

1. Barbara Joy GADD.

Home address: 8, Park Row, Bristol, 1.

Date of birth: January 23rd, 1914.

Place of birth: Bristol.

2. My father is living. My mother died in August, 1932.

3. I attended Colston's Girls' School, Bristol, from January 1920 until July, 1932. I was eighteen and a half when I left.

4. In October, 1932, I went into residence at Royal Holloway College, University of London, to which I had won an exhibition. I took the London Intermediate Arts examination in English, French, Latin, & History in June, 1933. (I had passed Bristol School Certificate, with exemption from matriculation, in 1929, & Bristol Higher School Certificate in 1931). In June, 1935, I took an Honours degree in English, with subsidiary subject French, and was placed in the Second Class, Lower Division.

I trained as a teacher in Bristol University Education Department from September, 1935, until June, 1936, when I gained my Diploma in Education, Second Class, First Division. During the Summer Term, 1936, I was also a part-time supply teacher of English at my own school, Colston's, when the Senior English mistress was Acting-Headmistress.

In the autumn of 1936 I was unemployed. For a fortnight in September I did some clerical work in the

office at Colston's for the Clerk to the Governors. For the rest of that term I went into Colston's on Wednesday afternoons to help the Librarian, who taught me how to organise a library. On Thursday mornings, I helped to give out books to the patients at Bristol Royal Infirmary, in connection with the Patients' Library. I was also a voluntary worker at the University Settlement, Barton Hill. I did various odd jobs there: helped to make costumes & dress performers for the Nativity Play, brought the card catalogue of babies at the clinic up to date and helped with a sale of work. One of the Staff taught me how to make & manipulate marionettes.

In January, 1937, I became a full-time supply teacher at St. George Secondary School, Bristol (Co-educational). I taught English mainly, some Scripture and Class Singing, & helped with the girls' hockey. I taught at St. George from January 12th - February 19th.

On April 5th, I went to France to live au pair with a French family for three months in order to become fluent in French. Actually, I came home a fortnight early for an interview.

In September, 1937, I became a resident mistress at West Cornwall School for Girls, Penzance. This is a Methodist Public School; we have about 140 pupils, including 35 boarders. I teach English from IV 6 (aged 12) to the Sixth, Scripture to IVa (for School Certificate) and IVa, & beginners' Latin. I am form mistress to IV 6, help with games, and organise the English & Fiction libraries & the School magazine.

Since my sister's marriage, in 1933, I have kept house when I have been at home.

5. I can read and speak French, and sing. I can play the piano, but only in a limited way; I can play straightforward hymns and simple accompaniments at sight, but I have to practise anything more difficult. What I have learnt, I can play from memory.

I first went abroad in August, 1931, when I visited Germany with a school party. The fortnight we spent there was divided between a village near Biers, St. Goar on the Rhine, and Aachen. In August, 1935, I spent a fortnight in Switzerland, at Lausanne. When I went to France in 1937 I spent a fortnight in Paris, and then went with the lady with whom I was staying & her two small grandchildren to her country house at Recluses, near Fontainebleau. Madame's daughter was married to a Rumanian, & both she & her husband were in business in Paris.

6. I have not had any experience of business life. The only accounts I have kept are those of the College Fiction Library, which were audited, and ordinary housekeeping accounts.

7. I was baptised at Old King Street Baptist Church, Bristol, on January 11th, 1931, by the Rev. C. S. Rudge, and was received into Church membership on April 5th, 1931.

I am now a member of Tyndale Baptist Church, Bristol, having been transferred in September last year & received in last January.

8. From about 1930 to October, 1932, I was a Sunday School teacher at Old King Street Church, & from April, 1933³³, to March, 1935, when I had to give up in order to concentrate on passing Finals, I taught in Lgham Congregational Sunday School during University terms.

I joined the Student Christian Movement on going to college and was a Study Circle leader in my 2nd & 3rd Years, and on the Committee as Study Secretary in my 3rd Year.

It has not been possible for me to do as much regular work in the Church as I should have liked, because of having to move about between one town & another; but I have tried to take such opportunities as arose of occasional service, such as reading papers or speaking at Christian Endeavour & similar meetings. In June, 1936, I took the Sunday School Anniversary services, with the help of the younger leaders of the School, and witnessed to Christ to the young people at Badcox Lane Baptist Church, Trame. I was on the Planning Committee of the Bristol League of Young Baptists in the spring of 1937. I regard my life as a teacher as my main Christian service at present.

I am a member of the Auxiliary Movement, the Institute of Christian Education, & Friends of Reunion, and have recently become a 'personal member' of the Gerts' Auxiliary.

In the interests of missions overseas, I have given & collected some money, and joined in meetings which aimed at bringing the missionary task to the fore & at widening our

knowledge of missionary work.

I cannot claim to have led any one person to personal decision for Christ, but I have tried to help people towards decision, when I could.

9. I adopted the practice of regular daily Bible reading when I was baptised. For about four years I followed the morning course of the International Bible Reading Association, also often reading on my own account. Now, I usually take a book of the New Testament and work through it. I also read in the Old Testament, especially the psalms and prophets. Sometimes I turn up separate passages for a special reason, and sometimes I follow up a subject. I keep one Bible for daily reading, and mark passages which I have found specially helpful, so that I can find them again more easily. I also have Moffatt's translation of the New Testament and of the Psalms.

Since I have been teaching, I have studied the events of the Old Testament in historical sequence, with the aid of text-books and commentaries, and the political & social background of the New Testament in greater detail.

I should add that we were given a thorough course in Scripture at School, having one lesson on the Old Testament & one on the New Testament, for the greater part of our School life, with an annual examination in each. We studied the Old Testament in chronological order from Abraham to the prophets

and some of the events recorded in the Apocrypha. In the New Testament we studied the Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, and some of the Epistles. This, together with Bible study in Sunday School & for the Baptist Union Scripture Examinations, which I took from 1922-1928, has been valuable as a basis for later study.

I have not been a member of the Home Preparation Union.

10. I have read the following:-

Religion. In 1938:

- "None Other Gods". W. A. Visser 't Hooft.
- "Jesus Christ & the World's Religions." } W. Paton.
- "Christianity in the Eastern Conflicts" }
- "Why Do Men Suffer?" Leslie Weatherhead.

In 1937: "The Church Catholic." N. Tickle.

Missions. In 1938:

- "The Church Takes Root in India." Basil Mathews.
- "Builders of the Indian Church." S. Neill.
- "Dacca, A Front-line Post." H. D. Northfield.
- "God's Candlelights." Mabel Shaw.
- "Donald Fraser." Agnes Fraser.

In 1937: "After Everest."

T. H. Somerwell.

"The Modern Missionary."

Ed. J. H. Oldham.

"A Missionary looks at his Job."

W. J. Culshaw.

"Ambassadors for Christ."

M. Cable & F. French.

"Christian Union in South India."

W. J. Noble.

History.

None.

Travel.

"Straw Without Bricks: I Visit Soviet Russia." E. M. Delafield.

Biography. In 1938:

"Elizabeth Fry, Quaker Heroine." Janet Whitney

"Autobiography." G. K. Chesterton.

"Letters to a Friend." Winifred Holtby.

"From O-Boat to Pulpit." Martini Nremöller.

"Life's Enchanted Cup." Mrs. C. S. Peel.

"Sadhna Sundar Singh." C. F. Andrews.

Poetry.

"Last Poems." Alice Meynell.

"The Zeal of thy House." Dorothy Sayers.

"Gitajali" (Trans.) Rabindranath Tagore.

Reading poetry, as well as ~~for~~^a pleasure, is part of my work as an English teacher, and I do not keep a record of all of it.

Fiction.

"Crandy Night."	}	Dorothy Sayers.
"Busman's Honeymoon."		

"South Riding."	Winifred Holtby.
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"The Diary of a Provincial Lady,"	E. M. Delafield.
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"Cold Comfort Farm."	Stella Gibbons.
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11. My thoughts are directed to India, but I am willing to go anywhere else. They were directed to India in the first place, and as I have learnt more about her, I have felt increasingly the need of the Indian people which only Christ can meet, and my love for India has grown with knowledge.
12. I have a general knowledge of the great non-Christian religions such as Buddhism & Confucianism. Up to the present, my knowledge of Hinduism & Islam in India have been gained chiefly from general reading on India. I am acquainted with the main beliefs of Islam & Hinduism; the Moslem beliefs about Allah, & the Koran, & the Hindu doctrines of reincarnation, of Karma, of the sacredness of animal life, especially of cows, & the practice of caste. I was just beginning a more careful study of these religions, when I obtained my teaching post & had much less time to give to it.
13. I wish to become a foreign missionary, because I want to serve Jesus Christ and because I believe that He has led me to offer myself for this particular form of service.
- The idea first came to me gradually in 1931 to 1932. I was then getting towards the end of my school years, and I wanted to choose the kind of work in which I could best serve Him. Especially, I felt that, as I had in many ways a wider choice of career & more advantages than some people have, I had a special responsibility. It was then that the idea of missionary service abroad first came to me. I cannot remember any definite occasion when it first came.

I grew up in a Church where the mission field was always kept in mind, and just before my baptism I had read T. B. Adam's "Story of Janet Hoare" ("The Alabaster Box"), which may have helped to direct my thinking. I considered ^{nursing} ~~nursing~~ in connection with missionary work, but it seemed quite clear that such ability as I had been given did not lie in that direction. The next step seemed to be to go to College, and when I took it I was quite sure that it was God's will for me. My first year at College, after my mother's death, was a rather confused & difficult one. By the summer, I had straightened things out, and my reconsecration was followed by a sense of renewed contact with Christ, which was a great joy to me.

The last Sunday at home before going up each term was always to me a time of dedication. The Sunday before I went up for my Second Year ended with a Communion Service. As far as I can remember, I had not been thinking specially about missionary work during the preceding weeks, yet, during this service, there came to me suddenly & clearly the sense of being urged towards missionary service. The direction was so clear that I afterwards mentioned my desire to be a missionary to my minister, Mr. Rudge. For some time, he was the only person who knew about it, & he refrained from interfering either by encouragement or discouragement.

I should have liked to have joined the Student Volunteer Missionary Union while I was at College. I did not

do so because I felt that my first duty was to my own home, and until I saw my way clearly there, I could not conscientiously volunteer for work overseas. For some time, it seemed so unlikely that I should be free to volunteer, that I purposely put the idea to one side, in case I made it difficult for God to guide me into work at home. Yet I could never hear mention of the missionary task overseas without responding with my whole being. Gradually, it came to me that I was not tied at home, if it were God's will that I should go abroad. (I am the youngest of the family. My father's own sister & brother live in Bristol, and also my sister and brother, who are both married.) In February, 1937, I joined the Student Volunteer Tirocinian Union, and the way has since cleared for me to make my purpose known at home and to offer myself to this society.

- 14 I should put humility first, because want of humility can make our witness ineffective; in so far as we thrust ourselves between Christ & the people we would lead to Him. We have this example in Jesus Himself who "being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but... took upon Him the form of a servant, and... humbled Himself." His missionaries must be servants; "we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for ~~Christ~~ Jesus' sake." Humility involves complete self-forgetfulness. It is especially necessary in India, firstly because it is one of the graces of the Indian people themselves, and, secondly,

because British missionaries to India happen to belong to the ruling nation. A missionary must go as a servant & a guest, ready to receive & learn, as well as to give & teach.

Sympathetic understanding, appreciation & imagination are also necessary. It is often difficult to understand people whose temperament & background are similar to our own; it is much harder to understand people who differ considerably from ourselves. We can help people best when we work alongside them as friends. I believe that people were drawn to Jesus when He was on earth, because they felt that He really liked them & thought a lot of them; His servants must be like Him in that. The same spirit of comradeship is necessary among missionaries working together.

A missionary must have courage, not only in emergencies but all the time - to do unpleasant jobs, to put up with difficulties & inconveniences and to see things through to the end.

I would also put common sense & a sense of humour among the essential qualities.

15. The Bible is sacred, because in it God reveals Himself to us. I do not accept the whole Bible as literally true, but I accept the whole of it as spiritually true. For example, I regard the creation stories as the mythical explanations of primitive people, but though they may be scientifically incorrect, the truth of God as Author & Creator remains. The Bible shows us a people's search for the truth about God and God's

revelation of Himself to them, culminating in the full revelation in His Son, Jesus Christ. The New Testament preserves for us the facts of the life, death, & teaching of our Lord. The Bible is a living book, the book of "the living God", & of Jesus "who liveth & was dead & is alive for evermore," and in it God speaks directly to our hearts and wills, guiding, teaching and inspiring. To the Christian, the Bible is indispensable.

I believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, who entered human life in human form; that He died for us on the Cross and rose again victorious over Sin & Death. Jesus did for us what we cannot do for ourselves: He bridged the gap between man & God made by man's sin. Only as we accept the cleansing & forgiveness and the new life offered to us in the Cross, can we approach the holiness of God and enter into eternal life.

Jesus is the Way to God & the Truth about God. In Him, we see the Father, because they are one. The Holy Spirit is the power of God at work in us & in the world.

I believe in the Church as the Body of Christ, the form through which His Spirit can work in the world and "the beloved community" of all Christian people.

It is not easy to say briefly what Jesus Christ means to me. Since I accepted Him as Lord & Saviour, I feel that my whole outlook on life has been changed, so that there is a

sharp distinction between life in Him & life without Him. I have found it true that in Him 'all things are made new.' In Him, I have a positive, joyous, victorious view of life, where alone I should be lost, bewildered & defeated. He has given me a sense of unity ^{+ purpose} in life; He has shown me something of the love & wonder & rest that lie behind the word 'God.' Each year He has widened my interests and led me more deeply into life. My relationship with Him is a personal one; I cannot resist the compelling attraction of His personality. He makes me want to serve Him. He helps me to strive to be good, because I know that He understands me, that He has been tempted as I am, that He is not over against me, but working alongside of me. I can do nothing without Him; I know that I am my own worst enemy, but that He can & does save me from myself.

I believe that Jesus Christ Himself is the message we should take to non-Christian people, so that, seeing Him in the fulness of His glory, they may be led to accept Him as their Lord & Saviour and to find wholeness of life in Him.

16. Yes. I am willing to serve as a probationer missionary.
17. 1. Rev. C. S. Rudge, B.A., 10, Beltinge Road, Herne Bay, Kent.
Minister of Old King Street Baptist Church, Bristol, 1926-1938, now
minister of Herne Bay Baptist Church.
2. Mrs. S. C. Morris, Fernshaw, 19, Elton Road, Bishopston, Bristol, 7.

Member of Old King Street Baptist Church, Bristol.

3. Mrs. Milford Kemp, Green Gables, 9, Redland Green, Bristol, 6.

Member of Old King Street Baptist Church, Bristol.

4. Gower W. Rankin, Esq., 7, Glentworth Road, Redland, Bristol, 6.

Deacon of Old King Street Baptist Church, Bristol.

Mr. Rudge has known me since he came to Old King Street Church in 1926; the last three have known me since I was born.

18 I am not engaged to be married.

Barbara Gadd.

September 11th, 1938