

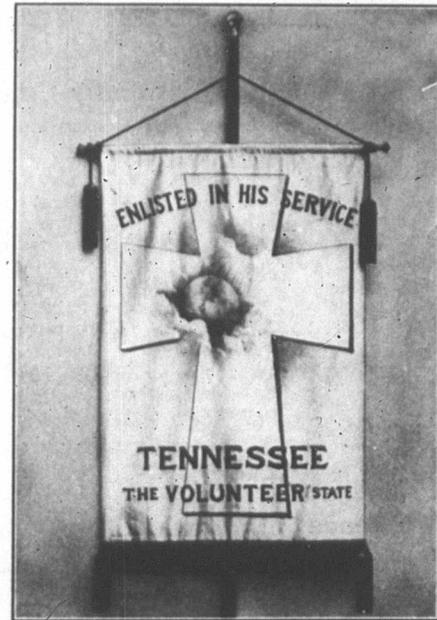
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Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.  
—EPHESIANS 6:10

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## EDITORIAL



### Royal Service

AS every woman knows, a new name does not necessarily mean a new existence. *Royal Service*, which today for the first time holds out its hand and invites you to join it in many an interesting missionary journey, is an old friend with a new name and a new dress. Both make it an auspicious time to take a backward look over a rather unusual history.

Since its organization in 1888 the Woman's Missionary Union had sent out an ever-increasing number of those missionary leaflets, whose scattering by woman's organizations have proved the seed corn of much of the present widespread missionary knowledge.

These, however, did not supply the growing and imperative demand of the societies for a complete and well-planned monthly program. The need was acknowledged but the question of expense loomed large. But necessity is the mother of daring.

In 1906 the Union began a publication of a quarterly devoted to monthly programs under the title of *Our Mission Fields*.

The welcome given the new publication, one copy of which was sent free to every society, was most enthusiastic. The demand was for more. Beside the free copies grew up a list of paid subscriptions: this was composed of society leaders who wished "a copy to cut and a copy to keep;" B. Y. P. U. leaders, who found it equally valuable for their meetings; ministers, who said it gave in concrete form just what they needed and workers outside of our denomination who pronounced it most helpful: These subscriptions did not lessen the cost to the Union, for they came through the Literature Department and barely covered the cost of publication. How much the new programs added to the rapidly growing number of societies we cannot say, but undoubtedly it was a large factor.

*Our Mission Fields* was excellent. Its praise was on every tongue—but the cost!

The societies were offered the privilege of subscribing. They embraced it slowly. What was to be done? We had created a necessity. We had discovered we could not live without it. The question now was how to live with it.

After a year's hesitation *Our Mission Fields* was put to the test in 1912. If it was worth having, was it worth paying for? Its friends trembled for its future. Their fears were groundless. The subscriptions were soon almost equal to the number formerly given away and in time exceeded it.

Still the Union's work expanded. There was much to say of the plans and growth of our work and the great world of missions which could not be covered in the programs.

Should we venture again? Could the quarterly become a monthly, ministering as the former could not to our many-sided needs? After another year of hesitation the present venture was made.

The name *Royal Service* was chosen by the Union at its annual session of 1914. It links the history we are making with that of our past, which in our twenty-fifth year was told by Miss Heck in "In Royal Service." We confidently believe that *Royal Service* enters on a long life which shall contribute ever more largely to the advancement of God's Kingdom.

Yet this is a matter of faith. The number of new subscribers and those brought over from *Our Mission Fields*, which it succeeds, is 11,000. The number necessary to make the magazine self-sustaining is 20,000. The Literature Department, which will have entire charge of the financial side of the magazine and through whose Foundation Fund, the publication is made possible, believes the subscribers will reach the required number before the year is out.

If not—but we refuse to consider the possibility.

### WHAT, HOW AND WHO

HAVING told of the past of *Royal Service*, it is natural to ask something of its future. To its preparation a number will contribute. Now, as formerly, the chief feature will be the monthly programs for every grade of our graded system of societies—Woman's Missionary Societies, Young Woman's Auxiliary, Girls' Auxiliary, Royal Ambassadors and Sunbeams. These will be prepared by Miss Claris I. Crane who has so successfully prepared them for the past two years. Miss Heck will supply the editorials.

The deep desire of the societies for fuller Bible study will be met by the Bible lessons prepared by Mrs. Pollard, the first Recording Secretary of the Union and a deep Bible student. "To this above all," said one state leader, "we shall look forward and for it alone would subscribe largely." There is no more hopeful indication of the deepening spiritual life of the societies than the demand for more extensive Bible study.

Another growing desire will be to provide, in a larger space, for news from our women home and foreign missionaries. As is well known the Union supports all the women sent out by our Foreign Mission Board and supports much of the work under their charge, while it contributes to all the forms of work carried on by women under the Home Board. To have these direct messages from them, which will be arranged by Miss Kathleen Mallory, will greatly quicken our interest and tie us together with more inseparable cords.

Personal Service, in the broadening work the societies are doing for their own communities, brings successes and problems. Mrs. H. M. Wharton, the Chairman of Personal Service Committee, will gather and give helpful suggestions under this head.

The Training School, which never fails to have an interesting story to tell, will have its own page, edited by Mrs. Maud R. McLure, its Principal.

Current events in the great mission countries, missionary Book Reviews and Society Methods which will sweep the missionary horizon of the world and keep us in touch with the march of Christian progress, will be conducted by Mrs. E. B. Mathews and Miss Mallory.

The Treasurer's Reports, in which Mrs. W. C. Lowndes so clearly sums up our progress quarter by quarter, will be continued.

Then, after we have wandered far afield and enjoyed the good things these departments have brought us, we will relax, draw up around the Round Table over which Miss Heck will preside and finally throw ourselves into the rocking chair and read to the assembled family the missionary stories and poems provided by Mrs. W. R. Nimmo, the Secretary of the Literature Committee and the presiding genius, by whose hand all these departments have been safely tucked in under one cover.

#### Form of Bequest to Woman's Missionary Union Training School

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## BIBLE STUDY



### Topic—Hope

Hope includes desire and expectation.  
 Hope is the antipode of despair.  
 Hope has special relation to future blessings.  
 Faith—looks upward; Hope looks onward,  
 These have their source in divine love.

#### THE BLESSED HOPE. (Titus 2:13)

The blessed hope is "the hope laid up in heaven" (Col. 1:5) the result of receiving the gospel, "the word of truth".

"The hope of the gospel" (Col. 1:23) is Christ, our life.

"The hope of glory" (Col. 1:27) is Christ in you.

The blessed hope is an anchor of the soul (Heb. 6:19).

Gospel hope is our anchor; it is a good hope through grace; it is cast upon the Rock of Ages, enters within the veil and fixes us upon Christ, whose sacrifice on earth is the foundation of that hope and assurance that He will come again (John 14:2, 3). The return to our earth in personal glory of Jesus Messiah is the first event included in the blessed hope (Titus 2:13). The second event is the resurrection of the dead (Acts 24:15; John 5:28, 29; John 6:39, 40).

Rejoice in Hope (Romans 5:2-5)—The believer looks forward with rejoicing to the time when the whole earth shall be full of God's glory (Num. 14:21; Heb. 2:14). This is a hope that maketh not ashamed, a hope that can never bring disappointment, a hope that is sure of fruition.

I. A blessed hope gives inward-enjoyment apart from externals on account of the expectation (Romans 8:18, 19).

II. A purifying hope (I John 3:3) loosens the grasp from the things of the earth; the great concern will be to "lay up treasures in heaven" (Col. 3:1, 4).

III. A comforting hope which is peculiarly the hope of the church (I. Thes. 4:13-18).

IV. A glorious hope (Phil 3:20, 21; Hebrews 11:17, 19, 35)—This hope leaps over time and space to the period when Jesus Christ shall Himself be glorified as King of Kings according to the eternal purpose of the Father.

The hope that you are one day to awaken in the Divine likeness will make you examine self, repent, pray and praise each day. The hope that one day you are to see Christ as He is will make you purify yourself as nothing else will. The hope that you are to walk with Christ in white will make you keep your garments clean. The hope that you are to cast your crown at His feet will make you watch that no man take your crown from you. The hope of hearing Him say "Well done", how that will make you labor and not faint. The hope that you shall one day enter in through the gates of the city and have a right to the tree of life, how scrupulous that will make you to keep His commandments, gird up the loins of your mind and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

"Therefore beloved seeing that ye look for these things, give diligence that ye may be found in peace, without spot and blameless in his sight."—II Peter 3:14

### HOPE

Failure will hurt but not hinder us. Disillusion will pain but not dishearten us. Sorrows will shake us but not break us: Hope will set the music ringing and quicken our lagging pace. We need hope for living far more than for dying. Dying is easy work compared with living. Dying is a moment's transition; living, a transaction of years. It is the length of the rope that puts the sag in it. Hope tightens the cords and tunes up the heart-strings. Work well, then; suffer patiently, rejoicing in hope. God knows all, and yet is the God of Hope. And when we have hoped to the end here, He will give us something to look forward to, for all eternity. For "hope abideth."—*Maltbie D. Babcock*



## PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER

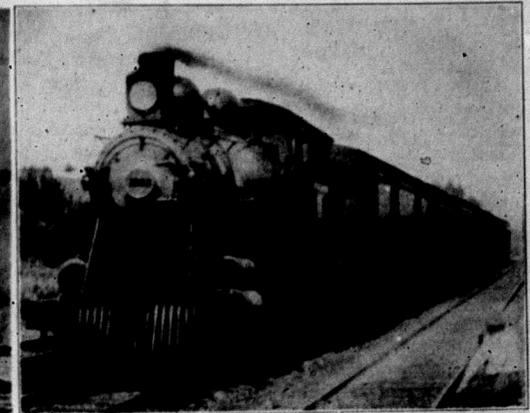


Prepared by Miss Claris I. Crane

The programs given month by month present the present-day conditions in our home and foreign mission fields. Societies just beginning mission study, or those wishing to review past history of any subject treated, will find what they desire in the mission study books, a list of which will be furnished, on request, by Woman's Missionary Union Literature Department, 15 West Franklin St., Baltimore, Md. For a few cents leaflets suggested in this number can be obtained from the same address.



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### Topic—World Survey

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PRAYER

DISMISSAL

"Every Day May Make or Mar the Future of Great Peoples"

Hymn—

"God the all-merciful earth hath forsaken  
 Thy ways of blessedness, slighted Thy word;  
 Bid not Thy wrath in its terrors awaken;  
 Give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

"God the all-righteous One! man hath defied  
 Thee,  
 Yet to eternity standeth Thy word;  
 Falsehood and wrong shall not tarry beside  
 Thee;  
 Give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

"God the all-wise! by the fire of Thy chastening;  
 Earth shall to freedom and truth be restored;  
 Through the thick darkness Thy kingdom is  
 hastening;  
 Thou wilt give peace in Thy time, O Lord.

"So will Thy people, with thankful devotion,  
 Praise Him who saved them from peril and  
 sword,  
 Shouting in chorus from ocean to ocean,  
 Peace to the nations and praise to the Lord."

## 1. CAUGHT IN THE MAELSTROM.

ONE hundred years since the battle of Waterloo and with all our boasts of the march of civilization all Europe is again at war. As one writes: "The events and interests and conclusions of yesterday sink into insignificance before the colossal struggle, and one feels the helplessness of mere man in the grip of mighty world currents. Even our isolated country is shaken by the swirl of the maelstrom".

### Causes?

The observer, from afar, gazing with reluctant yet fascinated eyes, looks in vain for adequate causes. That the assassination of an Austrian Crown Prince by a Serb student should plunge the civilized nations of Europe into war seems an impossible thing. Like the distorted values of a dream, small events produce disproportionate results, while supposedly great issues shrink; yet it is no nightmare, but the truth. Stripped of irrelevant incident and occasion, the war narrows down to an inevitable conflict, with the materials lying ready for explosion to be set off by any chance match. "The condition of Europe, burdened by enormous armament, with the Triple Alliance (Germany, Austria and Italy) and the Triple Entente (England, France and Russia) watching each other with hawk's eyes, was a condition of long-standing strain and unstable balance." The real causes of the war are still shrouded. Is it in truth, as the German would have us see it, a war in which "German culture and civilization are fighting against a half-Asiatic and slightly cultured barbarism" and in which Germany is the victim of a semi-Asiatic conspiracy? Or is it, as an English writer says, "No war against Germany, but a war to end an intolerable system (absolute monarchy) which permitted two men (the two Kaisers) to set a whole world mad".

The tendency in the United States is to agree with a writer in the Outlook, who says: "History will hold the German Empire responsible for the war in Europe. Austria would never have made her indefensible attack on Serbia if she had not been assured beforehand of the support of Germany. \* \* \* In order to make this war the Hague Treaty has been disregarded, the pledge to observe the neutrality of the Duchy of Luxemburg and the Kingdom of Belgium has been

promptly violated, as the first steps toward setting up a Europe-wide Germanic Empire.

### Results—Possible and Probable

"The inevitable consequences of the Austro-Germanic alliance, if it is successful, it requires no prophet to foresee. It would put an end to all hope of a Balkan Confederacy; it would reduce the Balkan States to provinces of Germany and Austria. It would make Belgium and Holland Germanic provinces; it would create a Germanic Empire which would extend from the North Sea to the Mediterranean. It would bring all Europe under the domination of this Germanic Empire, as all southern Europe was under the domination of Rome in the first century, and as Napoleon endeavored to bring all eastern Europe under his personal domination in the last century. It would reduce Italy, Spain, Portugal, France and England to subordinate positions. It would banish from all eastern Europe for the time the democratic movement of which France and England are the leaders. It would discourage the hopes of democracy in Spain, Italy and Russia. It would enthrone autocracy from the Atlantic Coast to Siberia and from the North Sea to the Mediterranean.

"On the other hand, if the Germanic scheme is defeated, no such control of Europe would be possible to the allied Powers, and none such would be desired by them. England, France and Russia could never unite to exercise a mastery over Europe. The supremacy of the people would receive a new impulse not only in the victorious but in the defeated countries. A Balkan federation would become not only possible but probable. Suppressed democracy in Germany and even Russia would receive new power. Not necessarily would all these results occur, but such are the tendencies in a war of imperialism against popular rights".

What effect will this war of the nations have upon missionary advance?

For the present the outlook is dark. Missions everywhere are already feeling the stringency of the financial crisis, and those of the countries now at war will feel most severely the pressure due to the waste of men and money. The countries of Continental Europe have only in the past few years begun to respond adequately to their missionary responsibility. Moreover, the carrying of the war into the Nearer and Farther East enormously complicates an already grave situation.

Yet beyond the tumult and out of all the chaos, rises the supreme fact that "God has a plan, and the events of history are the working out of this plan in human affairs". "He maketh the wrath of man to praise Him" still; and through the darkness of the present we can be confident of this very thing, that He who brought such marvellous spiritual impetus out of the tragedies of the Indian Mutiny and the Boxer Uprising will from the terrors of this struggle bring out an advance of the Kingdom of our Lord and of Christ.

## 2. UNITED STATES AND CANADA

### a. Gifts

The figures of The Home Base Committee show that nearly \$16,500,000 was given in the United States and Canada last year for Protestant Christian missions outside of these two countries. Even when we talk millions for missions it is pretty small talk when compared with the use of some other millions we hear of and read about.—*Record of Christian Work*

### b. Hebrew Christian Alliance

A Hebrew Christian Alliance of America has been formed, as an expression of the universal movement among Christian Jews to win their brethren to Christ. The first Conference of the Alliance will be held in April, 1915.

No other country in the world receives so many Jews to its shores, through the annual inflow of immigration, as America.

According to the Jewish Chronicle, Rev. Isidore Harris, in the forthcoming issue of the Jewish Year-Book, states that the number of Jews in the world now exceeds 13,000,000; to be exact, 13,052,846, made up as follows: Europe, 9,950,175; Asia, 484,359; Africa, 404,836; America, 2,194,061; Australasia, 19,415.

The latest statistics concerning missions to the Jews show that there are 253 stations and outstations in operation, employing the time of 939 missionaries and their wives, and operated at a cost of \$738,000. Six hundred and sixty-four of these missionaries are working in Great Britain and 147 in the United States. Comparatively little is being done in other countries.

### c. The Collapse of Civilization—Is That What the War in Europe Means?

Civilization can never finally prevent war for war is only one of many expressions of sin. Every, individual human life in which Christ

is not Saviour and Lord is at war with God; and every nation which does not recognize Christ as Supreme Lord of its every national policy and action is thereby habitually at war with God. Only Christ can bring men and nations into peace with God. When we say this we recognize that there has never been, since our Lord came to this earth, such a thing as a Christian nation. There are nations in which live many Christians, both as private citizens and as public officials; but the world has yet to see a nation whose acknowledged and implicitly obeyed head is Christ.

"That is the reason why civilization has collapsed today in Europe. It will continue to collapse after every human attempt to set it up again. Civilization without Christ as Lord is a failure before it is set up.

"This explains the futility of world-peace hopes in tribunals, conferences and pledges of arbitration. Never has the futility of world-peace on the basis of men's agreement been so sadly revealed as in this hour. Tribunals of international arbitration can prevent some wars. We cannot do too much to increase peace sentiment throughout the world. But in every such effort let us recognize fundamental things: that peace agreements among nations in which Jesus Christ is not the supreme ruler can at best deal only with surface conditions; they may be temporary preventives; they can never be cures.

"Peace by agreement is not the peace which our Lord Jesus Christ offers to give to this world: Peace by conquest, His personal conquest, is the only sure hope of the world."—*Sunday School Times*, August 15, 1914

### d. Country Life Conference

At the Country Life Conference, College Park, Md., the first week in August, a working program for the country church was adopted which included the following suggestive plans:

1. The church as a center for the general uplift of the community
2. The co-operation of all churches in the community for social service
3. A thorough and comprehensive survey in each community of its moral and religious condition
4. Dignified methods in raising and expending church funds as will create a keen sense of obligation to support adequately the local and general interests of the church

5. The adaptation of rural schools to the training of young people for country life

6. Recreation to promote the moral development of the community

7. Special ministry to children, wage earners and tenant farmers

8. *The preaching of the Gospel* all the time and in every community.

"Christ for every life and all life" is the motto for the year.

#### e. Findings of Rural Efficiency Commission

"Fully two-thirds of our Southern Baptist churches are in the country, and yet only one-eighth of them have a Woman's Missionary Society.

"The Committee on Rural Efficiency would recommend: That the Committee on Calendar of Prayer arrange for at least one day in each month for prayer for some phase of the needs of the country societies."

#### f. Home and Foreign Special Objects

"While each branch remains in full and intelligent sympathy, by prayer and study, with all the mission fields, of our Southern Baptist Convention, it holds itself responsible for the special advancement of particular lines of work as requested by the Home and Foreign Mission Boards as follows:

##### Home Missions—

W. M. S.—Mountain schools

Y. W. A. and G. A.—Foreigners and frontier

R. A.—Indians

Sunbeams—Schools in Cuba, Tampa and El Paso

##### Foreign Missions—

W. M. S.—All our women missionaries and their schools

Y. W. A. and G. A.—Hospitals

R. A.—Boys' School, Toluca, Mexico

Sunbeams—Kindergartens and schools for boys and girls"

### 3. MEXICO

#### a. Triumph of a Steadfast Purpose

"The steadfast purpose and the larger aim must in the long run triumph over incidents and circumstances" says the Review of Reviews in regard to President Wilson's policy in Mexico. "President Wilson was resolved that the United States should not be drawn into a war with Mexico unless for reasons of grave and obvious necessity. But he was, too, determined that we should not condone treason and assassination as the direct avenue

to recognized power. This attitude has been justified by the recent peaceful entrance of the Constitutionalist into Mexico City. This news, almost unheeded in the midst of the mass of news from Europe, heralds a victory of peace far more worthy than those of war. \* \* \* \*

"Mexico must in the future bear a relationship of assured and permanent intimacy with the United States. It would be best for Mexico if the United States should lend some exceptional aid in the reconstruction period of the next ten years. There should be worked out a plan by which Mexican civil and financial stability might find a guarantee in the support of the United States, and which plan might or might not be less permanent and conclusive than the one under which we now guarantee peace and order in Cuba."

#### b. Mexican Missions

"Correspondence with missionaries and the 18 mission boards at work in Mexico reveals the fact that most of the mission schools and churches are still open and are conducted as usual. At the beginning of the revolution, about two years ago, there were 331 organized Protestant churches, with 24,771 Mexican communicant members. There are more Christians there today, although some of the churches are now temporarily closed, or are ministered to by Mexican pastors and teachers. Some of the stations have been broken up by the revolution but will be opened again at the restoration of peace."—*Missionary Review of the World*

Our Southern Baptist Convention work, though interrupted especially in the north, has been nobly advanced by the missionaries and native pastors. With the coming in of a stable government we must prepare for a spiritual-quickening and a great advance:

### 4. SOUTH AMERICA

#### A Twice-Born Man in Argentina

"Michael Vallespy is a Spaniard, 56 years of age, who sixteen years ago was condemned to death for having assassinated in cold blood one woman and attempting to kill two persons besides. The deed took place in France. Vallespy succeeded in escaping through his astuteness and lived four years hidden until he came to the Argentine to live. In Rosario he heard the Gospel and when he accepted Christ as his Saviour he believed it his duty to deliver himself to the authorities and ask

the punishment that his deed merited. With the product of his economy he paid his passage to Spain, where he wished to take leave of his sister, and from there he went to France to present himself before the Court of Assizes of Carcassonne which had condemned him. The case aroused immense interest in all the judicial circles of France. For several weeks the great dailies and magazines filled their columns with the details of this singular 'affaire'. M. R. Saillens, the Baptist apostle of France, and many notable Protestant writers produced some admirable pages concerning this case of conscience.

"Serenely and tranquil, Vallespy appeared before the court. Vallespy made his confession, declaring that the Gospel impelled him to proceed in this manner; that he knew that he was saved by Christ but that having sinned against society he asked for the penalty that the crime merited. According to law he had to be condemned, but as a notable French writer said, the court did not have before it the monster of sixteen years ago, but a new creature, a true Christian, and the decision, although illegal, granted complete absolution.

"After visiting several towns of France and Spain, where in other times he was known, testifying to his saving faith in Christ, Vallespy has returned to Rosario having done his duty."

### 5. JAPAN AND AMERICA

"The Japan Mission of the American Board has addressed to the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America a memorial, deploring the effect of discriminating race legislation upon the proclamation of the Gospel in Japan, and requesting that the Federal Council appoint a commission to study the whole question in its relation to the teaching of Christ. Race legislation, tending to disturb the historical friendship of these two countries, is likely to be repeatedly attempted unless some thoroughgoing solution of the difficulty is found, and therefore this appeal is made to the Christian Churches of America. Unless prevented by war prominent lecturers will be engaged by the Federal Council to bring Japan and the United States into better understanding of each others national characteristics".

#### A Three-Year Evangelistic Campaign

"Sometime ago it was proposed that the churches of all denominations in Japan should

engage in 'a united evangelistic campaign for the whole country'. Many churches have agreed to work in this movement. The country has been divided into districts. Each district is to arrange for mass-meetings in theatres, meetings in schools, churches and workshops. Leading Christians (preachers, judges, business men) have been secured to visit these districts and assist in the meetings. It is planned to take three years to cover the whole country. Fifty thousand yen, equivalent to \$25,000, will be spent in this effort. Dr. John R. Mott has become responsible for raising half of this amount. The missionaries and Japanese Christians are asked to raise the rest. The objects of this evangelistic campaign are to bring about a deeper and more practical experience of the life of Christ in the individual, resulting in more earnest efforts to lead others to the Saviour, and a more widespread presentation of the gospel to the whole non-Christian community. Let Christians everywhere remember to pray daily for this great interdenominational, inter-racial forward movement in Japan.

### 6. THE CHRISTIAN FORCES IN CHINA

"The total evangelical church-membership in the Republic of China is about 470,000. These Christians are served by 548 ordained Chinese pastors and 5,364 unordained workers. In addition, there are 4,712 Chinese Christian school teachers, 1,789 Bible women and 496 native assistants employed in hospitals, of which there are 235. Other Chinese workers in the evangelical churches bring the total of the Chinese staff giving of their time to the service of Christianity up to 15,501. There are 2,955 Christian congregations, and the Chinese Christians contributed \$320,900 for Christian work among their own people during the past year. Leading in this work of Christianization and guiding the destinies of the Chinese Church are 5,452 foreign missionaries from America and Europe.

#### Total Professed Christian Population of Two and a Quarter Millions

"They represent, however, only about one-half of one per cent of the entire population, and while there has been a remarkable growth since the Boxer uprising in 1900, it is evident that these large numbers indicate only the beginnings of the Christian Church in China."

### China's Only Hope

"Nothing can solve the moral and spiritual chaos in China but the gospel of Jesus Christ. Indeed, even in our political confusion and gloom, which has so completely enveloped the whole land, nothing can solve it but the light from the gospel of Jesus Christ. So then, Christ is our only hope for the ultimate salvation of China". — *Ng Poon Chew in Missionary Review of the World.*

### 7. TURKEY

#### a. The Harem and the College

"A great step in the higher education of the Turkish woman was taken this summer, when Constantinople College for Women dedicated five new buildings, the gift of Mrs. Finley J. Shepard, Mrs. Russell Sage and other American women.

"Since the revolution of 1908, which, through the Constitution, gave liberty to all people, Moslem students have been coming to Constantinople College in large numbers. Today they form nearly one-fourth of the student body; and the class which graduated this year included among its twenty-four members—of whom eight were Armenian, six Bulgarian, five Greek and two Hebrew—three Turks.

"Thus is America effectively reaching out across the world to the women whose lives are in bondage to the oldest and unfairer of traditions."

#### b. Turks and the European War

"But young Turks and old Turks alike will rejoice over every defeat of a Christian army. Their ulema will preach sermons showing how bad faith is always punished in the end. Did not all the Six Great Powers solemnly swear that they would not allow the Balkan allies to disturb the *status quo* in Turkey?

"The Turks will be quite pleased to see their wrongs avenged by others. And it is more than probable that the apostles of Pan-Islamism have already set out to tell the Mohammedans of North Africa, from the Nile to Tangier, that their infidel masters are very busy at home.

"Surely this is a time for earnest prayer in behalf of Moslems, for converts and for missionaries working among them. The wisdom and power of God are the only hope of success, but the resources in the hands of Christians must be placed at His disposal."

### 8. AFRICA

#### Islam or Christianity?

In Ogbomoso there is a growing desire on the part of the young women and the young

men to learn to read. During the past year I have sold more than one hundred and fifty copies of the first Yoruba reader. The spirit of material progress is with us. Houses with corrugated iron roofs and with doors and windows are being built in place of grass-roofed compounds; motor vans are coming to Ogbomoso; young men are getting larger visions of life, a desire to read their own language indicates a desire for mental improvement; the idols fail to satisfy them as before. A movement away from heathenism is certainly to be seen at Ogbomoso and some of the out-station towns, the question is, 'Shall it be toward Christianity or toward Mohammedanism?' The largest building with a corrugated iron roof in Ogbomoso is the new Mohammedan mosque, built in 1913, the Mohammedans receiving large financial aid towards its erection from the Bale, or ruler, of the town. The next few years will decide this question definitely; the Mohammedans are busy propagating the teachings of Mohammed; we must get busier in the propagation of the teachings of Jesus Christ.—*George Green, M.D.*

### 9. BAPTISTS IN ITALY

"Not long ago at Calitri, Italy, a priest stated publicly that the Socialists were more favorable to the Baptists than to the Catholics. The reply of a young Socialist was that the Baptist work was a kind of school for the enlightenment of the people, while the priests kept a 'holy shop' (Santa Bottega) to deceive and rob the people. The Sunday school work has been developed. One new school has been organized, and during the year one hundred and sixty-three new scholars have been gained. Our pastors and their wives teach day and night schools where it is possible. Grown men and women, as well as young people and children, attend these schools to learn to read and write. After the new immigration bill in the United States this work will be more popular than ever. It is a mighty means for opening windows in the hearts and homes of these poor people that the 'True Light' may come in."

### 10. THE SON OF MAN HAS COME TO SAVE THE WORLD

"The redemptive power of the gospel is here to seek and to save the lost. No interpre-

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## Y. W. A. AND G. A. PROGRAMS



### WORLD SURVEY—AN ENLISTMENT MEETING

ESSENTIAL helps to this program are: 1. Missionary map of the world, which may be ordered from the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. Maps may also be borrowed from schools and individuals, but the society that buys one is making a good investment. 2. Postcards and pictures from magazines showing places and scenes in the countries mentioned in this program. This is an excellent time for the society to begin making a scrap-book of the countries studied during the year. Each member may be asked for a certain number of pictures, and a committee appointed to care for them. 3. Unselfish and enthusiastic co-operation, furnished by every member of the society.

Do you want to be	worth more to your church town world?	Join the Y. W. A. (Insert date.)	We think we can help you. We know YOU can help us.
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### Preliminary Preparation

*Aim*—To enlist every girl over 16 years of age in the church or community in the Young Woman's Auxiliary

*Invitation*—Have attractive notices given at Sunday school, church, and other gatherings, let every member of the auxiliary personally invite at least one other girl, and use if desired some form of printed or written invitation, such as the following four-page folder:

*Concentration*—Have the meeting for the election of officers at some other time. Concentrate now on getting and holding members for the winter's work of the auxiliary.

*Co-operation*—Have every member given a definite part in the program, arranged in time to allow careful preparation.

Hymn—"O! Zion Haste"

Prayer

Special Music

Scripture/Reading—Psalm 46

Hymn

*Yesterday*—Some half dozen girls, dressed in costume, if desired, tell of interesting things learned about the different countries last winter and the personal service or other work done by the auxiliary. Make this vivid and brief.

*Tomorrow*—One or more girls will tell definitely and succinctly of the plans of the

auxiliary for the coming winter, the countries to be learned about (cf. calendar of topics and point them out on wall map); the personal service in church and community planned.

*The Year 1914*—A brief talk by some interesting man or woman in touch with current events; some of the causes of the European war and the possible results, with special reference to missions. Have this made suggestive rather than exhaustive, stimulating the hearers to desire to know more of world events.

Hymn—"God Is Working His Purpose Out"

Closing Prayer

### PROGRAM FOR GIRL'S AUXILIARY

Hymn—Prayer

Bible Study (cf. Devotional Lesson)

Roll Call—Members answer with names of countries and a recent fact about each.

Map Study—On a large wall map of the world have different colored cords fastened to each country in which the Southern Baptist Convention has missions. One by one girls come out dressed in the costumes of the various countries, and each tells how the European war is affecting mission work there. The cords are of different lengths, so that the

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## R. A. PROGRAMS



OUR vacation days are over and school days are again the privilege of Royal Ambassador boys. You will miss some of your boys, there will be some vacant chairs left by those who have gone to distant schools and colleges. But there are other boys for these places. Seek them out, and it will be your privilege to greatly enlarge your influence, where influence yields a rich reward—in the heart and life of a boy. At this first meeting of the autumn suggest your plans for the year, base them on a firm foundation, remembering the motto and armor.

The programs that follow were prepared by two former Royal Ambassador boys, one a graduate from a southern university, the other having two more years of study before his graduation. They are both active in church work and will go forth into business or professional life well equipped for service. We may expect progress in the spiritual life of all who come in contact with them.

### PROGRAM FOR FIRST MEETING

(See April Program.)

Business Meeting

Topic—World Survey

Subject—Home Missions or the Brothers at Your Door

Thought—"Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white already unto harvest."

Hymn—"Laborers of Christ Arise"

Prayer—That we may give ourselves and all we have to His service

Scripture Lesson—John 4 : 31-38 (Comment on the exact situation under which Jesus was speaking and the bearing of this passage on Home Missions.)

Hymn—"Our Country's Voice Is Pleading"

I. Home Field—

(a) The value to the forces on the foreign fields of a strong organization at home

(b) Present Status of Home Missions

Hymn—"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

II. The Task of Home Missions—

(a) The forces at work

(b) The forces needed to accomplish the work

(c) The work unfinished  
III. Topics of Universal Interest—  
(a) Factory problem  
(b) City problem  
(c) Whiskey question, etc.  
Hymn—"My Country 'Tis of Thee"  
Prayer—For all Royal Ambassador orders in the South

Adjournment

Helps—"The Home Mission Task"—Masters; "Advance in the Antilles"—Gross; "Good Bird, the Indian"—Wilson; "Missions Striking Home"—McAfee Send to Educational Department of Foreign Mission Board, S. B. C., Richmond, Va., for price list of books.

### PROGRAM FOR SECOND MEETING

Subject—Foreign Missions or Our Brothers over the Seas

Hymn—"The King's Business"

Invocation—Leader

Scripture Lesson—II Cor. 4 : 1-6

Hymn—"The Son of God Goes Forth to War"

Prayer—For desire to know and will to do Some of the Links—

(a) William Cary

(b) The Judsons, Adoniram and Ann Haseltine

(c) Luther Rice

(d) Robert Morrison

Hymn—"From Greenland's Icy Mountains" (order standing)

"The Country to Survey"—Present conditions of missions as affected by the War in Europe-Asia

Africa and South America

Hymn—"The Morning Light Is Breaking"

Open Discussion—The Future of Missions

Hymn—"Onward Christian Soldiers" (first two stanzas) Collection.

Hymn—"Onward Christian Soldiers" (last two stanzas) New Members

Close with Sentence Prayers

Helps—Biographical leaflets (2 cents each) can be obtained from Woman's Missionary Union Literature Department, 15 W. Franklin Street, Baltimore, Md.

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## SUNBEAM PROGRAMS



Prepared by Mrs. W. R. Nimmo



A KENTUCKY SUNBEAM BAND

### FIRST MEETING

SUBJECT: The Big Round World

MOOTO: "If ye love Me keep My commandments".

HYMN. PRAYER—For children of all lands who do not know Jesus

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28 : 18-20]

ROLL CALL. HYMN. PRAYER

EXERCISE—Babies and Cradles All Over the World

HYMN. OFFERING. PRAYER. ADJOURNMENT

Note—Object lessons would be very helpful, such as using dolls to illustrate the different cradles and modes of carrying babies in our own and other countries.

#### The American Baby

Leader—All over the world there are babies with mothers who are loving them and caring for them the very best they know how. If their way of showing their love is different from ours it is because the customs of the country are different, and if they do not know how to care for baby's health, it is not because they do not love the babies. Our missionary doctors and nurses are teaching many mothers in foreign lands better ways for caring for the dear little brown and yellow and black babies. In our own land, our little brother and sister babies have the best of care. Now one of our Sunbeams will tell us first of all about our own babies.

First Sunbeam—In our country we love girl babies just as much as we do boy babies. Every morning baby has its bath, is dressed in clean, dainty clothes, fed on milk and then put in its soft bed or crib for a nap, or rolled out into the fresh air in its carriage filled with pillows and warm wraps. Sometimes it sleeps in the open air. If baby is sick the doctor comes and tells mother just how to care for it and when it gets well everybody smiles for we love our beautiful babies.

### The Indian Baby

*Second Sunbeam*—I suppose the little papoose is the real American baby after all, because the Indians lived in this country long before we did. This cunning little red skinned baby seldom cries. His cradle is a board with a warm, soft pocket on it; into this the oblong bundle of baby is carefully slipped and the cradle hung to the limb of a tree, where his bright, dark eyes see much to amuse him. The Indian mother is proud of her baby and often embroiders the outside of his cradle with brightly colored beads and braid.

### The Mexican Baby

*Third Sunbeam*—If the little brown Mexican baby comes to a poor family he has rather a hard time; his cradle is made of a wooden box, swung by a rope from the rafter of the roof; a little goat skin is put in to make it soft. The baby's food is goat's milk and bits of the same food eaten by the older children, such as beans dipped in chili sauce, green and over-ripe fruit, which is very bad for poor little Luis (Loo-ees).

The rich Mexican baby has a fine gilt bed with lace canopy and is fed as carefully as are our own babies.

### The Brazilian Baby

*Fourth Sunbeam*—The Brazilian baby is cared for very much as are our own babies, except in the matter of clothing; one small garment is considered quite enough. If the South American baby happens to be a Brazilian Indian his nose is pressed flat—why, I do not know—and he is thrown into a river, poor little soul, then put in a basket made of wild vines, with a little bow, arrows, lance and a tomahawk. This sober little brown Indian gets plenty of raw fish and beans and also plenty of fresh air. It must be the air that keeps him alive.

### The Chinese Baby

*Fifth Sunbeam*—The arrival of a new baby in China, if a boy, brings joy and happiness to his parents; a feast is made, drums beaten and presents are showered upon him. But if a girl baby opens her narrow black eyes in this country she is very unwelcome; no dainty clothing for her—only one coarse little garment; no pretty cradle made ready—they just drop her down on the straw matting laid over

the brick bed or kang, throw a quilt over her, holding it down by a bit of brick on either side. If she is the third or fourth daughter she is sometimes thrown away or sold for a small sum. China is one of the saddest countries in the world for a girl baby to be born into.

### The Japanese Baby

*Sixth Sunbeam*—“A queer, wise-looking little bundle is the Japanese Ko (baby)—a baby without a cradle or a baby carriage, who never cries, and is never kissed, and who looks exactly like a picture on a fan or a teapot.” He seems to think mother's or big sister's back the best cradle in the world, and that a rub from their cheeks is quite as sweet as a kiss. When not in his cradle the baby rolls over the clean mats on the floor; his clothes are loose and comfortable and a happier baby cannot be found anywhere. Perhaps being always carried on the back in a cramped position is the reason why the Japanese are so small and sometimes bent in the limbs. Japan is called the children's paradise.

### The African Baby

*Seventh Sunbeam*—In Africa girl babies are welcomed we are told. Two good reasons given are that they come in handy for servants and that they bring a good price later when sold to the men who want to marry them.

When the baby is two or three days old it is tied on the back of its mother or an older sister perhaps—the little legs spread apart so the feet will reach around the hips of the one carrying it.

The children are not supposed to need clothing until they are three or four years old, then a small piece of cloth is sufficient.

Twins in Africa are treated as one. If one baby is ill, both are given medicine. If one receives a gift, the other twin gets one too at the same time.

Baby is sometimes slipped into a bag and hung from a branch of a tree like the American Indian baby. When they are older some African mothers bury them in the warm sand up to their waists to keep them out of mischief.

### Prayer for the World Children

“Guard little children throughout the world from sin and sorrow and suffering. Stir Thy servants to take the knowledge of the Christ-Child to the corners of the earth, that all children may grow up into His likeness.”

## SECOND MEETING

MOTTO: “Suffer the little children to come unto Me.”

CHORD ON PIANO. SILENCE. HYMN

PRAYER—For all missionary teachers of children

HYMN—I Think When I Read That Sweet Story of Old

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 18 : 10-14

MINUTES. ROLL CALL. SENTENCE PRAYERS. OFFERING. HYMN

EXERCISE—The Wings of Make-Believe

ADJOURNMENT

*Note to Leader*—Material in this program can be arranged as an exercise, assigning verses to different children. Have child hold flag of country the verse calls for. At conclusion of exercise all flags can be waved while singing “Be a Little Sunbeam”.



FACING THE SUNBEAMS

### THE WINGS OF MAKE-BELIEVE

#### The Start

Come, take the wings of make-believe  
And fly away with me,  
To see how little children live  
In lands across the sea.  
But e'er we try our fairy wings  
Or leave our native air,  
We'll linger o'er familiar things  
And note the children there.

#### The United States

Below us lies our own good land,  
The broad United States,  
On either side the ocean strand,  
Where strangers throng our gates.  
Does Jesus reign in every heart  
That finds with us a home?  
No, little child, it is our part  
To make the Saviour known.

#### The South

Behold yon mighty river weave  
Its way on toward the south!  
Now wave your wings of make-believe,  
We'll follow to its mouth.  
Hark, a small voice seems to say,  
In tone that pleads and thrills;  
“We always work and never play,  
We children of the mills.”

#### Mexico

Ah, Mexico! How long will hate  
Your sunny land control?  
Did we bring Jesus' love too late  
To save a brother's soul?  
Come, turn away from this sad place,  
And farther south we'll go,  
Where tropic breezes fan the face  
And tropic flowers grow.

#### Cuba

See, little child, the west winds blow  
To waft us to a port,  
Where royal palm trees stately grow,  
And beauty holds her court.  
'Tis Cuba fair, 'tis Cuba free!  
Truth broke the chains of night  
And gave this jewel of the sea  
The everlasting Light!

#### Brazil

The ocean white'caps softly toss  
Beneath the setting sun,  
See, faintly shines the southern cross  
Above a land undone.  
Undone because the truth withheld  
Brings any land to woe.  
Brazil must have the false expelled,  
Oh, who will send or go?

## China

Across the sea, across the sea,  
To mighty China land  
Where little children bow the knee  
To idols made by man.  
Yes, some are turning to our Lord,  
Led by a faithful few,  
Yet millions more await His word.  
Dear child, why is this true?

## Japan

By shorter flight we'll take our way  
To visit "rare Japan",  
Where many a flower paints the day  
For little Sano San.  
But does she know that Jesus died,  
Yet ever lives above  
To gather children far and wide  
In sheltering arms of love?

## Africa

Our fairy wings will weary grow  
Across Sahara's sand,  
Seeking through Africa's torrid glow  
To find Yoruba Land,  
And greet a small Virginia maid\*  
The only lily face  
Among the babes of darkest shade  
Of this benighted race.

## Italy

Italy, thy sky of dreams  
Bends low o'er beauty's birth,  
Thy sound and song in rarest themes  
Strike sweetest notes of earth.  
But beauty cannot lead to life  
Thy little children dear,  
Nor sound nor song o'ercome the strife  
Of sin, untruth and fear.

## Home Again

Turn home, my child, with thoughtful mind,  
This lesson learn anew,  
That God-alike to all is kind,  
'Tis we who are untrue.  
For every child in every land  
Is precious in His sight,  
Have we been true to His command,  
To send to all the Light?

\*Virginia Green, Ogbomosho, Africa

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tation of Christianity can be true that does not sound the depths of human need and offer recovery and forgiveness to those who have fallen. But the final work of the gospel is redemption and perfection.

"The time has come for us to realize that the power of the gospel can be shown not alone in saving men out of their sins but in saving them from sin itself, and that the purpose of Christ is fulfilled not alone when he has saved men from ignorance and failure and loss, but when he has saved their lives and unfolded their fullest possibilities.

"Moreover the Son of Man has come not to judge the world but to save the world. He has come not to condemn the world, not to tell us how bad a world it is, not merely to improve its condition or to save men out of it. But *He has come to save the world*, the whole world in all its parts and processes.

"The purpose of Christ defines the program of the Christian. The man who calls Christ 'Lord' and prays for the coming of God's kingdom never dares expect anything less than the salvation of the world and its transformation into the kingdom of God. The program of those who are working in harmony with the purpose of Christ must never contemplate anything less than the deliverance of mankind from disease, poverty, crime and misery and the building up in the earth of a Christian type of human society.

"It is not true that the power of the Gospel will be minimized if the world grows better, and temptation is lessened and men no longer wallow in the mire. It is not true that in this effort to create a better world from which such things as crime and poverty, disease and vice are eliminated we hope to outgrow the gospel and to make the cross of Christ no longer necessary. The creation of such a world is the very end and aim of Christianity, and the power of the gospel is measured by its world-transforming results."

## R. A. PROGRAM

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"Servants of the King", "The Black Bearded Barbarian", are suggested for mission study, and by all means you should study "In Royal Service".—Mrs. J. F. Vines, S. C.



## FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



### A WORD FROM KAIFENG

JOY and thanksgiving are enthroned where sorrow once reigned. Last summer the two first fruits of our work among the women in Kaifeng were snatched away by death. These two dear life-friends were called home to be with Christ within one week of each other, thus leaving us without a native woman to tell of the wonderful love of Jesus here or to testify to His saving power. We know that somehow the hand of God was in it and could rejoice with them, through our grief, that they had gone to be with Him.

All along there have been some earnest inquirers who have desired to know Jesus. There was a Mrs. Chang, wife of a church member, who was not interested and whom we longed to win for Christ, but like Martha she was cumbered with much serving. When we visited her home she was glad for the neighbors to hear the Gospel, but she was always nursing the baby or preparing food and manifested not the slightest interest. The baby, her greatest care, fell sick and wasted away to a little skeleton, and during the heat of last summer it passed away. It was not buried but was "thrown out" as they always dispose of babies. Later the mother came with other women to visit me and as she was very tired she laid down to rest before returning to her home in the country. She heaved deep sighs of real sorrow for her little baby. I prayed that God would help me at this time to speak some word that might touch her heart. Her back was toward me and she listened to what I said most indifferently. I said, "Now you have time to go to church, I hope you will learn to know Jesus and love Him. He will forgive your sins and when you die you can go to heaven to be with Him and your baby". I had scarcely finished the sentence when she whirled over and looked so earnestly into my face, saying, "Will I recognize it or not?" I said, "You will recognize it". Then she was like a wild creature who had been suddenly tamed. From that moment she has sought earnestly to know the plan of salvation and to learn to read. She evidences her interest by walking, on bound feet, three miles to

church each Sabbath. She feels God has pardoned her sins and I believe she is a true Christian.

This spring she was received for church membership and spent the night in the city that she might not be late for baptism early Sunday morning. When she arrived Sunday morning the baptism service was over and she was very unhappy and said, "The devil is in my heart and I will return home". We managed to keep her at church that day and the next few weeks we put great stress on her reading. When she was first interested she could not read at all but through persistent, daily effort she now reads many songs and an easy catechism.

The first Sunday in June she arrived at 7:30 for the baptism which was to take place at 9:30. She with three other women followed Christ in baptism. Two school girls, who have recently been baptized, together with these four, give us six Christian women to witness for Christ here in Kaifeng. We are rejoicing over these six and are hoping to develop them and use them in winning more precious women to Christ.

Annie Jenkins Sallee  
(Mrs. W. Eugene Sallee)

### A BUSY LIFE

It gives me more pleasure to do the work than to tell about it. I was telling an old Chinese evangelist what I was trying to do and he said that it was better to do a little well than to try to do too much. He was right, but circumstances force me to try to do more than I can possibly do well. I am working in three churches and two schools and must have my daily program in order to meet all of my engagements. Every morning except Saturday and Sunday is spent in the Cantonese Girls' School, helping with the morning prayers, teaching hymns, physical culture, helping with the English and managing the school. It has seventy girls who come from good homes. They pay enough tuition to pay the expenses of the school, except the rent of the building. A number of the girls are Christians and are faithful in

helping in the Sunday school work. We hope that this school will add a number of earnest, and intelligent Christian women to our Shanghai Cantonese Baptist Church.

Monday and Friday afternoons are spent with my Chinese teacher, translating hymns and Sunday school methods. Tuesday afternoons are spent with our Mandarin speaking school, where we have sixty-two pupils. This school is taught by one of our seminary graduates and his wife who is a graduate of the Eliza Yates' School. I help this school with the singing, reviewing the Christian books, and in the band meeting which they conduct themselves, and in which they take up a collection for missions. On Wednesday afternoons I have a meeting for the women of the Mandarin speaking church, and study the Bible with them and with the enquirers. Once a month we have the regular W. M. U. meeting. On Thursday afternoons I have a similar work with the Cantonese women. The planning for these meetings has to be done by me, because the Chinese women are not yet able to plan the work for themselves. On Saturday afternoons I have a fine Cantonese Sunday school teachers' meeting and often have as many as twenty present. They come rain or shine and are prepared to take the part assigned them. The first part of the meeting is spent on the teacher's training course, then we discuss methods for the next day and study the lesson. After this meeting is over I meet with a number of young men and young ladies to teach them to sing hymns in English. On Sunday mornings I go to the Mandarin church where I have graded the Sunday school. Sunday afternoons are given to the Cantonese Sunday school, which I have also graded. Both Sunday schools are growing in numbers and in interest.

After the Cantonese Sunday school is over I go to the Old North Gate Shanghai Speaking Baptist Church to meet with a number of young men and women for choir practice. They are learning to sing all the parts and are doing well. They too take a deep interest and come rain or shine. Singing all the parts is quite an advance in China.

I have two good servants and leave the housekeeping largely to them. We have five in our household. Our work is encouraging. Pray for us and our work.

Mamie Sallee Bryan

Shanghai, China (Mrs. R. T. Bryan)

## FROM THE HOME FIELD

Into the work of the home field our missionaries carry the same deep interest, the same holy zeal, the same sacrifice of personal ease and the same joy in service that characterizes the work in our foreign stations. Miss Kate D. Perry of McAlester, Oklahoma, thrills us with a glimpse of her joy in the service of her Master:

"To us workers in this rushing southwest where, day after day, everything is in a mad drive and many things clamoring at once for attention, it is strengthening to know that somewhere there are those who are remembering us at the throne of God's rich grace. When I discovered that I was included in our Calendar of Prayer, I went down in humility before my heavenly Father confessing my unworthiness, thanking Him for His wondrous love in redeeming my soul and permitting me to labor in His vineyard, and asking Him to make me a more profitable servant.

"Yes, I rejoice as I read of how the Lord is blessing our Woman's Missionary Union. It is a wonderful Master that we serve. He takes the few loaves and fishes that we bring and feeds multitudes. What would He not do did we give to Him as He has prospered us?

"I took a short vacation in Texas last summer. On my return trip, as the train in the summer twilight pulled on to the bridge crossing Red River, I said, 'Farewell my beloved Texas. Good-night, good-night'. As it rolled off on this side, I said, 'O my Father, help me to give my very best for winning Oklahoma for Thee!'

"Last Thursday our missionary society had an all-day session in observance of the Judson Memorial. The Lord was with us in power and we had a glorious day."

## CALLED AWAY

Woman's Missionary Union workers all over the south will join the Georgia sisterhood in paying tribute to the memory of Miss Emma L. Amos, who recently went to her heavenly home. Miss Amos was the corresponding secretary and treasurer of the Georgia Union. Mrs. W. J. Neel writes: "Our hearts are stunned and grieved over the home-going of our dear Miss Amos."

The November issue of *Royal Service* will give a sketch of the life and work of this faithful state officer.



# SOCIETY METHODS



## THE PROSPECTUS

**M**ANY societies regularly prepare their prospectus or year-book and find in it a continuous help, giving as it does, usually, the time and place and subject for each meeting of the current year, with the different members assigned their parts at stated times. Those of us who saw the early struggles of the literary clubs will recall how helpful was the introduction of the prospectus and those who do not use one in their missionary society will do well to adopt it.

Some societies have very handsome covers for theirs, with the inside work beautifully printed. The expense of such is perhaps justified by the importance thus placed upon the society engagements. Others, in this day of fancy work, make theirs by hand, getting some member to write out the inside sheets on the typewriter, carbon sheets being used for duplication. Others combine the topic card for prayer with their local plans. Still others have an envelope representing each month, giving to each member twelve envelopes all duly illustrated by a picture or drawing on the outside in keeping with the month's topic and bearing information concerning the time and place of the month's meeting. The members are asked to put their clippings as they read here and there in the envelope bearing on the subject and to bring the filled envelopes to the respective meeting.

## THE ANNUAL POLICY

The Commission on Efficiency of the Urban Society recommended at Nashville that every society should outline its policy for the year so that having its plan it might have a fair chance of working it out. Mrs. Maud Raymond in "The King's Business" says that every policy should certainly provide for the four following items: prayer, enlistment, education and finance.

Our Standard of Excellence lays emphasis upon prayer in three clauses; upon enlistment in two; upon education in three; and upon finance in one. If a society will set aside a time for the early consideration of its annual policy, it will certainly come more nearly the

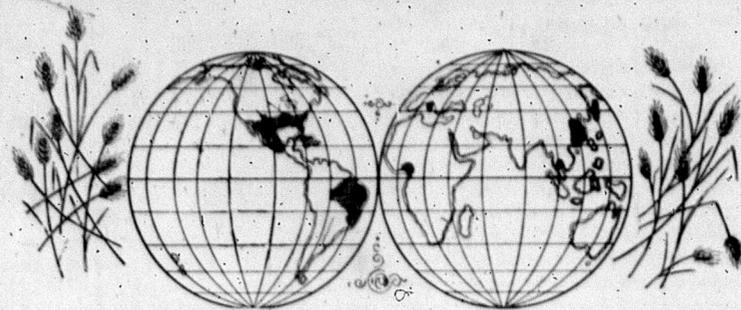
Standard of Excellence and will find its work far more purposeful and resultant.

## PROMOTION DAY

Many of us are old enough to recall the introduction of the fully graded Sunday school. In many schools it is still unused. So it is in our missionary work, for while there are churches in which the fully graded plan is worked with blessed results, there are many in which there is anything but the graded missionary concept. Our ideal is to show so convincingly that missions is a real study, a life problem and responsibility, that the Sunday school superintendents and teachers will realize that it cannot, in its stirring story form, in its convincing facts and in its appeals for prayer and service, be taught adequately in a few minutes of the Sunday school hour, but that it deserves a special session all to itself. The time is coming when they will gather the students in their departments, with their respective teachers, together some time during the week and will give adequate study to the Bible's and the world's greatest appeal.

To this end, we want to encourage more and more the observance of "Promotion Day" in the missionary life of the church. Those who are from 3 to 12 years of age should be welcomed into the Sunbeam work; the girls of 12 up to 16 should be promoted into the Girl's Auxiliary, while the boys of similar ages should be received into the Royal Ambassador Chapter. All the young women of 16 on to 25 are eligible for membership in the Y. W. A., while those graduating from it should be put to work in the woman's branch. In the various organization manuals will be found impressive promotion day services. It is recommended that the Woman's Missionary Society of the church arrange for this occasion and that each organization be urged to take part as it shall in great pride present its members who are qualified by age for reception in the branch just above.

A. R. Wells says a missionary hymn should be chosen each year, memorized and sung at each meeting. "The Son of God Goes Forth to War" was chosen at Nashville.



## THE WORLD FIELD

THE Rockerfeller Commission now in China investigating the needs of that great country, makes as one of its first conclusions the statement that steps must be taken to train the youth of China to be the doctors for their own people in order that the fantastic medical practices of the China of today shall yield to the ministry of the well trained modern Chinese doctor. Such a position has been well prepared for in the splendid service of the medical missionary.

The most recent and accurate census gives China's population as 302,000,000 people over six years of age, with an average density of population of 208 to the square mile.

A sign post pointing the way to some radical changes in Mexico is revealed in the recent official decree limiting the power of the Roman Catholic Church in the state of Nouvo Leon. This is done on the ground of public health, morality and justice, the Roman Catholic Church having forgotten its spiritual mission and consecrated itself principally to conquest in politics. The most drastic order is the one abolishing the confessional, as it has become "A Menace to Morality". Our mission station at Saltillo (Saltee-yah) is near the border of this state.

There has been formed recently the Hebrew Christian Alliance of America to answer the cry for a closer bond of union long desired by many Hebrew Christians. Through this Alliance it is hoped to reach many in the

House of Israel more effectively and to stir the Christian church to a greater sense of responsibility for the many Hebrews coming to our shores.

Under the new educational system in China, the Government schools give a holiday on Sunday which enables many thousands of the children and young people to attend Sunday school.

Plans are being made to establish in connection with the new Christian University in Tokyo, a school for teaching Sunday school methods. Through the trained teachers the Sunday schools, already a force for righteousness in the city, will be greatly strengthened.

The Southern Methodists have established twenty-five social settlements known as Wesley Houses in cotton spinning communities and among the foreign population. Our Good Will Centers should soon reach this number.

The European war is already having its effect upon the tide of immigration. Official figures show a decrease of more than 50 per cent. in the number of aliens who came during the first half of August compared with those who came last year.

The Brazilian Baptist Convention met in Rio de Janeiro in June with delegates representing 800 mission stations. The press of the city was most cordial in its attitude and there was an interest in the meetings shown throughout the city which would have been unthought of not many years ago.

## "THOU CROWNEST THE YEAR"

A YEAR of great blessing was rounded out when the largest Senior Class in the history of the school was graduated June 1st. This class was notable in several ways. Among the twenty-three graduates were four married women, who while busy making homes for their husbands who were completing their Seminary course, also found time to prepare themselves for service. All honor to these earnest women, who, through struggle have become "workmen that needeth not to be ashamed".

Three of the 1914 class are now under appointment by our Foreign Mission Board and will sail to China and Brazil in October. Two have gone into further training as nurses that they may honor God through a ministry to sick bodies as well as sin-sick souls. One begins a settlement in a southern city at an early date, one is a teacher in an orphanage, one a church missionary, one is working among mill people, one is to teach in a mountain school, one has a position under her own State Mission Board, another is W. M. U. field worker in her home state and still another is to work in the waste places of far off Oregon. Two were kindergarten graduates, one of whom will take further training for the foreign field and the other has been appointed by the Home Mission Board for work in Tampa, Florida. Thus it may be seen that our graduates scarcely turn their backs on Alma Mater ere they are sought for positions of importance and responsibility, and one has only to glance over the homeland and our foreign fields to realize that our students are a vital force in all avenues of Christian work.

Not always are the young missionaries so fortunate as to be sent to the foreign fields of their choice when their preparation is over and their hearts are eager to go. Often hope is deferred because of lack of funds when our board must ask them to wait, and months or even years elapse before they can begin their life work on foreign fields. Therefore it is with peculiar joy that we are able to announce the sailing in October of the following Training School students: Misses Olive Bagby, Ada

Bell, Margie Shumate, Mesdames Bryan, King and Stout, for stations in China, and Miss Ruth Randall and Mrs. White for stations in Brazil.

In spite of the fact that with the summer came the flitting of the Principal, Miss Leachman and the bevy of Training School girls, the Good Will Center has been a centre of life and activity. Two of the Training School girls, one a kindergarten graduate, the other a Junior student were left in charge of the work which they have managed capably and well. Through the blistering heat of the long summer days they have kept the Sunday school up to a fine standard, have made hundreds of visits to humble and needy homes, have kept the library open distributing books which instruct and entertain, have secured medical attention for the sick poor, have supervised the playground every afternoon and have kept open the bathroom, which is a boon to the neighborhood. The Mother's Club has moved on steadily and well, and under the helpful guidance of the young missionaries the women have done much personal service.

But perhaps the most notable achievement was the Daily Vacation Bible School, which with an enrollment of one hundred and two and a high average attendance, has been a distinct success. Its morning session of two and a half hours filled with Bible texts and stories, missionary teaching, music and industrial work, became a potent and beneficent influence in the lives of the children who begged every day to stay longer. Ten little Jewish children in the kindergarten department when allowed to choose a song for the morning invariably selected "Jesus Loves Me". Missionary teaching was often illustrated by object lessons, and one day after telling of the Japanese children with all their curious customs, the teacher held high in her arms a real live Japanese baby less than a month old. The curiosity and delight of the children knew no bounds, and you may be sure the impression was lasting, even though the little bit of yellow humanity was unconscious of it all.

Maud R. McLure



## THE NEW SPIRIT

*"Upon knowledge, depends action"*

THE larger sphere in which man moves is the community—the circumference of the individual, whose family life is the center.

Neither husband, wife nor child finds satisfaction or complete maturity in the family alone. Their ambitions and needs demand a larger opportunity—a wider circle. This circle is the community, "the home without walls".

There is true solidarity in all neighborhoods. This manifests itself quickly and helpfully in times of disaster or sorrow, as in the case of fire or loss of life by accident, but will, unless carefully directed and constantly used, lie dormant, tolerating, for instance, roads or buildings that are unsafe or the rascality and inefficiency of lax and dishonest officials. To meet such a situation, there must be awakened a consciousness that will express itself in education, in moral training; in safeguards for physical well-being and in pure religion—offering thus to all a fully rounded life. It is of paramount importance that each neighborhood feel its responsibility for the development of the life of the State and of the race and that it assume its burdens in this respect.

Such *community realization*—such a sense of its duties, powers and privileges—should mean the developing of native ability for the present as well as for the future, that, like the ancient Athenians, we may resolve to transmit our cities, our towns, our homes, greater, better and more beautiful than they were transmitted to us. Each will then feel his duty to his neighbor and his value as a social unit. People must begin to *think* before they will act.

The creation of the new spirit—community realization—can be effected by the recognition that "the inhabitants make up the community, not live in it or on it." The first step towards this is organization. In the societies of the Woman's Missionary Union, so widely scattered through every Southern state, we have the most efficient organization for arousing interest in community-wide matters. Through them can be made real the gospel of "good will among men".

Some one may urge that this is not a woman's work. No one can deny that her work is primarily homekeeping, care of children and ministry to the sick and helpless. The facts that her house cannot be kept clean unless the neighborhood is clean; that disease finds its insidious way into her family through neglect and ignorance over which she has no control; that the moral standards of the vicinity of her home affect the character of her children; that "the other woman" of few advantages and less intelligence and helpless little ones everywhere need her championship and guidance—these facts are forcing woman to reach out and take her share in preparing "the home without walls", in addition to fitting her own children for the new environment:

What is a social survey? It is the careful scrutiny of a community in order to obtain accurate knowledge of its necessities, its advantages, its possibilities. Its aim is to create the desire to change conditions. Why is it necessary? Christian women need to be aroused to a full comprehension of the problems and difficulties that face humanity, facts must be brought to light, forces understood and laws explained that they may stand in closest sympathy and in most helpful relationship with the down-trodden, the ignorant and the unfortunate. The time for indifference and palliation is past. Causes must be found and dealt with. Then again, without knowledge, it is impossible to formulate plans that will make the individuals reached better, happier, healthier, independent members of Christian communities, who shall assume their share of the uplift of the world".

Probably no one society will be able to meet all the pressing needs that such a scheme of inquiry will be likely to reveal. It is wisest, after prayerful consideration, to decide on a well-defined plan of procedure and concentrate on that, remembering always that the chief object Personal Service has in view is the prevention of crime and poverty and the nurture and development of Christian character.—*Mrs. H. M. Wharton*



## THE ROUND TABLE

IT is delightful to gather again at our Round Table, this time one of our very own. Greetings, glad greetings all around our great but close-linked circle!—Just as when we formerly drew up our chairs and sent bits of news, questions and answers flying round the board, each one is asked to tell her latest plan or success, her hopes or her puzzles. Some one somewhere will catch our inspiration or give us the needed solution.—We are fortunate in being able at this first gathering for some time past to set out a bounteous feast, for summer time is harvest time, and many and meaningful gatherings have been afoot.—Summer Encampments, Association Meetings, demonstrations, episodes, Missionary Conferences are words heard on every side.—Virginia not content with an Encampment has now a summer Chautauqua at Bristol. At Virginia Beach, Mrs. McLure's address on Work for Girls, Mrs. H. S. Mabie's talk on Boys and Mrs. H. M. Wharton's story of Personal Service made indelible impressions. A feature of the Encampment which delighted all that saw it, was the presentation by a group of girls of the story of "In Royal Service" as arranged by Mrs. Ethel Crittenden of Wake Forest, N. C. and Miss Nancy West of Richmond, Va.—No, really we are sorry that we cannot tell you whether copies can be supplied or not. Suppose you ask Mrs. Crittenden.—As Virginia was saying, the Bristol Chautauqua had much that was helpful. A talk on Stewardship by Mrs. R. E. Gaines of Richmond on very original lines was very impressive.—Earlier than either of these gatherings was the Y. W. C. A. Conference held at Blue Ridge, N. C. to which 600 students came from Southern Colleges and Associations. Among these were ninety-five Baptist students. The Union was happily represented by Miss Minnie Middleton of North Carolina, a Training School volunteer who has been Vice-President of the North Carolina Association of Missionary Volunteers and at present holds this office in the Volunteer Association of Kentucky. Miss Middleton has much to tell of the deep spiritual impress

of the occasion, the conference of Baptist girls and the strengthening of the link between them and our Union and Missionary work through each being put in touch with our College Correspondent.—It would be pleasant here to stop to listen to accounts of the enthusiastic welcome awaiting *Royal Service* but we will let Mrs. W. F. Yarborough, Press Correspondent for Alabama, speak for others, as she pledged it a warm welcome and better than this, hearty support.—Another message of enthusiastic approval is voiced by Mrs. T. A. Hamilton of Birmingham for another line of work. She rejoices that "the nexus" between the Woman's Missionary Union and the Sunday School has been found in the plans presented at the last Annual Session of the Union for the union of "the graded society with the graded Bible School." And she adds and underscores "And thus the future Baptist Churches must needs be more missionary in spirit and in gifts."—That this "foculation," as Mrs. Hamilton calls it, would bring added health to both bodies, we fully believe, and it is gratifying to hear from other sources that it is attracting attention and to be given a trial.—At a meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Georgetown, Ky., when they had for their guests Mrs. Hinkle, State Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mallory and Miss Margaret Frost, daughter of Dr. J. M. Frost, Miss Frost gave the ideal picture when she represented the Sunday School and Missionary Union by clasped hands.—Before introducing the chief speaker of the occasion, as they say at formal banquets, let us listen a moment to the expression of delight from the Girl's Auxiliary at their new pin. It is a white star on a green ground, the G. A. colors, and will be an ornament to any one who wears it.—A moment more—Have all the Woman's Missionary Society here their beautiful pin, the official pin of the Union? We give it a central place on our cover design. Sometime we want to have a long talk on all this pin and its wearing symbolizes.—Now the Chief Speaker, Miss Mallory. She has volumes she might tell to our delight in giving an

account of her recent journey to Conferences and State Encampments. To begin with she attended the Blue Ridge Missionary Conference where she conducted the conferences on society methods, having, as we heard from other sources, made such a signal success of this last year, that she was asked to take the work again this year. Twice during the Conference Dr. Frank Purser conducted enthusiastic Baptist Conferences.—Stopping in Lexington, Ky., she met with some enthusiastic workers who are "firm in their approval of the 'circle plan' and say their society can easily raise \$500 for the Training School Enlargement." (Who will join them?)—Georgetown and the Kentucky Assembly was Miss Mallory's objective point. There in the Union hour she taught "In Royal Service." The last morning "A large eager audience watched a demonstration of how to organize a study class in 'In Royal Service.'" A table was arranged as at one's home, each woman who came was greeted as a personal guest—the book, its contents and its author talked over, several representing characters in the book came in and mingled with the other friends, all of whom were finally organized into a class.—A unique feature of this assembly was the bringing of two whole societies from their homes to give, one a demonstration of Royal Ambassador and the other of Sunbeam work. The Sunbeams came from Mt. Vernon, twelve miles away and the Royal Ambassadors from Harrodsburg. Both did splendidly.—Arkadelphia, where the Arkansas Assembly was held, was the next point and the woman's meetings were usually attended by 70 or 80 women. Here again the demonstration of how to organize a study class was given and a very unique Y. W. A. program arranged by Miss Mallory. With green branches the room was converted into an arbor on a lawn. Here some twenty young ladies gathered and carried out the Y. W. A. program for July given in *Our Mission Fields* while a large audience looked on. While the Y. W. A.'s were drinking grape juice and eating cakes in a very real fashion at the close of the demonstration, Miss Mallory pressed the work upon the audience. The same afternoon these energetic young ladies among whom were several present and past Training School girls, gave the Training School Episode.—Leaving this assembly three hours were spent at Meridian, Miss., with the Missionary Union of the city.

The Meridian ladies hope to have the entire \$1,000 necessary to build their Good Will Center in hand by the middle of September.—A short time followed at the South Mississippi Encampment where the quiet force of the work was strongly felt.—After some time at her home in Selma, Ala., Miss Mallory found herself amid a host of old and loved friends at the Alabama Encampment at Pelham. A Y. W. A. and a R. A. day had been held before her arrival but she was delighted with the model Sunbeam Society conducted by its little president.—At this Assembly the Woman's Missionary Society have just finished paying for the Woman's Building where their sessions are held and which is, we believe, the only building of its kind except the one owned by the women at the Missouri Assembly.—A stop-over in Birmingham and a meeting with a number of workers, also enthusiastic over the circle plan, completed this remarkable and most happy tour.

#### ADJUSTING PRICES

On page 65 of the Year Book a number of books are listed with mailing prices. In a few instances the prices do not agree with those quoted by the Educational Department of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., so we gladly publish their following corrected list: Baptist Home Missions, 25c net, \$2.40 per dozen; The Upward Path, paper 40c, cloth 60c; In Royal Service, paper 35c, cloth 50c—net; The Child in the Midst, paper 40c, cloth 60c; The Social Aspects of Foreign Missions, paper 40c, cloth 60c; The New Era in Asia, paper 40c, cloth 60c; Our World Family, 25c net; The Immortal Seven, 50c net; Judson, the Pioneer, paper 35c, cloth 50c—net.

#### G. A. PROGRAM

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girls as they come out one by one and stand holding the ends will form the shape of the Cross, the sign of the world's salvation.

Hymn: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Talk by Leader—The leader uses this symbol to show that God is working His purpose out through the agencies of war and bloodshed, terrible as they are; that He will yet make the cross triumph as the symbol of the Prince of Peace, and that to His people is given the privilege of helping through prayer to bring His kingdom in.

Prayer—A chain of prayer for peace and the coming of the Kingdom.—Hymn



## HOME DEPARTMENT



### LOVE'S QUESTION

Have you paid your apportionment yet—  
Your apportionment of toil?  
Or are there tasks that the Master has set  
From which you still recoil?  
Have you paid your apportionment yet—  
Your apportionment of prayer?

Or in life's swift whirl do you still forget  
Your comrades over there?  
Have you paid your apportionment yet—  
Your apportionment of tears?  
Are your eyes with earth's sorrows all unwet,  
Is your sympathy in arrears?

Our heroes suffered of old,  
To their lonely graves they came  
For a cause that we careless Christians hold  
In the balance 'twixt honor and shame.  
And the Lord of the treasury sees  
As of yore with judicial eyes

Our offerings coined in the mint of ease  
Or red with sacrifice.  
While the nations far away  
Are watching with one accord,  
Oh, rally us, rouse us even today  
To pay thine apportionment, Lord!

—Ruby T. Weyburn

### THREE HORSES

They came down the street abreast, clinking their harness, tossing their fine unchecked heads, stepping high, their dark coats fairly sparkling in the sunshine.

Horse health and horse happiness spoke in every motion. Though we have all heard of a horse laugh, I do not suppose that any one claims that a horse actually laughed. But if these horses did not smile they gave you the impression that they did.

I turned to look after them for very pleasure. "Why can't all horses look like that?" thought I. Then I discovered that they were missionary horses. On the side of the great wagon they were drawing was painted "Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals—Wagon for the Removal of Sick and Disabled Animals."

They were preaching the gospel of health and happiness for animals by work and example. Without a word they were epistles of this gospel read and known of all men.

### PUT ON YOUR THINKING CAP

Have you read this number of *Royal Service*? Then answer the following questions:

1. What would be the population of the United States if its inhabitants were as densely populated as China?
2. What nations compose the Triple Alliance? What nations compose the Triple Entente?
3. When and why did a Spaniard ask to be punished for a crime committed 16 years before?
4. What is Santa Bottega?
5. What great danger menaces Africa at the present time?
6. What is the longest revival season ever planned, and where?
7. What constitutes a home without walls?
8. What result of Royal Ambassador work are we enjoying this month?
9. What good thing have medical missionaries accomplished in China besides healing the sick and teaching the Gospel?
10. What effect will the war have upon missions?
11. Mention four good mission study books.
12. What is the most vital need in our societies?



## THE STANDARD TEST

**M**ISSION study is now an established fact in the life of many of our best societies. About one-tenth of the organizations reported having engaged in it during 1913-14 and it is safe to believe that one-fourth as many more held classes but failed to report. Our aim for this year is 1500, a number which we should easily attain. One of our best aids in reaching this is to realize that our Standard of Excellence for every organization except the Sunbeams calls for the holding of a mission study class during the year and that this requirement would not be in the standard if it were not preeminently helpful and interesting for our workers to be in such classes.

The resolutions of the Woman's Missionary Union as adopted at Nashville in May recommended that "societies of all ages which have not already completed the study of our own history, 'In Royal Service', be urged to do so; that the senior societies which have completed this book take up for their foreign mission study 'The Child in the Midst' by Mrs. B. W. Labaree, and for their home mission study, 'The Upward Path' by Mary Helm; and that the boys and girls study 'Our World Family' by Mrs. Helen D. Billings".

In addition we would also heartily commend a still more recent Home Mission book by Dr. Victor I. Masters, known as "Baptist Home Missions".

A mere suggestion as to the helpfulness awaiting the study of several of them is given below.

*The aims of mission study are to reach intelligent conclusions concerning the principal needs of the non-Christian world, to arouse an active sympathy and to form habits of service.—T. H. P. Sailer*

### The Child in the Midst

The Master Teacher once took a little child and set him in the midst of His disciples and used him as an illustration of a great truth. At another time the Christ gave His divine blessing to the little children. Today, Christ's disciples find many a child in their midst and

they still hear the Master teaching them through them. Today His followers all over the earth are bringing the little children to Him and He is blessing their lives and through them the lives of many others.

Such is the delightful, yet pathetic, soul-searching book by Mrs. Mary Schaufler Labaree called "The Child in the Midst". It makes interesting-reading for almost any one and may well claim an honored place in the library of each of us. In addition, it has been arranged for use by mission study classes, the necessary helps being easily available from the address given below. The price, postpaid, of the cloth bound copies is 60 cents; that of the paper ones, 40 cents.

A sub-title of the book is given thus: "A comparative study of child welfare in Christian and non-Christian lands". This purpose is developed through eight chapters, the child of all lands being studied, through the mother's or the big sister's eyes, in its helplessness, at home, at play and at work, at school, at worship and in Christian activity. The book is full of first-hand reasons for a Christian woman to be interested in the welfare of children and makes very clear the line of mission activity which will bring most direct results. The author is the daughter of a missionary and was herself, at the time of the martyrdom of her husband, a missionary to Persia. Many of the incidents so clearly and pathetically related are personally known to her; many others were told her by her missionary friends.

*One main purpose of the course is to deepen the prayer life of each member.—T. H. P. Sailer*

### Our World Family

This is a day for giving the children the best and so the women's study book, noticed above, has been simplified and yet preserved in its pathos and interest for the children, under the title "Our World Family". The price in paper, postpaid, is only 25 cents, which will admit of its being readily purchased by all of our Sunbeam and intermediate leaders.

The author, Helen Douglas Billings, has grouped her thoughts into seven chapters, each one having helpful suggestions for presenting it to the boys and girls. The illustrations are object-lessons in themselves and the poems quoted should sing themselves into the hearts of the children. The style of the book is very easy and the stories told can be understood by the child-heart. Our Sunbeam, Royal Ambassador and Girl's Auxiliary leaders should avail themselves of this much needed help. The Sunbeams could be told the chapters as so many parts of a consecutive story, while the older boys and girls in their chapters and auxiliaries will do well to use it as their mission study book for the year.

*A free discussion is the life of the class.—T. H. P. Sailer*

### The Upward Path

The negro is with us to stay, we hope, for many southerners see in service for this race the direct guidance of God. That it is a problem both discouraging and also encouraging the most experienced will admit. That we have largely neglected it and yet that many of our choicest sons and daughters have devoted their lives to its solution is also true.

One who has longed for the negro's development and has used her pen for his uplift is Mary Helm of Kentucky. Her book, "The Upward Path", is written from a southern Christian viewpoint and is as sane in its guideposts as was the home-spun philosophy of "Ole Aunt Gilly" whose picture adorns the title page and to whom the book is gratefully dedicated.

There are fully three dozen other illustrations in the eight chapters, they alone being worth the mailing price of the book, which is, paper, 40 cents, cloth, 60 cents. There are also choice negro ballads which give local color and decided charm to the style. The whole purpose of the book is to show that the negro is in our midst; that he is our hand-to-hand missionary problem; that through individual effort, through some wise race leaders, through industrial education and best of all through religious instruction he is on "the upward path". God give us strength to organize mission study classes for the use of this book that the negro women and children in our employ may come to trust Him, who alone can "plant their feet on higher ground".

*The ability to formulate stimulating problems on any subject is one of the most valuable things that one can cultivate.—T. H. P. Sailer*

### Baptist Home Missions

The mission study classes will welcome the coming of Dr. Victor I. Master's new book, "Baptist Home Missions", for it sets forth in an exceedingly easy style the home mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention. In this respect it fills a need not met by its more elaborate predecessor, "The Home Mission Task". It has ten chapters, which is an unusual number for a mission study book, but none of the chapters are long and the work can be easily covered in the regulation time of eight weeks.

At the close of each chapter a list of questions is given, many of which may be easily answered from the chapter itself, while others will require closer study in books recommended in the bibliography, which is helpfully grouped.

One who is a fair reader cannot fail to have her loyalty to home missions strengthened by the study of the book while all the time she will feel grateful for our denominational work in the south and for the possibilities awaiting it. The paper bound copies are 30 cents, postpaid.

*Leaders often fail to accomplish anything in particular because they do not try to accomplish anything in particular.—T. H. P. Sailer*

### The Source of Supply

Any of these mission study books are to be ordered from The Educational Department, care of Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., at the prices quoted by each. Be sure to explain if the order is for a class so that the leader's manual may be furnished with the books. For thirty cents there may also be secured from the same address a package containing a number of exceedingly helpful mission study pamphlets, one being by Dr. T. H. P. Sailer, a leader of marked ability.

During the past year more than four thousand foreign students were enrolled in 275 different American colleges. The largest number came from China and Japan.

In many parts of India there seems to be a distinct movement towards Christianity among the outcast peoples. Last year 40,000 were baptized in one mission in India.



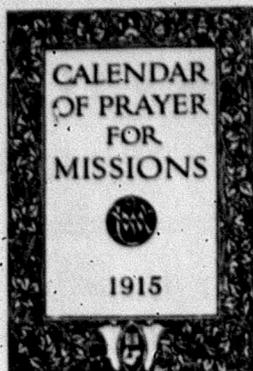
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The Calendar will come to us this year in the familiar wall form, lettered in gold on brown cover. As the number printed last year was quickly exhausted, a larger issue has been determined upon for 1915. Nevertheless, it will be well to order early that you may not be disappointed.

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