much to be done here. Many people hearing the Gospel believe it to be good but find it most difficult to give up the worship of their ancestors. It is true that "the god of this world hath blinded the minds of the unbelieving."

Our needs for you to pray about are many; among them, that more Chinese workers be raised up to preach to the unevangelized; that God will graciously and powerfully break down superstition, apathy and opposition; and that the Gospel will truly be the power of God unto salvation, and that all our workers will be Spirit-filled. We are both well and thankful for God's rich Grace and Mercy. We send Christian Greetings, praying that the Lord be your all sufficient companion and Guide throughout the year. "I have set the Lord always before me", Psalm 16:8.

Yours in His Precious Name,

FRIEDA HARTMAN.

Men and Missions

JOHN M. G. DARMS, EDITOR

Are Home Missions Necessary?

The following experiences which one of our Home Missionaries had during the last week in his visitations might well serve as thought-inspiring and an appreciation of the work of the Home Missionary in urban centers today.

1. "Why do we need a God at all?" said a man otherwise well-balanced intellectually, culturally and economically, flaunting the missionary in the face with his sarcastic thrust, and this in 1938!

2. "For six years we have not attended any church, nor has our little child, five years of age, ever been in Sunday School, and we don't miss it. We know we are doing wrong, but who cares?" This from a family which has had employment through all the depression and has not suffered the bitter pangs of hunger or want.

3. "I lost all my money before the depression, in the slump, and why should I go to church now? If God couldn't keep that money for me he can't do anything for me now." This from one who formerly was considered religious and has come to a ripe old age, even being honored with positions of trust in the church, but now, entirely indifferent.

4. "Our two boys are now 12 and 10 years of age and they have never been in Sunday School." And this from a so-called churchly family within six blocks of the former home church.

And so these experiences could be multiplied as they happen day by day in the life of the Home Missionary, who carries around in his heart a holy longing to have the world love and fellowship with Christ; who wants every home in the community to be Christian, in order that it may contribute some element of permanency and value to the building of a Christian community.

Can the Church permit such conditions to prevail without confronting them with a challenge and an influence such as that of the Home Missionary?

Should not the Church get behind every Home Missionary, support him to the limit, not only with an adequate living, but strengthen his spirit and courage to meet situations like that in the name of God and seek to bring new life to people like these, who, in a day like this are neglecting God, and the building of Christian character and

homes, the happiness of their own heart? Do not our church members feel more at ease in their hearts and more inspired in their prayers of gratitude, when they know that some man, somewhere, is doing the hard work of meeting situations like that; to correct them in the name of Christ and the Church which the Home Missionary so zealously serves?

"We Salute You"

Whilst writing these notes, our veteran missionary from Japan, our beloved Dr. David B. Schneder, entered our office to bid us good-bye and to tell us that he was returning to Japan. One look at his face and into those shining eyes, gripped our heart and raised the estimate of a man we've always admired and loved throughout all of life, to the "nth" degree.

Surely, standing before us was a man of God, and one could sense the presence of the Spirit of Christ in his heart; that in a day like this, when missionaries are turning away from troubled lands, the great veteran missionary returns to the troubled land in high spirit and with greater hope than when he first went out years ago. For one of Dr. Schneder's age and standing, to go back to face Japan in its present military unrest and with a pacific spirit in his heart and a great love for the Japanese people burning within his soul, is a demonstration of the spirit of the saints who found glory in doing hard things for the Kingdom and welcomed the disassociation from their own people where they found safety and the association with a people psychologically in unrest. Dr. Schneder is willing to step back on the road from which he came and which he built under God, for thousands of Christian nationals in Japan—highways to the Throne of God.

The men of the Church salute him, with all the reverence of their heart as he crosses the Pacific, possibly for the last time. We may see his face no more, but as we said to him—"his spirit will ever be with us" and challenge us to greater devotion and love to Christ and to the building of His Kingdom. Greater than Mussolini and Hitler and Stalin, is Dr. Schneder, returning to Japan with the urge in his heart to spend his remaining years and days with the people whom he so dearly loves and who love him with a devotion unparalleled.

The Woman's Missionary Society

GRETA P. HINKLE, EDITOR

MRS. EDWIN W. LENTZ, EDITOR THIS ISSUE

Program for the Anniversary Convention

AT the time when plans began to be made for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, the interval of time which lay between the hopes for the arrangements and their fulfillment was counted by years, then by months and finally by weeks. We are at that time now and we are happy to announce that with the exception of the final set-up, the program is ready for the printer. There has been such effort to keep at the center of the Triennial Convention—the Anniversary Convention—the adopted motto, that we see carried out in the printed program the motto "A World-Wide Fellowship of Christians" as its very heart. Growing out of it the program has taken form.

It is appropriate that the Foreword should be written by Prof. George W. Richards, D.D., LL.D., President of the General Synod.

The Eighteenth Triennial Convention will open Tuesday evening in Grace Church, Akron, Ohio, with a Fellowship dinner. The Toastmaster, Mrs. Orris W. Haulman, wife of the pastor, is the General Chairman of Arrangements. The day will close with a Worship Service when the President, Mrs. F. William Leich will address the convention on "Women in a World Circle." The Holy Communion will be administered by the pastor, the Rev. Orris W. Haulman, D.D.

Of equal importance to this missionary enterprise is the necessary business and the inspiration directed to its strengthening. Time has been given for both. In this brief resume of the program we shall leave the business to its usual channeling and write of the people who have been invited for the inspirational portion of the program.

On Wednesday afternoon, under the general topic, "Our Christian Fellowship in Other Lands", the speakers will be Rev. Gilbert W. Schroer and Mrs. Schroer, missionaries to Japan; Miss Alice Traub, China; Miss Bertha Scheidt, Honduras; Miss M.

Magdalene Kroehler, India; Rev. F. A. Goetsch, D.D., Africa. Friday afternoon, under the general topic, "Our Christian Fellowship at Home", the speakers will be Rev. Ben Stucki, "First Americans"; Miss Elisabeth Nanassy, "Hungarian Americans"; Rev. Paul Wobus, "Mountaineers"; Miss Anna Astroth, "Biloxi and City Missions."

At the close of the Wednesday evening service motion pictures will be shown. These will include a newly assembled collection which show accomplishments in Japan, China and Iraq, during the five decades of the Woman's Missionary Society and pictures of Africa, many of them taken by Dr. Goetsch on his recent travels in Africa.

Thursday, June 2nd, at 9 o'clock is the day, the date, the hour to open the commemoration of the organization of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod. Anniversary Day will begin with a brief season of silent prayer in appreciation of the blessings of the years. Throughout the day the music and the addresses will be in keeping with the occasion. A note of festivity will be much in evidence during the interval between the afternoon and evening sessions. The Girls' Missionary Guild will entertain at Tea in honor of the Woman's Missionary Society; at 5.30 the Fiftieth Anniversary Banquet will be held at the Mayflower Hotel and the Girls' Missionary Guild Banquet will take place at O'Neil's. In the evening, the pageant "Pilgrims of the Way" by Mrs. Irvin W. Hendricks will bring to a climax the Year of Appreciation which has marked the Fiftieth Anniversary observances. This dramatic presentation portrays incidents of the past and the present and a prophecy of the future of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod and will be interpreted through picture, song and story.

For the closing session Saturday morning, there is to be the definite challenge for the new opportunities—especially as they lie in

those who shall carry the torch. Mrs. Garry C. Myers, specialist in Parent Education will give the address.

Friday, referred to in a previous paragraph, has as its evening speaker, Rev. E. G. Homrighausen, D.D., on the topic "World Trends in Christianity."

Representatives of Boards to which the work of the Woman's Missionary Society is related, will be present to bring felicitations, and challenge for wider participation in the work to which we are jointly committed.

Getting Acquainted

By MRS. ELSA REICHENBACH

CONVENTIONS are opportunities for fellowship. Through fellowship friendships are created and in friendship great things are wrought. The convention of the Women's Union in May, 1937, and the coming convention of the Woman's Missionary Society in May of this year are such contact points for the women of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. A very fine representation of "R" people attended the E.W.U. Convention; the "E" women want to reciprocate this year by coming to the convention at Akron. May we introduce to you the present Board of Directors of the Evangelical Women's Union who plan to be at Akron.

Introducing our president, who is no stranger to many of you, she led the devotions at the Greensburg meeting,—Mrs. Hugo Schuessler of Evansville, Indiana. She wishes to bring you these greetings.—

"At the Sixth National Convention of the Evangelical Women's Union held in May, 1937, at the Eighteenth Triennial Convention of the Woman's Missionary Society to be held May 31—June 4, 1938 in Akron, Ohio, one heard and will hear expressions of deep gratitude for those pioneers who had visions. Visions of the great good that could be accomplished when women of the church organized for a great purpose. The visions of these pioneers become vital, living streams, of worth-while service.

"We are entering a new era of pioneering, for these two beautiful streams have met and ere long will flow on as one, uniting all the women of the United Church. There is a prayer that lies close to the hearts of all the women who have been placed in positions of leadership. It is,—that from the old there

The program is replete with special music for which we are indebted to the Akron Committee of whose untiring services we hope to speak in the next issue.

As I write PROGRAM I realize how feebly it tells what this approaching event will be. Soon we will place it among our mementoes. Fortunate indeed will be the persons privileged to be present and participate in the events of the week. For the women who stay at home . . . may their representatives be gifted with re-living instead of recounting.

will emerge a stream, spiritually deeper, broader in concept, better equipped to carry on the work of God, our Father, in the building of a Christ-like world.

"In behalf of the women of the 'E' group I greet you my friends and sisters of the 'R' group—assuring you that I am confident that the Evangelical and Reformed Church will have a women's organization earnestly dedicated to a program of building a Christ-like world".—Mrs. Hugo Schuessler.

Our First Vice-President lives in St. Louis, Missouri. She is also the chairman of the Christian Citizenship Department; her message is:

"I wish to greet our friends and co-workers of the Woman's Missionary Society. May your coming convention at Akron, Ohio, prove to be most successful and just brimful of inspiration and information. You are truly to be congratulated on your fifty years of fruitful service. We shall appreciate very much the privilege of attending this outstanding celebration and will be looking forward to meeting all of you personally.

"I have just recently attended the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Women's Union, at which the work for the coming year was planned. We shall have a very busy year and with the cooperation and help of everyone, we hope, a most fruitful one.

"In the Christian Citizenship Department there has been increased interest in all the projects of the department and with many fine results. Our projects for education and action are: Good Government, including knowledge of existing laws and the duty of the voter; International Relations, which presents world brotherhood projects, world peace, World

Friendship Among Children; Child Welfare, with Child Labor, health, juvenile delinquency, community influences on children, etc.; Home and Marriage, which is basic to good government and a Christian Nation; Public Morals and Health, under which come, liquor, narcotics and communicable diseases eradication, movies, gambling and the corrective influences, Industrial Relations, which is responsible for women in industry, working conditions, fair arbitration, brotherly cooperation between capital and labor; Social Security, which carries responsibility for old age pensions, unemployment compensation, maternal welfare, mother's pension and blind pension; Race Relations with its immigration problems, citizenship rights, anti-lynching movements, etc.

"This year the emphasis for the Women's Union is 'Living Creatively with Christ in the Community'. This emphasis gives the Citizenship Department a splendid opportunity to do some fine work. We are urging that every group of every local society do some constructive piece of work for the betterment of its community.

"War is all about us, and our thoughts naturally turn to peace. Just what can we do about it? We are urging that all our women either as individuals or as a society send a barrage of letters or telegrams to our respective congressmen on Mother's Day asking them to use their influence to keep America at peace with the world. There is much to be done, but it is only by concerted effort and unceasing prayer that it can be accomplished.

"I am looking forward with keen anticipation to the final union of our women's groups and I pray for God's richest blessing on this Union."—Ethel Kennel.

The Second Vice-President is also Missionary Education Chairman. She too lives in St. Louis. She brings you a word of greeting.—

"As a member of the Board of Directors of the Evangelical Women's Union, I send you greetings and congratulate you on your coming convention at which you will celebrate your Fiftieth Anniversary. At the annual meeting of our Board, you were much in our thoughts and plans, and it is with joy that we realize that we are becoming more united in our programs and interests and projects and studies.

"As chairman of our Missionary Education Department I rejoice that we have a United

Prayer Day for Missions on Ascension Day, United Mission Study and united interest in the Mission fields of our Evangelical and Reformed Church. We should be happy to enroll many of you in our Prayer Circle for Missions. A promise to pray for missions is the only enrollment fee necessary.

"May we truly become one before many years pass and may our numbers and efforts be multiplied not by two but many times two and may we as a united Women's Guild become a power for Christ and the Church in our own land as well as in other lands.

"It has been my happy privilege to meet some of your fine leaders and I'm looking forward to meeting many more of you at the Triennial Convention in Akron, Ohio, this spring. Hoping that you will have a most successful Convention, I am yours in Fellowship and Service for our King, Mrs. A. F. Kleykamp."

The Second Vice-President of the Women's Union is elected by the Board of Directors. Mrs. A. E. Schnell of Wheeling, West Virginia, has been elected to succeed Mrs. Kleykamp, her term beginning February, 1939. She will also serve as the Devotional Life chairman. Mrs. Schnell is now president of the Pennsylvania District Union. She expects to attend the Triennial Convention.

The Third Vice-President is Mrs. J. C. Voeks of Palatine, Illinois. She is also the chairman of the Social Welfare Department. Her department brings the Women's Union in close contact with the benevolent institutions and local as well as national welfare work. Reports of 1937 show that \$18,260.66 was given to this type of work in cash and \$10,882.38 in foodstuffs and clothing. Thousands of hours of service are given annually.

The Fourth Vice-President is Mrs. Theodore Wobus, of Grand Junction, Colorado. She is the chairman of the Christian Stewardship Department. Through this department the Women's Union promotes the Thank-offering, the Sustaining Membership, Student Aid and the Fellowship of Direct Giving. It serves with the Stewardship Department of the Woman's Missionary Society in creating a Reading Packet.

Appointed by the Church. Since the Women's Union is recognized as an official Board of the denomination three members of its Board are appointed by the Church as such. The chairman of the General Education Department is one of these appointees, (the other two being pastoral advisors). Mrs. E.

J. F. Dettbarn of Baltimore, Maryland, is known to many of the "R" group—she brings you these greetings.

"As the appointee of the General Council to the National Board of Directors, and chairman of the General Education Department of the Women's Union, it is my pleasure to greet you.

"The activities of this department are the promotion of (1) the Monthly Program; (2) the Women's Union Library; (3) the Reading Course; (4) the church-paper-week campaign; (5) Parent Training Classes; and (6) keeping our women informed about General Synodical events. At the present time, the department is making plans to promote Parent Training work by means of special institutes and classes.

"It has been my privilege to have made some fine contacts among your Woman's Missionary Society women, and we are looking forward to the time when we shall be working together as members of the Women's Guild of our Evangelical and Reformed Church.

"May I take this opportunity to extend sincerest greetings to the Woman's Missionary Society upon the occasion of its Fiftieth Anniversary, and pray that God's richest blessing may rest upon the Triennial Convention to be held at Akron, Ohio, this May. Sincerely, Mrs. E. J. F. Dettbarn."

Our Secretary also serves as the chairman of the Devotional Life Department. Her home is in Bellevue, Kentucky. She has an interesting and responsible task—let her tell you—

"I bring you sincere greetings and congratulations upon this your Fiftieth Anniversary, imploring Him who is Almighty to shower His abundant blessings upon your efforts to bring His Kingdom into all the World. The projects of our department endeavor to promote His Kingdom also. They are—Family Devotions which are ever our chief concern. In this year of 1938 this department will prepare a leaflet for one week of Family Devotions, distributing same throughout our constituency asking that it be used simultaneously in a week of Family Prayer.

"The Fellowship in Christ Visitation which was a project in both the 'E' and 'R' societies proved to be one of the largest visitations we have ever had. In view of this fact and the interest still being shown, this department will continue it through this year, thereby giving any one who to date, has not participated an opportunity to do so.

"Bible Study. To create wider interest in

Bible Study a definite program and suggestions of the study of definite books are created for Bible Institutes. We recognize the importance of Bible reading and seek to encourage it through various ways. This we feel can only be done by intelligent study, reading, and understanding; we give our members various opportunities and suggestions for regular reading.

"As a devotional service for the Lenten Season, particularly on Good Friday, we prepare a beautiful program known as the Lenten Quiet Hour. Our societies need about 12,000 of these programs annually.

"It will be a great joy to unite our forces and our projects, for out of it will come greater force and greater power for Kingdom Service. Sincerely yours, Mrs. O. Reichert."

Mrs. Reichert's term expires February 1939. Mrs. Ida Wagner of Sandusky, Ohio, has been elected to succeed her. She will also be the chairman of the Missionary Education Department. She is planning to attend the Triennial Convention and brings you a word of greeting.

"Greetings, dear co-workers! It is indeed a pleasure and a privilege to be associated with you in the great task of Kingdom building. Quoting from C. F. Schwartz, 'The work of winning the world to Christ is the most honorable and blessed service in which any human being can be employed', we feel that ours is a most worth-while calling. So let us continue the good work with even greater zeal as we become better acquainted through our various conventions and other gatherings. Yours for a bigger and better Missionary interest, Ida E. Wagner (Mrs. C. J.)."

The Treasurer of the Women's Union is of course a very important person, one of few words but a steady *balance*. She comes from Boonville, Missouri. She salutes you thus:

"A cordial greeting to the Members of the Woman's Missionary Society and to the readers of the "OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS". Together let us serve to our Lord's glory and honor and to the welfare of souls."—Emma J. Abele.

Her term of office also expires in February, 1939 and Mrs. O. Brummer of Wood River, Illinois, will succeed her. She plans to attend the Akron meeting and gives you a word of greeting:

"The good sense and virtue of Church women are needed in a world like ours. I hope the members of the Woman's Missionary Society and the Women's Union will continue to believe in the importance of their task."—Mrs. O. F. Brummer.

Intimate Notes of People and Places

THE meditative comment of President Kriete awakens a desire to stand with him on Miyagi's beautiful campus: I walked over to the campus the other evening and stopped just inside the gate to look at the view. The last bit of late-winter twilight was fading from the sky, which was the beautiful deep blue that one finds only here in Japan. The crescent moon was hanging high over the row of tall cryptomeria trees that stand like living sentinels along the western boundary of the campus. "O—" San came along and we enjoyed it together and talked about T—Sendai who is ill in the hospital threatened with a mastoid operation. O—San was hopeful because we were all praying for her speedy recovery.

She, after a busy day at school, was on her way to Friday School which had just begun for the evening. English, Music, Sewing, Cooking and Bible Classes for the girls from the Bureau of Communication were scheduled. Over in the dormitory the girls were having Evening Prayers, and as I walked toward the Chapel-Auditorium I heard Beethoven's "Appassionata Sonata". T-San was rehearsing for her graduate recital the next evening, and playing like an artist. "What a satisfying, ministering, living institution Miyagi College is" I said to myself.

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Mrs. Annetta H. Winter, member of the Educational Commission of the Woman's Missionary Society, formerly a missionary, both in China and in Japan, is at present residing at St. Petersburg, Florida. Having heard of the inspiring Day of Prayer Service of that southern city, we asked her to write a brief account of the meeting. Her letter, which accompanied the article, added such an interesting setting that we have taken the privilege of quoting from it in connection with what she has written. "I must tell you what a thrill I had at the Day of Prayer Service. As I glanced over the women I thought how really nice it was to go to a union service and not know to what denomination the folks belonged. With the exception of a few Presbyterian women, I didn't know Baptists from Methodists or Lutherans. I thought how fine it was to be just Christians—and have no brand on us to tell our denomination.

When Miss Woodford, the chairman made the announcement about the offering projects

she asked that as she read the names of the Women's Christian Colleges in the Orient, those who had visited those colleges should stand. Ginling was the first called, and I rose. As soon as I was seated the woman beside me, who had shared her program with me, asked if I had been a missionary in China. When I answered "yes" she asked under what Board. When I said the Reformed Church, instead of the usual blank stare which one receives down here, there was a sharp intake of breath, and I was sure that she was Reformed. I told her my name and she remembered that I had led the Worship Service at the Cleveland General Synodical Convention. So we had a pleasant reunion—Mrs. Dibler of Turtle Creek, Pa., and I.

Mrs. Winter writes: "Between four and five hundred women assembled for the World Day of Prayer at St. Petersburg, Florida. Additions to the regular program were a solo by Miss Yosko Saito, coloratura soprano from Japan, and a short address by Miss Alice Appenzeller, the president of Korea's Union Christian College for Women. This is the school from which Induk Pak and Helen Kim were graduated. Three Reformed Church women were present: Mrs. E. O. Steely of Doylestown, Pa., Mrs. A. P. Dibler of Turtle Creek, Pa., and Mrs. Annetta H. Winter.

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Most interesting are the sketches of people with whom our missionaries work. Through Miss Minerva S. Weil we have a pen picture of one whose weaknesses make her kin to many American Church women. This is Mrs. Chen, Gatewoman at Yuanling, China, more than 50 years of age and learning to read. II Tim. 1:17 and the 3rd Psalm were the portions of Scripture read at morning prayers. I shared my Bible with Mrs. Chen. As the lesson was read she pointed to each character. I noticed her earnestness but thought it was a desire to recognize characters as reading is like a new toy since she has mastered one-third of The Gospel Thousand Character Book.

After prayers she went to the Bible Woman, Len Yui Chin, leader that morning and said "I spoke false words." (Her tongue often gets her into trouble but she had shown much improvement since the Spiritual Conference last October after which she had started to study.) She added "I can't study, I don't know what the new words mean, my heart is

not at peace and the words I read from Miss Weil's Bible *pierced my heart*. Please forgive me." The root of the trouble was this: In an effort to get \$50.00 to which she claims a right, even though she has no son (only a daughter) Mrs. Chen took an oath before an idol in the village of Cool Water Springs—saying "this idol has life and power to haunt you unless you give over the money."

Today she said "I know the idol is made of wood and clay, I know *Jesus Is the true God*, I sinned by saying what I knew to be false in order to get money."

Mrs. Chen found peace and joy after promising to confess Christ before the people who were with her when she took the oath and take back the words of the oath spoken before the idol. She tried to study and found the hindrance gone, saying truly Jesus is the Living God.

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Another illustration of the Gospel taking root in the heart comes from the neighborhood of the same village,—the village of Cool Water Springs. The Bible Woman is the one who led morning prayers in the above character sketch. On a cold morning, so cold that icicles hung from the trees, Len Yuin Chin and the wife of the evangelist faced the wind and cold to call on sixty year old Mrs. Liu and her two grandchildren. Quickly a big fire of wood was made in the fire box built in the ground floor.

The children had visited the chapel, so they knew the Bible woman and her errand. Old Mrs. Liu, putting aside Chinese politeness, asked directly "And what do you want on such a stormy day?" She was told of the One who gave His life that she believing might be free from all her sins.

After listening attentively, Mrs. Liu told of the famine years when she was obliged to leave her large country home and go to Shenchow where she worked as a servant. At that time, in her poor garments, she was allowed to enter a big church full of children and adults . . . Two subsequent visits showed that the seed sown many years before might still bear fruit.

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From Miyagi College comes word of a recent eminent visitor—no other than Dr. H— from the great St. Luke's Medical Center, in

Tokyo. Dr. H— was in Sendai to interest High School graduates in St. Luke's Training School for nurses. He told that Tokyo City has established a fine new Civic Health Center near St. Luke's and taken over their Health Service Work. He also said that similar centers are to be opened in many of the larger cities "and" he said "there is a *great opportunity for young women who are graduates of mission schools to give real Christian service*." He is a graduate of North Japan College, also of Johns Hopkins, with research work in the Mayo Brothers' Clinic. He has made a name for himself as an authority on diseases of the brain. His wife is the daughter of one of the founders of Miyagi College and three of his sisters and a niece have graduated from Miyagi.

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With a subscription to the OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS in the name of the Guild, the following brief note was received: "The newly organized Girls' Missionary Guild of Grace Church, Washington, D. C., entertained in the form of an International Tea on February 6th. Articles from many countries were loaned by Guild members and by the various legations of the city. The musical program, composed of piano, clarinet and vocal solos was directed by Mrs. Alice Ostron, Guild Counselor."



GIRLS' MISSIONARY GUILD, GRACE CHURCH
WASHINGTON, D. C.

"THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS is a real help in planning the programs for the meetings of the Woman's Missionary Society and brings much other valuable information."

MRS. WM. H. HENSCHEN, Cleveland, Ohio.

Indian Mission News

WHILE the health of the children at the Winnebago Indian School has been exceptionally good this year, illness nevertheless crept up and laid its hand on "Mr. Ben." and confined him to his bed for two weeks. We are glad to report that he is again "back in circulation" and able to continue with his work.

On March 4 the children of the Indian School participated in the observance of the World Day of Prayer. The program was sponsored by the members of the Marie-Hannah-Stucki W.M.S.

During the month of March the government dentist visited the Indian School and attended to the children's teeth, as well as any adult Indians desiring dental care.

On March 13, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Gander welcomed the arrival of a baby daughter, Beverly Ann. Mr. Gander has been serving in the Indian School as Farm Manager for the past nine years. Mrs. Gander was also employed at the Indian School for seven years as Dining Room Manager previous to their marriage.

Indian Production Played at Mission

A clipping from the Neillsville, Wisconsin, Daily Press gives the account of an interesting social event at the Neillsville Indian School. "A play entitled 'Indians of Yesterday and Today,' was presented by a group of Black River Falls Indians. The play was written by Dan LaMere, an Indian WPA worker. The play staged scenes from Indian home life, with the camp fire, music and legend. In addition to the dramatization the monologue 'Little Caribou Makes Big Talk' gave a pathetic picture of the Indian, the loss of his hunting grounds, and the beginning of the new life

in strange sections of the country. Music consisting of solo and duet numbers by students and friends completed the program"—with one exception. For that we quote the concluding paragraph of the clipping. "Rev. Ben Stucki, who fits admirably into any program, added a bit of humor and brought down the house when he assumed the role of a naturalist on a butterfly hunt, thus filling in the gap between the program and a lunch served to about 100 visiting Indians and others."

In Memoriam

MISS ADELE J. BALLARD

Not knowing it was sacrifice because of the joy it gave, Miss Adele J. Ballard, Western Supervisor of Migrant Work under the Council of Women for Home Missions, on March 5th, 1938, passed to her eternal reward, after many years of wholly devoted service for the army of Migrant Workers in the Pacific area. Looking back over the strenuous years, her co-workers say, no one would have been able to spend herself as did Miss Ballard without breaking physically. Be that as it may—her final message to the Council says "These were my happiest years." . . . "No one will ever know all that she has done toward building the Kingdom of God on earth."

MRS. JAMES H. ALDRIDGE

Mrs. James H. Aldridge, a former President of Virginia Classical Society and, for a number of years, Secretary of Life Members and Members in Memoriam of Potomac

Synodical Society, died October 2, at her home in Martinsburg, West Virginia. Mrs. Aldridge was a Life Member of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod.

We regret the delay in this announcement but feel that friends who may not have heard of the death of Mrs. Aldridge will appreciate the notice—even though delayed.

MRS. CONRAD CLEVER

The death of Mrs. Conrad Clever, March 31, following so closely upon that of her sister-in-law, Miss Jennie Clever, quickens the recollections of members of the Woman's Missionary Society who recall with pleasure the devotion of the two women—always in company one with the other—as they served the missionary interests of the Church through its missionary organizations. Mrs. Clever was the first Secretary of Temperance in the General Society, also one of the early enrollments in the list of its Life Members.

Life Members and Members in Memoriam

LIFE MEMBERS

EASTERN SYNOD

- East Pennsylvania Classis*—Mrs. Oscar Koch, Jr., 1023 Wood Ave., Easton, Pa.
Mrs. Clarence E. Whetstone, Delaware Ave., Palmerton, Pa.
- East Susquehanna Classis*—Rev. Edw. O. Butkofsky, Shamokin, Pa.
- Lancaster Classis*—Mrs. Harry R. Wolf, 102 W. Main St., Adamstown, Pa.
Mrs. Lewis H. Trostle, 17 W. Main St., Adamstown, Pa.
- Lebanon Classis*—Emma Witmer Stein, 44 W. Main St., Annville, Pa.
- Philadelphia Classis*—Della Spaulding, 5835 N. Fairhill St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Mrs. John Fetterolf, 3248 N. Carlisle St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Anna M. Pennypacker, 930 Green St., Norristown, Pa.
Mrs. J. K. Aughinbaugh, 15th and Porter Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.
- Schuylkill Classis*—Mrs. Ethel Giltner, 238 Lehigh St., Tamaqua, Pa.
- Tohickon Classis*—Mrs. Frank S. Grim, 105 West St., Doylestown, Pa.
Mrs. Asher K. Anders, 100 E. Court St., Doylestown, Pa.
Mrs. John K. Custer, Zion Hill, Pa.
Mrs. J. Norman Zendt, Penn Ave., Souderston, Pa.
Rev. Warren A. Breisch, Coopersburg, Pa.
- Wyoming Classis*—Mrs. Silas McHenry, 237 E. Third St., Berwick, Pa.

MID-WEST SYNOD

- Fort Wayne Classis*—Eleanor Beatrice Repert, 612 N. Second St., Decatur, Ind.
Miss Mynne M. Ehrsam, W. Main St., Berne, Ind.
- Indianapolis Classis*—Mrs. L. E. Croft, 219 N. 14th Street, Terre Haute, Ind.
Mrs. William Balkema, Lafayette, Ind.
Mrs. C. W. Ackman, 1502 S. Alabama St., Indianapolis, Ind.

NORTHWEST SYNOD

- Milwaukee Classis*—Mrs. Barbara Zurbuchen, Verona, Wis.

OHIO SYNOD

- Central Ohio Classis* — Mrs. Flora Brown Aring, 22 Cushing Ave., Dayton, Ohio.
- East Ohio Classis* — Mrs. Edward G. Klotz, 1037 - 23rd St., N. W., Canton, Ohio.
Mrs. Ruth Boldt, 2346 - 11th St., N. W., Canton, Ohio.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rigula, R. D. No. 1, Stone Creek, Ohio.

Mrs. Bertha Conway, 1417 Homer Center, N. W., Canton, Ohio.

Northeast Ohio Classis—Miss Caroline Motz, 194 N. Highland Ave., Akron, Ohio.

Mrs. J. E. Youngen, 515 N. Buckeye St., Wooster, Ohio.

Mrs. Meta B. Mathes, 4108 Sheridan Road, Youngstown, Ohio.

Dora M. Stevens, 425 N. Buckeye St., Wooster, Ohio.

Northwest Ohio Classis—Mrs. L. G. Fritz, 601 Birchard Ave., Freemont, Ohio.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD

Allegheny Classis — Mrs. Harry M. Hauer, 1960 Beechwood Blvd., Pittsburgh, Pa.

POTOMAC SYNOD

Baltimore-Washington Classis — Mrs. Viola Rupp Master, 3408 Edgewood Road, Baltimore, Md.

Gettysburg Classis—Mrs. W. C. Alwine, Lincoln Way East, New Oxford, Pa.

Miss Jerusha Jennie Myers, Lincoln Way East, New Oxford, Pa.

Juniata Classis — Mrs. William H. Miller, Pavia, Pa.

Maryland Classis—Mrs. Omar D. Sprecher, 614 Salem Ave., Hagerstown, Md.

N. Carolina Classis — Mrs. Byron Shuford, China Grove, N. C.

Miss Mamie Clapp, Gibsonville, N. C.

Mrs. Jessie Welker Shoffner, R. D. No. 2, Greensboro, N. C.

Zion's Classis—Rev. Roy W. Limbert, Dover, Pa.

Mrs. Roy W. Limbert, Dover, Pa.

MEMBERS IN MEMORIAM

EASTERN SYNOD

East Pennsylvania Classis — Mrs. Carl C. Kraemer, S. Main St., Nazareth, Pa.

Mrs. Charles Ackerman, 1120 Maple St., Bethlehem, Pa.

East Susquehanna Classis—Rev. Charles B. Schneder, D.D., Shamokin, Pa.

Lancaster Classis—Mrs. John F. Mohn, R. D. No. 1, Reinholds, Pa.

Rev. J. V. George, D.D., 228 S. Third St., Reading, Pa.

Lehigh Classis—Rev. Robert Miller Kern, 531 Chew St., Allentown, Pa.

Rev. George B. Smith, E. Main St., Kutztown, Pa.

Philadelphia Classis—Mrs. Caroline Kutz Alt-house, 717 W. Marshall St., Norristown, Pa.

NORTHWEST SYNOD

Sheboygan Classis—Mr. G. A. Strassburger, 1726 N. 6th St., Sheboygan, Wis.

MID-WEST SYNOD

Chicago Classis—Jennie Pannenburg, High Street, Freeport, Ill.

Fort Wayne Classis — Mrs. J. M. Ehram, Berne, Ind.

POTOMAC SYNOD

Mercersburg Classis—Mrs. G. Harry Whitmore, Shady Grove, Pa.

Mrs. Alice Smith Stumbaugh, Shippensburg, Pa.

North Carolina Classis—Mrs. Josephine Elizabeth Foil, Mount Pleasant, N. C.

Mr. A. W. Moose, Mount Pleasant, N. C.

Virginia Classis — Mrs. Mollie Catherine Zirkle, Timberville, Va.

NON-SYNODICAL

Rev. John Hassler Prugh, D.D., Pittsburgh, Pa.

For Your Note Book

Miss Marie Bohn, 248 North Street, Plymouth, Wis., has been appointed Corresponding Secretary of Northwest Synodical Society.

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Of special interest to Secretaries of Literature: Reading Course Lists from 1929 to 1938 and the Digests from 1932 to 1938 have been assembled for the convenience of Secretaries of Literature who do not have a complete set. As long as the supply lasts, any Secretary of Literature may have a set by writing to Miss Greta P. Hinkle, 416 Schaff Building, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia. Please include 5c for mailing expenses.

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In the March issue, reference was made to the unusual record for Mission Study held by the Woman's Missionary Society of Zion Church, Greenville, Pa. It is the Rosa Keifer W.M.S. which has had this excellent record. Zion Church is blessed with three Woman's Missionary Societies.

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This month we have omitted the Christian Citizenship Message but we wish to call your attention to the plans outlined by Mrs. Ethel Kennel, First Vice-President and Chairman of the Christian Citizenship Department of the Evangelical Women's Union in the article "Getting Acquainted."

Pertinent Pointers for Presidents

IF by any chance a supply of the programs "Thy Kingdom Come", for the Retreat, has failed to reach you, get in touch with me immediately. A few have been reserved in case any parcels should miscarry. We hope for a 100% participation in the Retreat scheduled for Sunday afternoon, May 29, 3 to 4 P. M. All Societies uniting in Prayer and Meditation prior to the Triennial Convention. "Where two or three are, there is Jesus, the source of all power."

Remember that the prayer for the Hanchow meeting should now be for the *Madras* meeting which is to be held December 13-30, 1938. A copy of the suggested prayers for the meeting is in the Program Packet.

After the Triennial Convention, new Plan of Work Letters will be sent to you and to each Departmental Secretary. It might be well to call the attention of your Secretaries to this fact. If they expect to be away in July or August, it would not be amiss to suggest that they be on the lookout for this particular piece of mail.

Your Christian Citizenship Secretary will surely have a special message for the July meeting with its emphasis on "World Peace." The Literature Secretary may also desire to remind all participants in the Reading Course of the available books on this subject. If your Library lacks this type of book why not suggest the purchase of one or two. See former, as well as the 1938-1939 List of books.

Important. If you are planning to be away early in August, will it be possible for you to arrange that the copy of the Triennial Convention Report is made available for the use of the Program Committee? The September program will include a questionnaire concerning Convention items as contained in the Report and the July-August OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS. We are expecting you and as many others from your group as possible to attend either the Hood, July 2-8, or the Colledgeville Missionary Conference, July 23-29. It will be a workers' Conference. Come!

I am, hoping that the early months of the new year and throughout the summer season the words of Matthew 5:13-16 will inspire each one of us to a deeper consecration.

CARRIE M. KERSCHNER,
Executive Secretary.

Momentum for the Meeting Materials and Methods

CARRIE M. KERSCHNER

IF the distribution (and we hope the use) of the materials listed for the month of April is any criterion not only the missionary meetings but the entire church life will gain momentum. One person writes "My husband (a pastor) thinks the little leaflet 'My Good Turn for My Church Every Week' is very fine. Please send me as many as the enclosed dollar will provide, less postage for sending. Will there be more in stock in case he decides to continue the use of the leaflet through the years?" Incidentally, that pastor is greatly concerned about the religious education of his parishioners.

The Girls' Guilds too have been ordering "The Young Moslem Looks At Life", 60c. Their interest in the young people of Moslem lands should find expression in meetings that challenge a greater interest in the building of a Christ-like world.

We have a stock of "Young Islam on Trek" which we shall be glad to share with our readers at 10c each plus carriage 5c—a total of 15c. Yes, this is a 2-unit book! Send your order at once, please.

The Mission Packet contained a leaflet entitled "What About Drinking", 2c each. This is a series of four worship services and studies based on "Answers to Alcohol", a book on the Reading List for Boys and Girls. More copies of "Answers to Alcohol" should be used, the cost is small. 20c. The use of this leaflet and the stories will sow seeds of intelligence on alcohol which every boy and girl should possess. Leaders of boys and girls take note!

The July program material is a very definite challenge to each woman member of "A Concerned Church." Philadelphia Classical Missionary Society feels the loss of its Christian Citizenship Secretary, Mrs. Ralph Holland, who prepared the July program. But its loss should result in a gain for the Indianapolis Classical group. Mrs. Holland has given much about which to think as the Program Committee sets about the preparation for presenting the material, as each participant prepares her share of the program and for all the women who listen.

The leaflet "America First" was purposely omitted from the Packet because it was used several years ago. It has appeared in magazines and Church literature. Its use will not be amiss.

Anyone who desires information for a talk

on a Christian Citizen's Responsibility to Bring in the Era of Peace, will find Mrs. Holland's outline helpful. 5c.

"They Said He Was Impractical" and "How Good Will Works" are 2c each and splendid for those who like "tuck-ins" for letters.

A thirty-two page pictorial presentation of war propaganda as originally published in LOOK Magazine may be obtained without cost by writing to LOOK Magazine, Des Moines, Iowa. Ask for the pamphlet entitled, "A Contribution to the Cause of Peace." Circulate this widely among your members. It might well become an activity for July of Christian Citizenship Secretaries.

Invitations for this Peace meeting might be in the form of a five-pointed star in the center of which is pasted a Peace Stamp (they sell for 1c each, the proceeds used for peace education) and the words "Let the star guide you to the Peace meeting, July — at — Church (or name of home), 8 P. M. Timely discussion. War propaganda in picture story form.

For those groups who desire to participate in the Ascension Day of Prayer, May 26, the Evangelical Women's Union has prepared a program entitled "Day of Prayer for Missions", single copies are 5c each; 25c for 15; 40c for 25; 50c for 50; 75c per 100. A helpful supplement of Suggestions has been prepared and is listed at 10c each, 7 for 50c. Our groups may designate the offering, if one is taken, for any missionary purpose.

RETREAT. According to an established custom, the Sunday afternoon previous to the opening of the Triennial Convention is again set aside for a season of prayer and meditation. The program arranged by Mrs. E. W. Lentz is entitled "For Thy Kingdom on Earth." A quantity of these will be supplied to each local Society and will be relayed to local Presidents by the Classical President.

The Cabinet, then in session, will meet with the Societies of the Akron Area in Grace Church, Akron, at the same time other groups will convene in their local churches. Miss Ruth Heinmiller, Secretary of Girls' Missionary Guilds and Mission Bands will be the leader.

For all material excepting the LOOK Magazine patrons will order as follows: those residing in the area of the Eastern Depository, order from the Woman's Missionary Society, 416 Schaff Building, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Those residing in the area of the Western Depository order from the Woman's Missionary Society, 2969 West 25th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Girls' Missionary Guild

RUTH HEINMILLER, SECRETARY

Dear Guild Girls:

When you read this you will be well started on another year of study and Christian activity in your Girls' Missionary Guild. After your annual meeting did you set before the group any challenges that you want your Guild to accomplish this year? Were you satisfied with your membership report that you sent in? Was every effort made to interest all the girls of Guild age in the congregation in the work of the Guild?

Are all the girls in your Guild participating in the Reading Course? We are launching out on a new Course this triennium and find that it takes us into many interesting channels. As informed Guild girls we need to keep abreast with the times and so we are challenged to use the Reading Course as a guide in our reading.

Those who have been using the "Fellowship in Christ" leaflets have felt a consciousness of being a part of the great fellowship of prayer established through the use of this leaflet, not only in our country but with our missionaries in other lands. Are you using it?

Were you satisfied with your Thank Offering? Did all the girls express their gratitude to God each day by depositing a gift in the Thank Offering box with a prayer? Challenge the girls to use this opportunity in helping to build Christian characters in China, Japan and in our own country among the Migrants and the Indians. Each individual is helped spiritually as she gives her Thank Offering.

We hope that your Guild is planning to send to a Summer School or Missionary Conference one or more delegates who will enroll in a mission study class as well as get all the information she can on Guild methods and materials. We suggest that one of the delegates be appointed on the program committee of your Guild so that she will be able to share much of the information she gets in building the programs when she returns.

Everywhere we turn these days we are faced with the fact that in our changing world there are many problems. Will you accept the challenge to make these problems opportunities? You ask, "What can we do? We seem very unimportant in the world today." You and I alone may not be very important

"but all of us together make up *The Church* and the Church is the *Body of Christ*." In other words Christ works through us. Therefore, as Christian young people we must know the facts; we must pray and we must act. The Girls' Missionary Guild furnishes opportunities for you to do all three. May we suggest that in your local church you may help a children's group to develop attitudes of Christian world friendship either in the church school or in a Mission Band. You may assist in a Vacation Church school where a unit of study on world friendship may be presented. Hold a missionary exhibit or a "World's Fair of Missions" for the entire congregation. If in your neighborhood there is need for a group of young people to be of service, with your pastor and counselor enlist as many young people of your congregation for this service project. Know, pray and act.

Cooperate with all young people's groups in your church in any enterprise that helps to build a Christ-like world.

Cordially yours,

RUTH HEINMILLER.

NEW GUILDS ORGANIZED IN FIVE SYNODS

Eastern—St. Paul's, Adamstown, Pa. Organized by Mrs. L. H. Trostle and Mrs. Clarence Kelley with 9 charter members. President, Richard Brendle, Adamstown, Pa.

Potomac—Trinity, Saint Thomas, Pa. Organized by Miss Ruth Allen with four charter members. President, Miss Elizabeth Defenderfer, Saint Thomas, Pa.

Ohio—First, Marion, Ohio. Organized by Mrs. F. P. Taylor with 15 charter members. President, Miss Marjorie Ebert, 215 Lake St., Marion, O.

Northwest—First, Sauk City, Wis. Organized by Mrs. George Grether with 7 charter members. President, Miss Agnes Grass, Sauk City, Wis.

First, Waukesha, Wis. Organized by Miss Ruth Humboldt with 21 charter members. President, Miss Shirley Rosenmerkle, 317 Randall St., Waukesha, Wis.

Pittsburgh—St. Peter's, Punxsutawney, Pa. Organized by Miss Orveta McClelland with 14

charter members. President, Miss Monabel Young, R. D. 3, Punxsutawney, Pa.

St. Luke's, Pleasant Unity, Pa. Organized

by Mrs. Ray W. Cease and Mrs. E. P. Welker with 10 charter members. President, Miss Pearl Wagner, Pleasant Unity, Pa.

Mission Band

THE second annual Children's Rally of Lancaster Classis was held in Harrisburg, Pa., on a Sunday afternoon in March with children from five Mission Bands being present. With the leaders of the Mission Bands and adult guests there was a total attendance of 126. The Rally room was beautifully decorated with international atmosphere of handwork, a collection of dolls and a collection of flags from nations of the world. A program on "Friendliness" with worship, story, song and play was enjoyed. Part of the program consisted in taking an offering, which amounted to more than five dollars, for the Indian School at Neillsville, Wis. At the conclusion of the program the hostess Bands, Second and St. John's of Harrisburg, served refreshments after which the children formed a friendship circle and closed the Rally with song and prayer. Miss Bertha Fisher, of Second Church Harrisburg, assisted Mrs. W. W. Witman, the Classical Secretary of Mission Band in this Rally.

We are hoping that every Classical Secretary of Mission Band will find it possible to hold a Children's Rally sometime during the year. In some territories it is better to have them in the fall of the year, in others it is better in the spring. Suggestions for Rallies are sent to the Classical Secretaries in the fall. Unless the local leaders cooperate it is very difficult to arrange a Rally, therefore, we ask for your fullest cooperation.

"A Word to the Wise . . ."

One of the Classical Secretaries who has a very good report this year has made an effort to visit every Mission Band in the Classis.

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The new Mission Band at Denver, Pa., assisted in the Foreign Mission Day Service

in their Sunday School by singing two appropriate songs. Later at the World Day of Prayer Service they were asked to repeat one of these numbers.

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During these spring months many of our Mission Bands will be studying "Friendly Farmers". What a fine plan it would be if the children in the city would take a trip with their leader to the country where they could learn more of farm life. A good leader will make all the necessary preparations before starting out with the children. Perhaps a leader of a rural Mission Band could plan with her children to invite a city Mission Band to visit them and show the city children many interesting things in the country. The leader of each Band would prepare her children for such an expedition. Next year when we study "The City" the city children may arrange for the rural children to go with them on a trip visiting many interesting things in the city. May we help the children to appreciate and to share.

NEW MISSION BANDS IN FOUR OF THE SYNODS

Eastern—St. John's, Denver, Pa. Organized by Mrs. W. W. Witman and Mrs. Clarence Mohn with 11 charter members.

Fourth, Harrisburg, Pa. Organized by Mrs. Wilbur Trayer with 10 charter members.

Potomac—Zion's, Chambersburg, Pa. Organized by Mrs. Paul Stonesifer with 6 charter members.

Ohio—Paradise, Louisville, O. Organized by Mrs. John Jackson with 15 charter members.

Pittsburgh—St. Paul's, Derry, Pa. Organized by Mrs. Clarence Shaffer with 10 charter members.

Your "I-Q" for This Issue

- 1—"What a satisfying, ministering, living institution——college is". What institution and said by whom?
- 2—A play "Indians of Yesterday and Today"—by whom written? where presented?
- 3—A recent visit to Pacific Coast Churches—by whom?
- 4—What do you read of Curtiss-Colby?
- 5—The root of the trouble experienced by Mrs. Chen. Gatewoman at Yuanling—what was it?
- 6—The Chinese ambassador to the U. S. began his career—how?
- 7—Who writes "Getting Acquainted"—why was it written?
- 8—A goodly list of Life Members and Members in Memoriam—How many have we in our missionary society?
- 9—Finish the sentence—"Greater than Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin is . . ."

Worship Service for the Church School

Mother's Day

Call To Worship:

Dear Lord, in Thy name we have come this day to honor motherhood. Send upon us Thy Holy Spirit, that our hearts may be sensitive, our minds alert, our spirits humble. Give us the joy once more that we had at our mother's knees. May we, for this day at least, be as sincere as we were when we were children, and as truthful and believing as when we were with our mother. We ask it in His name. Amen.

Hymn—"Happy Home" or another suitable hymn.

Scripture Lessons: To be read by three young people.

First: Proverbs 10: 1-5; Second: Proverbs 15: 2-22; Third: Proverbs 17: 24-28.

Solo—"Little Mother O'Mine".

MOTHER'S DAY LITANY

Dear Mother, thou who, in times of anguish and pain, didst stand by us with healing-aid and comfort

We honor.

Thou who didst shelter us from summer heat and winter cold

We honor.

Thou who didst nurse us in sickness, soothe us in restlessness, encourage us when down-cast

We honor and love.

Thou who didst teach us the love of the heavenly Father

We hold in loving remembrance.

Thou who, at our baptism, didst consecrate us to the service of God

We honor and love.

Thou who, by love and gracious living, didst unfold to us the joy of the Abundant Life in Christ Jesus

We remember with loving kindness.

Thou who didst teach us how to pray

We honor.

Thou who didst understand us better than we understood ourselves, who didst forget our misdeeds in leading us to safer paths

For having had thy guidance, we thank our heavenly Father.

Prayer—Upon this Mother's Day, may we cherish, keep green our memory of her whose blood gave us life before we could breathe God's air.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

A Question—"Which Way to Paradise?"

"How shall I find it, and which way lies

The pathway leading to Paradise?"

For dark and long is the road I tread:

And its end is lost in the mists ahead.

A Mother's Answer—"Love is the Way to Paradise."

Select from the May issue of THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS three illustrations of "Love is the Way to Paradise." One might be from "A Labor of Love for Chinese People by Japanese Christians," another from "Americans in China" and a third from articles illustrating Christian Character Building among the Winnebago Indians.

Hymn—to be selected:

Closing Prayer:

Our Heavenly Father, we come to the close of our service with thanksgiving for the dearest of all Thy blessings and gifts to us—for the dear mothers whose love, of all human loves, is most like Thine own divine love.

We pray that whatever our mothers may need in body, mind, and spirit to enable them to perform faithfully their sweet and loving duties to their children may be given to them; and hasten Thou the day when all the children of the earth shall have the blessing of true Christian mothers.

Nor do we forget to remember in this our prayer our fathers and brothers and sisters, and to beseech Thee to help us all so to live that our family circles shall at the last be complete in heaven, and that we may find where God and our loved ones are our happy and eternal home.

These and all our blessings we ask in Jesus name. Amen.

—From a prayer by WILBUR F. TILLET,
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