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EDITORIAL



THE ANNUAL MEETING

"UNTO the hills" to Asheville, North Carolina, came hundreds of southern Baptist women during the third week in May to find there the results of many weeks of loyal and loving preparation. The meetings of the Woman's Missionary Union were held in the First Baptist Church where arrangements had been made for committee rooms, rest rooms, an exhibit room, a nursery and other conveniences which added much to the comfort and success of our annual gathering. The audience room with its gallery from the railing of which the many beautiful state banners were hung, while not always large enough to hold all the visitors who wished to be present at the sessions together with the delegates, was a room easy to hear in and otherwise well suited to our needs.

The wonderful external beauty of Asheville constantly tempted one to be out of doors, but in spite of this, the delegates' seats were full and many visitors standing when the gavel fell at 9:30 Thursday morning. A special sense of sadness filled all hearts at the thought of the great satisfaction and joy it would have been to Miss Heck to have her dearly loved Union meet in her equally loved state, but her spirit of facing conditions however hard with courage and faith pervaded the gathering, making possible the finding of light amid the shadows.

After devotional exercises Miss Heck's successor as president of the North Carolina work, Mrs. Wesley N. Jones, brought to the Union the cordial welcome of the state as well as of the city. The faith in God which our year's watchword has ever held before us has surely been accompanied by works as evidenced by the officers' reports. The corresponding secretary's report showed a most marked increase in the number of societies, bringing the total to over 14,500. The Treasurer's report showed much larger gifts than last year to both home and foreign missions, with a total (including Jubilate gifts) of over \$400,000, and the Literature Department reported all calendars sold, and an increase of nearly 6000 subscribers to ROYAL SERVICE. The personal service report and that of the college correspondent showed most satisfying progress along both these lines of work.

The high water marks of interest everyone would probably acknowledge came during the Margaret Fund and Training School hours Thursday afternoon, during the marvellous hour at the close of Friday morning's session when sacrificial offerings were made toward the debt which burdens our boards and the hour when we waited with interest and longing for the election of our new leader. Those who listened to the most interesting report of Mrs. Fizer of South Carolina, chairman of the Margaret Fund Committee, felt that this Fund has come into its own at last and is meeting a very real need as the letters quoted from many of the missionaries plainly indicated. As the apportionment for the Fund was not fully met by the states, there was money enough on hand to supply only eight scholarships and a partial one which was quickly completed by a number of generous givers. The Training School Committee came before us with a most encouraging report of progress and with a challenge to our faith and efforts when they asked that we raise \$98,000 in three years to complete the Enlargement Fund necessary to put up the entire building which shall center around the beautiful Memorial Chapel to Miss Heck. Though it did seem a big thing the request was met with a wonderful spirit of faith and enthusiasm which was only stimulated as we listened to a group of Training School students who presented the episode "Lifting the Sky Line" showing what willing sacrifices those who know it best gladly make for the school which means so much to them.

Only those who were there can appreciate the spontaneity and power of the hour at the close of the Friday morning session when Dr. Love of the Foreign Mission Board and Dr. Truett of Texas came before us to present the opportunity to share in lifting the debt which has increasingly throughout the past seven years weighted down our Foreign Mission Board. The spirit of God surely spoke to the women of the Union through Dr. Truett for hardly had he finished before the gifts began to be laid upon the altar. All knew that these gifts must be

made before July 22, all knew they were to be over and above the apportionments, but that did not hinder the spirit of sacrifice present. Some gifts were large in amount, some were small, some were jewels and keepsakes precious because of association. Two gifts from those who have long served as missionaries of the Cross were the savings of a lifetime given freely and gladly in the hope that no longer would the missionaries have to feel the stigma of living on borrowed money. In pledges and actual gifts over \$17000 was given during that hour and from that mountaintop experience it is hoped that streams of influence will flow to every corner of our Union so that every woman and child will have the opportunity to share in this joy of sacrifice.

During the discussion of the W. M. U. resolutions in the afternoon, representatives from the three boards came before us and once more our hearts were stirred when the beloved secretary of the Home Mission Board, Dr. Gray, let us feel the burden resting on that board also, which stimulated the desire already present in many hearts to do all possible towards lifting this debt as well.

The report of the nominating committee last year closed with prayer for God's guidance in the choice of our next leader. The report of the nominating committee this year brought us the proof of the answer to our prayers when the name of Mrs. W. C. James was presented as the candidate for our next president. Her election was unanimous and hearty and when she had been escorted to the chair by the vice-presidents of Kentucky and Texas we felt very truly that God had been good in His guidance. Mrs. James is a Texas woman who has been living in Virginia for a number of years where she has served as the president of the Virginia W. M. U. for two terms. She was the general chairman of the Jubilate Committee three years ago and comes to us with both interest in and knowledge of our Union's plans and purposes.

Besides the regular business sessions of Thursday and Friday there were several occasions of great interest. On Thursday evening the First Church was again filled for the Conference on Young People's Work, most ably led by Miss Elizabeth Briggs of North Carolina and participated in by groups of workers from different states. This was followed by a series of stereopticon pictures showing past and present views of the Training School and also most suggestive glimpses of the proposed new building. These slides can be obtained on application to Mrs. McLure for use in the different states and should prove a most effective means of stimulating interest in raising the Enlargement Fund. An innovation most unexpected but most appreciated was the generous offer to the Union from the Home Mission Board of part of their hour on Friday evening for the showing of these pictures before the Convention. Miss Mallory expressed our appreciation of the opportunity and Mrs. McLure so skilfully described the pictures and developed our need of enlargement that a most generous offering was made then and there for the Enlargement Fund. The devotional exercises each day were led by different missionaries, but that never gives us as much time as we want to hear from them; so on Saturday morning there was a conference with them led by Mrs. T. R. Falvy of Louisiana which was followed by a luncheon at the Masonic Temple where they were our guests. During the foreign mission hour, representatives from the different fields told of problems and results. As we were in the mountains the home mission hour was given principally to a most interesting demonstration by pupils from near-by mountain schools. At the luncheon a group of Y. W. A. girls not only waited on us, but provided most attractive hand-painted place cards. Mrs. G. W. Riley, president of the Mississippi W. M. U., proved a most winning toast mistress and the responses to the toasts by the missionaries were most happy in the points touched on. Later in the afternoon all steps turned towards Grove Park Inn which by courtesy of the management opened its hospitable doors to the Union and its friends for a long to be remembered social hour.

The Union considered itself doubly fortunate in having secured Dr. E. Y. Mullins to preach the woman's sermon and in having the First Baptist Church allotted to us. Those who were able to get in received a most helpful and inspiring message. In the afternoon the First Church was again sought by many for the loving and tender memorial service for our beloved Miss Heck. A volunteer choir of young women led in the music. Representatives of the Home,

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REMEMBER JULY 22!

REMEMBER the Alamo" and "Remember the Maine" were patriotic bugle calls for heroic service in trying times. Even so should "Remember July 22" call forth the loyal enlistment of every southern Baptist as in solid phalanx we wage a holy warfare against the terrific \$180,000.00 debt which surrounds the work of our Foreign Mission Board to the end that the debt may be entirely wiped out by July 22. It may not be well to enlarge upon the analogy between this call and those mentioned above, yet every heart which yearns for the victory of King Emmanuel knows that suffering no less poignant than that of the Alamo and the Maine has been endured by many of our faithful missionaries during the seven years covered by this debt and certain it is that hundreds if not thousands of people have perished in their sins because we did not give them the Bread and Water of Life. These people perished for lack of vision because no one was sent to preach unto them of Him on whom they could believe, while during two years alone the interest on the debt would have sent to them twenty-one new missionaries. We all know that this ought not so to be and accordingly an earnest effort is being made to wipe out the entire debt by July 22. During these seven years the Woman's Missionary Union has fallen short of its total apportionment for foreign missions by only \$15,294 plus the interest thereon. However, we know that much of this debt is due to advancement on the foreign fields and that our Union through intensive study saw the needs and ever encouraged the Board to go forward. In a deep moral sense, therefore, a large part of the debt rests upon us.

The effort received hearty endorsement at Asheville. The facts were stated on foreign mission night of the Convention and men and women pledged over \$80,000.00 to it. Then on Friday noon three representatives of the Foreign Mission Board came to the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union and asked for its co-operation. It is a well known fact that woman abhors a debt as nature does a vacuum and so the delegates and visitors to that Annual Meeting spontaneously gave. It is impossible to give a detailed report of the pledges but in a very general way it may be said that there was a \$5,000.00 pledge from Georgia, one \$1,000.00 pledge from both Alabama and South Carolina half of the latter being for the home mission debt, four \$500.00 pledges from Alabama, Kentucky, North Carolina and Texas, one \$400.00 pledge from North Carolina, one for \$250.00 from Arkansas, two for \$200.00 from North Carolina and Shanghai, China, one for \$150.00 from South Carolina, one for \$125.00 from Tennessee, twenty-one for \$100.00 each from Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Canton, China, and seventy-seven ranging from \$5.00 to over \$80.00 from practically every state and mission field represented in the meeting. The testimonies which were given with many of the pledges brought tears to the eye and deepened the desire for really sacrificial giving. Many of these testimonies have been printed in leaflet form by the Foreign Mission Board and may be obtained free from the state W. M. U. headquarters for use in clearing the debt. The title of the leaflet is: "Willing Hearted Giving". This spontaneous generosity was likewise evidenced in the many gifts which were put in the collection plates at the door, every person seeming to desire to have a part.

With these facts in mind it was not hard for the W. M. U. Local Committee in Baltimore to endorse on May 26 the following request from the Foreign Mission Board: "The Board hears, with profound appreciation, of the deep interest manifested in our debt by the Woman's Missionary Union, while in session at Asheville, and requests our sisters of the Woman's Missionary Union to undertake to raise in our sixty day campaign at least \$60,000 or one third of the entire debt upon the Board. We earnestly and confidently appeal to our sisters in Christ to consecrate their best efforts toward accomplishing this great undertaking".

Each W. M. U. vice-president was written to urging her to bring the matter before her State Central Committee and requesting that if possible her state give the part asked of it toward the \$60,000. The table giving the figures for each state appears on page 8. It is understood of course that these figures are over and above the regular apportionment for foreign missions. Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, South Carolina, Virginia and Texas Unions have already signified their determination to do their best in this effort. Notably two of them wrote that it was not easy to set aside their already carefully laid plans for state work during

June but that the need of the Foreign Mission Board challenged their best at this time. "The way out of the difficulty will come only through prayer and fasting" one of the leaders wrote.

The suggestion was offered that a systematic canvass be made in every organization so that every member of every branch of our Union may have a chance to give. The minimum ideal is:

Every W. M. S.	to average \$1.00 per member
" Y. W. A.	" " 75 cents per member
" G. A.	" " 50 " " "
" R. A.	" " 50 " " "
" Sunbeam Band	" " 25 " " "

It has been suggested that each organization hold a service of prayer before the workers go forth on the canvass. A suggested program for such a service was sent to each state for printing in the denominational paper if so desired. The offerings should be sent in according to the regular plan but should be carefully marked: "For Foreign Mission Debt".

SERVICE OF PRAYER PROGRAM

Hymn: Come Thou Fount; Prayer by President or Leader

Scripture: Exodus 35 : 21-29; Nehemiah 4 : 17-23; Psalm 20

Hymn: Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Privilege of Stewardship

Scripture: II Kings 4 : 1-7; Luke 7 : 36-50

Prayer for Many Loving Alabaster Gifts

Reading of Tract: Willing Hearted Giving

Plans for Canvass; Hymn: Jesus Paid It All; Lord's Prayer

Even with such thorough canvassing it may be that the ideal will not be reached by each organization unless a second special meeting is held. June 21, which is the summer solstice, has been chosen for this second meeting, not only because it is the longest day in the year thus affording more time for work and typifying all the light and sunshine which foreign missions stand for but also because it marks the end of the first half of the 60 day campaign and is therefore ideal for taking an inventory. Below is given a suggested program for June 21. If the society's ideal for the debt is reported reached then the church bell, where there is one, might be rung in joy as many times as there have been dollars raised. Where there is no church bell a thermometer of the gifts might be drawn on the blackboard. It is further suggested that each member wear to the meeting a Jubilate white rose as worn by the canvassers and that for each dollar raised a rose be placed with appropriate ceremony in the table vase and be afterwards sent to the sick. If the ideal has not been reached, more earnest plans should be laid so that before July 22 it may be.

SUGGESTED SUMMER SOLSTICE PROGRAM

Organization Hymn; Lord's Prayer; Hymn: Let the Lower Lights Be Burning

Prayer for Foreign Mission Board

Roll Call: Let each respond with a Scripture verse concerning light.

Prayer for Our Foreign Missionaries

Scripture: I John 1 : 5-7; John 1 : 1-9; John 8 : 12; Matthew 5 : 14-16

Prayer for All Agencies at Work for Raising Debt

Hymn for Year: Lord Speak to Me that I May Speak

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Fellowship with Christ in Shedding Light

Re-reading of Leaflet: Willing Hearted Giving

Talk: Our Debt Raising Canvass

Thermometer Demonstration

Hymn: We Praise Thee, O God; Placing of Jubilate Roses; Doxology

SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN SIXTY DAYS

To raise \$60,000.00 in 60 days is the ideal of the Woman's Missionary Union in the debt raising campaign of the Foreign Mission Board. The table below gives the apportionment for each state.

Alabama.....	\$ 3,800	Missouri.....	2,000
Arkansas.....	1,075	New Mexico.....	250
District of Columbia.....	250	North Carolina.....	5,800
Florida.....	850	Oklahoma.....	1,400
Georgia.....	8,300	South Carolina.....	6,900
Illinois.....	230	Tennessee.....	3,700
Kentucky.....	3,800	Texas.....	6,400
Louisiana.....	1,450	Virginia.....	9,000
Maryland.....	775		
Mississippi.....	4,000	Total.....	\$60,000

TO MOTHER OUR HOMELESS CHURCHES

The Woman's Missionary Union, in whose members is the innate love of a well kept home, laid the foundation of the Church Building Loan Fund of the Home Mission Board. This was done through its Tichenor Memorial. Increasingly the desire of the Union to do its best to "mother" our homeless churches has been evidenced, to the end that in Asheville plans were laid for trying to redeem within the next three years our Jubilate ideal for it of \$325,000.00. The table below shows what each state W. M. U. has been asked to raise for this most worthy cause.

Alabama.....	\$ 20,200	Missouri.....	10,750
Arkansas.....	5,950	New Mexico.....	1,300
District of Columbia.....	2,400	North Carolina.....	31,400
Florida.....	4,600	Oklahoma.....	7,600
Georgia.....	44,500	South Carolina.....	37,500
Illinois.....	1,200	Tennessee.....	20,000
Kentucky.....	20,500	Texas.....	34,500
Louisiana.....	8,000	Virginia.....	48,900
Maryland.....	4,200		
Mississippi.....	21,500	Total.....	\$325,000

"\$98,000.00 FROM 98,000 PERSONS"

The slogan: "\$98,000.00 from 98,000 Persons" has been adopted by the Woman's Missionary Union on behalf of the Enlargement Fund for the new building of the W. M. U. Training School. The following apportionments were accepted by the state representatives at Asheville.

Alabama.....	\$ 6,000	Mississippi.....	7,000
Arkansas.....	2,000	North Carolina.....	9,000
District of Columbia.....	500	Oklahoma.....	1,500
Florida.....	1,400	South Carolina.....	7,500
Georgia.....	9,000	Tennessee.....	6,500
Illinois.....	500	Texas.....	3,000
Kentucky.....	7,000	Virginia.....	12,000
Louisiana.....	2,500		
Maryland.....	1,200	Total.....	\$76,600

No pledges were made by Missouri and New Mexico but the following amounts have been asked of them: Missouri, \$4000, and New Mexico, \$400. The Training School Student Organization pledged \$500, making a possible total of \$81,500.00.

WITH THE ENCOMPASSING WITNESSES

TWO other honored and beloved friends of the Woman's Missionary Union have recently joined the faith-inspiring "cloud of witnesses" which compass the Christian forces. It was on Thursday morning, May 18, just as the Union had gathered in Asheville, N. C., for its twenty-eighth annual session that the message was received that into the unbroken ministry Mrs. F. C. Wallis of Georgia had entered. Over in Chattanooga, Tenn., amid the same high hills that surround Asheville, she was elected in 1906 assistant recording secretary of the Union and for six years she joyfully accepted reelection. Handsome and altogether gracious in personal appearance, sympathetic and enthusiastic in her work among the young people, she ever brought to her task loving faith and manifest spirituality. Those who attended the Annual Meetings will surely remember her there at her table, checking up the registration cards, announcing the enrollment with joyous voice, and moving here and there through the delegations to see that each was comfortably seated. For all her countless services the Union gives thanks and joins with her home circle in mourning her loss.

The other friend, who also during the Asheville meeting "went home", was Miss Evie Brown of Tennessee. In Richmond, Va., in 1907 Miss Brown was elected a charter trustee of the Training School and was each year re-elected from her state. Thus, though very frail, she felt that she must attend the Asheville meeting for she knew that at that session the enlargement of the school would be planned for. So on Wednesday afternoon, May 17, when the Training School Board met in Asheville, Miss Brown was present. To every detail of the long session she gave her untiring attention, being enthusiastic in her endorsement of the building plans submitted by the Local Board of the school. One of these plans was the suggestion that in each church a "Dollar Club" be organized as one means of raising the desired amount. Though Miss Brown was one of the largest contributors to the school still she knew that the school would gain a friend with every gift, so she sprung to her feet to commend the plan, saying that while we did want large gifts from many wealthy individuals still it would mean far more to get the masses interested through such clubs. From her emphasis upon these "Dollar Clubs" to enlist the many in the raising of the needed \$98,000.00 sprung the slogan: "\$98,000.00 from 98,000 persons".

Another beautiful service which she rendered at Asheville occurred on Friday noon. It will be recalled that at that hour representatives of the Foreign Mission Board came before the Union to ask help in raising its \$180,000.00 debt. While the pledges were being taken, Miss Lila McIntyre, a trained nurse from interior China, said that she could give only \$10.00 but that she wished also to give the string of amber beads which she wore around her neck. She said that she bought them in China for a very small price but that in the United States they would cost from \$60.00 to \$75.00. At the recess hour Miss Brown told the presiding officer that she wished to purchase the beads for \$75.00, with the understanding that they be given back to Miss McIntyre to wear for her in China. At the afternoon session the W. M. U. treasurer narrated this beautiful incident but withheld Miss Brown's name as she requested. Again Miss McIntyre came forward and the beads were put around her neck as she told of her added joy in owning them once more and of her gratitude to the unknown friend.

And so from the meeting to which her presence had contributed so much of helpfulness and interest, Miss Brown started for her home in Nashville. But not to the earthly but to the Heavenly Home the Father gently took her on Sunday, May 21. Truly it was but a Sabbath journey for her whose whole life seemed continuous praise in her temple of service to Him.

"We shall come with joy and gladness,
We shall gather 'round the throne;
Face to face with those that love us,
We shall know as we are known:
And the song of our redemption
Shall resound through endless day,
When the shadows have departed
And the mists have rolled away."



BIBLE STUDY



TOPIC—Contentment and Ambition

True Contentment: 1 Cor. 7 : 17, 20, 21; 24. The apostle Paul is misquoted as saying "be quiet and content with that station in life to which it hath pleased God to call you". It is rather better to "be as discontented as you can with your present attainments if in advancing farther you can carry on a broader, nobler, more generous and more beneficent manhood". The "calling" has divine relation not human limitation. Thus, God calls men, and in obeying the divine call we are to pay no attention to our circumstances. It is the call we obey, the spiritual life has nothing to do with the social situation, we are to respond to the great call of love "Come unto Me".

I. **Contentment** which is riches: Ex. 23 : 20-33. Contentment turns man's poverty into wealth, feebleness into energy. God promised the presence of the angel to keep Israel and brighten the way. The Divine Presence in our life is a pledge that God undertakes our cause against our enemies and that we shall be blessed with the contentment which is riches.

II. **Contentment** result of faith: Num. 2 : 31. The Lord arranged the order by which Israel should march. "Judah first, Reuben second, Ephraim third, Dan hindmost" all this by divine appointment. Faith in this divine appointment could alone secure contentment under such circumstances. Ambition attempts to change relations and positions and is defeated in the effort. The Lord will have His way in the whirlwind, the fire and the storm. Every man has his gift into the use of which the King will inquire when He returns from the far country: Luke 19 : 12-27. The royal road to contentment illustrated by Paul a prisoner: Acts 16 : 25-34. "I can do all things": Phil. 4 : 13. Paul's weakness became an element of power. The servants in the Father's household would not be without tribulation: Rom. 8 : 28-39; Phil. 4 : 11.

Ambition false: Joshua 10 : 23. Jarmuth means high, lifted up. These were kings of false ambition. The temptation to be a little more than we are is the temptation of Eden—"Eat," says Satan, "ye shall be as gods": Gen. 3 : 5. The serpent is still deceiving society by this very suggestion. Let us seek to live simply and lovingly within the lines of our own conscious strength and do the work that God has obviously designed us to do.

Selfish Ambition secures its own humiliation: Esther 6 : 11-13, 14. Let all ambitious men study the story of Haman.

Ambition, noble, holy: Nehemiah, Chapter 4. Are you building character? You will be laughed at by Sanballats and Tobiahs. Be like Nehemiah the man of conviction, judgment and of devout spirit, who heard their mockery and lifted his face to God saying, "Hear, O our God!" Thus he handed his cause to God. Jehu an example: 2 Kings 9. He was ready for larger opportunities—by self-sacrifice and preparation to obey the call of God at once and without question. Men wish for greater and greater opportunities to be able to exercise growing influence. The *great ambition* contemplates the possession of the uttermost parts of the earth, Ps. 2 : 8, in the name of the King, and would deliver over the entire heathen world to Him: Hab. 2 : 14. The servants of Christ will not choose their places, but will say "Lord what wilt Thou have me to do?" Acts 9 : 6. Not what I will—"Lord undertake for me, appoint me my position, define my duty, give me grace to live in dishonor or to stand in princely dignity before men who do not know Thee". This is the Christian Spirit: Matt. 16 : 26; Luke 9 : 25-26; Mark 12 : 38, 39; Dan. 12 : 2, 3.

Our earthly life will be full of peace and contentment, of light and strength, though not without the needed difficulties and chastenings, if we obey the apostolic injunctions, Heb. 13 : 5, if we cherish love for the brethren and a helpful spirit towards the suffering and needy, James 1 : 27, and keep ourselves free from the feverish race for riches and worldly distinction, learning to be content with such things as we have. Have we not "enough" for the journey? When we reach home and Jesus asks us, "Did you ever lack anything?" What will our answer be?—

Mrs. James Pollard

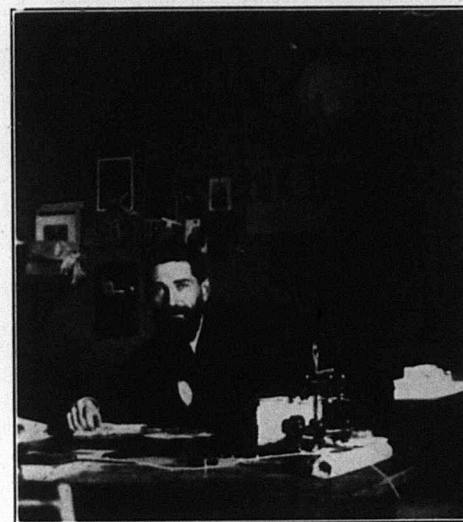


PROGRAM FOR JULY



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

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READING FOR MISSIONS

HYMN—"O Master, let me walk with Thee"

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GENERAL DISCUSSION leading to definite plans for *this* society.

PRAYER—CLOSING HYMN

1. A Critic Converted

In the *Missionary Review* for May 1916, is told the story of how a critic of missions was forced to change his mind. Bishop Lambuth was en route to China shortly after the close of the Spanish-American War. Among his fellow travelers was one who had no use for missionaries and was loud in his condemnation of their work, asserting that missions were a failure and the converts "rice Christians". "Have you ever seen missionaries at work?" asked Dr. Lambuth. "No," was the reply, "I have not, I have no use for such misguided men."

"My friend," said the doctor, "what would you call me if I condemned the great engine in the hold saying it could not carry us to Yokohama and insisted that the engineer was too ignorant and unskilled to manage the machinery, yet I knew nothing about engines and had never met the engineer?"

"I would call you a fool!" was the quick retort.

"Then what are you," asked the doctor, "with your sweeping assertions against missions, when you acknowledge you know nothing about them?"

"It does not seem fair," was the honest answer. "What book is that?" "The Transformation of Hawaii."

"Oh, indeed! May I borrow it for half an hour?"

He took the book to his stateroom and read for half an hour. Then he returned, saying he had promised to write for his home paper and had found the book so interesting he would like to quote a few paragraphs.

"You may quote as much as you like," said Dr. Lambuth, "provided you give the proper credit."

He afterwards confessed that he had copied two or three chapters bodily. At Honolulu he was shown the missionary at work, the native preachers whose ancestors were heathen, the great church built of solid coral blocks dug from the reef by native Christians, and he was told of the annual gift of \$45,000 raised for the spread of the Gospel by these islanders who less than a century ago were idolaters. On returning to the vessel he avowed himself a friend of missions.

"Never again," he said, "will I open my mouth against men and women who have worked so devotedly and so successfully. The cause of missions needs no advocate. It speaks for itself!"

The foregoing story is a notable example of how prejudice is removed and interest aroused when the facts of missions are known. The realization of this has led in recent years to the great missionary education movement in which all the boards of all the churches have sought to bring the story of the missionary enterprise home to the hearts and minds of those in the home lands.

2. How We May "Lift Up Our Eyes"

"Comparatively few of the modern harvest fields are within the range of our immediate vision, and scarcely any of us can view at first hand those that are at a distance. We should, however, take advantage of the means and methods which modern science has made available. The early followers of Christ did not have the privilege of using the products of the printing-press or the camera, and, as a result, were comparatively ignorant of the extensive harvest fields which lay outside of their own experiences.

We have no excuse for thus limiting the range of our vision. We can sweep the whole horizon: our harvest field is as wide as the world. It is shown to us in every conceivable form. It is made interesting by books of travel, illustrated lectures, and pictures. Men of special training have given their best thought and time to the development of an attractive literature which shall inspire the church to reap the rich harvest which now lies before it. That literature covers all the great foreign lands, dealing, aside from Europe, with nineteen-twentieths of all the inhabitants of the globe. It treats in considerable detail the harvest which the churches face in our own land. It has influenced hundreds of thousands of men and women in the Christian churches, and now awaits the opportunity to help more of us lift up our eyes, and look on the fields."

1. Mission Study.—Foremost among means and methods we find the mission study class, with which we are more or less familiar.

The question "Why organize classes" is best answered by pointing to some of the results of such study. "First, leaders are thus developed who will in turn arouse the same interest in others. Besides the general educational value of this study the mind broadens to a world outlook. Missionary ideals and obligations are developed through discussion. Prayer is made more effective because more intelligent and specific. It stimulates the reading of books and makes all future missionary information more interesting because it is related to what has been studied. It trains leaders for better methods of missionary finance, and it makes people more ready to give for missions, for they appreciate the needs and uses for their money. People are more willing to render service in community and church. The members make use of the information in conversation, in Sunday school classes, and some will lead other classes and help to organize them in other churches. They will secure delegates to summer conferences. Some will hear the call to service in the mission field."

In the words of Mrs. Andrew MacLeish to all Baptist girls: "College may not be possible to you all, but there is a course of study open to every one of you, whether college girls or no, from which may be learned much of human progress, and through which you may be helped to read the future of Christian civilization. Will it surprise you to be told that this is the study of Christian missions? Mind, I say the study, not desultory reading. The progress of Christian missions is the advance of Christian civilization, and in the reign of truly Christian civilization lie human happiness and welfare.

We shall grow spiritually through prayer, mentally through our study of world needs and problems, and in unselfishness through the giving of much of ourselves in time, service and money. One of the most beautiful things about this work is that God so rewards those who undertake it by growth in their own souls."

*The Department of Missionary Education of the Cooperating Boards of the Northern Baptist Convention gives some helpful suggestions along the line of the "Triplex" plan of mission study which provides for three forms of missionary education, a study class, a reading circle and four popular programs. The mission study class may extend the interest aroused in the members by the further use of stereopticon lectures or dramatic missionary entertainments, material for which may be obtained from the Missionary Education Movement, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, or from our own board in Richmond. "Strong missionary plays are taking the place of the old type of church entertainments. They are not only full of interest on their own account but carry forceful missionary messages which impress participants and audience. As an opening or closing feature for a mission study course a missionary play is most suitable, forming an objective which can be tied up with the material covered by the class and enabling the members to bring their work to the attention of their church or community."

2. Summer Conferences.—After some training and some service comes a natural desire for more training. Everything we do makes a demand that it be done better next time. The leader of the mission study class will be able to increase the efficiency of the class in proportion to his opportunity to secure special training for that service. It is so with all the class members.

The summer conferences of the Missionary Education Movement are recognized as the chief places of training for workers in the missionary activity of the church. The great success of the mission study campaign can be traced directly to these conferences. The same is true of much of the present interest in missionary education in the Sunday school. Every mission study class member might well covet the opportunity of attending one of these conferences. Seven are held in various parts of the United States and Canada, and they are therefore accessible to a vast majority of the missionary workers of the church.—Rev. G. F. Sutherland.

Besides these conferences of the Missionary Education Movement are the various State Encampments or Conferences held during the summer, where one may gain inspiration in preparation for further mission study and service.

Dr. Sutherland further says: "After mission study, what? The mission study class is not an end in itself. Nor is the knowledge of missionary facts and conditions acquired through mission study an end. The class and the information resulting therefrom are but the means;

the end is a more wide-spread and efficient *service* in building up the kingdom of God. If the knowledge secured is unused, it will be worse than useless; it will be positively harmful. Knowledge is only potential power. Knowledge is power when expressed in action. Every good impulse that is not negotiated results in injury to the individual as well as to those who might be benefited by the action. To know the issues on the home and foreign mission fields is to assume responsibility for improving untoward conditions. Some may be called to respond in person; all are called to help in some real and serious way."

3. Missionary Reading.—It is within the power of the various missionary and other societies of a church to start a missionary library or a collection of missionary books. Individuals may be asked to donate special books selected from a carefully chosen list, which will include books interesting to various types of readers. After interest has been stimulated by advertisement, personal recommendation or the books themselves put in some conspicuous place, it will be well to have some definite plan for getting them read. One method is to have many reading the same book or set of books in a given time. Another way is to have one volume passed from reader to reader whose names are listed on an extra page pasted in the inside cover. A small circulating library is yet another method. We have already spoken of the reading circles which should be organized in connection with every study class, and we might even say in the absence of any study class. Care must be used not to urge unsuitable reading upon those to whom reading for missions is a new venture. A *graded* reading campaign should be carefully and tactfully planned. A program of book reviews will prove of interest to societies, as well as one composed of interesting selections from various books. "One of the best methods of awakening interest in a special missionary book in the Sunday school library is the telling from the platform of a 'Half-Told Tale' from its pages. Select a thrilling story and stop at the most exciting point where everybody is eager to know what happens next; then give the name of the book in which the rest of the story may be found and state that it is in the library and that whoever applies for it first may have it."

4. Missionary Magazines.—In that most helpful Department of Best Methods, conducted by Miss Belle M. Brain in the Missionary Review of the World, she says, "Missionary work calls forth our help in almost exact proportion to our *knowledge* of its needs and progress, but the mission fields are far away and most of us can only look on them through printed pages. This makes the missionary magazine a very important factor in the work. Books serve to bring us in touch with the mission field and inspire us to service, but it is the regular up-to-date information presented in the magazines month by month that keeps the fires steadily burning. The denominational magazine forms a bond between the missionaries on the field and those who 'stay by the stuff' in the homeland and is a necessity to those who would be intelligent workers and who desire to fulfill the obligations they have undertaken as a denomination. *Not to take one's denominational magazine is to keep oneself in ignorance of one's own work and lose its blessing and inspiration.*

"At the same time, especially in these days when great events are transpiring in mission lands, every Christian worker needs the broad outlook of the whole world field that can be obtained only in an interdenominational magazine. Let us then take both and get a world vision of the enterprise in its entirety.

"There is no better way of increasing missionary interest than getting more magazines taken and read. Yet many a society that exercises the greatest care in the selection of its other officers, entrusts the work of magazine circulation to anyone who is willing to take it. The magazine agent in each church should be energetic and enthusiastic." The point in our standard of excellence calling for one denominational magazine in at least one-half of the homes represented by the missionary society may well be pushed by such an agent to the great benefit of subscribers, magazine and the local society.

"*Magazine meetings* are invaluable for introducing missionary periodicals to a society, and usually result in more magazines being taken and read. Such meetings may present one periodical or many, all the missionary magazines of our own denomination and such interdenominational periodicals as *The Missionary Review of the World*, *Men and Missions* and *Everyland*, telling something of their character and scope and giving brief selections from

their pages. The use of a denominational magazine study class, using a file of the magazine, prayer calendar and maps for reference would result in the members gaining a knowledge of the wide-spread and varied work of their denomination such as they never had before."

One of the best ways of advertising a missionary magazine in a church is to place some such striking announcements of it either in the church calendar or on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

ROYAL SERVICE FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL HOME FIELD

Published in the interest of the missionary work of S. B. C.

NOTE

That—

An informed church will be a transformed church.

That—

The paucity and powerlessness of our prayers for missions is not due so much to heartlessness as to a lack of knowledge of the things for which we should pray.

That—

These magazines have but one great aim—The spread of the kingdom for God's honor and man's good.

WILL YOU HELP TO CIRCULATE THEM?

—Adapted from Department of Best Methods

3. Publication Work

1. Interdenominational.—"The Central Committee for the United Study of Missions is one of the most influential factors in the missionary development since 1900. Text books have been issued by thousands, their circulation now is more than 150,000 copies annually. Beginning with a capital of \$25.00, without solicitation of friends or incurring of debt, the committee has been able to pay the authors, publish the books, finance summer schools, organize the Jubilee (1910), start a children's magazine in China (Mrs. Donald MacGillivray, editor) and help many other mission enterprises."

The Missionary Education Movement conducts a publishing business on behalf of the Home and Foreign Boards and Societies of the United States and Canada.

2. Denominational.—The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is the great publication agency of the denomination. It fosters denominational enterprises with its large gifts each year, as W. M. U., for one, gratefully acknowledges. The Bible Fund, Missionary Day in the Sunday School, The Baptist Lesson Committee, the work of the B. Y. P. U. in the south, book and tract department, periodicals for uniform and graded lessons, the courses in teacher training are some of the activities of this great constructive force in our S. B. C. territory. The Educational secretary of the board is Dr. P. E. Burroughs of Nashville, Tennessee.

The Educational department of the Foreign Mission Board is under the administration of Dr. T. B. Ray, and all information needed on the subject of missionary education may be obtained from him. The Foreign Mission Journal is the organ of this board. The Home Mission Board, through its *Publicity Department*, Dr. V. I. Masters, secretary, publishes tracts and books upon home missions. The Home Field is the monthly publication of this board.

Literature Department of W. M. U. As is well known, the Maryland Baptist Union Association established a missionary literature department in 1888. In March 1906 the department was closed, but in June 1906 the Association tendered to the Union the sum of \$1,402.17 for the reopening of a literature department for the publication and sale of missionary booklets, leaflets and other mission supplies, and this department again became an integral part of W. M.

U. and met with unqualified support and success. It now publishes ROYAL SERVICE, the Missionary Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists, and the Yearly Literature, a new feature, or rather the readjustment of an old one. The catalogue with prices of organization pins and leaflets will be sent free on request. Readers of ROYAL SERVICE will rejoice to know that the subscription list this year numbers 27,000, a gain of 6000 over the number reported last year.

Japan.—Dr. Walne writes: "The past year witnessed marked growth in the publication and circulation of literature provided by Japan Baptists. The Baptist is the only one of the leading denominations represented in Japan which is not publishing a weekly denominational paper. All the departments of our work have felt the need of a strong denominational paper. Arrangements have been made to supply this long-felt need by the publication of a weekly paper under the joint auspices of the Japan Baptist Convention and the two missions. During the year the sales of the Gospel Bookstore conducted by the mission reached a total of \$2,404.35. This enterprise is now self-supporting.

Mexico.—The publishing plant of our Mexican mission is at Leon in charge of Rev. J. E. Davis, who has continued the work of publication undismayed by the turmoil in Mexico. The weekly and quarterly periodicals and papers have been much interrupted during the past two years but there have been published several books and a hymnal that has been a great help to the churches which could not afford to pay the high prices to those published outside the country. The Judson Memorial press did good service in the branch plant established for the time being in Mexico City where paper was available.

China.—The China Baptist Publication Society, supported jointly by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, is the chief producer and a large contributor of the literature that we handle. This society was founded at an opportune hour and had a glorious growth from the very first, and has issued many millions of pages year by year. It has worked with and through our missionaries in such a way as to become a vital necessity. It furnishes us with our hymn books and most of our books and tracts. Eight colporteurs working in our fields are supported by the Society, and it also pays part of the expenses of the Bookroom at Wuchow. Its monthly "True Light," with weekly news supplement, the only Baptist paper in the world that is published in Chinese, is read and appreciated by our preachers and a goodly number of our members. The Society's work extends to Baptist missions throughout China. Rev. R. E. Chambers has given most of his time to its work during 1915. Mrs. Chambers had charge of the periodicals during eleven months of the year and translated two years of a beginners' course and part of Mrs. Robertson's "Heart of the Bible" into Cantonese colloquial. Incidentally the staff of the Society has rendered much service to the members of our mission that would go to the work of a general business manager of our mission, if we possessed this much desired worker, such as receiving and shipping freight, purchasing supplies for interior stations, etc.—*Reports of South China Mission 1915-1916*

Italy.—In his reports for 1915 and 1916, missionary D. G. Whittinghill says: "The publication department continues to give us great satisfaction and inspires us with hope for the future. Our publications are constantly growing in usefulness and number. 'Bilychnis,' the theological review published by the faculty of our school, continues to be the most widely read and diffusely quoted review in Italy, except a very few Roman Catholic periodicals. Of course, I refer to those publications which have a religious program. More than twenty (20) of the principal political, scientific, literary and religious magazines of Italy and other European countries publish regularly the table of contents of 'Bilychnis'. A large number of newspapers do the same. In many cases entire articles and lengthy extracts are reproduced. We know that many people who are not subscribers read our review in public libraries, of which there are many in Italy. It is safe to say that Protestants, and especially Baptists, are better known and more highly respected than ever before in Italy. Much of this work has been done by means of our publishing department since it began three years ago. The two books entitled 'The Baptists' and 'Faithwards,' the first of which had an edition of 5,000, and the second 3,000, have gone into many homes of the best people. We are continually getting letters about

the good these two books have accomplished. Ex-Prime Minister Luzzatti wrote me a personal letter about them. Two new volumes are in preparation now. One is entitled 'The Lord's Prayer in the Modern World' and another 'The Church and the New Times'. Both of these are meant to meet new conditions created in Italy by the European war."

South America.—The inauguration of the J. S. Carroll Memorial Publishing House took place January 1, 1916, the sixteenth anniversary of the establishing of the printing plant. The new plant is part of the Judson Centennial Equipment and is the gift of Mrs. J. S. Carroll. A splendid property was purchased in the suburbs of Rio and the plant installed. A new Mergenthaler Linotype machine which does the work of eight compositors has been put in, but missionary Entzminger, senior manager, writes that the equipment is still incomplete and several more machines are urgently needed. In spite of the adverse conditions imposed by the economic conditions that prevail in Brazil, due partly to the bad administration of public affairs, partly to the drought and famine in Northern Brazil and partly to the terrible European war, all of which have brought unspeakable disaster and greatly intensified the struggle for existence; in spite of the curtailment of the output of the publishing house, Sunday school literature, the weekly "Journal Baptista" and many books, leaflets and tracts have been sent out. And not in Brazil only, but in every land where the word is preached by the printed page, are sent these leaves, in very truth leaves from the tree of life and for the healing of the nations.

It is not for us to know the time or the seasons, but it is for us to know the opportunity and the responsibility. The wide-open world should produce in us wide-open minds to study the need and wide-open hearts to feel it. It is the call of humanity itself—East and West, black and white, brown and yellow—all bearing the tarnished image and superscription of God.—*President Faunce of Brown University*

PUT ON YOUR THINKING CAP

Answers to these questions can be found in this issue

1. Find an argument for reading of missions.
2. What course of study is open to every one?
3. What is a good way to extend missionary interest?
4. How may one keep oneself ignorant of the work of one's own board?
5. Where in our mission fields has a magazine for children been started?
6. Who publishes the only Baptist paper in Chinese?
7. What missions are equipped with publishing plants?
8. What is the relative importance of missionary reading?
9. Find a missionary animal in this number.
10. What is a mission study contest?



Y. W. A. PROGRAM



Prepared by a Maryland Y. W. A.

Note: Y. W. A., G. A. and R. A. programs are merely suggestive and are to be adapted by leaders to the requirements of their auxiliaries. The paragraphs referred to in program outlines will be found in general program which begins on page 11. For helpful leaflets see page 3.

AUXILIARY DRILL

What is the Baptist W. M. U. Training School?

The institution established, 1907, by W. M. U. for the training of young women in Christian service at home and abroad.

How is the school supported?

By Union funds apportioned among the several states as a current expense fund. In addition the Union is raising an Enlargement Fund of \$150,000.00 to erect a new and modern building which shall accommodate at least 125 students. \$15,000.00 of above amount is to be used for the chapel in honor of Miss Heck.

What is the Good Will Center?

The settlement work of the school where its students gain practical missionary training and where the monthly attendance from the neighborhood people averages 2100.

How may one secure further information as to scholarships, course of study, etc.?

By writing to Mrs. Maud R. McLure, principal, 334 East Broadway, Louisville, Ky.

PROGRAM

Hymn—"Break Thou the bread of life"

Prayer

Hymn—"Jesus calls us o'er the tumult"

Bible Reading—*Motives underlying Paul's missionary activity: Eph. 2:11-13; Rom. 1:13-16; 2 Tim. 2:10; Acts 26:16, 19; 2 Cor. 5:11, 14, 15.

1. Contrast Paul as a missionary with some modern missionary, as Judson. (1) Training; (2) Journey; (3) Access to Country; (4) Reception by natives; (5) Means of support; (6) Time spent on mission field; (7) His accomplishments. Or

*"New Testament Studies in Missions"—Harlan P. Beach.

II. Have some one tell part of a missionary's life, and end abruptly so as to inspire the members to read the missionary's biography. (See paragraph 3 on page 14)

Hymn—"Am I a soldier of the cross"

Sentence Prayers. Dismissal

Reading for Missions

Reading for missions forms an asset for both the Home Mission and Foreign Mission Boards, for they who read gain knowledge and knowledge creates interest, while interest both prompts action and necessitates giving. Therefore, if the leaders of the Y. W. A.'s can inspire their members to read they will enlarge the missionaries' resources whether they are conscious of it or not.

The first thing to be gained through reading is knowledge. To-day this requisite may be obtained by all, for it is within reach of every one. ROYAL SERVICE, Foreign Mission Journal, Home Field, state denominational papers, mission study books, interdenominational publications, current missionary literature and public libraries bring information to all who seek for it. If we fail here the fault lies within us for the opportunity to know is given to all.

The second thing, interest, is the natural outcome of knowledge. People about whom we know absolutely nothing do not interest us. It is only as we come into contact with them and learn about them that our interest concerning them is aroused. To know that a person has a need causes us to have concern for him. A book of Greek does not hold our attention. Why? We have no knowledge of the language and therefore pass it by. But he who has studied and knows Greek has an interest in it. The Chinese are not interesting to those who know nothing about them, but he who knows their needs, their desires, their ambitions, cannot help but be interested in

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G. A. PROGRAM



Prepared by Miss Willie Jean Stewart

Subject—Reading for Missions

Hymn—Lord speak to me, that I may speak

Prayer

Bible Study—Short talks by three girls on the subjects:

1. True Contentment: Phil. 4:11

2. Right Ambition: II. Tim. 2:15

3. Heroic Purpose: Phil. 3:13, 14

Paper—The Bible as a Mission Study Book (See outline below)

Hymn—"O Zion Haste"

The Best Mission Story I Ever Read (Brief incidents or stories from our mission fields by three or four girls)

Paper—Why Study Missions? (See outline below)

A Mission Study Contest

Brief review of some selected mission study book and organization of mission study class by leader.

Prayer

The July meeting of the G. A. may be held on the quiet, shady porch of one of its members. Let each girl come representing in her costume or otherwise the title of some mission study book. For example a purple dress with the words "In Service" would suggest "In Royal Service", while the picture of a rising sun and the map of Japan would suggest "Sunrise in the Sunrise Kingdom". The utmost ingenuity and originality should be used in this representation and the girls urged not to consult each other that the discovery of the titles represented may add greatly to the enjoyment of the gathering. In order that the girls may familiarize themselves beforehand with our more frequently used books the leader should obtain and distribute copies of the catalogue "Coming Down to the Point" which may be had free of charge from Educational Department, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. It is suggested that several girls be prepared to tell some incident or story from the books they represent or from some tract on the same country under the title "The Best Mission Story I Ever Read".

The Bible As a Mission Study Book

This outline in part or whole is intended to be worked into an interesting paper on the subject by one of the older girls.

1. The Fall of Man: Gen. 3:6, 23, 24
2. The Promise of a Redeemer: Gen. 3:15
3. The Choice of a Race: Gen. 12:1-3
4. The Need of the World: Isa. 46:6, 7
5. The Revelation of the Father: John 17:25, 26
6. The Atoning Death: Rom. 5:19
7. The Last Command: Matt. 28:19, 20
8. The Final Outcome: Rev. 21:3

Why Study Missions?

The outline below is merely suggestive
Intelligence—Most intelligent people know something about missions—its plan, history and outlook.

Information—Mission study the best way to get definite accurate information about missions.

Interest—Information about missions leads to greater interest in missions.

Intercession—Interest leads to intercession for missions without which the cause must fail.

Inspiration—The whole study gives inspiration to greater faith, to sacrificial giving, to heroic endeavor.

A Mission Study Contest

The following conundrums are to be answered with the titles of mission study books. If desired a subscription to ROYAL SERVICE or a Calendar of Prayer may be awarded to the girl first guessing all correctly. The catalogue "Coming Down to the Point" will doubtless be needed in this.

1. A little boy in a crowd—"The Child in the Midst"
2. Our next door neighbor in the present time—"Mexico Today"
3. A ruler and a road—"The King's Highway"

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R. A. PROGRAMS



Prepared by Mrs. Harry S. Mable

FIRST MEETING

Hymn—"Onward Christian soldiers"

Scripture—Matt. 5 : 1-12 (Read or recited)

Sentence Prayers—For the dawning of peace

Paper—Christ the Cure for War

Query—Have Christians done their whole duty to establish peace on earth? Answered by six boys in short papers or two minute talks

First Boy—Our Treatment of the Indians

Second Boy—Taking Rum to Africa

Third Boy—Taking Opium to China

Fourth Boy—Christian Example

Fifth Boy—Good Citizenship

Sixth Boy—The Golden Rule

Prayer—for faithful witness to the truth

Hymn—"Sweet peace, the gift of God's love"

Minutes. Roll Call. Offering. Business. Dismissal

To the Leader—Distribute slips of paper with quotations to be given by each boy at roll call. Add to the following others of your own choosing: "The brave soul can mend even disaster." "Missions can furnish a liberal education." "It is never too late to give." "Organize victory out of mistakes." "The greatest need of humanity is Jesus Christ." "Sacrifice for the sake of service." "Let us have a revival of giving." "Jesus Christ needs your love and interest." "To prevent war develop peace through missions." "To prevent selfishness study foreign missions."

For full information on July topic see general program in this issue.

SECOND MEETING

Hymn—"Let the lower lights be burning"

Sentence Prayers—For light in darkness, for protection in danger, for guidance in duty

Scripture—19th Psalm

Story Hour

Hymn—"The King's Business"

R. A. Yells—(See Manual of the Order of Royal Ambassadors. Have boys make up a few.)

To Leader—Have this meeting at some attractive spot out of doors. Carry a frying pan, bacon, eggs, bread, fruit and cakes for supper. Cook eggs and bacon over camp fire. After the meal have the story hour. Each boy can tell something of the life of the following missionary heroes: *William Carey, Adoniram Judson, Robert Morrison, David Brainerd, Moffat and Livingston, Dr. Tichenor and The Haystack Prayer Meeting.

At this season canvass the church and Sunday school for new members for the Royal Ambassador Chapter, they are needed in this organization and they themselves need the organization. Offer some special inducement to the boys for the reading of missionary books during the summer. Recommend such books as *Soldiers of the Prince*, *Judson the Pioneer*, *Comrades in Service*, *The Black Bearded Barbarian*, *By Canoe and Dog Train*, *A Mexican Ranch* and many others. Watch the book review page in *ROYAL SERVICE* and write for these books to the Educational Department of Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

Do not forget to impress upon the boys that systematic giving through the summer months is very needful as the expenses of the mission boards go on just the same.

The poem given on this page holds a note of courage. Four boys might recite this each taking a verse.

The Song of the World

"There's a song that the hammer is singing,
A ringing and wholesome song,
Of the day's bread won,
Of the day's work done,
Of a mold well cast
In the fiery blast—
And never one blow gone wrong.

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*Two cents each from W. M. U. Lit. Dept., 15 West Franklin St., Baltimore, Md.



SUNBEAM PROGRAMS



Prepared by Mrs. George Stevens



MISS MARY ANDERSON, PRIMARY SCHOOL, NORMAL CLASS AND MATSHED SCHOOL HOUSE, CANTON, CHINA

FIRST MEETING

SUBJECT—Reading for Missions

MOTTO—Let your light shine

HYMN—"Jesus loves me"

SCRIPTURE—Psalm 19

PRAYER—That we may remember what we read in the Bible

HYMN—"Jesus bids us shine"

STORY HOUR—By Leader

READING OF SCRIPTURE VERSES

HYMN—"I'll be a sunbeam for Him"

ROLL CALL. OFFERING. PRAYER

MEMORY VERSES—First Psalm

A Sunbeam

Leader: Once upon a time there was a little girl who was really in earnest about wanting to serve the Master. She talked with her mother about it who told her that she would gladly help her little daughter to be a useful Christian child. So they planned together about things the little girl could do to help

others. This is what they did. Taking a small basket they put fruit, flowers, picture cards and story leaflets into it, then they made a roll of copies of Foreign Mission Journal, Home Field and *ROYAL SERVICE*. Our little missionary was then ready for her work. First she visited a children's hospital and left part of the flowers and picture cards—and they were, oh, so glad to get them. Next she

went to the home of an old lady who was so crippled with rheumatism that she was obliged to walk with a cane. She was very glad to see her bright little friend and to hear her pleasant voice as she greeted her. To her our little missionary gave some fruit, cake and a few magazines, promising that she would come again. Her next visit was to her mother's laundress who warmly welcomed her. To her and her children she gave the last of her cakes and picture cards, a magazine and some leaflets. The last visit of all was to the home of an aged couple, living all alone on the edge of the town. Again she was heartily welcomed for they were lonely and were fond of having her visit them. As usual they wanted her to sing for them, so this day she sang:

"Jesus wants me for a Sunbeam,
To shine for Him each day;
In every way try to please Him,
At home, at school, at play.

"Jesus wants me to be loving
And kind to all I see;
Showing how pleasant and happy
His little one can be."

There were tears in the eyes of the dear old people when she had finished and they said, "You have been just that in our lives today—a sunbeam for Jesus."

When she reached home and told her mother about her visits, the mother just gathered her little daughter up in her arms and kissing her said, "You are mother's sunbeam too."

The Missionary Lamb

Away out in the country lived a little girl with her uncle and aunt, her name was Jennie. The church was fully a mile from the farm and Jennie was the only one who cared enough to attend the services. When she came home from the Sunday school she often tried to tell those in the home about all she had heard and learned, but none of them ever cared to listen to her. She was disappointed of course and longed to do something for the Lord's work. "If I only had something that was all my own," said she, "I would give it to the Lord." Her boy cousin often teased her about it, and one day he gave her a lamb that had fallen into the water and was, as he thought, in a dying condition. "Here," said he, "is something you can have for all your own." She eagerly took the lambkin and tenderly cared

for it until it really got quite well and grew big and strong. Jennie called it her missionary lamb. When shearing time came the wool from Jennie's lamb was sold and she sent the money to the mission board. After a while there came a letter from the board thanking her for her gift. The uncle, aunt and cousin were almost as proud of it as Jennie was herself. The next year she had more money to send because her relatives were more interested and gave her other missionary lambs. By and by the neighbors became interested and felt that they too wanted to be a part of the missionary work of the world. Soon a missionary society was started in the church and it is now giving money every year to send the blessed Gospel to those who do not know that Christ died to save them.

All this came about because our little girl loved the Lord and wanted to give something of her very own to His cause. Because she was so much interested others became interested. This is one of the ways the Sunbeams can help. Just tell your relatives and friends that you want to do something to help to send the Word of God to the heathen and ask them to help you to do it. They will listen to you if you are in earnest, and will help you too.

Write following verses on slips of paper and have older children to read them.

Gen. 1 : 1, 26, 27; Gen. 2 : 15; Lev. 17 : 11; Micah 5 : 2; John 3 : 16; Isaiah 9 : 6; Isaiah 53 : 5, 6, 7; 1st Cor. 15 : 3; John 14 : 6; 1st John 5 : 11, 12; Acts 2 : 38; Mark 16 : 16; Rom. 10 : 9, 10; Luke 6 : 46; John 14 : 21; James 1 : 22; Matt. 28 : 19, 20; Ps. 119 : 11; Eph. 4 : 32; Psalm 119 : 18; Psalm 116 : 1, 2

"I think when I read that sweet story of old,
When Jesus was here among men,
How He called little children as lambs to
His fold,

I should like to have been with them then.
"I wish that His hands had been placed on my
head,
That His arm had been thrown around me,
And that I might have seen His kind look
when He said,
'Let the little ones come unto Me.'

"In that beautiful place He has gone to pre-
pare

For all who are washed and forgiven:
And many dear children shall be with Him
there,

For of such is the kingdom of heaven.

SECOND MEETING

SUBJECT—Telling of Missions

MOTTO—Tell of His love

HYMN—"I love to tell the story"

SCRIPTURE—Matt. 6 : 25-34; 10 : 30-33

PRAYER—That we may tell the salvation story to others

HYMN—"He loves me too"

LESSON—By Leader

RECITATION (Selected by Leader)

ROLL CALL. OFFERING. PRAYER

MEMORY VERSES—Psalm 39 : 1 (First sentence)

Leader: "Isn't this perfectly jolly that so many of us are going out to the park for a good time—twenty-five of us, nearly every one of our Sunbeam band, oh my, come along!" This was said by one of the band as they hurried away, each one carrying a lunch box in her hand. You see they were to hold their meeting out of doors. When they reached the park Miss Josephine, their leader, made them comfortable under the shade of the big trees. After they had played for a while they grouped themselves on the hillside, a bright happy band. Miss Josephine was as happy as they were and said to them, "Now get very quiet for we are about to worship God who is so good to us. Let us sing 'He loves me too.'" And how they did sing! "That was lovely" said Miss Josephine, "and God does love the birds and flowers but He loves children better than either of these. He wants each child to help Him to make the world beautiful and to be a real Sunbeam for Him. The birds and flowers obey Him, the birds sing sweetly and the flowers bloom and nod their beautiful blossoms in the breeze because He made them for this service, but He has a far greater work for children to do. The birds will soon perish and the flowers fade and die, but children have souls and will live forever, those who love and serve God will live with Him and those who do not love Him will be forever separated from Him and will be most miserable. That is the reason we must hasten to tell others about our Saviour, that they may believe on Him and be saved from everlasting punishment." Then Miss Josephine took from her bag some slips of paper, each one was written upon. She bade every child to shut her eyes while she hid the papers. "Now," said she, "you must find these papers and read them to me. This is a missionary game." Such a scramble as there was for the papers. "Oh! I have found one," shouted one

of the girls and then another and another until every paper had been found.

On the first paper was written: "If we read the magazine called the Foreign Mission Journal we will know about the work being done on the foreign field and will learn just where our missionaries are doing it. It is published by the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va."

Second paper: "The Home Field is a magazine that tells us of mission work done in our beloved country. This is published by the Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Ga."

Third paper: "ROYAL SERVICE is the magazine published in Baltimore, Maryland, by the Woman's Missionary Union. It gives programs for missionary societies and bands, for us Sunbeams there are two programs every month. It also has plenty of other good missionary reading."

Fourth paper: "Every society and band ought to have a mission study class, there are good mission study books prepared for Sunbeams. Read some missionary story book during vacation."

Fifth paper: "In foreign countries the children are always glad to have pictures, magazines and picture postals. You can preach the Gospel in this way."

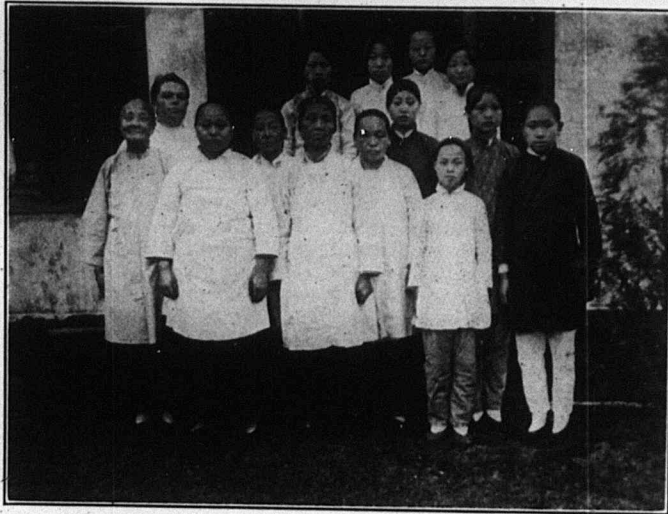
Sixth paper: "From the Woman's Missionary Union Literature Department, 15 W. Franklin Street, Baltimore, Maryland, you can get all kinds of leaflets full of beautiful stories, songs, poems and exercises. Send for a catalogue of prices."

Seventh paper: "There is a monthly missionary magazine for boys and girls called Everyland, price \$1.00 for one year. For this send to 156 Fifth Ave., New York City."

After this splendid missionary game other games were played until it was time to go home. Every Sunbeam said that it had been a splendid picnic-missionary-meeting!



FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



THE FIRST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF SOOCHOW BAPTIST CHURCH,
ORGANIZED 1911

OF GOOD COURAGE

CHINA at present is excited over the alarming condition of the government. Many provinces have declared themselves independent of Yuan Shih Kai's rule and fighting has resulted in many places. Our adjoining province declared independence a few days ago. We expect Kiangsu to follow soon. We do not know what effect it will have on the peace of our usually quiet city. Business, especially the silk industry, is suffering from the disturbed conditions. That makes the weavers and reelers, of whom there are thousands here in Soochow, restless.

Our work here moves on as usual. We are sorry that larger numbers do not believe. There have been only eight baptisms so far this year in our field. We have daily meetings, and in February there was a special evangelistic campaign in our church. Several men and women stood up in answer to the invitation for those who wanted to believe on Jesus. We still hope for real fruits from that effort.

We have just held the sixth Annual Meeting of our Woman's Missionary Union of South Kiangsu. There was a good representation from most of our churches in the Shanghai and Soochow mission fields. There are now six Woman's Missionary societies, five Y. W. A.'s, nine or ten Sunbeam Bands and one group of Royal Ambassadors. Their contributions during the past year amounted to over \$400. The motto of this meeting was "Be strong and work, for the Lord is with thee". We came from the meeting feeling that the Lord was indeed with us.

With political affairs in the unsettled state they are out here the whole country is in a state of anxiety as to business, occupations and religious work. We need the prayers of the home people more than ever. What would we do without them! Our discouragements are many but the mercy of God never faileth and on that we rest.

ROYAL SERVICE is our welcome monthly visitor, I cannot express to you how we prize it.—Nannie Britton, Soochow, China



TRAINING SCHOOL



GRADUATION DAY

May time and daisies, girlhood and hope, unite on graduation day.

At the W. M. U. Training School the juniors were busy from early morn weaving the daisy chains for the well beloved seniors, and as their fingers flew gay voices and happy laughter rang out. As night drew on clouds came up and surely, as the thunder rolled and the rains descended, the gloom was typical of that darkness into which these "Light Bearers" were going with their Gospel of love and good cheer. But the storm could not keep all the interested friends at home and in spite of the downpour a goodly company gathered to do honor to the earnest, faithful work of the young missionaries.

Bright were the lights and fragrant were the flowers which decked the rostrum. But no lights could rival the bright eyes of the little children and eager boys and maidens who occupied the seats reserved for the Good Will Center folks. Anxiously they watched for the particular Training School girl who had shown them Christ—who had taught them Christian ideals, and as she came their faces glowed with delight.

The last event in their school life had come to the seniors and bearing the daisy chains woven by the hands of love they entered the church singing. Surely this white clad procession bound together by flowry chains and singing "Take the Light, Take the Light" is symbolic of what these white, young lives, fragrant with the love of Christ, will mean to a sin sick world!

Twenty-nine young women were graduated. Five of these were the wives of theological students, two of whom took the degree of Master of Missionary Training, this representing the highest degree within the gift of the school. Twenty-seven students received the degree of Bachelor of Missionary Training in recognition of two years' successful work.

Dr. W. O. Carver made the address of the occasion. To describe it or to attempt to give an idea of this clear cut, forceful, spiritual message would be vain, but it went straight to the hearts of the hearers who earnestly drank in his words. These were precious words to the seniors who had, in the class room, so lovingly followed this great teacher through God's Word as he opened up missions in unexpected passages, making them glow with the missionary message. The diplomas were presented by Dr. C. S. Gardner who presided over the happy occasion and later there were twenty-six certificates given to those who had successfully completed one year's work. Certificates were also given to two married ladies who had taken a special course covering one year's work. The music was most attractive and swept our hearts with its melody and rhythm.

And now the commencement is over, the year with its failures and its victories is past—our girls are gone. Their loved places are empty but in my heart there echoes the benediction sung on commencement night: "He shall give His angels charge over thee to keep thee. Because thou hast made the Lord most High thy habitation there shall no evil befall thee."—Maud R. McLure

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."

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



PERSONAL SERVICE



PERSONAL SERVICE IN 1916

"The humblest deed is ennobled
When it is worthily done."

This is the impression left by the record of the activities of Personal Service workers during the past year.

At Asheville it was learned that we have thirteen Good Will Centers; two in Alabama, one in Georgia, one in Illinois, one in Oklahoma, one in South Carolina, three in Texas, three in Virginia and one in connection with our Training School. After the report was presented Mrs. Thomas of Virginia rose and said that the Good Will Center of Richmond, the House of Happiness as it is called, had done more for the women than they had been able to do for it, that it was bringing in large returns both to the helpers and the helped. Mrs. B. D. Gray spoke of the importance of keeping the spiritual aim of the work clarified, Miss Broadus expressed the same thought. Mrs. Wright of Alabama told of forming a Life Line Club the plan of which is to speak to two persons every month who are not Christians.

There was an interesting and effective display of posters on Personal Service in the room with the literature exhibit, a number of states contributing.

The Good Will Center preaches the Gospel not only by precept and example but is an unanswerable argument for the community—that family of families—in favor of decent and sanitary surroundings, of order and recognition of the rights of others. Only through such an illustration of the Gospel applied may the community that needs it be taught what will contribute to its own advancement and welfare and how to make these things possible.

A most impressive feature of Personal Service was the large number of cottage prayer meetings which have been held. The reported number of these is 1375 while 8967 services were held in connection with visits.

Some one has said that prayer creates a spiritual climate in which spiritual things may grow. If this be true and we believe it is, many lives will burst into bloom and fruitage because of the atmosphere of prayer.

Industrial schools are showing a gratifying increase. Properly graded and organized, they train the child from kindergarten age to the borders of womanhood so that the one who has completed the course can cut out and make a dress. This is the practical side. The fact that they reach with the Gospel a class of children who through the faith, prejudice or indifference of their parents are not reached through the Sunday school makes them invaluable to the personal worker. Cheer-All Clubs for reaching the girl outside church influence, the girl in factory, store or office, are proving to be a worth while field for personal service. The appreciation shown by the girls, the helpfulness that flows from their lives because directed into paths of usefulness, the response to higher things, these convince that there lies within reach of many of us the high privilege of serving such as these.

We regret to note that the necessity or worth of Homemakers' Clubs do not seem to be impressing our workers as we wish they might. Much has been said about the importance and incalculable results of such clubs and yet our report tells us there are only ninety societies conducting or helping Homemakers' Clubs. There is no need that makes its appeal more deeply to woman's heart than that of burdened motherhood, and to give expression to this bond of sisterly sympathy as well as to carry out the injunction "Bear ye one another's burdens" our Homemakers' Clubs are planned. Cares and sorrows benumb and stultify where they are not seen through the love of God and it is the duty of Christian mothers to bring to their less fortunate sisters, bound to them by the tie of a universal call to motherhood, the light and love of the Gospel and let them feel the throb of Christian fellowship. In no other way may this be done so effectively as through Homemakers' Clubs. As a guide in this work we have "The Homemaker" which may be obtained from the Literature Department. To every Union mother we would say, "Would you know the joyfulness of service?" Then into this field of endeavor "Enter thou".



UNION NOTES



ROUND TABLE

THE following facts are very interesting: Texas led the Union during the past year in the net gain in the number of organizations, her gain being 226; Kentucky is a close second with 215; the states having a net gain of over 100 are Georgia, North Carolina and Illinois in the order named; and those having a net gain of less than 100 are, in the order named, Virginia, South Carolina, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Missouri, Florida and Maryland. The other five states had no net gain and in three of these there was a loss. The net gain for the entire union is 1239, while the number of new organizations reported is 3154. This means that 1915 organizations have been dropped from the roll, a number larger by 676 than our net gain. This is a challenge for efficient enlistment and for a never wearying foster spirit on the part of the leaders and nearby societies.—During the summer and fall a vigorous ROYAL SERVICE subscription campaign will again be conducted. The nine states which at present lead in the total number of subscribers are as follows, ranking in the order given: Texas, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia.—Concerning the Arkansas W. M. U. Annual Meeting in April, the corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. G. Jackson writes: "The attendance was most gratifying, especially as Ft. Smith borders on Oklahoma, 164 miles from Little Rock, so that delegates from the northeast, southeast and southwest had long distances to go; but they went. The mission study class, taught by Mrs. A. L. Aulick, was well attended, though beginning at 8:45 A. M. Dr. M. P. Hunt's missionary sermon was inspirational to a high degree. Friday afternoon, at the close, the officers, new and old, were lined up in front, while the large audience, singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds", gave each the hand, pledging prayers and cooperation. A fitting close to such a meeting was the memorial service for our great leader, Miss Heck, held Friday night, Mrs. J. L. Hawkins presiding. In attendance, in interest, in spirit,

in harmony, in enlarged vision of the magnitude of the task, a deepened consecration of heart and mind, in cooperation, this annual session surpasses all previous ones.—During April also occurred the St. Louis Training School of the Sunday School Board. The Union was officially represented by Miss Sallie Priest, known for her splendid work in Shanghai, China. Concerning Miss Priest's helpfulness at St. Louis, Miss Lillian Forbes, one of the Sunday School Board field workers, writes that all hearts were deeply touched and all the workers benefited by her spirituality, fine humor and ease in speaking. Miss Priest writes as follows of the meeting: "In this day when we see and hear so much about efficiency, it was a privilege to attend the St. Louis Training School which extended from April 23 to April 30. It was good to see such a large number of Christian workers come together to study faithfully and listen patiently that they might become more efficient in the service of their King. During the hour when woman's work in the kingdom was discussed, the attendance was good, the fewest number present on any single day being eighty and the greatest number being one hundred and twenty. On Friday morning we had the pleasure of attending an all-day meeting of the woman's auxiliary of Alton Association in East St. Louis. There we found a goodly company of young women. They are being 'led gently in places of joyous responsibility' by Miss Mary Northington. Sunday, April 30, was 'Recognition Day' when diplomas, seals and certificates were awarded. We wish for each recipient the reward of hearing the Master Teacher say on the great Recognition Day: 'Well done—good and faithful servant.'—With the annual greetings from the Central China W. M. U. came a small parcel post package containing a carved white wooden box in which was a copy of the New Testament in Chinese. The binding corresponds with the wood of the box, being beautifully carved. The gift was gratefully displayed in Asheville.—The editorial of this issue tells the story of the Annual Meeting. The whole

issue might well chronicle its events for it was an exceptionally fine gathering. Certainly on no previous occasion has there been held a finer all-day session of the Secretaries' and Field Workers' Council of the W. M. U. This occurred on Monday, May 22, when the Council members were the guests of the hospitable ladies of the First Baptist Church of Asheville. Over five hours were given to close study of W. M. U. methods and ideals, every speaker being ready with her part on the program.—Among many whose chairs were vacant at Asheville was remembered Mrs. A. G. Schimp of Maryland who departed this life early in May. Since 1900 Mrs. Schimp attended all but two of our Annual Meetings and was ever the loyal friend of the Union and of the Boards. Her zeal and unselfish devotion for missions will truly be told as a memorial of her.—This opportu-

nity is taken to thank the women in the various states who with infinite care and delightful style have written by request to the Baltimore headquarters concerning the circle plans and promotion day programs as carried out in their local churches. Many of these plans and programs will be published in ROYAL SERVICE and the Union Year Book. They will also be of great help to the new Commission on Circle Plans as authorized at Asheville.—As usual the Union presented its annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention. This was ably done by Dr. W. C. James of Richmond, Va. After the report was given a motion was made that the picture of the Union's honored president, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, be put in the Convention minutes. This is sincerely appreciated by all W. M. U. workers.

1916-17 APPORTIONMENTS

At Asheville the following apportionments were accepted by the state delegations. The financial record of the past year is highly encouraging and there is every reason to believe that this new apportionment will be fully met as it is not quite 7½% increase over similar gifts of last year. Mississippi was the only state that met every apportionment last year, but the District of Columbia and Virginia failed only on their part for the Sunday School Board, North Carolina, New Mexico and Illinois only on the Margaret Fund, Louisiana and Oklahoma only on the Bible Fund and the Margaret Fund and Alabama only on foreign missions. It is easy to believe that by early planning, never wearying persistence and much prayer these eight states will this year be in Mississippi's "class" and that the other nine states will do their best to be likewise. (See apportionments for young people's organizations on page 31.)

STATES	Foreign	Home	S. S. Board	Marg. Fund	Cur. Exp.	Total
Alabama.....	\$12,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 100	\$ 60	\$ 200	\$20,360
Arkansas.....	3,700	2,400	25	40	70	6,235
Dist. of Columbia	950	600	10	80	60	1,700
Florida.....	2,700	1,800	40	40	60	4,640
Georgia.....	27,000	18,000	190	160	635	45,985
Illinois.....	700	500	.....	25	15	1,240
Kentucky.....	12,100	8,100	150	100	465	20,915
Louisiana.....	4,000	3,000	25	35	75	7,135
Maryland.....	2,400	1,600	30	20	35	4,085
Mississippi.....	10,000	7,000	100	50	150	17,300
Missouri.....	6,400	4,200	.....	60	150	10,810
New Mexico.....	800	500	.....	10	10	1,320
North Carolina..	19,500	13,000	150	100	335	33,085
Oklahoma.....	3,500	2,500	.....	50	60	6,110
South Carolina..	20,850	13,900	250	100	290	35,390
Tennessee.....	11,800	7,900	160	60	215	20,135
Texas.....	21,000	14,000	120	160	250	35,530
Virginia.....	29,000	19,500	150	160	525	49,335
Totals.....	\$188,400	\$126,500	\$1,500	\$1,310	\$3,600	\$321,310



BOOK REVIEWS



College Women and Country Leadership

TO the many college girls who will give part of their vacation days serving in Eight Weeks Clubs, to graduates who are looking forward to teaching in the country school house in the fall, to still other students whose college days are not yet over, we recommend Miss Jessie Field's little pamphlet, *College Women and Country Leadership*. In her introduction she tells us of the undergraduate into whose heart came a longing "to share with the girls in her own neighborhood something of the brightness and joy and deeper understanding of life which had come to her at college. She put this desire into action and during the eight weeks of summer vacation she got together all the girls of her own neighborhood". Through this little book the author aims "to help such college women and all others who are interested in any form of rural leadership to see the country life movement as a whole and to secure the practical help and the knowledge of resources which will awaken a desire for deeper study of, and to take part in, the whole problem of rural leadership".

Among the ten very short chapters we find discussed: The Call of Country Committees for Leaders; The Kind of Leaders Needed in the Country; Furthering the Interests of Good Home Making; Planning for Social and Recreational Life; etc.

Following each chapter are a number of well thought out questions arranged for "study and discussion" by college girls as well as a practical program based on the chapter material. A list of books dealing with country life, given at the close, offers further research. The author tells us that this little book has been written with the hope that it might bring to college women a big vision of the chance they have to invest their lives in leadership for the sake of those who live on the farms of our nation".

Purchase for 25c from the Publication Department, Y. W. C. A. 600 Lexington Avenue, New York City

Love comes and grows through service, not through being served.—Henry C. Trumbull

World Missions and World Peace

This year the Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions publishes its sixteenth book. Mrs. Caroline Atwater Mason, author of *Lux Christi*, *The Little Green God* and other books has written *World Missions and World Peace*. The foreword tells us that the book "meets the argument that without war men and nations lose their sense of the heroic and sacrificial. Mrs. Mason argues that the constructive work of Foreign Missions furnishes a Christian equivalent for war and supplies the motives for heroism and self-sacrifice." She tells us that the aim of the book is: "first, to study the Kingdom of Christ as a Kingdom of Peace now maimed and menaced by war; second, to study Christ's conquest of the world in the past and the outlook for it in the future." Following the chapters we notice that the first, *War and the Kingdom*, tells of the great opposition to war and arms held by the early followers of Christ, and of the change in the third century, when militarism holds a high place with Constantine and the autocratic Popes. The two chapters on *The Conquest of Europe: East*, and *The Conquest of Europe: West*, are full of historical data, dealing with the Greek and Roman churches and with Mohammedanism. Accounts are given of Ulfilas, Chrysostom and other missionaries of the Greek church in Eastern Europe, and stories of Clovis, Ethelbert and others who carried the Roman church to the peoples of the West. Then come two chapters, *The Protestant Epoch and Heroism in Christian Conquest*. In this latter we read of men and women of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries who, with exalted courage, faced dangers and oft-times death to carry their Gospel message to far off lands.

The last chapter on *Peace and the Kingdom* gives a brief summary of the book, tells of the growth of "peace movements" and brings up again the modern problem of "interdenominational unity" on the mission fields.

Paper .30, cloth .50, postage extra

Humility is willingness to serve men, founded upon willingness to lean upon God.—W. Douglas Mackenzie

EDITORIAL

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Foreign and Sunday School Boards led the devotional exercises and Mrs. McLure of the Training School paid our tribute to the life whose "Foundation Stones" were Harmony, Joy, Beauty and Power. At the close of the service a poem written by Miss Heck while the Union was in annual session at Houston which has only recently come into the possession of her family was read. Its theme was an interpretation of the Book of Job and proved a most fitting close to the service.

With loving and grateful memories of her whose influence will never cease, with a new leader to command our loyalty, with big and splendid goals to stimulate our efforts, "steadfastly in prayer and ministry" we face the new year with gratitude for the ever guiding hand of our Heavenly Father who has given us richly many things to do and to enjoy.

Y. W. A. PROGRAM

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their progress. Truly knowledge does create interest.

Finally, interest both prompts action and necessitates giving. How could it be otherwise? What is more needed than action, a willingness to serve our fellowmen in any capacity that their needs require, and money the means of rendering this aid in places where we cannot personally act? The world affords abundant opportunities for both of these gifts. Many men and women at home as well as in heathen countries are carrying heavy burdens which alone will be lifted when we become interested in them. Could one really be interested in a child and refuse to safeguard its life, or to give it food if it is in want? No, it is interest that prompts us to lighten cares and necessitates the sharing of our blessings. Thus, he who inspires another to read concerning missions increases the assets of the mission boards.

G. A. PROGRAM

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4. A long trip with two children—"Around the World with Jack and Janet"

5. An unexpected event among the dishes—"The Emergency in China"

6. A nut and some outline pictures—"Brazilian Sketches"

7. Before sunrise in Africa—"Daybreak in the Dark Continent"

8. Working for a king—"In Royal Service"

9. A voice from all over the globe—"The Call of the World"

10. Just one and good news for all—"The Individual and the Social Gospel"

11. The finest denomination, the sweetest place, the greatest task—"Baptist Home Missions"

12. Friends at work—"Comrades in Service"

13. Two interrogations and a faraway task—"The Why and How of Foreign Missions"

14. Training and the end of sharp instruments—"Efficiency Points"

15. Baptist believers doing things—"The Church at Work"

R. A. PROGRAMS

(Concluded from Page 20)

"There's a song that the engines are singing,
A deep and echoing song,
Of the whirling wheel
And the burnished steel,
From the lightest spring
To the mightiest swing—
And never a stroke gone wrong.

"There's a song that the sails are singing,
A humming and catching song,
Of the prow that braves
The ravening waves,
Of storms outsailed,
And of ports safe hailed—
And never a helm gone wrong.

"There's a song that the world is singing,
A resonant, splendid song,
Of its work, work, work,
With never a shirk,
Of its battles won,
Of its labors done—
And of Right that masters Wrong."

APPORTIONMENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS

Note: These apportionments are included in the 1916-17 apportionments on page 28 and are itemized for encouragement and stimulus to the young people and their leaders.

APPORTIONMENTS FOR

Y. W. A. AND G. A.

States	Foreign	Home	Total
Alabama.....	\$ 825	\$ 550	\$ 1,375
Arkansas.....	230	150	380
District of Columbia.....	50	35	85
Florida.....	90	60	150
Georgia.....	2,525	1,680	4,205
Illinois.....	40	25	65
Kentucky.....	1,200	800	2,000
Louisiana.....	60	30	90
Maryland.....	360	232	592
Mississippi.....	825	550	1,375
Missouri.....	210	140	350
New Mexico.....	10	8	18
North Carolina.....	2,460	1,640	4,100
Oklahoma.....	45	30	75
South Carolina.....	2,500	1,660	4,160
Tennessee.....	490	330	820
Texas.....	750	500	1,250
Virginia.....	3,130	2,080	5,210
Totals.....	\$15,800	\$10,500	\$26,300

SUNBEAM BANDS

Foreign	Home	Total
\$ 270	\$ 175	\$ 445
140	90	230
15	10	25
80	50	130
1,000	660	1,660
60	40	100
270	180	450
90	60	150
90	60	150
210	140	350
20	15	35
10	10	20
1,780	1,180	2,960
15	10	25
2,100	1,400	3,500
140	100	240
150	100	250
2,560	1,720	4,280
\$9,000	\$6,000	\$15,000

APPORTIONMENTS FOR R. A.

States	Foreign	Home	Total
Alabama.....	\$ 30	\$20	\$ 50
Georgia.....	90	60	150
Kentucky.....	18	12	30
Louisiana.....	2	2	4
Maryland.....	4	2	6
Mississippi.....	25	18	43
Missouri.....	4	3	7
North Carolina.....	150	100	250
Oklahoma.....	3	2	5
South Carolina.....	372	250	622
Tennessee.....	2	1	3
Virginia.....	500	330	830
Totals.....	\$1,200	\$800	\$2,000

A YEAR'S FINANCIAL RECORD

May 5th, 1915, to May 1, 1916

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY TO S. B. C., MRS. W. C. LOWNDES, TREASURER
As Reported by State Treasurers

States	Foreign	Home	S. S. Board	Mar-garet Fund	Training School			Cash Total	Box Total	Cash and Box Total
					Current Expenses	Enlarge-ment	Scholar-ship Fund			
Alabama.....	\$ 10,481.61	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,119.18	\$ 800.00	\$ 20,460.79	.....	\$ 20,460.79
Arkansas.....	3,350.93	2,022.27	11.22	20.00	70.00	155.20	.....	5,629.62	\$150.00	5,779.62
District of Columbia.....	1,590.19	564.24	7.00	53.75	55.50	10.00	.....	2,280.68	.....	2,280.68
Florida.....	2,237.05	1,886.70	40.60	26.85	60.00	278.80	.....	4,530.00	485.00	5,015.00
Georgia.....	25,115.06	15,048.36	.....	85.70	635.00	2,250.81	875.00	44,009.93	734.54	44,744.47
Illinois.....	501.50	661.59	1.00	6.91	15.00	113.52	259.70	1,559.22	50.00	1,609.22
Kentucky.....	11,760.25	6,737.38	150.00	110.11	465.00	2,597.53	200.00	22,020.27	460.81	22,481.08
Louisiana.....	3,803.23	3,416.69	75	5.75	75.00	221.40	119.41	7,642.23	25.00	7,667.23
Maryland.....	2,281.82	1,580.28	21.00	23.75	65.00	425.25	318.60	4,715.70	518.65	5,234.35
Mississippi.....	12,713.14	6,621.76	100.00	50.00	150.00	1,001.85	155.00	20,791.75	1,081.87	21,873.62
Missouri.....	6,854.07	2,827.08	.....	.....	80.52	.....	757.69	10,519.36	242.25	10,761.61
New Mexico.....	610.65	610.85	.....	.....	10.00	13.75	.....	1,245.25	50.00	1,295.25
North Carolina.....	18,413.86	9,870.05	185.53	.....	335.00	3,288.13	400.00	32,492.57	1,893.48	34,386.05
Oklahoma.....	3,485.09	3,450.96	4.00	3.00	60.00	443.95	140.00	7,587.00	.....	7,587.00
South Carolina.....	20,445.78	13,403.50	291.08	42.07	290.00	2,890.41	600.68	37,963.52	70.26	38,033.78
Tennessee.....	10,229.00	7,792.79	72.35	.....	215.00	1,671.26	400.00	20,380.40	157.20	20,537.60
Texas.....	20,369.15	10,592.46	164.16	140.00	250.00	241.50	.....	31,757.27	2,700.00	34,457.27
Virginia.....	27,606.62	16,540.04	110.02	160.00	525.00	2,000.00	1,100.00	48,041.68	2,290.85	50,332.53
Student Body.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	385.00	.....	385.00	.....	385.00
Alumnae.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	187.68	.....	187.68	.....	187.68
Miscellaneous Gifts.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27.00	.....	27.00	.....	27.00
Total Gifts.....	\$181,849.00	\$111,327.00	\$1,258.71	\$ 787.89	\$3,556.02	\$19,322.22	\$6,126.08	\$324,226.92	\$10,909.91	\$335,136.83
Total Aims.....	\$182,460.00	\$120,950.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,200.00	\$3,600.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gifts, 1915.....	\$164,869.62	\$103,926.34	\$1,765.71	\$ 13.60	\$3,599.50	\$23,957.61	\$5,227.98	\$303,360.36	\$11,742.05	\$315,102.41