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Field Church Training

Burma

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After prolonged furlough during World War II, Miss Carman was getting back to her work among the Karens in Burma. "As we steamed up the Rangoon River we peered through mists for the first glimpse of Shwe Dagon Pagoda, the largest pagoda in lower Burma, built as a fortress during the British invasion."

Purma had been independent for two weeks when Charity Carman returned in November 1947. The five Bible training schools in Insein usually close in January and students go out to teach or preach, or to take charge of Daily Vacation Eible Schools. Commencement took place January 26, 1948. Only a few days later the fierce Battle of Insein began between the Burmans and Karens—just one of the battles in the tragedy of civil war. After a hurried evacuation, in which missionaries lost most of their personal possessions, relief work was the order of the day.

In the spring, Miss Carman began commuting to Insein to help begin repairs, and in July of 1949 she moved back to her house which was badly riddled with bullet holes, but the schools could not open until December. Miss Carman has been teaching parttime in both the Divinity School and the Burman Seminary although her primary task is evangelistic work in the Rangoon area.

Miss Carman's ancestors were staunch Huguenots, and her father was a Baptist pastor in Michigan. This religious heritage, growing up in a home where missionaries were frequent visitors, membership in the Nearer and Farther Lights group and a Y.W.C.A. conference while she was a freshman in college -- all these influences led her step by step into foreign service. A brother, Dr. John S. Carman, is also a missionary, serving in the Vellore Christian Medical College in South India.

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