

INTRODUCTION

A RESUME OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN THE HISTORY  
OF THE  
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION  
AUXILIARY TO THE SBC

The material in this book has been derived from the annuals of the Southern Baptist Convention and certain other sources as indicated. It is an extended index of all the actions of the Convention pertaining to the work of the Woman's Missionary Union, SBC. It also contains extensive references to activities of the Union where such activities seem to have bearing on its various programs.

As you will observe, the material is organized by calendar years. In the left-hand columns are numerous figures which are references to programs and other aspects of the Union's work. By referring to the code at the beginning of the book, it is possible to follow a single subject all the way through.

This monumental work has been prepared for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention to be used in its study of all the programs of all the agencies. The work was done by the Historical Commission, Davis C. Woolley, executive secretary. Special thanks are due to Dr. Lynn E. May, Jr., research director, who spent many months in preparation of the manuscript.

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- 1800-1812-- In the opening years of the last century, societies for the promotion of missions by women and children began to emerge. Prior to 1800 Richard Furman, pastor of First Baptist Church of Charleston, S.C., formed a Juvenile Missionary and Education Society in his church. By 1811 he had helped to form the Wadmalaw and Edisto Female Mite Society of South Carolina. The following year this Society contributed \$122.50 to missions. (Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists, II, 1507-08; A. L. Vail, The Morning Hour of American Baptist Missions, p. 94)
- 1813-1817-- Following the return of Luther Rice to America in 1813 to promote the support of foreign missions, missionary societies for women and children sprang up rapidly. By 1817 the Triennial Convention (national Baptist body) listed reports from 110 women's societies. Called female mite societies, juvenile cent societies, young ladies' mission societies, female mission societies, etc., these organizations contributed funds regularly to the support of missions. Some of them also gathered clothing and sent it to the missionaries at home and abroad. (Encyclopedia, Ibid.; Fannie Heck, In Royal Service, pp. 59ff)
- 1832 -- By 1832 female mission societies had been organized in most Southern states. Members met regularly to pray for and learn about missions. Appointment of the J. Lewis Shucks of Virginia in 1835 by the Board of the Triennial Convention to serve in China further stimulated the missionary interest and activity of women in the South. (Ibid.; Ethlene Cox, Following in His Train, pp. 35-36)
- 1840 -- The Triennial Convention gave special recognition to the contributions of the women's societies. (Encyclopedia, Ibid.)
- 1845 -- Two of the delegates who helped to organize the Southern Baptist Convention, August 8, 1845, were representatives of the "Pennfield Young Men's Missionary Society." (SBC Annual, p. 10)\*

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\* All succeeding references are to SBC Annuals unless otherwise noted

1849 -- Men delegates represented female mission societies in Virginia and South Carolina at the triennial meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. This representation was based on contributions made to the work of the two mission boards. (pp. 31, 68ff)

6 Foreign Mission Board appointed Harriet A. Baker to work in China as its first single woman missionary. This action was taken following the request of missionary I. J. Roberts for single women to serve as teachers of women in China. (1855, p. 83) This appointment further stimulated the interest and support of missions by women. (p. 51)

1851 -- Wives of the missionaries on several of the Board's fields helped to organize and conduct day-schools for the children. They also performed other missionary ministries. (pp. 22ff)

1853 -- Female Missionary Societies from First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., First Baptist Church, Baltimore and Second Baptist Church, Baltimore, were represented at the 1853 session of the Southern Baptist Convention by male delegates appointed on the basis of financial contributions to missions made by these societies. (pp. 8-9)

6 Harriet Baker terminated her services with the Foreign Board. (Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists, p. 476)

1859 -- The Richmond Female Institute Missionary Society and the Female Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of Nashville, Tenn., were represented at the SBC by male delegates. (pp. 10, 13)

1863 -- Steele Creek Female Mission Society of South Carolina was represented at the SBC on basis of financial contributions. (p. 10)

1866 -- Foreign Mission Board reported receiving \$35.00 from a 1 (b-e) "Youths' Missionary Society." (p. 69)

1868 -- Mrs. Ann Graves, mother of R. H. Graves, missionary to China, called together women attending the SBC in Baltimore for a meeting in the basement of the church to relate information about missions and to pray for missions, "This is considered the first general meeting of Southern Baptist women in the interest of missions." (Cox, Following in His Train, p. 43)

- 1869 -- Female Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of Richmond was represented at the SBC by J. L. M. Curry. (p. 9)
- 6,10
- 1870 -- The Female Missionary Society of Parkersburg, West Virginia, was represented at the 1870 meeting of the SBC by five male delegates, the largest number possible for a particular organization. (Representation at the SBC was based on the contribution of funds to the Convention: one delegate for each \$100.00; a maximum of 5 delegates.) The Female Society from Richmond was again represented at the Convention. (p. 10)
- 1,6,10
- 1871 -- The Young Men's Missionary Society of Second Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., and the Female Missionary Society of First Church of Richmond sent delegates to the SBC. (p. 10)
- 1,3,4
- Baptist women of Baltimore organized a federation of Baptist women's societies known as "Woman's Mission to Woman." This organization proposed the organization of branches in each state and missionary circles in each church to disseminate "missionary intelligence" and to pray for missions. (Encyclopedia, op. cit., p. 1507)
- 1,6,11
- 1872 -- The Convention approved the policy of the Foreign Board in "sending unmarried women . . . into the foreign fields." The Board indicated that women on the fields could best be reached by sending women missionaries into their homes. Commended the women's societies in America for organizing missionary societies to support a missionary ministry to women in foreign lands. (p. 35) The Board appointed Edmonia Harris Moon (sister of Lottie) and Lula Whilden to China. (p. 42)
- 1,10,6
- The SBC for the first time appointed a Committee on Women's Work and approved its report, including a recommendation that the delegates present at the SBC "take immediate steps to organize Female Missionary Societies in their churches." The Committee suggested that "some active, pious woman" be selected in the church "who will assemble the sisters together, and organize them for the purpose of cultivating the missionary spirit and systematic contributions." Commended the plan adopted by the women of Baltimore, Richmond and other places where families were supplied with missionary boxes into which each member of the household placed a small contribution each week. (p. 35)
- 6,11
- 1873 -- The Foreign Board appointed Lottie Moon to join her sister Edmonia in China. Missionary T. P. Crawford and others commended the work of these single women missionaries in reaching the women of China for Christ. (p. 43; Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists, p. 973)

5,11

Missionary Lottie Moon of China reported the need for \$2,000 for constructing a building in which to conduct a boarding school for girls. She declared: "The greatest blessing we can bestow upon this people is Christian education for wives and mothers." (p. 33)

The Woman's Missionary Society of Richmond brought together societies to support Edmonia Moon in China. The Richmond Society promoted the organization of missionary societies throughout Virginia. (Encyclopedia, op. cit., p. 1508)

1875 --  
1,5,10,11

The SBC appointed a committee on Women's Missionary Societies and approved its report which stated that the work of these societies in connection with the Foreign Mission Board "should be recognized and commended by this Convention." Indicated that the female missionaries in China were to a "considerable extent" supported by the gifts of these societies. Pastors were urged to encourage and assist the work of the women in their churches in their efforts to aid the cause of missions. Woman was considered as a "valuable auxiliary in this work." (pp. 17, 21, 71)

A State Central Committee was formed in South Carolina "to arouse an interest in the work among the women of the state and secure contributions." By 1876, H. A. Tupper, Foreign Mission Board Secretary, was influential in the organization of such central committees for women's work in most of the states. (Encyclopedia, op. cit., p. 1508-09)

1876 --  
1,5,11

E. T. Winkler, chairman, presented the comprehensive report of the SBC Committee on Woman's Work in Missions. Indicated plans of the Foreign Mission Board to increase the number of women missionaries since they were especially fitted to reach the women and children on the foreign fields. Committee commended the rapid increase in the number of woman's missionary societies being organized in the churches to support the above work. At this time South Carolina reported at least 68 societies, more than any other state. Similar societies were active in most of the other southern states. The Committee stated that woman's missionary societies had supported the work of the Foreign Mission Board since its beginning in 1845. (p. 16)

1,5,11

SBC approved the above committee's suggestion that "it would be a good plan to establish a female missionary society in every church, which all the ladies should be invited to join. A monthly meeting, encouraged by the pastor, and an annual meeting, with special services, would nourish its vitality. Contributions might be made either through the mite boxes which the Board furnished, or by regular amounts or public contributions. The gatherings could be divided among the objects of the Convention." (p. 16)

5,11

The women's societies raised \$2,287.50 for a mission house at Tungchow, and \$1,343.41 for a mission house at Canton, China. (p. 33)

The SBC suggested that the societies correspond with H. A. Tupper, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, regarding objects toward which their funds might most profitably be contributed. (p. 17)

1877 --  
1,12

For the first time the SBC appointed a Committee on Woman's Work for Home Missions. This committee commended the work of women in behalf of foreign missions, but stated that the committee was unaware of them making any organized effort in support of home missions. Convention approved the committee's resolution that the women in the churches be "invited and urged to co-operate with us in the work of Home missions, by such special methods of organization as they may judge wisest and most efficient." (pp. 21-22)

1,10,12

SBC Committee on Woman's Work for Foreign Missions stated that "the time may be at hand" when it will be advisable that the women "shall appoint a Central Committee to combine their efforts, to stimulate the work, and to give permanent record to their success." (p. 28)

1,6,17

Regarding the cause of women in missions, the SBC Committee stated further: "Not only are they our most effective workers, because of their greater zeal, persistency and unselfish love, but there are more of them than men. . . . they are the most available and valuable power in a true pastor's hand, for securing the aid of the men." (p. 28)

1878 --  
1,6,10,11, work  
12,15

The SBC approved the following recommendations regarding women's work (p. 32):

1. That the Boards of our Convention organize Central Committees of women in each State represented in that body.
2. It shall be the object of these Central Committees to organize Missionary Societies, and by the circulation of periodicals and other means, to cultivate the missionary spirit.
3. Each Society may decide in what direction its funds shall go--either to the Foreign or to the Home field, and to what objects to be appropriated.
4. These Societies should be auxiliary to the State Conventions, or to the Southern Baptist Convention.
5. They may select their own way to report to the Boards of this Convention, either through the Central Committee, or through their churches, or directly to the Boards.
6. We further recommend that the Boards strictly appropriate the funds these Societies may send to the objects mentioned by them; and by frequent correspondence inform the Societies of any facts of interest connected with the objects to which they have made special contribution.

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The Convention recommended to the churches the "formation of Woman's Missionary Societies." (p. 33) The Home Board appealed

to the SBC delegates "to bring the matter before the female members of their churches and urge their adoption of this, or some such plan, by which systematic and concentrated action may be secured." (p. 69)

1879 -- 10 Committee on Woman's Work stated that "while we do not approve of women's speaking before popular assemblies, or in any way usurping the duties which the New Testament imposes exclusively upon men, we yet recognize the fact that much can be accomplished for the work of our Boards through the agency of women." (p. 37)

1,10,11,  
12,15 The Convention adopted the following recommendations of this committee (pp. 37-38):

1. That two Central Committees be appointed in each state, the one for Home and the other for Foreign Missions, and that these appointments be left to our two Boards to arrange as in their wisdom may be deemed best.
2. That the women of all our churches be urged to form in each church a Missionary Society, which shall raise money and divide it between the Boards in such manner and in such proportion as may seem to them best.
3. That these societies report regularly to the two Central Committees respectively, and that these Committees report to our Boards.
4. That the special object of these Central Committees shall be to awaken the missionary spirit among the women of our churches, as well as to direct their zeal, for the extension of Christ's kingdom in the world.

1,11,12,15 Home Mission Board stated that it had during the past year endeavored to organize Central Committees for Woman's Work in the various states and through them to form Women's Missionary Societies in the churches. This Board indicated that some Central Committees and local societies confined their efforts to one area of missionary work while others combined Foreign, Home and Indian Missions in one organization. Home Board favored the latter plan. (pp. 47-48)

1,11,12,15 Foreign Mission Board reported that it regarded a separate Central Committee of Woman's Work in each state for Foreign Missions as essential. During past year the Board had led in the organization of such committees. Reported that these Central Committees and the local Missionary Societies seemed to be "opposed to any other general organizations than their present State Associations and Conventions, and the Southern Baptist Convention." (p. 53)

1880 -- 1 Forward Movement Committee of SBC commended the work of Women's Missionary Societies and urged the organization of such societies in every church. (p. 22)

1,5,11,  
12 SBC adopted a resolution requesting the State Women's Central Committees on Missions to report annually, by April 1, to the

Secretaries of the two Mission Boards which were to include the substance of these reports in their annual reports to the Convention. (p. 23)

- 1881 --  
1,5,15 Committee on Woman's Work stated that 350 of the estimated 500 Women's Societies had reported to the Foreign Mission Board. Their contributions to foreign missions totaled \$6,244.30. Recommended the formation of Central Committees in the states that did not have them. Suggested that the Foreign Mission Board consider appointing a woman to work under the Board's direction as superintendent of women's work "whose duty it shall be to collect and disseminate information, and in other ways to stimulate and strengthen woman's work for woman in mission fields . . . ." (p. 22)
- 1,11 The SBC called on pastors to "give direction and aid" in women's work; also, called on the societies to report quarterly to the State Central Committee and that the latter in turn report to the Foreign Board. (pp. 22-23)
- 12 Home Board reported that though it had received some contributions from women's societies, no general system of co-operation between these societies and the Board had been reached. (p. 61)
- 1882 -- Since only 31 of the estimated 500 Women's Missionary Societies had contributed to Home Missions during the past year, the Convention urged the Home Board to seek to bring societies and central committees into closer sympathy and more active co-operation with the Board. (p. 25) Some societies contributed clothing for use in the Board's work. (p. 43)
- 1,11,12,15 SBC suggested to the Home and Foreign Boards that they consider jointly appointing a superintendent of the State Central Committees of Women's Work to "act under the direction of both boards." (p. 25) Foreign Board, however, reported that it had not deemed it wise as yet to appoint such a superintendent, but preferred to keep the organization simple. (p. 54)
- 1,5,11 Receipts of the Foreign Board from women's societies during past year exceeded \$8,000. The Board provided State Central Committees with tracts, papers and constitution (Sample printed on p. 55). Declared that the joint object of the Board and these Committees was "to form a Missionary Society in every church, and to secure contributions from every woman of the South." (p. 38)
- 1(c-e),11 The Foreign Board reported distributing tracts and leaflets to churches, some of which were especially designed for women and children. One item was a sketch of the history and present status of Woman's Work." (p. 56)
- 1883 --  
1(c-e) SBC Committee on Woman's Mission Work emphasized the importance of women becoming "thoroughly missionary in spirit" and that they

"train the children in that direction." (p. 24)

2 Convention commended to the patronage of the churches The Heathen Helper, a missionary paper published in Louisville, Ky., by missionary-minded women in that city. (p. 24)

11 The Foreign Board in its report on Woman's Work stated that to avoid possible complications, it had adopted the following resolution:

That in considering the appointment of unmarried women as missionaries to any field, the Board will duly respect the opinions of resident missionaries in the particular field as to the need and acceptability of such assistants. (p. III)

1884 --  
5,11 Foreign Board reported that it was now represented in all the states by "carefully selected woman committees" to whom it had furnished during the past ten years 28,520 mite-boxes for the use of the women's societies. The Board spent \$733.40 on these mite-boxes but received from the societies in return a total of \$75,000 during this period. Contributions to the Board from 642 societies during the past year amounted to \$16,895.58.

1,11 The Foreign Board called on its members and agents to aid in the organization of Woman's Missionary Societies "in all our churches where such societies would be approved and fostered." (p. II)

1 Women attending the SBC in Baltimore met together in what is now considered "the first regular meeting of Southern Baptist Women." In preparation for the meeting, state central committees were asked to send formal reports of their work to Lilly Graves. Those present resolved to "make the Union meeting permanent; to meet annually during the Southern Baptist Convention; the Central Committees of the state in which the Convention is held having charge of the meeting that year." (Encyclopedia, op. cit., p. 1511)

1885 --  
10 The SBC considered the question of the eligibility of women to seats as delegates to the Convention; then, amended its constitution by striking out the word "members" from Article 3 and inserting the word "brethren." (p. 30)

5,10,11,  
12,15 Contributions to missions from the women's societies increased from less than \$4,000 in 1876 to over \$18,000 in 1885. The SBC Committee on Woman's Work declared that this work was "entitled to appropriate recognition" by the Convention. The committee reported that the Baptist women of the South seemed to be satisfied with the plans and methods of the SBC Boards (thus advocated no plans for a separate agency to appoint missionaries and distribute missionary funds). The SBC Committee further recommended the plan for a Woman's Central Committee to be "established and fostered" by each State Convention or State Association, "with the co-operation of the boards" of the SBC, thus eliminating the complications of having two central committees, one for home missions and one for foreign missions. Each

local society was asked to report the amount of their contributions to the local church as well as to the Boards of the SBC. These funds were also to be credited to the General State Convention or Association. The contributions of the societies were to be represented at the sessions of the SBC by delegates "chosen, if they prefer, by the local societies." (p. 31)

1,10,15,  
17      The SBC received and printed in its minutes the following resolutions adopted by the Woman's Missionary meeting" that was held simultaneously with the 1885 session of the SBC:

1. That it is not the desire of the Baptist women of the South to have separate and independent organization for the prosecution of Woman's Mission Work.
2. That we desire to prosecute our work directly through the churches, and to have representation in the S. B. C., through our respective State Conventions, as heretofore. (p. 34)

1,11      The Foreign Mission Board stated that "a wise foresight, quickened by experience in other parts of our country, requires that there be no further delay in aiding our sisters to give a general form to their work, best adapted to secure unity, permanence, and the greatest practical efficiency . . . ." (p. III) The Board thus sought to avoid the development of independent organizations (as had already occurred in other denominations) in which women handled their own money and appointed their own missionaries.

5,12      Home Board expressed the hope that all women's missionary societies would soon begin to make contributions to all phases of mission work. Reported receiving \$1,275.78 from the Women's Home Mission Society of Baltimore designated for the Levering School in Indian Territory. (p. XI-XII)

5,10      The contributions of the women's societies to the Foreign Mission Board amounted to one-third of all given by Southern Baptists to Foreign Missions. (1913, p. 64)

1886    --      SBC Committee on Relation of Woman's Work to the Convention stated that there was cause to "rejoice in the fact that the Spirit of God is graciously stirring the hearts of the women of our churches. . ." and that it would be for the best interest of the Convention "to encourage these godly women in all suitable ways . . ." (p. 35) The Convention called on the Boards and the pastors to assist and encourage the State Central Committees of Women's Work.

2      SBC commended to the churches The Heathen Helper, "the organ of the Women's Work of the South." (p. 35)

5      Convention commended the women of the South for contributing \$20,900 to SBC causes during the past Convention year. (p. 36) Foreign Board received over \$15,000 from this source during the past year. (p. XXII)

5,12 Home Board reported that a majority of women's missionary societies were now contributing to its work. Some of them were providing the support for a particular missionary of the Board. (p. VIII)

1,11,15 The Foreign Board interpreted the action of the Convention in 1885 as meaning that women's work had been "relegated by the Convention to the State organizations" and that this work "does not come now directly under the supervision of our Board." (p. XXII)

1887 -- Simultaneously with the 1887 session of the SBC, Baptist women 1,10,11,12 conducted the "4th Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Societies." The women present adopted three resolutions looking toward the formation of a permanent Southwide organization in 1888. First, they appointed a committee to request the State Central Committees to each appoint three lady delegates to meet during the 1888 session of the SBC "to decide upon the advisability of organizing a general committee; and if advisable, to provide for the appointment, location and duties thereof." The second resolution stated that this action was not to be construed as a desire of the women "to interfere with the management of existing Boards of the Convention, either in the appointment of missionaries, or the direction of mission work;" but it was their desire "to be more efficient in collecting money and disseminating information on mission subjects." The third resolution provided for a committee to make arrangements for the 1888 meeting. (Sketch and Constitution of the Executive Committee of Woman's Mission Societies, p. 3)

10 No report of Woman's Work was presented to the 1887 session of the SBC.

1(e) George Braxton Taylor started the Sunbeam movement in Virginia in the spring of 1887. (SBC Annual, 1889, p. III)

1888 -- 1(a,c-e), 17 The SBC voted to "encourage the formation of Woman's Missionary Circles and Children's Bands in all . . . churches and Sunday-schools for the double purpose of exciting interest in mission work and raising funds for the spread of the Gospel." The Convention left to the decision of the women whether to organize a single society for all mission causes or to organize a separate society for each. These societies were urged to use "the established channels for conveying their contributions to the objects for which they are designed." The Boards were instructed to keep their accounts so as to show the amounts contributed by the societies; also, to appropriate the designated gifts as designated. The Societies were encouraged, however, not to designate their gifts but to leave the Boards free to apply the funds where most needed. The Convention invited the societies to make annual reports to the Boards of the SBC through the State Central Committees or otherwise. (p. 14)

1 Women delegates, appointed by 12 states, met simultaneously with the SBC in Richmond, Va. Between the 1887 and 1888 meetings of the women, State Papers published numerous articles and editorials

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pro and con regarding the formation of a Southwide organization. Martha McIntosh, Alice Armstrong, Annie Armstrong and other leaders emphasized the need of a general organization for women's work and children's work. Annie Armstrong, for example, pointed out that the average per capita gifts of Southern Baptist women in general amounted to only  $2\frac{1}{4}$  cents contrasted with 37 cents in Maryland where there had been organized work since 1871. Many Southern Baptist men advised the women to proceed with forming a general organization. (Encyclopedia, op. cit., p. 1512) After considerable discussion at the 1888 woman's meeting, the delegates appointed a committee to draft a constitution. On May 14, 1888, the delegates adopted the proposed constitution and formed an organization called the "Executive Committee of the Woman's Mission Societies (Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention)" They selected Baltimore as the headquarters of the new organization. (Minutes of the Woman's Meeting, Richmond, Va., May 11-14, 1888).

1,5,10,11,  
12,15      The constitution clarifies the purpose of the new organization and its relationship to the SBC and State organizations:

We, the Women of the churches connected with the Southern Baptist Convention, desirous of stimulating the missionary spirit and the grace of giving, among the women and children of the churches, and aiding in collecting funds for missionary purposes, to be disbursed by the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, and disclaiming all intention of independent action, organize and adopt the following: (Constitution)

Article II states that the two-fold object of the Executive Committee was:

1,2,3,4,5      1st. To distribute missionary information and stimulate effort, through the State Central Committees, where they exist; and where they do not, to encourage the organization of new societies.

1,5      2nd. To secure the earnest systematic co-operation of women and children in collecting and raising money for missions. (Sketch . . . , Ibid., p. 5)

1      The new organization elected Martha McIntosh, president, ten vice-presidents (one from each state approving the new body), Annie Armstrong, corresponding secretary. Mrs. James Pollard, recording secretary; Mrs. J. T. Pullen, treasurer. Nine residents of Baltimore were elected to the local committee. (Minutes, op. cit., pp. 12ff.)

1,2,7,11,  
12      The Home and Foreign Boards agreed to pay the expenses of the Women's Executive Committee. The latter agreed to purchase prayer cards from the Maryland Mission Rooms for free distributions. Other materials were also printed and distributed. (Ibid., p. 1513)

5      Executive Committee of the Southwide W.M.S., in consultation with the Foreign Board, initiated a special offering to send a missionary to China to relieve Lottie Moon, who had been on the field 11 years

without furlough. This effort resulted in contributions from the societies totaling \$2,833.49. (This special offering for China missions, called initially the "Christmas envelope offering" became an annual event). (Encyclopedia, p. 1522)

1889 --  
1(e), 5, 6

Foreign Mission Board reported that Sunbeam work had been organized in most states. By April, 1889, there were 284 Sunbeam organizations with a total membership of 8,000 to 10,000. During the past year the Sunbeams gave over \$2,000 to missions, most of which was contributed to the Foreign Board. The Board report emphasized the potential of the Sunbeam movement for training in missionary giving, instruction in missionary work, and contributing funds for missions (called attention to what could be done if such organizations were formed in even half of the 14,000 churches). (p. III)

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In annual meeting in Memphis, the Southwide W.M.S. endorsed the recommendation: "that Children's and Young People's Bands be organized in the churches . . . also, that the Central Committees . . . push the work in the States . . ." (W.M.S. Annual, p. 25)

1, 11, 12

Mississippi and Virginia united with the general organization of Woman's Mission Societies, Auxiliary to S.B.C., bringing the total of affiliated states to twelve. There were now more than 1,600 local societies in 14 states. Foreign Board began to publish W.M.S. statistics on literature distributed, contributions made to Foreign Missions, etc. (SBC Annual, pp. 15-16) The Home Board began to include similar data in its annual report to the SBC. The two Boards continued jointly to pay the expenses of the Executive Committee of the Southwide W.M.S. (p. LI)

2, 15

W.M.S. Executive Committee reported that it had adopted a uniform method for distributing its literature through the State Central Committees. A report was given on the total number of each item distributed each year. (W.M.S. Annual, pp. 8f.)

5, 6

The mission societies contributed over \$30,700 to the Home and Foreign Boards. The Southwide W.M.S. treasurer's report listed the gifts from each state for the various mission causes which included the following: foreign missions, home missions, ministerial education, state missions, orphans' homes, church building, general missions, church aid, pastor's salary, colleges, ministers' relief fund, et.al. (W.M.S., pp. 11-13)

1, 15

The W.M.S. Annual contains a digest of reports on woman's work in each state. (W.M.S., 15-17)

5, 6

The Southwide W.M.S. voted to continue the special Christmas offering for missions in China; also to continue the special offering for home mission work in Cuba. (W.M.S., p. 20)

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The W.M.S. continued to print annual Prayer Cards for free distribution. The Cards contained "monthly presentations of Mission fields, Home and Foreign." (W.M.S., p. 21) In annual session the

W.M.S. resolved "that the first Sunday of every month and the first week of the year be observed as a special season of prayer for missions." (W.M.S., p. 27)

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The plan of work adopted by the W.M.S. called for the organization of Associational or District Committees which were to promote the formation of societies in the churches. They were to hold quarterly and annual meetings for inspirational and promotional purposes. (WMU, p. 22)\*

\*(NOTE: References to W.M.U. Annuals will hereafter be designated by the letters WMU, with page references; page numbers only will be given for references to SBC Annuals).

1890 --  
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SBC commended the close co-operation between the Mission Boards and the Woman's Mission Societies, expressing the hope "that this harmonious co-operation may never be disturbed." (p. 26) The two Boards continued to print a report on woman's and children's work as a part of the Board's report to the SBC.

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During past year the W.M.S. reported distributing over 5,000 mite boxes or barrels for collecting mission funds. The general organization sent out over 43,000 envelopes for the second annual Christmas Offering for the work in China, compared with 29,000 distributed the year before. This second offering amounted to \$3,315.26. The Foreign Board used these funds to appoint single women missionaries to work in the same area of China where Lottie Moon was stationed. (WMU, p. 11f.)

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The Home and Foreign Boards shared equally in payment of the \$500 in general expenses of the Southwide W.M.S. The Foreign Board also paid the cost of the Christmas Offering envelopes and the Home Board paid for the cost of the materials distributed to promote the special offering for work in Cuba. (WMU, p. 13)

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The Southwide W.M.S. adopted the following projects suggested by the Home and Foreign Boards: to raise funds to support the school for girls the Home Board was to establish in Cuba; to send boxes of clothing and supplies to frontier and other needy missionaries; to endeavor to raise enough money to support all the woman missionaries of the Foreign Board; to designate the Christmas offerings of 1890 to the missionaries and missionary families of North China. (WMU, p. 24-25)

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The Southwide organization revised its constitution and changed its name to Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. (WMU, p. 27)

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Many societies reported sending out "missionaries" to visit other churches and instruct the women and children in mission work and mission giving. (WMU, p. 31)

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The Woman's Missionary Union of the SBC urged workers of the mission societies "to use discretion in the employment of means for raising money, that no unchristian or questionable methods be employed . . ." (WMU, p. 32)

1891 --

5,6,11,12 SBC commended the work of the W.M.U. in raising \$15,229 for the work of the Home Mission Board and \$23,761 for the Foreign Board.

(p. 17)

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Convention endorsed the Sunbeam movement and commended the work of the women's societies with the children. (p. 17) Reported that 448 Sunbeam organizations had contributed \$4,235.25 to the Foreign Board during past Convention year. (p. II)

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W.M.U. sent missionary information conforming to the prayer card topic each month to the state papers for publication in a missionary column. The general organization also made similar contributions to the Foreign Mission Journal and Kind Words in the Woman's and Children's Department of these publications respectively. (A, III)

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Home and Foreign Boards continued to pay the expenses of the W.M.U. for clerical help, printing, postage, etc. No officer of the general organization was salaried. (p. III)

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With the addition of North Carolina, Western Arkansas, and Indian Territory, all state W.M.S. organizations in the SBC were now affiliated with the Southwide W.M.U. (A. III)

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Women's societies reported supporting twenty girls, at \$120 each, in the girls' school in Cuba. (WMU, pp. 10-11)

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The W.M.U. stated that its "approved policy" was "to utilize existing agencies, which neither increases expense nor responsibility . . ." In line with this policy it was using established channels of communication such as state papers, Board periodicals, etc. Missionary information for publication was sent monthly also to four woman's papers: the Baptist Basket (Ky.), The Interchange (Mo.), Missionary Talk (N.C.), and the Texas Worker. (WMU, p. 12) The W.M.U. continued to use space in the Mission Rooms in Baltimore which belonged to the Maryland Baptist Union Association. (WMU, p. 19)

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Projects approved by the W.M.U. included: raising funds for building chapels on home and foreign mission fields, continuing projects approved in earlier years (Christmas Offering, for example, was again to be dedicated to increasing the missionary force in North China). (WMU, p. 20)

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W.M.U. called on the women of the South to enlist and train both children and young people in "mission effort." (WMU, p. 21)

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At the request of the SBC, the W.M.U. agreed to participate in the Centennial of Missions in 1892. Funds were to be collected for a special chapel fund. (WMU, p. 23)

- 10,11,12      Woman's Missionary Union again adopted a Plan of Work which stressed "the importance of loyalty on the part of Central Committees and Woman's Mission Societies, to the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention and their own State, or Convention, Boards" and also urged the Central Committees and Societies "to take great care to consult the wishes of these Boards before adopting special objects for their contributions." (WMU, p. 24)
- 18      The W.M.U. adopted a resolution pledging its support to the temperance movement. (WMU, p. 27)
- 1892 --  
5,10      SBC approved and commended the plan devised by the W.M.U. of using chapel cards and certificates in the effort to raise money for the Centennial Fund. (p. 13)
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7      The Convention commended the W.M.U. for its work during the last five years and for the women's contributions to missions which totaled over \$44,000 during past year, at an expense of only \$1,362 to the two Mission Boards for operating expenses of the W.M.U. The SBC urged "the expansion of woman's work to the utmost within scriptural limitations." (pp. 31-32)
- 2,3,4,5      Woman's Missionary Union reported to the SBC: Letters written, 4,077; Postals written, 348; leaflets, pamphlets, etc., distributed 112,553; Christmas envelopes, 58,892; chapel cards, 24,624; prayer cards, 20,390; mite boxes or barrels, 7,748; centennial certificates, 7,574. Within the first four years the Christmas offering totaled \$15,500. (p. XX)
- 6,11,12      The W.M.U. voted to accept the challenge of the Foreign Board that the Women's Missionary Societies seek to support the 54 women missionaries of the Board at a cost of \$32,400 annually. Also voted to make "moneyed contributions (through the Home Board) for the support of missionaries and their families on the frontier and elsewhere." (WMU, pp. 14,18)
- 5      On recommendation of the Foreign and Home Mission Board the W.M.U. pledged its support in the effort to raise a Centennial Fund of \$125,000 to be used for chapel building, Bible translation, and permanent work of the Foreign Board; and \$125,000 for chapel construction by the Home Board. (WMU, p. 20)
- 4      In January the W.M.U. sponsored a southwide week of prayer for the cause of the Centennial movement. (1893, p. 19)
- 5,11      The W.M.U. adopted the Foreign Board's recommendation that the Christmas offering for 1892 be used to increase the missionary force in Japan. (WMU, p. 21)
- 1      Miss M. E. McIntosh, who served as president of the W.M.U. from 1888 to 1892, declined re-election. The W.M.U. commended her leadership. Miss Fannie E. Heck of North Carolina was then elected president. (WMU, pp. 25-26)

1(b-e)      The W.M.U. approved a plan of work which called for the State W.M.U. vice-presidents to select a woman in each church for organizing Children's Bands. Also, the Societies were urged to teach the foreigners and the colored women in their communities. (WMU, p. 26)

1893 --      A detailed report of the activities of the W.M.U. in co-operation with the Centennial Movement was adopted by the Convention. (pp. 19-21)

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10,11,12      Report on Woman's Work adopted by the SBC stated that the "aim of Woman's Missionary Union from the outset has been in purpose and in fact to be auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. Its work along Home and Foreign Mission lines has been suggested to them by the respective Boards, and performed by the Union as nearly as these wishes have been understood." (p. 26)

5,6      Prior to 1888 Southern Baptist women raised for missions a total of \$137,368. Since 1888, the Woman's Missionary Union had raised \$89,544 for Home Missions and \$139,109 for Foreign Missions, making a total of \$228,654 for the past five years. (p. 26)

2,7      Literature distributed by the Union doubled that of the previous year. The number of letters increased from 4,077 to 17,718. Yet the expenses of the W.M.U. increased only \$234.33. The officers and many other workers served without pay. (p. 27)

1(e)      By 1893 Sunbeam Bands or Societies totaled 526. The Sunbeams contributed \$4,783 to foreign missions during the year. (p. III)

2,3      Home Board emphasized the importance of the women's work through distributing missionary literature and missionary education. (p. LXI)

2,13      S.S. Board, at request of the W.M.U., began to send a copy of all of its S.S. publications to the home and foreign missionaries. (WMU, p. 13)

3      Women's societies enlarged their mission activities among the Negro women (mothers' meetings, sewing schools, etc.) and among foreigners. (WMU, p. 14)

1(e),2,12      Woman's Missionary Union began to publish leadership materials for Sunbeam leaders in the W.M.U. monthly department in the Foreign Mission Journal. (WMU, p. 14)

3,13      The W.M.U. adopted a recommendation calling for steps to be taken toward the universal observance of an annual Mission Day in Baptist Sunday schools. (WMU, p. 22) The first Missionary Day was observed in the Sunday schools in October. In co-operation with the S.S. Board the W.M.U. prepared the programs and sent them to the Sunday schools. (1894, p. VII)

4      The first week in January was designated by the W.M.U. as a week of prayer for missions. (WMU, p. 26)

1894 -- S. S. Board agreed to take charge of promoting Missionary Day in  
5,13 the Sunday schools, with the assistance of Woman's Missionary Union.  
 (p. 21)

5,6,11,12 Whereas the W.M.U. contributed most of its gifts to foreign missions in earlier years, its contributions to the two Mission Boards by 1894 were similar: \$21,613 (including value of boxes of clothing, etc.) to Home Board and \$23,514 in cash to Foreign Board.  
 (p. 28)

6,17 The W.M.U. stated that one of the objectives of the Societies in the churches should be "to enlist each church member as a regular subscriber to missions . . . ." (WMU, p. 23)

5 At recommendation of the Foreign Board, the Christmas Offering for 1894 was designated for strengthening the work in China. (WMU, p. 25)

1,16 The Associational Vice-President or District Committee plan was again recommended by the W.M.U. for organizational and promotional work in the churches. (WMU, p. 25) State Central Committees were urged "to push the work of organizing until every District Association has an Auxiliary Society, co-operating with the State organization . . . ." (WMU, p. 29)

5,11 At the request of the Foreign Board, the W.M.U. agreed to seek to raise \$5,000 over and above regular gifts between May and August to aid the Board in paying off its debt. (WMU, p. 28) This effort yielded an offering of \$5,497. (1894, p. 43)

2,13 On recommendation of the S. S. Board, the W.M.U. called on the Woman's Mission Societies to aid in securing the patronage of the Sunday schools for the publications of the Board. The Union continued its work of enlisting subscriptions for the publications of the Home and Foreign Boards. (WMU, p. 29)

1 Mrs. Abby Manley Gwathmey of Virginia succeeded Miss Fannie Heck as President of W.M.U. (WMU, p. 32)

1895 -- 5,13 S. S. Board commended the women for their aid in promoting Missionary Day in the Sunday schools which during past Convention year resulted in an offering of \$5,800 for missions. (p. 27)

5,12 Responding to the needs of the Home Board, the W.M.U. instituted a "week of self-denial" and special offering which resulted in the contribution of \$5,000 over their regular gifts to the Board. (p. 43)

1,2,10 SBC Committee on Woman's Work commended the W.M.U. for its effective work and its loyalty to the Convention. The SBC approved recommendations that pastors "give not only appreciation, but help in the organizing and conducting "of women's work; that the churches co-operate in the W.M.U. project of preparing boxes for frontier missionaries; that "pastors and churches supply themselves with

missionary libraries composed of the complete publications of the Mission Rooms in Baltimore." (p. 44)

6,11 In some states, individual missionaries of the Foreign Board were supported by societies pledged to their support. (p. V)

7,13 Annual reports were made by the W.M.U. to the Home, Foreign and Sunday School Boards, which in turn paid a share of the operating expenses of Woman's Missionary Union. The Sunday School Board paid \$200 to the W.M.U. Executive Committee for work done in the interest of the Board. The Home and Foreign Boards each continued to pay half of the general operating expenses of the Union. The W.M.U. Executive Committee maintained a missionary page in the S.S. periodical Kind Words; sent clippings for use in the Young People's Leader; secured the material for the "Young People's Scripture Union," (daily Bible readings with comments) in Kind Words. (p. LXXXI)

4,5 The Executive Committee of the W.M.U. expressed the need for a more accurate reporting of receipts from the Christmas Offering and other special offerings. Reported receipts for the Christmas offering, given during Week of Prayer held the first week of January, amounted to \$3,454.73. (WMU, p. 14) This Week of Prayer was devoted to both home and foreign missions. (1896, p. V)

6,11 Total W.M.U. gifts to foreign missions amounted to almost \$25,000, about \$5,000 short of their goal of \$30,000 required for the support of all women missionaries. (WMU, p. 14)

1 Eight states reported 1,666 Women's Societies and 313 Sunbeam Bands. (WMU, p. 16)

9 In annual session, the W.M.U. expressed appreciation to the president of the Baptist Training School for Christian Workers in Philadelphia for the invitation to W.M.U. workers "to avail themselves of the privileges of the institution until they shall have a training school of their own." (WMU, p. 26)

5 W.M.U. again recommended that the Societies observe a week of self-denial to increase their gifts to missions. (WMU, p. 29)

1,17 The plan of work adopted by the W.M.U. called for continued emphasis on "fact of the dependence and subordination of the Woman's Mission Societies on and to the local church . . ." (WMU, p. 34)

1 Miss Fannie Heck was again elected president of the W.M.U., succeeding Mrs. A. B. Gwathmey. (WMU, p. 32)

1896 -- 2,3,6 Funds raised for home and foreign missions by the W.M.U. exceeded \$56,300. The SBC expressed appreciation for these gifts, but also emphasized the importance of their work in missionary education. Since 1888 the W.M.U. had distributed over one million leaflets, a half million Christmas envelopes, 130,000 prayer cards, 140,000 brick cards, and more than 25,000 papers. (p. 31)

- 1(e) Responsibility for promotion of Sunbeam work, under the direction of George Braxton Taylor, Jr., since its beginning, was transferred by the Foreign Mission Board to the Woman's Missionary Union. During the past eight years the Sunbeams had contributed almost \$26,000 to missions. (p. IV)
- 4,5,11,12 For the first time, W.M.U. contributions to home missions (\$33,542 including boxes) exceeded the gifts to foreign missions (\$22,799). The 358 boxes of clothing, etc., sent to frontier missionaries accounted for \$21,475 of the total gifts to home missions. (p. 31)
- 7,13 S.S. Board contributed Bibles to aid the work of the Woman's Missionary Union among the emigrants in Baltimore. The Board continued to contribute \$200 annually toward the general expenses of the W.M.U. (p. LXXVI)
- 14 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary began to devote one of its missionary days to the work of Woman's Missionary Union, "thus acquainting the students with the results of woman's work and disarming the possible prejudice against it . . ." (WMU, pp. 18-19)
- 13 At the request of the S.S. Board, the W.M.U. began to aid the Board in introducing into the churches the Home Department of Sunday school work, a new feature designed to carry Bible teaching into the homes to reach those who cannot attend the school on Sunday. (WMU, p. 25)
- 1(a) To secure funds for expenses of the Central Committees, the W.M.U. recommended that the State Societies devise ways of securing a fund. One method suggested was that the Nickel Fund (five cents a year from each member) be utilized. (WMU, p. 27)
- 5 Recommendation of Home Board that the W.M.U. observe the Week of Self-Denial, in the interest of Home Missions, was adopted by the Union. (WMU, p. 29)
- 6 The W.M.U. suggested "apportionments" for each state toward a Convention-wide W.M.U. goal of \$30,000 for Home Missions and \$30,000 for Foreign Missions were made by the Union in annual session. (WMU, p. 39)
- 1897 -- Report on Woman's Work to the SBC indicated that about one-sixth of foreign mission and one-third of home mission receipts of the Convention Boards came through the Woman's Missionary Union. In its function as an agency for the distribution of missionary information and collection of funds, the W.M.U. spent only \$1,855 for printing, clerical work, postage, supplies, etc. (p. 25)
- 1,18 SBC commended the work of the Woman's Missionary Union among the Germans in Baltimore and Louisville, their work among other foreign people in other cities; and their work among the Negroes. Women's societies were urged to organize missionary societies among the colored people to get them to send out their own missionaries. (p. 26)

- 7,13 The W.M.U. women in Baltimore were conducting five industrial schools for Negro women and children, at a cost of only \$50 to the Home Board. (p. LXXVI)
- 5,11,12,13 Receipts from Missionary Day in Sunday schools, jointly promoted by the S.S. Board and W.M.U., were divided equally between the Home and Foreign Boards. (p. LXX)
- 1(e) Acting under the recommendations of the Foreign Board, Sunbeam work was "taken under the watchcare of Woman's Missionary Union." (WMU, p. 15)
- 4,12 W.M.U. approved a recommendation that in addition to the Week of Prayer in January for "the work and the workers," one week in the year be observed "with special prayer and gifts for the needs of the Home Board." (WMU, p. 28)
- 1(c-e),2 As a regular part of its work the W.M.U. voted to prepare literature for the "training of leaders for Mission Bands and Sunbeam Societies." (WMU, p. 32)
- 13 S.S. Board called on Woman's Missionary Societies to help conduct and promote B.Y.P.U. work. (WMU, p. 32) S.S. Board requested the societies to send boxes of clothing to S.S. missionaries. (WMU, p. 33) During the following Convention year, ten boxes were contributed. (1898, WMU, p. 20)
- 1898 --  
5,6,11 During its first ten years of work, the W.M.U. raised \$240,778 for foreign missions, including \$40,034 through the Christmas offering. (p. VI) Total gifts to home missions amounted to \$227,057, including supplies sent to missionaries valued at \$108,044. (p. LXXIII) Grand total gifts for the ten years was \$468,859. (WMU, p. 55)
- 4,5 For the first time, materials for a special program of daily meetings during Self-Denial Week were prepared by the W.M.U. (p. LXXIV)
- 2,12 Home Board gave the W.M.U. a department in Our Home Fields. The Union issued 18 publications during the year; also, continued to promote the circulation of the periodicals of all three SBC Boards. (p. LXXIV; WMU, p. 22)
- 5,13 Contributions made through the W.M.U. to the S.S. Board's Bible Fund and Bible work increased as the women and children enlarged their efforts in this project. (WMU, p. 28)
- 1,15 The plan of work approved by W.M.U. called for State Conferences, and conferences of State Secretaries, to be held in connection with the Annual Meeting of W.M.U. (WMU, p. 35)
- 1(c-e),5 Children's Day in June was inaugurated as an annual observance during which an offering was received for the S.S. Board's Bible Fund. W.M.U. co-operated with the Board in promoting this event. (WMU, 1900, p. 13)

- 1899 --
- 2      SBC praised the women for their "wise and discriminating . . . distribution of large quantities of excellent missionary literature" which "materially aided in crystallizing our present missionary sentiment." During past year the W.M.U. distributed nearly 250,000 pamphlets. (p. 24)
- 1(e)     Children in Sunbeams and Mission Bands were urged to correspond with children of missionaries on the fields. (WMU, p. 22) The W.M.U. joined the S.S. Board in promoting Children's Day in Sunday school toward securing contributions for the Board's Bible Fund. (WMU, p. 23)
- 6,12    Home Board recommendation that the W.M.U. seek to raise its goal of cash contributions from \$15,000 to \$20,000 was approved by the Union. (WMU, p. 35)
- 6       The plan of apportioning money asked by the Home and Foreign Boards, among the different states, was again adopted. (WMU, p. 40)
- 1(a-e)   Woman's Missionary Union recommended "a graded system of mission societies" in the churches: "Baby Bands, Sunbeam Bands of girls or boys, Young Ladies" Societies, and Ladies" Societies." Suggested that these societies should "convey the idea of progress in missionary information and zeal" with provisions for advance from one grade to another. (WMU, p. 40)
- 1,15,16   W.M.U. recommended that Women's Missionary Meetings be held at state conventions or associations; also, that fifth Sunday or quarterly associational meetings be conducted. (WMU, p. 40)
- 1       Miss Fannie E. S. Heck was re-elected president of the W.M.U., but she declined to serve another term. The Union then elected Mrs. C. A. Stakely as president.
- 9       E. Z. Simmons, missionary to China, proposed to the Foreign Board that a school for training women missionaries be established in close relationship with Southern Seminary. (Correspondence file, Carver School)
- 1900 --
- 10      SBC requested the W.M.U. to co-operate closely with the joint Committee on Co-operation appointed by the Convention Boards to promote a Centennial Offering and to promote increased giving by the churches to missions. (p. 23)
- 5,11,12,13   Through the "instrumentality of Woman's Missionary Union" the Foreign Board inaugurated an Annuity Fund. A W.M.U. worker made the initial donation of \$4,000 for this purpose. An Annuity Gift of \$4,000 was also given to the Home Board, and an Annuity gift of \$1,000 was given to the S.S. Board from the same source. The W.M.U. called on the societies to promote this type of contributions among their members. Total gifts of W.M.U. to the Foreign Board totaled \$31,757, exceeding \$30,000 for the first time. The Christmas offering amounted to \$5,309. (p. 63)
- 1(e)     The W.M.U. reported that the "Babies' Branch of W.M.U.," a new feature of work, was meeting with approval among the societies. (WMU, p. 13)

5,12 At request of the Home Board the W.M.U. agreed to help raise funds for the Board's Church Building Loan Fund. The Board also asked the women to support its mountain school work. (WMU, p. 22)

5,11 Foreign Board approved the plan adopted by some societies to raise enough funds to support one native preacher or teacher on the foreign field. (WMU, p. 29) W.M.U. adopted a goal of 100 such societies. (WMU, p. 35)

1 W.M.U. again called for the establishment of a "graded system of missionary societies." (WMU, p. 35)

Officers of the W.M.U. of the SBC aided the Negro Baptist women in organizing a Woman's Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention. (WMU, 1902, p. 16)

1901 -- 7 S.S. Board increased its annual appropriation to the expenses of the W.M.U. from \$200 to \$400. (p. 175)

1(a-e),5 The SBC praised the W.M.U. for raising a total of \$88,262 in cash and supplies for SBC causes during the past year. The 600 new bands and societies reported brought the total number to 5,600 organizations. (p. 42)

11,12 W.M.U. continued to correspond with the women missionaries of the Foreign and Home Boards, acquainting them with the work of W.M.U. and requesting from them reports on their work. (p. 65)

2,12,13 The Convention authorized the Home and Sunday School Boards to accept joint ownership of the Baptist Mission Rooms in Baltimore, which was offered to the SBC. Heretofore the Mission Rooms had largely been under the control of the Maryland Baptist Union Association. The Woman's Missionary Union continued to manage this self-supporting enterprise for the production and distribution of missionary literature. The SBC renamed the Mission Rooms as the Mission Literature Department of the Southern Baptist Convention. (pp. 33, 138)

5 The W.M.U. Corresponding Secretary called on W.M.U. members to adopt a systematic, proportionate plan of giving and thereby increase their gifts to missions. (WMU, p. 10)

5,12 The \$3,500 raised by the W.M.U. for the Church Building Loan Fund of the Home Board provided the foundation for the initiation of this work by the Board during the past year. (WMU, p. 12)

10 At the invitation of the SBC, the W.M.U. participated in the planning and promotion of the New Century Movement. Special emphasis was given to the organization of new societies. (WMU, pp. 12-13)

1 W.M.U. endorsed a plan for the establishment of "Mission Home Departments" to enlist persons in W.M.U. work who cannot attend regular W.M.U. meetings. (WMU, p. 43)

- 1902 -- Corresponding Secretary Annie Armstrong reported traveling over 10,600 miles in the interest of mission work during the past year, visiting 68 places. (WMU, p. 16)
- 5,18 W.M.U. raised \$250 for the SBC Home Board to contribute to the National (Negro) Baptist Convention's Home Mission Board for the employment of two Negro women to work among the women of the National Convention. (WMU, p. 17)
- 11,12 Home, Foreign and Sunday School Boards continued annually to make recommendations to the W.M.U., suggesting financial goals, activities, special projects, etc. The W.M.U. continued to pledge its support to the Boards and to approve the recommendations and to adopt measures to accomplish the objectives set forth. (WMU, pp. 33ff)
- 4,5 W.M.U. approved recommendations emphasizing the importance of observing the Week of Prayer for Missions in January, along with the Christmas Offering for foreign missions; the Week of Prayer for Missions in March, along with the "Self Denial or Thank Offerings" for Home Missions. (WMU, p. 41)
- 8 The Woman's Missionary Union voted to seek to "secure homes for children of such missionaries as have no relatives to whose charge they may be committed, when it becomes necessary for parents and children to be separated in order that the latter may have educational advantages." (WMU, p. 43)
- 2 Women's Societies were encouraged by the W.M.U. to secure subscriptions to the publications of the SBC Boards; also to devise plans for establishing missionary libraries in the societies and the placing of missionary books in Sunday school libraries. (WMU, p. 43)
- 1,11,12 W.M.U. approved a resolution stating: "'Woman's Mission to Woman' is the fundamental purpose of all our organizations . . ." (WMU, p. 46)
- 9 Trustees of Southern Seminary established a "Woman's Training School" in connection with the Seminary at Louisville. (SBC, 1904, p. 5)
- 1903 -- At the request of the W.M.U. the SBC appointed a committee to confer with a committee of the Union "to consider the advisability of establishing a Missionary Training School for Women." The committee was to report back in 1904, with recommendations on location, operation, etc., if they favored such a school. (pp. 12-13)
- 7 Expenses of W.M.U. amounted to \$3,162. The Home and Foreign Boards each contributed \$1,400 and the S.S. Board \$400 to the W.M.U., plus the cost of the Christmas Offering literature (paid by Foreign Board) and the Week of Self Denial literature (paid by the Home Board). The W.M.U. Secretary's traveling expenses increased the general expenses of W.M.U. materially. No officer was salaried. (WMU, p. 16) However, the Foreign Mission Board recommended to the Executive Committee of the W.M.U. that the Corresponding Secretary be

paid \$750 annually as "some compensation for her services after the arduous toil that she has put upon the work for so many years." The three Boards pledged to provide the funds for this salary appropriation. The W.M.U. in annual session considered this matter and approved a motion "that a salary be paid to the Corresponding Secretary." (WMU, p. 23)

4 On recommendation of the Home Board the name of the Week of Self Denial and Thank Offering was changed to "The Week of Prayer and Special Effort for Home Missions." (WMU, p. 27)

5 W.M.U. adopted the recommendation of the Home Board that the Women's Societies seek to raise \$20,000 for the Board's Church Building Loan Fund as a memorial to I. T. Tichenor, former Secretary of the Board. (WMU, p. 27)

1 Mrs. J. A. Barker of Virginia was elected to succeed Mrs. Charles A. Stakely as President of the W.M.U. Miss A. W. Armstrong was re-elected as Corresponding Secretary. (WMU, pp. 39-40) In view of the desire of W.M.U. workers to attend the sessions of the SBC, the Union voted to open its session a day earlier than the Convention, holding W.M.U. sessions Thursday, Friday, and Sunday (afternoon). (WMU, p. 43)

1904 --  
5,6 SBC committee stated that the W.M.U. had made encouraging progress toward its \$20,000 goal for the Tichenor Memorial to be contributed to the Church Building and Loan Fund; also indicated that the women had raised \$2,000 for the construction of the Williams Memorial Home in China. (p. 39) Cash and supplies contributed by the W.M.U. during the past year totaled \$112,042, exceeding one hundred thousand for the first time. (p. 40) These gifts included almost \$11,000 for the Christmas offering.

9 Special committee on a training school for women reported finding that Southern Seminary had a training school for women in connection with its work, established in 1902. In view of this fact, the SBC voted to leave the subject of a training school to the Seminary "for the present." A resolution was then approved that called on the Seminary for "the further enlargement and better equipment of this department as the needs may demand and as the means in hand may justify . . ." (p. 5)

1,7 The W.M.U. reported that during the past year, "the salary for Corresponding Secretary, Woman's Missionary Union, was declined" by Annie Armstrong. (p. 68) The W.M.U. again voted to pay a salary to Miss Armstrong, but yielded to her wishes when she declined to serve if a salary was paid. (WMU, pp. 40-41)

2 The Mission Literature Department, SBC, under management of the W.M.U., issued 284,300 copies of 67 publications. The work continued to be self-sustaining through sale of literature. (p. 146) The W.M.U. Executive Committee reported publishing 42 different W.M.U. publications. (WMU, p. 14)

1,12 Corresponding Secretary of the W.M.U. reported that the Secretaries of the Home, Foreign, and S.S. Boards visited the W.M.U.

headquarters each year to consult with W.M.U. leaders about their mutual mission interests, to plan co-operative endeavors, etc. (WMU, p. 23)

2,13 Sunday School Board asked the W.M.U. to sell 1,000 copies of the missionary biography published by the Board: Story of Yates the Missionary; indicated that the book would do much to stimulate missionary spirit and giving. (WMU, p. 37)

7,8 An anonymous gift of \$10,000 was made by a woman to the W.M.U. to be used in establishing a home for the children of SBC missionaries and as a temporary "rest" for the missionaries. The W.M.U. accepted the gift and elected an Advisory Board consisting of one member from each state and territory. This Board was authorized to appoint a Local Board. The two Boards were jointly to serve as a Board of Management. The W.M.U. was to maintain control of the Home for Missionaries' Children, but the Union vested in the Board of Management authority for management of the Home. The Advisory Board was authorized to establish the Home, formulate rules and regulations for internal control, and to take steps to secure support for the Home. (WMU, pp. 47-48)

1905 -- 9 W.M.U. commended the work of the Louisville women in providing a home for women students in training at the Seminary and asked Baptist women of the South to investigate this work and come to the 1906 meeting to decide "whether the W.M.U. shall undertake the work of sustaining the home." (WMU, pp. 40-41) The SBC commended the work of the Training School operated in connection with Southern Seminary; urged Southern Baptists to support this institution and the home for women students maintained by Louisville women. (p. 24) The SBC also endorsed the work being done "in the Baptist Women's Missionary Training School located in Dallas, Texas, now in successful operation. . . ." (p. 45)

8 Woman's Missionary Union reported that it had purchased property in Greenville, S.C., for the "Margaret Home for Missionaries' Children." Furman University and Greenville Female College offered scholarships to meet the needs of children in the home. The house was open to the children of missionaries of both home and foreign missions. (p. 42) The above name for the home was selected at the request of the donor of \$10,000 toward the establishment of the home. (WMU, p. 15) The Home was formally opened Nov. 19, 1905. (WMU, 1906, p. 20)

4,12 Home Board requested the W.M.U. to raise \$3,000 for equipment needed in its mountain school work. Also requested help for schools in Cuba. (WMU, p. 27)

1,18 Woman's Missionary Union approved a recommendation that it be incorporated in order to "facilitate receiving large gifts through legacies or otherwise, thus preventing loss to the cause of missions . . . ." (WMU, p. 45)

1906 -- 5,6 Cash contributions of Woman's Missionary Union for SBC causes exceeded \$100,000 for the first time: foreign missions, \$62,719.70; home missions, \$37,391.50; S. S. Board (Bible Fund), \$304.16;

Margaret Home, \$3,186.54; total of \$103,611.90, an increase in regular contributions of \$25,000 over previous year. Value of missionary boxes added another \$50,000 to the total contributions for the Convention year, 1905-06. (p. 37) Gifts to foreign missions alone during past 18 years totaled \$1,285,881. (p. 76)

1,18 Annie W. Armstrong resigned as Corresponding Secretary of the W.M.U. after serving, without salary, for 18 years. The W.M.U. and SBC both highly commended her significant contribution to the work. (p. 38) The W.M.U. approved a salary of \$1,000 per year for a Corresponding Secretary. The person elected to succeed Miss Armstrong declined to serve.

2,10,15 Literature Department of the SBC (formerly Maryland Baptist Mission Room, managed by the W.M.U.) was discontinued and its assets returned to the Maryland Baptist Union Association, with the suggestion that the latter commit these assets to the Woman's Missionary Union, "in trust, for the continuation of this work. . . ." (p. 38)

5 W.M.U. sought to raise the funds needed by the Foreign Board for its hospital at Yang Chow, China. (p. 76)

2,3 The Union approved committee recommendations that the W.M.U. publish several series of programs and mission study courses for the use and study of Mission Bands, Sunbeams, and leaders of children's societies. (WMU, pp. 30-32)

8 A constitution for the Margaret Home was adopted; each state was asked to raise a specified sum for the support of the Home. (WMU, p. 43)

9,14 W.M.U. received a request from Southern Seminary that the Union aid the Seminary in its training school work. A committee was appointed by the W.M.U. "to consider the advisability of establishing a Woman's Missionary Training School in Louisville as soon as the constitution will admit of it." (WMU, p. 49)

4,5,15 W.M.U. recommended that in addition to the weeks of prayer for foreign missions and home missions, "that each State shall observe a week of prayer for State Missions, programs and time being provided by each state to meet its own needs." (p. 50)

1,18 Upon the retirement of Mrs. J. A. Barker, the Union again elected Miss Fannie Heck as W.M.U. president. (WMU, p. 48)

2 Under the leadership of Fannie Heck, the W.M.U. began a quarterly periodical entitled Our Mission Fields. This publication contained a program for each monthly meeting. (1907, p. 77)

1 Miss Elizabeth H. Poulsen of Baltimore was appointed by the W.M.U. Executive Committee as ~~as~~ corresponding secretary. (WMU, 1907, p. 13)

1907 -- 1 Miss Edith Crane was elected Corresponding Secretary of the W.M.U. During the past year the W.M.U. was incorporated. (p. 48)

1907

- 5,12,13      Woman's Missionary Union completed raising the \$20,000 Tichenor Memorial Fund for the Home Board. (p. 48) The S.S. Board contributed \$2,000 to this fund through the W.M.U. (WMU, p. 13)
- 9      The Union raised \$15,000 in cash and pledges for the Woman's Missionary Training School in Louisville. (p. 48)
- 2,15      Maryland Union Association turned over to the W.M.U. \$1,400 (assets of Baptist Mission Rooms) for the maintenance of a Literature Department which the W.M.U. was to continue and enlarge. (p. 48)
- 5,11,12      The W.M.U. approved financial goals of \$100,000 to be raised for foreign missions during the coming year and \$75,000 for home missions. The Union called on each Board to create a memorial to Annie Armstrong, using \$5,000 each from funds contributed by the W.M.U. (p. 48)
- 4      Demand for Mite Boxes increased from 8,807 the previous year to over 26,000 the current year. Receipts from Christmas Offering totaled \$17,552.21 (an increase of \$3,500); the Home Mission Week of Prayer Offering, \$10,471.75. (WMU, pp. 13-14)
- 4,12      Recommendations of Home Board adopted by the W.M.U. called on the Union to raise \$5,000 for the Board's school building in El Paso for work among the Mexicans. (WMU, p. 32)
- 2      The Literature Department of the W.M.U. continued to operate on a self-sustaining basis as it had done when previously operated as the Baptist Missions Rooms and as the Mission Literature Department of the SBC. (WMU, pp. 35-36)
- 1(b)      The W.M.U. approved the name "Young Women's Auxiliary" for the young women's mission societies that were functioning in the churches, and sponsored by the W.M.U. The Union also adopted a Y.W.A. pin and motto; called on each state to appoint a leader for the Y.W.A.; and approved a two-fold aim for the Y.W.A.: (1) the regular study of Our Mission Fields, and the Mission Study Courses of the Young People's Forward Movement; (2) to raise \$10,000 for home and foreign missions. (WMU, p. 39)
- 8      The Margaret Home reported taking care of several children of missionaries during the past year. Total operating costs amounted to \$1,532. (p. 42)
- 7,9,13      The Southern Seminary Trustees offered to the W.M.U. the "entire management and control of the Woman's Training School, in connection with our Seminary" and offered to the school "all the advantages of our classrooms." (WMU, p. 44) The temporary Board of Managers of the Training School Home in Louisville offered to the W.M.U. the home and its management. The W.M.U. voted to accept these offers and to establish the "Woman's Missionary Union Training School" to be conducted by a general Board of Managers with a local board of 21 Baptist women in Louisville, and an "Advisory Board" of seven members, two of whom shall be connected with Southern Seminary, two Baptist laymen of Louisville, and the corresponding secretaries of the Foreign, Home, and Sunday School Boards. All board members were to be elected by the W.M.U. annually. A special committee, including two members of the Advisory Board, were to prepare a curriculum, entrance requirements,

"choose necessary instructors, make contracts with same, etc." and make arrangements for opening the school in the fall of 1907. By October the W.M.U. had raised \$17,000 toward the cost of a building it purchased for \$20,500. The Sunday School Board contributed \$20,500 to help pay for the building and establish an endowment fund. (Baptist Argus, October 10, 1907). . . . Some of the classes were conducted in the Training School, but until 1926, when Southern Seminary moved to its Lexington Road campus, the Training School students did most of their class work at near-by Southern Seminary. . . . The initial Training School curriculum offered a three-year course with classes in Old and New Testament, Sunday School pedagogy, personal work, domestic science, music and public speaking. Later, other courses were added in Bible, systematic theology, church history, comparative religion, missions, ecclesiology, and electives in Southern Seminary's curriculum. (Isla May Mullins, House Beautiful (BSSB), p. 60). . . . The Southern Baptist Convention endorsed the W.M.U.'s effort to raise funds and fully establish the Training School in Louisville. (1907, p. 29)

1 On recommendation of Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, Treasurer of the W.M.U., the Union voted that its treasurer should be bonded. (WMU, p. 37)

2 The Union adopted Our Home Fields as the official publication of W.M.U.; societies were urged to increase its circulation. (WMU, p. 50)

2,3 Woman's Missionary Union adopted the report of its Committee on Literature which emphasized the need for "a more thorough and systematic study of missions among our people." To accomplish this objective, the committee recommended "the ten weeks study course as arranged by the Educational Secretary of the S.B.C. for Home and Foreign Missions;" also, urged study of Our Home Field, Foreign Mission Journal, the W.M.U. quarterly, Our Mission Fields, and the state papers. Recommended that the leaders of Sunbeams and Y.W.A.'s use the W.M.U. publications and lead their members in systematic study of missions. (WMU, p. 51)

1(e),13 The W.M.U. urged the societies in the churches to "foster the Cradle Roll in our Sunday Schools, as a feeder to the Sunbeam Bands." (p. 53)

1908 --  
1,5,10 Woman's Missionary Union made a report to the Boards of the Convention on its first twenty years of service. During this period cash contributions of the W.M.U. to the SBC amounted to \$1,262,208, value of boxes of supplies sent to missionaries plus cash contributions totaled \$1,651,898. The W.M.U. contributed more money to the SBC in 1908 (\$186,198) than the total receipts of the SBC in 1888, the year the W.M.U. was organized.

7,9 S.S. Board contributed \$20,500 to the W.M.U. for purchase of site for W.M.U. Training School in Louisville. Stipulated that the property was to revert to the Board if it ceased to be used for the stipulated purpose. (pp. 30, 250-51)

9 The Woman's Missionary Training School at Louisville reported property valued at \$25,000, an endowment of \$8,000, and an enrolment of 26. (p. 38) The Union called on the societies to raise \$3,000 for the support of the school during next year. (WMU, p. 41)

- 1      Woman's Missionary Union amended its constitution to provide that each state was "entitled to twenty delegates beside the Vice-President." (WMU, p. 40)
- 8      A Constitution and By-Laws for The Margaret Home were adopted by the W.M.U. (WMU, pp. 50-51)
- 9,11     Foreign Mission Board expressed the hope that the Woman's Missionary Training School would be able to train 25 women a year for the next five years whom God called to the mission fields. (WMU, p. 53)
- 3      W.M.U. recommended that State Y.W.A. Leaders adopt a program of work which would include a "campaign for mission study, advising one or two of the special courses of eight weeks each . . . in addition to the regular study of Our Mission Field. (WMU, p. 55)
- 1(c-d)    W.M.U. Committee on Literature suggested that program materials and other publications be prepared for boys and girls between 12 and 18 years of age, which was called a "missing link in our chain of work." (WMU, p. 59) After much discussion the W.M.U. in annual session adopted recommendations of a special committee that the Union promote the organization of missionary societies for boys to be known as "The Order of Royal Ambassadors," having a special constitution, motto and pin. The work was to be supervised by State Sunbeam Superintendents (suggested a name change for these workers to "Superintendents of Young People's Societies"). (WMU, p. 64)
- 1      W.M.U. Board of Managers gave a detailed report on the incorporation of Union; charter and By-Laws printed in report. (WMU, pp. 65-69)
- 1,15     Woman's Missionary Union approved a recommendation that all state committees on woman's work adopt the name of "State Executive Board." (WMU, p. 75)
- 1909 --  
1,10     No report on Woman's Work was made to the SBC in session, but the regular annual reports from the W.M.U. are recorded in the reports of the SBC Boards.
- 1(d)     By May, 1909, over 100 Royal Ambassador Chapters were reported. W.M.U. called on all states to promote this work. (WMU, pp. 13,49)
- 8      Margaret Home reported caring for as many as 12 children during past year, including children of home missionaries for the first time. (WMU, p. 13)
- 9      Foreign Board appointed three graduates of the Woman's Training School as missionaries. Enrolment increased to forty. Receipts for the school were \$6,962; expenses totaled \$7,211. (p. 78; WMU, 40-42) Endowment Fund increased to \$13,467 by May. This fund was invested in property in Baltimore. (p. 212)
- 2      Our Mission Fields reported a total circulation of 13,000 copies per issue: 3,000 paid subscriptions; 10,000 free copies furnished to leaders of societies. (p. 79)

- 6,7        Administrative expenses of W.M.U., \$8,924, amounted to  $4\frac{1}{4}\%$  of contributions made by the Union to SBC causes. (p. 79)
- 1(a,b,d,  
e)        All four grades of W.M.U. work (Sunbeams, R.A., Y.W.A., and W.M.S.) reported expansion and increase. A total of 9,251 societies were reported. (pp. 78-79; WMU, p. 14)
- 3,11       In co-operation with T. B. Ray of the Foreign Board, women's societies conducted 315 mission study classes. W.M.U. leaders in several states conducted two-day "institutes" to train W.M.U. workers. (WMU, pp. 14-15)
- 1(e),3       Graded Sunbeam work was recommended; also suggested that mission study classes be conducted for older Sunbeams. (WMU, p. 48)
- 1(c)       W.M.U. approved a recommendation "that girls from 12 to 16 years of age be organized into Junior Y.W.A.'s." (This later developed into the Girls Auxiliary organization.) (WMU, p. 64)
- 1910 --  
1,2,3,10       SBC Committee on Woman's Work stated that the women's societies had done more than any other agency to create "a missionary atmosphere in homes, churches, and communities, an atmosphere in which are being developed the great missionaries and great givers to missions of the present day and of those to come." (p. 51)
- 14       W.M.U. reported co-operation with the Laymen's Movement in initiating the latter's plans for missionary advance in the churches. (WMU, p. 26)
- 9       W.M.U. called on members to enlist young women to enroll in the Woman's Training School. Directed trustees to screen applicants. Set age limits at 20-33 years for volunteers for foreign missions and 20-38 years for volunteers for home missions. (WMU, p. 35)
- 5,11,12       The Union continued to approve annual recommendations of the Home and Foreign Boards, including financial goals for the women and children's organizations. (pp. 36-39)
- 1,18       Objectives of the W.M.U. included personal service, such as: "carrying on mothers' meetings, cottage prayer meetings, visitation of the sick and prisoners, and other Christian activities that may be needed in our communities." (WMU, p. 40)
- 1(b)       A "College Correspondent" was appointed by the W.M.U. to help keep the Baptist young women in college in close touch with the denomination's missionary organizations. Established Y.W.A.'s on campuses. (WMU, p. 40)
- 2       A magazine entitled "Everyland" was recommended by the W.M.U. for the Junior Missionary Societies. (WMU, p. 57)
- 18       The Union approved a resolution calling on the U. S. Congress to appropriate \$250,000 for the erection of a Government Detention House at the port of Baltimore. (WMU, p. 59)

5,12 W.M.U. designated \$15,000 of its receipts to the Church Building Loan Fund (p. 20)

1911 -- Contributions of the W.M.U. to home and foreign missions, Bible work of S. S. Board, the Margaret Home, and the Training School exceeded a quarter of a million dollars. The Union contributed over 25 per cent of the total receipts of the Home and Foreign Boards for the year. (pp. 159, 222)

1,3,5 Commending the Woman's Missionary Union for its service to Southern Baptists, the SBC Committee on Woman's Work stated: "To those who have regarded the Union as a mere money-raising agency, the vast power being exercised by these women on the spiritual life of Southern womanhood, will come as a distinct and happy surprise. They are directing not only the missionary efforts of their own members, but in a most powerful way are influencing the religious education and activities of thousands of young women and boys and girls." (p. 59)

1(a,b) W.M.U. reported 10,500 societies compared with 2,414 in 1901. The number of Y.W.A.'s increased to 1,266. Enrolment of W.M.S. and youth organizations totaled over 117,000. (p. 94)

9,11,12 Between 1907 and 1911, over 117 young women had gone out from W.M.U. Training School to serve with the Home and Foreign Boards. (p. 94)

18 The Union Secretary reported on the response to the Union's emphasis on Personal Service: "This new department has been taken up with great enthusiasm and vigor by nearly all of the states, and has resulted already in stimulating in many local societies a new sense of responsibility for their communities." (WMU, p. 31)

1 Corresponding Secretary Edith Crane reported spending an increasing amount of time in field work (approximately four months during past year). (WMU, p. 31)

1(b),3 A recommendation "That the Mission Study Class be made the heart centre of the Y.W.A." was adopted by the W.M.U. (p. 45)

1 The Union adopted a "Standard of Excellence" and requested local societies to adopt it if none had been adopted by their state W.M.U. (WMU, p. 46)

2 W.M.U. Committee on Sunbeam work urged every leader to subscribe to the new magazine, Everyland, edited by leaders of the Jubilee Movement. (WMU, p. 53)

1 Miss Nancy Lee Swann was appointed as Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the Union. (WMU, 1912, p. 32)

1912 -- 10 SBC voted to provide a regular place on its program for an annual report of W.M.U. work, and to appoint a regular Convention committee

for that purpose. (p. 73)

5 Foreign Board credited the W.M.U. with increasing the number of tithers through its emphasis on tithing and distribution of literature. (p. 103)

1 W.M.U. Standard of Excellence was adopted by most all of the State Unions. (p. 103) Standards were soon adopted for the youth organizations also.

2 The Home Makers, a new manual on Personal Service, was published by the Union. (WMU, p. 41)

9 The Union authorized the Training School in Louisville "to establish an Industrial School in which our students can get practical training for themselves while they are giving helpful service." During the past year the 39 students in the Training School reported doing a large amount of personal work: visiting, conducting children's meetings, teaching Sunday school classes, etc. The Union also voted to provide one or more "Kindergarten Scholarships" at an expense of \$150.00 each. (WMU, p. 51)

18 Committee on Personal Service reported to the W.M.U. that Women's Missionary Societies in all the states were engaged in this work, including such activities as: Mothers' Meetings, sewing schools, Sunday school visitation, at hospitals, and prisons, conducting mission Sunday schools, cottage prayer meetings, rescue work, mission schools, schools for Jewish children, relief for the poor, etc. (WMU, p. 52)

18 Union reported that the College Correspondence Work, initiated earlier in co-operation with the Y.W.C.A. and student secretaries on campuses, was gradually achieving its purpose to reach 4,600 Baptist college girls for missions, and to organize Y.W.A.'s on the campuses. (WMU, p. 54)

1 Ill health forced Miss Edith Crane to resign as Corresponding Secretary in January. At the Annual Meeting, the W.M.U. elected Miss Kathleen Mallory to succeed Miss Crane. (WMU, pp. 67-68)

1,<sup>4</sup> Lottie Moon, missionary to China since 1873, died in 1912. (1913, p. 112)

1913 --  
10 By Convention action in the previous year, the Woman's Missionary Union made its first direct report to the SBC. (SEE pages 64-67). The report was read by W. O. Carver. Heretofore, the W.M.U. had made its annual report through the Home and Foreign Boards. This year marked the 25th Anniversary of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. The SBC referred the report to a committee on Woman's Work and on special motion, "the members of the Woman's Missionary Union were admitted to the floor upon their badges." (pp. 14, 62-67). The Convention praised the women for their achievements and contributions to the work of Southern Baptists. The Convention approved the committee report, which, after referring to the time when many looked with suspicion upon the W.M.U.,

- 1913
- stated that the SBC "with absolute assurance, entrusts to the Woman's Missionary Union the good task of continuance in the work of eliciting, combining and directing the energies of the Baptist women of the South in the sacred cause of world-wide missions. . . ." (p. 63)
- 1,5 Contributions from women's societies grew from \$30,773 in 1888 to \$300,848 in 1913. Cash gifts for the 25-year period totaled \$2,436,756. Of this amount, \$1,400,063 went to foreign missions and \$894,818 to home missions. (p. 65) The number of societies grew from 1,200 in 1888 to 11,363 in 1913. (p. 65)
- 2,3 The W.M.U. emphasized the "educational method through missionary literature and mission study classes as the secret of this successful achievement. . . ." (p. 63)
- 5,11 Foreign Board commended the W.M.U. for increasing its contributions to foreign missions by more than \$11,000 over the previous year, even though the receipts of the Board from all other sources had decreased. (p. 18)
- 8 The Margaret Home was closed temporarily because no children were applying for entrance. (p. 66)
- 9,18 The "Settlement House" established by the W.M.U. in Louisville and operated by the Training School as a good will center was giving the Training School students practical experience in mission work. The Union announced plans to promote through its Personal Service Department "the establishment and maintenance of similar institutions throughout the South." (p. 67)
- 11 Foreign Mission Board began to invite a representative of the W.M.U. to meet with the Board when any unmarried woman was an applicant for appointment. (WMU, p. 28)
- 2 Subscriptions to Our Mission Fields increased from 5,000 to 12,000. (WMU, p. 33) In the King's Service, by Fannie Heck, was published for study during the 25th anniversary year or Jubilate of W.M.U. (WMU, p. 28)
- 4,11,12 Woman's Missionary Union joined with SBC Boards in promoting special offerings for the Foreign Board's \$1,250,000 Judson Centennial Fund, and for the Home Board's \$1,000,000 Church Building Fund. (WMU, pp. 38-39)
- 1(d) The Union endorsed grading of Royal Ambassadors into Juniors and Intermediates, conforming to same ages as these groups in Sunday school; also adopted an R.A. Standard of Excellence. (WMU, p. 48)
- 9 On recommendation of the W.M.U. Training School Board, the Union re-elected Mrs. Maude R. McClure principal, Miss Emma Leachman as director of practical missions, and Miss Lucy Humphrey as music teacher. A policy was adopted requiring persons with scholarships who failed to give at least two years missionary service following graduation to repay the amount received from the Student Fund. (WMU, p. 52)
- 1(c) The Junior Y.W.A. societies (ages 12-16) were listed separately in the W.M.U. Annual statistical tables for the first time. These societies were later named Girls' Auxiliaries.

- 1914 --  
1,4,5 In its second direct report to the SBC, the W.M.U. recorded cash contributions to foreign and home missions, the Sunday School Board Bible Fund, and the Woman's Training School totaling over \$300,000 during past year. Over \$54,000 was contributed to the Judson Centennial and Church Building Funds of the Convention. W.M.U. reported that the administration of its work through the Baltimore headquarters cost less than four per cent of the Union's receipts. (pp. 14-15)
- 3 Missionary education emphasis was continued. Reported over 1,200 mission study classes during the year. (p. 14)
- 10 SBC Committee on Efficiency emphasized the importance of "a complete alignment of all our denominational forces, churches, schools, hospitals, papers, Sunday schools, women's and young people's societies, in purpose, spirit and practice with the program of Christ as set out in the great commission, avoiding the weakness of vagueness and the diffusion of denominational strength in channels leading away from the churches." (p. 77)
- 2,3,10 The SBC endorsed the report of its Committee on Woman's Work which called on Southern Baptists to recognize: "The Woman's Missionary Union as one of the greatest educational forces enlisted in the cause of missions. . . . Here is to be found the greatest power for the enlistment of the hitherto undeveloped churches and individuals. Each new society which these women constitute means the placing of a dynamo of missionary propaganda and activity in the very heart of a church." (pp. 85-86) Convention directed the Committee on Order of Business to include a place on the program of the 1915 Convention for discussion of the W.M.U. report. (pp. 85-86)
- 8 Woman's Missionary Union reported that changing conditions on the mission fields made it possible for missionaries to keep their children with them, thus eliminating the demand for a home for them in the States. In view of this, the Union voted to sell the Margaret Home and invest the proceeds to be known as "the Margaret Fund for Missionaries' Children." The interest from this investment was to be used toward the education of these children. The Societies in each state were requested to continue their gifts as formerly made to the operation of the Margaret Home which would now be added to the principal of the Margaret Fund. A "Margaret Fund Committee" was to work with the W.M.U. Executive Committee in the administration of the fund to provide the aid needed by missionary children for education. Some of the furnishings of the Margaret Home were given to the Mountain Schools of the Home Board. (WMU, pp. 39-40)
- 12 The W.M.U. suggested a plan for organizing a City or District W.M.U. (WMU, p. 51)
- 1,11 Reports from Woman's Missionary Unions of the fields of the Foreign Mission Board were made to the W.M.U., Auxiliary of the SBC. (WMU, pp. 52-56)
- 9 "The Settlement" (good will center) operated by the Woman's Training School outgrew its rented quarters. The W.M.U. advanced \$5,000 of the School's endowment with which a building was purchased for "The Settlement." This mission center in Louisville continued its successful work through the students of the Training School. Settlements

of a similar kind were reported in operation at Meridian, Norfolk, and Atlanta, all under the direction of Training School students. W.M.U. recommended that Societies in the States organize Good Will Centers where needed. (WMU, pp. 58-59)

4,9      The Union approved a special campaign to raise \$75,000 for enlargement of the facilities of the Training School in Louisville. (WMU, p. 61)

15      Most every state now reported one or more salaried W.M.U. officers. Some used a percentage of the funds collected for missions; others requested an assessment from each member of the W.M.U.; expenses of some State W.M.U.'s were paid from State Mission Funds. Convention-wide W.M.U. recommended that the state W.M.U.'s conduct institutes with training classes for leaders of Bands, Chapters, and Auxiliaries. (WMU, pp. 63-65)

9,14,15      Woman's Missionary Union recommended that a series of lectures be delivered on W.M.U. work in the denominational colleges, training schools, and seminaries. (WMU, p. 66)

1(a)      The Union recommended that the women's societies organize groups for business women who could not attend the regular meetings of the societies in the daytime. W.M.U. also approved the printing of a pamphlet outlining the methods of the group or circle plan for societies. (WMU, pp. 69-70)

2      Our Mission Fields was converted to a 32-page monthly with the new title, Royal Service, in October. W.M.U. continued to promote the periodicals of the Home, Foreign and Sunday School Boards. (WMU, p. 71)

1915 --  
2,10      SBC instructed its Boards to confer with each other and with the W.M.U. and Laymen's Movement regarding the possibility of publishing a single magazine to serve the missionary interests of Southern Baptists. (pp. 23-24) Royal Service had paid subscription list of 19,000. During past year the W.M.U. distributed 240,000 pamphlets in missionary promotion. (p. 30)

1(d),14      SBC Committee on Woman's work recommended that "men through the Laymen's Committee undertake as soon as practicable, to organize and train our boys over 12 years of age . . . in missions. . . ." (p. 31)

✓ 7,9,13      S.S. Board contributed \$10,000 to the W.M.U. Training School's Enlargement Fund. (WMU, p. 30) Enrolment of school included 60 boarding students plus 21 day students.

18      W.M.U. commended the "Personal Service" conducted by the Women's Societies throughout the Convention territory including such activities and projects as: rescue work, good will centers, homemaker's clubs, industrial schools, Vacation Bible School Work, mission Sunday schools, work with Negroes, work with foreigners, etc. The young people's mission organizations also participated in Personal Service work. The W.M.U. Annual includes an annual report on this phase of its work. These organizations conducted or assisted in the work of 85 good will

centers, 254 mission Sunday schools, 82 homemakers' clubs, 36 industrial schools, etc. (WMU, pp. 60-66)

1(b),13

Woman's Missionary Union indicated that it was advocating a closer relationship between the organized Sunday school class for young women and the Y.W.A. The Union seeking to induce the S.S. Board "to organize and recommend the Y.W.A. as the 'experimental department and field of missionary activity' for the organized class." (WMU, p. 66)

The Union approved the employment of a salaried worker to promote the work of Y.W.A. and the other young people's organizations. (WMU, p. 67)

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The Union urged the Women's Societies to offer their service to their churches for canvassing for the annual church budget. (WMU, p. 74)

1(a)

After an extended illness, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, president of the W.M.U. for fifteen years, died on August 25. (1916, p. 19)

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Contributions to Home Board increased to over \$100,000. (p. 277)

1916 --

Mrs. W. C. James was elected as W.M.U. president, succeeding the late Fannie Heck. Mrs. W. C. Lowndes continued as treasurer and Miss Kathleen Mallory as corresponding secretary. (WMU, p. 77)

1(b-e),13

In joint conference representatives of the W.M.U. and S.S. Board agreed upon the following findings:

I. That this is a transition period in the missionary instruction of the young people, a fact which is recognized by all denominations; that, therefore, we should go slowly in doing away with any existing organization for disseminating missionary information and inspiration; and that the local workers should endeavor to adjust matters in the spirit of mutual cooperation and concession.

II. That the B.Y.P.U. and Y.W.A. are distinct in their purpose and should not be considered as overlapping in their work: the former meeting on Sunday evening before church service, being for both young men and women, having only an inspirational mission program and taking no offering nor accepting any apportionment for missions; whereas, the latter meets usually on a week day, is entirely for young women, has an intensive mission program with mission study classes and urges regular offerings to missions through its own organization or through the envelope system of the local church.

III. That since the Jr. B.Y.P.U., R.A. and G.A. organizations are still found in comparatively few churches and since all of them combined are not as yet meeting the full needs for missionary instruction of the intermediate boys and girls, therefore it would

seem best for the immediate future to continue to promote all three of these organizations, in the meantime seeking through experience to define more accurately the scope and purpose of each. The R.A.'s and G.A.'s are encouraged to try to link their missionary organizations more and more with the weekday activities of the classes in the intermediate departments of the Sunday schools.

IV. That the Sunbeam work be continued as at present, it being the one mission organization now fostered by the denomination for children under twelve; and when special missionary work is done by the elementary departments of the Sunday school for the children under twelve, it be considered in relation to that of the regular Sunbeam Band where one exists, the workers of the two organizations being urged to plan their work after consultation and with an effort to cooperate, not only as to the missionary instruction given but as to the membership of the Sunbeam Band. (pp. 21-22)

2,11,12 After conferring with representatives of the SBC Boards, the W.M.U. decided to maintain the publication of Royal Service as the official organ of the Union. (The Home and Foreign periodicals were merged in November as Home and Foreign Fields, to be published by the Sunday School Board). Subscription list of Royal Service grew to 27,000. Union stated that its decision to continue its own periodical was made in view of the magazine's "distinctive woman's message to women and young people, and its helpful system of graded missionary programs. (p. 22)

5,12 The Union agreed to seek to raise \$325,000 of the one million dollars sought by the Home Board for its Church Building Loan Fund. (p. 22)

5,17 SBC urged pastors (1) to encourage the women, children, and young people to join the mission societies of the W.M.U. and (2) to encourage those (women, girls and boys) who were not members of the mission societies to allow their mission gifts to be credited to the Union. (p. 65)

1,11 The W.M.U. of the SBC reported that there were 200 woman's missionary societies in Brazil and numerous societies in other countries in which the Foreign Mission Board was at work. Representatives of many of these native societies met with the W.M.U. at its annual sessions. (p. 139)

1,11,12 Three representatives of the Union traveled over 30,000 miles during the past year encouraging home missionaries, state, and local leaders in the organization of missionary societies, work among Indians and foreigners, good will center work, mountain school work, etc. They also visited mission points in Cuba and the Canal Zone. (p. 19)

8,11,12 Union urged mission societies to continue contributing to the Margaret Fund for the education of missionaries' children. Institutions

co-operating with the Union, by offering free tuition to these students, were listed. Preference was given to applicants desiring to attend one of these institutions. Limited funds enabled the Union to grant scholarships to only eight of 22 applicants in 1916. The Margaret Fund Committee, which administered the fund for the Union, reported the following considerations in awarding scholarships to these eight students: (1) life purpose of the applicant, (2) length of service and efficiency of their missionary parents, (3) division of the mission fields. Schools attended by the students were asked to send quarterly reports to the Margaret Fund Committee. The Union approved the following regulations regarding the administration of the Margaret Fund:

- (a) Applicant must be the son or daughter of a missionary in active service under the Foreign Mission Board, or under the Home Board of the S.B.C., in countries outside the U.S.
- (b) He or she must be at least fifteen years, preferably not less than sixteen years of age.
- (c) Must be in good health, this to be certified by a physician; the Margaret Fund Committee to have applicant, upon arrival in this country, re-examined if deemed advisable.
- (d) Must be of good character and studious habits. Applicant is requested to furnish references as to these qualifications from, at least, two parties not members of the family. If possible, it is the desire of the committee that one of these be from a former teacher.
- (e) Must be prepared to meet the designated number of units for college or academic course.
- (f) Preference will be given to applicants desiring to complete the course for a baccalaureate degree.
- (g) Allowance from the Margaret Fund will not be granted for a period longer than four years to any recipient, except in cases where the lack of schools on the mission field has made the preparatory course impossible. Scholarships will be awarded annually in every instance.
- (h) Free tuition will be granted by the schools herein listed, and \$150.00 of the regular expenses will be met from the Margaret Fund.
- (i) A recipient of the scholarship who fails to apply himself or herself, or who for any reason does not meet the school requirements, shall, at the suggestion of the faculty to the Margaret Fund Committee, forfeit the Margaret Fund scholarship.
- (j) Application for scholarship should be in the hands of the Margaret Fund Committee in ample time to receive due consideration at the annual meeting during the Southern Baptist Convention in May. (WMU, 1916, p. 45)

1(b-e)

Miss Mary F. Dixon was employed in 1916 by the Union as the first Convention-wide Young People's Secretary. The Union approved the recommendation that an annual promotion day be observed for the graded missionary societies. (WMU, p. 57)

- 4      The Union voted to begin promoting the contribution of annuity gifts to the work of the W.M.U. (WMU, p. 61)
- 9      A campaign was launched to raise \$98,000 to complete the funds needed for construction of adequate facilities for the Training School in Louisville. (WMU, p. 65) Enrolment in the school totaled 85. The Texas W.M.U. reported completion of a \$100,000 building for its Training School connected with the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. The Texas Training School, which enrolled 100 students, seems to have no connection with the W.M.U. of the SBC. (WMU, p. 92)
- ✓ 4,11*
- 1917 --  
7,13      S.S. Board contributed an additional \$10,000 to the building fund of the W.M.U. Training School in Louisville. The new building of the school was completed during the year. (p. 25)
- 4,11      The Union assisted the Foreign Board in conducting a campaign to raise \$180,000 to cancel the Board's debt. In over and above gifts the Union attempted to raise one-third of the total. By May, 1917, the contributions credited to the W.M.U. for this purpose amounted to \$45,000. Secretary Love of the Board indicated that the Union did raise its goal of \$60,000, but their gifts were not properly credited to the mission societies in some of the states. (p. 24)
- 2,13      S.S. Board published and merchandised the Manual of W.M.U. Methods compiled by the Union. (1918, p. 29)
- 4,5      Cash contributions of the W.M.U. amounted to \$491,111.11; supplies sent to missionaries brought total gifts to over \$500,000. (p. 29)
- 2      The Union prepared a monthly W.M.U. section in the joint Board publication Home and Foreign Fields. The publication's editor reported that 90 per cent of its subscribers were women. (p. 133)
- 3      Number of mission study classes reported by the Union increased to over 2,900 during past year. Books on home and on foreign missions were studied. (p. 316)
- 1(a)      The Union recommended that all women's societies adopt the circle plan of organization. Over 400 societies had already adopted this plan. (WMU, p. 71)
- 2      Circulation of the annual Missionary Calendar of Prayer published by the W.M.U. increased to 6,000. About 250 women were subscribing to the Board's yearly literature plan which gave them from three to five leaflets each month. Organizational pins were also merchandised by the Union. (WMU, p. 79)
- 3,11      Each state was encouraged to have a superintendent of mission study to promote a fully graded plan of mission study in the churches. The Union adopted the recommendation that all the states, as far as possible, adopt the program of mission study advocated by the Educational Department of the Foreign Mission Board. (WMU, p. 88)

7,9,13,15 In appreciation for the \$40,587 given to the W.M.U. Training School by the S.S. Board, the Union voted to designate the site of the school as a memorial to the Board. States were urged to maintain scholarships in the school. (WMU, p. 91)

8 States (mission societies) were asked to contribute a total of \$1,600 to the Margaret Fund. Interest on the principal of the total fund available for scholarships amounted to over \$2,000. (WMU, p. 91)

1918 --  
10 On recommendation of the SBC committee on Woman's Relation to the Convention, the SBC revised article III of its constitution by substituting the word "messengers" for the word "brethren," thus making it possible for women to be messengers to the Convention. (p. 18)

1 After thirty years growth, the W.M.U. reported a total of over 15,000 societies, compared with about 1,500 in 1888. (p. 28)

12,18 W.M.U. workers were conducting in twelve states a total of 32 Good Will Centers, patterned after the Center operated by the W.M.U. Training School in Louisville. (p. 31)

4,5,10 The SBC commended "the tendency on the part of the Woman's Missionary Union manifest through the years to broaden the scope of its interest and activities to include the whole great program of our Baptist people." Contributions of the Union during the past year exceeded half a million dollars. During its first thirty years the Union reported contributions of more than \$5,000,000. (pp. 89-90)

7 First annuity gift received by the Union was a \$1,000 bond from a Maryland Woman given to the endowment of the W.M.U. Training School. (WMU, p. 50)

1(b-d) The Union's Young People's Secretary reported that the relationship between the Union's youth organizations and other organizations, particularly B.Y.P.U., was still under discussion by the denomination. Said she, "In some . . . states it is felt that there is a real difficulty in maintaining all these organizations in one church." The Union called for further study before any change was attempted. (WMU, p. 60-61)

2,4 Mississianary Prayer Calendar was now incorporated in the Royal Service, monthly. (WMU, p. 71)

5,11,12 The Union voted to enlist "Emergency Women" (followed example of the Laymen's Missionary Movement) who would give at least \$5.00 on special call to meet an emergency need of the Mission Boards. Not more than one call a year was to be made for this over and above contribution. The Union urged the societies to help complete the \$325,000 goal for the Church Building Loan Fund as a memorial to Fannie E. S. Heck. (WMU, p. 75)

4,5 The January Week of Prayer offering was in 1918 named the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, in honor of Lottie Moon. A goal of \$50,000 was set for 1918. (WMU, p. 76)

After 1918, the W.M.U. no longer sent reports to the SBC Boards to be included in the Boards' reports to the Convention. (1919, p. 482)

- 1919 --  
1      The Union reported 1,780 new societies, bringing the total to about 15,000 organizations, in 8,114 of the more than 24,000 churches. (p. 38)
- 2,3     A tithing campaign was conducted among the mission societies. The Union distributed 64,000 tithing cards to the societies through the State W.M.U. headquarters. To date 4,886 had been signed by members. The book Stewardship and Missions, one of the six books required for the official W.M.U. seal to be placed on a person's mission study certificate, was studied during the tithing campaign. (p. 37)
- 18      Personal Service of the societies included making 106,400 Red Cross and war-relief items. (p. 38)
- 5,6     Contributions totaling \$615,254.29 were distributed by the Union as follows: Foreign Board, \$268,211.49; Home Board, \$185,369.56; Sunday School Board (for Bible distribution), \$1,852.47; Judson Centennial Fund, \$39,110.43; Church Building Loan Fund, \$78,456.22; Margaret Fund, \$2,771.65; W.M.U. Training School, \$37,562.93. (p. 39)
- 10      The SBC adopted recommendations that Southern Baptists enter a campaign to raise \$75,000,000 during the next five years for the Convention's work. This plan superseded the plan advanced by the Education Commission for a campaign to raise \$15,000,000 for Christian Education. (The Commission indicated earlier in the session that it had requested the W.M.U. to raise one-fifth (\$3,000,000) of this amount. (p. 74) The W.M.U. Secretary and President were appointed to the Conservation Commission which was to direct the 75 million campaign.
- 6,14    Relief and Annuity Board launched a campaign to raise \$5,000,000. The Union voted to seek to raise \$1,000,000 of this goal in the next ten years. (WMU, p. 13)
- 3       A total of 2,115 study awards were issued during the year. There were now 38 women and two men who had completed the training course and earned the W.M.U. Seal. A post-graduate course was being planned. (WMU, p. 23)
- 5,6     The number of "Emergency Women" grew to 700. These persons contributed \$3,500 over and above their regular gifts through the Union. (WMU, p. 24)
- 7       The Home, Foreign, and S.S. Boards continued to pay the expenses of the W.M.U. The amount contributed by each was based on the contributions made by the Union to the work of each Board. During past year, the Union received from the Foreign Board \$9,000; from Home Board, \$6,000, and from Sunday School Board, \$400. Expenses continued to run between  $3\frac{1}{2}$  and 4 per cent of the total contributions of the W.M.U. (WMU, p. 36)

7,13            W.M.U. helped promote State Mission Day Sunday in S.S. (p. 467)

1(b-e)  
13,17            A Commission on Young People's Work appointed by the Union in 1918 made detailed recommendations resulting from its study of the relationship between the W.M.U. and its youth organizations to the Sunday school, B.Y.P.U., and other organizations in the church. Relative to the B.Y.P.U. the Union approved recommendations: (1) "That we make no decided changes in our graded W.M.U. system, holding firmly to our Y.W.A. organization, discouraging any discontinuance of the same to unite with the senior B.Y.P.U.;" and (2) "That we continue to foster the G.A. and R.A." (WMU, p. 71) The following recommendations relative to the Sunday school were also approved:

1(b-e),17        1. That wherever possible the graded W.M.U. system be organized in the local church.

2. That when distances and other causes prevent the reaching of our Sunday School scholars in our separate societies, the primary and junior departments if possible be organized into the graded Sunbeam band, using programs from Royal Service and making their missionary gifts for the special W.M.U. objects; that the intermediate department be organized into G.A.'s and R.A.'s, a monthly business meeting being held on Sunday after church, or during part of the Sunday School hour, if it is impracticable to hold such a meeting on a week day. That the missionary gifts of these junior societies be sent preferably through the regular W.M.U. channels excepting the offerings made on the special missionary days set apart by the Sunday School Board.

3. That as far as possible the Y.W.A. continue as a separate missionary organization, holding at least one meeting a month at a time when most members can conveniently attend. If necessary to combine with the organized Sunday School class, the regular W.M.U. apportionment will be accepted and the monthly business meeting of the class become the missionary meeting of the Auxiliary. (WMU, pp. 70-71)

1(b-d),3        Union voted to promote mission study classes for Y.W.A.'s at summer assemblies; also, to conduct special camps for G.A.'s, R.A.'s, and Y.W.A.'s at summer assemblies. (WMU, p. 71)

8                Interest from the Margaret Fund (\$3,820.96) was supplemented by special contributions by societies to the Fund (\$3,600 designated for this purpose). The Union provided scholarships for 25 children of missionaries during past year. (WMU, p. 84)

1920 --  
1,5,10            At the request of the 75-Million Campaign Director, the Union appointed a W.M.U. director of the campaign, located in Nashville, and an organizer for each state. A W.M.U. organizer was also appointed for 838 of the 925 associations and 14,491 of the 24,851 churches. Union members pledged \$22,360,676. Over one million of this amount was pledged by the young people's societies. (p. 33) One-third of the 16,000 mission societies of the Union were young people's societies. During the year the Union's contributions totaled \$2,477,763.42. (pp. 33-39)

- 9           Enrolment of the W.M.U. Training School increased to 165. Allocation to the school from the 75-Million Campaign was to be \$300,000. (p. 35)
- 4,5       Offerings made in connection with the Weeks of Prayer for Home Missions and for Foreign Missions were to be credited to the pledges made to the 75-Million Campaign. (p. 36)
- 5,10      President and Corresponding Secretary of the Union were appointed to the Conservation Commission of the SBC charged with follow-up work on the 75-Million Campaign. (p. 89)
- 10         The SBC voted to appoint a standing committee of three on woman's work. (p. 111)
- 1          The Union discussed at length the report of a committee appointed in 1919 to consider the removal of the Union's headquarters to a more central location. The committee recommended such a move, but a substitute motion prevailed which called for further study of the question and report at the 1921 session. (WMU, pp. 11-12)
- 2          Campaign to increase subscriptions to Royal Service to 50,000 had by May, 1920, resulted in an increase from 30,000 to 43,000. (WMU, p. 61)
- 2,3       The Union continued to publish a list of books recommended for study by the societies. (WMU, p. 65) Graded mission study courses with awards was extended by the Union to the G.A., R.A., and Sunbeam organizations. (WMU, p. 74)
- 1(b)      A recommendation was approved by the Union urging the appointment of "a paid Y.W.A. Secretary . . . in our Baptist schools . . . to direct the religious activities of the students and to plan for their social and recreational hours." (WMU, p. 75)
- 6,9,14     An appropriation of \$4,000 was made to Southern Seminary by the Union to secure help needed at the Seminary because of the large classes of W.M.U. Training School students taught by the Seminary faculty. (WMU, p. 92)
- 7          S.S. Board increased its appropriation to \$600.00 toward annual expenses of W.M.U. (p. 455)
- 1921 --  
11-14     The Committee on Religious Activities made up of representatives of the Foreign, Home, Education and S.S. Boards and the W.M.U. recommended a Convention-wide plan for Baptist student work. (p. 502) The W.M.U., however, expressed the opinion that the plans offered by the committee did not seem capable of meeting the needs of students on the campuses "any more effectively than the methods now in use." (p. 29)
- 10         Woman's Missiannary Union sent a memorial to the SBC requesting representation on the Convention Boards and the Executive Committee. The SBC appointed committee to study the memorial recommended that

the Convention's By-Laws be changed to provide "that one-fourth of the membership of each Board shall be composed of women who are members of churches affiliated with the Convention;" and that six of the Executive Committee members "must be women." (pp. 66-67) The Convention in a later session of the 1921 meeting voted to reconsider the above matter and referred it back to the above committee for further study and report. (p. 70) This committee reported later that same day: "Our report was reconsidered and recommitted to us so late in the sessions of the Convention as to make further delay seriously embarrassing to the Nominating Committee, and to the fact that many of the messengers have already left the Convention, and to the further fact that the inherent practical difficulties and perplexities incident to the proposed changes are very great." The SBC approved the committee's request for a year for further consideration. A time early in the 1922 session was to be devoted to "a consideration of the whole matter." (p. 109)

1,2,5,10        SBC committee on woman's work praised the Union's support of the 75-Million campaign and stated that "the organization, information, and consecration furnished by the W.M.U. were absolutely essential to the success of the campaign." During the past Convention year the W.M.U. contributed \$3,144,880 compared with contributions totaling about \$30,000 in 1888. (p. 115)

11                Women's societies provided numerous supplies for Foreign Mission Board hospitals on the mission fields. Nine states reported sending to these hospitals supplies valued at \$7,000. (p. 114)

1                 The Union voted to move its headquarters from Baltimore, Md., to a more centrally located city. (WMU, p. 14) The special committee's recommendation that the Union chose between Birmingham and Nashville resulted in a tie vote. On special motion the officers of the Union, who had not voted, were asked to break the tie. The deciding votes for Birmingham were cast by the treasurer and young people's secretary. (WMU, pp. 17-19) The move to Birmingham was completed in September, 1921. (WMU, 1922, p. 28)

1(b-e)           Miss Julliette Mather became young people's secretary of the W.M.U. Susan B. Tyler, chairman of the young people's committee had virtually served as secretary since the resignation of Miss Dixon in 1919. (WMU, p. 20)

8                 During past year the Margaret Fund provided 39 scholarships. (WMU, p. 83)

1922 --        W. J. McGlothlin, chairman of SBC Committee on W.M.U. Memorial, again offered recommendations of his committee that a specific number of women be included in the membership of each SBC Board (three local and six at large members) and of the SBC Executive Committee (six at large members). After extended discussion, the Convention adopted the following substitute motion:

In response to the Memorial from the W.M.U., the Convention hereby advises that women are members of the Convention with all the rights and privileges of

membership, and that the Convention will instruct and does hereby instruct the Committees on Committees and on Nominations to name brethren and sisters according to their personal qualifications, regardless of sex; and, that the word "brethren" wherever it occurs in the Constitution is hereby interpreted as referring to members of the Convention including brethren and sisters. (pp. 32-33)

- 1,10-14 Kathleen Mallory represented the Woman's Missionary Union on the SBC Inter-Board Commission on Student Work. (p. 60)
- 4 The Union emphasized the important place of prayer in its work. During past year 6,686 organizations participated in the January Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions; 6,742 in the March Week of Prayer for Home Missions. (p. 78) Almost 9,000 mission study classes were conducted. Mission study was credited in part for the 49,178 tithers reported by the W.M.U. (p. 79)
- 3,5,6 SBC Committee on Woman's Work, referring to the financial stringency during the past year, credited the W.M.U. with keeping the inevitable decline in total gifts of Southern Baptists to a minimum "by greatly enlarged achievements in the realms of Mission Study, Enlistment and other spiritual activities." Union's gifts totaled over \$3,163,000. (p. 80) This amounted to almost one-third of the total SBC receipts for the year. (p. 26)
- 18 The "plan of the Inter-racial Commission," calling for studying the needs and ministering to the needs of Negroes in their community, was recommended to mission societies. (WMU, p. 72)
- 18 A Standard for Good Will Centers operated by missionary societies was adopted. (WMU, p. 79)
- 1923 -- 9,10 SBC appointed a committee to work out terms under which the Convention could accept the offer of Texas Baptists to give Southwestern Seminary to the SBC. Conditions on which the offer was made to the SBC included the following provision:
- That the W.M.U. Convention of Southern Baptists, auxiliary to this Convention, be invited to appoint an Advisory Board to co-operate with the Board of Trustees of said Seminary in the administration of its Woman's Missionary Training School, the number of said Advisory Board to be determined by said W.M.U. Convention, the purpose of this Advisory Board to be advisory only, and would have no ownership or control of properties, but only advisory in the administration of the Training School. (p. 40)
- 9,10 Baptist Bible Institute of New Orleans reported to the SBC that the "W.M.U. Advisory Committee of seven held their annual meeting at the Institute in January and were appreciative of the work done and helpful in their kindly suggestions." (p. 42) The purpose of the

Committee was "to interpret the work of the Baptist Bible Institute in its relation to our (W.M.U.) organization." (WMU, p. 103)

7,11-13 S. S. Board's contribution to the expenses of the W.M.U. for the year increased to \$3,200; the Home Board contributed \$12,000; the Foreign Mission Board \$18,000. (pp. 61,147,153)

14 The Union urged the societies to help supply the needs of aged Baptist ministers in their states. Renewed W.M.U. pledge to raise \$1,000,000 for the Relief and Annuity Board after the 75-Million Campaign. (WMU, p. 83)

8 Margaret Fund helped 49 students at a cost of \$9,600. (p. 87)

3,17 The Union requested that pastors "give congregation-wide publicity and adequate right-of-way to such mission study classes in their churches." Also, that they devote 8 or 10 consecutive mid-week prayer services to a study of a mission book. The Union reported 19,364 mission study classes during the past year. (p. 87)

2 World Comrades, a quarterly publication begun during the past year for Sunbeams, G.A.'s and R.A.'s, now had a paid subscription list of over 9,000. (p. 88)

9 Mrs. Maud Reynolds McLure resigned as principal of the W.M.U. Training School after serving sixteen years. (WMU, p. 13)

1 Miss Blanche Sydnor White, W.M.U. Field Worker since August, 1922, reported traveling 18,959 miles in 12 states promoting the work of the Union. (WMU, pp. 55-56)

1-17 The Union continued to adopt an annual "Plan of Work" detailing plans, objectives, goals, procedures, etc., for all phases of its work. (WMU, pp. 76-85)

1924 -- 10 SBC Committee on Correlating and Defining Work of Various Departments of Convention Activities recommended that a joint committee be appointed by the SBC and the W.M.U. to confer regarding relationships, etc. The Convention, however, referred all recommendations of the above committee to a special committee of one from each state to report back in 1925. (pp. 34-35) The Annual W.M.U. Report to the SBC was "received . . . and ordered printed in the Annual" by the Convention. No action of approval as such was taken. (p. 83) In adopting the report of the Committee on the W.M.U. Report, the SBC voiced "its appreciation of the vision, sacrifices and achievements of the women of the churches" and pledged its "heartiest co-operation in their holy endeavors." (p. 88)

5,6 The Union reported that since the beginning of the 75 Million Campaign, records were being kept by the Union's headquarters on gifts of all members of women's and Young People's societies affiliated with the Union. Formerly, these records were kept only by the State W.M.U. (p. 84)

- 1-9      W.M.U. continued to emphasize the following aims: Individual and United Prayer, Bible Study, Soul Winning, Enlistment, Mission Study, Organized Personal Service and Systematic and Proportionate Giving. (p. 84)
- 2      Paid subscription list of Royal Service numbered 58,902, World Comrades, 11,939. Union also published the College Bulletin, a bi-monthly publication issued during school term for College Y.W.A.'s. (pp. 86-87) The W.M.U. Year Book was distributed free to society presidents, circle leaders, and counselors. During the year 1,781,982 leaflets and other helps were distributed free by the W.M.U. (p. 87)
- 8      Interest from the \$39,114 in the Margaret Fund plus contributions of members made it possible for the Union to give \$200 scholarships to 55 children of foreign missionaries and missionaries of the Home Board serving outside of the U.S. (p. 87)
- 9      W.M.U. Training School reported 150 students, property valued at \$285,000, and endowment of \$134,328. Operating expenses were paid by receipts from students for board plus large gifts from Union members. (p. 87)
- 1      SBC's Rural Church Survey revealed that at least 14,027 (63.6%) of the rural churches had no W.M.U. work. Of the 1,083,617 total women in the 22,043 rural churches, 935,509 (86.3%) of them were not reached by W.M.U. (p. 108)
- 14     At the suggestion of Relief and Annuity Board, the Union voted to ask the societies to send boxes of supplies to aged, needy ministers. (WMU, p. 14)
- 9,14    When the SBC accepted control of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, together with its Woman's Missionary Training School in 1924, the W.M.U. accepted the invitation of the trustees of the institution "to appoint an Advisory Committee to join with the Trustees of the Seminary in the administration of the Training School." (WMU, p. 15)
- 5,6     The Union voted to make every effort to raise by August \$261,859 to bring its contributions to \$15,000,000 for the 75 Million Campaign. (WMU, p. 17)
- 18     Seventeen W.M.U. Good Will Centers reported a total attendance of 103,000 in classes and activities conducted by the center. (WMU, p. 58)
- 5      The Training School Expense Fund, Margaret Fund, Bible Fund of S.S. Board, Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and the Thank Offering (home missions) were not placed in the 1925 general denominational budget, as had been done during the 75 Million Campaign, but were again treated as "W.M.U. Specials," over and above the pledge made to the denominational program. (WMU, p. 85)
- 1925 -- 7,10    The W.M.U. requested the Future Program Commission to include an allocation of \$50,000 (1%) in the 1925-26 Convention-wide Program for the Endowment and Enlargement Fund of the W.M.U. Training School in

Louisville. During the meeting of the SBC, however, the Union withdrew the request and "yielded its percentage to Foreign Missions." (p. 34)

3 The mission study courses of the Union underwent "drastic changes." The two principal courses for women as revised required the study of one book on personal service, four on foreign missions, four on home missions, plus seven other specified books. (p. 106)

2,12 The Union began to co-operate closely with the Home Board's work among the Jews by providing leaflets for distribution. (p. 106)

5 Lottie Moon Offering amounted to \$48,677. Total was sent to China, as in previous years. (p. 106)

5,6 Total gifts of the W.M.U. to the 75 Million Campaign amounted to \$16,713,100 (redeemed original pledge of \$15,000,000 to the campaign). (p. 107)

1,3 The Union voted to launch a stewardship campaign to enlist more tithers among its own members and the church membership at large. (WMU, p. 15)

1 Woman's Missionary Union authorized its Executive Committee to secure a charter of incorporation from the state of Alabama. (WMU, p. 17) Mrs. W. J. Cox was elected to succeed retiring president of the Union, Mrs. W. C. James. A trust fund of \$6,000 was given to the Foreign Board in honor of Mrs. James. (WMU, p. 18)

3 "Additional Bible Classes at separate time from Sunday School and Society Meetings" were recommended by the Union. (WMU, p. 79)

3,17 W.M.U. Plan of Work called for co-operation in Church Schools of Missions and holding of all-day institutes of mission study. (p. 80)

1,6 The fiscal year of the Union was changed to coincide with the calendar year. (WMU, p. 82)

9 The W.M.U. Advisory Board of the Missionary Training School at Southwestern Seminary reported that it had begun "the work of the administration of the Training School." The school enrolled 267 women. About 60 scholarships were supplied, some for \$300. The Union continued its connection with B.B.I. (in New Orleans) through a similar Advisory Board. (WMU, p. 98)

1926 --  
5,12 The W.M.U. requested the Home Board to use \$3,000 of the Home Missions Week of Prayer offering for work among the Jews. (p. 76)

5,13 In co-operation with the S.S. Board, the W.M.U. contributed \$5,963 for missionary extension in rural sections. (p. 77)

6,14 The Union contributed over \$107,000 to the Southern Seminary's building fund, in addition to their regular gifts to the Cooperative Program of the SBC. (p. 77)

1        The Union's "Plan of Work" included the following statement of "Moral Standards:"

"We declare ourselves on the side of all the forces of righteousness: international and inter-racial justice; world peace; patriotism; law enforcement; Christian Americanization; universal education; Sabbath observance; sacredness of the home; the family altar; high standards for speech, dress and conduct; improved industrial conditions; child welfare; public health." (WMU, p. 82)

1        The Board of Managers of the W.M.U. reported that in June, 1925, the Union had been incorporated in Alabama. (WMU, p. 93)

1927 --  
6,7,10        The SBC approved a Convention budget allocation of 1% of South-wide Funds for the W.M.U. Training School. (p. 45) The Convention committed Cooperative Program promotion to the SBC Executive Committee. The president and corresponding secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union were included as members of the Promotional Agency of the Convention in the work of Cooperative Program promotion. (p. 69)

5        The Union reported that the contributions of the women and youth to "W.M.U. Specials," such as W.M.U. Training School, Margaret Fund, and Bible Fund, were made over-and-above their regular gifts to the Cooperative Program; moreover, that if these causes were supplied by the Cooperative Program, this would "reduce by that much the amount for Christian Education at least." Appreciation was expressed for SBC leaders who commended the W.M.U.'s support of the Cooperative Program and who supported the Union's plan to continue to promote special offerings in connection with the annual Weeks of Prayer for Home and Foreign Missions. During past year the Lottie Moon Offering amounted to \$219,589; the Home Mission Offering was \$60,054. A major part of the total contributions of the W.M.U. (\$2,900,994) was given through the Cooperative Program. (pp. 76-77)

7        Expenses of the W.M.U. paid by the Boards amounted to \$39,759, or 2 1/5% of the Union's contributions. (p. 77)

1        Union reported W.M.U. work in 9,613 of the 21,096 SBC churches. Fully graded W.M.U. organizations functioned in 890. (p. 77)

5,11        W.M.U. approved a recommendation that the first \$48,000 of the next Lottie Moon Christmas Offering "be applied to the returning of forty missionaries to their fields" and that the "remainder of the offering be used as deemed necessary by the Foreign Mission Board." (WMU, p. 17)

9,17        W.M.U. Advisory Boards of the Southwestern Training School and of the Baptist Bible Institute made annual reports to the Union. (WMU, pp. 104-106)

1928 --  
5        By April, 1928, the Foreign Board received \$142,774 from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

was held in December of 1927); the Home Board received \$43,622 from the Week of Prayer for Home Missions. (p. 96)

8        The original endowment of the Margaret Fund (\$10,000) had increased to over \$50,000. Scholarships were given to 67 during past year. (p. 97)

1,5,6      In celebration of its Ruby Anniversary (1928), the Union projected a goal of \$4,000,000 to Cooperative Program causes; a 40% increase in organizations, and 40,000 new members (1927-28). (p. 99)

18       W.M.U. adopted a resolution calling on women to vote in the national presidential election for candidates committed to enforcement of the 18th Amendment and National Prohibition Act. (WMU, p. 15)

1(b-d),16    Kathleen Mallory, Young People's Secretary, reported that numerous "associational young people's rallies" were being conducted in the various states. (WMU, p. 47)

1929 --  
5-6       During the Ruby Anniversary year, the W.M.U. raised \$3,500,166 for missions. Lottie Moon Offering was \$218,784. (pp. 43-44)

2       The Union initiated a new periodical entitled The Window of Y.W.A. (1930, p. 33)

1       The W.M.U. reported a total membership of 523,736, including 311,255 women and 212,481 young people. An increase of 6,405 new organizations during the Ruby Anniversary year brought the total to 30,415, of which nearly two-thirds were youth organizations. These organizations were in 13,541 churches. (pp. 44-45)

5,10      SBC approved the following policy regarding designated gifts:

"Gifts designated for general purposes of an agency shall be chargeable to "the definite sum" of an agency; specifically designated gifts shall not be chargeable to "the definite sum" allocated to such agency, unless such specific designation is to an object already named in the operating budget. The right and practice of the W.M.U. in making special offerings for extra budget items is hereby recognized and approved as in line with these policies." (p. 74)

3,10,17     Convention appointed a committee on missionary education (included a representative of the W.M.U.) which was "to study carefully the possibilities of the church school of missions, and related types of missionary education, and formulate a program that will most effectually promote interest and giving." (p. 77)

1(b-d),3    Sixteen states reported a total of 19 R.A. Camps, 26 G.A. Camps, and 15 Y.W.A. Camps which enroled about 2,260. Summer assemblies reached an additional 2,000 of these young people for mission study. (WMU, p. 40)

- 1930 --  
17,18      The Union reported that 667 societies conducted or worked in Good Will Centers, 435 worked in mission Sunday schools, 1,851 helped in cottage prayer meetings, 374 in rescue work, 543 in Daily Vacation Bible Schools, 665 helped Negroes in conducting Bible Schools, etc., 8,487 contributed food; others did other types of personal service and local mission work. (p. 31)
- 1,11-13      Expenses of the Union were kept within 3 3/4% of W.M.U. Contributions to the SBC Boards. (p. 32)
- 6,14      The W.M.U. contributed \$5,000 to help endow a "Chair of Missions" at the Baptist Bible Institute. (p. 47)
- 10      Convention appointed a "Conference on Enlistment Program" (included the executive secretary of the W.M.U.) which was to work out a Convention-wide enlistment program. (p. 97)
- 18      During the annual meeting of the Union, Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames, director of the Woman's Department of Commission on Inter-Racial Co-operation, addressed the delegates on Interacial-Relations. (WMU, p. 18)
- 5,11      Foreign Board stated to the W.M.U.: "The striking helpfulness of the Lottie Moon Offering leads us to wonder whether this offering will not become the symbol of maternal watchfulness which will, in the future, step in and provide for those critically needy features of our work that the Board would otherwise be forced to neglect." (WMU, p. 119)
- 1931 --  
7,10      SBC Executive Committee received SBC approval for its recommendation that the expenses of the W.M.U. be included in the promotional expenses chargeable to the whole Cooperative Program. (p. 27) An allocation of 8/15% of Cooperative Program funds was approved for the W.M.U. Training School. (p. 37)
- 3      The Union issued mission study awards to 157,327 persons enrolled in the 25,356 study classes. (p. 63)
- 5      The Lottie Moon Offering for the past year exceeded \$200,000. Foreign Board Secretary T. B. Ray stated: ". . . the Lottie Moon Offerings of the last two years have kept the Foreign Mission Board from crushing disaster in a number of its fields." (p. 66)
- 3,16,17      The W.M.U. called on the mission societies:
- To give earnest attention to all plans for promotion of mission study classes that more women and young people may be enlisted; to utilize every opportunity for the training of teachers by church, association, district and state Normal Classes or Institutes; to magnify mission study through graduation classes, banquets and other occasional events, and to cultivate the spirit of mission study through circulating libraries, city-wide and county-wide weeks of mission study, week-end camps and assembly classes for women and young people. (WMU, p. 76)

- 1        Three field workers were now in the service of the W.M.U., Auxiliary of the SBC.
- 18      The Union urged every society to intense activity in teaching the underlying principles of Prohibition through every possible means. (WMU, p. 110)
- 2,11-13    W.M.U. requested continued publication of Home and Foreign Fields. (WMU, p. 110)
- 10,17     At request of an SBC committee, the Union voted to approve and co-operate in the proposed program for a simultaneous Every Member Canvass in every church. (WMU, p. 110)
- 1,5-7     Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. W. C. Lowndes for her "36 years of incomparable service" as treasurer of the W.M.U. (WMU, p. 111)
- 1932 --  
6        SBC commended the W.M.U. for contributing \$2,197,270 to missions and Christian education, in spite of the severe financial depression in the nation. (p. 23)
- 4        Reported that a "Day of Prayer around the Globe" was observed during last December Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Materials were sent to women missionaries in all countries in which Southern Baptists conducted mission work. Societies in these lands joined with societies in the U.S. in this observance. (p. 23)
- 1        An Extension Commission was appointed by the Union to "extend W.M.U. organizations and membership." (WMU, p. 26)
- 1933 --  
5-6,10    SBC consolidated its Promotion Committee (included W.M.U. representative) with its Executive Committee. The work of the former in promoting the program of the Convention would by this action hereafter be done under the leadership of the latter "through the heads of Southern Baptist Convention Boards and Institutions . . . and the W.M.U. Secretary and the Secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood . . . ." (p. 42)
- 1        Mrs. Frank W. Armstrong, who succeeded Mrs. J. W. Cox as president of the W.M.U. in 1933, addressed the Southern Baptist Convention after presentation of the W.M.U. report to the Convention. (p. 45)
- 1        SBC commended the W.M.U. for adoption of the following statement regarding the social application of Christianity: "We declare ourselves on the side of all the forces of righteousness; international and interracial justice; world peace; patriotism; law observance; sacredness of the home, the family altar; high standard of speech, dress and conduct; improved industrial conditions; child welfare and public health." (p. 46)
- 5,6,10    The SBC committee on W.M.U. work reported that "of the Co-operative Program contributions for 1931 the W.M.U. organizations

gave \$2,133,718.13, or nearly 50 per cent of the total." They gave 59.8 per cent of the total receipts of the Foreign Board and 73.4 per cent of the total Home Board receipts. Stated that 89,921 tithers were members of W.M.U. organizations. Contributions of the W.M.U. during the past year totaled \$1,867,168. (p. 47)

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Publication of new manuals for Junior and Intermediate R.A. Chapters and a Guide for R.A. Counselors was reported. Entering their 25th year of R.A. work, the Union reported 3,829 chapters. (WMU, p. 35)

1934 --  
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In spite of the continuing financial depression, the W.M.U. during the past year contributed to all purposes a total of \$1,607,305. They contributed \$172,512 to the Lottie Moon Offering, thereby exceeding their goal by \$40,000. (pp. 73,337)

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W.M.U. reported over 92,400 tithers. Stated that one out of four members of W.M.S. organizations were tithers and one out of eleven in young people's organizations. The Union continued its emphasis on tithing. (p. 338)

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The Union recommended that "for the sake of each church's future as well as immediate support of missions" each church should "employ as educational secretaries women who have been trained in the W.M.U. Training School or at Southwestern Training School, or at Baptist Bible Institute." (p. 339)

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A surplus of \$32,000 over regular designations of the Lottie Moon Offering was reported. The Union, after consultation with the Foreign Board, designated this surplus to specific foreign mission objects: salaries, travel, etc., for eight new missionaries, to pay part of debt on institutions, on mission fields; \$10,424 was designated for the Board to use on its debt. (WMU, pp. 7-8)

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Union voted to enlarge its promotion of "The Mission Study Institute" (a two-day conference on how to teach mission study books). (WMU, p. 81)

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Action was deferred a year on a recommendation that the Union meet biennially instead of annually. (WMU, p. 12)

1935 --  
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Louisiana W.M.U. gave \$2,000 to Baptist Bible Institute for rehabilitating its heating plant. (p. 46)

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Through personal service activities, W.M.U. members reported 7,690 conversions. Thousands of Bibles and tracts were distributed in evangelistic work. (p. 52)

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Of the \$1,915,802 contributed by the W.M.U. during the past year, \$515,895 was given to foreign missions. (p. 52)

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In 17,715 SBC churches there were fully graded W.M.U. organizations in 2,420. (p. 367)

1        The recommendation made in 1934 regarding biennial sessions was tabled on recommendation of the W.M.U. Executive Committee. (WMU, p. 12) The Union amended its By-Laws, eliminating the Board of Managers in Maryland and assigning its responsibilities (relative to management of property of the Union) to the Board of Managers in Alabama, locale of its current headquarters. This resulted from an effort to simplify the Union's organization. (WMU, pp. 15-17)

5,6      The W.M.U. approved recommendations that \$30,000 of the 1935 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering be known as the Henrietta Hall Shuck Memorial Fund (designated for specific objects such as women's training schools in China according to conference with the Foreign Mission Board). All funds received for the Lottie Moon Offering above the goal adopted were to be added to the Memorial. Also in celebration of the Henrietta Hall Shuck Centennial, the W.M.U. studied a mission text book featuring the life of this pioneer woman missionary to China. (WMU, p. 19)

1-5      Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, W.M.U. president, appointed a Golden Jubilee Committee to formulate plans for observance of W.M.U.'s fiftieth anniversary. (WMU, 1937, p. 85)

1936 --  
1(e)      Importance of Sunbeam work was stressed as this organization celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. Reported 6,386 Sunbeam Bands with enrolment of 103,232. (p. 335)

2        The three monthly missionary magazines published by the Union were all self-supporting. The Union continued to promote the circulation of the joint Board publication, Home and Foreign Fields. (p. 336)

6        A plan was inaugurated by the Union to give annually \$250 from its Literature Department to assist Negro Baptist leaders to publish missionary literature for their women and young people. (p. 336)

1937 --  
5        Contributions of W.M.U. exceeded \$2,000,000, including the Lottie Moon Offering of \$425,000. (p. 22) The Union designated \$117,000 of the latter as a memorial to Luther Rice. (p. 36)

5,6,10     SBC commended the W.M.U. for enrolling thousands in the Hundred Thousand Club to help pay SBC indebtedness. (p. 34)

1,10      The Convention approved a resolution calling for the appointment of a committee to study the multiplication of organizations and the overlapping of denominational activities "with a view to coordinating and correlating the numerous units of our denominational work." (p. 89) Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, W.M.U. president, was appointed to the committee.

1-5      The Union approved plans presented by Golden Jubilee Committee for observance of the Union's 50th anniversary in 1938. Plans included special emphases for the seasons of prayer for State Missions, Home Missions, and Foreign Missions. Enlarged emphasis was to be given

to the fundamental study books on prayer, soul-winning, stewardship, and the missionary message of the Bible. Goals for a ten per cent increase in gifts, number of organizations, and membership were adopted. (WMU, pp. 87-91)

3,5,18      Southwide Chairmen of Mission Study, Stewardship and Personal Service continued to make separate annual reports of the W.M.U. work done in these separate phases of the Union's program. (WMU, pp. 92-100) Three field representatives also made annual reports.

2,3,11      The Union requested the Foreign Board to publish a book to be written on the history of the development of W.M.U. work on each foreign field; also that the Board send a free copy of the book to each Woman's Missionary Society and Y.W.A. (WMU, p. 106)

5              The \$190,000 goal for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was to be allocated as follows: \$100,000 for salaries of 125 missionaries, \$16,000 for education of missionaries' children (Margaret Fund); \$4,000 for a Woman's Training School in Rumania; \$16,000 for the Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund for W.M.U. work on foreign fields (specific amount for each field); smaller amounts were allocated to mission schools and other specific mission causes. (WMU, p. 107) The Union also requested the Home Mission Board to publish a book for the Home Mission Week of Prayer and Annie W. Armstrong Offering; the book to sell for 25 cents per copy after a free copy was distributed to each W.M.S. and Y.W.A. organization. (WMU, p. 110)

Other Golden Jubilee aims adopted were efforts to raise \$50,000 for the W.M.U. Training School and \$10,000 to help in Training Negro Baptist women and young people. (1938, p. 402)

1938 --      SBC approved recommendations of its Committee on Co-ordination and Correlation (appointed in 1937): "that representatives of the Boards and Auxiliaries of the Southern Baptist Convention responsible for the work of the Sunday school, the B.T.U., the W.M.U., and the Brotherhood, meet as soon as possible, and thereafter at least once a year, for conference and co-operation looking to effectual co-ordination and correlation of programs, calendars of activities, mission study, Bible readings, training courses, financial plans and objectives, evangelistic and personal service activities, socials, associational meetings, standards requirements, and the like . . . . that a Committee on Co-ordination and Correlation be continued for further study and report, and as advisory to the Committee of Boards and Auxiliaries . . . . that the agencies which set up standards and programs take a sympathetic attitude toward pastors and churches who may feel their local situation does not permit their having all the things necessary to meet the standards. . . ." (pp. 26-27) The above recommendations were made in the light of overlapping and duplication found by the committee in the membership of the various church organizations, in materials of study courses, in leadership and in expressional activities. (pp. 26-27)

5,10           The SBC designated Sept. 25, 1938, as Luther Rice Day and asked the churches, Sunday schools and W.M.U. organizations to take a

special offering on that date for the Luther Rice Memorial (set goal of \$15,000). (p. 66)

2,13      Reported that the S.S. Board had published the history of W.M.U. by Mrs. W. J. Cox entitled Following in His Train. Paid subscriptions to missionary magazines published by the Union reached 116,000. (p. 400)

1      The W.M.U. held its Golden Jubilee session in Richmond, Va., where it was organized 50 years earlier. The Union reported substantial gains in membership, number of organizations, mission study courses, and other phases of its work. (WMU, pp. 107-112)

8      Margaret Fund Committee reported that during the 22 years of the Fund, scholarships were given to 330 students amounting to \$300,875. (WMU, p. 89)

3,13      The Union and S.S. Board made an agreement for the Board to publish all of the W.M.U. mission study books. The first book to be published under the new arrangement was To Be Continued, by Lonnie B. Thomas; also published Following in His Train, by Ethlene Cox. (p. 314)

1939 --  
10      SBC Executive Committee indicated that the W.M.U. had yielded a part of the time set for the Union's meeting when the Committee scheduled the Convention to meet a day earlier than was planned earlier. (p. 32)

7,9,10      W.M.U. Training School was allocated 8/15 of one per cent of the Cooperative Program for 1940. (p. 44) During past year this allocation amounted to \$6,948. (p. 53)

10      The SBC designated the officers of the Woman's Missionary Union as the Standing Committee on W.M.U. Work. During past year, this committee was composed of women only, apparently for the first time. (p. 62)

1,6      The Union reported reaching all of its Golden Jubilee numerical and financial goals. An increase of 4,003 organizations and 103,327 members brought the totals to 12,326 W.M.S.'s, and 26,271 missionary organizations among the young people for a total of 38,597 organizations with a membership of 715,402. (p. 59)

5,6      The special Golden Jubilee Offering totaled \$82,288 far exceeding the \$60,000 goal. Lottie Moon Offering totaled \$318,914 and Annie Armstrong Offering totaled \$147,971; both were all-time records. Gifts to all causes for the Jubilee Year amounted to \$2,614,446, an increase of \$257,563 over the previous year. (p. 60) The number of tithers increased to 142,334, a gain of 25,656 over 1937. (p. 61)

3      Since publication of first mission study book for special use of W.M.U. in 1913, the number of mission study classes had increased to 43,844 during past year. (p. 61)

3,10-13      SBC Committee on Correlation commended the W.M.U. and Convention agencies for efforts made to correlate their work. In joint conference

the agencies reached an agreement that in a Church School of Missions, B.T.U. or W.M.U. credit would be given, according to the desire of the study group, provided requirements of that organization were met. These agencies also agreed to follow and magnify the denominational activities according to the calendar adopted by the Convention. They also agreed to continue efforts to secure a "correlated and co-ordinated mission study program for the whole church membership." (p. 121)

2,4 In conference with other SBC agencies, the W.M.U. agreed to publish the home daily Bible readings of the improved Uniformed Sunday School Lessons in Royal Service. (p. 121)

17 The Union in conference with other SBC agencies also agreed that the most effective way of securing the co-ordination and correlation of church activities was through a church council or cabinet to include the pastor, S.S. superintendent, T.U. director, W.M.U. president, and Brotherhood president. (p. 121)

9 The Union reported plans to construct a new Training School plant on the site it had purchased adjacent to the Southern Baptist Seminary. (p. 411) W.M.U. Treasurer was authorized to borrow funds for construction from endowment and enlargement funds of the school--to be reimbursed from sale of old property. (WMU, p. 17)

1(d),14 The following recommendation was adopted by the W.M.U. in its annual session:

We recommend that the Woman's Missionary Union ask First, that the Baptist Brotherhood of the South arrange for the Brotherhood organization in the various churches of the Southern Baptist Convention to study the work of the Order of Royal Ambassadors in at least one program annually, and to investigate the plans and needs of the Royal Ambassador Chapter in their own church. Second, that the Brotherhood train Counselors for R.A. Chapters using the Correspondence Course from W.M.U. Headquarters, Birmingham, Alabama, emphasizing the study of the "Guide for Counselors of R.A. Chapters". Third, that the Brotherhood furnish Counselors for Royal Ambassador Chapters wherever requested to do so by the Woman's Missionary Society of the church. (WMU, p. 11)

8,9 The W.M.U. revised its By-Laws, directing its nominating committee to "submit for election by acclamation the names of those previously nominated in their respective states as chairmen and trustees of the Margaret Fund Committee and Board of Trustees of W.M.U. Training School." (WMU, p. 13)

6,9 A goal of \$100,000 for construction of the new Training School plant was approved. Estimated cost of plant to be \$300,000. (p. 17)

5,8 Approval was given to the inclusion of \$16,000 for the Scholarship Fund of the Margaret Fund from the 1940 Lottie Moon Offering and \$6,000 to this same purpose from the 1941 Annie W. Armstrong Offering. (WMU, p. 76)

7 A bequest of \$5,000 to the W.M.U. Training School was reported.  
(WMU, p. 84)

9 The Southwestern Training School and Baptist Bible Institute continued to make annual reports to the Woman's Missionary Union.  
(WMU, pp. 131-33)

1940 -- 10 SBC formerly adopted the report of the W.M.U. as presented by the Union, but no report of a committee on Woman's Work was made to the Convention as heretofore. (p. 102)

6 Total contributions of the W.M.U. for 1939 amounted to \$2,556,442, including \$124,995 for payment on denominational indebtedness. (p. 409)

6,10 W.M.U. agreed to attempt to raise \$1,000,000 toward cancellation of denomination's indebtedness by 1945. (1942, p. 398) During the annual meeting a cash offering of \$1,100 was made by delegates for Chinese Relief Work. (WMU, p. 15)

2 Literature Department of the Union issued three new publications: The Manger, A Real Christmas Party, and Whose Birthday Is Christmas; also, a reprint of the pageant, A Tale of Two Tithes. A total of 16 different publications were issued by the department. (WMU, pp. 89-90)

1941 -- 5,6,11-15 The W.M.U.'s contributions to all causes, totaling \$2,793,309 for past year were divided as follows: Debt paying campaign, \$133,712; foreign missions, \$705,117; home missions, \$299,316; ministerial education, \$64,293; Christian education, \$354,812; State causes and other objects in SBC program, \$1,130,408; W.M.U. Training School, \$19,579; Scholarship Fund of Training School, \$11,796; special gifts, \$74,271. Value of boxes sent to missionaries, orphanages and hospitals amounted to \$85,666. (WMU, p. 58)

7 Annual contributions toward expenses of W.M.U. were made for the past year as follows: \$24,000 refunded by Foreign Board from W.M.U. contributions, \$15,000 refunded by Home Board from W.M.U. contributions; a gift of \$3,200 from S.S. Board and \$800 from Relief and Annuity Board. Additional operational funds came from sales of magazines and literature. (WMU, p. 67)

7,9 Training School reported the sale of the Good Will Center property in Louisville for \$16,000. The report stated that the area around the Center had developed into a Negro section. The Center would have to be developed into a Negro Mission. The School was unable to operate both a Good Will Center and a Negro Mission. So the property was sold. (WMU, p. 75) The W.M.U. Training School moved to its new campus on Lexington Road when construction was completed.

1942 -- 1,10-13 SBC approved recommendations of the Committee on Co-ordination and Correlation that called for continuation of the joint conferences of representatives of the Convention agencies (including W.M.U.) to effect further correlation and co-ordination of denominational work; requested district associations to adopt a calendar of activities;

again urged churches to utilize the church council; that the agencies in their joint meetings consider the matter of a uniform report form on activities and help promote the idea of an all-church program. The Convention dismissed the above committee and assigned its responsibilities to the Committee on Calendar of Denominational Activities. (pp. 125-26)

6 In two years the W.M.U. raised almost one-third of the million dollars it pledged to raise to cancel the denomination's debts. (p. 398)

9 The Union voted to retain the old property of the Training School in Louisville and lease it as an investment for the school, considering it as carrying the investment of over \$174,100 of the institution's endowment and reserve funds. (WMU, pp. 11-12)

5,9,12 Home Board projected plans for establishing a Woman's Training School in Cuba with funds to be provided by the W.M.U. (p. 258)

2,3,<sup>4</sup> Literature Department of the Union stated that mission study books could be purchased from the state Baptist book stores or directly from the W.M.U. Literature Department. (WMU, p. 87) A Selected List of Textbooks was issued by the Union "as a tool for stimulating more and better study, for stirring up interest among women who have not really tried mission study, and for widening the interests of groups who had gotten into the rut of using only the preparatory books for the Weeks of Prayer." (WMU, p. 99)

1943 -- The SBC and W.M.U. both cancelled their annual meetings due to conditions created by World War II. The W.M.U. employed the first full-time Royal Ambassador Secretary, J. Ivyloy Bishop. (Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists, II, 1175)

1944 --  
18 For the fifth consecutive summer, the W.M.U. promoted state or regional institutes "for the purpose of helping the southern Negro Baptist women leaders in their church or more extensive missionary work." (p. 435)

2 In addition to its own periodical publications, the Union sought to promote the circulation of the SBC periodicals: Southern Baptist Home Missions and The Commission. (p. 436)

5 Record contributions by the W.M.U. for past year totaled \$4,673,455, of which \$2,277,901 was for the Cooperative Program. In addition to the latter sum, an additional \$312,761 was given through the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions and \$726,995 to foreign missions through the Lottie Moon Offering. Total gifts of W.M.U. in 1943 represented a 23% increase over 1942. (p. 436)

6 The Union reported exceeding its goal to raise \$1,000,000 to help cancel denominational debts, 1940-43. (p. 436)

10 Plans for co-operation in celebrating SBC Centennial were announced. Goals for SBC Centennial year were adopted. (p. 440)

- 1           Churches with W.M.U. work numbered 12,458; churches without any W.M.U. work numbered 11,615. (WMU, p. 29)
- 2,11-12     After conference, the Union and the Home and Foreign Boards decided to discontinue the plan whereby the two Boards published special books for W.M.S. and Y.W.A. study in preparation for the March and December seasons of prayer. The new plan called for the W.M.U. magazines to provide additional missionary information for two months prior to the seasons of prayer; also, books were to be recommended to the societies for study. (WMU, p. 30)
- 5,6,18     The Union appropriated some proceeds from its Lottie Moon Offering to the American Bible Society. (p. 72)
- 1945 --   Due to the conditions created by World War II, the SBC and Woman's Missionary Union cancelled their 1945 meetings.
- 1(d),11     Foreign Board and W.M.U. jointly launched an annual Southwide Young Men's Missionary Conference at Ridgecrest. (p. 49)
- 1946 --  
7,9       The SBC increased the Cooperative Program allocation to the W.M.U. Training School to 1% for 1947. (p. 47)
- 6,14       The Union pledged \$25,000 to the Southwestern Seminary's School of Religious Education building fund. (p. 101) The same amount was pledged to B.B.I.
- 18       Boxes of clothing and supplies were sent by the W.M.U. to needy Baptists in Italy and Jugoslavia. (p. 474)
- 1       Reported the 1945 death of Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, president of the Union for twelve years. (p. 474) Mrs. George R. Martin succeeded her as president.
- 3       In addition to mission study classes, the Union emphasized its Reading Courses and the Missionary Round Tables as additional methods of learning about missions. (p. 475)
- 17       The Union called on churches and organizations to co-operate with the W.M.U. in the observance of the three seasons of prayer (Home, Foreign and State Missions) by not scheduling study courses or other activities during these weeks. (p. 475)
- 5,11,12     Contributions to Lottie Moon Offering for the first time exceeded a million dollars, totaling \$1,164,931 for past year. Annie Armstrong Offering amounted to \$468,801. (p. 475) Some of the latter offering was used by the W.M.U. for conducting leadership institutes for local Negro Baptist women. (p. 476)
- 1,3       W.M.U. Conferences conducted annually at Ridgecrest included a conference for members of the 2,763 Business Woman's Circles (B.W.C.) affiliated with the W.M.S.'s in the churches. (p. 477) Reported rapid growth in camping program for youth organizations of W.M.U. (p. 478)

- 1 Fully graded W.M.U.'s were now reported in one fourth of the churches reporting W.M.U. work. (p. 477)
- 1(d),2 Ambassador Life, a monthly Royal Ambassador magazine, was launched by the Union. Union also published an enlarged Manual for Leaders of Sunbeam Bands. (p. 478)
- 8,9 The Woman's Missionary Union stated: "In maintaining the Margaret Fund and the W.M.U. Training School there is one consuming passion--namely, to guide young lives into definite Christian service either in home or foreign lands." (p. 479)
- 2 Receipts from sales by the Union's Literature Department increased from \$10,866 in 1940 to \$29,588 in 1945. The Department indicated that in its beginning over fifty years earlier, it had largely confined its work to the sale and distribution of tracts and pamphlets which it published or purchased from others. As the work of the Union and its organizations grew, other materials were produced and sold: plays and pageants, charts, technical guides, periodicals, pins, emblems, etc., for each graded organization, posters, hymn sheets, and other supplies needed for the work. Two recent publications were the Guide for Business Woman's Circles and Guide for Community Missions. (WMU, pp. 85-87)
- 9 The Union enunciated the following purpose for its Training School in Louisville: ". . . to train women for efficient service in foreign missions and all departments of our denominational work." (WMU, p. 83)
- 1947 --
- 9 Woman's Missionary Training School graduated 72 in 1947, the largest number in its history (1907-1947). Degrees awarded were: M.R.E., 59; B.R.E., 11; certificate, 2. (p. 310) The school made its first report separate from regular W.M.U. report to the SBC. (p. 276f.)
- 3-4,10-17 The Union again requested other agencies and the churches not to conduct activities (study courses, etc.) at a time that would interfere with the observance of the three W.M.U. Seasons of Prayer. (p. 311)
- 1 Attendance at annual W.M.U. conference and the Y.W.A. conference at Ridgecrest continued to grow. State W.M.U. camps for G.A.'s, R.A.'s, and Y.W.A.'s enrolled over 32,000 during the past year. (p. 313)
- 3 W.M.U. Correspondence Courses helped to train leaders and counselors for youth organizations. (p. 314)
- 7 A \$5,000 gift to the Margaret Fund was made by a former chairman of the Fund. (WMU, p. 14)
- 1,18 The W.M.U. Board of Directors was authorized by the Union to purchase property and erect a headquarters building in Birmingham. (WMU, p. 16)
- 12 The Home Mission Board reported that one of its workers, Irene Chambers, was conducting "Home Mission W.M.U. Field Work." (p. 166)
- 7 S.S. Board continued to make an annual appropriation of \$3,200 to the expenses of Woman's Missionary Union. (p. 176)

1948 -- SBC approved recommendations of its Committee on Church Organizations

3,10,11,  
12,13,14 That the several agencies--Sunday school, Baptist Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood and the Southwide Mission Boards--through their qualified representatives, set up a pattern of organization and curriculum for the approximately 15,000 of our churches having up to 150 members; another pattern for the approximately 7,500 churches having from 150 to 400 members; as well as patterns for the larger churches; these suggested plans to be incorporated in printed "guides" for pastors and leaders which will seek to bring to each church according to its needs and abilities all the essential values of our Baptist program.

That in order to magnify the churches in all our work and to reach all the people with a balanced study course program, avoiding duplications wherever possible, our several agencies provide as soon as practicable a comprehensive, cumulative, unified church study course with a general diploma; and that free interchange of comparable credits be allowed immediately among the organizations. (p. 40)

1,11-14,17 The Convention also approved the above committee's recommendation that the several church organizations work out a co-ordinated calendar of activities. The recommendations called for further joint meetings of Convention agencies to consider the above matters and work toward co-ordination and correlation. One such meeting had been held in January, 1948. (p. 40)

5 The Union reported contributions for 1947 totaling \$8,005,089 of which \$4,562,799 was for the Cooperative Program. (p. 361) Giving was stimulated by the W.M.U. through: (1) regular missionary program meetings, (2) periodic mission study classes, and (3) individual reading of missionary books and periodicals. (p. 361)

1 W.M.U. goals for its 60th anniversary year (1948) included increasing membership to 600,000. (p. 362)

1 Miss Kathleen Mallory retired as Executive Secretary after serving the Union 1912-1948. At its 1948 session, the W.M.U. elected as its Executive Secretary, Miss Alma Hunt, then dean of women, William Jewell College. Miss Juliette Mather, formerly young people's secretary, was elected to the new office of editorial secretary. Miss Margaret Bruce was elected as young people's secretary. (WMU, pp. 22-23)

5,18 The Union voted to designate \$100,000 of its 1948 Lottie Moon Offering to erect an administration building for a Baptist college in Japan. The building was to be named in honor of Miss Mallory. The Union also designated \$65,000 of its Annie Armstrong Offering for the construction of a building for the Good Will Center in Baltimore. (WMU, p. 24)

1,18 A goal of \$100,000 to be raised for the construction of a new W.M.U. headquarters building was adopted. (WMU, p. 24)

1(b),2        The W.M.U. reported the production of a 16mm color motion picture as a feature for the 40th anniversary of Y.W.A. (WMU, p. 84)

1949 --      SBC Committee on Church Organizations reported that the Woman's Missionary Union and the SBC agencies were making progress toward implementing the committee's recommendations as adopted by the Convention in 1948. The Committee stated that an Inter-Agency Council, consisting of representatives of the W.M.U. and other agencies, had been formed "for the purpose of coordinating and correlating plans, programs, activities, materials, objectives, so far as may be needful and practicable, before sending them out to the churches." The Committee stated that this advisory council was "the key to solution of the major difficulties of duplication, overlapping, tensions and waste." (pp. 363-66)

5,10           Over half of the contributions of W.M.U. members was now being given through the Cooperative Program. Total contributions increased \$1,011,000 over the previous year. The Union pledged its support of the Convention's goals of 50-50 by 1950 and Every Baptist a Tither. (p. 354)

1,10,18        Directed community missions activities were reported during past year by 9,606 women's societies and 13,246 young people's societies. (p. 354)

9                The W.M.U. Training School reported that 29% of the SBC's foreign missionaries in active service were alumnae of the Training School. (WMU, p. 57) Trustees of the School adopted a policy on the admission of foreign students specifying four requirements for entry. (WMU, p. 54)

2                Miss Ethel Winfield, Secretary of the W.M.U. Literature Department, reported 153 different items in stock. (WMU, p. 62)

5,11           Specific allocations to all foreign mission fields of SBC were approved by the Union for the 1949 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. (WMU, p. 67-69)

1950 --      SBC approved an allocation of \$40,050 (0.890%) from 1951 Cooperative Program funds for the W.M.U. Training School. (p. 40)

7,10           The Convention also voted to pay the auditorium expense for the 1951 W.M.U. Convention out of the SBC's "Convention Expense Budget." (p. 41) By action of its Executive Committee, the SBC also paid the two days rental for the W.M.U. Convention in 1950. The Committee stated that it was desireable for the two bodies to meet in same city during same week. (p. 67)

10-17           Inter-Agency Council pledged itself "to regular meetings, to discussion and clearing of joint problems, to cooperative concern for the churches in devising and projecting plans and materials, and continuous investigation and study of needs and opportunities with a view to practical coordination of organizational programs and correlation of emphases and events suggested for the churches." The Committee on Church Organization summarized progress made as follows: preparation

of Guidebook for churches, steps toward a correlated church study course, promotion of church council, and united educational promotion of the denominational program. (p. 404) SBC approved recommendation that the committee's work be assigned to the Inter-Agency Council. (p. 50)

1 Increases of 4,961 organizations and 67,690 members brought W.M.U. totals to 54,574 organizations and 942,988 members. (p. 394)

5,18 The Union added two members to its staff: Mrs. C. D. Creasman, director of stewardship; Miss Edith Stokely, director of community missions.

2 More than 1,500,000 leaflets and 250,000 stewardship pledge cards and tithers boxes were sent out by the Union for free distribution through state offices during past year. (p. 395)

6,7,11 In accord with the requirements of an estate of \$40,000 bequeathed to the W.M.U., \$20,000 was sent to the Foreign Mission Board to be used for the development of the Woman's Training School at Rome, Italy; the remaining portion of the estate was invested in bonds for later use in the erection of a new Good Will Center for the Training School in Louisville. (WMU, p. 41)

9 The W.M.U. Training School at Louisville employed a field representative to stimulate interest in the school and to counsel with students in high schools and colleges. (WMU, p. 48) The W.M.U. continued to appoint advisory committees for New Orleans and Southwestern Seminaries and to receive reports on women in training in these institutions. (WMU, pp. 77-79)

1 Membership of W.M.U. organizations passed the million mark. (1951, p. 446)

7 W.M.U. received \$1,000 from the S.S. Board for the Union's Building Fund. (1951, p. 249-50)

1951 -- 14 SBC requested the Convention's agencies, including the W.M.U., "to either grant to or deposit with the Historical Commission whatever materials each can provide without hurt to their work that will enable the . . . Commission to possess adequate basic historical materials from which a history of each agency could be prepared." (p. 45)

10-16 Woman's Missionary Union continued to participate in the Inter-Agency Council of the SBC. Achievements of the Council to date included the preparation of a guidebook, For You and Your Church, for the use of pastors and church leaders in securing correlation and co-ordination of local church activities; steps toward a correlated church study course; plans were projected for one calendar of prayer for all departments. (p. 51)

1,18 The W.M.U. purchased an office building in Birmingham for its headquarters. (1952, p. 431)

2 Sales of literature and supplies (excluding subscriptions to magazines) of the Union for the past year exceeded \$89,700. (p. 446f)

- 9,18      Union reported opening a new Good Will Center in Louisville in Nov., 1950, to minister to the people in the Portland area of Louisville, and to give the students of the Training School practical experience in Good Will Center work. (p. 447)
- 5      Lottie Moon Offering for past year exceeded two million dollars for the first time. Annie Armstrong Offering for current year exceeded \$737,000. (WMU, p. 11)
- 3      Union employed Mrs. William McMurry as mission study director. (1952, p. 432)
- 9      Miss Emily Lansdell succeeded Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn as president of the W.M.U. Training School when the latter retired. (WMU, p. 14)
- 8      The Margaret Fund now featured four types of scholarships: regular college; one year post graduate; ministerial, and medical. A total of \$29,200 was expended on 110 students during past year. (WMU, p. 56)
- 1,3,15      The Union held its first Mission Study Council meeting, with 22 state mission study chairmen and the members of the Union's Mission Study Committee in attendance. During the three-day meeting, they considered how to promote better mission study. (1952, p. 433)
- 1,15      The Union conducted its first Regional Leadership conference for intensive training of counselors for the young people's organizations. The three-day meeting, held in Memphis, enrolled 432. The Union announced plans for additional Regional Leadership Conferences and further meetings of the Mission Study Council. (1952, p. 433)
- 1952 --      The SBC raised the W.M.U. Training School's Cooperative Program allocation to one per cent (\$50,000) for 1953. (p. 36) At request of the W.M.U., the Executive Committee, SBC, surveyed the Training School's needs, considered its proposed program, and after conference with the Secretaries of the Home and Foreign Boards, recommended that for the years 1953-1954, a total of \$320,000 be taken from the Advance Program receipts of the Cooperative Program and paid to the W.M.U. Training School for the construction of needed facilities. SBC approved the recommendation. (p. 39)
- 1(d),14      The Convention appointed a committee "to confer with our W.M.U. workers and our Brotherhood workers looking toward a more vigorous promotion of our work among boys, among our Royal ambassadors, and in connection with the Man and Boy Movement . . ." The committee was to report in 1953. (p. 48)
- 3      Objectives of the Union's promotion of mission study were twofold: "to promote study preparatory to the two Convention-wide Weeks of Prayer; and to promote throughout the year the study of the missionary message of the Bible, missionary biographies, books on prayer, stewardship, soul-winning, and mission fields not studied in preparation for the Weeks of Prayer." (p. 432)
- 9,11      The W.M.U. Training School reported securing "on loan from the Foreign Mission Board" Katherine Bigham who "with her training in

social work and her experience as a missionary in China, is making a distinct contribution in Christian social work." (p. 433)

7 S.S. Board contributed \$5,000 to the W.M.U. Office Building Fund. No gifts of S.S. Board to W.M.U. operating expenses were reported after 1947 when last annual contribution of \$3,200 was made. (WMU, 1953, p. 41; 1948, p. 71)

2,13 S.S. Board continued to serve as publisher for the W.M.U. (p. 287)

1,5-6 Mrs. W. J. Cox, Union treasurer since 1933, retired in 1952. During this period the Union's assets had grown to approximately one and a half million dollars. (WMU, p. 14) The Union elected Miss Mattie Morgan as acting treasurer. (WMU, p. 19)

1 W.M.U. organizations were reported by approximately 60 per cent of the 28,289 churches in SBC. Full-graded W.M.U.'s functioned in 4,256 churches. (WMU, p. 24)

9 A recommendation was approved "That the direction of the Training School be toward the fields of missions and Christian social work with a degree offered after prescribed courses of study." The school's executive committee was directed to outline steps toward securing accreditation to the School. The school was opened to men. Plans were projected to raise the school's budget to \$150,000 and to employ two professors "of major rank." (WMU, p. 50)

1953 --  
1(d),14 Convention continued the special committee appointed in 1952 on R.A. work and instructed this committee to meet with three representatives each from the executive committee of the W.M.U. and Brotherhood, together with the executive secretaries of these agencies "to study the advisability of the transfer of Royal Ambassador work to Brotherhood sponsorship and, if the change seems wise, the possible date to be suggested . . ." (p. 45) During past ten years the R.A. membership had grown from 57,829 to 106,027 under the Convention-wide leadership of the J. I. Bishop, R.A. Secretary of the W.M.U. The above committee commended the W.M.U. for its promotion of R.A. work. The increasing per centage of male leadership for R.A.'s was attributed to the promotion of the W.M.U. and to the increasing interest of the Brotherhood. (p. 445)

9 W.M.U. Training School reported that the three major factors that had led the trustees to re-think and re-define the place of the school in the training of Christian workers were: "A changed denominational environment, the lack of accreditation, and the proposed establishment of a School of Religious Education at Louisville" (Southern Seminary). (p. 402) Name of the institution was changed to Carver School of Missions and Social Work. The trustees reported that a "program of advanced missionary training is being developed for furloughed missionaries and overseas candidates." (p. 403)

2 W.M.U. reported publication of two new books: David and Jane for Juniors and Let's Go Exploring for Intermediates, designed to aid these groups in their soul-winning efforts. (WMU, p. 14)

- 1 Miss La Venia Neal was elected treasurer of the Union. (WMU, p. 21)
- 1(c,e),2      Tell, a monthly magazine, was launched for G.A.'s "in this Fortieth Anniversary year," (WMU, p. 10) World Comrades was discontinued, a quarterly publication, Sunbeam Activities, was initiated. (1954, p. 368)
- 3      The Union awarded for the first time its "Certificate of Recognition . . . a mark of honor given to WMUs for superior accomplishments in mission study." (WMU, 1954, p. 13)

1954 --  
1(d),6,14      The SBC approved the following recommendations regarding the transfer of the R.A.'s to the Brotherhood Commission:

"(1) . . . That the following proposal of Woman's Missionary Union, to transfer the Royal Ambassador sponsorship to the Brotherhood Commission, be approved by this Convention:

'That Woman's Missionary Union request the Brotherhood Commission to employ a Royal Ambassador secretary and to direct the promotion of Royal Ambassador work. For a period of three years Woman's Missionary Union will contribute \$10,000 per year for salary, travel and promotional expense.

'The office of the secretary shall be in the headquarters of the Brotherhood Commission.

'In this three year period the promotion of Royal Ambassador work shall be under the direction of a Joint Committee composed of the president and executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission and Woman's Missionary Union and three members for each body appointed by the respective body.

'The Chairman of the committee shall be one of the five members from the Brotherhood Commission elected by the Joint Committee.

'At the end of the three-year period the transfer of R.A. work to Brotherhood sponsorship will be consummated with the assurance of the continued interest of Woman's Missionary Union in the missionary education of boys.'

(2) That the Royal Ambassador program continue to be a missionary organization.

(3) That the Convention allocate adequate funds to the Brotherhood Commission for the promotion of this work.

(4) That the necessary additional financing be a matter to be referred to the Executive Committee." (pp. 46-47)

5           Special offerings to state, home and foreign missions continued to increase at a rapid pace. (p. 368)

2           During past year the Union completed publication of a graded series of stewardship study books. (WMU, p. 13) Also initiated publication of the "King's Way Series" to provide missionary books for G.A.'s and R.A.'s. (WMU, p. 30)

Operating expenses of the Union came from magazine subscription receipts (\$684,771), sale of literature and supplies (\$175,523), and from Home Board (\$39,999), and Foreign Board (\$60,000). (WMU, 1955, p. 75)

1955 --  
9,10       SBC instructed its Committee on Theological, Religious, and Missionary Education "to bring to the next Convention a detailed report of the financial relationship between the Carver School of Missions and Social Work and the program of theological, religious, and missionary education of the Southern Baptist Convention and make recommendations concerning the future relationship at the next meeting of the Convention." (p. 51)

7,9       During past year the Carver School received \$57,500 from the Cooperative Program for current support; also reported receiving \$320,000 from the Cooperative Program for an academic building. (p. 307)

1(d),4,14   Joint Committee on R.A. work secured approval of a policy regarding the seasons of prayer including the plan that during 1955-56 the R.A.'s continue to channel their special gifts through Woman's Missionary Union offerings (Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong, and State Mission Offerings); and that "steps be taken to direct future gifts resulting from Royal Ambassador seasons of prayer into a Royal Ambassador Offering for Missions." (WMU, p. 29)

1           Missionary societies were now functioning in 19,896 of the 29,899 SBC churches. The Union continued to conduct Regional Leadership Conferences for counselors and leaders of youth organizations. (WMU, p. 38)

3           The annual Mission Study Council during past year projected mission study plans, demonstrated teaching techniques, and presented mission books. (WMU, p. 38)

9           The Union approved plans to raise the endowment of Carver School to \$1,000,000 by the fiftieth anniversary of the school in 1957. (WMU, p. 39)

1956 --  
1           Mrs. R. L. Mathis was elected to succeed Mrs. George R. Martin as president of Woman's Missionary Union. (p. 39)

7,9,10      SBC approved Cooperative Program allocations of \$70,000 for Carver School both in 1956 and in 1957. (p. 39) W.M.U. voted to appoint a committee to work with the SBC committee regarding details on the transfer of Carver School to the Convention if the SBC approved this plan. (WMU, p. 24)

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Convention approved the following recommendation of its Executive Committee:

Believing that there is a definite place for the Carver School of Missions and Social Work in the areas of church social work and missionary training, we recommend with regard to the Carver School:

(1) That if the Southern Baptist Convention is to allocate funds on a percentage basis to the Carver School it do so only upon provision that the Woman's Missionary Union amend its charter and bylaws.

(2) That when the charter and bylaws of the Woman's Missionary Union be changed to permit it, the trustees of the Carver School shall be elected by the Southern Baptist Convention, one-half of whom shall be nominated by Woman's Missionary Union to the Committee on Boards of the Convention and elected by the Convention, and that the Carver School shall then operate as an institution of the Southern Baptist Convention.

(3) That in the event Woman's Missionary Union shall be agreeable to the above recommendations, the Committee on Theological, Religious, and Missionary Education of the Convention be authorized to work with Woman's Missionary Union in matters pertaining to details to be presented to the Southern Baptist Convention for consideration as soon as possible, it being understood that the President name the committee."

(pp. 50-51)

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The Union reported that conferences and camps continued "to be a popular phase of W.M.U. work. These provide excellent opportunities for leadership training, for the teaching of methods, and for the stimulating of a missionary interest in all those who attend." (p. 377)

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State W.M.U. offices distributed over 4,000,000 copies of free literature (104 different pieces). (WMU, p. 35)

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The Union reported the employment of three new workers in its Youth Department. (WMU, p. 38)

1957 --  
7,9,10

The SBC approved the transfer of ownership and control of Carver School from the W.M.U. to the SBC; approved the school's charter subject to amendments to be made by the W.M.U. The Convention authorized the Southern Baptist Foundation to accept the trust set forth in the proposed trust agreement offered by the W.M.U. covering endowment funds of Carver School. (p. 44-45) Approved an allocation of \$128,000 for operation of Carver School in 1958. (p. 48)

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After a reorganization of its headquarters personnel, the Union reported as Executive Secretary, Miss Alma Hunt; Business Director,

Miss LaVenia Neal; Promotion Director, Mrs. William McMurry, with directors and assistants in the Promotion Departments for W.M.S., Y.W.A., G.A. and Sunbeam Band. (WMU, p. 3)

2 Miss Juliette Mather retired from the service of the Woman's Misionary Union. Reported publication of The Story of Kathleen Mallory. (WMU, p. 52)

4 "Women providentially hindered from membership in the W.M.S." were being enrolled in "Intercessory Prayer leagues." (p. 434)

1 The Union indicated that the "mission emphasis in W.M.U. is two-fold--sending missionaries and being missionaries." Continued to emphasize personal witnessing and stewardship. (p. 435)

2 Monthly circulation of magazines published by the Union totaled 518,000. Three new books were added to the King's Way Series. (WMU, p. 47)

1 The analyst in the Organization Survey made of the Union's work in part attributed the prominent place of W.M.U. in Southern Baptist life to three organizational strengths: "the basic appeal of its program, the completely democratic process of its operations, and the large degree of participation of its lay leadership." (WMU, p. 54)

2,14 Publication of Ambassador Life was transferred to the Brotherhood Commission in August with a circulation of 70,250. (1958, p. 467)

1958 --  
10-14 The SBC approved the following recommendations regarding the Woman's Missionary Union made by the Committee on Total Program. (p. 57):

(1) The Woman's Missionary Union should be continued as an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. The relationship between Woman's Missionary Union and the Southern Baptist Convention should continue to be one of two independent organizations co-operating on the basis of mutual Christian concern to accomplish their common purpose. The present relationship between the Convention and the Woman's Missionary Union has proved satisfactory for both groups over the years. Your committee believes no significant benefits would be achieved from a change in this relationship at this time.

(2) Woman's Missionary Union should continue to perform its present functions. The mission programs of Southern Baptists on foreign and home fields are growing in scope and effectiveness each year. To support these growing programs, we as Baptists will need to marshall all possible resources in the years ahead. In this important work, Woman's Missionary Union can continue to play a very significant role through the sponsorship of special offerings for missions and by conducting a strong missionary education program for women, girls, and boys in the local churches.

(3) The work of Woman's Missionary Union should be related to that of the Southern Baptist Convention agencies through the Inter-agency Council. Both the stewardship promotion activities and the missionary education work of Woman's Missionary Union are intimately interrelated with the programs of the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention: hence, the work of Woman's Missionary Union should be carefully correlated with that of the Convention's agencies. The desired degree of correlation, planning, and carrying out of programs can best be achieved through continual participation by Woman's Missionary Union in the work of the Inter-agency Council. (p. 57)

7           Convention approved recommendation that the "Sunday School Board should not be permitted or required to transfer funds to other Southern Baptist Convention agencies or committees." (p. 60)

9,10       Committee on Theological Education reported that the transfer of Carver School to the Convention had been completed. (p. 73)

1-6       The Union approved goals for the Baptist Jubilee Advance, 1959-64, included a net gain of 5,000 churches with W.M.U. work, net gain of 375,000 members, increases in all facets of the Union's work. (p. 469)

6,12       The Good Will Center in Louisville was transferred by the W.M.U. to the Home Mission Board. (WMU, p. 24)

5           Lottie Moon Offering, for past year, totaled \$5,240,745, a gain of \$612,054 over previous year. The Annie Armstrong Offering amounted to \$1,741,859. (WMU, p. 30)

10-14      The W.M.U., at the request of the S.B.C., joined other agencies in promotion of the 30,000 Movement. (p. 93)

1959 --  
9,10       The SBC reaffirmed its previous actions of accepting the Carver School from the Woman's Missionary Union to operate it as a Convention institution and authorized the school "to continue as a separate institution of the Southern Baptist Convention." (p. 70) Under the 1957 agreement made between the W.M.U. and SBC the Union continued to nominate one-half of the trustees for Carver School. (p. 320)

1-5       The Union listed the following Aims for Advancement: World Awareness, Spiritual Life Development, Christian Witnessing, Stewardship of Possessions, Educating Youth in Missions, Enlistment for Missions, Leadership Training and Reporting Advancement. (p. 457)

1,2,18      Plans were announced for addition of two floors to the W.M.U. headquarters building to provide for the expanding work of the Union. The current system for handling subscription lists was to be replaced with an I.B.M. system. (p. 459)

2           Christian Witnessing, first book in the Union's Aim Series, was released. A second book in the series, Educating Youth in Missions, was to be released in the year, 1959-60. (WMU, p. 25)

- 1 Sixteen states reported an organized associational Woman's Missionary Union in every association. Only 25 associations in the entire SBC were without an associational W.M.U. Aims for Advancement in associational work were listed. (WMU, p. 31)
- 4,11 Foreign Mission Board prepared, promoted, and distributed audio-visual and related materials planned jointly with the W.M.U., Brotherhood and other Convention agencies for use in the Weeks of Prayer. (p. 185)
- 1,18 Both the promotional and financial year of the W.M.U. were changed to October through September. (WMU, p. 32)
- 2 The Executive Board of the Union approved the production of a biography of Miss Annie Armstrong; also, the publication of a leadership edition of Tell magazine. The title of the Y.W.A. magazine was shortened to The Window. (WMU, p. 33)
- 1(e) Approval was given to the promoting of a separate grouping of eight-year-old children in the Primary Sunbeam Band to be known as "World Friends." (WMU, p. 33)
- 1 During past year a cycle of 21 leadership workshops for youth leaders and W.M.S. leaders was completed. Also conducted a Woman's Missionary Society Council leadership clinic for state workers during past year. (WMU, p. 29)
- 5,11 Receipts of Foreign Mission Board from the 1959 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (\$7,706,847) exceeded receipts of the Board from the Cooperative Program (\$7,465,912). Total receipts of the Board amounted to \$16,144,841. Over \$3,000,000 of the Lottie Moon Offering were designated to specific mission causes. (1960, pp. 139, 144; WMU, p. 42)
- 5,12 For the first time the Annie Armstrong Offering exceeded \$2,000,000. (WMU, p. 322)
- 1960 --  
1,2 The Union reported releasing a new book, Woman's Missionary Union, by Miss Alma Hunt. (WMU, p. 19) Production of a filmstrip on The Sunbeam Nursery and a Sunbeam Nursery Basic Leadership Course were authorized. (WMU, p. 30) W.M.U. also authorized the preparation of a book on the life of G. B. Taylor, founder of Sunbeam Band. (WMU, p. 32)
- 3 The number of books taught by all organizations increased to 112,123. (WMU, p. 31)
- 8 The Margaret Fund provided scholarships (a major portion of the money for this fund now came from Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong Offering receipts allocated to this cause) during past year for 144 students, "69 sons and daughters of home missionaries and 75 of foreign missionaries, to attend 57 schools and colleges . . ." (WMU, p. 34)
- 1,18 The Union occupied the two new floors added to its building. (WMU, 1961, p. 36)

1961 -- 8 Administration of Margaret Fund scholarships was transferred to the Home and Foreign Boards. (WMU, 1962, p. 41)

6,10 The Union stated that one of its basic objectives was "Definite presentation of the Cooperative Program throughout the year." (p. 285)

4 Organizations participating in the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions increased to 55,168 while the number for Week of Prayer for Home Missions increased to 153,234. (p. 285)

2,3 In connection with Baptist Jubilee Advance goals, the Union stated that the following books were being prepared for study in the years indicated: Christian Sharing of Possessions (1960-61); Enlistment for Missions (1961-62); World Awareness (1962-63); Spiritual Life Development (1963-64). A history of W.M.U. was to be written in connection with the observance of the Union's 75th anniversary in 1963. (p. 287) The Story of Cousin George (founder of Sunbeams) was also released. (WMU, p. 19)

12 The Home Mission Board employed Bernice Elliott to work with W.M.U. Pioneer States. (HMB Resume, p. 176)

1962 -- 9,14 The Carver School of Missions and Social Work reported that all efforts to gain accreditation had failed. Following a full review of the institution, its purposes, and all prevailing factors, the trustees of the institution made the following recommendations that were adopted by the Convention:

1. That the operation of Carver School be merged as soon as possible with Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. (This will not affect the Missions Workshop, June 11-29, 1962.)

2. That the Carver School Trustees serve through the 1963 meeting of The Southern Baptist Convention with full authority to handle the affairs of the school. In this period they will attempt such negotiations and complete such contracts as will assure a continued effort to achieve the purposes set forth in the Carver School Charter. As soon as possible, during or following the 1963 Southern Baptist Convention, the Carver School of Missions and Social Work as an independent corporation will be merged.

3. That the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary be requested to accept the assets of Carver School and to operate its program in such manner as will in good faith seek to achieve the purposes set forth in the Carver School charter. (p. 72)

9,14 The trustees of the Southern Seminary reported to the SBC that subsequent to the above Convention action they had voted "to accept the assets of Carver School and to operate its program in such manner as will, in good faith, seek to achieve the purposes set forth in the Carver School charter." (p. 77)

1        The W.M.U. stated that it had added to its regular program the promotion of an Enlistment Week plan designed to help the local W.M.U.'s to increase their membership. (p. 260)

3        Books on W.M.U. Principles and Methods were now incorporated into the Church Study Course promoted by the S.S. Board. (p. 182)

1(a)     Emphasis was given to organizing more than one W.M.S. in churches where there was a need. (WMU, p. 32)

1963 --  
9        With the merger of Carver School with Southern Seminary in 1963, the Union deleted from its constitution the directive for the Executive Board to nominate trustees for the institution. (WMU, p. 31)

1,10      In annual session the Woman's Missionary Union celebrated its 75th Anniversary with special programs highlighting its history. The SBC adopted a resolution commending the work of the W.M.U. in support of the Convention. (p. 66) Mrs. R. L. Mathis, elected by the W.M.U. Executive Board as promotion division director, retired as president of the Union. Mrs. Robert Fling was then elected president. (WMU, pp. 31-32) The SBC in annual session elected Mrs. Mathis as its second vice-president. This action marks the first time a woman was ever elected as a Convention officer. (p. 72)

16       "Lines of communication with associational and local WMU leaders were strengthened by initiating two quarterly bulletins--one for local presidents and the other for associational presidents." Reported reaching 622 of the 1,145 associations with promotional conferences conducted by Convention-wide leadership in 26 states in preparation for the 50th anniversary of Girl's Auxiliary. (WMU, p. 75)

5        The Union indicated that in an increasing number of churches the goals for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Annie Armstrong Offering, and State Mission Offerings were considered as church goals and attention was focused on the church goal and individual participation. The Lottie Moon Offering for the past year (\$9,349,594) exceeded the Foreign Board's receipts from the Cooperative Program (\$8,452,409). (p. 304) The Annie Armstrong Offering totaled \$2,891,184 while Cooperative Program receipts of the Home Board totaled \$3,127,156. (p. 306)

10       The Union continued its cooperation with the SBC in promoting the annual emphases of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, building its regular program around the Jubilee goals.

1        In its report to the SBC in 1963, the Woman's Missionary Union states that its purpose "is to provide a program of missionary education for women in Woman's Missionary Society, unmarried young women in Young Women's Auxiliary, girls in Girls' Auxiliary, and children in Sunbeam Band. It co-operates with the Southern Baptist Convention in the promotion of missions through a program of mission study, prayer, community missions, and stewardship." (p. 283)

1,11-14    The W.M.U. joined with the Sunday School Board and Brotherhood Commission in planning for the 1965-67 emphases of the Post-64 SBC Program. (p. 57)

9,10      SBC approved legal actions on Carver School merger. (p. 72f)