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EDITORIAL

THE DAY, THY DAY

IN her Jubilate dress they laid her to rest, our beloved friend and honored president, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck. It was on the evening of Wednesday, August 25, that she fell asleep in her home in Raleigh, N. C., after fourteen months of intense pain. She was her own calm, brave self to the very end, rejoicing in the presence at her bedside of her beloved mother and brothers and sisters. On Monday one of them placed in her hand her new book, "Everyday Gladness", and she smiled in joyful gratitude that it had come from the publisher. The W. M. U. Training School students will recognize in the book the four addresses on Harmony, Joy, Beauty and Power which Miss Heck delivered at the school one spring. It is beautiful to think of the influence of those addresses upon the lives of the students and now of the larger circle of readers whom the book will reach with its message of harmony with "God who is right", of joy in His presence, of beauty in God's everyday world and of power through Him. As they laid the book in her hand God may have called to her remembrance those Training School days and He may have lifted the veil and shown her others whom the book will bless as He whispered to her that she had not misrepresented Him, concerning which she speaks in the book, but that her "witness was true"—and she smiled. And so will each of us—though it be through our tears—as we think of the ways upon ways in which by the fruit of her life she did glorify the Father.

"Sun of my soul, Thou Saviour dear" the choir was sweetly singing on Friday afternoon as her four nephews brought her into the church of her childhood. Like a great "family-guard" her loved ones were there and so were hundreds of her fellow-citizens, of W. M. U. workers, some of whom travelled hundreds of miles to attend, and faithful darkey friends. Beautiful flowers—her colors of lavender and white and pink—were there in richest profusion, each fragrant with the love of friends far and near. Beyond that wonderful bank of flowers rose in one's mind garland after garland which Union workers all over our southland and to the remotest bounds of our foreign fields would have loved to have brought as some small token of the flowers which she has made to blossom in their lives as she ever beckoned them into the harvest fields.

Dr. T. W. O'Kelley, her pastor, asked the audience to sing "O Paradise! O Paradise!" and then Dr. Livingstone Johnson, with whom, as secretary of North Carolina Baptists, Miss Heck had long been associated, read at her request the Shepherd Psalm—in fact Miss Heck asked that the services be very simple and that certain Scripture and hymns be sung. Dr. J. F. Love, corresponding secretary of the Foreign Mision Board, lead in prayer, speaking of God's heritage in a life of holy service. "My faith looks up to Thee" was sung and then Dr. O'Kelley spoke of her life work and read triumphant passages from God's Word and Dr. B. D. Gray, corresponding secretary of the Home Mission Board, saying that God had mercifully granted her petition read the following poem entitled "Prayer" which Miss Heck wrote last October:

Lord, grant me if Thou wilt
To slip away
As slips the night
Into the dawning day,
So soft
That e'en the watchers, watching
Cannot say
Here's ends the night
And here begins the day,
But only know
The night's Thy night,
The day, Thy day.

Then as the large audience stood and as the choir sang "Nearer my God to Thee" they bore her forth, her namesake boy-nephew walking before, and as the great bell of her church tolled its reluctant earthly farewell, they laid her brave but weary body to rest in quiet Oakwood. Even nature with its increasing rain seemed to mourn for this friend of hers—this friend of the flowers, the birds, the mountains, the "Blue Sky"—this friend who lived to bring in the perfect day of the King in His beauty.

It was on June 16, 1862, that the little girl, whom they named Fannie Exile Scudder Heck, came there at Buffalo Lithia Springs, Virginia, into the life of Colonel and Mrs. Jonathan McGhee Heck. At eighteen she was baptized into the membership of the First Baptist Church of Raleigh, where as Sunday school teacher and mission leader she was faithful to the minutest detail as in her faith and enthusiasm and well-nigh marvelous executive ability she opened up before the workers ever increasing possibilities. This was equally true of her leadership of the North Carolina Baptist women, over whose Central Committee she presided as its sole president from 1886 on, being also elected president of their state Union when it was formally organized. When she was thirty years of age she was called to the highest office in the gift of southern Baptist women, namely to the presidency of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, and for fifteen years she truly graced the position, the last nine being an unbroken term.

It was granted to Miss Heck to be present when the Union was organized in Richmond, Virginia, in 1888 and to watch it grow from ten states to eighteen, from 1500 to over 13000 organizations, from $30000 to over $3600000. She saw the new quarterly "Our Mission Fields" change from its first free list of 6000 to its present monthly form, ROYAL SERVICE, with a paid-up subscription of over 21000. Miss Heck was likewise an ardent advocate of the Missionary Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists, which the Union first published on the eve of its twentieth anniversary. That year also witnessed the formal opening of the W. M. U. Training School in Louisville, Ky. Her confidence in the faculty and local committee of the school was unlimited and their eagerness to put into operation even her least suggestion for its growth was most gratifying. Thus she helped it grow from a very small group of students to an average annual enrollment of over fifty; she, realizing the value of it, rested not until the school owned and managed its own Good Will Center; and in 1914 she consummated the purchase of the lot adjoining the present Training School building, so that in due time we might build our "Greater Training School". Gratifying indeed is the thought that in May our Union told her that the chapel in the new building would be erected in honor of her.

Miss Heck's realization of the need of the Good Will Center in Louisville developed from an early interest in Christian social service, for as far back as 1897 her state reported a "department of neighborhood missions". She was thus ever the genuine promoter of our department of personal service and was in 1914 a representative from the commonwealth of North Carolina at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Congress of which she was an honored vice-president.

Another object of her constant interest was the Margaret Home for Missionaries' Children at Greenville, S. C. She watched it fill a foster-mother's place in the life of many children; she saw the time come when few if any children needed it; and she wisely helped the Union to arrange for the sale of the property so that the interest from the invested returns might furnish scholarships for those girls and boys at the high-school age.

Her life is too full of sacrifice and service—too full of gentleness and strength to be covered even by many words. Our workers and her many other friends will not forget however: they will speak to their children and their children's children of her gracious personality, of her rare literary taste and of her child-like faith in God—will tell how she presided over the meeting of the Baptist women of America at Jamestown in 1907; of how she represented the same constituency when she spoke to the Baptist women of the world when they met at the Philadelphia gathering of the Baptist World Alliance; and they will read and commend her history of our Union, In Royal Service, which has already been studied with its 15000 copies as has been no other book of the Educational Department of the Foreign Mission Board. And so we may truly say of the day of her life that it was a gift from God. Verily it will shine "more and more unto the perfect day".

BIBLE STUDY

TOPIC—*The Commission of the Church*

"They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word." Acts 8 : 4

The Church: The Christian church bears resemblances to the Jewish church in many particulars. The Acts of the Apostles show the beautiful and exquisite way in which the Christian church grows out of the Jewish, not as a new creation, Rom. 11 : 17, but the old with a new and glorious nature: Act 2 : 42-47. The day of Pentecost was the birthday of the church. Before this the word occurs twice, Matt. 16 : 18; 18 : 17, at Pentecost it began to stand forth as a unity: Eph. 4 : 4. The disciples were tarrying at Jerusalem for the *Power:* Luke 24 : 49; Acts 1 : 8. *Baptism* is the emblem and badge of the believer: Mark 16 : 16; Acts 2 : 41. In the gospels it is the kingdom of Heaven (Matthew); the kingdom of God (Mark and Luke); the church's household: Matt. 10 : 25; the salt and the light of the world: Matt. 5 : 13, 15; Christ's flock: Matt. 26 : 31; Luke 12 : 32; John 10 : 1; branches of the vine: John 15. In the great 40 days between the resurrection and the ascension our Lord explained to the apostles the things pertaining to the kingdom: Acts 1 : 3. Before Pentecost they were individuals; now they became His mystical body by His Spirit: Rom. 12 : 4; 1 Cor. 12 : 12.

Christ the Head: Eph. 1 : 22. Being members of His church, members of His body: Eph. 5 : 23, 30; Col. 1 : 18; 2 : 19. The temple of God built on the foundation Jesus Christ: 1 Cor. 3 : 11; Eph. 2 : 22. The household of God: Eph. 2 : 17. Christ the head is on high, but He continues to teach, He continues to do and to work through His members. As Jesus was leaving the earth He gave directions for the carrying forward of His work. *The great Commission:* Matt. 28 : 18-20; Mark 16 : 15-18; Luke 24 : 46-48. With the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ begins the *dispensation of the grace* of God, Eph. 3 : 2, which is defined as "His *kindness toward* us *through Christ Jesus*" and as the gift of God; Eph. 2 : 7-9. Under grace God gives to believers *eternal life:* Rom. 6 : 23; accounts to him a *perfect righteousness:* Rom. 3 : 21, 22; 4 : 4, 5; accords to him a *perfect position:* Eph. 1 : 6-12. The results: (1) *The salvation* of all who believe; (2) *judgment* upon an unbelieving world and on an apostate church: Matt. 25 : 31-46; Acts 16 : 31; 2 Thess. 1 : 7-10; 1 Peter 4 : 17, 18; Rev. 3 : 15, 16

In the Name: The Saviour: Matt. 1 : 21; Luke 2 : 8-11; Mark 16 : 17. Father, Son and Holy Ghost—the final name of the true God: Matt. 28 : 19. It affirms (1) that God is One: (2) That He exists in a personality which is threefold—by *relationship* as *Father and Son;* by a mode of *being* as *Spirit. Father and Son:* John 3 : 16-18. *Spirit:* John 3 : 5, 6

Command to evangelize as witnesses of resurrection: Luke 24 : 46-48; Acts 1 : 21, 22; 2 : 32; 1 Cor. 15 : 4-9; Acts 4 : 2, 33. Preaching repentance: Acts 2 : 38; 3 : 19; Acts 19 : 30. In the *"regions beyond":* 2 Cor. 10 : 16. The power of God: Rom. 1 : 16

Some results of the gospel. *Sonship:* Rom. 8 : 14-17; Gal. 4 : 4, 5—children of God. *Christian character:* Gal. 5 : 22-24; John 15 : 1-5; Gal. 2 : 20. *Fellowship:* Rom. 8 : 28-39; 1 Cor. 10 : 16-22. *Ministry of reconciliation:* 2 Cor. 5 : 14; 6 : 1-18; 7 : 1. The great Salvation: Heb. 1 : 1-2, 18. *Triumphant* ministry: 2 Cor. 2 : 14-17. The gospel is God's answer to man's necessity. The inspiration under which all this work is conducted. "Lo, I am with you": Matt. 28 : 20; Acts 4 : 31; 23 : 11. He does not send us alone, He divides the burden, He shares the peril, He inspires our courage. He is a present Captain, always in the thick of the fight, so near that a whisper may reach Him, a glance bring from His radiant face a shining that shall be the dawning of a new day. These are the realizations of an ever present Christ.

Are people lost without the gospel? Acts 4 : 12; 1 Peter 4 : 6; Isa. 52 : 7; Rom. 2 : 9-18; Rom. 10 : 13-15; Ezek. 18 : 20; Rom. 1 : 20. Without God, without hope: Eph. 2 : 11, 12. The command "Go" has never been withdrawn. Duty admits of no compromise.

Mrs. James Pollard

PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER

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

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FOREIGN MISSION SURVEY

Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white already unto harvest—John 4 : 35

The field is the world—Matt. 13 : 38

The certain issues of the Mexican turmoil, the new commercial relations with South America, the opening up of the country districts of Japan to gospel evangelization, the creation of a republic in China, and the great war, with the consequent impairment of the evangelical mission boards of Europe, are incidents which combined double the foreign mission responbsiility of the evangelical Christians of America; and southern Baptists share in this increased responsibility in proportion to their numbers and ability and the missionary value of their message—Report of Foreign Mission Board 1915

SUMMARY—*Foreign mission work in Africa, China, Japan, Argentina, Uruguay and Chile, Brazil, Mexico, Italy. Churches* 382; *members* 33,584; *missionaries* 298, 13 *being medical; schools* 339; *students* 8,833; *hospitals* 8; *patients* 56,949

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HYMN—"Crown Him with many crowns"

1. The Message of the Hour

We cannot turn to a foreign mission survey without taking into account the great European war. This is a different world from that of last October. Then the war was just begun. Now, after a year of the colossal struggle whose effects are felt in every quarter of the globe we see perhaps a little more clearly the conditions confronting the church, the body of Christ, whose mission in the world is to disciple all nations, to witness unto the uttermost parts of the earth, to spread the good news of salvation and of the Father's love to all men, and to teach them all things that the Christ commanded. First of all let us take courage from these words of Dr. John R. Mott, "This war is not an indication of the breakdown of the Christian religion. What event have we had in the history of the world which has shown so fully that Christianity has been getting in its work of education and of quickened consciences, so that every people in this great struggle seem to be uncomfortable unless they can make clear the righteousness of their cause? There is a revival of religion all over Europe today. I would characterize it as an Old Testament revival—one toward the God of Battles or the Lord of Hosts—as contrasted with a revival toward our Lord Jesus Christ. But discerning leaders in these countries recognize the danger and are seeking to carry this *religious* movement over into a *spiritual* experience." Dr. Mott made his recent journey to Europe as chairman of the Continuation Committee of the World's Missionary Conference of Edinburgh, to study among other things the effect of the war upon the foreign missionary work of the churches of the Protestant world.

2. Some Effects of the War on Missions

The operations of the European missionary societies involve an expenditure of $14,600,000 a year, yet the average expense for the naval and military operations of the same countries amounts to the vast sum of $37,000,000 per day! He tells us that one effect comes from the depleting of these nations. "You cannot spend money as these countries are spending it, twice as much *each day* as all the Protestant societies in the world are spending *each year* on foreign missions, without sapping the missionary possibilities of the Christian nations. You cannot mow men down with machine guns as you mow down wheat, without cutting into the missionary operations of this generation and the next." Another loss is not only of money and masses of men but of leaders. Some of the finest mission work in the world has been blotted out. Station after station abandoned, hospitals and dispensaries stopped altogether or limited in their scope, thousands of mission schools closed is the story of the past year. Many advance movements have had to be halted when advance never seemed more imperative. The faith of many Christians in both Europe and Asia has been confused by the war, and the wondrous international Christian unity so noticeable since the conference of 1910 in Edinburgh has been checked by bitterness.

3. Some Beneficial Results

"But," says Dr. Mott, "think of the favorable considerations, not of this war, but the achievements God is making possible at this time," and he goes on to mention the strength, the helpfulness and the necessity of the world-wide missionary movement, telling of meetings of intercession where English and Scotch prayed for the Germans, and Germans poured out their hearts for their brothers in the missionary work and the student movement. "If I had no other evidences of Christianity I have seen enough in these last months to convince me that Jesus Christ not only was but is the Saviour of the world. He not only commands that we love our enemies, but He makes it possible. No other religion has ever done it."

*Presented by seven members. Prayer for each field as its needs are told.

This war has revealed latent possibilities for suffering and sacrifice undreamed of before. It was thought too great a strain on the home base to send out 20,000 additional missionaries from the colleges under the regular boards of all Protestant Christendom in a period of thirty years, yet there are even now 45,000 students from Germany alone in the trenches! The faith of the Christians of Europe is being tried as by fire, the dross is burned out leaving gold and precious stones. In the darkness men reach out and their faith "takes hold of a Personality, even our Lord Jesus Christ."

4. The Challenge to America

"The opportunity for evangelization among the million of soldiers is unparalleled. Christ is being preached under the most awful circumstances, not only in the trenches but in the hospitals. The tragedy in Europe has led the world to think about One who is the same yesterday, today and forever. We now have an unparalleled opportunity for reconstruction. What does foreign missions mean? In a sense it means the reconstruction of the world by the living Christ. Europe itself is in the melting pot. The world over, old things are passing away; all things may become new, but we will not drift into new things. It will not be a work of magic. As our faith is, so will it be unto us. The nations at war will come out of this struggle exhausted, depleted financially, economically, physically, and exhausted will they be in faith, in hope, in courage. If American Christians will rise in their strength and travel Christ's path, what may we not do? Let us place ourselves and all we possess or ever may possess at our Lord's disposal, henceforth to do His will and not our own, cost what it may!"

5. Women and the Home Base

*The Woman's Congress of Missions held June 6-13 at San Francisco is perhaps the most striking event of the year from the point of view of women and the home base. The Council of Women for Home Missions, the Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions and an executive committee representing the missionary women of the Pacific coast made possible this great gathering of women that publish the tidings. The theme chosen for united mission study during the current year, "The Church and the Nations," and the accompanying watchword, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done upon earth," were adopted as the theme and watchword of the congress, while "Crown Him with many crowns", was the congress hymn. The mission fields of the world were made to live before the hearers by the thirty-two missionaries who addressed the Sunday afternoon session and who are giving their lives for the redemption of these peoples and nations.

The spirit, the influence, the results of the Congress of Missions are beyond human measurement. Only He whom the congress sought to crown as "Lord of All" knows, and only eternity will reveal the impulses received, the convictions deepened, the lives stimulated. The congress was rich in information, in enthusiasm, in inspiration, and in the spirit of prayer. From day to day the feeling deepened that God was in the midst of His people and was making His presence manifest. As a natural result, the conviction of the immediate, the imperative urgency of the work in every mission field was increasingly pressed home on every heart, and the condition of men and women, whether in America or in the uttermost parts of the earth, who are without Christ and who are ignorant of His gospel, became exceedingly real. Perhaps never in the history of missions has the unity of the work at home and abroad been so strikingly set forth as in the program in the Congress of Missions, and it may be that this will prove one of its greatest contributions to the cause of missions. In every session the consideration of home and foreign missions was inextricably intermingled in a union that was felt to be of God. Missionaries and speakers and members alike thought and spoke and prayed as belonging to one great and undivided army serving under the orders of one Lord and Master. Finally, a broader and deeper conception of the relation of America to the world-wide work of missions was gained, as it was realized that the great struggle in Europe is thrusting upon the churches of our land a heavier responsibility than ever before for the work on the opposite side of the world. Not only must the churches of America stand back of the work which is in danger of failure because of the withdrawal of men and means by the demands of the war, but more

*Mrs. George W. Coleman in Missionary Review, August 1915

than ever must our churches look to themselves and to our land to see that America is won for Christ and for His kingdom in order that she may be His messenger in every nation of the earth.

> Try to realize, as far as possible, that the most stupendous fact about foreign mission effort today is its urgency. The situation in all nations is extraordinary. Nothing but extraordinary effort will meet it.—*Report of Foreign Mission Board* 1915

6. Needs of Our Fields

Africa: Our minimum immediate needs in Africa are two young women teachers, two evangelists, one teacher for the theological school, two physicians and two trained nurses. The appointment of these missionaries would supply only about enough to equip the stations we have already opened. It would not be sufficient for the inviting work in the regions beyond. The English government has consolidated Northern and Southern Nigeria into one state and will soon build a modern city as the capital far in the interior, beyond the borders of our present range of missionary activity. A vast field will be opened to us. We must get ready for this opportunity. Another most serious consideration is that in the Nigeria field is our only contact with the Mohammedan religion. The conflict is severe. The Mohammedans are pressing into this region like an invading army. The next ten years will practically decide the issue. We must deliver our stroke in that time. It is much easier for us now than it will be at the end of this decade. Which shall it be, Mohammed or Christ?

To make Christ triumphant we must have many more missionaries and give them much better equipment that we have given those we already have. We have only seven ordained missionaries in Africa now. This is a gain of only two ordained missionaries in twenty years. The question before us is, shall we simply mark time or go forward?

China: In the six provinces where we have mission work there are five times as many people as we have in our southern states. Among these vast hosts we have 63 ordained missionaries, one to every two and a third million people! We have the most urgent need of physicians, nurses, single women for school work and for evangelistic work, teachers for men and boys, evangelists and trained kindergartners. Even if these 42 needed missionaries could be sent out at once, our missionary force would fall far below the number we must have to deliver our message in the territory we are trying to occupy in China. The people are approachable at this time. The coming of the republic has ushered in a new day of opportunity. The real truth, however, lies deeper than this—Christianity was very largely responsible for the coming of the republic. General Kwang Hsing, an officer of high rank in the revolutionary army, said: "Christianity is far more wide-spread in its influence than you missionaries realize. Its ideals have largely pervaded China. Along with its ideals of religious freedom, it inculcated everywhere a doctrine of love and peace. These ideals appeal to the Chinese. They largely caused the revolution and they largely determined its peaceful character." If such stupendous changes could be effected by Christianity in its present state of development, what could it not do if it were adequately reinforced. If ever achievement stood out as a challenge to redoubled efforts, the marvels Christianity has already wrought in China should provoke us to greater needs.

Japan: Our activities in Japan are confined to the island of Kiushu and to the southern end of Hondo. In addition to this, we co-operate with our northern Baptist brethren in conducting the Baptist theological seminary in Tokyo, the capital. In the territory above defined, there are twelve million people amongst whom we how have nine ordained missionaries, one ordained missionary to every one and three-fourths million people. It is our habit to think of Japan as a very enlightened nation. So, indeed, it is. Its progress in the fifty years just past is one of the marvels of the world. But the relentless fact is that Japan is one of the most idolatrous countries on the globe. Its great unreached masses, which lie chiefly in the country districts, are bowing down abjectly to many gods. Approximately, four-fifths of the

total population reside in rural districts which constitute an almost unworked field. About one-fifth of the population in cities and towns is still unprovided for, thus giving us the result that about 80 per cent of the population of Japan are not being directly reached by the evangelistic forces, when we take into this count the entire evangelistic missionary body. Do we not find here a need of sufficient magnitude to challenge us to renewed self-sacrifice?

We may rejoice that the three years' campaign has met with unprecedented response, in spite of the national mourning and the war. The campaign has deepened confidence among Christians as to the sure progress of the cause of Christ in Japan. Faith and life have been strengthened and the impulse to spread scriptural teaching has been greatly quickened. Many have been brought into the churches and the Christian opportunity in Japan is greater than ever before. There are still two years and more before the plans will have been carried out to reach the whole of the land with the message of salvation.

A letter from missionary C. K. Dozier says: "This year Fukuoka is to be one of the centers of the union meetings of the three years' evangelistic campaign which was begun last year. We ask an interest in your prayers for this work. The meetings will be held in October."

Argentina: The work in Argentina has now passed out of the pioneering stage into the time when more attention must be paid to training of the native constituency. To do this, we must have at least a theological training school and a boys' school. The theological school has been started already. To develop a boys' school at Buenos Aires is imperative. We cannot afford to trust our young men to the tender mercies of the Buenos Aires University, which is one of the greatest atheistic schools in all the world.

Just across the Andes in Chile is a most interesting Baptist development. Rev. W. D. T. MacDonald, working as an independent missionary, has organized twelve churches with a membership which now totals 1004. They have been receiving help from the Argentine and Brazilian Baptists. Our board is now contributing $600 a year to the support of their work. But surely this cannot be the measure of our responsibility, for Chile, in area and population, about equals the size of Texas. Among the twelve million people embraced in the Argentine mission, which includes Argentina, Uruguay and Chile, we have eight ordained missionaries —one man to each one and one half million people.

Brazil: The supply of missionaries in Brazil is about the same in proportion to the population as it is in Argentina, viz.: one ordained missionary to every million people, and yet we believe that if we could treble our foreign mission force in Brazil and equip thoroughly the institutions of learning we have in that country, we could evangelize the country. Of course, the wider evangelism would be done by the native ministry, inspired, trained and led by this missionary body. The immediate pressing needs in Brazil are the equipment called for in the Judson Centennial, five men for our work in the schools and an evangelist for the Amazon field which alone is as large as all our southern states combined!

Mexico: What shall we say of the needs of Mexico—poor, bleeding, revolution-ridden Mexico? Out of the dust of the conflict one thing rises clear. Wonderful changes have come over the thinking of the people. They, to a large degree, have broken the shackles of the Roman church and are today more willing to hear the gospel message. Indeed, the missionaries have been amazed at the change that has taken place. We cannot meet the situation with our present missionary force and equipment. We have been making some new plans of late that will enable us more nearly to discharge our obligations, provided the money and the men are forthcoming to carry out the plans. To develop these plans we must have four new men and three women for educational work.

Peace is coming in Mexico, and when it arrives it will dawn upon a new people. They will be very widely adrift from their old alignments. It will be a critical time. Shall they be permitted to drift into atheism and infidelity, or shall we rise to meet our responsibility and preach to them the gospel of the saving grace of Christ?

Italy: The main European work of southern Baptists is in Italy. That country is today very favorable to our propaganda. The Modernist movement has awakened not only the intellectual but the moral consciousness of the Italians, and it has presented to us a wonderful opportunity for sowing the truth.

No adequate view of the difficulties and opportunities of mission work in Italy would be complete without some information regarding Modernism. This movement began several years ago and has been confined almost exclusively to the clergy of the Roman church. It is an attempt at reform *inside* the church on the basis of the gospel. The leaders are largely imbued with the principles of Protestantism. They see the great chasm between their church and the apostolic, and are sincerely trying to lead the Roman church back to apostolic teachings. The Modernists want more liberty to study the Bible and other Protestant books. They desire to preach only such doctrines of Romanism as are reasonable and Biblical. Modernism not only seeks to revise the dogmas and purify the morals of the clergy, but is trying to *modernize* their church so as to adapt it to the intellectual needs of our times. Notwithstanding the hostility of the Vatican, great progress has been made. There are literally thousands of parish priests, professors in convents, monks, editors and even bishops who are openly and secretly working for the triumph of this wonderful movement. None of the Modernists are Baptists *in name*, but many of them are preaching our doctrines, and are thereby leading the world nearer to Christ.

Our work has been greatly strengthened by the theological school in Rome, opened in 1901, and by its publication department begun in 1912. The religious review "Bilychnis" aims to present Christianity in general and Baptist doctrines in particular to the educated class. It has a large circulation. The Italian now is ready, in a remarkable degree, to read our literature and to hear our spoken message.

The three obstacles to mission work in Italy which account for the meagre *visible* results thus far obtained are these: Italy, the home of the Papacy for more than a thousand years, is rich in traditions at variance with the forms and modes of worship of a spiritual church. Emigration is a great drain on our churches. The matter of baptism and church membership presents difficulties to many converts who cannot understand the need for "rebaptism," as they call it.

The most imperative need is a good building in Rome to be used as a church, home for missionaries, school building, printing press and other purposes. In addition to this there is need for church buildings for about twenty-five of our churches. It is extremely difficult in this land of great church buildings to carry on a successful work in rented halls. Above all, there is need of prayer for God's blessings on this most difficult but important field.—*Report of Foreign Mission Board*, 1915

7. Self-Support on Our Mission Fields

The cultivation of self-supporting, self-governing and self-propagating churches is the goal before all foreign mission endeavor. Marked progress has been made toward self-support in our various mission fields, as the following facts, taken from reports this year, will show: The examples cited here by no means exhaust the total number.

1. Support of Pastors and Evangelists: The Tengchow church, North China, supports three evangelists and three Bible women.

The church at Moji, Japan, is self-supporting.

There are three large self-supporting churches in Lagos, West Africa. These churches send teachers and evangelists to the outlying sections of the Yoruba country and even beyond the bounds of their own people. Our report shows that there are self-supporting churches in our mission fields, and many other churches that receive help from the board pay a large portion of their own expenses. One mission has adopted a rule, declaring that it would not organize a church which could not bear at least 60 per cent of its local expenses.

2. Church Buildings: The majority of the church buildings in our fields are owned not by the Foreign Mission Board but by the natives.

Out of the thirteen houses of worship in the Chinkiang field, Central China, seven of the buildings are owned by the local congregations. In the Tengchow field, during last year, a church was built by one family at a cost of $4,440, and in still another section of the same field a lot was purchased by the natives upon which a building will soon be erected. Three congregations in the African mission have built their own houses of worship.

Out of the twelve church buildings in the Victoria field in Brazil, but one received contributions from the board toward the erection of its building.

3. Schools: As in the case of the churches, so in the case of the schools, earnest efforts are being made to bring these up to self-support.

The Eliza Yates School and the Smith Bible School for women, in Shanghai, are self-supporting. The Shanghai Boys' Academy expects to become self-supporting during 1915. The Canton Boys' Academy is a magnificent school, supported and managed entirely by the Chinese. A two thousand dollar school building was erected during 1914 by the Chinese at San Ning City. Indeed, the Chinese own several such buildings.

Of the $33,172 used this year in conducting the Rio Baptist College and Seminary, at Rio, Brazil, the board contributed only $7,000.

The report of the North China mission asks the following very pertinent question:

"Which would pay best financially—to build and equip the college for men and a normal school for women, which would train Chinese teachers who could take charge of our station schools at an annual salary of $100, or to continue indefinitely to send out American teachers at an annual salary of $600? The Chinese Christians will far more readily undertake the financial support of their schools under efficient Chinese teachers at Chinese salaries."

We might add that the building up of the schools and the training of a native leadership would be one of the best means toward the development of self-support. A trained native leadership cannot only lead the churches we have to self-support more rapidly, but they can reach also a better class of people which would, in turn, contribute more largely towards this end.

4. Medical Work: If we could furnish all of our physicians properly equipped hospitals the medical work would soon be on a self-supporting basis. Splendid progress has already been made in this direction. The amount of self-support is almost in exact proportion to the equipment furnished these institutions.

5. Associational and National Organizations: In almost all the fields there have been organized native boards for the propagation of the gospel at home and, in some instances, abroad. Inspiring it is to see how the work grows and how the brethren themselves grow as they shoulder the responsibilities along these several lines.—*Report of Foreign Mission Board*, 1915

8. A Jubilate Privilege

From Kumamoto, Japan, and from Sao Paulo, Brazil comes the call to the Baptist women of the south to make possible by their prayers and gifts the much needed schools for girls in these two cities. In both these widely separated centers of our work the necessity is the same. Our Christian girls must not be left to the training of government or state schools where the influence is distinctly against Christianity. Such schools as are planned will be a tremendous power in breaking down prejudice and in preparing the way for entrance of the gospel into many of the homes. It is also preparing the way for the gospel in the hearts of future generations. The children of those who study in these evangelical schools will be much better influenced and accept more readily the gospel message than do their fathers and mothers.

The aim is to make these schools evangelistic agencies. The graduates will be Bible women, Sunday school and kindergarten teachers, leaders among the women, wives of our evangelists and Christian laymen, and, not least, the mothers of the coming generation.

It is requested that the women of the South concentrate their efforts, as far as practicable, during this last year of the Judson Centennial campaign on the raising of thirty thousand dollars for the Girls' School at Sao Paulo, Brazil, and thirty thousand dollars for the Girls' School at Kumamoto, Japan. The money can be subscribed on the three annual payment plan, like all other Judson Centennial gifts, and it will count on the Jubilate Offering. Of course, if any women desire to give to other Judson Centennial objects, we shall be glad for them to do so. We thought it would be a beautiful and practical thing for our women this year to make provision for these two very important schools. We feel confident the women will meet our expectations.—*T. B. Ray*

Y. W. A. PROGRAM

West Africa—Nigeria, Lagos

AUXILIARY DRILL

What is the mission study class?

A group of from four to ten people meeting together for not less than one hour weekly during a period of eight or ten weeks, under the continuous leadership of one person for study of a suitable missionary book.

What will it do?

The Mission Study Class will dispel ignorance, remove prejudice, overcome indifference, arouse interest, promote investigation, stimulate prayer, encourage benevolence, provide missionaries.

How may such a class be organized?

Groups may be organized out of B. Y. P. U.'s, W. M. U.'s, Y. W. A.'s, men's clubs, colleges, Sunday school classes, people of the same environment and age, in country, in town, in city churches.

What are some good books for Y. W. A.'s?

"Comrades in Service", "Servants of the King", "Ann of Ava". These books or others may be ordered for 40c and 60c from the Educational Department of the Foreign Mission Board. Information for the conduct of mission study classes may be obtained from this department.

PROGRAM (For Both Auxiliaries)

Hymn—"Jesus Shall Reign"
Prayer—Bible Study (adapt from page 6)
Auxiliary Drill
Roll Call—answered by facts from our fields
Map study of our fields
"The Call of the Women"
Prayer—Closing Hymn

To Leaders—For Y. W. A.'s adapt pars. 6-8 in connection with map study. For G. A.'s let nine members present the following exercise. Wear more or less elaborate costume, or band from shoulder to waist bearing the name of each country.

The Call of the Women

Woman of Africa: Far away in Nigeria many women still wait for the good tidings which have come to a few of us. Your missionaries found us living in terror of our lives. Burden bearers, slaves, drudges, we must marry whom our fathers choose, be one of many wives and belong to our husbands to be beaten or even killed with none to interfere. If we do not marry we belong to the estate of father or brother and at his death are apportioned among his heirs. What a change for us when we are gathered into Christian schools, studying not only books but useful household arts besides, such as cooking, laundry-work and sewing! Best of all has come into our lives the knowledge of the God who loves even the least of His creatures and of His forgiveness through the blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. Make possible by your prayers and gifts the sending of other workers that more of our women may hear the gospel message and be saved from the living death of paganism and Mohammedanism.

G. A. PROGRAM

Woman of China: When you were born there was rejoicing; when I, a girl, came my parents were disgraced and if they had thrown me away no one would have interfered. My feet were bound; your mothers were careful to put comfortable shoes on your growing feet. I had no choice whom I should marry and became a slave in my husband's house with other wives; you marry whom you will and have a happy home. My only lessons are of obedience to father, brother, husband and sons; books and school life and companions mean much in your lives and fill your mind with many happy thoughts. When my husband dies I shall be blamed for his death and held in fearful bondage in his home; loving friends comfort and care for you in sorrow. Thousands of China's women must suffer terrible tortures when they are ill; you have hospitals and both doctors and trained nurses to relieve your sufferings. After death there is nothing but darkness for me; you are early taught that Jesus has gone to prepare a place for you. Why the difference in our lives? Only this. We know no Saviour; you have always known of Him. Will you not in gratitude to Him and pity for us send the Light into the darkness, that we too may love and serve the living Christ?

Woman of Japan: Japanese parents love and pet their children, but even so they do not think a girl is of much account. The kindest thing ever said of us is that we are stupid and have no souls, and though we have more freedom than our Chinese sisters, we too are servants always to our parents, our husbands and our eldest sons if we are widows. Our temples are full of women trying to obtain forgiveness of sin, peace by offerings, to save themselves ages of misery in the future state. But since the coming of missionaries some of our people have learned to respect a little girl and the woman she will become. They are willing to educate her as they educate the boys, in great government schools, but in these every influence is against Christianity. Will you by your offerings help build the school for girls in Kumamoto where we may not only learn all you do in school but hear the story of salvation and give our lives that others of our Japanese girls and women may hear it too?

Woman of Italy: I come from a land where the Roman church tells the people more of "The Holy Father" than of their heavenly Father, and teaches them salvation through infant baptism instead of through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ. The ignorance and superstition that is always to be found in Roman Catholic countries has kept many from hearing the truth of God. Since the training school at Rome began its publications three years ago, Protestants, and especially Baptists, are better known and more highly respected than ever before. The daughter of a Baptist pastor has been chosen, after passing a careful examination, as teacher-governess in the household of the brother of the Queen of Italy. She is expected to train the children *morally* and *religiously*, a high tribute on the part of the royal family to her character and principles founded upon Baptist teaching. And now that our land too is at war we need more than ever the prayers and gifts of those in America who love our Lord Jesus and those He came to save in this land of spiritual need.

Women of Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile and Mexico: We also live in lands where the Roman Catholic church has taught us more of "Holy Church" than of Holy God; more of praying to saints than to our Father in heaven; more of reverence for "Mary the Mother of God" than for Jesus Christ the Son of God. The women of the better classes learn little more than to read and write leaving school at twelve or thirteen. They make quantities of lace and fancy work but spend much of their time adorning themselves and usually marry young. There is awful darkness and superstition among all classes, and great need for both hospitals and schools. If Baptist women and girls give a Jubilate offering for the college for girls in Sao Paulo, Brazil, hundreds of young women will there hear the gospel and go forth to teach other women of Jesus Christ the only Saviour of the world.

R. A. PROGRAMS

Anywhere so it be forward.—*David Livingstone*

A Personal Letter

My dear R. A. Leaders:

It is with much fear and trembling but with great joy that I begin the regular preparation of R. A. programs for Royal Service. On page eighty-one of the W. M. U. Minutes, 1915, in report on efficiency you will find this criticism of R. A. programs: "Too complex, not enough material in the way of subject matter for the leader, more stories, simpler material needed, etc." This would require more space than we are allowed. But if we can increase the subscription list and endeavor to place the R. A. work on equal footing with Sunbeam work we may be given as much room as they. In the above motto I hope you will find inspiration to pass on to your boys. Let us make this our slogan and plan for great advance this year. We are asked for $2100. Let us make it $2500 or more. We can do it if we "have faith in God." We are glad to see three new states in line this year, District of Columbia, Missouri and Mississippi. I hope you will write me of your difficulties and successes and by all means help me with your suggestions.

Yours in royal service,

Mrs. Harry S. Mabie

FIRST MEETING

Hymn, "Trust and Obey"

Scripture (memorized by four boys) Rev. 2 : 10; 3 : 11; 3 : 21; 21 : 7. Isaac obedient, —love his watchword. Gen. 22 : 1-14. Story told by boy

Sentence prayers by chapter—for an obedient spirit

Roll Call. Minutes of last meeting, other business

Topic: Foreign Mission Survey

Conference of ambassadors (see notes)

Talk by an ambassador—"Our new foreign specials" (see notes)

Essay—"Mohammedanism the Foe of Christianity and Civilization"

Reading of story—"A little maid who went into all the world" (See page 3.)

Song—"The King's Business"

SECOND MEETING

Song—"A Clean Heart"

Scripture review—to memory verses for first meeting add Matt. 28 : 19, 20. Joseph—truth his girdle Gen : 39. Told by boy.

Sentence prayers—for pure hearts

Roll Call. Business. Commission and Declaration. (Write to state sec'y for this)

Topic: Foreign Mission Survey (continued)

Return of ambassadors from Mexico, Argentina, Brazil and Chile

Essay—"In darkest Mexico"

Stories from "Brazilian Sketches" by T. B. Ray (see notes)

Reading, "Dollars for Self, and Cents for Christ" from Lit. Dept. W. M. U. (2 cents)

Song—"Onward Christian Soldiers"

Notes: For conference of ambassadors impersonate a scene at the White House, President Wilson, ambassador-in-chief, ambassadors from China, Japan, Italy and Africa sit around a table. President Wilson asks them if they have any acquaintance with the work of the S. B. C. in their respective countries. Ambassador from China replies that the southern Baptists are working in five fields: Central China mission, with forty six missionaries; interior, twenty; north, forty seven; Pakhoi, two and south, forty eight. In like manner the president questions the representative from each country. Find necessary information in S. B. C. minutes or in tract, "What We Are Doing and Where We Are Doing It" (see page 3). The W. M. U. Lit. Dept. has excellent maps of every field which if reproduced by the boys and introduced into the exercise would be invaluable. Prices 2 and 15 cents. For years our foreign special has been the Toluca boys' school. Four years of war with no hope of better conditions have made so many changes that this year the board has given us, as special objects, three boys' schools. One at Hwang-Hien, China;

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SUNBEAM PROGRAMS

Prepared by Mrs. George Stevens

MAIZURU KINDERGARTEN, FUKUOKA, JAPAN

FIRST MEETING

SUBJECT—Foreign Missions
MOTTO—"We will serve our King"
MEMORY VERSE—Psalm 24 : 1
HYMN—"Jesus bids us shine"
PRAYER BY LEADER—for Foreign Missions
SCRIPTURE—Psalm 115
HYMN—"Spread the news of Jesus' love"
(See page 19 of September issue.)
TALK BY LEADER. SUNBEAM RALLY CRY. RECITATIONS. ROLL CALL. BUSINESS. OFFERING. PRAYER

Talk by Leader: Away across the waters there are many little children, just the ages of the Sunbeams in this band. Our missionaries gather these children into kindergartens and teach them about Jesus and His love. Here is a picture of the children in a Japanese kindergarten. (Tell story of Taro San in September ROYAL SERVICE, page 28.) We see how eager he was to come to this school. We find children in other lands just as eager as Taro San to learn what the foreign lady teaches them.

Let us take an airship today and go quickly to each country and peep in upon the children at work and play. First we will visit the kindergarten where Taro San is and go in very quietly and see the children sitting around their teacher listening to the story she is telling. They have very black hair and eyes and their style of dress is very pretty but

entirely different from ours. The teacher tells them who we are and they look at us as if to say, "Children of America, we are glad you help to send teachers to tell us of your God".

We say good-bye and away we go to China and reach that school in time to see them at play. They are having a merry time and enjoy their play just as much as we do ours. When they go into the schoolroom they listen to their teacher and are very much interested in what she is telling them. When we see these children so happy we wish that every child in their country could be in our kindergartens. We know that cannot be for the schools are too small and there are not enough of them. The children have been looking at us in wonder, until their teacher tells them where we are from and then they smile a welcome and, like the children of Japan, they seem to say, "Children of America, we are glad you help to send teachers who tell us about the true God".

We will now visit our schools in Africa, and oh what shiny black faces and eyes these children have! They seem a little shy for they are not used to seeing white children. What a large number there are and how they do love their teacher! We know by their happy faces that they are glad to know of Jesus and His love.

Have we not enjoyed the trip and are we not glad to know something of these children who belong to other countries and are so eager to hear about our Saviour? In our next lesson we will learn why teachers are sent to foreign countries and who sends them. Let us close this lesson with our "Rally Cry".

Recitations:

"When the world wide children come together,
Just think what it means to each!
Complexion and clothes are very unlike
And very unlike the speech.
But when we consider the smiles and tears
And hunger and cold and heat
And loving and hating and all such things,
Like brothers and sisters they meet.
So now as we tell of the boys and the girls
Who live far over the sea
Why just remember—for 'tis true—
At heart they're like you and me!"

"Little lights are shining
To the Saviour's praise;
Little feet are marching
In His pleasant ways.

"Shining all for Jesus
Every passing day,
When we try to please Him
And His word obey.

"Shining all for Jesus
Showing forth His love,
He's our precious Saviour
He's our friend above.

"Shining all for Jesus;
As we onward go.
Little rays of gladness
We around us throw.

All:

"Marching, marching, marching,
In His ways so bright;
Marching, onward marching,
Children of the Light."

SECOND MEETING

SUBJECT—Why We Serve
MOTTO—"Everyland Our Father's Land"
MEMORY VERSE—Psalm 2 : 8
HYMN—"Jesus wants me for a Sunbeam"
PRAYER BY LEADER—for Foreign Mission Board
SCRIPTURE—Psalm 96
HYMN—Subject "The Light of the World Is Jesus"
TALK BY LEADER. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. RECITATIONS. ROLL CALL.
BUSINESS. OFFERING. PRAYER

Leader: At our last meeting we took an airship visiting Japan, China and Africa. To-day we are to learn some of the reasons why we are interested in the people of other countries.

Many years ago the people of our churches began to send missionaries to countries across the seas because God had said in His Word that His people should go into all the world and preach the gospel. That was a very good

reason, wasn't it? And we must send preachers and teachers until everybody has heard about Jesus.

So our Foreign Mission Board sends missionaries to these countries and the Sunbeams are giving their money that the light may shine in these dark places and the people may learn about the true God.

Besides the heathen countries our Foreign Mission Board sends missionaries to Italy, Mexico and South America. The people in these lands worship the mother of Jesus and many saints and kneel before images and pray to them. We know that God says in His first commandment that we must not bow down to any graven image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth to worship them. We are sorry for these people who do not understand God's Word and are not allowed to read it for themselves, so we send teachers to them to explain God's truth in the right way.

The Foreign Mission Board that takes care of all this work is a great big committee and has an office in Richmond, Virginia. For many years our dear Dr. Willingham was secretary of the board, but when God called him home to heaven Dr. Love became secretary. It is for this board that all our missionary societies, which mean the Sunbeams too, gather their money for foreign missions, and the board with this money sends missionaries to far away lands to start schools, build hospitals and do everything that it can to spread the glad tidings of Jesus and His love.

Questions and Answers

Leader: In what countries does our Foreign Mission Board work?

Sunbeam: China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Mexico, South America

Leader: What is some of the work under the care of the board in these countries?

Sunbeam: To build churches, hospitals, schools and kindergartens

Leader: Can you tell of any other work done by the board?

Sunbeam: The board sends out Bible women, who go to the homes of the people or talk with them on the street and read to them from God's precious Word.

Leader: What part of the work belongs to Sunbeams?

Sunbeam: The Sunbeams help with the kindergartens and schools for boys and girls.

Leader: What are we told in John 3 : 16?

Leader: What are we told to do in Matthew 28 : 19-20?

Leader: Will each of you little Sunbeams remember these three verses and perhaps some day you will be ready to go and tell the story of Jesus and His love to those in other lands?

Recitations:

"I think God gives the children,
As thro' the land they go,
The most delightful mission
That any one can know;
He wants us to be sunbeams
Of love, and hope, and cheer
To brighten up the shadows
That often gather here.

"The clouds may hide the sunshine
Of heaven from our sight,
And life have much of sorrow
To mar the heart's delight;
But if like faithful sunbeams,
We children do our part,
We'll bring a ray of brightness
To every shadowed heart.

"Then let us live our mission
Of sunbeams day by day
And scatter joy and brightness
About us all the way;
Let's chase life's shadows,
With loving thought and deed,
And be the sunshine makers
To meet a dark world's need."

"We are but a band of children*,
We are few and weak and small,
But we want to work for Jesus,
And there's work enough for all.

"There are many little children
Far away across the sea,
Who have never heard of Jesus,
But to idols bend the knee.

"So we want to send them teachers
Who will teach them how to pray
To the dear and loving Saviour,
Who will wash their sins away.

"It was Jesus died to save them,
'Twas for this to earth He came,
He will make them pure and happy,
When they learn to love His name."

*This may be used as a recitation or be sung to "Love Divine" or any 8's and 7's meter tune.

FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

PRECIOUS EXPERIENCES

THE prospects for school work now in China are the very finest. We need well-equipped, up-to-date teachers for the work, not missionaries who have prepared themselves for another line of work and then have taken charge of schools because they had to. God has greatly blessed the school and the girls and me, but I want to give them now to some one who can do much better for them than I can and let me return to my work for women.

Oh yes, I must tell you about the splendid young woman who has come out for the school and who is now hard at work on the language. It is Miss Clifforde Hunter of Decatur, Ga. Perhaps you all know her. She is a Training School girl. I haven't seen her yet as she stopped in Chefoo to join a language class there. She arrived late and was a month behind the class, but we hear she has made splendid progress, has caught up with the class and at the first examination, passed with 99½ per cent. There were only three who made 100 per cent, so we are very proud of our Miss Hunter and are expecting great things of her as a school-mistress.

Miss Heck's book,—what a splendid work it is! It must have meant many days and months of diligent research and almost volumes of correspondence to get together all that reliable information and then to put it together in the form of a history. Surely we Baptist women of the south owe her a debt of gratitude which it will be hard to pay. I am sure what her heart wishes is for it to be read and I don't see how she can be disappointed there for she has made it such good reading, so intensely interesting that one having taken it up finds it very difficult to lay down until finished. There are only a few pages in the whole book that I would rather see left out and those are the pages about my poor unworthy self. I do not know who wrote those pages, whether Miss Heck herself or some one for her, but oh whoever wrote it made me feel very very small, and more and more so as I read, for I knew myself to be so unworthy of all those beautiful words. The tears just would come and I put my head down on the table and prayed the Father to make me more worthy,—to help me to be a better woman.

The Calendar of Prayer? Indeed it does mean much to me. I follow it from day to day and love to mingle my prayers with hosts of others ascending so continually to the throne of grace. And when it comes my day to be prayed for, there comes a feeling like a holy Sabbath hush to my soul. Last year I was at the time passing through a peculiarly disquieting and distracting series of affairs, but I waked up with a glad feeling, a feeling of quiet surety. As I looked forward into the day I just said, "Father, *hear* the prayers today from all those loving hearts and give to me the grace I need, give to me a quiet heart." I felt all day as though it were Sunday. The words that say themselves through my inner consciousness again and again and stayed my heart were, "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength."—*Anna B. Hartwell, Hwanghien, China*

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF BRAZIL

During the last week in June the ninth annual Brazilian Baptist Convention was held in the progressive capital of the little state of Espirito Santo (Holy Spirit).

Copying after our American sisters, the women at the same time held their eighth annual session of the "Uniao Geral das Sociedades de Senhoras." It was great! We held our meetings on the three afternoons, to the disgust of some of the good brethren who thought we were slighting the convention proper. It was hoped that we would be able to transact our business in two afternoons but we found a great deal to talk about! There was such a sweet spirit in all of the discussions and such a desire to learn the best ways of working, manifested especially by the dear women of the interior, mostly native preachers' wives, who have the responsibility of leading in the women's work of their respective fields. I remember one of them, a tall, thin woman, who walked twenty miles with her young daughter (who wished to be baptized at the convention), in order to reach the sea where they took a small boat and traveled three more days. Another traveled many leagues on horseback with a small baby, leaving at home a family of nine children, I believe it was; and another, so anxious to learn how to direct her work, left at home with kind neighbors her nursing infant, as the trip was one the child could not make. There were more than a hundred women and girls in attendance. There was one special meeting for children designed to serve as a demonstration of Sunbeam work. The children will never forget that day!

The 3000 Baptist women of Brazil enlisted in societies, during the year just closed, contributed to the work of the denomination nearly $5,000; held 900 business sessions; 1500 prayer meetings and made more than 3000 evangelistic visits. Reports from two of the most active fields have not yet come to hand, hence the above figures do not fully represent the work done.

Our new missionary, Mrs. S. L. Watson, located in Rio, was elected president; and Mrs. O. P. Maddox, corresponding secretary for the ensuing year.

I presented that beautiful silk American flag, sent as a gift from the W. M. U., and was, therefore, selected to transmit to the Union as the sender, our very deep appreciation of the message of greeting and the manifestation of the fraternal love and sympathy which the W. M. U. accords the "Uniao Geral" of Brazil. We hope to be a daughter of whom you may justly be proud.—*Genevieve Voorheis, Sao Paulo, Brazil*

WISE-HEARTED WOMEN

I enjoy every number of ROYAL SERVICE. If not too busy I always sit right down as soon as it comes and read it, otherwise I put it in my desk until my duties are finished and then I read it through.

The "Calendar of Prayer" is prettier every year. I keep it hanging by my desk.

I am glad to tell you the Lord is greatly blessing our work among the women and girls in Fukuoka. Our cooking classes are giving us opportunities to become acquainted with women of the middle and upper class as no other means has done. Many of the husbands of these women have been abroad and are anxious to have their wives learn some of our ways of preparing food. They are willing for them to come to these classes, even though they are so opposed to Christianity and would not allow them to attend religious services. Of course we always have a Bible lesson, a song and prayer before the cooking lesson. The women bring little dishes with them, so as to be able to take some of the food home with them to let their husbands see what they have learned. The other day I was talking with a Japanese Christian woman about our work and told her how happy we were to have the upper class women come and to see that they enjoyed the meeting so much. She replied, "Why of course they like to come." It is a different atmosphere from that they are accustomed to and they cannot help but feel the difference.

The women of the middle and upper class find it hard to attend services on Sunday, as this is usually their husband's holiday. At such times the wife is expected to be at home to wait on him and his callers. Last summer one of the members of this class was baptized. She is a lovely little woman, the wife of one of our city physicians. She had been attending the class for a long time and said she always looked forward to the day with much pleasure. Later on her eldest son, next to the father the most important member of the family, was also baptized. Pray that many of these women may be brought to Christ this year. Greetings to the sisters all over our southland.—*Claudia M. Walne, Fukuoka, Japan*

"GOOD NEWS"

I know you want to hear some *good news* from Montevideo. On June 13 we began a series of meetings at our main hall with Mr. Spight from Buenos Aires doing the preaching, he is a fine evangelist and his strong pure messages find their way to the hearers' hearts. We had a good attendance and every night the attention and interest were splendid, on Thursday night there were three professions of faith. But oh Friday night, such a service! After an earnest sermon Mr. Spight gave the invitation for all who were ready and willing to accept Christ, cost what it might to come forward and shake hands with the pastor.

We began to sing that dear old hymn these people love so well, "Knocking, Knocking,

Who Is There?" when eight young girls and three women went forward weeping as though their hearts would break, there was scarcely a dry eye, we were too full and overjoyed to sing and only a few husky voices were left. You see such sights at home almost any time, but it is something we had never witnessed in this country, seldom do they show any emotion, but how these eleven wept and we with them. Oh such rejoicing! Our efforts though so feeble had not been in vain and our prayers had been answered.

We were having special Bible study with all of these and they understood perfectly well the step they were taking. How it delighted our hearts to see them give themselves to God and to His service! Rejoice with us! for it is your work, as well as ours, you dear ones at home have made our coming possible and are daily sustaining us with your prayers.

Our committee on reception of members has examined ten of the new converts and they give splendid testimonies, tonight we have a special meeting of the church to receive them for baptism and next Wednesday afternoon we look forward to seeing these ten fine young people buried with Christ in baptism. God has been good to us! Among them are three pairs of sisters and a young married couple. We feel encouraged to undertake greater things in His name.

I feel sometimes we don't realize what it costs a Catholic to give up his religion to follow Christ but it is wonderful to see the changes in their lives. Down come their virgins, saints and images from the wall. They are no longer a necessity. One of the girls has already given up her sweetheart because he opposed her attending the services. Others are realizing what it is to have their friends of former days turn against them, calling out when they see them "Protestante", heretic, etc. but they are able to bear it all and pray that they too may know the truth before it is too late.

When I read Miss Heck's farewell message I said, "Oh if we could only read such articles as this to our societies!" But when we translate them into Spanish it isn't the same, they lose much of their spirit and meaning. We feel very much handicapped in this respect but we must bide our time. Ere long I trust we may have the necessary literature.—*Jennie Saunders Quarles, Montevideo, Uruguay*

"FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS"

There is always so much for me to do while at Pochow that I never seem to find much time for writing, so I will take advantage of my vacation to tell you about one of the big occasions of the year for the women of our section. It comes early in the spring and is the day for them to "Kerto" (knock heads) and burn incense at the temple of the god of hades. There is a very popular temple to this god in Pochow and the women came from miles and miles, some even a two or three days' journey, to attend this service. Some came to fulfill vows made for the recovery of some member of the family, others to intercede for the afflicted in their homes, many came seeking happiness and peace during the year and others for peace in the life to come. They hoped by burning incense to this god to appease his wrath and thus he would ameliorate their sufferings in the world to come. Of the whole this last class were the far more interesting to talk with, and for three days, from morn till night, the Bible woman and I talked with the crowds that came and went until not only our throats but our whole chests were sore. There is something so intensely zeal-inspiring in being able to point these dark souls, who are blindly seeking the light, to the glorious light of the gospel of our Lord, that one overdoes one's self before realizing it. Oh how it touches one's heart to see the expression on their faces change from curiosity to interest as they hear for the first time of Jesus who bore the sins of the whole world. Some seem to accept it at the first hearing and say, "Yes we want this true God. He is much better than our gods which can't help us. After this we will worship Him only and go back home and tell our neighbors about Him." Many invite us to come to their distant villages and towns and tell them and their neighbors more about this wonderful salvation.

On the last afternoon when my voice had almost left me the local Christian women began to gather for our regular woman's prayer meeting. I said to them, "We shall have no prayer meeting today, but every one of you take advantage of this opportunity to witness for your Lord." And they did it with such enthusiasm that it filled my heart with joy. The crowds kept coming on until after

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SOCIETY METHODS

A MAN'S CURIOSITY GRATIFIED

I WOULD like to ask several questions about a certain very animated group of women. There are eight or ten of them. I note that they meet once a week at the home of one of the number and spend an hour in earnest discussion of a section of a book. Every one owns a copy of the book. They have had several meetings and their enthusiasm seems to be on the increase. It cannot be the regular meeting of the women's missionary society because the same leader has charge every time and the number present is very much smaller than the number who attend the regular meeting. This must be an extra meeting of some sort.

I dislike to do it, but I believe I will make bold to break in on this gathering and ask what it is. It appears to be peaceful enough, even though it is intense.

"I beg your pardon, my dear friends, for my intrusion. You are having meetings of such manifest interest and power that I would very much like to know what kind of organization this is."

"It is a mission study class."

"Thank you, I would like to ask what a mission study class is."

"It is a group of friends, just like ourselves, who meet together once a week to discuss a lesson in a mission study text-book. It requires about eight weeks to finish the course. After we have completed one book, we rest awhile and then take up another."

"If you are all members of the Woman's Missionary Union, what is the difference between this and the regular work of the Union?"

"This is a part of the work of the Woman's Missionary Union. Our Standard of Excellence requires that every society reaching the standard shall have at least one mission study class a year. The mission study class does differ from the regular meeting of the women's missionary society. The regular meeting has a different topic every time. The class has the same subject throughout the course of eight weeks. In the class we devote ourselves to the continuous study of a mission field or some phase of missions."

"Why do you have the same leader every time?"

"Because by this means we get continuity in our work and, consequently, better results from our study."

"Where do you get your text-books?"

"From the Educational Department of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia. This department furnishes a large variety of text-books. It will send its attractive catalogue on application."

"How did you get this class started?"

"The president of our society in one of our regular meetings presented the advantages of the mission study class. She said it was possible to get missionary information only through study. She told about the inspiration the mission study class had brought to many societies of which she knew and of how wide spread the mission study class movement had grown to be among southern Baptist women. She raised with us the question whether it was not our duty to inform ourselves thoroughly upon the needs and claims of the world task to which our Lord had called us. She spoke of the pleasure, social and spiritual, we would receive from the weekly meetings of the class. She spoke of the great number of excellent text-books filled with thrilling interest and exhibited a copy of Miss Fannie E. S. Heck's book entitled, 'In Royal Service', and also a copy of the new text-book for women this year, 'The King's Highway'. Since we have studied Miss Heck's book, she suggested that we study 'The King's Highway'. She then called for volunteers to enter the class. Several indicated their purpose to join and after the canvass of our membership we secured others. We chose 'The King's Highway' as

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CURRENT EVENTS

THE WORLD FIELD

THE anti-opium sentiment has grown so in China that a scheme is now on foot to have the Chinese government in Shanghai and Hong Kong buy up all the stock of opium on hand to use for medical purposes only. Severest measures are used against any one found planting the opium poppy.

The registration at the Women's Congress of Missions in San Francisco in June was more than two thousand. Delegates came from thirty nine states and seven foreign countries and every mission field was represented. At every session home and foreign missions were each presented in a way to show there is no dividing line between them. "The conviction of the immediate, the imperative urgency of the work in every mission field was increasingly pressed home on every heart."

In the history of Russia there has never been such a demand for the Word of God among people of all classes. Some are walking miles to get a copy. In one month more than 340,000 Gospels and smaller portions of Scripture have been distributed.

Congress on Christian Work in Latin-America is the new title of the conference to be held in Panama City in February, 1916.

The income of foreign mission boards in the United States has increased in ten years from $7,807,902 to $17,168,611.

Union educational institutions are being tried in China as in no other field. Recent statistics show fifty four schools under interdenominational auspices—ten colleges, fifteen theological schools, nine medical schools, five Bible training-schools and seven normal schools. In Peking it is hoped soon to establish one large Christian university including professional schools.

The Arya Somaj—a reformed Hindu organization—is doing all in its power to check the spread of Christianity. The Young Men's Hindu Association aims to do for young men and boys what the Young Men's Christian Association does, and the Vedic Salvation Army aims at improving the condition of the poor and of the criminal classes.

During the evangelistic campaign in Honolulu of the Japanese evangelist, Rev. Mr. Kimura, over a thousand were converted. Similarly successful meetings are being held among the Japanese in Los Angeles, Cal.

On his coronation day, November tenth, the Emperor of Japan will be presented with a Bible printed in English and most elaborately bound, the gift of four thousand Japanese Christians in America as an expression of their affection and loyalty.

Seventy five great conventions under the Laymen's Missionary Movement will be held in cities of the United States during the coming year, culminating in a National Missionary Congress in Washington, in April 1916.

In the thirteen years since an earnest Japanese Christian established a home for discharged prisoners, a thousand men have been cared for, and only ten per cent have returned to a criminal life.

During this period when but few aliens are coming to our ports, the two Home Mission Councils are studying out a systematized and united method of helping the immigrants. An endeavor is to be made to link the work done at the ports through "Follow-up Effort" when the immigrant reaches his final destination. The July Missionary Review of the World has a most interesting account of the plans.

TRAINING SCHOOL

GIVING AND RECEIVING AT BETHEL

BACK of the pulpit at Bethel—the pulpit that rests on the one-time vaudeville stage of an old saloon and dive—there is a picture of an open Bible with these words, "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest". The thought and the work are that of a sign-painter reclaimed by Brother Bruce in his work at Hope Rescue Mission, who asked the privilege of painting this sign as a token of his love for Christ. And surely he could not have chosen better than those tender words of invitation, for truly they are weary and heavy laden—those men, women and children who are gathered in at Bethel to the Sunday school and preaching services, to the prayer-meetings, the Mothers' Club, the Boys' and Girls' Clubs and to the story hour. For Bethel is a "down-town" church and fosters many activities that it "may by all means save some" of that vast neglected down-town population.

Besides many other volunteer workers from the city and seminary, eleven Training School girls worked last session at Bethel and many and varied were their experiences as they visited on the field and in the hospitals, conducted their clubs and taught their classes. The five who had charge of the little children gathered up many who were too small to come alone and took them to and from the church for story-hour and Sunday school. Down on Seventh Street there was much interest among the colored people, at least, in the "procession" as a girl went by twice each week with five or six children of as many ages. A kind old soul stopped her one afternoon to inquire solicitously, "Honey, is dey all yourn?" On another occasion when for various reasons none of the little girls were along a young colored maid stopped the teacher to ask with smiling interest, "Where is all your little gal-children to-day?" It must have been a ludicrous sight one Sunday morning when this same group, with another teacher, was going gaily along home from Sunday school, only to find their way effectively barred at the second corner by a big black goat who seemed to enjoy his blockade immensely and shook his head disdainfully at all offers of compromise and advanced threateningly whenever anyone presumed to take a single step forward. It was just at this juncture that Charlie "the cherub" decided that he "didn't like that goat" and began to make the fact known in no uncertain voice to all within earshot. Knowing the nature of goats, the teacher had no desire to stir his majesty's anger further, and the huddled group might be there yet had not some junior boys come up to engage Sir William's attention and let them slip away across the street, to the undisguised amusement of the motor-man on a passing car. It was not until they had turned a corner and were completely out of sight that Charlie gave vent to his fixed determination "to shoot that goat".

That same Charlie (when two of the teachers found him) was just as dirty a little child as ever graced the streets of Louisville, and that is saying a good deal. But through all the dirt the cherub shone from his clear blue eyes and winsome mouth and even in his tangled curls. And so they stopped and asked, "What is your name, little boy?" "Charlie." "Where do you live?" A chubby hand pointed out the house. "Well, let me tell you. We have the nicest story-hour every Saturday afternoon. A lot of children come, and we play games and tell stories and sing songs and have the nicest time! Then we make things too, to carry home and play with. Last Saturday we made little red wagons with a string in them all ready to pull. Don't you think you'd like to come?" A charming smile and an upward jerk of the head signified his readiness, so the teacher said, "Come on then, let's go ask your mama", and a little black hand was confidently slipped into hers as Charlie led the way. Very fat and very dirty was Mrs. B———, and very poor and very dirty were the two rooms of her home, but she spoke pleasantly and said she would be glad for Charlie to go to story hour as soon as her "man" got work and could buy him some better clothes. But after several weeks his father was still out of work, so the needed clothes were selected from the Bethel clothes-room

and tactfully given, so that a very clean and radiant cherub clung tightly to "Coo-teacher's" hand on the next Saturday afternoon, and laughed happily through the story-hour. After that, Saturday after Saturday and Sunday after Sunday, Charlie walked beside the teacher in sunshine, snow or rain. Bye and bye, the mother too, found her way to Bethel and joined the Mothers' Club, where she found many friends, who hope even yet, that some day she will learn to keep her home clean and sweet. Nor is this all, for only the other day she told the teacher happily that the father too, was coming to Bethel when he got some clothes, "and he aint seen inside a church for eighteen year". Then in the teacher's heart came joy and the earnest prayer that their little child might lead them both into the Kingdom of Heaven.

It was a little child that led one father up to the throne of grace one day—a child and the angel of death. As two of the girls were visiting one Saturday afternoon they came to the home of a new pupil who had been absent the Sunday before, just as crepe was being put on the door, and entered to hear the pitiful story of a little baby with pneumonia and the doctor who came too late. But the mother's grief was not for the lost one, but for the broken-hearted father, who had no Friend to comfort him. At the minister's request the teachers sang at the funeral, but between the songs they prayed and when the service was over that big strong man knelt by the frail little body and gave his heart to his God.

Wonderful indeed are the times when the workers are permitted to see the fruit of their labors in cleaner homes, purer lives, or, most of all, in the winning of some childish heart or some sin-stained life to Christ. During the Home Board Evangelistic Campaign there was a great ingathering at Bethel and none of the personal workers did more valiant service than a mother who had been enlisted in the Home-makers' Club during the summer. Her faith was marvelous and during the first week she had the joy of winning her husband, her mother, her brother-in-law and her daughter, and many others were added as the days passed by. When asked about it one night she said simply, "I just look around and pick out one person to pray for, and I pray for that one and keep on praying, and then I go and get her, that's all".

The faith of many of these women in great things and in small, is wonderful and often very touching. One came with radiant face to her leader one morning to report an answered prayer, for she had been working on a job that made it impossible for her to attend Sunday school and church, and had prayed for another job and now she had it and could come every Sunday.

Truly, the work at Bethel is marvelously interesting. In one home there is a heart breaking story of want and sin and despair; in the next, perhaps, all one's powers of self-control are taxed as she is gravely informed that "Sister S——— told me she enjoyed that funeral more than any she had ever attended!" But whether sad or funny the story, there is always need of human understanding and sympathy and that comfort of Christ's own love which blesses both the giver and the one who receives.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

The W. M. U. Training School will conduct a correspondence course in connection with the correspondence course offered by the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Details of course will be published later.

MISSOURI GRADUATE HONORED

Missouri has elected one of her daughters, Miss Aretta Beswick, who was graduated from the Training School in 1914, to succeed Miss Eleanor Mare as executive secretary of their state W. M. U. work. Miss Beswick will enter the office the first of October when Miss Mare goes to Chicago for her new work as district home secretary for the northern Baptist women. It is truly with regret that we give Miss Mare up: her fidelity to the minute details of office work, her untiring journeys over the state, her enthusiasm and cooperation in working up the St. Louis Jubilate and her chairmanship of many Annual Meeting committees will not be forgotten by our Union. May she and Miss Beswick both find abundant blessings awaiting them. Miss Beswick brings to the work all that the Training School diploma stands for and also a field worker's experience.

PERSONAL SERVICE

PERSONAL SERVICE IN NORTH CAROLINA

IN North Carolina where we do not have the problems of large cities most of the organized Personal Service is done to fit the needs of the small town. Gradually we are learning our responsibilities and our possibilities, and we are trying to exemplify our motto "For ye serve the Lord Christ." Some extracts from letters to the state Personal Service chairman show phases of the work our women are doing.

From one wide-awake society in a small town we have this: "For our work we consider our town in three divisions, the town proper and the two mill districts. One circle of our W. M. S. is responsible for each division. They meet and plan the work for the year. Each member is given some special work in that division, one or two will look after the sick, others the destitute, and still others conduct meetings and sewing clubs. In one mill division a night school is conducted for the young people who cannot read and write. Two of our most accomplished young women go every week, they report good results. We also have a missionary society and mothers' club combined. Their regular meetings are held once each month but on separate days. At the mothers' club we teach them fancy work as well as plain sewing. An interesting program is prepared. These meetings are especially attractive to the tired mothers, they bring their babies and one of our young girls goes each time to amuse them."

Another worker who is interested in a night-school writes: "I feel sure that our night-school is one of our best efforts in missionary work and personal service. We have a basement under our S. S. room which we use as a school room. Our pupils are children of the streets and children we have clothed that they might attend S. S. We found that many of them could not read. The school was begun under the direction of the W. M. S. with one of its members as head teacher and four young women to assist."

A consecrated woman, who multiplies her life many-fold in the lives of young women says: "Our latest work is the 'Business Girls' Circle.' All young women of the church are eligible. Our main object is to study missions. We meet at night, once a month, and make these meetings just social enough to hold those who are not much interested in the more solid work. So many of the girls work in the cigar factory and these meetings are really delightful to them."

Another society makes personal work the one great thing: "While we are constantly trying to serve the sick and the poor in our town, the 'prize' for which we press forward with ceaseless effort and prayer is the salvation of human souls. We have found scores of unsaved people in our town. We are holding weekly prayer-meetings at one of the mills. As a result a good number of the mill population united with our church at a recent meeting. We have a list of the unsaved people of our entire town, and by apportioning these names among the members of our committee, every unsaved person will be talked with about his soul's salvation several times during the year by several different women."

One society tells how they secured a visiting nurse for their town: "As we were not able to support her alone we secured the co-operation of the Civic League and took subscriptions for her salary and equipment. The whole town is enthusiastic over the results of this work."

Two following extracts will show the kind of work we are trying to do for our colored women: "We have been extremely gratified at the success of our efforts to establish a W. M. S. in the church of our colored Baptists. After conference with some of the leading women they had it announced at their Sunday service and at the stated time two of the members of our society went to their church, read scripture, prayed and then explained our object in coming. Then we came away, feeling that it would be wiser to let the women elect their officers without suggestion from us."

"In our town there is a consecrated Chris-

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HOME DEPARTMENT

GOD LED THEM ABOUT

EXODUS 13 : 18

Written for Royal Service

The blest Land of Promise lay just o'er the way,
And the vast host of Hebrews in marching array,
Were yearning to cover the distance which told
The brick-kilns of Egypt from Canaan's fair wold.

Just over the way; but the short route between
Was held by that giant, the stern Philistine;
Not yet would the "Pillar" permit them to go
Where the sight of the war-like would fill them with woe.

Years after perhaps, when lessons well learned
In the heart of the desert were fully discerned,
They may gaze undismayed on the embattled hosts;
But not until taught in whose strength they may boast,
Shall they meet all the horrors of war on the route,
So in tenderest love God "led them about."

In my journey through life how often I find
That the path which He chooses will devious wind,
Through the "Valley of Despond," the "Desert of Woe",
So far from the goal to which I would go!

But, ah, 'tis most sweet to discover at length,
My journey He ever adapts to my strength.
Never leading to dangers where I might fall,
And fitting the burden I'll bear through it all.

My patience is tried with this leading 'tis true;
And often I recklessly long to rush through
Some way that seems near but where Philistine stands,
And am led from the danger by His loving hands.
Then I thank Thee My Father for choosing my route,
And praise Thee because Thou dost "lead me about."

Margaret McRae Larkey, Mississippi

THE HEART OF A CHILD

There is nothing on earth half so holy
As the innocent heart of a child;
They are idols of hearts and of households;
They are angels of God in disguise;
His sunlight still sleeps in their tresses,
His glory still shines in their eyes.
Those truants from home and from heaven,
They have made me more manly and mild,
And I know now how Jesus could liken
The kingdom of God to a child.

—Charles Dickens

BOOK REVIEWS

Rising Churches in Non-Christian Lands

FROM his intimate knowledge as a foreign mission board secretary, from his personal survey on the fields, Dr. Arthur J. Brown is able to present with clearness the vital questions that are facing mission boards today. President McClure of Chicago speaks of his "breaking a path into the midst of the greatest problems Christianity has ever faced". Dr. Brown tells us that "the rise of Christian Churches in non-Christian lands is the most inspiring fact of the present age, but the problems to which it gives rise are among the most difficult that the Christian student has to solve."

Important questions of the book center around the native church, its growth and character, its "present strength and influence", its future need of carrying on social service and of becoming self-supporting, self-propagating and self-governing. In speaking of this self-support Dr. Brown shows us that "no land will ever be evangelized until it has a self-supporting native church". Years of fostering must pass before this can be possible, but already "ninety-four per cent. of the 1,152 salaried evangelists and teachers of one mission are supported by the native congregations". Self-propagation is necessary for the growth of the church, the native Christian must be the one to spread Christianity in his own land. "Several of the churches in Asia and Africa have undertaken home mission work in a systematic way and some of them have started work in other lands." However encouraging the growth and strength of the church may seem, Dr. Brown plainly shows that our help cannot be withheld.

The book with its new line of thought will bring much interest to women's societies, but will probably make its strongest appeal to groups of men. Cloth, 60 cents; paper, 40 cents prepaid

To be a blessing to all nations is the highest missionary note in the national life.—W. E. Doughty

Missionary Crusaders

A book of wonderful adventures of pioneer missionaries, teeming with interest to boys and girls and grown-ups too, is the one entitled, "Missionary Crusaders," by Mr. Claud Field, at one time missionary in the Punjab. These eighteen stories have been selected from his larger work, "Heroes of Missionary Enterprise"; the different chapters contain complete little narratives of missionary undertaking in various countries. Royal Ambassadors will be particularly interested in the stories of the early missionaries to the Indians of our own country and in the accounts of the terrible hardships and hairbreadth escapes of the Jesuits in Canada. Think of the great patience of John Eliot of Massachusetts, first Protestant missionary to the Indians, in his effort to learn their language! We can realize his task when we read "that the word for 'loves' is 'Noowomantammoonkanunonnash'". Eliot was aided by an English society in publishing the Bible for the Indians and this was the "first Bible ever printed on the continent of America".

The account of the Frenchmen, Huc and Gabet, "In the Highlands of Tibet", their reception in Lhassa and later their dangerous journey of six months across snow clad mountains into China will be a favorite with many. And all who love Livingstone will read with renewed zest of his "Early Explorations" and his friendships with the African chiefs. Other chapters tell of Schwartz in South India; of Dr. Judson in Burma; of Hans Egede in Greenland and still others give accounts of the courageous endurance of missionaries among West Indian slaves and the trials of the "Moravians in the Forests of Dutch Guiana." We recommend the book, it is decidedly interesting, clearly printed and well illustrated. Price, cloth $1.00, carriage probably extra

Every day that dawns upon us is God's little ship. What do you put on board?—H. Elvet Lewis

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

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our text-book. Mrs. Montgomery, the authoress, in this book carries us on a journey through mission lands. We sent for our books, decided on a leader, time and place of meeting. The books came promptly and with them came also the special 'Helps' to the leader. We soon had the class in operation."

"I thank you. My hat is off to you, ladies. I have been hearing about the mission study class and I am happy to see one in active operation. The reports show that this movement has spread far and wide among our southern Baptist women. May it have ever increasing development. I bid you God-speed."

As I talked with these friends, I looked about me and observed a remarkable thing. Would you believe me, there were in that group some of the busiest women in the church. Now, wasn't that strange? And yet I am sure you will find this to be a common experience where these mission study classes flourish. It is the very busy women, not the idle ones, that are willing to do the extra work of the mission study class. Any woman who will can find a time for it. Every one ought to have the will.

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R. A. PROGRAMS

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one at Ogbomoso, Africa (o pronounced aw) and one at Bisaccia, Italy. Fearing to give us too much increase the board assigned us only $1200 for foreign mission work, but the entire maintenance of these schools is $1400 per year. Let us not fall short but raise the entire $1400.

Get material for "Return of Ambassadors" in second program from S. B. C. minutes. Tracts and stories from 15 West Franklin St., Baltimore, Maryland. Brazilian Sketches by T. B. Ray, from Foreign Mission Board. This is a book every leader should own. Be sure to have a Hallowe'en social with all the fun possible. Let the R. A.'s entertain the G. A.'s.

FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

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dark and were triumphantly lead, at prayer-meeting time, by the sisters to our nice new church. We had service in the church every night during the time and hundreds came to hear, many saying that they would come again next year, not to worship the false gods but to hear more about the true God.

Oh sisters, let me beseech you to labor together with us in intercession during these days of such great opportunity in this land of darkness and sin!—*Flora H. Bostick, Pochow, China*

PERSONAL SERVICE

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tian, a leader among the colored people, who is burdened for her race. She comes to see me several times each month and I help her plan her work. She organized the 'Negro Betterment League.' I met with their officers in the mayor's office and helped plan a health campaign. This was successful far beyond our expectations. Our work to a great extent is done through their leaders."

THINKING CAP

1. How does the European War test the churches?
2. Where did the Women's Congress meet?
3. Find some needs in each field.
4. Find some encouragements.
5. Where is Modernism found?
6. How can we best develop self-support?
7. Where did one family build a church?
8. What two fields are calling us to definite service?
9. Find a Sunbeam with four legs.
10. How did a Chinese baby get an American Name?
11. Find a curious man in this number.
12. Which state leads in gifts to Training School this first quarter?
13. Which state in gifts to Margaret Fund?

FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT FROM TREASURER OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

MRS. W. C. LOWNDES, *Treasurer*

May 1, 1915 to August 1, 1915	Alabama	Arkansas	District of Columbia	Florida	Georgia	Illinois	Kentucky	Louisiana	Maryland	Mississippi	Missouri	N. Mexico	N. Carolina	Oklahoma	S. Carolina	Tennessee	Texas	Virginia	Totals
W. M. S.—Foreign	$ 254 32	$ 778 52	$ 20 00	$ 84 20	$2397 71	$ 11 93	$ 753 61	$ 157 53	$ 55 72	$ 226 71	$ 897 36	$ 5 00	$2112 05		$1444 12	$ 539 68		$3369 21	$15106 47
Home	424 31	673 69	10 00	71 80	1894 42	14 15	420 29	215 74	92 52	185 73	519 40	5 00	5592 69		825 98	574 14		1719 20	12954 90
S. S. Board	1 00	7 20		3 74	10 43		22 66			25 00			5 55		63 57	14 70		49 13	202 78
Tr. School	27 98			11 00		14 60	701 23	2 50	1 00		85 65	4 00	30 00	$75 00	545 47		$42 75	1022 87	2564 11
Marg. Fund							10 10			12 50									22 60
Y. W. A.—Foreign	26 50				518 95		67 85		7 48		15 05		425 62		296 96	12 60		411 15	1788 54
Home	36 85				280 78		41 48		7 53		7 50		863 14		135 12	13 00		380 20	1767 60
S. S. Board	3 90				10		1 00			117 75					5 90	5 50			12 50
Tr. School							52 55	32 41					2 75		115 90			307 70	*730 49
Marg. Fund							1 25												125
G. A.—Foreign	2 50			2 50			8 75								12 69	3 57		19 85	45 04
Home	3 20						5 66								30 52	2 50		34 70	76 38
S. S. Board	50														1 85				2 35
Tr. School					5 44		3 25								18 45			41 41	63 11
R. A.—Foreign	2 66				9 29		1 50						20 24		36 74			129 32	196 80
Home	2 55												61 27		18 74			83 24	177 09
S. S. Board															2 45				2 45
Tr. School	1 30						1 00						1 25		2 40			9 70	15 65
Marg. Fund															25				25
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Home	27 74			1 00	103 82		20 08	2 20	1 50		3 25		685 92		226 21	5 90		337 16	1414 78
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JUBILATE OFFERINGS REPORTED BY STATE TREASURERS IN ADDITION TO ABOVE

W. M. S.—Foreign	$ 596 02	$ 75 00	$ 10 00	$ 34 25			$1541 93	$ 15 00	$ 27 00		$ 230 74		$1902 95		$ 877 59	$ 431 25		$2119 34	$ 7861 07
Home	7 00	19 00	15 00	3 25			14 00	510 17	2 00		7 75		285 31		2 00			295 98	1168 46
Totals	$ 603 02	$ 94 00	$ 25 00	$ 37 50			$1555 93	$ 525 17	$ 29 00		$ 238 49		$2188 26		$ 880 59	$ 431 25		$2415 32	$9029 53

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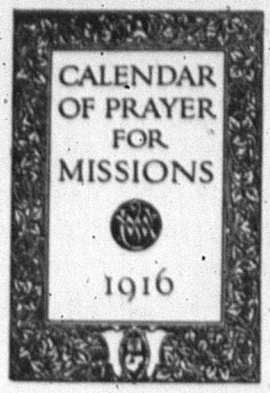

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