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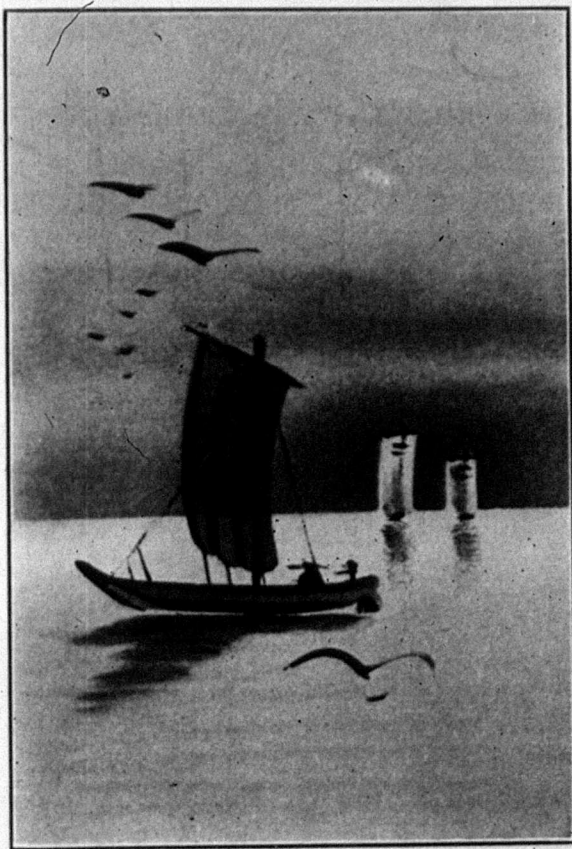
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## EDITORIAL



### JANUARY'S OPPORTUNITIES

**T**O one for many years familiar with Woman's Missionary Union work the coming of January at once brings to mind that which has grown dear through its regularity and helpfulness—the Week of Prayer and the Christmas Offering. Many there are whose memory goes back to the inception of the Christmas Offering. A letter written almost in the life blood of Miss Lottie Moon during the first year of our Union's history bore results she hardly dreamed of and succeeded in developing a sense of unity among the women due to a definite common cause that few other means could have produced. Four years later wise emphasis was laid upon the need of prayer as the accompaniment of our special gifts, and the Week of Prayer for World-Wide Missions was instituted. To both of these features of Union work Miss Heck gave most devoted allegiance. Her words urging that this best of Christmas gifts be set aside before other gifts are planned for still rings in our ears, and "The Union's year would seem to begin awry and to be robbed of one of its best weeks were anything to interfere with the Week of Prayer in January" is a sentence shining from the pages of "In Royal Service", showing how she estimated its value.

Is the need less in China today than it was twenty-seven years ago when Miss Moon made her appeal? Or have familiarity and regularity lessened our interest in these vital elements in our work? How many of us realize that our Christmas Offering was less in 1915 than in any year since 1911, not by a few hundred dollars but by amounts varying from \$1200 to \$10,000. Never has the need been greater. "This is the hour of my country's need" says a native Chinaman, and never have more doors been open by which this need may be met. The call to furnish our share of the means to meet this need and this opportunity comes with extra force because of the extremity of the times and because we have seemed to neglect our share of late. To aim at \$30,000 is surely not beyond our powers and \$40,000 is not too high since in 1914 we gave over \$38,000.

From some places the report comes that there has also been a falling off in the observance of the Week of Prayer. Vital issues spring from this united effort and we cannot afford to grow lax in its observance. If the ideal daily gathering is not possible in every community there should be a coming together of every society either by itself or in union with others at least once in the week for prayer and consideration of the topics.

Not alone the first week but the last week in January is of importance to us this year. During that week there is to be a special effort made to bring to a great climax the Judson Centennial Movement. It is with joy that we can say that a million dollars of the million and a quarter desired have been pledged. But there are less than six months left of this extra year granted to the Movement at the Houston meeting in which to raise the \$250,000.00. Over 15,000 churches are still unvisited and with only ten men in the field it would be impossible to reach all of these in the limited time left. A plan has therefore been made for every organization in the Convention constituency to unite in prayer and effort during the last week in January to secure this necessary amount. If any part of this great sum is lacking it means that some mission stations which have been looking forward to better equipment will be bitterly disappointed. If we don't do our part it means that our own special new responsibilities the Sao Paulo and the Kumamoto schools for girls cannot stand as beacon lights for the young womanhood of Brazil and of Japan. Only vigorous effort on our part can raise the necessary funds. The state secretaries can obtain fuller information about plans from the Foreign Board, and definite arrangements should be made for the part each state will take. These two special objects are so linked up with Miss Heck's faith in us, that they absolutely challenge us not to fail.

"Begin the year with God, begin with praise,  
For mercies old and new, and hopeful days."



## BIBLE STUDY



### TOPIC—Our Life

"In the fullness of time there came down into this world, He who from the beginning was One with God, and who now became one with man. Becoming a sharer of the nature of those who were subject to death, and who longed for life, *Jesus Christ* was here among men as the fulfillment of type and prophecy; to meet and to satisfy the holiest and uttermost yearnings of the human soul after eternal life, in communion and union with God." John 1:1-14; Heb. 1:1-3; 2:14-16.

I. *The life revealed in Jesus Christ:* John 1:4; John 5:26; I John 1:1, 2. This life of God is called *eternal*, because "it is from the eternity which is past unto the eternity which is to come". Our present life must be lifted up by the power of the life that is endless: Ps. 36:9. God is the only fountain, the only source and origin of strength. "If in this life only, we have hope, we are of all men most miserable:" I Cor. 15:19. Paul speaks of the hope laid up in heaven, the hope of eternal life: Col. 1:5. "You are tired, weary, distressed or disappointed; lift up your eyes and behold afar, beyond the clouds, the shining of an immortal hope; be assured that all the fatigue of present service, all the bitterness of present disappointment will be forgotten by one hour's experience of that heaven, that blessed hope in store for God's children, the life hid in God with Christ Jesus our Lord, and the union with Him in resurrection life and glory:" Col. 3:1-4. "This is life eternal that they should know thee, the only true God and Him whom thou didst send, even Jesus Christ:" John 17:3.

II. *Life of God imparted:* The Apostle Paul did not accept his life as an accident or as something he had himself controlled, his conversion was a new birth: Acts. 22:6-16; the shining of a divine presence, and the direction of a divine Hand: Col. 1:1; so with the Christian this "life of God revealed in Christ Jesus is imparted in a new birth by the Holy Spirit, acting upon the word of God, to every believer on the Lord Jesus Christ": John 3:3-15. "Through the new birth the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature and of the life of Christ Himself:" Gal. 2:20. Faith in Christ crucified is necessary to obtain this impartation of the new life in God: John 1:12, 13. We can do nothing to merit the obtaining of this life. It is the work of God within the heart yielded to Him: Eph. 2:10. Christ in us: Col. 1:27; I Peter 1:23-25. We are made partakers of the divine nature through the righteousness of God our Saviour Jesus Christ, 2 Peter 1:1-4, and have the witness in ourselves of this eternal life if we believe God: I John 5:10-12. The soul is lifted from its own dependence and from all earthly relation to the Almighty of God Himself. The strength of life and of intellect must be sustained day by day by special communications from God: Col. 1:11; Eph. 3:16; 6:10.

III. *A new creation:* 2 Cor. 5:17. "The life imparted by God is not a new life, except in the sense of human possession. It is the life which was from the beginning", I John 1:1; John 1:1; Gen. 1:1, before the world was. Eternal life is "Christ our life": Col. 3:4. He who received Jesus Christ is a "new creation": Gal. 6:15; 2 Cor. 5:17. The fullness of God dwelt in Jesus Christ, and this was in accordance with the divine pleasure and the divine thought, Col. 1:19, and of His fullness have we all received: John 1:16. This was in accordance with the purpose of Christ.

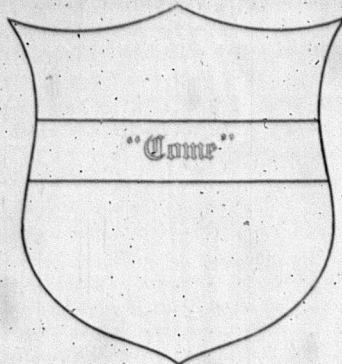
IV. *One life in Him and the believer:* John 15:1-5; The Vine and the branches. I Cor. 6:15; Head and members. Gal. 2:20; The in-living Christ. Col. 1:27; The great mystery. Col. 3:3, 4; Union with Christ. I John 5:11, 12; Eternal life in Christ. I Cor. 12:12-14; members of Christ's body, given to drink of one Spirit. We feel helpless beside truths so great and eternal. God must teach us these things.—Mrs. James Pollard



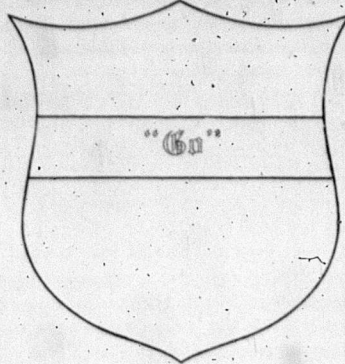
## PROGRAM FOR JANUARY



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.



OBVERSE



REVERSE

The Christian life is a double shield on one side of which is emblazoned "Come" and on the other side "Go."—W. E. Doughty: *Efficiency Points*

"I heard Him call  
'Come, follow,' that was all.  
My gold grew dim,  
My soul went after Him:  
I rose and followed, that was all;  
Who would not follow if he heard His call?"

### PLANNING FOR 1916

"If God is your partner make your plans large."

HYMN—PRAYER

BUSINESS

HYMN—"Jesus calls us"

MISSIONARY-CREED (recited in concert)

BIBLE STUDY (page 5)

SENTENCE PRAYERS

DISCUSSION OF PLANS (speakers prepared in advance)

PRAYER—CLOSING HYMN

### \*W. M. U. Aims

†Individual and United Prayer  
Regular Bible and Mission Study  
Systematic and Proportionate Giving  
Organized Personal Service

\*See Standard of Excellence

†Secure 1916 Calendars of Prayer from State Headquarters

## Missionary Creed

WE BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER AND IN JESUS CHRIST HIS SON, OUR LORD.

WE BELIEVE IT IS OUR DUTY TO PROCLAIM TO ALL, AT HOME AND ABROAD, THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION THAT GOD HAS PROVIDED THROUGH THE DEATH OF HIS SON.

WE THEREFORE PROMISE TO SEND THE BREAD OF LIFE BY THE HANDS OF OUR MISSIONARIES, TO ALL WHO HAVE IT NOT.

WE PROMISE TO PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES.

WE PROMISE TO DO ALL IN OUR POWER FOR THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL IN THE WHOLE EARTH, THAT CHRIST'S KINGDOM MAY COME.

1.



As we look forward into a new year of service two questions come to mind: first, is it worth while to undertake missionary work? Second, if it is worth while, what is the best way of doing it? We say at once that from every point of view missions are well worth while, whether we call to mind the noble lives given to evangelize the world or whether we put the emphasis of our thought upon the changes wrought in the lives of heathen men and women by the marvelous indwelling power of the gospel of the Christ. There is indeed no other way to answer the first question. Then, surely granting that, it behooves each one of us, whatever her position in the scheme of our organization, to bestir herself to find the answer to the second question. The W. M. U. organization as set forth in our study for July seems to many of us to point the way to the answer, but until we get the graded missionary society in every church, and every woman, young woman, girl and boy of each church affiliated with the society we have only a part of the answer, the problem only half solved. No matter how complete the scheme of organization, the pivotal point upon which the success of the whole undertaking rests is the measure of success attained by the local society.

Here is an opportunity for every woman to do something for missions. The woman with leisure can help prepare interesting programs: the one with a ready pen can bring the thrilling story of missions to the other members as she makes vivid before them the wonders God has wrought through His servants, wholly given up to His service. So the student, the woman of exact habits of thought and a knack for figures, the musician and the housekeeper may each make contribution of her gift to the great work of Christ's church. All can help by their prayers, constant and fervent, even the sick and those kept from attendance on the meetings. All may make some gifts of money, small or great. By attending the meetings as often as possible all may receive as well as give help. "Even the most critical cannot fail to be impressed if once a month he sees busy mothers, housekeepers, society women, teachers, trained nurses, women from all walks of life gathering together to give one hour to missions. It goes without saying that the meetings be conducted with dignity, reverence and the care we bestow on things we feel are of importance. We would not expect to conduct a history club or take charge of a literary afternoon without some thought and preparation, and our best is none too good for the missionary meeting.

I attended two so-called missionary meetings some years ago, where there was very little if any organization. At one almost every topic dear to woman's heart was discussed, but I do not think missions was mentioned. At the other meeting, missions was spoken of as an objective point, but the principal discussion, in which almost everybody joined at once, was 'What can we do to raise some money?' This helter-skelter way of working is not worthy of this great subject.

There is no church so feeble but its women can gather together one day in the month, read a passage of Scripture, sing a hymn, unite in a few words of prayer, listen to missionary intelligence, hear a few inspiring words from the life of some great missionary, and all feel encouraged and strengthened by the gathering together of persons who are all of one accord."



Quarterly meetings, associational and state annual meetings are powerful agencies for rekindling the fires of our purpose and enthusiasm. "How much help the weaker societies, often discouraged, get from contact with others in these gatherings; new literature about missions, hints and helps about meetings and how to make them interesting; an opportunity for seeing how their work compares with others. Nor can the spiritual help of such meetings be measured." In the larger and more representative gatherings is even greater inspiration as we are brought into close contact with the work and the workers.

"We can see for ourselves that if it is benefit and inspiration for people to come together from different sections of the state to discuss other matters, why not missions? It is not always easy for a person in the mountains to keep from growing narrow if she never looks over her own mountain tops. The view of the person who lives on the plains is not always as wide as her horizon. It is good for city people and country people, for rich women and poor women, for people of many advantages and those of few, to come together once a year and realize that they have one Lord, one church, one great common interest in carrying the light of the gospel to their sisters in foreign lands. All other matters in which they differ seem trivial for at least those few days in the year, and the experience cannot but throw its influence over their lives.

Through the delegates, the societies and churches will be helped, and there will be an impetus for good all along the line."

**3. State Methods** With the idea of bringing together some methods of work of proven helpfulness letters were sent to state leaders, resulting in the following accounts of some state methods. Associational and district organizations are most valuable. Tennessee says: "We find regular quarterly meetings held in various associations strengthen our work more than any other one thing. These meetings promote fellowship and give information which creates interest and enthusiasm. We give pennants this year to Associations holding the four meetings and also to those having the largest number of societies reporting regularly."

In Arkansas the state is divided into six districts with a president for each one, whose duty it is to keep in touch with the associational superintendents, work up mission rallies and hold institutes. "This is one of the most helpful things we have done yet. In two of our associations we have a woman missionary or organizer, employed for all her time. The aim is, one in every association."

Florida finds that better associational organization is a wonderful stimulus to the work. "Our associations are now organized with president, vice president, secretary and treasurer and four superintendents for the different grades.

City Unions and similar unions of nearby churches with quarterly all-day meetings are delightful and profitable." In addition to these, Alabama has among a host of fine methods, a splendidly developed Young People's work with a conference at the August Encampment; a College Girls' Conference, college girls' tables in dining room using colors, etc.; demonstrations for Sunbeams and Y. W. A.s; associational young people's leaders as well as a state leader; city federation of Y. W. A.s and conferences at associational and state meetings.

In Florida, the adoption of the circle plan, all working together TO-GET-HER is a great success. Each circle has its own mission study class.

In Arkansas, the circle for both city and country is proving successful. The women in the country are beginning to realize that they can meet and do things.

Says one of these women: "We can study the Bible in a systematic way, learn how to live, study the different phases of Christian life and broaden our Christian horizon. We can study and learn of the needs of the community, of the state, of our own country and of the world at large. Then after we have met and studied the situation and prayed over it we can give of our means and give with system. We can give the tenth of all we sell and consume in the home, of the income from our poultry and other things over which we have charge."

South Carolina reports success with a "Sunday Egg Band" composed of those who will pledge themselves to give their Sunday eggs to missions. Several states report circulating

libraries sent to societies requesting them and paying express charges one way, and the enlisting of college trained women and training school students for field work and work in needy sections during the summer months.

In a leaflet "Methods of Finance for Tennessee W. M. U." is the following: Where a church uses the duplex envelope system this eminently practical plan is suggested: First secure the sympathy and cooperation of the church treasurer. It is usually understood by our church treasurers that our women desire contributions credited to their societies, but some church treasurers think the trouble of reporting these contributions separately too great. Plan to make it just as easy for him as possible.

A rubber stamp with the proper letters, W. M. S., Y. W. A., or G. A. to designate the organization to which the church member belongs, may be gotten for 25 cents.

Appoint a committee of three to secure this stamp and let this committee stamp each member's package of envelopes for the whole year. Or if the stamp cannot be had, print the letters. Of course, the amount of the weekly or monthly offering is placed in the proper space on the envelope, carefully designating the object for which the offering is given, before it is put in the collection basket. Then when the money is removed by the church treasurer the envelope is given to the treasurer of the society. She has her roll of members and the proper credit is given to the member on her book.

The duplex envelope is used with the purpose of developing individual givers. Of course, the husband is not supposed to give for the wife, or the parent for the child; but "let each of you lay by in store on the first day of the week" is the Bible plan of giving.

The registering of the gifts of the women and children through their organizations does not in any way diminish the contributions of the church, since every contribution made through any branch of the Woman's Missionary Union is credited finally to the church, both in the associational minutes and state convention minutes.

Virginia publishes a leaflet "How societies may work under the budget or envelope system," and eleven states are attempting to train their women in the Bible plan of Christian giving according to I Cor. 16:2. May the number of our tithers constantly increase as our women are led to realize that "the ownership of God is acknowledged by the setting aside as an act of worship of a definite portion of income," and if we are indeed and in truth a people for His own possession shall we not gladly thus acknowledge "all things come of God and of Thine own have we given Thee."

**4. Some New Ways of Working** Some of Kentucky's Methods. In the enlistment campaigns in Kentucky an every member canvass of the church membership has been made for missions. Where a W. M. U. representative has had a part in the campaigns she has organized her women to canvass with the committee from the church.

First, these women try to enlist every available member for every grade of W. M. U. work asking them not only to join the society, but to contribute their mission money, or a part of it through the treasurer weekly. In some places, special envelopes have been printed for the Y. W. A., W. M. S., S. B., R. A. and G. A., these to be placed in the contribution boxes on Sunday morning. After church the treasurer of each organization secures the ones containing money intended for that organization. A package of 52 envelopes must necessarily be given to each member. †One church uses pink envelopes for the W. M. U., blue for the Y. W. A., yellow for the Sunbeams and white for R. A.s.

The Y. W. A.s of the W. M. U. of Shelby Co. Association had an all day meeting for the young people of the whole association, which was similar to the spring institutes of the W. M. U. A notice of this meeting in our state papers has created much interest among the Y. W. A.s of other sections of our state. We feel that this example will lead our young women to having their own associational institutes in addition to those held by the W. M. U., and which we feel will help prepare them for more efficient service.

The organization of the R. A. Conclave at one of our Summer Assemblies stimulated the interest of the boys who are members of the few organizations which we have in Kentucky. We hope their organization may lead to larger work along that line.

†Editor's note—The colors of the different organizations may be used for these envelopes.

Kentucky has given pennants to the societies and associations reaching the Standard of Excellence.—*Mrs. Kate Coleman Hinkle, Cor. Sec'y*

From old Bruington Church, Virginia, comes the following plan. This church has had preaching every Sunday from time immemorial and the W. M. S. recently celebrated its centennial. Miss Olive Bagby, missionary to Soochow, China, is a member of this society.

**The Bruington Plan**—Possibly some of our country churches may be interested in the working of our new plan for missionary meetings. On second Sundays we have our Sunday-school at the usual hour, and then, after a few minutes of intermission, we hold our mission meetings. Men, women and children sit together during the twenty minute opening exercise of prayer and praise, which our Royal Ambassadors conduct. Then the societies (Sunbeams, Royal Ambassadors, Young Woman's Auxiliary; Girls' Auxiliary, Woman's Society and Laymen's League) hold their several meetings each in its own place. Our men found that they had to wait for the women and decided to improve both the time and themselves by mission study. Thus we now have a place in a missionary society for every member of our church and congregation. The society meetings are followed by a lunch and a social hour which is a delight to all. The lunch is an unpretentious affair the preparation of which is a simple matter. Following the lunch our pastor preaches.

**The Chester Plan**—In a village of 400 inhabitants it was found not practicable to have young people's organizations meet except on Sunday. The Woman's Missionary Society planned to have every organization meet during the Sunday school hour.

Once a month, after the lesson, at the tap of a bell, the whole school breaks up into missionary societies. All under twelve years of age go into a room where the Sunbeams hold their meetings; the intermediate classes break up into R. A. and G. A. meetings, and the girls over the G. A. age hold a Y. W. A. meeting.

This plan has been in operation for several years, and has worked well.

**New Plan for Personal Service**—The president of the W. M. S. in a town of 8000 writes, "For some time we have felt the need of a 'follow-up' organization in our Sunday school, and so we put the matter before the missionary societies with the result that they all agreed to make Sunday school visiting their special organized personal service.

Our plan is this: A representative from each society is given each Sunday a list of the absentees for whom her society is responsible. These lists are secured and distributed to these representatives by the classifying officer of our Sunday school. Visits are to be made during the week following the scholars' absence, and it is the duty of the representatives to see that these names are put in the hands of the visitors that day. Weekly reports are made to the classifying officer by these representatives, and cases that require further following up are to be dealt with according to their need. I might add that our classifying officer is acting as head of all the groups.

The Girls' Auxiliary has charge of visiting the girls in the Junior and Intermediate Departments. The Royal Ambassadors visit boys of the same age. Y. W. A. looks after the young women and the W. M. S. visits the adult women.

The primary department is taken care of by the superintendent and her helpers."

**Plan for Reporting Annual Meeting at Convention**—One of our associations in the annual district meeting in order to make the report from the Annual Meeting at Houston, Texas, interesting, got it up in the form of a play. The women very generously lent this play to a distant association, and it was thus given in two widely separated parts of the state.

*Mrs. Julian P. Thomas, Cor. Sec'y*

**Young People's Work in Texas**—Texas is endeavoring to bring up the work of our young people to a higher plane of efficiency. Everywhere it is possible we get earnest, consecrated young men who love boys and are interested in them, to take our Royal Ambassadors. They put into the organization some of the things so attractive to boys, the drills and hikes and an occasional camping out in the woods, or a nut hunting trip. They try to see that the Royal Ambassadors have something special to do for the church, such as delivering invitations to church services and hunting up new members for Sunday school or looking after absent members. A leader who is alert and resourceful can keep the boys interested.

The work which most interests and unifies the Sunbeams is our great Buckner Orphans' Home. They always are enthusiastic over doing something special for the great family of orphans.

The publishing of a book of fifty-four programs for use of Sunbeams by Mrs. O. E. Bryan of Waco has been a great help and given impetus to this important work. This book gives programs on all our state work as well as mission programs.

*Mrs. A. F. Beddoe, Cor. Sec'y-Treasurer*

Vary the meetings. Occasionally change place of meeting; change the appearance of the room by appropriate decorations, maps, charts, mottoes; do not have anything long. Do not have the same person do the same thing every time, nor one or two do everything; short definite prayers, prayerfully prepared, written out and given to those who feel that they cannot themselves offer prayer will prove excellent training and a true means of grace to those who may thus learn to lead in prayer. Occasionally join in meeting with the younger societies. In some churches all the women are organized into one society with as many departments as there are lines of work. (See Missionary Review for February 1915.) In others all the women's societies in the church join in issuing a woman's year book, unifying to some extent the work of the separate societies.

Certainly once a year have a meeting of all the women's organizations with reports from each and bright, brief talks. Combining with this meeting the idea of Promotion Day, when Sunbeams are received into the R. A. and G. A.; G. A.s into the Y. W. A. and these in turn promoted into the W. M. S. with appropriate ceremonies, will help to draw the workers together and remove the friction that in some cases exists between the different organizations. To paraphrase the old motto, "A place for every one and every one in place" may well be a part of our planning for 1916.

#### Seed Thoughts

1. The Primary Department a Sunbeam Band
2. Bulletin Boards, missionary posters, picture postcard notices of meetings
3. Use talents for missions
4. Methodical, persuasive, tactful invitations of individuals by committees and interested workers
5. Make personal calls on "the other woman"
6. Maps and charts at meetings
7. Pray more
8. Give up to give more

I looked upon a sea  
And lo! 'twas dead,  
Although by Hermon's snows  
And Jordan fed.

How came a fate so dire?  
The tale's soon told.  
All that it got it kept  
And fast did hold.

All tributary streams  
Found here their grave,  
Because that sea received  
But never gave.

O sea that's dead! teach me  
To know and feel  
That selfish grasp and greed  
My doom will seal.

And help me, Lord my best,  
Myself to give,  
That I may others bless  
And like thee live.





## Y. W. A. PROGRAM



Prepared by a Maryland Y. W. A.

Note: Y. W. A., G. A. and R. A. programs are merely suggestive and are to be adapted by leaders to the requirements of their auxiliaries. The paragraphs referred to in program outlines will be found in general program which begins on page 6. For helpful leaflets see page 3.

### AUXILIARY DRILL

What is the Woman's Missionary Union?

The organization of the women, young people and children of the churches connected with the Southern Baptist Convention.

What is the two-fold object of W. M. U.?

To stimulate a missionary spirit and the grace of giving among its constituency and to aid in collecting funds for missionary purposes to be disbursed by the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention and by the Union-itself, in case of the Margaret Fund and of the W. M. U. Training School.

Does the W. M. U. work independently of the Convention?

No, it is auxiliary to the Convention but has representation on the Foreign Mission Board where women missionaries are commissioned for service.

### PROGRAM

Hymn—"Go forward Christian soldiers"

Bible Reading—Exodus 14 : 10-15; Deut. 2 : 1-3 (40 yrs. later)

A Challenge to the Y. W. A.s for 1916—"Go Forward"

I. Along what lines do we want to go forward? (Bible study, mission study, personal service, etc.)

II. How can we do this? (Prov. 3 : 6. Paul's method Phil. 3 : 13)

Prayer

Hymn—"Go labor on"

Dismissed by prayer

Suggestion: Weave the points of the Standard of Excellence about the scripture verses. Examples: Bible study—John 14 : 15; Personal service—Eph. 6 : 7, etc. You might have girls represent the different points in the Standard of Excellence.

### Go Forward

"Go forward", what a command! And yet we must. "While we live we must be moving on. When we stop we begin to die. Rest is necessary, but only to renew our strength that we may press on again. A man is made for struggle and effort, not for ease and loitering."

So if we would truly live we must—"go forward". And yet with the same tasks to be done day after day how can we go forward? How can life help but be monotonous to us that have to go through the same routine every day. Our daily course takes us over the same ground and there seems to be no escape from the beaten path. Let us consider for the moment the spiral staircase. As we mount, do we not go over exactly the same ground, yet each step takes us a little higher and our vision broadens. What is there to hinder us from ascending as we do our daily tasks? May we not perform them better to-day than yesterday? Can we not help someone else to go forward? Thus through friends, books and service we find that we, too, may be climbing upward while we pursue our onward course.

Again, if we would go forward we must forget the past and reach out toward a definite goal. We should forget our mistakes lest, worrying over them, they become hindrances which impede us in our attempt to go forward. We must forget even our successes, if they have made us self-satisfied. Only those past experiences which inspire us and urge us on are worth keeping. And why have a definite goal? What is more hopeless than aimless wandering? On the other hand what is more encouraging than having a goal, and being conscious of attaining to it? Upon the plains, who has the desire to climb? There is nothing that calls forth the wish to ascend. But among the mountains, who can be satisfied to stay

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## G. A. PROGRAM



Hymn—"O, Zion haste"

Missionary Creed (repeat standing)

Bible Study: Christ the Child—Luke 1 : 26-38; Luke 2 : 1-20, 22-38; Matt. 2 : 1-23; Luke 2 : 40-50

Sentence Prayers (prepared if necessary by leader. See suggested leaflets.)

Leader's talk and discussion of plans

Hymn—"Hail to the brightness of Zion's glad morning"

Prayer

To Leader: Helpful suggestions for 1916 may be found in W. M. S. program, Royal Service, Jan. 1915, program helps (page 3) etc. Have several older members prepared to speak of new plans to increase interest in meetings, enlarge membership, etc. Let us remember that the important work for the auxiliary is "character training for service in the extension of the Kingdom".

The material on this page may be used in several ways at one or more meetings. The first may be memorized and recited by a member; the second be given out as questions to seven members, each one to give the answer in oral form when called for by leader; the third be written on separate slips, memorized and given orally in answer to the question.

### \*1. If You Were Sick

Would you like drums beaten to drive the evil spirit away?

They do it in Africa.

Would you like some innocent person to be accused of bewitching you?

They do it in Africa.

Would you like red hot pins stuck in your flesh to let out the evil spirit?

They do it in China.

Would you like paper cats strung in front of your house?

They do it in Korea.

Would you like a mixture of scorpions, toads, centipedes and wasps?

They take it in China.

Would you like broth made from the living flesh of your own child?

They make it in China.

Truly the dark places of the earth are habitations of cruelty. Would you like to tell those afflicted ones a better way?

### \*2. Think It Over

Of every two infants in the world one first sees the light in heathen Asia: To what instruction is it born?

Of every two brides one offers her vows there: To what affection is she destined?

Of every two families one spreads its table there: What love unites their circle?

Of every two widows one is lamenting there: What consolation will soothe her?

Of every two orphan girls one is wandering there: What charities will protect her?

Of every two wounded consciences one is trembling there: What balm, what physician does it know?

Of every two that die one is departing there: What is his hope for the future?

### \*3. What Will a Dollar Do?

1. Keep a child from starving for fifty days.  
2. Feed and clothe an orphan for twenty-five days.

3. Pay for the education of an orphan twenty-five days.

4. Feed a poor widow for a month.

5. Furnish a teacher for untaught children for two weeks.

6. Send out a Bible woman for two weeks, when she may brighten fifty homes and two hundred souls.

7. Send out an evangelist for one week, who may reach at least fourteen villages and fourteen hundred souls.

8. Send out a colporteur with the Bible for twelve days.

9. Buy fifty copies of the Gospel in any language.

10. Buy twelve New Testaments in any language.

11. Buy three Bibles in any language.

12. Set in motion incalculable influences.

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\*Missionary Methods for S. S. Workers: George H. Trull  
†Missionary Review, Jan. 1914



## R. A. PROGRAMS



Prepared by Mrs. Harry S. Mabie

### FIRST MEETING

A glad New Year to every Royal Ambassador

"To dare go forth with a purpose true,  
To the unknown task of the year that's new;  
To help your brother along the road  
To do his work, and lift his load;  
To add your gift to the world's good cheer,  
Is to have and to give a Happy Year."

Subject—Planning for 1916

Hymn—"Jesus calls us o'er the tumult"

Scripture—Ex. 14 : 15, 16: Passing over Red Sea

Sentence-prayers for faith to go forward.  
Business

1916—Our gifts. Chapter treasurer

1916—Our social service. Talk by member

1916—Our mission study. Talk by leader

1916—Our R. A. book. Explain making of book

Essay—The glory of being an American boy in view of world conditions

Hymn—"King's Business"

Leader's talk: Cause of European war. Promise in Matt. 6 : 33. Command in Matt.

28 : 19, 20

Adjournment.

For social service talk show that this has grown out of the second part of the great commandment—"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself". It has the sanction of Christ and we shall consecrate ourselves to it in 1916. For talk on our gifts emphasize our foreign specials. (See October program). Add sketch of Dr. Green now in this country. Tell how one R. A. boy added to the apportionment by making a special gift of \$2.50 to Dr. Green's new hospital in Ogbomoso, Africa.

Suggestion to Leader: Have boys make an Ambassador Record Book, 10x14 inches, purple or blue cover and gold pages, tied together with silk cord. Rule first pages allowing space for names, dates, attendance, gifts, positions (president, secretary, etc.), school grade, tither, industry, deportment, etc. On following pages allow spaces for

sketch of the life of each member with photograph if possible; interesting incidents in local R. A. history. This can be made as attractive to the boys as a High School Annual. (For details write Mrs. Harry S. Mabie, Bluefield, W. Va., or to W. M. U. Lit. Dept., 15 W. Franklin St., Balto., Md.)

Officers are elected from ballot from among those having the best general average based on gifts, deportment, industry, attendance, etc.

### SECOND MEETING

Mission Study Meeting

"Around the World with Jack and Janet"

Hymn—"Christ for the world we sing"

Prayer.

Mission study books are treasure store houses for leaders and the above named book is a charming one. Simple enough for the very young and most fascinating to older people. It will take you "Out of the New World into the Old". The six chapters will last you from January until June with two meetings a month. If only one meeting is held use it in part. The "Guide Book" will be just that to you. "The King's Highway" will be needed as a reference book. Get these helps even if you have to practice self-denial to do so.

### Gleanings from One Annual Meeting

One chapter arranged a fine program, made copies and gave to neighboring churches and thus organized three new chapters.

With an estimate of 500,000 boys in Southern Baptist Convention and only 503 R. A. Chapters it is time we get to our knees for forgiveness and then go forth to win the boys to definite Christian service and love for missions.

If you cannot arouse interest in a Sunday afternoon service, try a week night meeting and have light refreshments after program.

If you are in the country and positively cannot get boys together for a meeting, combine with a boy's Sunday school class. Sub-

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## SUNBEAM PROGRAMS



Prepared by Mrs. George Stevens



SUNBEAM BAND, NEWBERRY, SOUTH CAROLINA

### FIRST MEETING

SUBJECT—The New Year

MOTTO—Every Sunbeam at work for 365 days

SCRIPTURE—Psalm 96

PRAYER—That God will bless our work

HYMN—"Be a Little Sunbeam"

ROLL CALL. OFFERING. PRAYER

MEMORY VERSE—Matt. 5 : 14

Leader's Talk: Once upon a time, at the very beginning of the new year, a dozen of beautiful sunbeams were dancing hither and thither. Touching a leaf here and flower there they made the world seem a joyous and bright place to live in. The refrain of the happy song they were singing was "Christ for the world we sing, Christ to the world we bring, with loving zeal". As we looked at the Sunbeams and listened to their song we thought, "Yes indeed, the sunlight of God's love will warm this old world and bring it to

Jesus". Just then the sunbeams ceased singing and one of them whose name we will call January began talking.

**January Sunbeam:** Come, let us talk about what we are going to do this new year. The old year has gone. Christmas, the birthday of our great King, was a happy season. Now it is time to plan for our work and I am going to ask the other sunbeams what they intend to do for missions this year. How and where will you shine?



**February Sunbeam:** If you don't mind I wish we might shine in some of the countries of South America, in Cuba, Panama and Mexico. From what we have learned about these countries last year we feel sure that the people need light and are waiting for us to bring it to them.

**March Sunbeam:** I think it would be nice to learn something about the work that is being done right here in the United States for the foreign, negro, and Indian children. We might make things a little brighter for them.

**April Sunbeam:** And there is the missionary doctor who works in the hospitals in foreign lands. He will want us to send all the light we can to the large number of people he will help this year. Many of the patients are children.

**May Sunbeam:** We can brighten up a lot of things if we use our money and our time in the right way. This is very important.

**June Sunbeam:** Let us find out just how much has been done for foreign missions in all the years that have gone, and then we will talk about what they will need this year and try to do our share.

**July Sunbeam:** Don't you think it would be a good idea to spend some of our time reading missionary stories and papers that will help us to understand more about missionary work? Perhaps it would help us to do more for the children who do not know about Jesus.

**August Sunbeam:** Everybody knows that the dreadful war in Europe has caused many children to become orphans. How much these countries will need the sunshine of God's love. Let us carry it to them.

**September Sunbeam:** I know a place where it is very important that we shine; and that is right in our own beloved state. When the people in the state of ——— love God then they will help to send the Gospel all over the world. "The light that shines brightest at home shines the farthest away."

**October Sunbeam:** There are so many ways in which we may serve God and so many places where they are waiting to hear about Him, that we must pray and give all we can for the salvation of the whole world, carrying our light into the dark places.

**November Sunbeam:** The United States is our native country and is called a Christian land. Every Sunbeam will want to make our Gospel light shine so brightly that all other countries will be made brighter and better when they look this way.

**December Sunbeam:** And here we are at the end of 1916 studying about China again. It is a joy to be able to help the children of China by giving them more missionary teachers. We must be in a hurry about this for soon it may be too late. They are waiting for the sunlight of God's love.

**Leader:** Dear little months I thank you for your thoughts and plans. If we are all in earnest about them God will help us to carry them out. Let us come as regularly as we can to all of our meetings, pray to our Heavenly Father for His blessing and give our gifts for His work with a generous and loving heart.

**Note:** Each child representing a month could carry some flower or emblem typical of her month. Leader could elaborate according to desire.

## SECOND MEETING

**SUBJECT—**Our work for the new year

**MOTTO—**"Here am I send me"

**SCRIPTURE—**2 Kings 5 : 1-10, 14

**PRAYER—**For power to shine for God

**HYMN—**"Jesus loves me"

**LEADER'S TALK**

**HYMN—**"Jesus wants me for a sunbeam"

**ROLL CALL. OFFERING. PRAYER**

**MEMORY VERSE—**John 8 : 12

**Leader's Talk:** At our last meeting we talked of some of the things the Sunbeams wished to do in the coming year. Today we want to plan for our own band and see just

how we can shine right here in our own corner. The Bible lesson today is about the little Hebrew maid, who, though she was a captive in a strange land, far away from her

own people, knew that God was caring for her all the time. She told her mistress, for she was a little servant maid, that God could cure her master of a very bad sickness he had if he would go to God's prophet and learn from him just what to do. You see she was shining for God right where she was. That is just what He wants you and me to do. We need not wait until we are older or larger, we can begin at once to serve Him and shine for Him.

Now one of our own dear Sunbeams will tell us how an American Indian let his light shine, and another how an African girl let her light shine: After that I want you to tell of different ways that you could shine for Jesus, in good deeds and kind words; in your homes, in day school and of course in the Bible school and church.

**SUNBEAM: How an Indian let his light shine for Jesus.** Out on a ranch in a western state an Indian, who had been riding pony-back all day, became so weary and his pony so tired that they could go no farther. He asked for shelter at a farm house and they were very glad to have him stop with them. They fed the pony and when supper was on the table they all gathered around it and said to the Indian, "Now just help yourself." The Indian who was a Christian said, "Don't you pray before you eat?" They answered, "No we don't." "Well at our house we always give thanks for our food and if you don't mind I will pray now," said the Indian. He bowed his head and asked a blessing on the evening meal. The next morning he asked if he might read to them from God's Word. After reading from his little Testament he knelt in prayer. Then thanking the farmer for his kindness he mounted his pony and rode away.

A few days after that the Indian was surprised by a visit from the farmer, and what do you suppose he wanted? A Testament, that he might read God's Word for himself. The Indian had only the one precious copy but he gladly gave it to his visitor, who told him that he wanted to read the Bible and have family prayers each day in his home. Do we always do this in our homes?

**SECOND SUNBEAM: How little Ninga let her light shine.** Ninga was a little African girl whose father sold her to a wicked man for his wife. Her husband beat her cruelly because she could not do hard work in the fields. After a while he brought her to

the mission school to get rid of her. At first she was dreadfully frightened because she expected them to beat her just as he had done. When she learned that they only wanted to help her she became very happy, more happy than she had ever been in her life. She listened to the beautiful story of Jesus' love as the Christian teachers told it every day. After one of these lessons she said, "I love Jesus and want to be his child always. I did not know until I came here that it was wrong to lie and steal and say bad words. I don't want to do those things any more. I pray 'our Father' every day."

One day she came running to her teacher crying bitterly because she saw a man beating a small girl, and begged her to take her into the mission school. But there was no room nor even clothing to give to another child. Ninga pleaded so hard for the little girl, saying that she might share her bed and wear her dresses. Now Ninga had only three dresses and it meant much sacrifice to her, and that she was in earnest about saving the other girl. The teacher was so much touched by Ninga's unselfishness that she went to see about the little girl and bought her from her cruel owner. When the new girl had been given a bath the teacher noticed that Ninga had given her her very best dress. And that was the way a little African Christian child let her light shine. She helped some one else.

B patient, B prayerful, B humble, B mild,  
B wise as Solon, B meek as a child.  
B studious, B thoughtful, B loving, B kind,  
B cautious, B prudent, B truthful and mind.  
B cheerful, B grateful, B hopeful, B firm,  
B peaceful, B generous, B willing to learn.  
B happy, B joyous, B ready to give,  
B helpful, B earnest, teach others to live.

## A HAPPY NEW YEAR

"Just at the turn of midnight,  
When the children are fast asleep,  
The tired Old Year slips out by himself,  
Glad of a chance to be laid on the shelf,  
And the New Year takes a peep.

"When the children wake in the morning,  
Shout their 'Happy New Year',  
The year will be started well on his way,  
Swinging along on his first white day,  
With the path before him clear."

\*Leader should help by suggesting different ways of serving. Discussion might be helpful. Use blackboard to note ways of shining.



## FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



### THE GOOD WILL CENTER AT COALGATE

MY heart is filled with gratitude for the materialization of a Good Will Center here at Coalgate. It is a neat place and will be well equipped and fitted up for the work in a very short time.

The sewing school at this Good Will Center is progressing nicely. We have about forty enrolled and an average attendance of from thirty to thirty-five. These children are of different nationalities, mostly Italian. They are not only taught to do work with their hands but are also taught God's Word, in stories and in verses from the Scripture. Our volunteer workers are capable and untiring.

The daily kindergarten is another delightful feature of our settlement work. There are six nationalities represented in this kindergarten, Italian, French, German, Mexican, Scotch and English. We have seventeen enrolled and when the weather permits they are there in full number. Here also we have an invaluable volunteer helper.

It is a great joy to hear these little ones say the sweet verses from "God's Book of Letters", as they call the Bible. They love the songs, stories, talk and prayer.

In visiting in their homes the mothers often tell me that they live their kindergarten life at home. A German mother told me that her little girl prayed her prayer at the table. These little ones are very careful not to plant weeds in God's garden. They think of their hearts as being God's garden and the flowers growing there are the things they do and the words they say. Sometimes one forgets and says a naughty word and then the others notify me immediately that that child planted an ugly weed in God's garden. They even tell their fathers not to say bad words for if they do they will plant weeds.

One morning as we were talking about nature and what mother earth was doing it led up to what their mothers were doing in the home. A little French-Italian girl piped up and said, "My mother is cooking dinner, taking care of baby and tending to the beer". Such expressions give us an insight into their

homes. I hope and pray that through these little ones their parents may be won to a knowledge of Jesus Christ. Oh that it may indeed be said of them, "A little child shall lead them".

Pray for the work and workers at Good Will Center at Coalgate.—*Minna Preuss, Coalgate, Oklahoma*

### A MIRACLE OF GRACE

The Year Book, Calendar of Prayer and the constant coming of ROYAL SERVICE remind me that I have faithful co-workers over the sea who are busy in the Lord's service and who are praying for us over here in Laichowfu. And what an inspiration to us is the life and going home of Miss Heck. Her messages which we eagerly read, are a great blessing to us, and how glad we are that her life was such a revelation of the love of Christ to us.

Oh, I long to tell you of many things about His "little ones" over here, how they witness for Him day by day; of their faithfulness, their trials, their temptations and heartaches, all of which it is one blessed privilege to share. Not all of these are perfect Christians, yet when we have taken into consideration their past opportunities and their present surroundings as compared with our past opportunities and present environments we may learn a great lesson from them.

Mrs. Lin eight years ago was a proud, haughty heathen woman of a well to do family, whose husband and father-in-law had just become Christians. She was so humiliated and so completely "lost face" before her neighbors because her men folks had, as her neighbors said, "become possessed by the foreign devil" that she finally resolved to kill herself. This she told her husband after she had reviled and abused him and thrown him out of doors. He spent the night in prayer. The result was that the next morning just about daylight she called him in and asked him to tell her about this Saviour he had found, and as he read and explained God's Word to her, both she and her grown daughter gave their hearts to Christ and resolved to follow him at all cost. The costs were that

her own dear parents disowned her as their daughter and she had to see her Christian daughter, who is very dear to her, go into a heathen family where she had been promised in marriage in early childhood, and suffer much persecution because she believed in Jesus. Of course all this brought down upon her head the bitterest reproach of her neighbors, her home was the laughing stock of her village. But in spite of all that both she and her daughter have clung to Jesus through these years. She is a faithful Bible woman now. At this time she is out in the country with her husband, who is also an evangelist, holding meetings and going from village to village and from house to house teaching the women about the Saviour she loves.

I am glad to tell you that her father and mother have at last relented and now not only admit her into their home but listen to her story of salvation through Christ. She was forty years old when she was converted and could not read, but she began at once to study her Bible and has had the course in the woman's Bible school and is still trying to learn all she can as she goes about her work of witnessing for Jesus. There are other examples of the faithfulness of native Christians of which I will write another time.—*Cynthia Miller, Lai-chow-Fu, China*

### "OUR MUTUAL BURDENS BEAR"

While staying in Greenville, S. C., trying to enforce the out-of-door rest cure for tuberculosis upon my two active children, a daughter aged twelve and a son aged ten, am obliged to be absent from Havana. But Dr. McCall writes good news of our work in Cuba. We receive many heart-cheering letters written in Spanish from our people and they comfort our hearts with their sympathy. Those we have helped to teach to pray are now offering their petitions for us.

My sister, Miss Bettie Lipscomb, is with me and while detained here we are both trying to write and speak in the interest of our Cuban mission work. It is ever a privilege, at all times, to do this for the Master's cause.

The month Dr. McCall was with us he put everything on a possible and hopeful basis, knowing that our hope is in God and that everything is possible with Him. Pardon so much personal news but we are anxious for the prayers of our sisters at home and abroad.—*Mabel McCall*

### A CALL FROM THE HEART OF A CITY

Yangchow, China, is a very old city, its history dating back prior to the twelfth century. Its streets are narrow and dirty, its houses, closely built together, are mostly made of brick, one story high and windowless except for windows made in the roof by means of panes of glass placed upon rafters, the edges being held down by tiles which form the covering of all brick houses.

In recent years some more enterprising Chinese have opened windows in the sides of their houses and many are now coming to realize what a wonderful improvement a window makes in a room. These poor people, so long in darkness, are now beginning to let the light of God's sun into their homes. May they even now be as willing to let God's eternal light into their souls. Many are, but we long to see the millions turning to the Lord as well as the hundreds.

China is a country vast in extent and many, many have never heard that idols are false and that there is but one true God, one Saviour who alone can save them.

In the center of this city there is a flourishing Sunday school, a large majority of the scholars being regular attendants. In four years this Sunday school has grown from ten or twelve to one hundred and ten or twenty. Sometimes the attendance goes up to the one hundred and thirty mark. At least half of the pupils are children, some from our day school, some from government schools and some from families living near the chapel. Our superintendent is a good, wide-awake man and the teachers seem to be keenly alive to the importance of doing their utmost to make the Sunday school a means of salvation to their people. The work in this part of the city in the very center of the population would grow by leaps and bounds had we a suitable building for the work of teaching the Bible. If only the friends who have enough and to spare could but know our great need, a preaching hall and workshop for the evangelization of the people in and around Yangchow, they would, I am sure, give freely and gladly of the means of which the Lord has made them stewards that His name might be glorified in this place among the heathen.—*Nellie M. Pierce, Yangchow, China*



## AWAY DOWN IN FLORIDA

We want our friends to know that we are trying to keep pace with the times in our work with the Italians away down here in Tampa, Florida, even tho' some people think this climate makes people move slowly.

The first Sunday in October we observed Rally Day in our two Sunday schools with an attendance of 153. Our classes of Italian boys and girls were happy in contributing special songs and Scripture verses for the program.

Our day school and kindergarten in West Tampa have taken up their work with new interest and enthusiasm. Night school classes in English for working girls and boys continue to meet a demand.

Some new features of our work are manual training (now elementary whittling) for boys from seven to twelve years and basketry for girls' club, members of which are from eleven to fourteen years. They have just finished some pretty baskets made of raffia tied with the "Solomon's knot".

The sewing school is still an attractive phase of our work, some girls are coming once a week who cannot come to day school. They are now responding to roll call with Scripture verses of which the initial letters will make the alphabet acrostic. In schools and clubs the religious touch is given in different ways. We are arranging to organize part of the sewing school girls into a Blue Bird Club.

It is difficult to have regular mother's meetings because most of them work all day in the factories so they cannot meet in the afternoons, and in the evenings they must needs work at home. But recently we had an interesting meeting. We invited the children to come and bring their mothers, in this way we can get a crowd. It is true we always have a few more children than mothers. On this special occasion we had at least an average of four children to each mother, tho' some children came whose mothers were not there, and we needed to be thankful that not all the children come of the mothers who were there, for you know our Italian families are large. The seats in the large school room where Miss Black teaches were arranged around the wall in true Italian fashion and different sections given to pupils of Miss Black, kindergarten children of Miss Mitchell's night school girls, club girls, sewing school girls and

mothers with their babies as honor guests. The idea in the program being to entertain the mothers with samples of what the children were doing in these different departments.

The first number on the program, the Italian national song, was sung by all in the room, this has stirring melodious music making it "molto bello". Then a piano selection after which the kindergarten children played two games on the circle very freely and happily. "The Old Grey Cat" in which the greatest fun was to catch their teacher, Miss Mitchell, and "Round and Round the City", one of their favorites showing the ever childish delight in a train.

Six of the sweetest little girl singers in the kindergarten sang "Praise Him" and "Jesus loves even me". Before the program commenced Miss Mitchell didn't see one of these singers present so she went to her home and found her asleep. The mother awakened her and "dressed her up" but Angelina was far too sleepy to take her part.

Miss Black having given special attention in school that week to Columbus Day her pupils recited verses appropriate to that patriotic occasion. Pictures of the three sail boats with their names were displayed on the black board and they sang sweetly "Columbus sailed over the ocean". Miss Black explained to the mothers how she had talked to the children of God's protecting care on that voyage and how we have it each day in our lives.

The sewing school girls then came to the circle and sang their favorite sewing school song "All the children's clothes are worn" and played the "Shoemaker's Game" with spirited movements set to music, much to the delight of the mothers themselves.

The night school girls learning English love to gather around the piano before and after night school to sing gospel songs in English, so their number on this program for the mothers was "Let Jesus come into your heart".

The mothers were then invited into a smaller room where Miss Mitchell told them a story with religious sentiment. The children in the larger room were entertained with stories and games by Misses Black and Taylor. Refreshments of coffee and cake were served first to the mothers from a prettily decorated table and then the children

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## CURRENT EVENTS

### THE WORLD FIELD

THE most ruthless and inexcusable massacres of Christians in the last thousand years have taken place in the last six months in Armenia. It is estimated that over 800,000 have been killed, deported or kidnapped by the Turks and Kurds in their unmerciful "Holy War". The most able leaders in the Protestant and Gregorian church have fallen. Whole mission schools and colleges have been wiped out. The suffering of the women and children has been beyond words. The American government has most vigorously protested to the Turkish government, while the American people have organized a Relief Committee and are doing what is possible to alleviate the suffering.

At the suggestion of a convert from Hinduism a bell has been made from the metal obtained from the melting up of the old idols in the village which now calls the natives to praise and prayer.

A Convention of Russian and Ruthenian Christians was recently held in New York under the leadership of Pastor Wm. Fetter, the exiled Baptist of Petrograd. A Russian Union was formed which plans to help give better training in the Bible to Russian pastors, to publish a Russian religious monthly, to open a Russian immigrant home in New York city, and to send out more evangelists.

The Every Member Canvass is being tried out in China. One writer says, "We have only begun and have more than doubled our contributions."

*Our Sisters in Egypt* is a new magazine prepared by and representing the women of Egypt and the work they are doing for evangelism in that country—where the majority of the people have been taught that women had no souls and needed no education.

There are 40,000,000 Indian women confined in Zenanas, and 26,000,000 widows,

335,000 of whom are under fifteen and 111,000 under ten; not one woman in 10 in India can read. This is a big field for women's work for women.

The First Baptist Church of Chicago is reaching through its extension and Sunday school work people of twenty nationalities.

By the will of Mrs. John D. Rockefeller the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society receives \$300,000 and the Woman's Baptist Home Missionary Society receives \$100,000. Under the conditions of the will this money is to be used only for advance, for enterprises not possible within the ordinary income of the societies. Such gifts hold untold possibilities of helpfulness in many needy and strategic places.

A man passing through the Y. W. C. A. building which has been such a center of activity and helpfulness at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, was heard to say, "If this is applied Christianity, certainly the subject is worth investigation".

Mr. Sherwood Eddy who has had such wonderful results in his work among the students of China is this year in India. His purpose is to bring the Christian message to the class which has so far hardly been touched by it—the Brahmin and high caste students.

The definite goals set by the Northern Baptist Convention in its Five Year Program are 1,000,000 additions to the churches by baptism; a missionary force by 5000 workers at home and abroad; \$2,000,000 endowment for the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board; \$6,000,000 annual income for missions and benevolences.

There are 5000 foreign students in the colleges and universities of the United States. Isn't that a challenge as well as an opportunity, not alone from an educational but from a religious standpoint?



## TRAINING SCHOOL



### THE HALF-YEAR STORY

AS in all other schools, so in the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union Training School, the great event of the year is the commencement season. In May twenty-four young women received the degree of B. M. T. (Bachelor Missionary Training) and one a degree in Child Culture Course. Four of the wives of students took the degree in the Special Course for Married Women. Twenty-one received the certificates for one year of successful work.

It is a joy to us to know that all of our graduates of this year are in active work. We have never had a more beautiful commencement. Dr. E. Y. Mullins presided, Dr. H. L. Winborne delivering the address. The students marched in in two sections, singing their processional and carrying a daisy chain.

Before leaving for the summer, the principal, Mrs. Maud R. McLure, sent out catalogues and literature to the corresponding secretaries of all the states, the Theological Seminary trustees, the student body and the Baltimore headquarters. Mrs. McLure went to Pelham, Alabama, in June and taught a class for two months in Personal Service, in the new Woman's Missionary Union cottage. She revised the playlet "Building in His Name"; arranged for the Training School page in Royal Service and wrote five hundred and fifteen letters and cards. In July she gave a series of talks at the Assembly in Greenville, S. C.

During the summer several students remained at the school, the matron and her mother keeping the house open. Three of the students conducted the work at Good Will Center, keeping up a fine Vacation Bible School for six weeks. The success of the work compelled us to dismiss our tenants and refit the second and third floors for our own use. The building is beautiful and commodious and adds much to the efficiency of the work.

During June, July, August and September work done in Good Will Center was as follows:

Visits to hospital.....	59	Garments given away.....	249
Visits to almshouse.....	2	Funerals attended.....	1
Visits to Juvenile Court.....	2	Visits to Good Will Center.....	262
Visits to poor families.....	364	Baths.....	184
Prayer services in homes.....	8	Literature distributed.....	610
Prayer services in Good Will Center.....	13	Enrollment in Vacation Bible School.....	52
Average attendance.....	36	Expense of Bible School.....	\$6.37
Average attendance in Sunday school.....	52	Amount contributed.....	\$1.70
Average attendance of Personal workers.....	14	Total collected in Sunday school.....	\$7.55

Play ground open daily from 2:00 to 5:00 P. M.

Vacation Bible School open for two hours, five days each week for six weeks.

The expenses of renovating and furnishing were, of course, much more than we had expected. A balance of \$243.70 was left from the original purchase; to this we added \$218.84, making a total cost of \$462.54 for the improvements at Good Will Center. We shall also feel the \$15.00 a month loss from giving up our tenants, but we shall try hard not to report a deficit. The work is so glorious that we know we can trust the Giver of all good gifts to care for His own.

The school has opened splendidly. Sixty students are earnestly at work and average up in education and ability to a high point. Miss Sears and Miss Harrison, of China, Miss Ginsburg, of Brazil, and Miss Chastain, of Mexico, are among the students.

Thirty-one of the students are entering for work in the Vocational School here, giving two hours a week to the study of domestic science. This is a great privilege for them.

The Training School officers, students and managers feel deeply the removal of our great leader and our faithful friend, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck. It is a heavy responsibility that has fallen upon us and we beg earnestly that the Baptist women of the south will pray for guidance for us as never before; and we shall carry you, with all your interests, to the Master.



## PERSONAL SERVICE



### STARTING POINTS

THERE was once a man who built his palace in a well-kept, beautiful park. On one side of the park, outside the gates, however, were many stagnant pools of water, covered, under the glowing summer sun, with loathsome green scum. When the owner rode through his park, and particularly when he had with him guests from abroad, he took particular pains to go in the direction farthest from the ugly pools. If strange odors were faintly wafted to the guests or if they raised their hands to drive away annoying insects the host seemed not to see, and hastened to call their attention to some striking beauty in the landscape. Returning with his guests, he conducted them to his high outlook tower, open to the view on every side, except at the back towards the country of the pools. Here, having shown them all the beauties of his fair acres, he gave them a spy-glass and pointed to his neighbor's bare, unimproved lands—told eloquently how he was sending men to them to show them how to till their fields, improve their stock and build their houses. The plans were excellent, his motive high. His guests praised him. His conscience was at ease and he was content.

But he could not always control his children. His oldest son opened a long shut gate towards the pools. Thirsty, and not knowing the danger which had been kept so carefully from him, he drank and died. The owner was

in deep sorrow. "If it had been in a far country," he said, "I could have borne it—I should have done no less for others, poor things, but I should not have neglected you. Under my very hand, when I might have made it safe and pure, you have perished. My son! my son! your death lies at my door!"

You read my simple parable. *Personal service*, the new clause\*—some definite, organized personal service, rendered regularly to those in our own community in religious or physical need. If the standard opens your eyes to unknown possibilities, surely we could not dare to omit from it this greatest possibility for the safety of our own children, our own country, our own task at our own door.

Fannie E. S. Heck

### KEEPING RECORDS

WE have often emphasized the value of friendly visiting and the many opportunities that open up from this avenue of service.

In order to make such work effective and to connect it intelligently with the church or Good Will Center, we recommend that each society keep its own card catalogue. Ruled cards, 3x5 inches, a convenient size for filing, can be obtained very inexpensively and filled out by visitors somewhat like the following:

\* See Standard of Excellence.

#### AMERICANS

Jones, E. J.	1810 Craig St.	No Church
" Mrs. Sarah	" " "	Broad St. Methodist
" George 19 yrs.	" " "	No Church or S. S.
" Mattie 16 "	" " "	" " " " "
" Sarah 14 "	" " "	" " " " "
" John 8 "	" " "	" " " " "
" Jennie 6 "	" " "	" " " " "

Remarks: Mattie and Sarah work at tobacco factory. Father, painter by trade but drinks. House dirty and children untidy.

These cards may be distributed to the visitors and returned when filled to the secretary for filing. Such information is indispensable when dealing with a family and its needs and

paves the way for constructive work of the most effective kind. It is well for visitors to go two by two, so that while one is getting information the other may make the record.





## UNION NOTES



### ROUND TABLE

FROM Oklahoma, the "New State", the W. M. U. corresponding secretary sends forth her Thanksgiving month's report to the readers of ROYAL SERVICE. No hunter of the quail, no florist of prize chrysanthemums could feel deeper gratitude for the fair Indian summer which has made the work afield so beautifully easy. It was toward the land of the Pawnee Indians that the secretary journeyed against the coming of Thanksgiving. Upon arrival at Pawnee she was met that Wednesday afternoon by Miss Mary P. Jayne, our honored Royal Ambassador Missionary to the Pawnees. The secret was soon out that the Indians were busy indeed in preparation for their big Thanksgiving church dinner and upon arrival at Miss Jayne's it was evident that many pots were boiling on her cook-stove, while others were just as progressive over at the home of Mrs. Harry Bock, the wife of the Home Mission Board pastor of the church, and in the kitchen of the church "eating house". By excellent management however the workers were ready for prayer meeting in the attractive and indeed beautifully though very recently lighted church. Mr. Bock read and explained the Bible lesson and Mr. David Gillingham, the son of White-Eagle the Pawnee Christian of over 87 years of age, interpreted. Then in English or Pawnee the congregation sang the songs of Zion and the various members of the church would tell of their religious convictions. The service lasted much longer than the prayer meetings east of the Mississippi but no one seemed to want to go. In the congregation were some Kiowas and Otoes. One of these was a little church member of only nine. After the benediction she entertained the secretary and also gave great joy to her parents by a recitation in which she showed the native ability of her Indian blood. Before prayer meeting we went to the U. S. school for the Indians where the small Pawnee children are being taught amid the most healthful surroundings. Many of the 80 or more children are from Baptist homes and so it was good to hear that once each week Miss

Jayne goes to this school and gives a Bible lesson. This she did on Thanksgiving Eve after the children had sung "Count your many blessings"; had told why they were thankful; had recited the story of the first Thanksgiving; had demonstrated their fondness for pumpkin pie; had given the Frances Willard Temperance Pledge, and had shown the sorrows of a drunkard's home. With this school and prayer meeting as an added background Thanksgiving morning was indeed welcomed. While the clans were gathering and while the landscape was brilliant with the many shawls and blankets, the W. M. U. secretary had to rehearse with Mr. Gillingham just what she was going to say at the eleven o'clock service. At that time the songs and prayers and offering and Scripture seemed truly worship as Pawnee, Kiowa, Ojibwa and English ascended in praise together. Before the talk, they sang "Take the name of Jesus with you" as many of our members remember they did at the Oklahoma City meeting in 1912. It was inspiring to think how faithfully many of them had, during the intervening years been taking that Name into the lives of their friends and children so that the church now has a membership of 203 and a number of inquirers. After the service, there was the great joy of shaking hands with these friends in Christ Jesus, one dear old woman having been His follower for over 70 years. Others were still in the darkest heathendom. But in truest hospitality all were welcomed at the long tables in the church "eating house" and royal indeed was the feast of deliciously cooked pumpkin and squash, squaw corn and potatoes, turkey and cranberries, cabbage and doughnuts! The afternoon was given to friendly intercourse and then there was another wonderful meal in the "eating house". After that we all gathered in the church where Mr. Bock, with Mr. Gillingham as interpreter, gave a number of splendid Bible pictures with his stereopticon. The final meal in the "eating house" was on Friday noon after which the woman's society had its regular weekly meeting. Songs, prayers and testimonies were

given in loving faith; Miss Jayne, with Mrs. Peters as her interpreter, gave a fine Bible lesson; and then the W. M. U. secretary spoke through Mrs. Peters. Mr. Gillingham admonished the women to heed the lesson of the afternoon and of the Thanksgiving season; an offering of over \$3.00 was taken; Mrs. Taylor, the organist and chairman of the "eating house" committee, interpreted for several who spoke; and then Mrs. Burns in softest Pawnee led in the singing of "Take the name of Jesus with you". While in Pawnee it was the secretary's privilege to take part in a state mission program in what in Pawnee terms one is pleased to call the "white" Baptist church. The woman's society with the loyal help of the pastor, Rev. T. P. Haskins and his wife, was evidently the guiding spirit of the occasion. The Sunbeams gave their song and other interesting missionary information was given in song and dialogue. A delightfully helpful preparation for this Thanksgiving was a visit to the home of Rev. Robert Hamilton of Shawnee who has charge of the Home Mission Board's work among the Indian students in the government schools in Oklahoma. He touches the life of about 1500 students each month. While in Shawnee, through the kindness of the pastor, Rev. E. L. Compere and President F. M. Masters; it was the secretary's privilege to visit the Oklahoma Baptist University which, though opened only this fall, has an enrollment of over 100, many of whom are young women and several others are ministerial students. One of the largest Oklahoma gatherings was the all-day W. M. U. meeting in Oklahoma City when fully 200 women came to the great First Baptist Church from the city and its many suburbs and from towns of some 30 and 60 miles away. The morning session was given to a state mission program in which it was very clearly shown that the \$128,000,000.00 increase during the year in the state's material wealth should be a challenge to every Christian to bring the tithes and offerings into His store-house. The afternoon was used for the secretary's talk and for social intercourse. Many of the First Church workers were met during the Sunday morning service when at the request of their pastor, Dr. H. H. Hulten, the secretary spoke before the offering for state missions was

taken. The other frontier state visited during the fall by the W. M. U. secretary was New Mexico. Its corresponding secretary, Dr. E. B. Atwood, and Mrs. Atwood, the W. M. U. secretary and vice-president, had made careful preparations so that the week in New Mexico was full of large opportunities. Enthusiastic W. M. U. meetings were held in Raton, Albuquerque, Clovis and Roswell, the ones at Albuquerque and Roswell being unusually large. In each place the pastor of the church and the leaders of the missionary organizations showed the deepest interest in the work and gave a cordial welcome to our representative. It would be a joy to speak of the many evidences of constructive interest manifest on practically all sides in our New Mexico work and to call the names of so many who made the secretary's visit truly an uplift to her. It was at Tucumcari that their annual meeting was held, with the president, Mrs. E. Pack, in the chair. The attendance was small but exceedingly representative so the leaders said. Vast distances in New Mexico make a large woman's gathering rather difficult but we have faith to believe that through the year the message and resolutions of that Tucumcari meeting will somehow be gotten to the workers through the delegates who were there. One decidedly forward step was to plan in that frontier home mission territory state for an increase in the foreign mission offering. The initial step taken was pledges covering the salary of at least one woman foreign missionary. At the general convention in New Mexico a most enthusiastic hearing was given to woman's work. At the close of the service the men and women literally crowded around to subscribe for ROYAL SERVICE. From New Mexico, the over-night trip was made to El Paso, Texas, where the Sunbeam Chapel for the Mexicans is splendidly located. This school was visited just at the Friday chapel hour, where the 200 and more little children and half grown boys and girls were singing a hymn as the visitors entered. Miss Annie Long, the principal, gave a hearty welcome and one of the teachers interpreted to the school what the W. M. U. secretary said. Then in exquisite melody they sang the Mexican national air. Through the kindness of Dr. J. F. Williams and his assistant Miss Lizzie Hall of the El Paso First Baptist Church, the trip across the then almost water-

less Rio Grande was safely made past custom inspectors and other officials into poor, war-weary old Mexico, the town visited being Juarez. Here the party was met by our missionary, Rev. W. F. Hatchell, and carried to a little rented building where he and Mrs. Hatchell conduct a day school as an integral part of the regular missionary work. Here again your secretary spoke through an interpreter, the Scripture was read and sweetest songs were sung by much over 100 children. Outside that school, with but few exceptions, all seemed to be squalor and suffering, all else seemed to summons to war. At the First Church in El Paso, a very large W. M. U. afternoon meeting was held and on the following Sunday afternoon a most cordial hearing was given with the First Church of San Antonio as hostess. At this same church during the Sunday school hour, large audiences were spoken to by the secretary, once to the senior and adult women's departments and later to the school as a whole. It was truly more than a day's journey east to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, where under Mrs. George W. Riley the president and Miss M. M. Lackey the corresponding secretary, the annual meeting of the Mississippi W. M. U. was in session. The attendance was delightfully large and unusually representative and on all sides there was the keenest interest in all phases of our work. The Young Woman's and College Auxiliary had their evening program at the Mississippi Woman's College, whose growth is one of the prides of Mississippi Baptists. One of the other distinct features of the meeting was a picture of a lily which was shown during the reading of Miss Lackey's report. All hearts did truly "consider the lily" as she showed through the buds, half-blown blossoms and open lily our full graded W. M. U. system. Then it was "home again" to Alabama to its truly remarkable annual gathering in the great new First Baptist Church of Montgomery. The president, Mrs. C. A. Stakely, was in the chair faithfully assisted by Miss Laura Lee Patrick, the corresponding secretary. As in the report of other gatherings much must be omitted but perhaps the outstanding feature of this meeting was the establishing of a \$5,000 chapel-building memorial fund in honor of the really wonderful life of the lamented Alabama Sunbeam leader and pioneer state organizer, Mrs. T. A. Hamilton. In Selma and Ensley,

two other gatherings of Alabama women were spoken to, the one in Ensley being remarkable for its audience of fully 300 women. The last annual meeting east of the Mississippi was attended at Springfield, Tennessee, with Mrs. Avery Carter as president and Miss Margaret Buchanan as secretary. Perhaps in no state did the associational and district workers show a more wide-awake interest. Here as in Mississippi and Alabama, beautifully tender services were held in honor of Miss Heck. From Springfield, the secretary visited Tennessee College at Murfreesboro. Its president, Dr. George Burnett, is president also of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, so the college is truly and justly dear to the Baptists of the state. From a pastor in the Kentucky mountains 47 subscriptions to ROYAL SERVICE have recently been received. He paid 10 cents himself on each subscription for he felt that the women of his church must have the valuable monthly. And now from a North Carolina woman come 37 subscriptions which she is sending to some pastors in her state. Eleven Indian women in Oklahoma have also recently subscribed. In the May number of ROYAL SERVICE an appeal was made for a girls' dormitory at Abeokuta, Africa. Word has been received from Miss Fannie Wood, president of the Eastern District of the Texas B. W. M. U., that this dormitory, to be known as the Josie Still Lockett Memorial, will be built, \$2200 having been pledged for the purpose through the Judson Centennial Fund. The seventeenth Annual Session of Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia was held with the Norfolk Union, November 8th-12th. Freemason Street Baptist Church served as an ideal place of meeting. Points that stand out prominently are the wonderful Mission Study Class with 150 students, who studied the topics assigned; the informing organization conferences; all too short for the many subjects discussed; and the eager interest of the large audiences. Memorial services were held for Dr. Willingham, Miss Heck and "Mother Elsom". The Baptist Women Mission Workers met in Austin, Tex., Nov. 16 and 17 in the Senate chamber of the Capitol. There were nearly five hundred messengers, and a large number of interested visitors. The evening session was given entirely to the Y. W. A.'s. Six young women were elected as members of the Executive

Board. Nearly 2000 organizations were reported (498 of them being Sunbeam Bands), 108 Associational Auxiliaries and 12 Districts. Over \$250,000 was reported collected and disbursed. Never in the history of the Georgia W. M. U. has a stronger, more representative body of women met together than composed the convention body in Savannah, November 9-11, 1915. The presentation of the Training School Enlargement, following the memorial exercises for Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, was made more real by the playlet, "Building in His Name". Georgia W. M. U. will do its part by this noble institution and to this end placed the Enlargement Fund on the apportionment for another year. Dr. John Lowe of China presented to the convention their opportunity to do a great thing in undertaking to raise the balance due for building the school for Girls in Kumamofa, Japan. The Annual Meeting of the W. M. U. of Kentucky was held at Jellico, November 16-18, Mrs. L. L. Roberts, Lexington, Ky., presiding. A memorial service in honor of Miss Heck was held. A sketch of her life and some personal memories were given by Miss E. S. Broadus, Mrs. Maud R. McLure and Miss Maggie LeCompte. After this service addresses were made by Dr. W. H. Smith, Dr. V. I. Masters, and Dr. W. D. Powell. A special field worker was planned for, and also one Sunday in September set apart as Promotion Day for all W. M. U. organizations, programs to be arranged for the occasion. The playlet "Building in His Name" was splendidly given by the girls of Jellico. Miss Minnie Middleton who has been the Union's visitor to a number of our colleges in the interest of missionary work among our Baptist young women students gives us the following interesting report: Sixteen miles from the railroad, in a new Baptist mountain school in East Tennessee, with cold wind and inky darkness of a rainy night shut out by fresh pine walls of a little new cottage, my mind is busy with thoughts of this past month's work. The days have been strenuous and full of many problems, but also full of great joy from seeing so many earnest young women preparing themselves for service. Leaving Kentucky the 28th of October I made my way to Georgia, beginning first at Cox College where the visit was cheered by the help of Miss Evie Campbell's enthusiasm. Though Shorter College has no Y. W. A.,

there is a beautiful spirit of personal service manifested in the Y. W. C. A. The secretary reported nearly fifty Sunday school teachers among the students, in addition to some who are leading Sunbeams, Y. W. A.'s and clubs in the mills of Rome. One could hardly expect that Bessie Tift students who had been attending a fair all day would be especially eager for another "extra" after supper, but such was not the case. Nowhere during the month's trip has the response been more sympathetic. It was a great help to have here a joint meeting with Dr. Purser of the Foreign Mission Board. Bessie Tift students have entire charge of two mill Sunday schools, a wonderful training in personal service as well as a real help to the people whom they teach. South Carolina boasts the proud record of an organized Y. W. A. in every Baptist college and high school, with Mrs. Geo. E. Davis, state Y. W. A. leader and college correspondent open meetings and conferences were held at Coker, Anderson, Limestone, and Greenville Woman's College. Keen interest and enthusiasm marked every meeting. It was a great sight at the annual meeting of South Carolina in Spartanburg to watch that throng of young women singing in triumphant procession, "Publish glad tidings". Few in that magnificent audience of nearly two thousand people will ever forget the swing of joy in their fresh young voices or the note of courage as some student representative spoke for each school. In many minds there must have been the same thought, "Here is at least a partial fulfillment of Miss Heck's message. 'Lead the young women gently in places of joyous responsibility'". In company with Miss Clyde Metcalfe, Young People's Leader of Alabama, the following schools were visited in that state: Judson; Central College; State University, where an organization was effected among the Baptist students; the Methodist Woman's Colleges in Montgomery and Athens; the Presbyterian Seminary in Marion; the Technical Institute at Montevallo, and the Agricultural School at Athens. At first thought it might seem strange that so many schools of other denominations and state institutions should be visited, but these trips justified our belief that the Baptist girls in other colleges than our own should also be aroused to a sense of responsibility for the home church.

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## HOME DEPARTMENT



### CONTRITION

I walked with the Master  
To the parting of the ways.  
I talked with the Master  
Of my plans for coming days.

I had chosen my path  
And the work that I should do;  
But the Master said "Child  
I have other work for you."

"The path that you would choose  
Lovely seems with flowers sweet,  
But 'neath them many thornes  
Hidden lie to pierce your feet."

We came at length unto  
The parting of the ways,  
Said I, "This is the path  
I've loved for many days."

"I cannot give it up,  
The flowers are bright to see."  
"Dear Child," the Master said,  
"Come this better way with me."

I saw the thorny weeds,  
And I said, "Thy path is hard,  
I'll take the path I've loved,  
It will lead me up to God."

### A BUDDHIST NUN

She was sick, miserable and repulsive looking. As she stood in her ugly, gray priestly garb, her uncombed hair bound with a brass headband in token of her vow to repair Buddhist temples, and whined out her woes; my soul revolted against receiving her. Her name was Miss Whang and she brought a note from Miss Pierce, then at Chin Kiang, asking me to receive her until Miss Pierce's return. What could I do?

It seemed just about impossible, and very unwise to receive her into our women's compound, so near our girls' school, for the Chinese say:

"Ten Buddhist nuns, nine are bad,  
The tenth odd one surely is mad."

I had no time to give her out of my crowded days, and no reliable woman to put her in charge of; but there was my senior

He went His way, I went mine,  
His face was full of sorrow.  
If I find my way too hard  
I'll go His way tomorrow.

I left my Master's side  
And went my wilful way,  
Though sharp thorns pierced my feet  
And clouds obscured my day.

So on and on I went  
O'er the path that seemed so bright;  
Now dread and drear it grew;  
And then came night, dark night.

I fell upon my face  
And cried out in my pain.  
"Oh Lord, I'll go Thy way  
If thou wilt but come again."

I lifted up my head  
The Master's face to see,  
He stood with outstretched hand,  
Inviting, "Come this way with me."

The Master walked with me,  
Glad I fared His chosen ways,  
And made His will my will;  
His plans my plans for coming days.

*Mrs. N. Y. Napier, Yangchow, China*

co-worker's request, and what could I do but grant it? "Christ died for the ungodly", and in her circumstances I would have been just such a woman—probably worse. So, putting the whole matter into our Lord's hands, I received her.

Her appearance caused a panic among our school girls who were afraid to go to sleep with such an outcast on the place, lest in the night she do us all some serious harm. Very fervent prayer for protection went to our Father that night. We couldn't keep her on the place in nun's garb, so that was changed, and her life among us began. Less than a year after coming among us she was baptized and today she is a saved woman. The transforming power of the Gospel has made this once strange, wild looking woman our Sister in Christ.—*Julia MacKenzie, Yang Chow, China*



## BOOK REVIEWS



### Christian Citizenship for Girls

A DEAR little book, a book that one likes to read over and over again, is *Christian Citizenship for Girls* by Miss Helen Thoburn, Editorial Secretary of the National Board Y. W. C. A.

In the introduction we follow the two, who with luncheons packed, start from the conference camp to take the narrow mountain trail. We listen to their conversation as they climb, and finally we pause with them at the "Top o' the World" and gaze upon the country spread at their feet. The white spire shows the home village, the soft gray clouds of smoke the distant city, the camp below lies hidden and far away rise great mountains, beyond which suggests a new country.

"There's our whole world! Home, school, work and all the adventures ahead."

"And up here's the only place where we can see the road."

Enlarging upon the outlook from the mountain, the book weaves its way right into the heart of the reader. We are to consider ourselves "somewhere up at the top of the sky" to look each upon her own world, to find how far its boundaries reach, for our world comprises the places and people we are interested in, whether we have seen them or not. Then comes the choosing of the paths that we are to travel, the comrades that we meet on the way, the adventures that lie ahead. The chapter titles merely suggest the charm of thought that runs through the book. Some of these titles are: *Travelers All, Road-Menders, A Land of Far Distances, The Brook by the Way, In Comrades of the Road*, Miss Thoburn has a helpful talk on friendships. She speaks of those of the Innumerable Company along the road "who keep step with us more closely than the rest", and of those "a larger circle than we know, who watch us from a distance, in the building of whose lives we actually have a part". Straight through each chapter, whatever its special thought,

there is kept ever before us the guiding presence of Him who is the "Friend of all the world".

"There comes a day when we become citizens in real earnest, of a grown-up world. And so there comes an end to this journey that we have been making, for we have come down into the valley. The road lies now on the King's Highway, and hereafter we may set our faces steadfastly towards the city of God. There was Another once, who after walking hilly paths and country roads, finally came to the highway, and if we will, He will journey with us the rest of the way. For citizenship does not stop now: it is barely begun, and we will need His help all along the way."

We heartily recommend this book as interesting for Y. W. A. and G. A. members to read; as most helpful for leaders in preparing talks for young girls. Price .25

Among the books reviewed since the May issue of *Royal Service*, the following are especially recommended for Mission Study classes.

*For the Woman's Missionary Society—*

*The King's Highway* .30 net. Mrs. H. B. Montgomery

*Home Missions in Action* .30 net. Mrs. Edith H. Allen

*Rising Churches in Non-Christian Lands* .40 prepaid. Dr. Arthur J. Brown

*The Present World Situation* .50 prepaid. Dr. John R. Mott

*For the Y. W. A.—*

*The King's Highway*

*Home Missions in Action*

*Judson the Pioneer* .43 prepaid. J. Mervin Hull

*For the G. A. and R. A.—*

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## Y. W. A. PROGRAM

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in the valley? The very mountains invite us to climb and catch the vision which alone can be had from the top. Who can be content with stopping half-way and then returning? All along the mountain trail our vision is obstructed by one obstacle or another, only when we have reached the top are we satisfied. And so, if we would go forward, we must move among the mountains rather than on the plains.

After all, how better can we go forward than by developing our spiritual life. Paul, who lived such a victorious life, gave us these words, "But this one thing I do . . . I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Let us therefore, in planning for 1916, heed the command "Go forward!"

## G. A. PROGRAM

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### Topics for Prayers

"Jesus Christ alone can save the world, but Jesus Christ cannot save the world alone."

Our remedies frequently fail, but Christ as the remedy for sin never fails.—*John Kenneth MacKenzie*

The Spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions, and the nearer we get to Him the more intensely missionary we must become.—*Henry Martyn*

"The mission of the church is Missions."  
"Emotion is no substitute for action."

Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers, pray for powers equal to your tasks.—*Bishop Phillips Brooks*

## R. A. PROGRAMS

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stitute program for a part of lesson twice a month. Have boys wear pin and pay dues. If country boys do not have money let leader give them beans to plant. One chapter brought in \$18.00 in this way.

If a leader cannot be found for a chapter, take this circumstance as a call to you. Take up the work. God will furnish you for it.

## FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

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had their turn—for Italian children and babies all drink coffee.

An amusing impromptu number not known to be on the program was when a baby rolled over in the middle of the circle and was "the observed of all observers". At the close of the social hour "America" was called for as Italians seem to feel a gathering is not complete without their adopted national song.—*Fannie H. Taylor, West Tampa, Fla.*

## UNION NOTES

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The word "organization" best characterizes the week just spent in Tennessee. From the western part of the state to the North Carolina line Miss Laura Powers, college correspondent, and I have found only enthusiastic welcome in our efforts to bring about definite organization. In Union University, Sweetwater Seminary, Andersonville Institute, and Sevier County Baptist High School new societies were begun. At the last school, which has just opened this year, a few mountain girls gathered and organized. Their faces shone with sincerity and determination as we told them what other secondary schools were accomplishing. After the organization was completed and we were discussing the Standard of Excellence one girl's eyes snapped as she said, "If other schools can get on that roll we can, and we're a-goin' ter get there". At Hall-Moody Institute the Y. W. A. was reorganized. Encouragement was given to those already started at Tennessee College and Chilhowie Institute.

## THINKING CAP

Answers to these questions can be found in this issue of ROYAL SERVICE

1. What is your answer to the question on page 7?
2. What is the value of contact in Christian work?
3. Find some suggested work that you can do for your society.
4. Find a woman's missionary society 100 years old.
5. Find a Dead Sea.
6. How many states are training their societies in tithing?

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

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August 1, 1915 to November 1, 1915	Alabama	Arkansas	District of Columbia	Florida	Georgia	Illinois	Kentucky	Louisiana	Maryland	Mississippi	Missouri	N. Carolina	Oklahoma	Carolina	Tennessee	Texas	Virginia	Totals
W. M. S.—Foreign	\$1493.85	\$426.40	\$125.15	\$101.91	\$202.44	\$29.85	\$124.10	\$20.85	\$124.10	\$124.10	\$124.10	\$124.10	\$124.10	\$124.10	\$124.10	\$124.10	\$124.10	\$2019.90
Home	924.56	197.72	87.45	91.45	144.60	50.15	81.05	186.85	171.96	435.00	435.00	1089.06	133.45	1339.57	1052.79	24.65	19.66	1963.47
S. S. Board	8.30	3.00	1.00	8.30	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	256.81
Tr. School	635.72	602.75	7.50	34.31	1814.62	119.00	602.75	120.80	100.70	354.58	354.58	2505.14	264.80	1307.44	265.00	846.55	830.12	\$704.01
F. W. A.—Foreign	87.82	42.75	10.00	25	439.56	25	109.41	5.50	4.25	88.55	88.55	263.69	12.00	251.12	114.05	24.54	281.50	1839.21
Home	56.48	10.75	15.00	25	250.05	25	96.50	24.51	35.07	16.65	16.65	89.87	8.00	197.65	71.32	24.54	29.85	943.05
Tr. School	54.75	7.50	10.00	25	149.95	25	27.50	5.00	35.07	\$369.95	24.50	336.51	5.80	258.95	50.00	70.55	1500.49	1500.49
G. A.—Foreign	7.05	7.05	4.64	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05	15	15	15	2.50	69.76	24	21.42	106.66	106.66
Home	8.50	8.50	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	50	50	11.75	2.50	21.54	3.05	22.96	56.82	56.82
Tr. School	3.70	3.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
S. S. Board	2.00	2.00	6.69	6.69	6.69	6.69	6.69	6.69	6.69	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
Tr. School	43.05	43.05	6.00	83	267.01	29.75	29.75	1.50	1.50	7.75	7.75	149.52	2.00	348.51	26.78	183.15	1064.29	1064.29
F. W. A.—Foreign	27.17	27.17	13.57	83	110.16	13.57	13.57	1.00	1.00	6.05	6.05	211.87	5.00	213.38	9.14	108.21	704.05	704.05
Home	19.35	19.35	5.58	1.21	55.74	1.50	5.58	1.00	1.00	983.50	983.50	171.00	1.00	49.83	1.25	16.61	101.00	101.00
Tr. School	18.41	18.41	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	8.50	8.50	8.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Marg. Fund	3584.87	\$677.02	\$277.10	\$239.49	\$7618.69	\$230.50	\$3123.72	\$766.05	\$625.50	\$369.95	\$2504.07	\$6357.64	\$689.60	\$6910.42	\$2515.14	\$46.55	\$6618.20	\$43184.17
Totals	\$3584.87	\$677.02	\$277.10	\$239.49	\$7618.69	\$230.50	\$3123.72	\$766.05	\$625.50	\$369.95	\$2504.07	\$6357.64	\$689.60	\$6910.42	\$2515.14	\$46.55	\$6618.20	\$43184.17

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Home	87.00	87.00	4.50	119.85	10.20	5.00	11.75	88.44	48.15	231.89	784.46
Totals	\$361.00	\$350.00	\$9.00	\$1750.39	\$44.00	\$640.56	\$431.33	\$757.91	\$735.50	\$231.89	\$7971.16

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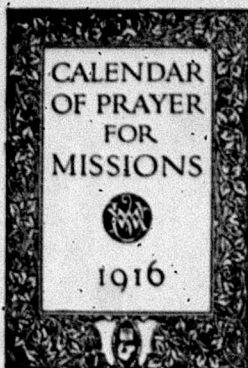
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