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Have faith in God. Mark 11:22

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WERE half the power that fills the world with terror,  
Were half the wealth bestowed on camps and courts,  
Given to redeem the human mind from error,  
There were no need of arsenals nor forts;

The warrior's name would be a name abhorred;  
And every nation that should lift again  
Its hand against a brother, on its forehead  
Would wear for evermore the curse of Cain!

Down the dark future, through long generations,  
The echoing sounds grow fainter,—then cease;  
And like a bell, with solemn, sweet vibrations,  
I hear once more the voice of Christ say "Peace!"

Peace!—and no longer from its brazen portals  
The blast of war's great organ shakes the skies;  
But, beautiful as songs of the immortals,  
The holy melodies of love arise.

*Henry W. Longfellow*

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## THE ANNUAL MEETING

**B**LUE SKIES, bright sunshine, flowers everywhere and an overflowing hospitality were some of the external things which made towards the success of our Annual Meeting. From the time when the first delegates arrived to the time when the last left, everything possible that could be done for the comfort of the delegates and visitors and for the success of the work was done by the Houston Committee under the efficient leadership of Mrs. R. E. Burt. The First Methodist Church South, beautiful without and within, with a seating capacity of 2500, with many small rooms suitable for committee rooms, rest rooms, writing rooms and even a nursery, opened its doors wide for our meeting. The generous spirit with which its pastor met every suggestion of ways which would help in our arrangements was only indicative of the spirit of the whole church which one of its members indicated when she said they regarded it as a real privilege to have the meeting there. When the many beautiful banners were suspended from the back gallery rail and the different Personal Service charts and flags from the mission fields hung from the side galleries, the beautiful big audience room seemed really ours. When on Wednesday afternoon, the missionaries' seats, the delegates' seats, and almost all the visitors' seats even to the farthest gallery were filled at 2:30, we knew that for a few days at least it was really ours. The sessions were presided over by Mrs. E. B. Mathews, W. M. U. Vice-President from Maryland, the By-laws providing that the Vice-President from the State where Headquarters is located shall preside in the absence of the President. From the first moment until the last the spirit of the beloved President whose illness still keeps her in a hospital in Richmond pervaded every session. Most wonderfully was the power of a life lived for Christ and His Kingdom illustrated. She has led the Union to think high thoughts and strive for great things, and in her absence as in her presence the same spirit prevailed. The regular attendance of the delegates, their attentive listening as new plans were suggested, their patient waiting when sessions were long and the sense of harmony even in the face of differences of opinion, indicated a realization of the responsibilities resting now with special weight upon the shoulders of every individual. It was a source of satisfaction to all when the program showed there was a message from Miss Heck, but few realized to what heights of faith and courage she would take us during those minutes when standing we heard the wonderful words of her Valedictory most effectively read by Mrs. F. S. Davis, W. M. U. Vice-President from Texas, at Miss Heck's special request. Tears could not be held back at such a time. They were but the natural expression of love and loyalty, but the depth of feeling was truly expressed in the singing of the never old "How Firm a Foundation" which gradually grew stronger and stronger as the thought grew that those who build their lives, and work on the One Sure Foundation build on that which will stand all storms. Everyone knew that our beloved President had builded well and drew inspiration from the thought that she trusted the Union to rise into a still more glorious building through the days to come on the foundations of loyalty, unity, progress and unselfishness so firmly laid. Most natural too was the feeling which expressed itself in the rising vote to ask the Nominating Committee to bring to us once more Miss Heck's name as President that the Union might indeed go "with her all the way even to the very edge." Still further were hearts stirred as Mrs. Julian P. Thomas of Virginia expressed for the Union "An Appreciation" of the fifteen years of service with which Miss Heck has honored the Union as President. A new impetus was given to the raising of the Enlargement Fund of the Training School because of the Recommendation that at least \$15,000.00 of the amount to be raised this year shall be set aside for the chapel in the Greater Training School in honor of her years of devotion to the Union.

No session quite equalled this Thursday session because of the peculiar elements in it, but each was full of interest. The opening and closing devotional exercises each day were led

by different foreign and home missionaries who beautifully developed for us the thought on our Calendar of Prayer for the day. The reports from the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer were surprisingly encouraging denoting as they did a wonderful increase in the number of new societies and of those attaining the Standard of Excellence and an increase in gifts of nearly \$5000 in spite of the economic depression which has been so especially felt in all Southern territory. The same note of encouragement and progress was expressed by each State reporting at the Roll Call. Friday morning developed interesting features also. The first hour was given to the Training School. Mrs. Eager's report showed the school in its usual gratifying condition with a number of students sufficient to make the need for enlargement constantly felt. Mrs. McLure again emphasized this need by likening conditions to a too tight shoe or a too closely fitting dress—quarters which are far too crowded for comfort. Two of the Alumnæ, Mrs. Jewel Leggett Daniel and Miss Jane E. Hartwell voiced the feeling always expressed by those who have left the school, that work for Christ in China or in America is made much easier because of the help the school has given.

After the reading of the report of the College Correspondent Dr. C. E. Ball and Dr. S. J. Porter were given the privileges of the floor to present the plans and purposes of the Baptist Student Missionary Movement, and it was the pleasure of the body to elect our Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mallory, as a member of the Executive Committee of this new movement which is endeavoring to enlist Baptist students for Baptist missionary work. Following the report of the Literature Department the morning closed with a Pageant, "The Spirit of Royal Service", given by the Houston societies which outlined in a simple but vivid way the different features of our magazine and the essential place it should hold for every Union worker. Saturday morning was given over principally to the consideration of the Personal Service reports, the reports of the Efficiency Commissions and the W. M. U. Resolutions prepared by the Executive Committee. During the consideration of these latter, Dr. Ray, Dr. Frost and Dr. Warren, Secretaries of the three Boards of the Convention, were recognized by the chair and stated briefly some of the ways in which each Board was relying on the women to help. The session closed with a re-election of all our officers.

There were no regular afternoon sessions, but each afternoon held something of interest. Thursday afternoon a large number gathered to hear the home and foreign missionaries in a conference planned by Mrs. W. J. Neel of Georgia. Friday afternoon the Open Parliament on Methods led by Miss Barrus of North Carolina proved most helpful, and on Saturday came the luncheon to the missionaries, after which with Mrs. Davis of Texas acting as toastmistress, a number of the missionaries again showed us the joy filling their hearts because they had the privilege of being at the front. Pity, not envy, was their attitude towards those sitting before them who did not share the privilege. Sunday afternoon the women united in the Memorial Service to Dr. Carroll and Dr. Willingham, and in the evening again returned to the First Methodist Church South, where Dr. Lansing Burrows, the S. B. C. President, preached the sermon on woman's work.

Preparations for the meeting had been made "in quietness and confidence" with much waiting upon God. The same spirit prevailed through the sessions. The same spirit has characterized every forward step of our beloved leader, who still lives in the same spirit on her bed of sickness in the Chamber which is called Peace. In the same spirit, with hearts and minds steadied by our new watchword "Have faith in God", hundreds have gone back to their homes to transmit into vital action the influences and purposes created by the twenty seventh annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union.

*A vision without a task makes a visionary; a task without a vision makes a drudge.—Dr. E. Y. Mullins*





## MESSAGE TO THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

*From*

MISS FANNIE E. S. HECK

*President for Fifteen Years*

I SAW a great company of women going down to the banks of a great river, and among them was one who was to go across. The river was very broad and deep, but they went with her all the way, even to the very edge, and some went so far as to almost go in with her. As she stepped down into the water they watched her very earnestly, and while they looked she who had been very, very weak seemed to gain strength. As they gazed steadfastly upon her, they saw that the water, instead of pulling her down, seemed rather to bear her up on its waves. And looking yet more earnestly they saw that she was not alone but that *One* was with her upon whom she leaned.

Looking beyond on the other shore they saw a very great multitude—a great number of women, and some of them they knew. And beyond was a great city. As she went up out of the water this company of women took her into their midst, and she passed into the city out of sight, and they saw her no more. And the women who had gone with her all the way, even down to the water's edge, slowly turned away and went back to their homes. As they went they talked earnestly with each other, saying: "We never knew it was thus. We had been told, but we did not understand. Why have we spent our time in idleness and trifling when we might have been busy in the service of our King?" And as they held their children in their arms, they lamented, saying: "We have cheated our children. We have not trained them as

we should, and the small things of life have seemed important to us when we might have been occupied with the great things of the world. What a loss is ours! We thought we gave much and did great things and we did not know how little and insignificant were these things; we did not know the privilege that was ours. We did not know there is but one thing in all the world—the love of Christ."

Looking upon that great company of women going down to the banks of the great river, I send you greetings, my sisters, dearly beloved and longed for. By a thousand signs which I cannot doubt you have shown that you love me. Looking back over the long period since our united service began, my association with you, our mutual affection and our joyful triumph in a cause dear to all our hearts stand out as one of the chief joys of my life.

As is known to you, I have been ill in a hospital for nine months. Here your messages of love and your prayers have followed me, soothing and brightening my days and finding grateful memory in my heart. Hard as it is for me to form the words, grieved as I know your hearts will be—I can never hope to be with you again. But, beloved, I do not say this to cause you tears. Let us rather rejoice and offer thanks for the years of our loving association and dream together once more of your future, which today is in my prayers. Looking back, who of you would, for any price, erase from your memory those frequent mountain tops of praise, when the past year having been filled with service, we laid our gift on the altar and

"Heaven came down  
Our souls to greet,  
And glory crowned  
The mercy seat."

I can see your faces now shining with tears of joy, as I have seen them often in the past. I can hear your voices ring as I have heard them ring with praise until they seemed to mingle with an Invisible Choir. I can feel your hand-clasp as of old, warm with our love to the Master. These have been the indissoluble bonds of our Union. Since this is so, I do not fear to leave you. I can dream of your future with a trusting heart. Changes will come; new faces take the place of old; new and broader plans succeed those of today; but our beloved Union is safe in our Master's care.

See to it, only, that you listen to His voice and follow only where Christ leads:—

Be gentle in your personal lives, faithful and shining.

Be joyful, knowing His purposes are good, not evil, to His children.

Be prayerful in your planning.

Be patient and persistent in your fulfillment.

Endeavor to see the needs of the world from God's standpoint.

Plan not for the year but for the years.

Think long thoughts.

Strive for the conversion of those around you as faithfully as for the heathen.

Train the children for world-wide service.

Lead the young women gently in places of joyous responsibility.

Bring all your powers into the best service of the best King.

Thus shall your work abide and be abundantly blessed of God to your own joy and the joy of the world. In the belief that you will continue to adorn the doctrine of service, I bid you, dear friends, farewell. The God whom we love and serve will keep His own in love and peace and finally through His great love wherewith He hath loved us bring us all rejoicing into His presence above. Most earnestly I pray—God be with you till we meet again!

*Fannie E. S. Heck.*

Hygeia Hospital, Richmond, Va., April 20, 1915





## BIBLE STUDY



### TOPIC—The Trust of the Children

*"Never neglect young life; it is the seed of the future; it is the hope of the world."*

I. *Christ and the Children:* Matt. 18 : 1-14 "It is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish." The Bible is unique in its attention to childhood. It gives us the childhood of many of its most eminent characters. Joseph and David meet us in their early youth: Gen. 37; 1 Samuel 16. Moses and Samuel are known to us from their birth: Exodus 2; 1 Samuel 1 : 20-28. We stand beside the cradle of the Baptist: Luke 1 : 57-63. We meet Timothy in his youth: 2 Tim. 1 : 5. Jesus came into the world as a little child: Luke 2 : 7. We observe Christ's estimate of childhood in Matt. 18 : 14, and in His blessing of the children brought to Him by their parents, with the words that have gladdened the hearts of parents ever since "Suffer little children and forbid them not:" Matt. 19 : 13-15; Mark 10 : 13-16; Luke 18 : 15-17. He refused to silence the children who sang His praises in the Temple. Their singing was the last echo of the popular joy that greeted Him as Messiah as He was escorted in triumph to the city, "Hosanna to the Son of David:" Matt. 21 : 1-16.

II. *The Care of the Child:* Ex. 2 : 9. How little did Pharaoh's daughter know what she was doing! Does anyone know what work he is doing when he takes a child under his care and protection? We know not what training Moses' mother gave him, we know only the results! Heb. 11 : 24-27. "My father's God"—Ex. 15 : 2. Religion is not hereditary, for our relation to God is strictly personal and every child must make his own decision; but it is the duty of the parents to instruct and discipline regarding the God and Saviour of mankind: Eph. 6 : 4; Col. 3 : 2; 1 Tim. 3 : 15; 2 Tim. 1 : 5. We should be fathers and mothers to the orphan, the lost and the desolate. No one can be permanently lonely and unhappy who looks into the cradles of the poor and lowly. Go where the poor lost child is and be a father and mother to him.

III. *The Value of the Soul of a Child:* Matt. 18 : 10-14. The love of Christ seeks out the lost child, the one who has fewest friends, the little creature that has least care. "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost." God chooses rather to sacrifice himself than lose His child. The one gone from the hundred seems to an outsider a small loss, but with love and care out of all proportion to what seems his relative value God seeks the individual child that He may save him. "And if so be that he find it, he rejoiceth" with a joy incomprehensible except as viewed from God's own desire "that not one of these little ones should perish." This is the love of Christ: Luke 15 : 3-7. As we ponder the nature of childlikeness, its purity, its trustfulness, its reliance on the love of the Father and think of the kingdom of heaven into which childlikeness gives entrance we may rejoice anew in 1 John 3 : 1, 2. From Heb. 1 : 14 with Matt. 18 : 10 it would seem that angel ministry begins in childhood and continues through life, for those who are heirs of salvation.

IV. *Training of the Child:* 2 Tim. 3 : 14, 15; Deut. 6 : 1-3. The great commandment Deut. 6 : 4; 5. Instruction and warning verses 6-25. The Sunday schools and training classes must be maintained in faith and prayer. There is no greater work than this in the service of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ: Deut. 11 : 19; 2 John 4. We cannot begin too young: 1 Tim. 4 : 12. Our prayer should be for fully equipped leaders of junior societies: Col. 1 : 29; Phil. 2 : 15, 16. *Christ the believer's strength:* Phil. 4 : 19. *The Presence of the God of Peace:* Phil. 4 : 7-9. We need to pray that our eyes may be opened to the great task of love before us in the trust of the children.

"The only crown I ask, dear Lord, to wear,  
Is this—that I may help a little child."

—Mrs. James Pollard



## PROGRAM FOR JULY



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.



MISS JOERG AND PUPILS—SCHOOL FOR CUBANS AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

### HOME MISSION SCHOOLS

Jehovah said "Assemble the people that they may learn to fear me, and to teach their children."—Deuteronomy 4 : 10

*We must make our schools thoroughly Christian. We must make them more efficient and we must elevate education to the dignity of a doctrine among us. To do these things we must combine our whole strength and use it in strategic places. By the Bible and especially by the words of our text we are commanded as followers of Jesus Christ to adopt a worthy program. And if we do we have the assurance of His presence with us.*

*Then, too, by certain of our own beliefs, by the State and the Carnegie Foundations, by our own educational history and by the modern democratic world, we are challenged to set ourselves the task of vitalizing our great democratic message by the dynamic forces of Christian education. May our motto become: Vision and efficiency through education. Then shall we be teaching them to observe all things whatsoever He commanded.—Rev. Powhatan W. James in Home Field*

HYMN—"My Country, 'tis of thee" PRAYER. BIBLE STUDY (page 6)  
 MAP STUDY of Home Mission Schools with brief items about each (Par. 1-4)  
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 HYMN—"God of our fathers"  
 CHAIN OF SENTENCE PRAYERS—CLOSING PRAYER

*Realizing that while education does not create leaders it does develop them, and that a great need among Christian workers is met by a trained leadership, the Boards, both Home and Foreign, are more and more stressing educational missions. To this end schools in Cuba; among foreigners in Tampa, Florida; El Paso, Texas; Norfolk, Virginia; Baltimore, Maryland, and among the mountain people of seven southern states are maintained by the Home Board.*

**1. Cuban Schools** "The Home Board school at Havana is rather of high school than college grade. It proposes to do the same grade of work as is required for the bachelor's degree in the government schools, but educational standards for first degrees are not high. The habit of calling it a college has grown out of the fact that the Cuban word for school is "colegio." The Havana school has 130 students and five well-equipped teachers, three of whom are Cuban and two American. Outside of the training the church members and others get in this institution, which strengthens them to stand firmly and with power for the truth, several young missionary preachers have already received their equipment here. In addition to the Havana school there are smaller schools elsewhere. These are of primary and intermediate grades and have an attendance ranging from twenty-five to sixty. They are under the supervision of the pastors, in some cases the pastor having part of the teaching. With one exception they have involved no extra expense to the Board, except the initiatory equipment. They are small and unpretentious, but are doing good work and are worthy of mention."

Dr. Gray writing from Cuba says: "We have two leading schools; our Cuban-American College in Havana and our Girls' School in Santa Clara. The former has a good corps of excellent teachers. The opening was very fine and the prospects good for the greatest session in the history of the school. The Santa Clara School for Girls is in charge of Rev. E. L. Barlow and wife. For the present it is only a day school but as soon as our building is complete, we will have a boarding department. They were greatly encouraged over the prospects for a fine opening of the school."

We greatly need in Cuba one-half dozen consecrated young women who will combine mission and school work. No greater opportunity is open before us."

Dr. M. N. McCall, Superintendent of Cuban Work says:

"Many people in the town have not so far overcome their prejudice as to attend the Baptist meetings, but they have confidence in and respect for the pastor and say: 'If you want your children to learn, send them to the Baptist school.'"

The school is a great evangelizing agency. We need more of them and better equipment for those already existing. It is economical work. Our ten schools at present are costing us all told a little over \$1,000 a year above tuition receipts. We ought to put more into them and we would undoubtedly get more out of them. We need consecrated American teachers. No life could count for more anywhere than that of a Christian teacher spent in any one of a score of towns in our field.

Our opportunities are limited only by our resources. Cuba is open to the gospel and her people are looking to us for help."

## 2. Tampa Schools

Tampa there is a school for Cubans with five teachers and one for Italians with three teachers.

We have in this day school about seventy five Cuban children whose parents are working in the factories. These children are taught a catechism and the New Testament in addition to the subjects taught in the public schools, and much emphasis is put upon morals, religion and patriotism, in the hope that these truths implanted in their minds may sink into their hearts and become a sure foundation on which they may build for future resistance to evil influences. Our indefatigable missionary in Tampa, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowena Williams, writes that she also conducts a night school for young men and girls who work during the day.

In West Tampa, where there are 1600 Italians, Miss Bertha Lee Mitchell carries on kindergarten work among thirty five little children from four to six years of age. This brings our workers in touch with the mothers as well, with the opportunity of reaching them too with the story of the gospel.

**3. El Paso School** "El Instituto Anglo-Mexicano was founded by the Texas State Board and the Home Mission Board in 1908. In 1912 it was put entirely under the Home Board. The school now has five teachers and one hundred and sixty five pupils. At present Rev. Charles D. Daniel, superintendent of work among

Mexicans in Texas, is principal. This school is at the present time the most potent agency that Baptists have in Mexican evangelization and if properly taken care of will continue so to be. As soon as peace comes to Mexico many of her noblest sons and daughters will be sent to the United States for their higher education. If Baptists prepare to take care of them, they will teach and impress many of them and the increasing number of pupils will make such schools self-supporting".

**4. Schools in Port Cities** In Norfolk, the Home Board aids in the support of Miss Margaret Tweedy, whose work among foreigners is dear to the hearts of Virginia women. Among other classes is an industrial school held weekly at the Settlement House, where children of Italian, Greek, German, Jewish, Russian and American parentage learn through sewing classes and other special instruction the way to Christ and useful citizenship.

In Baltimore Miss Marie Buhlmaier the missionary of the Home Board, carries on, in addition to her work at the immigration pier, several industrial schools where the children of foreigners are gathered into sewing classes and given instruction which molds their characters in Christian form, and in many cases wins over their parents to the way of the Cross. These schools receive their support from the local churches, who also furnish the volunteer teachers, but the Home Board missionary superintends the work. This is also the case in similar work at Houston, Texas.

**5. The Only Real Americans** A writer in a recent magazine gives the following graphic description of the beginning of mountain school work of the Presbyterian Board, the pioneer in mountain missions.

"Christopher Columbus discovered some Americans, Jacob A. Riis discovered some and there are doubtless other discoverers whose names escape me; but William Goodell Frost discovered more than three million Americans who had been lost for something like three hundred years.

It was in 1884 that Frost, the youngest man ever appointed on the faculty of Oberlin College, was making a walking trip through the Kentucky Mountains. The word 'making' is used advisedly, as you would realize if you knew the Kentucky mountains. Any kind of trip through them is nothing short of downright, and upright, hard work. Most of the roads, being merely the beds of mountain streams, merit the description of the old mountaineer. 'Goin' up you can might' nigh stand up straight and bite the ground.' It was on this walking trip that Frost discovered his three million pure-blooded Americans who for something like three hundred years had been 'beleagured by Nature,' as he expresses it; which is to say, shut up and forgotten.



Wild and uncouth as they undoubtedly were, Frost soon discovered that these 'poor whites' are almost the only real Americans in America. Their ancestors, coming along about the time of the Mayflower, pushed back into the mountains, and there, shut off from the outside world, with no railroads or navigable streams, their descendants have remained ever since. Frost named them 'our contemporary ancestors,' and immediately set himself to work bridging the gap that shut them off from the busy world about them.

For nearly a quarter of a century he has been president of Berea College. A 'brevet college' he calls it, 'a kind of Cooper Institute, social settlement and extension bureau of civilization.' In that period nearly twenty thousand mountaineers have come out of the hills, many of them walking more than a hundred miles, driven by a hunger for 'larnin' long denied, and some of them seeing their first railway train on the journey. Berea, starting them in at the kindergarten, or the fifth grade, or the high school stage, as the case might be, has kept them as long as it could and sent them back into the mountains to be teachers and blacksmiths, preachers and farmers, and country editors, and to carry the spirit of the twentieth century back to the folk of the eighteenth.

Board costs one dollar and thirty-five cents a week at Berea. A year's expenses average one hundred dollars; but hardly any of the students ever have that much. The difference is earned by work which the college supplies. And last year one boy left his home in North Carolina with thirty dollars, and returned in June, after ten months at Berea, with thirty-five. So year after year Frost has traveled back into the ravines to bring them to Berea. He is 'making American citizens faster and cheaper than they can be made anywhere else.' He is helping a whole nation out of the eighteenth century into the twentieth."

The following extracts from the Outlook of April 28 will give even more vividly the conditions which our mountain school workers must meet and overcome.

**6. Dwellers in the Hills** "He found that his mountain parishioners were of American stock, and that the governing factor of their health, their education and their citizenship was poverty. This had to be dealt with in two ways: first, by developing whatever resources were latent in the hills; and, second, by fitting the population, which the land could not support in decency, for life in a more fertile section, and then transporting them to it.

Their ignorance is perhaps the most obvious result of their poverty. There are no signs at any of the crossroads to tell directions, but what good are signs when forty per cent of the grown people cannot read, and there are no compulsory education laws? Must not the Church instruct a man before encouraging him to go out into a world where even to get a job he must be able to read the 'want ads' in the morning paper? Else she will merely transfer him from the starving loneliness of the hills to the starving congestion of the bread line.

When Mr. Ellis came to Yancey, the only building in sight besides the country store was a little one-room school-house, which was open for a five-month term and had an average attendance of fifteen scholars. The school board insisted that, as the mountain children wouldn't go to school anyway, it was useless to provide them with anything better. But Mr. Ellis believed that if the school were good, the children would attend. So with church money he built a small frame building which was church and school and social center all in one, hired a teacher, and went about explaining to the shy mountaineers that the new free school was for them and their children. The class opened a little larger than the public school had been, and went up to between eighty and ninety pupils. Mr. Ellis succeeded in hitching it up with the public school system of the State by providing with church money a modern three-room building with bunched windows and the most approved methods of lighting, heating and sanitation. It is graded now from the kindergarten through the eighth grade, and five teachers are constantly busy there."

**7. Socializing Influences** "It is through the school that he is trying to develop the co-operation that must precede any prosperity in this lean land. Imagine a child with no playmates outside its own family, born of parents who had had no children to play with, and whose grandparents were solitary; put into a school with eighty other children. At recess turn it into a big cleared space and teach it to play 'tap

rabbit,' a game which cannot be won by individual prowess or speed or intelligence, but only by the co-operation of all the children on each side. Such a socializing is begun, such a welding of the people into larger units than the family, as has not taken place for four generations, and the importance to economic and ethical prosperity cannot be exaggerated.

It is hard to make the teaching of this school, and the classes for older people that have been organized in connection with it, sound as revolutionary as they really are. A sewing class established in New York City is not epoch-making, but the one at Yancey does in little all that the needle has done for the race as a whole. The women of these parts wear ordinarily two garments—a sunbonnet and a calico wrapper. The men wear three—trousers, shirt and hat. In the prejudiced civilization of the outer world such costuming is apt to be misunderstood. At Yancey, as well as at other church stations in the mountains, we were told of the amazement of the women when their children came home from school wearing underclothing. What was it for? Why did people wear it? What! wear it every day? Shoes they could understand—it was merely a question of having money to buy them—but why stockings? Much of the slow development that the race went through in changing from a naked, forest-roving animal to a clothed human has to be rushed through for the people of the hills before they reach a sartorial stage sufficiently elaborate for outside communities. The church is not only saying to them, 'Be ye clothed in righteousness,' but also, 'Be ye sufficiently dressed in cotton and wool.'

Teaching the girls to cook is quite as important and quite as revolutionary as teaching them to sew. The present diet of the people—perpetual greasy pork and uninterrupted corn pone—does not tend to longevity. In fact, the young people whom we saw were old and the old people were dead. And, besides, a girl who can sew and cook can at least make her living when she goes out of the hills.

And many of them must go out of the hills if any of them are to prosper. To prepare them for outside life is no fancied need. The cotton manufacturers into whose employ most of them go after their exodus realize this and are willing to co-operate with the church in the work."

With this picture of actual conditions before us let us turn to the responsibilities and opportunities and the achievements of our own corps of workers.

The great need of our mountaineers today is trained leaders of their own. The **8. The Harvest Field** future of Appalachia lies mostly in the hands of those resolute native boys and girls who win the education fitting them for such leadership. Here is where the nation at large is summoned by a solemn duty. And it should act quickly, because commercialism exploits and debauches quickly. But the schools needed here are not ordinary graded schools. They should be vocational schools that will turn out good farmers, good mechanics and good housewives.

—Horace Kephart in "Our Southern Highlanders"

"The mountain people of the Southern Highlands number about 3,500,000. Loneliness and lack of inter-communication are the outstanding facts which differentiate them from other people. People who live alone become independent and constant battling with the larger and sterner moods of nature develops self-reliance and hardihood. These are mountaineer characteristics. The racestock is Scotch-Irish, with an intermingling of English and German. The mountaineer immigrants were largely of Presbyterian stock, but Baptist pioneer preachers early went on evangelizing tours through the Highlands, and the characteristic religious faith of the mountaineers has for long been Baptist. In the North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia mountain countries Baptists are more numerous than all other religious bodies combined. Except in the Virginia mountains they are more numerous than any one other body. In the Virginia mountains Methodists slightly outnumber the Baptists."

"The mountain region of the South includes 178 counties, in seven States, and has an area 4,000 square miles larger than South Carolina and Kentucky combined. It is composed of parts of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky."

"There are more white people per square mile in the mountains than in any region of equal

size in the South. The isolation of the mountains is for lack of means for inter-communication, and not for lack of people.

"There are more native born American whites ready to be trained and to profit by training in this district than in any other district of equal area in America, and this training can be accomplished at less expense than would be required among any other people.

"To met the needs of this great territory the Home Mission Board is maintaining a system of Christian academies. The number for the fiscal year 1913-1914 is thirty-five in the following states: Virginia 2; Kentucky 3; Tennessee 7; North Carolina 9; South Carolina 4; Georgia 5; Alabama 4; and Arkansas 1, with 171 teachers and over 5,000 pupils of whom 88 are preparing for the ministry."

Over 80 young ministers each year are trained in these splendid power houses of the Highlands. Is there any wiser, better, more promising work of love in which we may engage than that of maintaining these schools and enlarging their number and reach?

**9. Ideals Realized** "The purpose of the schools is to train the largest number of youth possible for useful service and leadership in society. The spirit of service to Christ is as characteristic of the teachers in the mountain schools as it is of missionaries of the Cross in any land. Many teachers make sacrifices to remain at their Highland educational posts whose gifts and attainments are desired by more lucrative posts. Their spirit permeates the student body. It is probable that no group of schools of similar grade can be found in which so many young people look forward to life with a serious purpose to make it count by serving the needs of others. Therefore many of them become preachers and teachers and physicians. But a larger contingent, equally worthy of distinction, go back to the coves and valleys to brighten and enlarge the lives of the Southern Highland people. Already whole mountain sections are being transformed and lifted up."

"Incomplete returns show that these schools have already trained 336 ministers, 185 lawyers, 213 physicians, twenty-four trained nurses, 2,387 teachers, twenty-seven missionaries, fifteen civil engineers, 2,893 farmers, 868 merchants, thirty-eight bankers and eighteen legislators."

Most of this fine work has been done since 1900 when Rev. John E. White called attention to the mountain problem and the Southern Baptist Convention through the Home Board took hold of the situation.

**10. News from the front** Rev. Albert E. Brown, Superintendent of Mountain Schools says in his annual report for 1914-15:

"Our mountain schools have enjoyed a very successful year in spite of the disturbances which have affected our southland so unfavorably in its finances. All of the schools have felt the financial situation, and some of them have been affected quite seriously. Nevertheless, we have too much for which to be grateful to our Heavenly Father to dwell on or magnify our difficulties.

The reports of the schools while not showing a large increase in attendance, nevertheless, show an increase. There is an increase of ten in the number of ministerial students and an increase of ninety-four in the number of baptisms. Our greatest increase, however, is in the building operations. The amount expended for this purpose is \$32,653 in excess of that spent last year. It has been a year of spiritual growth and deepening. We have a larger number of men and women in our teaching force this year than ever before who have a right vision of the mission of these schools. More and more emphasis is being laid upon the religious and practical features of this work. While we have not ceased to hold up before the students a college course, we have been laying more emphasis upon the things which will prepare the students to live in the mountains and develop the natural resources of the mountains.

For the past two years we have been holding a conference of our teachers at Ridgcrest, North Carolina, the Southern Baptist Assembly Grounds. These conferences have proven quite helpful in many ways. They bring the teachers together for the discussion of their problems. They also furnish an opportunity for special instruction in methods of work. This is said by the residents of Ridgcrest to be the liveliest conference conducted during the year. I wish to bear testimony again to the splendid men and women who are doing the teaching in these schools. The Lord has been gracious to us in giving us so many men and women of high purpose and unselfish devotion to the work."



## Y. W. A. PROGRAM



*Note: These programs are merely suggestive and are to be adapted by leaders to the requirements of their auxiliaries. The paragraphs referred to in program outlines will be found in general program which begins on page 7. For helpful leaflets see page 3.*

### AUXILIARY DRILL

*Where is the Home Mission Board located?*

The Home Mission Board has its headquarters at 1004 Healey Building, Atlanta, Ga.

*Who form the Board?*

A president, 18 vice-presidents, one being from each state, 6 secretaries, a treasurer, an auditor, 3 special superintendents and 15 other members, making a total of 45, form the Home Mission Board.

*Who are three of the secretaries?*

The Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board is Dr. B. D. Gray; the Secretary of Evangelism, Dr. Weston Bruner; and the Secretary of Church Building, Dr. L. B. Warren.

*What is the Board's official magazine?*

The Home Field is published monthly, price 35c a year from the Board's address.

### PROGRAM

*Prepared by Miss Nellie V. Bullock*

Hymn—"O beautiful for spacious skies"

Lord's Prayer

Bible Study (Given by four members)

Ignorance—Prov. 29 : 18; Dan. 12 : 3

Selfishness—Mark 10 : 21, 22; 8 : 34

Blindness—II Peter 1 : 5-9; John 4 : 35

Robbery—Matt. 3 : 8-10; I Cor. 16 : 3

Questions and Answers on Mountain Work

Map exercise showing number and location of mountain schools (par. 5, 6, 7, 8)

Talks—

"Life in Mountain Schools"

"Schools for foreigners" (par. 1, 2, 3, 4)

Prayer (that every member may have the joy of making a real sacrifice for this work)

Closing Hymn—"There were ninety and nine"

*Suggestions to Leaders:* Awaken an interest in the program before the day for the carrying out of program. Have every member take part in this program. At some previous meet-

ing give out the 25 answers found to questions on Mountain Work on page 13 of Home Mission Catechism; also select seven members to represent the mountain schools of the seven states, each to tell in a few words the number and location of schools in her state. See also "A Mountain School Teacher's Letter" in G. A. Program.

### Letter from a Mountain School Teacher

"There came to our school one fall a young man, awkward, and unschooled. His days from early childhood had been ordered by the whistle of the cotton mill and now with his meagre savings he was seeking an education. His brain was slow to respond so it was a hard, up-hill pull, especially as part of his time was taken with the work he did to help pay expenses. During the session he was converted and the Man of Galilee became his hero. His surrender was not without a struggle however, for he had seen life at its worst in the little mill town where his youth was spent; children robbed of their happy childhood, girls faded and old while yet in their teens, boys with ambition crushed because they saw no hope of anything better, men and women with hollow chests and lifeless, stupid faces. All of this rendered him bitter, cynical. But the transforming love of the Saviour has made him now a tower of strength in our school. How often have I heard another pupil say, 'O, yes, I want to be that kind of a Christian.'

One of our boys said to me, "Well, if it wasn't for my painting I'd just quit school!" Another of our finest boys was kept in school because of his interest in his music, so you see these things have their place here. The souls of these boys and girls are so flooded with longings for higher things that they can easily be awakened to an appreciation of the lofty and ennobling influence of art and music. Their ears have been trained to catch the full, clear trill of the forest warbler and

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## G. A. PROGRAM



Hymn—"God of our fathers"  
Bible Study: Teaching—Matt. 28 : 19, 20.  
Training—Acts 15 : 41; 16 : 5. Developing—  
John 21 : 15-17  
Talk by Leader  
Map Drill (showing location of Home  
Board schools in Cuba, Tampa, El Paso,  
Norfolk, Houston and Mountain Schools in  
seven states)

### Talks—

"A Glimpse of life in our Tampa schools"  
(see letters in ROYAL SERVICE December  
1914, March 1915)

"First and Last" (see leaflet, page 3)

Letter from a mountain school teacher.

Sentence prayers for the foreigners and  
mountaineers in our schools

### Closing Hymn

*Suggestions to Leader*—Tell how missions  
means not only saving the lost, but teaching,  
training and developing saved lives for service.  
Bring out this thought in the Bible study  
given above. Tell of work of Southern Bap-  
tists in training mountain children and chil-  
dren of foreigners in Christian schools. Let  
one of the G. A's give map drill, material  
being given in advance, and tell something  
of the nature of the work in each school. Have  
another point out the seven states where  
mountain schools are situated and tell the  
number in each state. Material for this will  
be found in W. M. S. Program—beginning  
on page 7.

### A Mountain School Teacher's Letter

Commencement is over. There is a long  
drawn breath of relief that turns to a sigh of  
regret as I think of the parting time, for I  
love the boys and girls I've worked with.  
My mind travels quickly over the nine  
months and the question comes, "Has it  
been worth while—the separation from loved  
ones, the hardships, the late hours, the un-  
ending round of duties?" There is a gentle  
tap at the door and before I turn to see who  
my visitor is, her arms are around me and  
she is saying, "O; I just wanted to tell you  
how much you have meant to me this year  
and I love you!" And there is a glad song of

thanksgiving in my heart for the girl who is  
going back to her mountain home, eager to  
tell of her new found Saviour, and with a  
steady purpose to live her religion. Our girls  
aren't just passive Christians, as a letter from  
a former student shows. She was a frail,  
flower-like girl unable to finish the course on  
account of ill-health. She went back to her  
home in a lumber camp, way up in the hills,  
disappointed and wondering what life held  
for her. But the work and the prayers of  
her Christian teachers were not in vain, for  
when the opportunity presented itself she was  
ready. Now in place of a Godless Sunday in  
that camp, the men, grouped on logs, sur-  
rounded by the everlasting hills, study to-  
gether with our girl the beautiful truths from  
the Book. And the faithful teachers who  
helped to train and inspire this pupil forget  
the disappointments and failures of the years  
in the joy of her service. Nor is she the only  
one, for very few of our girls go away without  
high ideals of Christian living.

A man whose business kept him much in  
the section surrounding one of our mountain  
schools said "I can always tell where there is  
a girl from that school by the flowers on the  
table and the well-prepared food."

The aim of our school is to instill into the  
boys and girls right principles, to hold before  
them high ideals and fit them not only for  
the broader and more efficient life a college  
education holds out to them, but for the life  
that awaits many of them, the quiet life back  
in their own mountain homes. Some one has  
said that the greatest heroine was the un-  
known woman, the woman who washed and  
baked and mended and reared children,  
making for them and for her husband a home  
of peace and happiness. All honor to the  
mountain girl who has had a glimpse of the  
world and feels the impulse of her growing  
horizon, but because of the need back home,  
is willing to turn her hand to the humble duty  
of home making. God bless her!

"Unto the hills I lift mine eyes,

To everlasting hills above;

I can not see beyond their range,

But I behold my Father's love."



## R. A. PROGRAMS



*Prepared by Mrs. Harry S. Mabie*

*To the leader:* At this flood-tide of the  
summer, the half-way house of the year, let  
us take account of our Christian stock and  
make much of the devotional part of the  
meeting. Have we been so busy teaching  
missions that we have neglected experimental  
Christianity for ourselves and our boys? Are  
they all professing Christians? If so, are they  
thoroughly consecrated?

Dr. Albert E. Brown says that the first  
prerequisite for a mountain school teacher is  
a good case of religion. The same is true of  
a Royal Ambassador leader. The summer  
months are times of great testing. The re-  
straint of school is removed, some of the boys  
are working in undesirable environment and  
many are in enforced idleness. So it behooves  
us to draw very near to the Lord to pray for  
the salvation of our unconverted boys and the  
keeping of those who are saved. For this  
reason we urge that in the devotional meeting  
each one offer a brief prayer for objects sug-  
gested by the leader. In the first meeting let  
the objects of prayer be the salvation and  
consecration of every Royal Ambassador boy  
and every student in our home mission schools.  
At the second meeting let the boys pray that  
they may awake to their obligation as  
stewards of the Lord's money. Hundreds of  
our older Royal Ambassadors will be working  
this summer. Teach them to tithe their in-  
come. Teach them that a deficit in the  
treasury is a reproach to ambassadors of  
Christ. Lead them to pray that no child shall  
be denied admission to a mission school on  
account of "no money."

I believe that every Chief Counsellor should  
make her contributions to missions through  
the Royal Ambassador treasury for the sake  
of encouraging the boys to give. I find that  
for every dollar I put into their treasury the  
boys put in three and an increase of 300%  
is worthy of the King's business.

### FIRST MEETING

Hymn—"The King's Business"

Scripture Lesson—Luke 11:9-13; John 15:7

Sentence Prayers—led by the Ambassador-

in-Chief, the Chief Counsellor closing the  
prayer

Hymn—"Just As I Am"

Roll-Call. Business

Missionary Topic—Home Mission Schools  
(See notes)

Map Exercise—Our Mountain Schools

Who's Who in Mountain Schools?

Snap-Shots of Dr. A. E. Brown, Superin-  
tendent, Rev. C. J. Owen, Evangelist, Prof.  
R. L. Moore and Mr. E. L. Hawkins, pioneer  
teachers

Story—"Mountain Schools and One Boy"

Paper—Cuba's Call

Talk—Mission School Work at Tampa,  
Florida

Debate—Shall the next school started be  
for the mountaineers or the Cubans?

Hymn—"Let the Lower Lights Be Burn-  
ing"

### SECOND MEETING

Hymn—"Who Is on the Lord's Side?"

Scripture Lesson—Malachi 3: 8-12

Sentence prayers as in first meeting

Hymn—"Somebody Did a Golden Deed"

Roll Call. Business

Missionary Topic—Mountain Schools Con-  
tinued

The Buchanan Mountain School drama—  
"No Money"

Missionary Base Ball—Using Home Mis-  
sion Catechism, Lesson 7 on training moun-  
tain youth in Christian schools

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

### Suggestions and Helps

For map exercises have one of the boys  
draw a map of the Southern Baptist Con-  
vention territory, using good strong paper so  
that it can be referred to again. Have one  
boy pin on the map the number of mountain  
schools in each state, and another boy an-  
nounce the names of the schools as the  
states are called. Find this information in  
Home Mission Board Report, pp 286-294.  
From same source get information for the

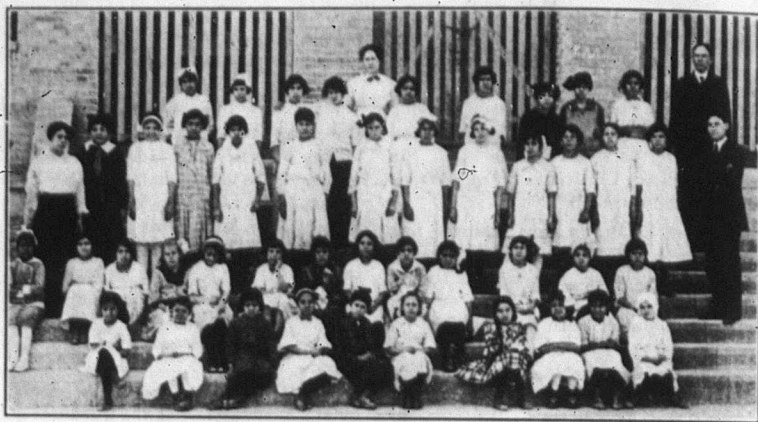
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## SUNBEAM PROGRAMS



Prepared by Mrs. George Stevens



HOME MISSION SCHOOL AT EL PASO, TEXAS

SUBJECT—Sunbeams at Work

HYMN—"Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam"

PRAYER—Sentence prayers by Sunbeams

MOTTO—"He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths."

SCRIPTURE—John 6 : 1-13

SONG—"America"

LEADER'S TALK—RECITATIONS

ROLL CALL. OFFERING. PRAYER

### Sunbeams at Work

*Leader:* Last month we studied about the organization of Sunbeam bands, this month we are to learn about some of the schools the Sunbeams help with their gifts. We want to know about the mountain children and those of Florida, Texas and Cuba, where our schools are located.

It will be delightful to visit these places and get a glimpse of the children in their homes or at school. You know in our rally cry we say that we will "climb the mountain steep, to carry the light that make the world bright." When the Lord created this beautiful world He made the mountains as well as the valleys and the people who live in them are dear to Him. The great high trees waving their beautiful green branches seem to be bowing

in love and worship to their creator. The lovely flowers and the sweet bird songs all seem to say; "O worship the King all glorious above and gratefully sing of His wonderful love." But don't you know only those who are looking and listening for the sound of praise, find it? If God is not in the heart of the people they cannot recognize Him in the lovely things about them. Shut up in these mountains are people who are waiting to hear the good news of salvation. Here are thousands of children who would be eager to learn if they only had the chance. Let us visit one family before we go to the school. As we go up the mountain road we meet Rachel and her little sister and brother and go with them to their home. It is a small cabin built of logs and is not even plastered. Underneath it the chickens roost at night,

This mountain family live a long way from a church or a school and they make great sacrifices that Rachel may attend the school when it is in session. As she is ready to start we will go with her, on a long ride of miles and miles. What a joy that school is to those who long to know about the world they live in and the wonderful things it contains. They are studying about the Father in heaven and His Word. They learn to make pretty dresses and cook good healthy food as it should be cooked. They will also learn to help other girls less happy than they. What bright faces they have and how eagerly they listen to their teachers! We find there are about 3,334,000 people living in the mountain districts and only 34 schools. We pity those people who are so anxious to learn and do not have schools and churches and Sunday schools and Sunbeam bands, and it makes us feel that we want to do more for them.

Let us leave the mountains now and go to the city of Tampa, Florida, the land of sunshine and flowers, with beauty everywhere. We will visit the kindergarten for Italian children and see little dark skinned children with black hair and beautiful brown eyes. How interesting they are! The teacher tells us some of them are six years old and these stay after the others are dismissed and have a half-hour lesson in the English language. They are taught through an interpreter. These children love all nature and especially the flowers. One of the teachers tells about a magnolia bud which she had in a vase that opened right before their eyes and one cried out in wonder and delight "Lookie it ope!"

There are two other schools in Tampa for Italian children and one for Cuban children. These are doing from 1st to 4th grade work. Special religious exercises are held each Sun-

day and some of these children are coming to Jesus to be his little lambs.

### Recitation:

"I thank Thee, Lord for this good day  
Which brings me joy in work or play;  
Like the Child Jesus may I be,  
In all my ways acknowledge Thee.

"Keep Thou my lips and wake mine ear  
Some beautiful new thing to hear;  
Bless me in everything I do,  
And let me be a blessing too."

### Recitation:

Little homes in the mountains,  
Little homes in the hills,  
Up where the snow-born fountains  
Melt in a score of rills;

Reared where the day uncloses,  
Up where the day is born,  
Each with its garth of roses,  
Each with its patch of corn.

Shack of the logger's rearing,  
Hut in the craggy glen,  
Cot in the sun-washed clearing,  
Homes of the mountain men!

Men of the larger pattern,  
Men of the cleaner lives,  
Fathers of clear-eyed children,  
Husbands of plain-clad wives.

Strong with the day for labor,  
Calm when the evening comes,  
Wise in the simpler wisdom  
Blest in their little homes.

Up where the days are tranquil  
Up where the nights are cool—  
Little homes in the mountains  
Clustered about a school!

## SECOND MEETING

SUBJECT—Sunbeams at Work

HYMN—"Jesus Bids Us Shine"

LORD'S PRAYER in Concert

MOTTO—"Those that seek Me early shall find Me."

SCRIPTURE LESSON—Psalm 95 : 1-7

HYMN—"Be a Little Sunbeam"

LEADER'S TALK—RECITATION

ROLL CALL. OFFERING. CLOSING PRAYER

*Leader:* At our last meeting we visited the mountains and Tampa, Florida. Today we will visit Cuba and El Paso, Texas.

Taking the boat at Key West, Florida, a nine hours ride brings us to Cuba. This is the largest of the islands that Columbus dis-



covered and is called the "Pearl of the Antilles." It is truly a beautiful country with magnificent palm trees and an abundance of fragrant flowers. We see the children playing with the flowers, weaving them into wreaths for their hair and long chains with which they adorn themselves. The people ride in two wheeled carriages with long shafts and the driver rides on the horse. The children of the wealthy class live in red tiled Spanish houses, while the children of the poor live in palm-thatched huts under the trees. The windows do not have glass but are simply wooden shutters which are kept tightly closed at night as they think that the night air is unhealthy. When they go out at night they carry umbrellas to protect them from the "deadly night air," as they call it.

Sunday is not a day of rest in Cuba, it is rather a day of pleasure as well as business. We do not see children going to Sunday school as they do in our country. They know very little about God as we worship Him and the mission schools are a great blessing to them. As we look at those beautiful, bright eyed children we think of the poem that says:

"And all the dear children wherever they are,  
So tiny, so cunning, so wee,  
Are God's darling children and Jesus loves them,  
Just as He does you and me."

When we think of Texas we must remember it is the largest state in the Union. We could cut out of it enough to make four big states and it would still be the largest one of the United States. This year the Southern Baptist Convention met in Texas, at Houston.

As we enter El Paso we see a great many Mexicans and learn that in this one city alone there are about 14,000 of them. When we visit the mission school we find that it is for Mexican children and has five teachers. Here as in the other mission schools the children are taught about the love of God and how to praise Him.

The Sunbeams may be proud of the fact that they helped with a splendid building in El Paso, that serves both as a school and a church. It is known as the "Sunbeam School of El Paso," and cost about \$5,000.00.

A Mexican gentleman asked Mr. Daniel, who is superintendent of the work among the Mexicans, why we went to so much trouble

and expense for his people. I am sure some of the Sunbeams can answer that question for us.

*Leader:* Why are we anxious to tell the Mexicans about Jesus?

*Sunbeam:* For the glory of God and for their good. There is "no other way given whereby they can be saved."

*Leader:* Give another reason.

*Sunbeam:* After they know about Jesus they will help us to save Mexico.

*Leader:* But how can they learn of the love of Jesus unless we send our missionary teachers to tell them the beautiful story of the gospel? What if we were waiting for them to tell us about the Saviour? Wouldn't we want them to hurry with the good news? Let us lose no time in sending the blessed gospel to them. In what island have we other mission schools?

*Sunbeam:* In the beautiful island of Cuba.

*Leader:* How many mission schools have we in Cuba?

*Sunbeam:* Ten years ago we had only two or three small schools, now we have ten and they are all doing good work. We should have many more.

#### Recitation:

"Let the little children come  
To a Saviour's breast!  
Little souls feel weariness;  
Little hearts need rest.

"Jesus wants a tiny hand  
In the harvest field;  
To the touch of fingers small  
Giant hearts may yield.

"Jesus bids the little feet  
Carry comfort rare,  
To some troubled, weary soul  
Full of dark despair.

"Little saints have work to do,  
Little souls to win;  
Standing at the heavenly gate,  
Asking children in.

"Every one can do her part,  
Then why will not you  
Make the world a better place  
Just by being true?"

## CURRENT EVENTS

### THE WORLD FIELD

WHEN the European war began the German members of the Edinburgh Continuation Committee openly declared the impossibility of meeting with British and French members again. That wise missionary statesman, Dr. Mött, however, in a recent visit to Europe, by helpfully interpreting the different national viewpoints to the opposing nations was gratified to find the spirit of Christian fellowship reviving. This he feels is directly due to Christian intercession.

Secretary Robert E. Speer is Chairman of an interdenominational Committee for the relief of war refugees in Persia. Thousands of refugees in this part of the world where there is such fanatical antipathy between the Moslem Turks and the Christians are dependent at present upon the American Presbyterian Mission. The mission has neither accommodation nor food for such numbers. The Persian authorities promise nothing, and it is to meet and relieve his terrible situation that the Committee has been organized.

The Protestant Churches of France have made an appeal to America through Rev. S. L. Roussel for help at this crisis. In spite of drastic measures taken to cut expenses, the income of these churches has been so reduced by the war, that at least 150 of the weaker churches will have to be closed and the pastors left without support unless America can offer a substantial helping hand. The cause of Protestantism in France is surely worthy of this help.

The Y. M. C. A. in Peking which is supported by the alumni and students of Princeton University has attained a position of great usefulness. It has a membership of 1300 young men of the business and student class, who not only have secured for themselves all the religious, physical, educational and social advantages of the Association, but through it are learning the meaning of service to their fellow countrymen.

Statistics from the Bureau of Immigration show that for the first time in our history the tide of immigration has turned. Beginning in December the number of emigrant aliens became greater than the number of those immigrating. Since last August over 18000 more aliens have left this country to return to their homes than have come in.

A group of Italian women who have been reached through the Judson Memorial Church in New York City, have been giving some of their evenings to sewing for the needy in Belgium, even though they themselves have been suffering the extremes of poverty this winter.

An appeal has been made by the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church to every churchman to contribute one day's income over and above his regular gifts to missions, in order to raise an emergency fund. This is a very suggestive method of meeting a need felt by practically every mission board.

Pastor Wm. Fetter, who at the beginning of the war was exiled from Russia where he had been such a faithful servant of Christ to the Baptists of that country, is in this country where he will find a warm welcome from the many admirers of this faithful minister.

Some idea of the wide spread interest in mission study since the introduction of United Mission Study Course in 1900, may be seen from the sale of books alone. The sales for 15 years are approximately 250,000 for the first five years; 400,000 for the second five years; 550,000 for the third five years.

Dr. G. Campbell Morgan of London has cabled his acceptance of an invitation to be one of the speakers at the General Conference of Christian Workers at Northfield, July 30 to August 15. It was nineteen years ago at Northfield that Doctor Morgan first became known to the Christian public of America.



## TRAINING SCHOOL



### COMMENCEMENT DAY AT THE TRAINING SCHOOL

It has not often been our privilege to witness a more beautiful and inspiring scene than that presented by the commencement exercises of Baptist Woman's Missionary Union Training School, held Monday evening, May 31, in the Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.

The spacious auditorium was filled to over-flowing with admiring friends, proud relatives and interested spectators who felt it truly a good thing to be present on this happy occasion.

The pulpit was beautifully decorated and presented a very paradise of floral profusion. With the first notes of the organ an expectant quiet fell upon the waiting people, then, from the rear of the church, wonderfully sweet, came the voices of the pupils in song. When the Training School girls sing something sweet creeps into your heart and uplifts your thoughts to heavenly things. It would be hard to imagine anything more fitting to this occasion than these white-robed young women, each upholding a splendid daisy-chain as they marched gravely down the aisles to the beautiful, measured music and words of the processional from the "Pageant of Darkness and Light." The procession was led by the Principal of the school, Mrs. Maud R. McLure, whose voice, full and clear, guided those of the well trained singers.

After the girls had taken their places back of the embankment of flowers, Dr. W. W. Landrum, pastor of the church, pronounced the invocation, thanking God for noble women and their part in the advancement of Christ's kingdom, and especially for these young women who had given their lives into the Master's hand for His service.

The Anthem, "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven", was sung by the pupils with great expression to a deeply appreciative audience. In their robes of white, with faces full of spiritual joy, standing amid the flowers massed at their feet, the Training School girls made a picture that suggested purity and simplicity, and as we listened to their song of praise the picture grew in beauty.

The commencement address was delivered by Dr. H. L. Winburn, pastor of First Baptist Church of Louisville, Ky. He spoke in glowing terms of these gifted young women who were starting out upon a life of royal service as handmaidens of the Lord. With direct force he spoke of the need for real Christian giving to meet the demand for funds to send forth these efficiently equipped workers when the Macedonian cry came to them, "Come over and help us!" The noble purpose of the school brought to mind the promise of Christ—"Verily I say unto you, there is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or mother, or father, or children, or lands for my sake and for the gospel's sake, but he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses and brethren and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life."

Barri's "The Good Shepherd" was beautifully sung by the school, and as music will have no minor share in their future work, it was a joy to know that their voices will always "Sing for the King."

Dr. E. Y. Mullins, President of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, presented the diplomas and certificates. Twenty-four young ladies received the degree of Bachelor Missionary Training for a successful two years' course.

Certificates were given to twenty-one young ladies who have finished a successful one year course. A special certificate is given to the wives of Theological Seminary students who complete the course in New Testament, Sunday School Pedagogy and Personal Work.

Four special certificates and sixteen Blue Seal diplomas in Normal course of Sunday School Board were received. One graduate received the Child Culture Certificate for one year's successful course in the Training School and one year in the Kindergarten Department of the Louisville Normal School.

Dr. Mullins stated that the diplomas were usually signed by the beloved President of the Woman's Missionary Union, Miss Fanny E. S. Heck, but illness rendered her unable to sign

them for this Commencement and out of love and highest esteem the space was left blank. He also charged the girls to emulate her unselfish love and devotion to all mission interests and work, as she is truly one of God's own great and good women. In speaking of the work of the Training School, he called attention to Mrs. Browning's beautiful poem expressing Eve's lament over her lost power. Before sin came into her life, roses blushed at her touch, grass grew more green and velvety under the weight of her foot, gorgeous birds un-numbered sang from the trees if she paused for a moment beneath their shade. But her power was lost as sin appeared. The motive in the education and work of the Training School and its graduates, is to restore that power through the Christ-like love and influence. He further said that Louisville, Kentucky and the whole South was proud of the Training School and its graduates.

The Sunday School Normal diplomas were presented by Dr. P. E. Burroughs in his own delightful and inimitable way.

The senior class motto "FOR HIS GLORY" inspired the following beautiful 1915 class song, written by Miss Miriam Schell, B. M. T., one of the graduates, which was delightfully sung as the closing number on the program by the school.

For His glory He has called us,  
Laborers with Him to be,  
Saved with wonderful salvation,  
Kept to serve Him faithfully.

For His glory!

For His glory!

Sing we to eternity.

Toil we in the crowded cities,  
In the hills or on the plain,  
That the Saviour in our homeland  
Lord of lords may rule and reign.

For His glory!

For His glory!

So we labor not in vain.

Go we into lands far distant,  
Taking light to souls in sin;  
May our shield then be before us,  
Helping victories to win.

For His glory!

For His glory!

Truth and love abide within.

Living ever for His glory,  
Learning Him thro' all our days;  
Seeing Him in every shadow;  
Finding Him in pleasant ways.

For His glory!

For His glory!

Evermore in ceaseless praise.

Dr. Burroughs pronounced the benediction and as he thanked God for the lives and purposes of these consecrated young women, our prayers mingled with his in asking for blessings upon these children of the King. May the Lord bless them and keep them and make His face to shine upon them and give them peace.





## PERSONAL SERVICE



### ECHOES FROM PERSONAL SERVICE REPORTS

LIKE the faint fragrance of sweet incense, a breath of Personal Service seemed to pervade the Houston meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union. Mingled with Mrs. R. E. Burt's words of welcome were suggestions of some of the avenues of service the Houston societies have through the Baptist Sanitarium, the Star of Hope Mission and the Industrial Home. Of course the note of service was sounded by our missionaries as they brought greetings from the foreign fields. The women of Montevideo, Uruguay, purpose to help with the furnishings of the meeting-halls and to educate the women members for usefulness in general church work. The first of the fourfold aim of the leader of the Kaifeng, China; W. M. S. is personal work, and it is interesting to note that one of their study-topics is "Earnest love leads to Personal Service—Matthew 10:37." In Central China a number of women offered willingly to go into country places and hold meetings without remuneration except the necessary traveling expenses. "They had good meetings and many heard the words of eternal life who never knew anything of it before. Mothers' meetings, missionary meetings, cottage Bible study and prayer meetings, children's meetings and evangelistic meetings are regularly held. In some of the churches the women have held special evangelistic services without any help from the missionary. So you see that on Personal Service lines we are moving forward." (Quoted from Mrs. Z. Zee's greeting). In her report as corresponding secretary, Miss Mallory spoke of a visit to the Woman's Missionary Union Training School in Louisville, where she "watched many faces brightened by their personal service out on the field or in the cheery Good-Will Center." Mrs. Hinkle of Kentucky emphasized the value of Personal Service in her report for the committee on methods.

The Realization of Ideals by States brought out what a large part Personal Service holds in our organized work. In Virginia two Good-Will Centers were opened this year,

one in Richmond and one in Newport News, both of which are doing successful work and employing the energies of many of the young people. Other societies are helping the negroes to organize the women into missionary societies. Alabama reports an advance in Personal Service. Arkansas notes that there is a greater desire for spiritual development shown by an increased interest in organized Personal Service. There are 216 societies in North Carolina organized for Personal Service. Their recent annual meeting was marked by a determination to spend and be spent in the Master's service. Texas reports two Good-Will Centers. Kentucky's 136 societies reporting on Personal Service show an awakening interest in this branch of our work. Georgia reports a Good-Will Center, Judson, in Atlanta, with three paid workers who raise the standard of Christian living and do the work of missionaries at home. In Nashville, Tennessee, there is a City Union of Personal Service Chairmen from the nineteen city churches, they hope to report a Good-Will Center soon. The women of Oklahoma have purchased some building lots and a cottage at Coalgate where they hold mothers' meetings, a kindergarten and a Good-Will Center. In Maryland industrial schools and mothers' meetings are conducted by the women's missionary societies and Y. W. A.'s. Florida reports one Good-Will Center while South Carolina is planning for settlement work in connection with the Memorial Chapel which the Sunbeams are erecting in Charleston. So the story grew. Hardly a single speaker failed to pay her tribute. Thoughts of Personal Service permeated Miss Heck's wonderful message. Mrs. Thomas in her "Appreciation" outlined the scope of the work from a cup of cold water by Sunbeam hands to the Good-Will Centers by the women's societies. A glowing record was shown when Mrs. Eager told what was being done by the Training School girls. Over 2100 visit their Good-Will Center every month.

Time and space fail to tell it all.—Mrs. William B. McGarity, Belton, Texas



## UNION NOTES



### ROUND TABLE

BLUE BONNETS of Texas, the Union salutes you! In the spirit of the broad prairies which your bright blue bonnets shelter from the sun did the Baptist women of your splendid state welcome and care for the Union workers from all over the south. Surely no similar group of women was ever more royally entertained! Surely no gratitude should ever be more sincere!—Truly the local W. M. U. committee there in Houston was all one could have desired. Mrs. Robert E. Burt, the chairman, marshalled with real executive ability a number of splendid women and charming girls to serve on the various committees. Division of labor matching diversity of talent produced helpful, harmonious results. All hail to the Houston W. M. U. committee!—It was beautiful, too, to be made so welcome in the large Methodist church where all of our W. M. U. meetings were held. The pastor, Rev. C. S. Wright, was present at our sessions and was untiring in his interest for our comfort. We can never thank him enough for his genial presence and kind-hearted helpfulness. —To the local press, as directed by Mrs. Fred M. Court, chairman of the press committee, the Union is also deeply indebted. Those of our workers, who saw the Houston papers during the Annual Meeting period, know what a large space was given to pictures illustrating our work and to a detailed write-up of each session. It recalled the Nashville meeting when Mrs. Ida Clyde Clarke of the Southern Missionary News Bureau gave such intelligent publicity to our work.—Certainly one of the most successful sessions was the Friday morning hour when the pageant, "The Spirit of Royal Service", was rendered by members of the Houston societies under the truly remarkable leadership of Miss Sue M. Halliday, city missionary of the First Baptist Church of Houston. It is confidently believed that many of the delegates and visitors will see that this pageant is given in their local societies and associations and that thereby the interest in and subscriptions to our magazine, ROYAL SERVICE, will be

greatly multiplied. Copies of the pageant may be easily secured from the W. M. U. Literature Department, 15 W. Franklin St., Baltimore, Md., for two cents a copy.—It was manifestly a joy to have fully "sweet sixteen" of our women home and foreign missionaries with us. They were given the closest attention as they led the devotional services and prayers, as they brought greetings from the various fields and as they told of their work in the two-hour "Conference with Our Missionaries" conducted on Thursday afternoon by Mrs. W. J. Neel of Georgia. Then we heard many of them again on Saturday at the luncheon to them which was so graciously presided over by Mrs. F. S. Davis, W. M. U. president for Texas. One worker summed up our feelings when she said: "The toasts made by the missionaries would have fully repaid one for the trip to Houston had every other feature been omitted".—It was a privilege also to hear several missionaries under appointment speak in the Municipal Auditorium. Their young, hopeful lives were an inspiration to the immense audience as their clear voices sounded out in that great building the reason why they were going "far hence to the Gentiles".—The Union workers assembled in a body in the first gallery of the auditorium on Sunday afternoon when there was held the memorial service in gratitude for the lives of Dr. R. J. Willingham and Dr. B. H. Carroll. As a Union we were beautifully-cared for during that service and for this and other courtesies we are deeply indebted to the general committee at Houston, of which Rev. D. R. Pevoto was chairman.—Gratifying interest was also shown by Rev. Allen Fort in the presentation of the Union's annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention and by Dr. Lansing Burrows in the preaching of the sermon for the year. May our hearts, as we face the year's work, be dynamited, flung wide open, by the spirit of the text, Acts 16:14: "A certain woman whose heart the Lord opened".—Happy indeed were the score or so members of the Secretaries' and



Field Workers' Council of the W. M. U. when they met in annual session on May 17. Three hours were spent in discussing methods and means of work, each speaker bringing suggestions fresh from the school of her office or field. A splendid back-ground for this had also been gained at the "Open Parliament on Methods and W. M. U. Organizations" which was led during the Annual Meeting by Miss Blanche Barrus, corresponding secretary for North Carolina. Our other hour of happiness "in council assembled" was spent at luncheon where we were guests of the Amomas of the First Baptist Church of Houston. No detail of service or song was omitted by our hostesses and as a council we do truly arise and call them blessed. A simple but joy-giving toast scheme was carried out by Miss Addie E. Cox, field worker for Alabama.—Among the additional, distinctly interesting features of the Annual Meeting might be mentioned the W. M. U. mission study class taught to an average of over ninety women for three mornings by Miss Evie Campbell, W. M. U. corresponding secretary for Georgia; the pronounced emphasis upon the establishing and maintaining of a Y. W. A. in every Baptist college for southern Baptist girls; cooperation in the launching of the Baptist Student Missionary Movement, the W. M. U. corresponding secretary being elected a member of its executive committee of twenty-one; the nomination for election by the Foreign Mission Board of five Union members as delegates to the Latin-America Conference which will be held in Panama City next February, the five being the W. M. U. president and corresponding secretary, Mrs. F. S. Davis of Texas, Mrs. J. S. Carroll of Alabama and Mrs. W. J. Neel of Georgia; and the enthusiastic plans for entrance upon the second year of the Training School Enlargement Fund campaign, with the promise of a new episode setting forth attractive, effectual ways of raising the fund. The words of this episode will soon be for sale by the W. M. U. Literature Department. Write for it early in July.—And so another Annual Meeting has passed into history. God grant that it may truly prove to be a pure white page in the telling of "His Story" to all the world! The presence of our beloved president, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, was felt in every session, bringing not sadness and tears but a peace and a "faith in God" which her wonderful leadership has

ever embodied for us. Her triumphant message so tenderly read by Mrs. Davis and the testimony of the Union's gratitude as expressed by Mrs. Julian P. Thomas of Virginia will entwine themselves, like "fragrant honey-suckle" to use the expression of Dr. J. M. Frost, throughout our lives. And so we turn our faces toward Asheville, North Carolina, Miss Heck's own state, knowing that as our re-elected president her beautiful presence will welcome us there next May.—After the delegates and visitors had all departed, the W. M. U. corresponding secretary lingered in Houston for a day to prepare for a week's trip to four places in Texas. That afternoon I was taken by Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Gross of the First Baptist Church of Houston to the Baptist Sanitarium and to the Star of Hope Mission, two outstanding achievements of Houston Baptists. The next afternoon found me the guest of Baylor College for Women at Belton, of which Dr. J. C. Hardy is president. Here I spoke twice concerning our work to the 500 and more young women many of whom are enthusiastic members of the college Y. W. A. The Cottage Home, which was born in the heart of Mrs. E. G. Townsend, is one of three others in Texas Baptist colleges and is a most home-like, inspiring opportunity to young women desiring to work their way through college.—From "Baylor Belton" I went to Waco where is located Baylor University. On its cool, shady campus I met many of the young women students at an afternoon tea finding them eager to know more concerning the W. M. U. work. That night we held a mass meeting in the First Baptist Church of which Rev. J. M. Dawson is the honored pastor. The next day I met the students informally, attended a called-meeting of the Y. W. C. A. Council and spoke at the lunch hour. It was truly an audience to make glad any Christian heart, proclaiming as it did the prophecy of great results from those trained lives. It is stimulating to know that Dr. S. P. Brooks, president of the University, is also the president of the Southern Sociological Congress.—And after Waco, came Fort Worth! Here I was entertained at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary of which Dr. Lee Scarborough is president. Hard by the side of the seminary and sharing as an integral part in the student life and classes of which is the Texas Baptist

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## BOOK REVIEWS



### Home Missions in Action

FOLLOWING the general topic for the year, "The Church And The Nations", the Council of Women for Home Missions has lately issued the new book, "Home Missions in Action". In this Mrs. Edith H. Allen has given us many interesting facts and statistics, and has presented the power wielded by Home Missions in the molding of our Nation.

The author treats Home Missions from the standpoint of a National Force, a Reclaiming, an Educative, a Healing and an Integrating Force. As a National Force, we trace the religious influence in the lives of our early settlers, we see the Christian teacher following the pioneer westward, bringing the message to the Indian, welcoming and guiding the alien. But the work seems hardly begun when "sixty millions of the nearly one hundred of our population are non-Christian"—when "still more than forty thousand Indians in this country are without Christian ministry" and when more than a million children are working in factories and cotton mills.

The story of the frontier town of the Northwest, before and after the coming of the missionary, the change in the mountain settlement after the service of the two "foreign" women, the pictures of the Indian dance at Medicine Lodge and that of the Christian chapel are but examples of the reforming and Reclaiming Force of Home Missions. As an Educative Force we note that: "The church—Home Missions—from the beginning has been the largest factor in the spread of schools and colleges—the greatest single educative force of this country." And the nurse or deaconess ministering to the poor, the chain of hospitals from Alaska to Mexico, the majority of these due to religious and not to scientific influence, witness to the compassionate side, to the Healing Force of mission work.

"Home Missions faces forward, realizing that infinitely greater responsibility and service must now enter into the mission of the

church at home, if this country is to remain Christian itself and be a force for Christianity."

The book is excellent for Womens' Societies and Y. W. A's. Price, cloth 50c.; paper 30c.

*Our interest in missions is a mark of our Christian character.*—Henry C. Mabie.

### Around the World with Jack and Janet

Excitement reigned when it was learned that Jack and Janet were to accompany Mr. and Mrs. Howard on their trip around the world. Their school mates found the strange places on the map, the teacher spoke of the geography they would learn and the Sunday school superintendent of the stories they could tell on their return. Mr. Howard wanted to see foreign industries; Mrs. Howard to visit hospitals and schools and churches, and the twins to find out what boys and girls of other lands were like. In their diaries the twins jotted down many details that grown-ups might have omitted.

In Egypt Janet visited a girls' college and was surprised to hear the students reciting in English. Jack saw the Nile Press and watched school boys at their games. Both children were interested in the story of Mohamed and that of the Holy Carpet. Much of the traveling in India was at night; on account of the heat. It seems strange to take your own sheets and mattresses on the sleepers and a servant to make the beds. Jack was not fond of changing cars at three and four in the morning, and declared he had seen enough sunrises to last him all his life. Through India, China and Japan they journeyed, meeting many interesting missionaries, visiting native temples, and Christian schools.

Miss Norma Waterbury who accompanied Mrs. Montgomery and Mrs. Peabody on their recent trip is the author. While planned for the child of twelve, the book may be adapted to older children. Paper .30; postpaid.

*Our knowledge of missions is the measure of our Christian attainment.*—Henry C. Mabie.

Order the above mentioned books at the quoted prices from Educational Department, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia.



## THE SPIRIT OF ROYAL SERVICE

### A Pageant Presented by Eighteen Persons

Costumes—All dressed in white except Herald and Royal Ambassador  
 Royal Ambassador in ordinary dress

Herald: royal purple robe, Greek style. White coronet with dark purple letters W. M. U. on it. Shield, pointed oval—white card board, dark purple letters, reading from top to bottom (ROYAL SERVICE) length—long enough to rest on floor when arm is stretched straight from shoulder, width of shield, one half of length.

Note: Spirit of ROYAL SERVICE remains on platform throughout pageant and announces each department by name as it comes on, for instance:—Editorial Department comes on,—the Spirit of ROYAL SERVICE says: "Editorial Department. Behold the genius etc." Each department steps to back of platform after explanation, grouping themselves artistically. A table with circulars should be near Spirit of ROYAL SERVICE, that they may be given to those distributing them without confusion. Age of G. A. should be about 14 years; R. A. same age; Sunbeam not more than 5 years.

Enter Spirit of ROYAL SERVICE, acting as herald.

### Prologue

It is the high office of a herald to proclaim information for the weal or woe of a people: As the Spirit of ROYAL SERVICE it is my joy to bring to you this day good tidings of the great success of our monthly magazine, ROYAL SERVICE. (Holding up a copy of ROYAL SERVICE.)

It was the thought of our elect lady, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, that a monthly publication would enlarge and strengthen the work of our Union. The quarterly magazine, "Our Mission Fields" had been fruitful for service, especially in opening the door for a more extensive helpfulness in the monthly publication of its successor, ROYAL SERVICE.

Here (holding magazine aloft) in convenient form can be found many thoughts from which to develop plans for the carrying forward of mission work among women and young people, which is the real purpose of its beloved founder.

"The women that publish the tidings are a great host." We who are at work in the whitening harvest field are a part of this splendid host; we are royal messengers seeking to do the King's business, full of purpose to be true and faithful in using all channels for the spreading of the gospel of the Son of God, as becometh those in royal service. Let us use this magazine as a tool put into our hands to fashion, in song and prose and story, an interest in the hearts of Union workers, both "the matron and the maid."

"How beautiful are the feet of them that bring tidings of good things" as they run to do His bidding!

Let me call before you, one by one, those who represent the eleven departments of ROYAL SERVICE.

Enter Editorial Department, carrying half-rolled scroll.

Spirit of ROYAL SERVICE: Behold the creative genius, whose imagination must be constantly alert to every thought and impulse that may bring to the readers of ROYAL SERVICE things new and old, for inspiration, instruction and admonition. From month to month her busy pen expresses some special Union ideal, linking it with other world problems. Her's indeed is a pen which "points a moral." Although we love the things that make for peace we bow before this mighty weapon.

Enter Bible Study Department, carrying open Bible, head bent in study.

Spirit of ROYAL SERVICE: The Bible is the written word revealing the living Word in the life and character of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We trace on every page that blessed life in type and symbol, example and precept, guided by the Holy Spirit. It is the province of this page of the magazine to point out the missionary teachings of this holy Bible. The study each month follows the topic developed in the Missionary Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists. Without His Word all other words in ROYAL SERVICE would be void.

Enter Program Department—group of five persons representing W. M. S., Y. W. A., G. A.,

R. A. and Sunbeams. All wear broad white strip across the breast from left shoulder to right side of waist. Each strip bears the initial letters of organization wrought out in organization colors. The W. M. S. in lavender; Y. W. A. and G. A. in green; R. A. in blue and gold and Sunbeams in yellow letters. Young people kneel around W. M. S.

Spirit of ROYAL SERVICE: Programs are stepping stones placed by some one who has passed that way, stones that denote thoughtful helpfulness and suggest a quicker crossing over to final results. In this spirit our program editors prepare definite helps for meetings and with prayerful care strive to plant precious seeds of information in the fertile soil of willing hearts, that may, perchance, yield a fairer fruitage than the sowers ever dreamed of. Look for these programs in ROYAL SERVICE, they are incentives to study and research for the young and old.

Y. W. A. rises and stands at left of Spirit of ROYAL SERVICE.

Spirit of ROYAL SERVICE: (placing her hand on shoulder of Y. W. A.) Before the full flower must come the half-blown rose—here we have that which represents to us the earnest of a fuller service in the years that are to come. The beautifully arranged Y. W. A. program is to be used for the development of our girls of promise. "They shall be radiant, their hearts shall thrill and be enlarged—they shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praises of Jehovah."

G. A. rises and stands between Spirit of ROYAL SERVICE and Y. W. A.

Spirit of ROYAL SERVICE: (placing hand on shoulder of G. A.) And before the half-blown rose must come the opening bud. In order that it may carefully unfold into the sunlight of God's kingdom, we furnish bright, wholesome programs to these light-hearted yet earnest girls, to remind them that there is something they can do for the King, so, in glad companies they clasp their happy hands in ours.

Royal Ambassador rises, stands at right of shield of Spirit of ROYAL SERVICE.

Spirit of ROYAL SERVICE: Here, always at our right hand, we present to you a valiant Royal Ambassador, a knightly subject of his King! A brave type of the hundreds of members we have all over the south. Their programs teach them how to use their armor to defend the weak and to stand against evil, in thought, in word and deed. As ambassadors of peace they must fight under a royal banner for purity in heart and life. "Without fear and without reproach", bearing the shield of faith, "sent as swift messengers before His face."

Sunbeam rises, clings to robe of Spirit of ROYAL SERVICE.

Spirit of ROYAL SERVICE: "The sunshine bright of laughing eyes,  
 The tripping feet with glad surprise,"

are entering early into sweet and innocent service for King Jesus. We try to show them month by month that He who blessed them has committed to their small hands the light that never fails. Where darkness and sorrow reign they send the light of God's love and mercy. How early their pure eyes behold Him, the Light of the World, and how willing they are to "take the light" to others.

Program group retire.

Enter Our Missionaries Department, woman holding world aloft.

Spirit of ROYAL SERVICE: How welcome are the messages from our honored and beloved missionaries given to us through their pages of ROYAL SERVICE. Messages that send us to our knees, praying that the weary hands and lonely hearts may be held in the loving care of Him they serve so faithfully; praying that their eyes, gazing so often on sad and sinful scenes, may look beyond them and behold the King in His beauty. We thank them for their thrilling news from home and foreign fields.

Enter Methods Department, bearing Roman lamp.

Spirit of ROYAL SERVICE: "Let me show you how to do it." What a comforting page in ROYAL SERVICE we have here; full of wise suggestions, new incentives and effective tools for work. Poetry stirs the heart, the story inspires the mind, but the prose of methods gives us something to work with, something to expect from month to month.

Enter Current Events Department bearing hour glass.

Spirit of ROYAL SERVICE: A mission worker must know what is going on all over the world. We W. M. U. members should be quick to catch the echo from other fields and workers.



Their successes and disappointments affect us deeply and should teach us what to avoid and what to adopt in our plans of work. Our Current Events Department helps us to obey the words of Christ, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields."

Enter Training School Department, two girls, one bearing open Bible the other a sword, standing closely together, laying sword across book.

Spirit of ROYAL SERVICE: The beloved child of the Union, The W. M. U. Training School, is always doing something interesting and we are always telling it to you on their page. We are proud of the earnest work of the more than fifty splendid girls, who, under their principal, Mrs. Maud R. McLure, are being prepared to go forth armed with "the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." The ringing call for laborers comes from every harvest field, "Who will go?" These students are girding themselves that they may answer, "Here am I."

Enter Personal Service Department, bearing star on wand. (6 inches from tip to tip.)

Spirit of ROYAL SERVICE: The personal touch, how it expresses real interest. This page of our magazine brings you news from that branch of Union work that is not reported in dollars and cents, but enlarges our account in the bank of kind words and good deeds. Personal Service helps, through Mothers' Clubs, to make happy homes; opens Houses of Happiness for settlement work, Cheer All Clubs for girls and sewing schools for children. Let us follow the star that we may wear many others in our crown of rejoicing.

Enter Union Notes Department, holding open letters, clamped together at top.

Spirit of ROYAL SERVICE: The many letters from friends and workers of the Union become our big family letter when they reach the Round Table of the Union Notes Department. These notes promote a unity of information and interest; read every word and send some helpful item for the next issue.

Enter Home Department—Mother and child, of from 7 to 10 years of age. Both holding ROYAL SERVICE. Mother with teaching attitude.

Spirit of ROYAL SERVICE: Now rest a bit in your easy rocking chair and read from the Home Department, a story, a poem or some interesting experience. Your household will miss something if they do not look for this page, perhaps there will be something for the children. The stories are full of charm, mother and child can enjoy them together.

Enter Book Review Department carrying pile of mission study books.

Spirit of ROYAL SERVICE: How much we learn from books! In our mission study books how far we travel; what scenes we behold; unknown regions are explored; strange folk become our friends; great thoughts fill our minds. Watch for the sign post that will guide you to a splendid "find" through the reviews in our Book Department.

Spirit of ROYAL SERVICE delivers

### Epilogue

ROYAL SERVICE has passed before you in review, its beautiful appearance, its charm of originality, its loyalty to Union ideals have all been presented to you. What think you of it? In prayer each issue has gone forth, the heart of each editor and contributor has been deeply enlisted in her work. Born of faith, nourished in love, ROYAL SERVICE must increase in favor as the years pass on.

(Here give to department representatives circulars but do not distribute until close of epilogue.)

Kindly receive from these who have represented ROYAL SERVICE departments the latest circular concerning it. While you remain seated they will pass down the aisles distributing them. Each circular tells you how you may have this magazine for your very own. If you will heed its message you will help to keep its pages open for ministry, you will increase its ability to give information, you will share its responsibilities, you will make its interest your own.

Spirit of ROYAL SERVICE poses during distribution of envelopes and advertisements. Music softly played.

### Y. W. A. PROGRAM

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their eyes have seen the glory of God in the starry heavens and the gold and purple shadows of their own beloved mountains.

Won't you let your most earnest and continued prayers go up to the Father for our mountain schools, for the consecrated, competent teachers who are needed, for the boys and girls who come? The mountain folk are our richest heritage and the door of opportunity is open wide to us now. It will not always be open. God grant that it may not be closed through my negligence, through your indifference."

### R. A. PROGRAMS

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"Snap-Shots" and "Story" by J. R. Lunford. For "Cuba's Call" see ROYAL SERVICE Nov. 1914 p 15. "Work at Tampa" see paragraph 2 in general program, current issue. Drama, "No Money" was written by Miss Mae Maynard of Honaker, Va. All the characters are actual people in the Buchanan Mountain School. If you wish you can adapt it by using names of boys and girls in your own mountain schools where the same conditions exist. Send 10 cents to Miss Maynard for copy. For "Missionary Base Ball" get the Catechism from the Home Mission Board at Atlanta, Ga. and tract on "Missionary Base Ball" from the Missionary Forward Movement, Ford Bldg., Boston, Mass.

Note: "In the cities ninety per cent of all that the children see tells them of man. In the mountains ninety six per cent of all that they see tells them of God. Nearly all our young men who are called of God into the Gospel ministry are country reared. In the mountains rural influences that lead youths to hear the voice of God reach their strongest expression. No equal number of secondary schools in the land are training so many young preachers as are the mountain schools of the Home Mission Board."

By all means have a base ball nine and as many picnics and "hikes" as you can find time for. If you can arrange a camping trip and accompany the boys yourself, influences may be started which eternity alone can measure for value.

### UNION NOTES

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Women Mission Workers' Training School. The seminary and school are of purest classic architecture and impress one with their strength and abiding purpose. All honor to the Texas Baptist womanhood which has made possible this state training school while they have also maintained their substantial, loyal support of our W. M. U. Training School at Louisville. It was with deep regret that I learned that the school was losing Miss Mary C. Tupper from its principalship. May the trustees be especially guided in the choice of her successor. From Seminary Hill we motored to Fort Worth for an afternoon service at the Broadway Baptist Church. It was far from a cool afternoon and so all the more gratitude was felt for the enthusiastic attendance.—The Texas Central Committee sent Mrs. Bennett Haralson, chairman of their Publicity Department, to Fort Worth to accompany me to Dallas. Here two delightful days were spent in attending the large Sunday school and church service where Dr. Geo. W. Truett is pastor, in speaking at the carefully planned for mass meeting that Sunday afternoon in his church, in hearing Dr. H. A. Porter preach at night in his Gaston Avenue Church on "Carey the Baptist Hero" and in being the guest of the Dallas W. M. U. workers at a delightfully artistic luncheon on Monday followed by a trip to the Buckner Home where Texas Baptists, led by the veteran spirit Dr. R. C. Buckner, are caring for over 600 orphans and many aged couples. It was also my privilege to visit the Texas Baptist Memorial Hospital there in Dallas. Like the one in Houston it stands forth as a living witness in marble and mercy of the power of Christ rising "with healing in His wings".—Looking back upon the two weeks spent in Texas, great gratitude is felt for the many kindnesses too numerous to be mentioned in detail and most of all for the growth and stability of the work as revealed on all sides. Even as the great sky-scraper, the Amicable, towers above all the other buildings in Waco, so in returning to the Baltimore office would our thanksgiving to God arise for the enthusiasm and "faith made manifest by works" on the part of Texas Baptists.



# A YEAR'S FINANCIAL RECORD

April 30th, 1914, to May 5th, 1915

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY TO S. B. C., MRS. W. C. LOWNDES, TREASURER

As Reported by State Treasurers

STATES	Foreign	Home	S. S. Board	Margaret Fund	TRAINING SCHOOL			Cash Total	Box Total	Cash and Box Total
					Current Expenses	Enlarge-ment	Scholarship Fund			
Alabama.....	\$ 10,362.47	\$ 7,135.17	\$ 96.81	\$ 2.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 927.45	\$ 879.00	\$ 19,602.90		\$ 19,602.90
Arkansas.....	1,938.34	2,416.23	8.70	1.00	70.00	77.00	137.55	4,648.82	\$ 35.07	4,683.89
Dist. of Columbia.....	608.50	609.02	7.00		34.50			1,349.02		1,349.02
Florida.....	2,318.48	2,022.63	40.02		60.00	167.17	262.71	4,871.01		4,871.01
Georgia.....	26,396.16	11,302.17	23.97		635.00	267.04	675.00	39,299.34	1,272.67	40,572.01
Illinois.....	347.97	188.42			15.00	25.75		577.14		577.14
Kentucky.....	12,057.05	7,270.80	464.71	5.10	465.00	3,226.68		23,189.34	767.70	23,957.04
Louisiana.....	2,533.56	2,512.56		1.00	75.00	212.66	229.03	5,563.81		5,563.81
Maryland.....	2,261.66	1,587.08	39.90		65.00	416.21	200.00	4,569.85	548.14	5,117.99
Mississippi.....	9,502.11	6,383.08	100.00		150.00	1,028.39	67.10	17,230.68	947.43	18,178.11
Missouri.....	4,737.30	2,503.15			150.00	166.24	611.49	8,168.18		8,168.18
New Mexico.....	538.46	476.18			10.00	1.00		1,025.64	150.00	1,175.64
North Carolina.....	16,093.81	9,315.01	148.05		335.00	1,816.53	525.00	28,233.40	2,342.42	30,575.82
Oklahoma.....	1,166.79	804.35			55.00	213.53	10.00	2,249.67		2,249.67
South Carolina.....	18,160.18	12,608.97	317.45		290.00	1,290.36	731.10	33,398.06	431.72	33,829.78
Tennessee.....	8,337.40	7,346.26	103.81		215.00	450.00	400.00	16,852.47	150.42	17,002.89
Texas.....	21,883.61	14,622.82	476.15	4.50	250.00	508.50		37,745.58	2,150.56	39,896.14
Virginia.....	25,533.87	14,822.44	239.14		525.00	2,032.10	500.00	43,652.55	2,945.92	46,598.47
Special Gifts.....	1.90					11,131.00		11,132.90		11,132.90
Total Gifts.....	\$164,869.62	\$103,926.34	\$1,765.71	\$13.60	\$3,599.50	\$23,957.61	\$5,227.98	\$303,360.36	\$11,742.05	\$315,102.41