

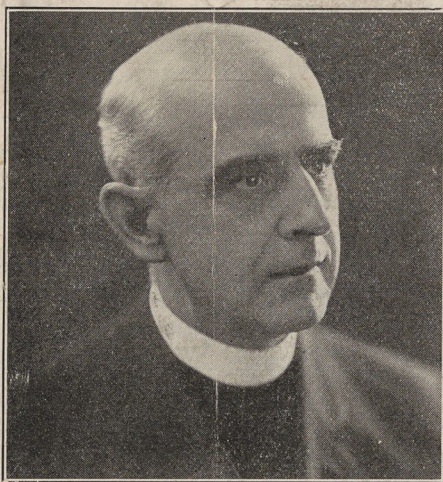


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RT. REV. J. C. MORRIS, D. D.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP-ELECT

Ancon, Canal Zone,
May 16, 1930.

The Rev. Matthew Brewster, D. D., The Rev.
Sidney L. Vail, Mr. Warren Kearny, Mr. C. V.
Porter, and Mr. Gustaf Westfeldt, Jr.
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Brethren:—

Confirming my cablegram of last night, I write to tender acceptance of my election as Bishop of Louisiana by the Council of the Diocese, notification of which was given in your cablegram of May 14.

I need not tell you how deeply I feel the honor of the election, nor how earnestly I have considered the grave responsibility which its acceptance involves. I have shared with the whole American Church, and especially with the Southern mem-

bers of it, a genuine admiration for the Diocese and the State of Louisiana, and I have shared a respect and love for your great Bishop, now called to his rest, who was a hero in my eyes since first I knew him as a lad in his classes at Sewanee. Reviewing the generations of splendid service in the past, who can guess the possibilities of the future for a Diocese so blessed with good example, if it be given leadership able to point it to its goal? One may well ask, and I am asking it every hour, Who is sufficient for these things? Yet I am resolved, God helping me, to go to you naturally, joyfully and with good courage, without too much thought of the limitations of which I am so keenly aware, assured as I am of your prayers and of your whole-hearted devotion to the Church. The prayers I hope for fervently, that He will give wisdom, vision, consecration and sufficient faith to all of us. May He bless both clergy and people, and may He use me in His and your service as He will.

If it is possible I shall appreciate it very much if the prayers can be asked of each congregation.

Mrs. Morris and I have long looked forward to a visit to Italy and England at this time and had booked passage on a steamer sailing May 21. With the help of the best advice available I have decided it will be well to sail as planned. The visit, however, may be curtailed, and I shall probably return shortly after the opening of the Lambeth Conference.

Meanwhile my address will be C/o Guaranty Trust Company, 50 Pall Mall, London, S. W. 1, and whatever correspondence is called for now I can doubtless attend to in London. I do not know whether it is expected to ask for the consent of the Bishops and Standing Committees separately or to await a meeting of the House of Bishops. In whatever way my help may be needed please command me and be assured of my wish to co-operate.

With cordial greetings, which I wish I could give in person, I am,

Faithfully yours in Our Blessed Lord,

(Signed) JAMES CRAIK MORRIS.

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Forty years ago an offering was born, an offering of the women of the Church for the work of women in the Mission Field. Gathered in little "Blue Boxes" presented every three years at the Triennial of the Woman's Auxiliary.

The story of the United Thank Offering is full of romance, from its quiet beginning through all its development, through its living actors, through all the workers in and for the Church's Mission. The United Thank Offering is the outward and visible sign of those at home, who cannot go, but by their gifts—large and small—make it possible for those who can to carry "His Message". "Gifts of Life," the greatest of all gifts—to give oneself to work for the work of the Master.

Churches, hospitals, and schools built; a Bishop's salary paid each year; retired missionaries pensioned; those sick and disabled cared for: think what is done by the thankful gifts of some of the women. I know every woman in the Church wants a share in the **United Thank Offering**, and I urge each custodian to see that every woman in her parish has a "Blue Box," that she may have a part in the prayers and gifts and joyful service.

I beg you, women, let us make this, our 1930 Offering, the largest Louisiana has ever presented. Pray ye that to our **United Gifts** shall be added our **United and Earnest Prayers** that God will put it into the hearts of many faithful women to give themselves and their substance to the work of the Master in the Mission Field.

These greetings I send you as your **United Thank Offering Custodian**.

Faithfully,
RUBY J. MERRICK.

THE BOX SUPPLY WORK

The Box Supply of the Woman's Auxiliary offers an unusual missionary opportunity to every Diocese and the parish. Not only are we given a chance to serve in a material way, but they make the service purposeful by reading and studying about the people in the various fields—their life, their problems, and their needs—and by prayer for these friends at home and abroad. The scope of the Supply Work is almost unlimited, ministering as it does to the needs of many mission stations of the Church in all parts of the world.

The appeals for clothing, etc., are sent to me in July, and I begin making the allotments to the different branches immediately, so that those who want to do summer sewing may have this opportunity. The personal boxes should be shipped before Christmas, and institutional boxes by May first. Second-hand clothing for missions should, as far as possible, be shipped in the fall.

The importance of the Supply Work cannot be too strongly stressed, as it is one of the most valuable activities of the Woman's Auxiliary. Many a missionary would have lost heart if it had not been for the timely aid of a box of supplies for his household and the re-assurance that he is not forgotten by the Church at home. Many of the little ones are made happy and comfortable by boxes of clothing so thoughtfully planned and sent out in His name, and thus learned to love and follow Him.

The Supply Work for the past year from this Diocese amounted to nearly Sixteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,600.00), with only thirty-three branches responding to the appeals. It is my earnest desire that all branches will take part in this great work, and I hope when I send your Christmas allotments they will be accepted promptly. If you cannot send all that I assign you, please send as much of it as you can. Remember that, even though your contribution is small, you may be helping some child to make the right start in life or helping some missionary to spread the Gospel.

MINNIE C. ROBERT,

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, 1930.

Instead of a report on Religious Education, a conference or outline for the year, I am going to make an appeal to the women of the Auxiliary. I could not make a report.

Mrs. Vail carried the work so splendidly up to the time of Annual and the Lenten study classes that there is little now for me to give you until we get more plans developed. This does not mean a pause in the work of Religious Education, for you already have enough to go on to keep your branches busy through the year—if you will.

You have doubtless all studied with, more or less, thoroughness (I hope no accent, anywhere, on the less) "Roads to the City of God". The strongest, most informing book we have had offered for study in years. I wish every Church man and woman could be prevailed upon to read it thoroughly. I am asking you to make an effort to see that this is done. If you have not the copies to pass around, let me know and I will try to secure them for you.

We read very boring books that are popular. I have helped discuss and have waded through dozens of "best sellers" this year—and you have done the same—that in no way compare with "Roads to the City of God" for allround information.

Whether you approve or not of all the content of the book, you cannot but be thrilled by the exalted religious position, the practical Christianity, the zeal, deep consecration and honesty of purpose that actuated the personnel of the Jerusalem Council, as brought to you in "Roads to the City of God". Of the Council Mr. Basil Matthews says, "Men in it lifted the whole issue of the Council to heights of immortal and lovely, because unconscious, heroism."

"The more frankly, then the Council faced difficulties and braved sources of division, the more triumphantly it soared above differences into a new region of unity (Unity understood as Christian understanding and fellowship, not uniformity).

"The super-human vitalizing reality of God's gift in the fellowship of Christ as a life-giving unifying power, controlled the Council. It if could so control us all, our problems would be re-solved. And undoubtedly the secret of it all lay not in the quest for unity but in the conquest of the world for Christ."

"Were it not," he says further, "for the absolute conviction that the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost are available for the Church now as in the first days of its expansion, we would be appalled at the task before us."

Women of the Auxiliary, bring the message of Jerusalem to Louisiana. That unity as referred to above means a unity in desire to solve the problems of today for which we must turn to God in prayer:

1. For a Missionary Spirit.
2. For a Spirit of Prayer.
3. For a Spirit of Sacrifice.
4. For a Spirit of Unity.
5. For a Gift of Interpretation.
6. For courageous witness in Moral Questions.
7. For a Spirit of Service.
8. For the completion of our own conversion.

Terms our Church is using daily more and more. Why not apply these to ourselves?

Women of the Auxiliary, I beg you in your homes to quietly thoughtfully read the book and assimilate its full meaning. There are, I have said, some things of which we do not all approve, but it is so full of soul-searching messages, that you must get a personal message from it. What applies to Jerusalem applies to Louisiana, and step by step through the world back to Jerusalem of 1928—back to the Jerusalem of our Lord's day.

I. And did you not in your study marvel at the great minds that were in that assembly? We looked for great theologians, metaphysicians, sociologists, psychologists, scientists, statesmen and thinkers in Europe and America, in China, Japan and India, perhaps, but the fact that they came from all parts of the globe, all races and peoples, from mission stations and indigenous churches is almost beyond belief. A stupendous triumph for the missionary enterprise of the Christian Churches of the world. Justifying absolutely missions.

II. Hence, are you not more than ever convinced of the great need to put the power of Christianity behind missions, your own power included?

III. Were you not moved to desire a greater understanding of the problems of the church?

IV. Did you not realize a need for Christianity and not for a great syncretized organization in place of the Church of Christ, or humanism, Communism, or Secularism?

V. Did you not wish for patience with and tolerance toward those whose modes are not our own;

VI. For sympathetic understanding of the ideals of the races;

VII. For the need for justice to the workers of the world;

VIII. For right adjustments for the scattered in rural districts everywhere, exploited as they are by the vendors of cheap modern novelties from lip-stick to talkies, yet who are deprived of the real things of life?

IX. Then, were you not unspeakably shocked by the growing secularism that has taken its draft not only out of Christianity but out of all the religions of the world? The facts brought out are appalling, and goad us into action—because for one thing it is so around us.

X. And, do you not realize the need for leaders—trained leaders in every line of righteous work, especially in the Church?

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JUNE.

1. Sunday after Ascension.
8. Whitsunday.
- 11, 13, and 14, Ember Days.
15. Trinity Sunday.
16. S. Barnabas.
22. First Sunday after Trinity.
24. Nativity S. John the Baptist.
29. Second Sunday after Trinity.
S. Peter.

SOCIAL SERVICE SUGGESTIONS

My dear Co-Workers:

Again let me urge you to use the Social Service
Report Blanks. Please fill them out as you do the
work and return them to me in June.

- I. **Institutional:** To visit, furnish good reading
matter, and arrange for religious services
whenever possible in institutions and prisons.
- II. **Welfare:** To provide for the needy through
the Church and various local agencies, box-
work, etc.
- III. **Case Work:** Private cases, visiting the sick,
lonely, shut-ins, and strangers.

The Social Service Funds are the same as last
year:

1. Mr. Weed's Fruit Fund—monthly or yearly
contributions.
2. Mr. Weed's Car Expense Fund—monthly or
yearly contributions.
3. Christmas Cheer Fund—Cash.
4. Easter Cheer Fund—Cash or a basket of
gifts. Contributions to any of these funds should
be sent to me, so that I may keep a record of
them.

Thanking you again for your interest and co-
operation, with all good wishes.

Sincerely,

ALICE PARKERSON.

Social Service Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, 1929.

"I press toward the mark, for the prize for the
high calling of God in Jesus Christ."

A GAIN it is my duty, privilege and pleasure
to address the Woman's Auxiliary of this
Diocese. Two years are a long time to
look forward to but a short time to look back
upon, and it is two years since you conferred
upon me the honor of serving you as your presi-
dent. I appreciated the honor then more than
words could express, I appreciate it even more
now. I pledged to you then my best efforts for
service, and with God's help, I have kept the faith.
Mine has been a happy time of service, overflow-
ing with the joy of interested planning and suc-
cessful fruition in all that has, during this period,
pertained to the progress and development of our
Auxiliary. It has been a duo-ennium of accom-
plishment made possible because of unselfish and
helpful counsel on the part of official associates
and of the members functioning through their in-
dividual Branches, for the well-being of the Auxil-
iary and through it, in no small degree for the wel-
fare of the Nation and the World. I can conceive
of no greater privilege, nor can I envision greater
opportunity for service than is found in the
Auxiliary.

From our annual reports, members of our
Auxiliary gain a comprehensive viewpoint of the
breadth of our Auxiliary's purpose and a grati-
fying and just pride as to the manner in which
aim and ideal are bearing fruition in co-operative
effort and accomplishment. It is most gratifying
to record that definite ends are being more satis-
factorily realized than ever before. During your
president's incumbency in office, she has made
an almost diocesan wide itinerary of official visits,
going to branches that have never before been
visited by a diocesan officer. The delightful
itineraries, planned by the vice-presidents, have
enabled your president to return to her desk with
definite knowledge as to the enterprise, enthusi-
asm, initiative and purposeful endeavor with
which even the smallest branches are functioning.
Her welcome has been so cordial everywhere that
the memories of these visits will always be cher-
ished ones.

Your president attended the four Archdeaconry
meetings. Not too much can be said in behalf of
these meetings, for they bring fellowship and
understanding, and confirm the mutual faith and
confidence which bind us together in ties not to
be broken—ties of fealty to a common cause and
devotion to a consummate ideal of service. Two
executive board meetings were held, these meet-
ings being marked by prayerful and thoughtful
deliberations, by spirited and friendly discussion
and by excellent business judgment. As the pre-
siding officer, I am only too happy to pay this
tribute to our Executive Board. The vice-presi-
dent of the Northern Archdeaconry planned group
meetings, when possible, of branches. The re-
sult of one of these group meetings was the re-
organization of the combined women of Mer

Rouge and Collinston. The vice-president, Mrs. Cox, and I were invited to Lake Providence to address both men and women, so one ideally hot July night, we had the privilege of giving the message of the Auxiliary to a representative group. When I finished, the rector, Mr. Holt, invited me to fill his pulpit any Sunday morning, and when I can so arrange it, I expect to comply. Tallulah was organized into a new branch. The branch at Natchitoches, under the leadership of the rector's wife, Mrs. Richard Bolton, has been reorganized, and it is indeed with mingled feelings that we welcome them back, for we know this is a strategic point in our diocese. We are indeed fortunate in having as Dean of Women in the Normal, a church woman, Mrs. Hereford. When I met with the women of Trinity Church, she invited me to address the church girls at the Normal. Dear women, the words of Rev. Mr. Glenn, National Chairman of work among college students, spoken at Synod in Columbia, S. C., came upon me with poignant force as I stood before that group of 24 young college girls. "Be sure you know your Lord, before you try to give Him to young people." If ever I prayed for God to speak through me, it was then. They met the following week and organized a Section B of Trinity Church. This I consider the outstanding accomplishment of my year's work.

With the vice-president of Central Archdeaconry, Mrs. H. Curry, we visited every branch but one. A wonderful week with the women.

Under the capable direction of the vice-president of Southern Archdeaconry, Mrs. McBride, two branches were organized at Lake Charles, Sections B and C.

The vice-president of the Eastern Archdeaconry, Mrs. Charles Griffith, has been saddened by the illness and death of her husband, but with the true Auxiliary spirit, she has taken charge of the compilation of her report. The planning of her Archdeaconry meeting was in the capable hands of Mrs. S. L. Vail. I met with four separate groups, in the day, and two at night, one the business women's group. On invitation of Rev. W. Tate Young, Mrs. Vail, Mrs. Lockhart and your president went to Hammond where we met the women of Tangipahoa Parish, giving them the Religious Educational Message, The Program of the Church, and the Auxiliary work. Fifty were present and it was indeed an opportunity to present the message that would be far reaching in effect. I attended the meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council in the Fourth Province, Columbia, S. C., a detailed account of which follows under a separate report.

Since our last annual, we have sustained the great loss of Our Father in God, The Right Rev. Davis Sessums, and as was said of the late Bishop Murray, "Today we remember and honor a beloved leader, who was in a moment translated from this pathway of shadows into the clear shining of eternal light. Set to lead and inspire the Church, he longed to make men understand how great is their privilege and obligation as sworn followers of Jesus Christ." No more beautiful tribute was paid him, than that of our beloved

editor of the woman's column of the Diocese. Another death that saddened us was that of our beloved Honorary President, Mrs. James McConnell, whose life work has ever been a beacon light to those who have followed in her footsteps, our friend, and the faithful servant of her Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. So recently now we must record the passing of another Diocesan Officer, Mrs. Walter Oser, a woman whose zeal and love for her Master was ever an inspiration to her fellow workers.

I will not make a summary of our work, that will be reported under specific heads. Has it been a year of accomplishments for our Lord? Each one must answer the question for herself. In Isaiah 32:2 we read, "Rise up ye women that are at ease: hear my voice ye careless daughters: give ear unto my speech." Let us use the means for spiritual development that are ours, prayer groups, corporate communions, quiet hours. Before us is a great task. Do you not believe that the Auxiliary was born of prayer, nurtured in prayer and is working out its destiny through prayer? And now for our adventure. We have been asked by the National Council to do a big thing educationally and practically, to help in the raising of a million and a half dollars for the Advance Work beginning this year, 1930. Let us put our wonderful organization, prayers and work behind this program.

Now and always it is my hope and prayer for our beloved Auxiliary that God will give each of us some share in working out His eternal purpose; that He will fill our weakness with His strength: that He will touch our hearts with His divine love; that He will direct our footsteps, keep us in ways that are wise and happy, and teach us to hold fast the time tested ideals cherished by our founders. May we ever be mindful that it is our duty righteously to defend our Christianity. Moreover I pray that He will help us constantly to develop our resources of mind and spirit, so that we may be broadly visioned and generous to our neighbor's point of view; bless us that we may grow in Thy knowledge and power, and enable us as members and as an Auxiliary to render now and in the years to come a finer, a better service than it has been ours in the past to perform.

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
As we gaze on His wonder and grace."

Respectfully submitted,

ELLA REW,
President.

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Field Department	\$2,000.00
Bayou Du Large Mission	700.00
Gaudet Normal & Industrial School	500.00
Corporate Gift Fund	500.00
Theological Student Fund	300.00
Student Center	302.00
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Your co-operation during the past year has been helpful and has made a real pleasure of my work.

You have your pledge slips in hand now. Please fill them out promptly, remembering both sides. The return of them at once will help all the officers, especially the treasurer.

Make your contributions as generous as you can.

Be sure that every member in your branch understands the meaning of each pledge.

Let me know if, for any reason, you have to elect new officers, sending me their names and addresses at your earliest convenience.

File this, our own number of The Diocese, for future reference.

Almighty God and Heavenly Father, help us always to remember that our work is Thy appointment, and to do it heartily as unto Thee.

Through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

EMILY HALSEY HUNT,

(Mrs. Randell Hunt)

Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF THE IDA A. RICHARDSON LEGACY FUND FOR THE YEAR 1929.

I beg to submit the following report of my Committee, as to the standing of the funds of the Ida A. Richardson Legacy.

A letter from the Executor, Mr. Shaw, written me in November, 1929, offers little hope for any further payment from the estate, except for perhaps a very small amount and that not to be looked for until after February of 1930. He quotes from her will the fact that all legacies under clause No. 7 were made with knowledge of the fact that her holdings were of such a nature that she could not be sure of what a realization of them would bring. No one legacy under this clause was to have precedence, but each to receive a ratio as funds were available to make distribution. She was not sure the full amount could be made, and it is not likely to be.

The total amount on hand at the end of the year 1929, as per advice from Miss Hewes, Treasurer, is \$1,442.44. This of course includes interest accrued, and the balance due from the Estate, if the full \$1,000.00 were to be paid, amounts to something a little over \$150.00.

MRS. A. D. McBRIDE,

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XI. And do you not feel a personal urge to contribute help in whatever way lies in your power? Not only to make the world better but America, Louisiana, your community, your home.

XII. We were not proud of the United States of America in the searching diagnosis we had to make in the study of "Roads to the City of God." It is our duty as American women and Christian citizens to face these problems courageously, praying earnestly for bettered conditions, working loyally to bring them about.

"If I had the time to find a place
And sit me down full face to face
With my better self, that can not show
In my daily life that rushes so:
It might be then I would see my soul
Was stumbling toward the shining goal;
I might be nerved by the thought sublime—
If I had the time."—(Richard Burton).
Let's take the time. Take time to present "time and talents and personality and possessions and work into the hands of the Master, where infiltrated by His Spirit, we can achieve something definite for the strengthening of the Master's Kingdom.

Get Bishop Brent's beautiful studies. We all spend money in books. Let us spend some on Religious books. We get very excited over Wells and Walter Lippman and consider ourselves "high brow" when we discuss them and fail to read Stanley Jones' "Christ of the Indian Race" and "Christ of the Round Table" that have almost revolutionized missionary thought and turned attention to home conditions.

So many excellent studies of the Bible and the Prayer Book, are to be had, in fact there is a wealth of interesting, entertaining religious literature, that one should want to read in order to be able to explain away the material running through the magazines and current literature if for no other reason. In no profession would we be ignorant. Why be uninformed about our religion?

Dr. B. Iddings Bell's "Beyond Agnosticism" is a wonderful help. "How to Understand the Gospels," by Deane, also.

At the risk of tiring you, I am going to ask you to consider those attractive studies of the Christian Nurture Series that our young folk study. "The Christian in the Community," "The Church and Her Mission" and the "Long Life of the Church." You will then at least be able to refute the assertion that Henry VIII "founded"—the Episcopal Church.

The Church Missionary Calendar, that Mrs. Wharton has handled for years, has an excellent course of Bible reading, found in fine print just above each day's thought. Use it. Then of course you should want the "Spirit of Missions." Use its up-to-date material in your meetings.

Subscribe loyally to "The Diocese," your own church paper. I will try to tell you of new books. Churchpeople should be informed and educated along religious lines. Our failure in this respect

has contributed largely to the confusion, secularism, agnosticism and humanism of today.

Women of the Auxiliary, do you realize that we are practically the only grown up group in the church, outside of the clergy, who study religious subjects? (I hope this statement is challenged). Are we to confine our study to one or two books a year in this day when the continents are ringing with the demand for religious education and the need to understand the post-war conditions? Our opportunity is great. Can we afford to neglect it? "The New Concept of Education, wrought out by a multitude of students laboring in many fields, constitutes a signal means and opportunity for the extension of God's Kingdom."

Finally, I pray that we may realize that our prayers have been feeble, our gifts unworthy, that we are just folk, but God needs your individual help and mine.

"I know of hearts that despair of help
And lives that could kindle to flame,
And I know a Name, a Name, a Name
'Twill set these lives on fire!"—(East Indian Poem).

LUCRETIA HORNER McBRIDE,

I shall publish this in part in our Annual number of the Diocese so that you may have the names of books. Please write to me for anything you want. I may not know it, but will try to find what you need. Every branch may have, without cost, a copy of The General Church Program. There is a list of books on page 151. I can furnish lists of books.

The Spirit of Missions publishes names of books in every issue, and frequently Mr. Suter's column runs a review, as does the Auxiliary page. The April number—on page 232—gives a list.

I would especially ask you to get leaflet (No. W. A. 49) Woman's Auxiliary in the "Life of the Church"—10c.

What is the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council (W. A. 56)—2c.

Your report blanks have been sent to you. Please fill out and send me one at the end of June and one in December. From them I compile a report to Annual and to National Headquarters. If you fail to report to me, our showing will be poor.

A letter has been sent you along with Bishop Burton's report and a report on the church schools of the Province—please keep them for reference.

India will be the subject for special Mission Study in 1930-1931. See—May Spirit of Missions—India with **Twelve Reasons Why**.

In order to meet the needs of more people, the plan for next year is to have more courses available; one for advanced groups or those wishing to make a more serious study of India, and one for those of less experience.

For the latter, "India on the March" by Alden H. Clark (price 60c), and for the more thorough study, "India Looks to Her Future," by Oscar M. Buck (price 60c). So be reading about India in preparation—L. H. McB.

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