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Have faith in God. Mark 11:22

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More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of. Where-
fore, let thy voice

Rise like a fountain for me night and day.
For what are men better than sheep or goats
That nourish a blind life within the brain,
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of
prayer

Both for themselves and those who call them
friend?

For so the whole round earth is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God.

Alfred Tennyson

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EDITORIAL



MISS MARY FAISON DIXON

OUR NEW YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECRETARY

AT the Houston meeting last May the report of the Commission on Efficiency on Y. W. A. work voiced a sense of need which had been growing for some time in the hearts of many when it urged that the Union should secure "a paid worker who would give her entire time to Y. W. A. work together with that of the other young people's organizations". During the final meeting of the Executive Committee, the local Executive Committee in Baltimore was authorized to secure such a secretary as soon as possible. The growth of our work, the urgency of laying a sure foundation for our future work through a wider development of our young people's organizations, so ably brought out in Miss Heck's address in Oklahoma City, and the ever widening opportunities for work among the young women in our colleges were the elements behind the suggestion of the Commission and the action of the Committee.

It is with feelings of much gratitude that we are able to introduce at this time our new Young People's Secretary, Miss Mary Faison Dixon, who will enter upon her new duties in the fall. Though she has not been actively engaged in Union work she comes to us singularly well fitted through family connection and influence, through her knowledge of girls and young women during her college course and her years of teaching, and through her winning personal qualities which will make for her an open door wherever she goes. North Carolina gave to us both her father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Dixon, who need no introduction to Baptists not alone of the south, but the world over. A graduate of the class of 1904 of Mt. Holyoke College, Miss Dixon did graduate work in English at Radcliffe College and has since been teaching English and history. A deepening desire to let her life tell more definitely for the cause of Christ led to her decision to give herself to some form of active Christian work and we feel singularly privileged that from the calls which came to her she felt the claims of the southern Baptist young women and made her decision in their favor.

NOW

YOU remember as a child how after some assigned work was done you would rush into your mother's presence and fairly breathless you would exclaim "Now" and hold out your hand for the promised reward. Life is just childhood in progress and so as one duty is finished we mission workers rush into the presence of the Great Missionary and exclaim "Now" as we hold out our hands for His next evidence of trust in us.

The past year's work closed with April 30. We are now in the midst of our new responsibilities. It is not so important just how well we did last year's work but it is tremendously important what we do with the year before us. It is truly "The Imperative Now". Perhaps no better way to begin will be found than to study the measuring rod which is the W. M. U. Standard of Excellence. This with the resolutions and new ideas coming from the May meeting in Asheville will form a splendid basis for the plan of work in each organization. It will be seen in the standard that honor cometh to those who study much, give proportionately, help others and pray believing. In the Union Year Book, a free copy of which will be sent to each society early in July, many helpful suggestions as to methods and ideals will be found.

Another help will also be found in attendance upon and in reading the reports from the various missionary assemblies which are held all over the south each summer. Almost every one of the states in the Southern Baptist Convention has a summer assembly and some have two or more in different parts of the state. Write to your state W. M. U. headquarters for information as to the dates and program and try to have your society represented. From the same address information may be had concerning the student conferences and missionary assemblies in Blue Ridge, N. C. for all denominations, and at Ridgecrest, N. C., for Baptists primarily.

Many who have gone to a summer assembly for the first time have come away filled with a new enthusiasm for all phases of church work. The methods in W. M. U., Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work have gripped them, the challenge to more faithful stewardship as presented by righteous laymen has been accepted by them, the mission study class has opened up to them new arguments for world-wide evangelization, the presence of many joyous hearted, untrained young people has brought the fostering of missionary societies for them very close home, the social intercourse with people from all over the state has been delightful and the quiet vesper services of song and meditation upon God's Word have quieted the soul in His presence and have made one covenant to observe more faithfully the "Morning and the Evening Watch". As one thinks of all these blessings, may she say with those who are written of in the book of Zechariah:

"Let us go speedily to intreat the favor of the Lord:
I will go also!"

Form of Bequest to Woman's Missionary Union Training School

"I hereby give and bequeath to the Woman's Missionary Union Training School for Christian Workers, located at Louisville, Ky., incorporated under the laws of the State of Kentucky, the sum of \$.....to be applied to the uses and purposes of said school."

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BIBLE STUDY



TOPIC—The Cross

I. *The Cross*; the judgment of the world: John 12 : 31. Jesus Christ bore the sins of the world, "lifted up" on the cross: John 12 : 32. Death for Christ, justification for the believer: John 5 : 24; Rom. 5 : 9; 8 : 1; 2 Cor. 5 : 21; Gal. 3 : 13; Heb. 9 : 26-28; 10 : 14-17; 1 Peter 2 : 24; 3 : 18.

II. *Death of the Cross*: Phil. 2 : 8. Mankind was in a forlorn and desperate case in consequence of apostasy from God, Gen. 3 : 6-10, and continued rebellion against Him. We see the great mercy of the Almighty displayed in the plan of redemption from such woeful distress: Gen. 3 : 15; Isa. 7 : 14. How could we be cleared from our guilt without expiation, reinstated in freedom without a ransom, Isa. 53 : 10, 11; Matt. 20 : 28, or exempted from condemnation without punishment? Man by wilful transgression had offended and disobeyed his Maker, 1 Cor. 15 : 47, so it was necessary that man, by willing obedience and patient submission, should honor and glorify Him: John 6 : 38-40; 17 : 14. Paul speaks of the wonderful "mystery of godliness", 1 Tim. 3 : 16, which includes many remarkable things, the most of all is the "death of the cross": Phil. 2 : 8.

III. *The Cross* the result of "the determinate counsel of God": Acts 2 : 23. It was appointed that our Lord should die for us, so as to satisfy God's justice and in deference to God's authority. Our Mediator and Redeemer received as it were, a doom from God's own mouth. *God the Father*, Matt. 26 : 28, delivered up His beloved Son for our sakes, "even when we were enemies": Romans 5 : 10. *God the Son* stooped from the dignity and felicity of heaven to undergo infamy and pain on the cross that He might redeem us from hell: John 12 : 46, 47. *God the Holy Ghost*, who also conspired in the wonderful project of salvation, miraculously conducted our blessed Saviour into His earthly tabernacle, Luke 1 : 35, and glorified His humanity through the whole course of His earthly life, John 1 : 14, inspiring His love and supporting Him under the pains of death with invincible patience. What surer ground can there be for faith in God: Rom. 8 : 32.

IV. *The Cross* an evidence of God's love: 1 John 4 : 9, 10; 1 John 2 : 2; John 3 : 16. There is great joy and consolation in the contemplation of our Lord upon the cross showing His love: Eph. 2 : 4; 3 : 19. Transacting the work of our redemption: Eph. 1 : 7; Gal. 2 : 20; Rev. 1 : 5. Defeating all our enemies and overthrowing all obstacles to our salvation: Heb. 9 : 12. The Cross is an evidence of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, Rom. 7 : 13, 24, 25, from which we could only be raised by the sacrifice of God's only Son. We should be very humble in consideration of our lost condition: Eph. 2 : 12, 13. How abominable the iniquity which demanded such a sacrifice and how precious is the soul in His sight! Christ's love in His death on the Cross, John 15 : 12, 13, should inspire our love to Him and to our neighbor for whom also our Saviour had such tender affection: Heb. 2 : 10. "To the Jews a scandal, folly to the Greeks, strange to others blinded by self-deceit, yet to us who are called, a faithful proposition worthy of all acceptance that Jesus Christ came to save sinners".

V. *The Word of the Cross*, John 1 : 1, has proved itself the supreme agency for the renewal of man, John 1 : 7, and stamps in the bosom of the Christian the glorious signet of the resurrection life of the Son of God: 2 Cor. 5 : 17. In the sphere of missionary enterprise the emphasis on the Word of the Cross has had great evangelical power in conversions: John 1 : 9. "Therefore doth the Father love me": John 10 : 17. "Offering for Sin": Isa. 53 : 10; Heb. 2 : 14, 15.

The cross as a synonym of the death of Christ came to have a new meaning to the disciples after the resurrection. He then became to them the "Prince of life", Acts 3 : 15, the "God of glory", Acts 7 : 2. With this new knowledge they became lion-like in courage, preached Jesus with power. We recall the wonders of Pentecost, and now after centuries of victory the ignominious term "the cross" becomes the watchword in all history.—Mrs. James Pollard



PROGRAM FOR JUNE



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.



MY FATHER'S WORLD

Nineteen hundred years after Christ two hundred and seventy-five million human beings do not know of the Saviour of the world—Foreign Mission Conference

There could not come to us today a more helpful realization than that God is in the earth and that His power is still being manifested amongst men. There is going forward now the most marvellous awakening amongst the nations ever witnessed in the history of the world. The "stately steppings" of the Lord of hosts are thundering in the ears of sleeping empires and arousing them from their age-long slumbers. Through a century He has been knocking at closed doors and now they are opened wide toward the dawning day. The whole world is awake and expectantly looking for the new light, the significance of which it does not understand.

How important it is for us to realize that it is our God who is awakening these nations! How important it is for us to keep ever before us the fact that only as we link ourselves with His power can we meet the stupendous obligations which arise before us throughout this God-aroused world!—T. B. Ray

FOREIGN MISSION OUTLOOK

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POEM. PRAYER. CLOSING HYMN

SUMMARY—Southern Baptist Foreign Missions began in 1845 with the South China Mission. Work is now carried on in North, South, Central and Interior China and Pakhoi, missionaries

172; Africa, Southern Nigeria, 14; Italy, 6; North and South Brazil, 35 and 21 respectively; Mexico, 29; Japan, 19; Argentina, including Montevideo, (Uruguay), 16.

The Judson Centennial Equipment Fund of \$1,250,000 begun four years ago is the greatest undertaking of Southern Baptists. From every field comes word of the heartfelt gratitude of our missionaries for what this fund has already made possible in enlarged equipment for schools, colleges, hospitals, new homes for our workers and new houses of worship, and they ask God's blessing upon the givers who made this fund possible.

1. Progress and Our Part in It

"The first period of a decade and a half of the twentieth century has come to its close. It is a good time to take a general survey and note the progress of world-wide missions. The Protestant missionary societies of Europe and America have more than doubled their foreign mission work in all departments during these fifteen years.

	1900	1915
Annual contributions to foreign missions.....	\$15,000,000	\$30,000,000
Gifts of native Christians for work in their own countries.....	2,000,000	10,000,000
Number of missionaries.....	12,500	25,000
Number of native workers.....	60,000	125,000
Total membership.....	1,300,000	3,000,000
Increase by baptism yearly.....	85,000	300,000

"It took almost all of the nineteenth century to win the first million converts in mission lands. The next million was won in ten years, the third million was won in four years, and at the present rate of increase the fourth million will be won in three years. If the present rate of growth continues a million souls a year will be won out of heathenism. When that day comes who can tell how stupendous will be the onward sweep of the Kingdom?

"As we come nearer home the record for the first fifteen years of the twentieth century is even more remarkable. Southern Baptist contributions show the following increase in that space of time.

	*1901	1915
Contributions for foreign missions.....	\$107,419	\$537,096
Judson Centennial Fund.....		142,622
Gifts of native Christians.....	10,316	144,427
Number of missionaries on field.....	100	300
Number of native workers.....	152	611
Total membership.....	6,717	33,584
Increase by baptism.....	1,038	5,190

"It is well for us to try to get this wider view from time to time. In the midst of the present problems and difficulties and under the stress and strain, the dust and smoke of the conflict, we are liable to become discouraged and feel that we are making but little progress. There is every reason for encouragement in our missionary work. A glimpse of the past and a glance toward the future should cheer us on to more glorious efforts.

"Shall we maintain our present rate of increase? We ought to do even more. With the broad foundations which have been laid at home and abroad, with the rapid increase in numbers, wealth and development, our people will be able to do as much in the next ten years as we have done in the last fifteen. Think what that would mean! If we can keep up the present rate of increase by the time the first quarter of the century ends southern Baptists will be giving a million and a half dollars a year to foreign missions and our native church members another million and a half dollars; we will have six hundred missionaries on the field, two thousand five hundred native workers and one hundred and fifty thousand church members; and we will be winning converts at the rate of about twenty thousand a year. This is no idle dream. It can all be accomplished if we can only maintain our present rate of growth.

* Figures for 1901 are approximate only.

"Three things at this time challenge us to renewed activity in foreign missions. First, the vast changes taking place in all non-Christian nations, many of which are favorable to the spread of the Gospel. Second, the growth in self-support of the churches in foreign fields. The self-denial of the native Christians in their contributions toward the support and spread of the Gospel should appeal to the hearts of God's people in this favored land. It is difficult for us to realize how very poor many of them are, and yet while the average per capita contribution of southern Baptists to all religious purposes is five dollars a year, in China the average per capita gift of the native Christian is four dollars, in Brazil six dollars and in Argentina five dollars. In China, our largest mission field, the native Christians give almost twice as much for the support of their own work as the board appropriates for native workers, schools and hospitals. Almost every pastor receives a part of his support from the native church. There are now fifty-six churches that are entirely self-supporting. The native Christians are making contributions towards church buildings, giving a good part of the support of the schools and paying nearly all of the cost of the medical work. The native churches are not the helpless, dependent bodies which some people who have no knowledge of real conditions would have us believe. There is every reason to hope that there will be a rapid and permanent growth in the direction of self-propagation and self-support in the churches. These things ought to make us more willing to give to the utmost of our ability for the spread of the Gospel among the people who show their appreciation in this way. A third incentive to renewed faithfulness on our part is the fact that though fourteen new missionaries have been sent out this year, fifteen more, approved by the board and appointed to the work, are kept in the home land for lack of the necessary funds.

"God is throwing down a mighty challenge to southern Baptists by calling many of our young men and women into the work. While the boards of other denominations are devising plans by which they may secure volunteers, we have more splendidly equipped young people offering to go than we have means with which to send them.

"We must not be laggards in the world-conquering army. While our brethren of other denominations have greatly increased their contributions to the current support of foreign missions during the last five years, making a total increase in the United States and Canada of seven millions of dollars, southern Baptists last year gave only twenty-seven thousand more than they gave five years ago. We are not keeping pace with the general advance in the foreign mission work."

Still another challenge to our missionary zeal is the great and terrible European war where the bulwarks of civilization seem powerless to stand against the onset of the war-mad nations. A contemporary writer calls the war "a great spiritual breakdown". "Never before have men had such bodies! The telescope and microscope have increased and magnified the scope of our vision; the telephone and wireless telegraph have sharpened our hearing; steam and electricity have multiplied the speed of a man's legs; air-ships have enabled him to fly as do the birds; the new French and German guns have given him power to throw a cannon ball twenty-five miles! Yet with all these multiplied powers, this perfection of mechanical and scientific development, the soul of man has not kept pace and there is not enough spiritual power in the heart of men to control for the good of the race its vast material progress which uncontrolled is turning to self-destruction. Herein lies the challenge of the present crisis. It is in the spiritual realm that man is weakest. Christianity alone can give spiritual strength. When the present struggle is past, it is spiritual strength and spiritual leaders that will be needed for the new order that must follow. Christ must be preached among men now as never before; lives must be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit or the world will look in vain for those who can rebuild the walls which now seem tottering. The call to the followers of Christ in America is to lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes and enlarge the place of their habitation, that even now the life-giving power of the Gospel may enter into the hearts and lives of men to dominate them, and that leaders may be raised up in the nations whose God shall be a God of righteousness and whose lives shall be lived that His will may be done on earth as it is in heaven."

2. The Modern Missionary

"Christianizing the world has become a great business", says Dr. Aked in The World Outlook. "It cannot be conducted by a few pastors meeting in a church parlor. Statesmen have taken hold of this thing. Empire builders are at the head of it. Men and women who are destined to be rule-rulers are in the heart of it. The actual emperors and rulers of nations consult with the

leaders of the great enterprise, seek counsel from them and are grateful for their help.

"The success of missionary work has meant what success always does mean—development. The work has assumed new forms. The missionary today is a traveling clinic in his automobile; or he is at the head of a great hospital; or he is directing a college which is forming the mind of young Turkey or 'young' something else, forming the mind of the generation which is to influence states and nations, dynasties and democracies in the days to come.

"In the Province of Shansi in China fifteen years ago, American missionaries were being murdered. Today the provincial government asks an American missionary organization to take over the entire school system. The government offers to build the school houses and equip them, it will give an annual cash subsidy, it guarantees full religious liberty with the right to introduce the Bible into the school curriculum and teach the Christian religion.

"This is the modern missionary and these are the modern missionary methods. Pioneer or physician, surgeon or statesman, preacher of righteousness or president of a university, superintendent of instruction for a province or a nation, or emergency head of a famine relief expedition or war hospital, his science and his skill consecrated to the service of humanity for the love of the one God and Father of us all, the modern missionary pledges the future to the Christianization of the world."

3. Events in Many Lands A survey of the past year reveals events large with significance in all the countries of the world. We may only mention the terrible conditions prevailing in **Turkey** since that nation entered the world-war, the horrors of Armenian massacres and the uprooting of the work of education and healing that had its foundation in the lives of devoted missionaries and the gifts of men and women devoted to the cause of Christ. Persian and Arabian missions have felt the hand of war. In **India**, the German missionaries have been deported or interned and their work largely carried on by British missionaries. A laymen's missionary movement has been started there. G. Sherwood Eddy has conducted a whirlwind campaign in conferences and evangelistic services with special appeal to student and highcaste audiences and with thousands responding to his message.

We may only touch upon the problem of Islam. Dr. Zwemer, missionary to Moslems and authority on all things Mohammedan, says, "It is a world-wide problem and concerns every one of God's children. It concerns us because we believe in the social virtues of a Christian home, and most of all because we call Christ Lord and Master and because He called us brethren. For every nation in Europe Islam has become a national problem and responsibility. This question concerns Americans also most deeply. There is no place under the American flag where polygamy and slavery dare lift their heads in open daylight save in the Philippine Islands where there are 276,000 Moslems in one small area. All denominations are deeply interested in Mohammedanism. The Baptists of America are coming in touch with this problem in Burma, where in the last ten years the Moslem population has increased 33 per cent. In East Bengal the Baptists may boast of an entire community of Mohammedans won to Jesus Christ—six thousand strong. The one great problem in Africa is Mohammedanism. On the Congo, in **Africa** and in other fields the Baptists meet the problem of an aggressive Mohammedanism propagandism." And he adds, "Would to God this denomination appointed special workers to meet the crisis." A great Christian university is planned for Cairo; \$175,000 has already been subscribed for it in the United States.

In the countries where the Southern Baptist Convention has missions we find the following facts of importance noted in the missionary magazines.

China—Confucian worship recognized by the state. Great and open dissatisfaction in the government under Yuan-Shi-Kai. Follow-up work of the Eddy campaign. Continuation of the anti-opium movement. Jubilee of the China Inland Mission. Rockefeller Foundation gift to medical missions. The statistics for our mission field show that one denomination

which has over twenty per cent of the total number of missionaries and yet does not lay emphasis on educational work has but ten per cent of the Christian community. Another society which lays great stress on its schools, with only fourteen per cent of the total number of missionaries, has over twenty per cent of the Christian community. The Chinese follow the missions which afford them the best educational advantages.

"The religious approach to the Chinese has always been through schools. Confucianism held sway for two thousand years; it was propagated through schools. Buddhism gained what place it has, not by means of its idols, but through its philosophy. The Jesuits in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries won favor with the scholars and with the royalty because of their superior learning. We also are learning that if modern missions win China to Christianity it will be by obeying the Master's command to 'go and teach'."

Japan-Korea—We are all familiar with the wonderful record of evangelistic Christianity in Korea and the apostolic fervor of Korean Christianity. "It now appears," says a correspondent, "that Japan is working to press Korea and Koreans into a Japanese mold. The aims and methods of Japan are not Christian. The present administration in Korea apparently feels that Christianity interferes with their plans for Japanizing the Koreans; consequently they are doing all in their power to throttle Christianity without open persecution or without antagonizing the law that guarantees religious liberty. To this end they are attempting to suppress religious schools."

In Japan the three years' evangelistic campaign continues, largely entered into by the Japanese themselves. Newspaper evangelistic advertisement is a feature of Christian work in that country. At the recent coronation of the Emperor he received a Bible from the Japanese Christians of the Pacific Coast. Among the honors conferred were decorations given to several prominent leaders whose work was so conspicuously of a religious and Christian character that the honors are in effect a recognition of its value. Among others thus decorated were Miss Ume Tsuda, head of a girls' school and the president of the Japanese Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Buildings for a Christian Student Conference are nestling at the very base of Mt. Fuji, the Shinto goddess. In Japan proper the public school system leaves undisturbed room for mission schools teaching Christianity.

Mexico—Religious liberty has been guaranteed by the Carranza *de facto* government. The attitude of the present administration towards Protestants is avowedly friendly. Says a Protestant Mexican correspondent of the Missionary Review, "Protestants have shown themselves upright and worthy and loyal to the principles of democracy. Therefore they have been welcomed by the leaders of the revolution and are holding important positions all over the country. Missionary schools have sent out hundreds of graduates who have proved to be broadminded and patriotic. The leaders are looking for men of character. There is, therefore, a great chance for the evangelical Christians to show the practical value of their creed." Protestant Christians are to be very influential in public educational work. One of these, an official under the new government, who was sent to Boston in charge of 45 Mexican teachers to visit American schools, says, "I believe the Lord has given the Protestants in Mexico the greatest opportunity to rebuild the country in cooperation with the government, to uplift the people and show them what the Gospel life can do for the people with Christian education." Dr. Butler, who has spent forty years in Christian work in Mexico, says, "Protestant missions have been moving forward in a wonderful way. Attendance at church has been on the increase and Protestant schools more largely attended than ever before. The masses are steadily advancing and have begun to think and act for themselves. The supreme opportunity for evangelization of Mexico is at hand. While the complete separation of church and state has been consummated there is no official intolerance in matters of religion and the people are more susceptible to religious teaching than ever before."

Latin America—The Panama Congress gave consideration to the whole question of occupation, method and message, education and literature, the church on the mission field, and the Home Base. Special attention was also given to woman's work in Latin America. For the first time in the history of missions Latin America was lifted up as a whole. Continental need and continental opportunity were met by the first attempt to construct a missionary program on a continental scale.—S. Earl Taylor

Already the Panama Congress has provided an object lesson of love and fairness and the right spirit in dealing with the difficult problems of missions and church relationships. It has promoted friendship and added to the stock of interracial good will. It has led to new interests at home in Christian work in Latin America. It has brought together in sympathy and trust and a common purpose the leaders of the evangelical churches of North and South America. It has breathed new courage and hope into the hearts of lonely and scattered workers. It has led to a clearer discernment of the need of cooperation in tasks which are too great for us to compass in aloofness. It has sounded a call to a fuller fellowship of faith and race and to a recognition of the fact that not geography, nor political sympathy, nor commercial interests, nor science, nor trade, but only Christ can ever unite the nations of the North and South or of the East and West.—*R. E. Speer*

The editors regret exceedingly that this program had to be prepared before the report of the Foreign Mission Board, 1916, was available, but we find these significant words closing the report of the South China mission: "We realize that the constant and most important need of our mission is the blessing of God, and following the example of the great missionary to the Gentiles we urge with earnestness that unceasing prayer be made on our behalf. We, no less than workers in the homeland, are in constant danger of overemphasizing the value of means, both men and money. We would look more to God. We request all who read to do so prayerfully, remembering both themselves and us, that all of us may above all else seek to know what God would have us do, both with our time and the material things at our disposal. If all who give, giving either themselves or their money, will do so prayerfully, greater blessings will be sure to follow."

"Not in dumb resignation
We lift our hearts on high,
Not like the nerveless fatalist,
Content to trust and die.
Our faith soars like the eagle,
And springs to meet the sun,
And cries exulting unto Thee,
O God, Thy will be done.

"They will, it bids the weak be strong,
It bids the strong be just,
No hand to beg, no lip to fawn,
No brow to kiss the dust.
Wherever man oppresses man
Beneath Thy liberal sun,
O God, be there, Thine arm made bare,
Thy righteous will be done."

ANNUITIES

THE Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, is prepared to receive money on the annuity plan. Write to the corresponding secretary (address on page 2) for particulars. The forms prescribed by the laws of the state where the donor resides should be carefully followed as to acknowledgment, witnessing etc. of the will. It is desirable that any person executing a will containing a bequest or devise to the Woman's Missionary Union should notify the corresponding secretary.

Form of Bequest to Woman's Missionary Union, S. B. C.

"I hereby give and bequeath to the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Maryland, the sum ofdollars."

Form of a Devise of Real Estate

"I hereby give and devise to the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Maryland (here describe the real estate to be given) and to its successors and assigns and their heirs forever."



Y. W. A. PROGRAM



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 7. For helpful leaflets see page 3.

AUXILIARY DRILL

How does celebrating special days benefit an auxiliary?

It changes the routine, gives a broader vision, promotes unity and loyalty and is distinctly inspirational.

Is the annual meeting of a local auxiliary of the same value?

Its observation is just as important and has the added interest of reviewing the history and growth of the auxiliary, presenting future aims and opportunities, and planning for raising the standard of efficiency to a higher point.

How may a local auxiliary conduct this anniversary?

By having a special program, by preparing policy for coming year and by receiving new members from the Girl's Auxiliary and promoting members of the Young Woman's Auxiliary into the Woman's Missionary Society.

PROGRAM

Hymn—"Faith of Our Fathers"

Prayer

Bible Reading—Acts 8 : 26-39; Romans

10 : 14-15

Brief map study of the foreign mission stations supported by the Southern Baptist Convention

Paper on "America's Opportunity and Responsibility in Missions"

Hymn—"America, America"

Dismissal by sentence prayers

Fields Yet to Be Entered by Christianity

I. Fields unoccupied but open

(1) Large portions of Mongolia, Manchuria, and Central Asia

(2) Many parts of Africa

II. Fields unoccupied by either Protestant or Catholic missions because closed to all Christian work.

(1) Tibet

(2) Nepal

(3) Bhutan

(4) Afghanistan

III. Fields unoccupied by Protestant missions because of government opposition

(1) French Indo-China

(2) French possession in Africa

From "The Call of the World," W. E. Doughty

A Challenge to America

"O America, America, stretching between the two great seas, in whose heart flows the rich blood of many nations, into whose mountain safes God has put riches of fabulous amount, in whose plains the Almighty has planted the magic genius that blossoms into harvest with which to feed the hungry multitudes of earth, nursed by Puritan and Pilgrim, defended by patriot and missionary, guided by the pillar of cloud by day, and of fire by night, sanctified by a faith as pure as looks up to heaven from any land, O America, let thy Master make thee a savior of the nations; let thy God flood thee with a resistless passion for conquest; let thy Father lead thee over mountains and seas, through fire and flood, through sickness and pain, out to that great hour when all men shall hear the call of Christ, and the last lonely soul shall see the uplifted cross, and the whole round world be bound back to the heart of God!"

"Vanish warfare from the nations;

Cease, all cries of pain and grief;

Hush, deep sighs and lamentations,

Jesus comes to bring relief!

Sing, O silent tongue of dumb;

Leap, O lame man, as the hart;

Joy to poor, to bruised, to bond,

Jesus comes to bear your part!

"Chant high praise, young man, maiden;

Age, your songs are not all sung;

Children, with glad hearts love-laden,

Sing, the Child who makes all young!

Haste, O messenger of peace,

Swift through all the wide world run,

Gladness speak, love, hope, release,

Joy! for Christ the Lord is come!"



G. A. PROGRAM



Prepared by Miss Willie Jean Stewart

Subject—Foreign Mission Outlook

Hymn—"O Zion Haste"

Lord's Prayer in concert

Bible Study—The Cross of Christ

(1) For the overthrow of Satan: 1 John 3:8

(2) A Bond of Union: John 3:16; 12:32

(3) An Atonement for Sin: 1 John 2:2

(4) A Message to Preach: Matt. 28:18, 19; 1 Cor. 1:18

Hymn—"In the cross of Christ I glory"

Prayer—That the world may know Him
whom to know aright is life everlasting

A Foreign Mission Banquet

Sentence Prayers—For each of our foreign
mission fields

Hymn—"Am I a soldier of the cross"

Business. Roll Call

Refreshments—Tea and wafers

A Foreign Mission Banquet

If possible have girls seated about a table decorated with the flags of China, Japan, Italy, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina and Great Britain (Africa) with a large American flag in center. If flags cannot be had use flowers. Girls in costume of countries they represent.

Chinese girl enters with covered vegetable dish of rice (paper rolled up in small tight balls to represent grains).

Japanese girl bears pot of tea (Strips of tea colored paper, crimped, hanging from tea pot spout).

Mexican girl follows with dish of domino sugar (plain white paper folded into squares).

Italian girl brings a dish of olives (tiny booklets cut from olive-green paper in shape of large green olives).

A girl from the Argentine appears with a plate of snowy bread (slices cut from white drawing paper, crust indicated with brown crayon or water color).

Brazilian girl brings a bowl of nuts (may be empty nutshells containing facts on small slips of paper or little booklets color and shape of Brazil nuts).

Girl from Africa brings a basket of tropical fruits (cardboard, color and shape of oranges, bananas etc).

After each course allow one minute for girls to study their facts, then have a "test of digestion", letting each girl give her fact without reference to her paper. A few facts are suggested from each field, others may be culled from this issue of ROYAL SERVICE, The Foreign Mission Journal and mission study books on the various countries.

Rice from China

China was the first field to be entered by southern Baptists. Rev. J. L. Shuck of Virginia was our first missionary.

Chinese children are very fond of our American songs and games but are not so noisy in playing them.

Chinese women rank with monkeys and parrots in the thought of their men.

Girls are often unwelcome in China and it is considered no crime to murder them.

The avarice of British merchants has fastened on China the opium trade which has proven even a greater curse than the liquor traffic in America.

Tea from Japan

Japan is the most beautiful as well as the most progressive of our mission fields. It is often called "The America of the East".

A native Japanese bed consists of a mattress about one and one half inches thick and another of the same size used for covering, without sheets or pillows.

The jinriksha commonly used in traveling in Japan was invented by Jonathan Goble, who was an American and a Baptist missionary.

The kindest thing ever said of a Japanese woman is that she is stupid and has no soul.

Sugar from Mexico

The greatest need of Mexico is the open Bible and education that they may read it.

Sunday is a great holiday in Mexico celebrated with bull fights, circuses, army maneuvers and many forms of revelry.

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R. A. PROGRAMS



Prepared by Mrs. Harry S. Mable

FIRST MEETING

Topic—Foreign Mission Outlook

Ambassador-in-chief in charge, officers sitting around the table

Hymn—"The morning light is breaking"

Scripture—Isaiah 21:11-12

Talk by chief counsellor showing some of conditions in time of Isaiah as similar to conditions in the world today

Sentence Prayers—For the morning of peace to dawn upon the world and loyalty to the Prince of Peace in the heart of every Royal Ambassador

Commission and Declaration (Chapter standing)

Reports of secretary and treasurer

Roll-Call. Minutes

Recitation—"Watchman! tell us of the night"

Talk by chief counsellor bringing out these facts: that in spite of the great war our missionary heroes at the front have met with great success and are warmly welcomed into the homes; that all of our mission schools are badly over-crowded; that missionary hospitals are enjoying a greater popularity than ever before and that native churches are so crowded that people in large numbers have to sit on mats spread on the ground in the church yards. But there are shadows as well as lights. Mexico is now in darkness but morning will break with a greater opportunity than ever before. We are hindered a little in Argentina because the Romanists charge the war to the influence of Protestantism, but on the whole the general outlook promises great opportunities.

Essay—The Judson Centennial Fund (See report of the Asheville meeting)

Paper—Baptist Foreign Mission Beginnings (See life of William Carey) Review note in Oct. ROYAL SERVICE on our R. A. specials.

Hymn—"The King's Business"

Adjournment

SECOND MEETING

Hymn—"When Jesus came into my heart"

Scripture—1 Cor. 3:16, 23; 6:19, 20

Prayer—For a clean heart wherein may dwell the Spirit of God

Three five minute talks:

The Boy I Would-Like to Be

The Heathen Boy

What the First Boy Can Do for the Second Boy

Hymn—"Am I a soldier of the cross?"

Chain of short Bible prayers

Business. Roll Call. Adjournment

To the Leader—Have an out-door meeting with simple refreshments. The nesting song of the robin and the nightingale are not more certain evidences of early springtime than is the boy with his marbles, but early in April the reign of marbles is over and the ball and bat hold sway. We must take the boy as he is and upon that beginning construct the Christian manhood the Lord requires. The Royal Ambassador in June presents a peculiar type of boyhood. School is over for the year and his bursting spirits must find vent. Happy is the boy who has good clean work to employ his time and energy. But good positions open to boys are limited and we must look out for the idle boy. If you have not the time nor talent for outside athletics, press into service some man in the church to supervise the R. A. baseball nine and go into it to win. But an athletic club of boys without a supervisor will work more harm than good. The chances for strife and discord are too great to risk without a mature, sympathetic hand to guide. If you can't play ball at least go on a "hike" with picnic dinner or supper. However we must not forget that these boys, so full of life and energy, have very tender hearts open to the right influence, especially from one they love and admire. We have only to look back on our own childhood and early adolescence to know the love, fear and heartaches that boys and girls experience. So in this summer season pray for each boy with earnestness and study to win him to trustful, happy Christian experiences. "Winning to Christ" by Burroughs is a very fine book for leaders to study.



SUNBEAM PROGRAMS



Prepared by Mrs. George Stevens



A SUNBEAM LILLIPUTIAN WEDDING, FARMVILLE, VIRGINIA

FIRST MEETING

TOPIC—Foreign Mission Outlook

MOTTO—"Serve Jehovah with gladness"

HYMN—"Little drops of water"

SCRIPTURE—Psalm 98

PRAYER—Thanking God for the past year

HYMN—"Can a little child like me"

LESSON—By Leader

QUESTION EXERCISE

RECITATIONS

MEMORY VERSE—John 14 : 6

ROLL CALL. OFFERING. RALLY CRY. PRAYER

Leader—One bright summer morning while their mother was sitting on the porch, Philip and Inez were having a discussion down on the lawn. Presently Inez came rushing up to her mother saying, "Mother, why do we have to send our missionary money to other countries? Phil says it is because they don't know anything at all over there and that our money goes for schools and teachers for the heathen children. That doesn't sound just right to me, is it just as Phil says?" Mother looked into the eager faces of the children, for Philip had come up too, and this is what she told

them: "We do give our money to build schools and send teachers to heathen children, but these schools and teachers are meant to teach them about what they know least of, and that is about the true God. In some of the foreign lands they have schools and teachers of their own, but they do not teach them about Christ, so we must have Christian schools and kindergartens to show them that the worship of idols made of wood and stone is all wrong. Our heavenly Father commanded us to go everywhere and preach the Gospel, to tell the glad tidings of Jesus and His love. Years and

years ago these countries would not allow us to do this, but now every country is open to the missionaries that they may win its people from their gloomy and hopeless religion by telling them that God loves them and wants the whole world to know about His beloved Son, Jesus Christ. They welcome the missionary. At first the teachers had to pay the parents to allow their children to come to school, now they are glad to have them come and those who are able, pay for their instruction. There are more children anxious to come to the Christian schools than there are teachers or room for them. There is where the money we send comes in, only we do not send enough for the great need. There should be more missionaries, more schools, more money to carry on God's work in heathen lands."

"Mother," said Phil, "would you be willing for us to go as missionaries?"

Mother thought for a little while and then she said, "Yes, mother would be willing and would think it a joy for her children to do this great thing for Jesus' sake. But you need not wait until you are grown to be foreign missionaries, you can begin right now to pray and give and try to interest others in your Sunbeam Band in sending the Gospel to China, Japan, Africa, Italy, South America and Mexico. These are the foreign countries to which southern Baptists are sending the Gospel, don't forget them."

Question Exercise

To whom does the earth belong?

Psalm 24 : 1

What kind of people shall stand in His holy place?

Psalm 24 : 4

How do we know He cares for us?

1st Peter 5 : 7

How did God show His love for us?

John 3 : 16

What did Jesus do, that we may do also?

He went about doing good.

What else can we do?

Matt. 28 : 19-20

Are Sunbeams too young to decide for Jesus?

Ecclesiastes 12 : 1

What is a witness?

One who tells something he knows to be true.

Where did Jesus say His people were to witness?

Acts 1 : 8

Recitations:

"Spread the news of Jesus' love,
He is watching from above,
He will know if we delay,
Send the tidings far away.

"We who know the blessed news,
May not, dare not now refuse
To obey our Lord's command;
Tell the news in every land!

"Spread the tidings far and wide,
For the world our Jesus died.
Round the earth let praises ring
Crown the Saviour Lord and King."

"Little Jack Horner sits in the corner
Eating his Christmas pie;

He puts in his thumb and pulls out a plum,
And says, "What a good boy am I!"

"Little Jack Horner, come out of your corner!
You can find, if you only try,
A poor little chum with never a plum
To share your Christmas pie.

"O Little Jack Horner, there's many a corner,
At home and across the sea,
Where the girls and boys have no Christmas joys.
Let's help them, you and me."

Collection Jingle

"Pennies, nickels, dimes we are,
Rolling near and rolling far;
Little wheels, how swift we go,
Bearing to a world of woe
Tidings of the Lord we love,
Messages from heaven above.

"There are bigger wheels, you know—
Quarters, halves, yes, dollars too!
Set them rolling, friends, and see
What a buzzing there will be—
How the tidings that they bring
Will make lonely hearts to sing.

"If a big wheel you can start
With its message to some heart,
Do—O! do not be content
With a nickel or a cent!
But the big wheel—friend, don't wait;
Drop it quick upon the plate!"

SECOND MEETING

TOPIC—Our Part

HYMN—"The fields are all white"

SCRIPTURE—Matt. 14 : 13-21

PRAYER—For God's blessing on our band

RECITATIONS

LESSON—By Leader

HYMN—"Be a little Sunbeam"

RALLY CRY: BUSINESS. PRAYER

Leader—We wonder sometimes about this big world that God has made so beautiful. Why did He make it? Because He intended it to be the happy home of the people He created. He intended that they should love one another and dwell in joy and peace with all mankind. But sin came in and selfishness followed of course, the people forgot God and became very wicked. There were, however, among them some faithful ones who remembered God's promises and were looking for a Saviour to come to save the whole world from sin. God loved these faithful ones; He looked on the world and was sorry for the people who lived on it, and because He loved and pitied the world He sent His only Son to live on it for more than thirty years and then to die on the cross to save the people from their sins. (Have some child read John 3 : 16)

When Jesus arose from the dead and returned to heaven He left behind Him many who believed on Him, among them were twelve men, who were dearly loved by Him, called disciples. These twelve besides many others went about telling everybody of how Jesus would save them if they would only believe on Him and obey His commands. One of these commands was to preach the Gospel to all nations. That brings us to our lesson for today. We must be faithful to God's command and do our very best to give the glad news to every boy and girl in this whole world, yes, and to every man and woman. Just one band can't do it all but all the hundreds of bands and societies can do a great part toward spreading the Gospel. Let us make it our part to tell some one. Let us begin today! We can talk about this to our mothers and fathers and others of the family and get them to help us to send the news to foreign lands. Don't you remember in our Bible lesson to-day that Jesus took just what they had and blessed it and fed the great multitude with it? So He will bless just what we *can* do and soon, we hope, all the multi-

tudes on the earth will have heard how they may be saved.

Let us give our rally cry.

Note: Let leader tell the story of "A Little Maid Who Went into All the World" (See page 3)

Recitations:

"We've a story to tell to the nations
That shall turn their hearts to the right,
A story of truth and mercy,
A story of peace and light.

"We've a song to be sung to the nations
That shall lift their hearts to the Lord;
A song that shall conquer evil
And shatter the spear and sword.

"We've a message to give to the nations,
That the Lord who reigneth above,
Hath sent us His Son to save us,
And show us that God is love.

"We've a Saviour to show to the nations
Who the path of sorrow has trod,
That all of the world's great peoples
Might come to the truth of God."

"Once again, dear Lord, we pray
For the children far away
Who have never even heard
Jesus' name, our sweetest word.
Little lips that Thou hast made,
'Neath the far-off temple's shade,
Give to gods of wood and stone
Praise that should be all Thine own.

"Little hands whose wondrous skill
Thou hast given to do Thy will,
Offerings bring, and serve with fear
Gods that cannot see nor hear.
Teach them, O Thou heavenly King,
All their gifts and praise to bring
To Thy Son, who died to prove
Thy forgiving, saving love."



FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



TSIANG TA-TA

THE Bible woman found her one morning while we were staying at Kading, one of our country stations. She came in at noon and said, "I have found such a dear old lady in a house not far away and I promised to bring you to see her this afternoon." So the first time I saw her she was sitting on a low chair in a kitchen with an earth floor and nothing of what we could call comforts around her. Her bed was under the staircase in the room, and was far from clean or inviting. It consisted of a Chinese bed-bottom (jute woven into a wooden frame) resting on two narrow benches. Her covering was a cotton quilt covered with some coarse blue calico very badly soiled and her dear old head rested at night on a hard, dirty pillow. The family is not a poor one by any means, but her daughter-in-law, upon whom she is dependent, thought that she would be much less trouble to wait on in the kitchen than if she put her into one of the comfortable bedrooms inside, especially as the lower part of the old lady's body was paralyzed. She had not walked for years but with the help of her hands she could move from the bed to the chair and back again. She had a fall some years ago which injured her spine and she was so bent over that I had to sit on a very low seat in order to see her face. The first look at it was both a surprise and a pleasure for she had one of the sweetest faces I have ever seen and when I became acquainted with her I found that she had a heart as sweet and attractive as her face.

The industry of the town in which she lived is towel weaving and the old lady was industriously hemming some wash cloths of the same material as the towels. I naturally expressed surprise at a woman of her years working so hard and asked why she did it. From that time I knew that she was afraid of her daughter-in-law, for she did not answer in words, but moved her head in the direction of the room where the daughter was and then went through the motions of eating from a bowl with chopsticks to let me know that she was expected to earn her rice. This I found afterwards to be true, for whether I went early

or late she was always at work, and when there were no towels she was making shoe soles. I wondered how she could find the strength to pull the big needle through all those thicknesses of cloth and pull the cord as tight as necessary to make it firm,—but she did.

She was so lovable and appreciative that I would have given anything to have gotten a clean, comfortable bed for her and somebody to wait on her instead of her working away so hard. When I first came to China I would have attempted it, but I have learned a thing or two since that. In the first place, as I said, they were not poor people and the daughter-in-law seemed jealous and suspicious of anything I did for the old lady. I was afraid she would not let me go to the house if I did anything to displease her, therefore I had to content myself with buying the mother something I thought she might like to eat and giving it to her when the daughter-in-law was not looking.

But all this is only preliminary to what I really want to tell, and that is how the dear old Ta-ta received the Gospel. It was beautiful, encouraging and inspiring to see the way she took it in. I do not mean that she understood it all at once, for the blessed story had to be told over and over again before she could believe it was really meant for her, but there never seemed to be any resistance,—just a child-like wonder at it all. Sometimes I wouldn't see her for more than a month; but there was always a warm welcome awaiting me; some of the sweetest moments that have come to me in China were spent at that dear old lady's feet.

She had never learned to read and it was hard for her to get much from a printed or written sentence, but she learned quite clearly that there is one true God in heaven who because of His love sent His son to die for her and that she must trust in Him alone for her salvation. For a long time her only prayer was, "O God, forgive my sins and save my soul for Jesus' sake". One day I said to her, "You can tell Jesus about everything that concerns you just as if you were talking to a friend." She said, "Do you mean that I can tell Him about my daughter-in-law?" And

when I said, "Yes," she nodded her head in a most satisfied way and had a look on her face that showed that she had gotten a new idea about prayer. Later on her daily prayer was, "O Lord, come soon and take me to yourself in heaven". I wish I could remember all the sweet little things she said, but they have slipped away from me and I must close with an account of the last time I saw her. This account was sent to Miss Priest while she was at home and I will copy it just as it was written to her:

"I must tell you about my visit to Kading last week to see the dear old Ta-ta. I hadn't seen her for a year, for as you know, I had to give up the country work. Kading is a long, hard trip, but the old Ta-ta made Miss Kelly promise to send me out to see her once more before she died. The weather was extremely hot so I put it off for several days, but my mind was not at rest fearing that she might die having her wish ungratified. On account of the heat we (Mrs. Ong went with me) didn't start until after four o'clock in the afternoon, so it was about eight o'clock and quite dark when we got there. We went right over to the Ta-ta's home and found her awake and bright as ever I saw her. She was delighted to see us and she drew me down on to the repulsive looking bed beside her, put one hand on my shoulder and held me with the other hand.

"I sat there for an hour talking, singing and praying with her. You remember that her bed was in the kitchen under the stairs and right against the partition that divides the kitchen from the front room. The thermometer had been in the nineties all day and there was a half circle of curious onlookers standing as near to us as they could, so you may imagine something of what it was like. But oh, I wouldn't have missed it for anything! When I try to describe the experience words of my own fail me, but there are two lines of a hymn that seem to fit it exactly and these are what I kept saying over and over, 'And heaven came down our souls to greet, and glory crowned the mercy-seat'. The glory was visible only to the eyes of faith, but nevertheless it was there. The old lady's face showed signs of suffering, but there was a light on it that came from within and that could not be affected by external things. She said, 'I am not thinking or hoping for anything else but that Jesus will come soon and take me out of this old worn

shell of a body and give me a place in His heavenly home.' Then she added, 'Just pray for that and nothing else.'

"I sang 'Jesus loves me' to her—sang it very slowly so that she might hear every character distinctly. Her face showed that she was taking it all in, and at the end of every verse she would say, 'Veh tso!' ('true, true!') She told us she was trusting Jesus fully for her salvation and praying to Him day and night. Among other things she said, 'Isn't it wonderful that I who have not been out for years and never see anyone outside of my own family should at my age have an opportunity to hear the Gospel and power to believe it? Wonderful, wonderful!' My own heart echoed the words.

"The only way I can explain it is by seeing in her one of the called-out ones; and oh, how good it was of our loving Lord to let us find and give her the gracious call!

"You know how hard her daughter-in-law was with her and made her sew all day long to earn her rice. Well, it was so pathetic to hear her say they were all very good to her and gave her her rice and didn't make her get up to earn it. I left the dear old lady that night, promising to meet her again in our Father's house. We had to take the boat early next morning and I knew we wouldn't see her again. She lived for some time after this; the Bible woman who has been there since her death brought back cheering news of her last hours. Even her heathen daughter-in-law testified to her joyful faith in God and said she couldn't understand it."

So they are being gathered, "One of a city and two of a family". Oh, that the number might soon be made complete!—*Lottie W. Price, Shanghai, China*

FROM SUNSHINE LAND

Missionary life is made up of lights and shadows. But how grateful we are that there are so many lights and that the shadows quickly vanish away. Our work has never been so encouraging as during the past year. We have never been so busy and there are many, more opportunities that we can take advantage of. As we have no schools to which we can send our two children I try to give every morning to their studies. We greatly miss the many advantages of the schools at home; it is so hard to order school books when

we do not know which are best. Although we try to study every morning, many, many are the interruptions—callers, who often stay from a few minutes to several hours. The afternoons are usually devoted to Bible, English and cooking classes, and also to guests. It is a great joy to have so many girls, young women and older women come to my home where I have the opportunity of showing them the way of life eternal. I long to have more time to visit them in their homes for so many of them insist that I come, and there is no better way of winning them than to become one of them.

After the middle of May the mission has asked that I assume responsibility for our kindergarten here in Fukuoka as Mrs. Mills goes home on furlough. It will mean quite a lot of work added to my already full days. There are more than forty homes from which the children come which ought to be visited in addition to the homes of the last year's graduates.

I wish you could see the happy children as they flit about like butterflies in the kindergarten room. We have a nice large room (buff plastering, brown stained wood work), but as yet we have not been able to furnish it as completely as it should be. We are so anxious to have some pictures of great artists on the walls as well as the attractive borders that appeal to children. Our Japanese teachers are longing for a piano. All of these things will come in time.

We rejoice that the Foreign Mission Board has given us the privilege of starting the Boys' School. It opens in April in our present building, which is very inadequate since it was built for the Seminary. Only 105 boys can be accommodated this year. We are hoping for money enough to enlarge and equip our building that we may accommodate four or five hundred. We are greatly encouraged in our work in the night school. Four nights in the week young men learn Christ through the Christian talks, prayer and songs. These are years of seed sowing. We pray that the Master may speedily reap an abundant harvest. Will you not pray earnestly that many of these young men may give their hearts to God before it is too late—and also that we may be faithful servants of His. I trust God will use you richly in creating a greater interest in His work in Japan, for we greatly need men and women and more equip-

ment if we are to win the victory in this beautiful land where "only man is vile".—*Maude B. Dozier, Fukuoka, Japan*

"SEEING WE HAVE THIS MINISTRY WE FAINT NOT"

I have just returned from a visit to one of our out-stations about ten miles away where I have a small day school. This is the only school for girls in a cluster of villages containing some ten thousand inhabitants and should be well attended. But while a few Christian girls from that station have already been in schools at larger centers for some years, the heathen girls are still kept at home to help their mothers to earn their daily bread by braiding mats. Many of the families there are really quite poor especially since they have suffered from floods for two successive years. Others who can afford to send their girls to school do not yet feel the importance of it.

I was privileged to give the Gospel to many heathen women, among them were mothers and wives of some of our Christian brothers. One of them seemed especially interested; she is a widow with two other sons who are in our Christian school for boys in this place. We believe she will ere long become a Christian. Pray for her.

Young women unhappily married and young widows anxious for an education, but without means to obtain it and by the customs of this country under obligations to their dead husband's relatives, awaken one's sympathies.

Another woman who is grieving over the fact that her husband is a gambler, tries to learn a prayer for herself and husband, then an old woman earnestly tries to learn a prayer in the hopes that her son may, through her prayer, be brought to lead an upright life. Of course we tried to impress upon each one that they must come to Christ first for themselves, but so absorbed are these poverty-stricken people in getting a living that they can scarcely be induced to think of the future life. Two women from this place have been baptized during the past year besides some girls who are in the Boarding School in this city. From this school there have been thirteen baptisms during the year just passed.—*Henrietta F. North, Shiu Hing, China*

CURRENT EVENTS

THE WORLD FIELD

SINCE the outbreak of the European war, the Y. M. C. A. has been able to do most effective religious and social work in the camps. The newest developments promise wonderful results for the cause of Christ. The Russian government has given the Association permission to work among the Teutonic prisoners on condition that Germany and Austria will allow work among the Allied prisoners in those countries, which condition has been accepted. Dr. F. P. Haggard formerly Home Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society of the northern Baptists is on his way to Russia to supervise this work. It is impossible to estimate the far-reaching results of these efforts among those who will return to their homes with new knowledge of Christ and His power in their lives.

"Every legal document in China today must bear the date A. D. 1916. Think of what that must mean in a country where there are possibly 100,000,000 of people who have never yet heard even the name of Jesus Christ."

The sixty-two various organizations in North America working for home missions expended \$594,260.80 outside the United States and Canada last year and in the country \$14,014,700.11. 3,372 missionaries are wholly supported by these societies and over 15,000 partly supported. During ten years it is estimated that gifts to home missions have increased sixty-three per cent.

The Christian Scriptures are not the only sacred books being distributed among the troops along the different battle fronts. A Calcutta merchant realizing the opportunity for influence of such a move has personally distributed waistcoat copies of the Koran and of the Bhagavad-Gita among Mohammedan and Hindu troops.

For every line of Christian activity which is growing successful, its opponents seem to forge new weapons. An organization of young Jews and Jewesses known as "Builders of

Israel" is using every known means to hinder the efforts put forth by the Christian missions for the Jews in New York City. The missionaries are trying to gain the friendship of some of the leaders by endeavoring to explain more fully the work they are aiming to do, and a few are giving attentive hearing to explanation of the Scriptures.

During the recent Eddy campaign in India, in South India alone over 310,000 heard the Gospel, 835 new villages were entered, 13,000 were enrolled in Bible classes and over 6,000 decisions to become a Christian were made. The number of high caste Hindus who became interested in Christian teaching is regarded as most significant.

Pockets in clothing, formerly unknown in Korea, were introduced there by converts to Christianity so that they might carry Bibles with them. They call them Bible pockets.

Thirty-five different religious and philanthropic societies are represented at Ellis Island, New York, where the immigrants land.

The Chinese Minister of Agriculture has lately given his most hearty commendation to the College of Agriculture of the union missionary university of Nanking by arranging to send a number of students there from Peking to study forestry, and by publicly urging Chinese philanthropists to contribute to its support. He calls the University "a beacon light of education". The governors of a number of provinces have been so impressed by the high grade work done at the University that they also have sent students there, paying all their expenses.

July second has been selected by the Bureau of Naturalization as Citizenship Sunday. The object of this Bureau is to instill American ideals and patriotism in the minds of our foreign residents through night schools, clubs, and other agencies. This is a call to Christians for support and help.

TRAINING SCHOOL

"A TIME TO BUILD"

The God of heaven, He will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build. Nehemiah 2 : 20

BUILDING in His Name" is the absorbing topic of the day just now in Training School circles. The growth of the school, the crowded quarters, the necessity for extensive repairs on the old buildings all seem to point the way to increased efforts on the part of our southern Baptist women to realize the dream of a greater Training School, that all the young women whose hearts long for better methods for Christian service may find their needs answered here.

By the direction of the Executive Board, the Building Committee, Mrs. S. E. Woody, chairman, Mrs. Maude R. McLure, Miss Eliza Broadus, Mrs. A. B. Weaver and Mrs. George B. Eager had tentative plans ready to submit to Miss Mallory on her visit in February. These have been further developed and at the March meeting of the local board were presented, not only to the managers, but to the student body. There was a large picture of the building as it will appear in stately beauty on the terraced corner of Broadway and Preston streets, an offering to our Master, an expression of love and faith and worship from southern Baptist women. A view of the commodious dining room so sorely needed was shown, bright and cheerful with light streaming in from three sides. We saw also the interior of the exquisite Memorial Chapel, which is to be the special casket for loving memories of the life and work of our peerless leader, the beloved and lamented Fannie E. S. Heck. Its five beautiful Gothic windows, the gift of her devoted mother, will be symbolic of the light "that never was on land or sea", the light that flooded that great heart and from thence streamed out in blessing to all the world.

The board showed great interest in the plans and a renewed determination to bear their share of the great task that God has given our women. Then in trooped the sixty students, eager, enthusiastic, courageous; representing in many ways the largest offering yet made to the Training School, for in the two years since the W. M. U. undertook this Enlargement Fund students of the two sessions have raised \$1125.00 through personal sacrifices—walking to save car fare, handicraft done in hours of recreation, self-denial in various ways; even putting aside

"Their lady loves for spidery lace,
And broderies, and supple grace,
Of lilies that large life compound,"—

because of higher loves,

"Of loves for God and God's bare truth
And loves for Magdalen and Ruth."

A few weeks ago the beautiful daughter of one of our missionaries in Brazil, in leaving, gave one of her fellow students the handmade lace her mother had sent her for a summer dress to be sold for the Enlargement Fund. Oh, friends, these girls are showing their love and faith in the school in a thousand ways and showing us what sacrifice means!

A resolution was passed by the student body endorsing the plans and pledging their continued loyalty to the work.

In a little while, up in the "Land of the Sky", our women will be asked to consider again this insistent call "Arise and build". The great president of our Theological Seminary has said, "A vision without a task makes a visionary—a task without a vision makes a drudge". We have had the vision of a beautiful and adequate workshop to supply the needs of a sin-sick world. Now the task is before us; Oh let us, in God's name, do it!—Mrs. George B. Eager



PERSONAL SERVICE



PERSONAL SERVICE ITEMS

THE Southern Sociological Congress met in New Orleans, April 12 to 16th. At the request of the general Personal Service Committee, Mrs. T. R. Falvy of New Orleans represented the Union. Health was the leading topic and various phases of this subject were presented by prominent physicians and leaders in social service. The reports of these sessions may be secured from the secretary of the Congress, J. E. McCulloch, Nashville, Tenn.

Rescue work in behalf of our fallen and unfortunate sisters is being done in all our cities, it is imperative in its necessity and is a refuge for those who come out from a life of sin; it is indispensable, yet often neglected. Shall we then send the Gospel at great cost to heathen lands and overlook sin at our door? Nay, while we would publish abroad the needed, wonderful story, yet let us, constrained by the love of Christ, seek more diligently as the days go by for those straying ones, assured that we thus honor Him who in the days of His flesh never spake a word of unkindness or severity to sinning women—only this, "Go and sin no more".

The revised Handbook of Personal Service will be ready by the Annual Meeting at Asheville. It has been brought up to date by some additions and the general Personal Service Committee feels that it can offer an attractive and suggestive book for Personal Service workers. So often the request comes, "Give us some suggestions for the rural society", but we have felt in arranging this Handbook that we could do no better than to follow Miss Heck's lead and lay the plans for Personal Service on broad general lines. Everywhere there is need of one sort or another, everywhere there are hungry, weary or diseased bodies and those spiritually dead and we feel assured that some activity which we have suggested in the handbook will fit into each community. We have retained much from the first edition as arranged by Miss Heck and Miss Leachman only adding or eliminating

what will bring it up to date, and meet the expanding activities of our societies. It is necessarily only suggestive but the bibliography will direct a helpful course on reading. A complete survey is included with directions for directing one and conserving the results. This Handbook is free upon request. If, however, we have failed to suggest what may be possible to you, write us personally and we will do what we can to help solve your perplexity.—*General Personal Service Committee*

The first edition of the Homemaker is exhausted and a new edition will be printed at once by the Literature Department. This Manual covers the needs of Homemakers' Clubs and industrial schools by offering material which may be used in the conduct of such meetings. Price ten cents.

In connection with state annual meetings Personal Service Conferences are held with great benefit to all. In Virginia last November, one special phase of work for country women was brought out. This was work for convicts employed on the roads, begun by treating them as human beings, learning their names and calling them by same, and taking them good reading matter.

From Virginia also comes word of an Everyday Gladness Club for girls that a teacher has organized in her school. The members do everything they can to bring gladness into the lives of others.

The time is approaching for daily Vacation Bible Schools. They afford a field for our college students during the idle days of the summer time. These schools may be conducted in a church or better still, out of doors on a verandah or a shady lawn. The aim of such schools should be *definite Bible teaching* and training in self control and consideration for others.

The personal service committees of missionary societies should get in touch early in the vacation season with college students and enlist their interest in plans for such schools.



UNION NOTES



ROUND TABLE

THE Young People's Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union has been secured. She is Miss Mary Faison Dixon, whose father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Dixon of London, are both native to North Carolina. Miss Dixon will thus bring to the work, when she assumes it in the early fall, not only her southern birthright and a well trained college mind but also a deep longing to do definite Christian work. Most cordially do we welcome her, most gratefully do we thank God for the gift of her and most confidently shall we watch the work among our young people and college girls grow under her direction. — Miss Eliza Somerville Broadus of Kentucky has agreed to prepare the 1917 Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists. She is well known as the daughter of Dr. John A. Broadus and W. M. U. vice-president for Kentucky. Such a combination insures a calendar of light-giving Bible lessons and convincing missionary appeals. The Union is very grateful to Miss Broadus even as to the eight other women who have made possible the calendars of previous years. — Special attention is called to "Early Stories and Songs" as described this month in the Book Reviews Department. Large emphasis is being laid, especially during these days of waiting for immigration, upon the reaching of the immigrant mothers now in our midst. Homemakers' Clubs and other efforts to reach these lonely lives will find this book helpful in teaching them English through Bible stories. The author is Mrs. Mary Clark Barnes of the northern Baptist work, whose home mission study book, "The New America", is well known to many of us. — The W. M. U. corresponding secretary has spoken frequently during the past year of eight great oak trees that with much labor were transplanted from Druid Hill Park in Baltimore to its lovely but treeless Mt. Vernon Place square. She told how during the summer the body of the trees all the way to the topmost bough had to be wrapped and how much spraying was given them each day. With the coming of the spring the trees were eagerly

watched and great was the disappointment when it was found that three of them were quite dead, that still one other might not bud forth and that the ground at the root of the fifth must be dug away and much reviving water applied. Of course there was great rejoicing over the three that survived the "late-in-life" transplanting, that stood the test of winter and responded to the call of spring. It is just another challenge to every woman's society and to every leader of young people to plant the life of every boy and girl in the garden of missions. It is easy in early life; it is so uncertain later on. But this also has been learned: into the places, from which the dead trees were removed, other large trees from Druid Hill Park have with infinite trouble been transplanted. With similar faith let us work to enlist those women who were not trained as children to love missions. — The Yearly Literature at 60 cents a year is steadily growing in favor. By this system several of the best leaflets bearing on the monthly topic may be had each month by the single remittance to the W. M. U. Literature Department, 15 W. Franklin Street, Baltimore, Md., of 60 cents for the year. This is quite distinct, over and above, from the 25 cent subscription to ROYAL SERVICE. — Attention is again called to pages 24-25 of the Union Year Book in which Mrs. James Pollard who prepares the Bible Study each month in ROYAL SERVICE says: "The monthly topics are divided in sections or headings, which may be used separately, for it is impossible to give at one time the entire subject discussed, unless the hour is devoted to Bible study alone. Many of the thoughts and references are intended only as suggestions for further research. Often one section is sufficient for presentation at one limited time, and yet each section is related to the other divisions of the subject and may be carried forward as a whole". Where the society is divided into circles, these might study one section one week and one the next and so on, leaving the final section for study by the entire society; or where there is only one meeting of the society during the month

one central thought from each section might be developed, leaving the members to review each section more fully in their home study. The Union has regular Bible study as one of its ideals but in a *missionary* society the major emphasis and time must ever be given to the missionary program. — From March 27 through April 6 the W. M. U. corresponding secretary was in missionary institutes in the five W. M. U. divisions of Georgia. These nine institutes were held in Atlanta, Madison, Macon, Dublin, Waycross, Albany, Rome, Gainesville and Hartwell. In almost every instance the vice-president of the given division was able to be present. To these faithful officers as well as to the state workers large credit is due for the general advertising and planning for the meetings. The result was that in practically every place there were large audiences representing societies from all parts of the division. It was also particularly gratifying that so many associational superintendents and their district helpers could be present. Many of these took part on the programs and were truly "key women" in the noonday conferences on methods. The young people were also a joy in these institutes, giving in six of the cities the beautiful pageant "The Message of the Magazines". In four of the places the program covered two days, in four others only one and in one instance the sessions lasted for three days. State missions, personal service, W. M. U. methods and ideals, training of young people, the W. M. U. Training School, Kumamoto Girls' School, the Emma L. Amos Memorial of the Church Building Loan Fund and the Panama Congress were at each central themes along with the discussion of the work of the given division. — The social features of these Georgia institutes were as beautiful as were the pink peach blossoms of her famous orchards. At each place the "Flying Squadron" was entertained in the most cordial homes, each member declaring that his or her hostess was the most charming, his or her automobile ride after the all-day session the most refreshing. The time-saving and get-together noonday lunches were a grateful feature of each institute, in one place the never to be forgotten Jubilate violets being pinned upon each guest. — The Jubilate was also delightfully called to mind by the luncheon at the Piedmont Hotel in Atlanta which 150 Baptist women of that city gave on April 3 to Mrs. W. J. Neel,

Miss Evie Campbell, Mrs. Harvey Clarke of Japan and the W. M. U. corresponding secretary. It won its place in our hearts as the beautiful knows how to win with a woman but it also stood for a large interest in W. M. U. ideals and so to beauty was added strength. For it we cannot be too grateful. — The following interesting item has been received: Missouri has recently been divided into three districts, Northwest, Southwest and Southeast. Instead of the one annual meeting which convenes in April, three meetings were held in these districts. Our first meeting was held in the Northwest District with the Gallatin church April 6, 7 and on April 12 and 13 the meeting of the Southwest District was held in the First Baptist Church at Joplin and from there we went to the Southeast District and met with the Mexico church. The same program was carried out and great interest was manifested by all. Our aim this year is that we may come into vital touch with a great number of our women and these meetings were a means to that end since twice as many women were in attendance. The meetings were characterized by an intense desire for information and a deeper consecration to our work. — The Union will be officially represented at the Y. W. C. A. Student Conference in Blue Ridge, N. C., June 6-16, and at the Baptist Student Conference, June 6-11, at Ridgecrest, N. C. Miss Clyde Metcalfe, Young People's Leader for Alabama will be the representative at Blue Ridge and Ridgecrest.

THINKING CAP

1. What is the oldest mission of the Southern Baptist Convention?
2. How many missionaries on our foreign mission fields?
3. What is the object of the Judson Centennial Fund?
4. Find four causes to stimulate missionary zeal at this time.
5. Find some modern missionary methods.
6. What is the world-wide problem?
7. How were two women of Japan honored at the Emperor's coronation and why?
8. What is the status of Protestants in Mexico?
9. Who invented the jinriksha of Japan?
10. What is the amount of the largest gift to the Judson Centennial Fund?



HOME DEPARTMENT



THE HIDDEN SPRINGS

THOU who wouldst teach, hast thou been truly taught?
Hast thou in thy soul's cells true beauty wrought?
Thou who wouldst others feed, art thou full fed?
By thee, to wide, green fields can the young flock be led?
How deep, how true art thou? For knowest thou not
Thou art a well-thumbed page, no word forgot?
Of books' dry leaves canst thou make a green cup,
And from sweet, hidden wells of life bring up
The sparkling waters of a perfect whole
For each strong, seeking, thirsty, restless soul?
From two and two to far stars canst thou reach,
From grammars' rules draw laws of world-wide speech,
Or through the treasured gold of genius' page
Lead where immortals dwell from age to age,
Or, lesson of lessons for self-seeking time,
Speak the lost word to put our souls in rhyme,
Set the quick beat of heart with heart of fellowman
And link health, wisdom, wealth close hand in hand?
Show each his place in order's divine might,
His best to do and advocate the right?
Home, School, Church, Freedom's laws are pillars great
Which o'er the Spring of Truth uphold our shrine of State,
That stream at whose broad banks the gathered nations drink,
Stooping, with famished lips, to its clear brink.
Feed thou this river from thy deep springs cool;
Let no poor, gasping soul go from thy school.

Fannie E. S. Heck

BALLS AND BAWLS

"AUNTIE, why don't you tell me a story about naughty children sometimes?" said a Sunbeam one day to a beloved aunt. "Why, my dear, I did not know you cared to hear about naughty children!" "Well," said the Sunbeam, "you might have them very sorry afterwards and that would make up for the 'naughty.'" So Auntie told the Sunbeam this true story.

On the edge of a big town, almost in the country, lived a mother with a large family of children. Two of them were big enough for the high school, two of them were very tiny and the three middle ones, who are the naughty children of this story, were seven, nine and eleven years old; a boy and two girls.

One bright Saturday morning their mother said, "William I want you and Mary and Elizabeth Ann to take some carpet balls to Miss Bettie Webster to finish out my carpet. I will fix you a good lunch to carry with you and you can stop in the camp meeting grove to eat it, but don't stay there too long. Listen for the town clock to strike two then go at once to Miss Bettie's and after leaving the balls come directly home."

Now this was long ago when people used rag carpet on their floors. The carpet was made of cloth cut into strips, sewed together end to end, wound on a ball until the ball weighed one pound and then sent to the carpet weaver who made it into long strips of carpet on his big wooden loom.

As William was the oldest of the three he was in charge of the party. Mother gave them each a bag, William's held five balls and the lunch; Mary's four and Elizabeth Ann's three. So like the three sized bears they started off to walk across pleasant fields and through shady woods. The bright sunshine and cool air made the world very beautiful on that summer morning. Presently they came to a little brook and as it seemed to be going their way they decided to take off their shoes and stockings and wade down the stream. Just here is where the naughtiness began for they knew that they should not do this without permission. The smooth stones in the brook

made the feet of the "littlest" sister slip and down she went bag and all into the water! As the bag held her shoes and stockings also you can imagine her soaked condition. She set up a screech that any automobile might envy. "Oh," she wailed, "my balls are wet, my shoes are wet, oh, oh!" Big brother lifted her up, took her bag, gave her his own with three dry balls in it and on they went, still paddling in the water. Then a splash and Elizabeth Ann's second bag went "plunk" into the water and more dismal cries came from her healthy lungs.

"Now see here," said William, "Elizabeth Ann, you get right out of the water, look at your skirts, all wet. Girls do get so sloppy." And indeed both of the girls were sights to behold. Just then they came to the camp meeting grove. They put their shoes and stockings in the sun to dry, and after eating the good sandwiches, cakes and fruit they were happy once more. Big brother went into the pulpit and preached, his large congregation sang and shouted and had such a splendid time that no one heard the big town clock strike two. All at once William noticed the shadows of the trees growing longer and he quickly dismissed his congregation. Again they started for Miss Webster's house at the top of the next hill. Miss Bettie Webster was one of three sisters who made their living weaving carpet and sewing for the neighbors. Miss Bettie was a great scold but the other two were gentle and kind.

At the top of the hill Elizabeth Ann stumbled and fell, away rolled her balls down the hill. After wiping away her tears the rolling balls seemed to make William think of more naughtiness for he said, "Let's roll them all down the hill," which they did several times. You see Satan was finding something new for them to do. When they gathered up the balls and put them back into the bags they did not look like the neat, clean ones mother had given them, nor did they themselves, when they came to Miss Bettie's door, look like the neat, clean children who had started out so happily that morning.

"Well of all things!" said Miss Bettie to her sisters when she saw them. "Please look at this! What in the world have you been doing? Come in, sit there on that bench." Then she pushed them into the room, lifting Elizabeth Ann and seating her very hard on the bench. Poor, tired, bedraggled Elizabeth Ann leaned

on her sister and for the fourth time that day broke into bitter tears.

Miss Bettie kept right on scolding. "Are these the balls your mother was to send me? What a mess! You ought to have a good whipping, every one of you and it would do me good to give it to you." "Oh, sister, don't," said gentle Miss Louisa, who pitied the forlorn children. "If it wasn't that their father is so good to us," went on Miss Bettie, "doctoring our rheumatism without charging us a cent I would give them a good shaking." William felt very thankful that his father was a doctor. Turning to him she said, "How many balls did your mother send?" "Twelve," said William. "Well there are only eleven here, I suppose you have lost one." She went out and placed the balls carefully on the edge of a low shed to dry, scolding all the time; and Elizabeth Ann cried every minute. Miss Bettie came in and sent them off saying, "Now you go home as fast as you can and tell your mother that you are about the worst children in town."

Down the hill went the three little bundles of misery, walking home very quietly except that Elizabeth Ann kept on saying, "Oh, I am so tired, I want to get to mother." And when they did see their mother and she had heard their story she looked grave and said, "Only bread and milk for supper tonight and then to bed at once." Elizabeth Ann was soon in dreamland, but Mary felt almost too wicked to go to sleep and William, who had planned to play Buffalo Bill that night with the boys, felt his punishment almost more than he could bear, especially when he heard the ferocious yells of the Indians. "Oh," said he, "I hope I'll never see another carpet ball as long as I live!" But he did, for some weeks after that while his father and mother were driving down the hill by Miss Bettie's house his mother spied something red among the bushes by the roadside, and lo, it was the lost carpet ball!

"Why, Auntie," said Sunbeam, "that story had more 'sorry' than 'naughty' in it."

"In what way?" asked auntie.

"Well, Elizabeth Ann cried about half of the time; they all got wet and were dreadfully scolded by Miss Bettie; they had a miserable walk home; they had only bread and milk for their supper and were put to bed in broad day light. Whew, what a time!"

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BOOK REVIEWS



Early Stories and Songs

A LITTLE book containing lessons for "New Americans" is *Early Stories and Songs*. Those who are interested in teaching English to foreigners will welcome this most helpful text book. It has been stated that "through the medium of these stories, teachers knowing only English have given to pupils in classes of different nationalities the ability to speak, read and write the English needed for practical use. 'The lessons are arranged from Bible stories, each one very short and very simply told, as the book is adapted for beginners. The first part takes the stories from the Old Testament, Abraham, The Immigrant; The Marriage of Isaac; Jacob and Esau.

The second part gives lessons from the New Testament. Jesus in The Temple; Jesus by the Sea; Teaching About the Father; are among these lessons.

The third section, *Early Songs*, gives parts of some of the beautiful Psalms, lined in verse form. A Song of the Sea; A Shepherd Song; A Temple Song; are some of the titles. There are three Appendices, one giving splendid helps for teachers—practical suggestions for presenting many of the lessons; another containing lessons on the alphabet, time, money etc., and the third important verb declensions. The author, Mrs. Mary Clark Barnes, says: "For three hundred years English-speaking people have had open access to the Bible in the language of their everyday life. To-day their recognized standards of character and life are founded on Biblical ideals.

"The many-voiced demand for 'Lessons in English', coming not only from foreigners in the United States of America, but also from ambitious young men and women in Latin America, in India, in China, in Japan; in all the great nations of the world, cannot be adequately met without including some acquaintance with this noblest heritage of English-speaking people." Paper .35, cloth .60

The most vital need of men and women is not to be able to know how to speak English but to know Christ.—Rev. D. L. Schulltz

The Church and The Foreigner

A booklet in the interest of the "New American" is edited by Mr. Charles Alvin Brooks of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. It is presented as a Christian Service Program for the Local Church, and Mr. Brooks tells us that "it has been written with an English-speaking church in mind—an average church in an average community." The eight short chapters are written by different workers and authorities on the different subjects. Dr. H. B. Grose, editor of the magazine *Missions* has the first chapter, *Establishing the Contact*. Mrs. Mary C. Barnes, whose *Early Stories* is reviewed in this issue, has contributed the chapter, *Teaching English to Adult Foreigners*. In *Working With the Children*, Mrs. Mary L. Bishop speaks briefly of *The Church and the Children*, *The Vacation School*, *The Story Hour*, *Occupations for Girls*, *The Boy Problem* etc. Dr. S. Z. Batten, a Baptist "social service expert", has a splendid chapter on *Good Samaritanism*, in which he says, "The first element in Good Samaritanism is a real interest in these people, a high respect for them, a deep sympathy with their needs and ideals." There are other brief articles on *Home Centres*, *The Foreign Mother*, *The Use of Literature and Interpreting the Gospel to the Foreigner*.

"The church, if it is true to its Lord, stands as the embodiment and personification of the Spirit of Christ. It manifests His compassion for the multitude; as sheep without a shepherd. It is moved by His redemptive passion. As the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many, so must His church, if it is loyal to its commission, minister in the spirit of that redemption. This is the searching test to which our churches to-day are being subjected." Will they be able to meet it? This book will be a useful addition to your missionary library and can be purchased for fifteen cents

Nothing but Christianity can strike the hyphen out and make all our people Americans.—Dr. H. B. Grose

ROYAL AMBASSADOR PAGEANT

IN THE KING'S SERVICE

NOTE: We gratefully present in this number of ROYAL SERVICE the following pageant written by Mrs. C. W. Hood of Mullins, S. C. One on home missions written by the same W. M. U. worker will be given in the November issue. Both pageants could be used each year by changing general information and statistics.

COSTUMES: King; purple robe, sceptre, crown. Page; white with touches of blue and gold on jacket and cap. Seven ambassadors; blue with touch of gold on cap, brass buttons on jacket. Throne—large chair and footstool covered with rugs etc. Ambassadors bow low before king and do not address him until he says, "Speak on".

SCENE: King on throne, Page on stool at his feet.

KING: Page, go into the outer court and bid my ambassadors enter that they may report to me of the affairs of my kingdom. (Exit page returning immediately followed by ambassadors, each bearing flag of country he represents. Ambassador from China steps to front).

AMBASSADOR FROM CHINA: Your August Highness. I am pleased to report to you conditions in China. In the six provinces where our missionaries are located there are five times as many people as there are in the southern states. Among these vast hosts we have sixty-three ordained missionaries—one missionary to every two and one third million people, which, if divided in the same way in the south, would give only thirteen ordained ministers for the whole southern territory where they now have twelve thousand. With such a scarcity of missionaries in these six provinces—what of the "other sheep" among the yet larger part of the population in the twelve other provinces where southern Baptists have no missionaries? Truly, O King, recruits are sadly needed! (Returns to place among other ambassadors)

AMBASSADOR FROM JAPAN: May it please our most honorable king to listen to the report I bring from Japan. Our activities in that country are confined to the island of Kaiushiu, the second largest of the Japanese group, and to the southern end of Hondo, the largest island. In addition to this we cooperate with the northern Baptists in conducting

the Baptist Theological Seminary in Tokyo, the capital of Japan. In this territory there are twelve millions of people among whom we have nine ordained missionaries. Japan is an enlightened nation but the Japanese are an idolatrous people. Like my brother ambassador we too, are calling for more workers for that beautiful island.

AMBASSADOR FROM AFRICA: O, great and powerful one, I am pleading for light for the great, dark continent of Africa! We have seven missionary pastors on the field, only two more than we had twenty years ago. However, progress is being made. The people are responding to the Gospel and are learning to live under more sanitary conditions. Laborers are few. Africa is crying for help. Day light is breaking but noon-day is not yet in sight.

AMBASSADOR FROM ITALY: Your Most Gracious Majesty, may I speak for Italy. Christianity was started in this country ages ago—perhaps on the day of Pentecost when all nations were gathered together and every man heard of the mighty works of God in his own tongue, and afterwards received strength from Paul's written message: "I am ready to preach the Gospel to you also that are in Rome". Catholicism still holds Italy in her strong grasp and comparatively few know the true religion of Jesus Christ. Southern Baptists began missionary work in Italy in 1870, at the present time there are six missionaries, four hundred and eighty-six church members, forty-four churches, forty-two Sunday schools and ten day schools, one of which is the Theological Seminary at Rome.

AMBASSADOR FROM MEXICO: I bring before you, O King, the needs of Mexico, poor bleeding, turbulent Mexico! Out of the dust of the conflict a better day will dawn. Even now the people are breaking the shackles that bind them to a false religion. Even now they are thinking for themselves and are more willing to receive the Gospel than ever before. But, O King, our present force can never meet the need. Like my brother ambassadors, we cry for more men and better equipment.

AMBASSADOR FROM BRAZIL: From our sister continent to the south of us I bring greetings and good news. Our splendid body of missionaries in Brazil are bringing things to pass. They are training native ministers for an immense field where there is but one

worker to each million of people. Since our first mission, established in 1881 with four missionaries, we have grown to fifty-three, with one hundred and sixty-three churches and twenty-eight schools, and yet there is room for thousands of workers. Will they come?

AMBASSADOR FROM ARGENTINA: Would it please you now, O King, to listen to a report from Argentina? The missionary work has passed beyond the pioneering period into the time for training these intelligent people for service that they may take up the work in large numbers. We must have our newly begun Theological Training School well equipped and a boys' school opened that we may keep our boys and young men out of the unbelieving native schools. Our Argentine mission includes the work in Uruguay and Chili. The combined population is twelve millions, with eight missionaries to each one and one half million. Can work be well done at such odds as this?

KING: I have heard all you tell me and my heart responds to your various calls, but no earthly king can give you all you need. Only the all-powerful King of heaven can answer the prayers of our brave and burdened missionaries on the foreign fields. His business requires haste. Let Royal Ambassadors pray and labor unceasingly in our part of the Kingdom of God!

(Ambassadors group themselves around king and sing "The King's Business").

G. A. PROGRAM

(Concluded from Page 14)

It is a familiar sight in Mexico to find a mother kneeling before the shrine of virgin or saint teaching her tiny baby to clasp its hands in prayer and make the sign of the cross.

Olives from Italy

Many Italians have an idea that the whole world owes them a living because of their contributions to music, literature and art.

There is a popular saying that you can tip anybody in Italy even to the king himself, so the tip be large enough!

Italy is a sad example of what even the best of Roman Catholicism will do when given free reign. The masses of the people are poor, ignorant, superstitious and immoral.

Bread from Argentina

The country of Argentina is very much like our prairie land and wheat and cattle are its chief products.

Funerals in Argentina are great social events and are published in the social columns of the papers. So also are the ordinances of baptism and communion.

The worship of the virgin is a predominant feature of the Argentine religion. There are at least four great virgins with supposed miraculous power.

Nuts from Brazil

Our mission stations in Brazil are all in sore need of workers on account of sickness among those already appointed.

The Roman church has proven itself unequal to the task of giving the Gospel to this people. Instead of crosses, Brazil needs the preaching of the cross, which is the power of God unto salvation.

The largest single gift to the Judson Centennial Fund—thirty thousand dollars from an Alabama woman—goes to the establishing of a Baptist publishing house in Brazil.

Fruits from Africa

In Africa everything, including cats and dogs and field rats, is used for food.

The cost of mission work in Africa, in life and health, has been greater than in any other country, yet it has been felt worth while and from the dying lips of those who have given their lives has come the plea "Don't give up Africa".

The woman of Africa is the property of her husband and the one law of her life is absolute obedience to his slightest whim.

The white traders have carried so much whiskey into Africa that it has become a serious menace to the people. They will go to any extreme to get it once the taste has been acquired.

HOME DEPARTMENT

(Concluded from Page 28)

"Dear Sunbeam, don't you know that naughtiness and happiness never go together?" (Then auntie continued with a twinkle in her eye, "You asked for a story about naughty children and of course I could not leave the unhappiness out, they are such intimate friends.")

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