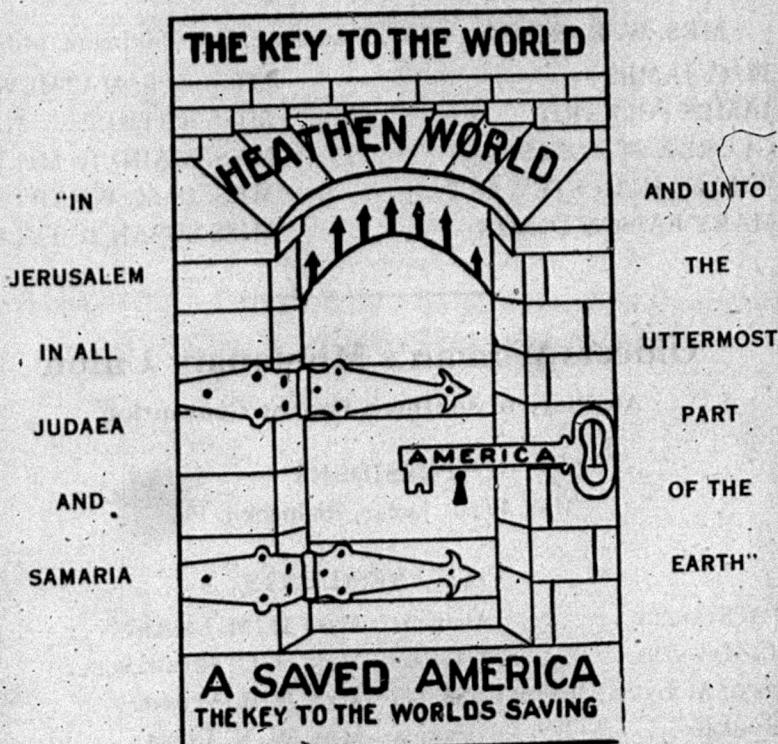


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Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; and so shall ye be My disciples.—John 15:8

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EDITORIAL



A TASK TO BE COMPLETED

IN the Recommendations of the Executive Committee to the Woman's Missionary Union adopted for the year 1913-14, our Jubilate year, we find the following: 1. "That the Jubilate offerings be over and above any amounts apportioned for the year, those for home missions to be accredited to the Million Dollar Church Building and Loan Fund and those for foreign missions to the Judson Centennial Equipment Fund of \$1,250,000. 2. That we endeavor to make these offerings joyfully and abundantly as an expression of gratitude for the favor which has been poured out by the Lord upon our work during the past twenty-five years."

In the resolutions adopted by the Union, May, 1917, we find these words: "Realizing with the Home and Foreign Mission Boards the needs of the work conducted by them, we earnestly endeavor to raise as much as possible for each of them that the months of October and November be set aside for a special Church Building and Loan Fund Campaign, the desire being to secure during those months in cash or pledges all that remains of the \$325,000 apportionment accepted by the Union for this fund."

In these resolutions we find no plan looking to the completion of the Jubilate pledge to the Judson Equipment Fund because that is complete, our promise has been fulfilled. But our pledge to the Church Building and Loan Fund, the fund which the women were so influential in beginning, is as yet incomplete. We do not believe that the remaining more than \$250,000 of this pledge is unpaid because our women had less interest in the work of helping homeless churches in the south than in furnishing equipment for our work on the foreign field. We believe that the task is incomplete because of the fact that the Home Mission Board, after a time, voluntarily gave the right of way to the Judson Centennial Fund which was, therefore, more strongly urged before the churches.

No matter how efficient a church may be or how many earnest personal workers it may have, certain conditions at times seem to call for a special season of revival meetings. There seems to be a need for a more general stirring up of interest than usual. In like manner a campaign under certain circumstances is more valuable to a cause than the usual system of methods employed. A campaign is valuable because of a certain dynamic force it always sets in action; because of a wide simultaneous diffusion of knowledge; and the turning of many to the same object at the same time. If perfectly conducted there is a period of preparation, key positions to be taken and influential persons to be utilized. The whole membership of an organization should be brought under the influence of this force and not a single person allowed to escape the power of the movement. Such a time seems to have come to the Woman's Missionary Union and such a campaign seems to be the wisest and best plan for the Union to follow in order to accomplish that for which we are pledged. The time has come, the season set apart when we shall bend our energies in one great effort to secure in this fall campaign cash and pledges sufficient to cover the sum remaining due for the Church Building and Loan Fund.

In Miss Heck's annual address the year this pledge was made she said: "That the women will give largely to these magnificent objects I cannot doubt. I refuse even in my own mind to surmise what southern Baptist women, whose entire gifts are to be counted in one great memorial sum, will this year offer willingly to the Lord, to be a perpetual memorial to their love, in wood and stone." Her expectation for the Union in one of the objects has been realized, the other awaits fulfillment.

We do not urge in this campaign such high pressure methods that all thought of the great things we have to continue will be blotted out. As we enter the fall work we must remember the young people and many untouched women yet to be enlisted; the need for the completion of the Enlargement Fund for the Training School and increased gifts to the regular work of

home and foreign missions. Because of large tasks undertaken and accomplished this campaign will bring its appeal to a larger minded, more studious, more liberal group of women and girls than we were at the time the pledge was made, and we believe we can enter whole-heartedly into this great task without crippling the work we would advance.

If we have enlisted in the church and thereby in the mission cause, just as men today are enlisting in the Army and Navy, we would realize that we have enlisted to serve rather than to be safe; that we have enlisted more for the sake of the world than for the sake of ourselves. If we are fighting for the world we will realize that an extension of our base of supplies is essential, since it is evident to all that the foreign and home fields alike demand a general and a positive reinforcement. Since reinforcement depends, in proper ratio, upon the increased number and efficiency of our churches and on their power to sustain life and to become yet more efficient through a church building loan fund, such a fund is not a by-product of missions, but the very essence of missions itself.

We cross the prairie, as of old
Our fathers crossed the sea,
To make the West, as they the East,
The homestead of the free.

We're flowing from our native hills,
As our free rivers flow;
The blessing of our Mother-land
Is on us as we go.

We go to plant the Church of God,
On distant prairie swells;
To give the Sabbaths of the wild,
The music of her bells.

Upbearing, like the ark of God,
The Bible in our van;
We go to test the truth of God
Against the greed of man.

We'll tread the prairie, as of old
Our fathers sailed the sea;
And make the West, as they the East,
The homestead of the free.

Whittier

SPECIAL MEMORIAL IDEALS

As a part of its \$325,000 Jubilate pledge to the Church Building Loan Fund of the Home Mission Board, the Woman's Missionary Union is encouraging the raising of the five following memorials:

Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial of at least \$15,000
Y. W. A. Memorial of at least \$1,838
G. A. Memorial of at least \$817
R. A. Memorial of at least \$624
Sunbeam Memorial of at least \$3,794

FOOD CONSERVATION

TO THE BAPTIST WOMEN OF THE SOUTH: According to the experts, both scientific men and government officials, who are studying the situation most closely, there is now, at the present moment, a serious shortage in the world's food supplies. Moreover, the war has so largely absorbed the productive man-power of the world that this shortage is certain to grow more acute and distressing as time passes, at least till the war ends and the men who are now engaged in military duties are able to return to productive employments. The pinch of gnawing hunger is already felt in many lands besides Germany. Starvation is staring millions of people in the face today.

Fortunately for us Americans these conditions do not prevail in our own country now. But our Allies are suffering, and if the war is to be won and the world made free and "safe for democracy" they must be fed. This war has produced no more heroic figures than the women of France. With every available man engaged in a life-and-death struggle to save their beautiful land from further devastation and drive the terrible Germans from their borders, the women are toiling to feed the nation. In the fields, and everywhere, they are laboring to save themselves and their country from the unspeakable and nameless horrors of German domination. If American women will only try to realize what a German victory would mean to the women of France, no other argument will be necessary to induce them to lend their utmost aid to their suffering sisters across the seas.

In view of these conditions, the American government is asking all our people to economize in the use of these foodstuffs by eating only enough, by wasting nothing, and by eating those kinds of foods which cannot be shipped easily and economically to our Allies. The kinds of food which they need most, and which can be shipped most satisfactorily, are wheat, pork, beef, mutton, dairy products, and sugar. Accordingly, American housekeepers are urged to economize as much as possible in the use of these foods by substituting other things, thus saving for the needs of those who are fighting our battles as well as their own, in Europe. At the expense of a little thought and some inconvenience, it may be, American women can in this way contribute greatly to the winning of the war and the future freedom and peace of the world; they can help to save their sisters of France and Belgium from the clutches of their implacable foes.

The question is: Will American women do it? Can they realize the world's need and their own danger if our Allies are defeated in Europe? Will they make the necessary sacrifices, small though they be? Saving is primarily a woman's problem; economy at the table, in the pantry and the kitchen, waits upon her. It is my firm faith that southern Baptist women will not lag behind any in the efforts to meet the needs of our own country and of humanity at large. They have never lacked in sentiments of patriotism or humanity, but have always answered "Aye" when the call came. Every consideration of patriotism and humanity now demands their support, and I believe they will give it.

What can they do? These things:

- (1) Suffer no food waste in kitchen or dining-room.
- (2) Choose as far as possible those foods which cannot be shipped abroad.
- (3) Preserve as much perishable foods, such as fruits and vegetables, as possible, for winter use.
- (4) Assist the government in all possible ways in impressing upon the people the necessity for Food Conservation.
- (5) Talk Food Conservation everywhere. Get our whole social atmosphere saturated with "Conservation". All saving in America must be voluntary, but a strong public opinion will greatly stimulate voluntary saving.

W. J. Mc Glothlin

Southern Baptist Representative in Food
Administration at Washington



BIBLE STUDY



TOPIC—Promises

There failed not aught of any good thing which Jehovah had spoken unto the house of Israel: all came to pass. Joshua 21:45

I. *Prophecy* does not express a hope but a certainty. Acts 2:35, 36. Peter shows how prophecy is fulfilled. 2 Peter 1:19-21. Prophecy is not to God a mere hope, it is a clear vision of what must be and of what He Himself will bring to pass. It is God's *note of hand* that He will yet give "the nations for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession". Psalm 2:8. This was signed in heaven before the earth was formed, signed on Calvary with the blood of the cross. The word of the Lord will prevail, not by means of education, eloquence or mechanical efforts on the part of the Christians, but because God has said it will be so, and when His word has gone forth "it shall not return unto Him void". "Prophecy is history fore-written. The centre of all prophecy and the goal as well is the Lord Jesus Christ. His sufferings and His glory, His two comings—as man of sorrows to suffer and to die, Isa. 53; as King of Glory to reign, Psalm 24; 1 Cor. 15:25—were beheld and written of in advance by the holy men of God through the power of the Holy Spirit." Isa. 45:21-25.

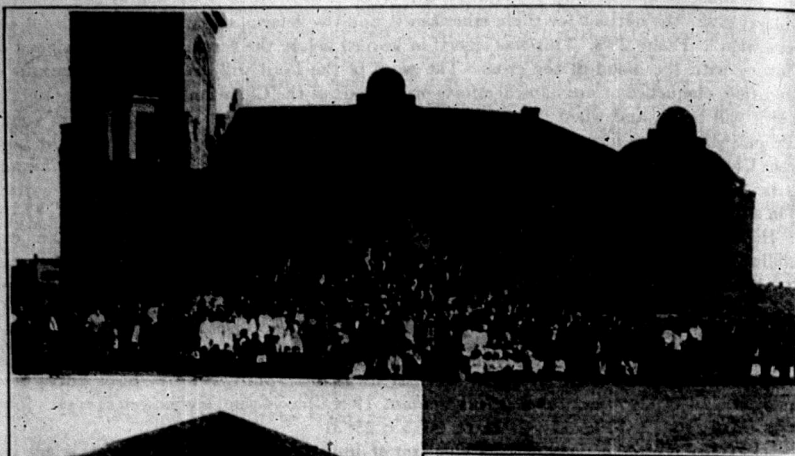
II. *Some Fulfillments*: Gen. 12:3; 18:18; 22:18. This promise made to Abraham was fulfilled. Acts 3:20-25. Peter was addressing the whole people of Israel with the promise that *national* repentance brings *national* deliverance. Jesus Christ was to bring in the times which the prophets foretold. Acts 2:17-21. Some proofs of God's fore-knowledge. Isa. 43:9. Soon fulfillments. Ezek. 12:22-28; Hab. 2:3; Matt. 5:18; 24:35; Acts 13:27-29. All things connected with the birth of Christ were the fulfillments of prophecy. (Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:21-23); (Jer. 31:15; Matt. 2:17-18); (Micah. 5:2; Matt. 2:5, 6). Jesus Christ used the future, 1 Cor. 2:9, as a *source of inspiration*. Hereafter ye shall see heaven opened. John 1:51; 13:7; 16:12; Luke 12:32; Matt. 24:13; 25:31

III. *"Thy Kingdom Come"*: This kingdom of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, is not yet established on the earth. It is heavenly in origin. Dan. 2:34-36, 44-45; 7:27. John the Baptist announced the kingdom. Matt. 3:2, 3. It was afterwards rejected, but it will be set up when *David's Son* returns in glory. Luke 1:31-33; Acts 15:14-17; Isa. 9:6, 7. The power by which the King will establish His kingdom is the resistless power of the Spirit of God. Isa. 11:2. *Isa. 11* is a prophetic picture of the glory of the future kingdom. There we have the absolute justice of the kingdom, verses 3-5. "*Righteousness*" is the great kingdom word and is the quality of the kingdom from beginning to end. The sermon on the mount, Matt. 5-7, our Lord's interpretation of righteousness. "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain", or kingdom. In every prophetic description of the kingdom the re-gathering of dispersed Israel is promised. Isa. 11:11, 12; Jer. 23:5-8; Ezek. 34:22-31. Jerusalem is to be the chosen city. Isa. 2:2-4; 4:3-5; 24:23; 33:20; 66:1-13; Jer. 31:38-40; Joel 3:1, 16, 17. Prophets saw before the glorious kingdom age that there would be a period of time called "the day of the Lord". Isa. 13:9-11; 24:21-23; Matt. 24:29-31. Yet the ultimate vision is of that kingdom of righteousness, Hab. 2:14, when the Lord will be manifested in glory. Matt. 24:30; Luke 9:26; 2 Thess. 1:7; 2:8; Jude 14

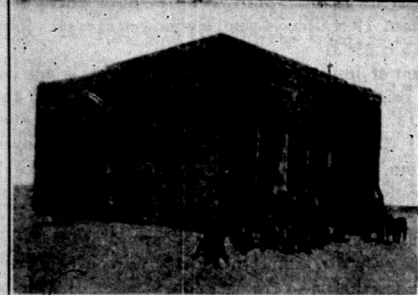
IV. *The Revelation is a Book of Prophecy*: Rev. 1:3. "As it is the capstone of the entire revelation of God, without which the Bible would be an unfinished book, we find in it the consummation of the prophecies of the Old Testament." Paul speaks of three classes into which the human race is divided, the Jews, The Gentiles, and the church of God. 1 Cor. 10:32. These three classes are found in Revelation. Predictions of the *Jews* are fulfilled, what concerns them in the end of the age. Rev. 7:1-8. Of the *Gentiles*, the nations of the earth, as well as the future of the earth. Rev. 7:9-17. The church and her destiny on earth. Rev. chapters 2-3. The true church and the apostate church is found in Rev. 3:14-22. Phil. 2:10, 11 is fulfilled in Rev. 5:8-14.—Mrs. James Pollard

PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER

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



BEFORE AND AFTER THE HOME MISSION BOARD HELPED THEM TO BUILD THE MEXICAN BAPTIST CHURCH AT EL PASO, TEXAS.



"They shall enter into my sanctuary and they shall come near to my table to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge."

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

HYMN—I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

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PRAYER

CURRENT EVENTS IN MISSIONS

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VISITING OUR CHURCHES (par. 2)

NEEDY CHURCHES I HAVE SEEN*

HYMN—Blest Be the Tie That Binds

HOW WE CAN HELP (par. 4)

WHAT SOME STATES ARE DOING (par. 7, by different members)

*Give this topic to some member who has visited a needy church.

THE NEED

State	Homeless Churches	Dilapidated Churches	Total	State	Homeless Churches	Dilapidated Churches	Total
Texas.....	800	900	1,700	Mississippi....	88	193	281
Missouri.....	350	750	1,100	North Carolina.	120	132	252†
Oklahoma.....	681	200	881	South Carolina.	38	54	92†
Arkansas.....	300	500	800	New Mexico....	70	7	77
Louisiana.....	200	400	600	Illinois.....	32	27	59
Florida.....	224	320	544	Maryland.....	3	...	3
Kentucky.....	300	200	500	District of Col..	1	1	2
Alabama.....	212	274	486†	Virginia.....
Tennessee.....	227	113	340†				
Georgia.....	43	239	282†	Total.....	3,689	4,310	7,999

Seldom in the world's history have there been such opportunities to serve others as we have today. The call "come over and help us" comes from distant China, from suffering Armenia, from the children and sorrowing women of Europe.

And from our own homeland we hear the call. It comes from the 8,000 churches that need a helping hand that they may be equipped to carry on God's work. Our hearts go out in sympathy to the families of northern France who are left homeless by the devastation of this terrible war. How should we feel towards God's families here in America who are left homeless by the lack of thought and sacrifice on the part of their more fortunate brothers and sisters?

2. Visits to Our Churches

Let us visit a few of these needy churches. We will start our journey in the far south, in Louisiana. It is Sunday morning and we naturally plan to worship God in His house. The day before we have inquired if there is a Baptist church and with a good deal of trouble have learned that a small group of French people who have turned from Catholicism had organized themselves into a church. We will worship with them this Sunday morning. Across the fields we walk; no church is in sight; but we come to a big haystack that has been hollowed out in the course of the year. And here with this slight protection from the rain or the sun is held the morning service. The little band of worshippers regret that they have no better place to which they can invite their friends who scoff as they contrast their beautiful churches with the Baptist haystack; but they are too few and too poor to build for themselves. They are turning to us to hold out to them a helping hand.

Next we get on the train and take a journey to one of the new towns of our Middle West. It has been but a short time that the people came here from the east. Their little homes are not yet surrounded by flower gardens and the dusty street still lacks shade trees. But there is a pride in the growing town and hope in the hearts of the people as they look towards the future. We are visiting a Baptist family and on Sunday morning there is the usual hurry to get ready for Sunday school. But there are protests on the part of the boys. "I'm not going to our Sunday school any more," announces Johnnie. "I'm ashamed to be seen going into that old house. I'm going with Bill (his Methodist friend), they have 'some church'." Mother explains that they will have a church too some day and that he will help to make it a beautiful one, but her eyes are full of wistful tears as she thinks of her childhood church back east and she sends the children to the abandoned saloon they have to use here. The saloons could move into good quarters. It hurt her that they had to take what the liquor men did not want and there worship God, and she wondered how long she could persuade the boys to go to a church of which they were ashamed. There were a number of Baptists in town, but they were doing their utmost to get a start in the new community and they could do nothing more now. They have confidence that the future will bring them success. If they could borrow the money they know they could pay it back in a few years. But the interest is too high in the town Building Association and the Home Mission Board wrote them that there was no money on hand to

† Indicates incomplete report

help them. So they must keep on hoping that they will be strong enough to remain faithful until they can get a church home.

On our way east we stop off for a Sunday in a thriving little town and are delighted to find a comfortable, well-built Baptist church. After the sermon, however, the treasurer makes his statement and the faces of the congregation reflect his anxiety when he tells them of the interest due on what they had borrowed to erect the church. Thirteen per cent was what they had to pay and it was a heavy burden, heavier because there were no returns from the money so spent. They had hoped to pay for the church in two or three years, but there had been a period of hard times and it was now all they could do to carry the interest. They had taken real pride in their handsome little church. Now the young people are beginning to feel that it was a case of asking for money all the time and the pastor could not do his best work because of the anxiety of the debt. "If we could only have borrowed from our own Church Building and Loan Fund," he said, "but there was nothing on hand when we wanted to build and the young people were drifting away."

Our last stop is in a beautiful town. The church bells ring this Sabbath morning; the people throng the streets and we join them. We pass several handsome Catholic churches, for this is a Catholic community. We go by the Normal School buildings where several hundred students, many of them Baptists, are staying for two or three years. Finally we come to our own church. It scarcely seems possible that this little wooden structure, unattractive in appearance and incommensurate in its appointments, could be our church, but such it is. The students do not come to help in the Sunday school because there is no equipment to make a good school possible. The newcomers pass it by with indifference; it draws from them only a thought of the difference between it and the large, handsome churches. The Catholics of the community can feel no respect for the Gospel message of those who apparently do not think enough of their church home to make it worthy of respect. So the members struggle on, growing fewer in number each year because they have not the means or the courage to invest in a new building. A small loan would give them heart to start on the upward road to a successful church.

We can linger no longer on our church visits. If we were to visit two of our homeless church congregations every Sunday it would take us more than thirty-five years to go the rounds. If we added the dilapidated churches to our itinerary it would take us forty-one years more. So let us stop and consider first what it means to a church to be homeless and then what we can do to help them to build.

Business men realize that it is necessary to have a good plant to do good work. Factories are put up with light and air and every convenience so that the greatest output possible may be obtained. Stores are built to be attractive and comfortable for the buyers; not that this improves the quality of the goods, but it does increase the number of customers. People do not have one set of characteristics six days in the week and another set for the seventh. On Sunday as on Monday, better work can be done in a place adapted for that work. More people will come to an attractive room than to an unattractive one. The teaching of the children will be more effective in rooms fitted to their needs than in a large, noisy room where they sit in pews built for grownups and not for their little selves. During the week, the young people are lured by the movies which are made as fascinating to them as possible. Can it be that we are blind to the fact that boys and girls love what is beautiful and rightly long for it? Be very sure that they will go where they can get what they want. Let us hold them to Christ during this time of heart unrest by making the church the most attractive place in the town. We well know that it will not be worth anything unless the spirit of Christ is ever there. No building can take the place of His presence. But we can win the young people to a realization of His spirit of love for others and sacrifice of self by trying to make His "home of prayer" worthy of Him. If the difficulties to be overcome by a dilapidated church are great what must they be for a homeless one? We cannot hope to build up a thriving business with no roof to house it. We cannot hope to establish a Christian family without a home as the center. No more can we hope to build up a strong church with no home for it. Sunday after Sunday the little group that meets testifies to their own love of Christ, but Sunday by Sunday they are losing their hold on the young people and growing weaker and fewer.

4. How We Can Help

BAPTIST WOMEN PLEDGE \$325,000

Plan Great Loan Fund for the 4,000 Homeless Baptist Churches

FUND TO BE RAISED WITHOUT DELAY

October and November Set for Southwide Campaign!

Work of Raising Money to Commence at Once!

APPORTIONMENTS TO THE STATES

Alabama.....	\$20,000	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.....	20,300	Texas.....	34,500
Louisiana.....	8,000	Virginia.....	48,900
Maryland.....	4,200		
Mississippi.....	21,500	Total.....	\$325,000

A southwide campaign to raise the \$325,000 which the Woman's Missionary Union has pledged is on this fall. Each society is asked to contribute. Every member is given the privilege of aiding by a gift large or small, and the small gifts will amount to thousands of dollars that will go on year after year advancing the kingdom of Christ.

Already some states, societies, and individuals have taken out memorials in 5. **Memorials** memory of loved ones. For \$500 a memorial may be established and the picture of one to whom the memorial is sacred will be annually published in the Southern Baptist Hall of Fame in connection with the names of the churches aided. Best of all is the fact that the \$500 will in a generation increase to \$3,000, aiding 60 churches with an interest of \$15,000. The use of the following card has been suggested:

Our Woman's Missionary Union has voted to establish a Memorial in the sum of \$500 in the Church Building and Loan Fund. Our goal is the redeeming of the pledge in the next five years.

Name of Missionary Society.

*By.....
President or Secretary.

Date

*No Personal Obligation is assumed by the party signing.

There are many Baptists in the south who have money invested in secular concerns where it does the work of God no direct good. "It can be advantageously transferred to a depository where it will work mightily for the glory of God. The following is the plan that has been worked out so that we may invest our capital for God:

THE PLAN IN FULL

1. The Home Mission Board will issue you an Annuity Bond in any sum. This bond will pay you semi-annual interest as long as you live. Or we will issue you a Joint Annuity Bond which will insure you an income for life and at the same time enable you to provide the same income for your wife or child or other loved ones after your death.
2. The interest on the Annuity Bond is not only higher than can be secured in any other denominational investment, but it is higher than can be had in any perfectly safe, long-time secular investment. Whatever the rate of interest you are now receiving, communicate with us and see if we cannot do better for you.
3. The income from the Annuity bond is not taxable. Your income from savings accounts and mortgages and notes of hand is reduced several per cent by taxation. Not so with the income from the Annuity Bond. The income named in the face of the bond will come to you without deduction for any cause or from any source.
4. The security behind the bond is perfect. Each bond is backed by the entire property of the Home Mission Board, worth approximately \$1,000,000, and it is further underwritten by the good name and credit of nearly \$3,000,000 southern Baptists. Additional security is given by the fact that the Home Mission Board will not issue Annuity Bonds which draw interest in a sum greater than the Board's income from interest alone."

Other churches have tried this successfully. The Disciples have a Loan Fund of \$1,300,000, \$466,000 of which comes from the sale of Annuity Bonds such as we are now offering.

Southern Methodists, who lead the world in the care of their homeless churches, also place great emphasis on this reinvestment plan. They have already sold \$150,000 of their Annuity Bonds and their periodicals today are calling for the purchase of \$100,000 more. "Let us also reinvest our money for God where it will continue to do His work long after we finish our earthly service to Him."

At high noon on June 15 the city bells sounded forth the closing hour of the Liberty Loan campaign. The victory achieved is remarkable not only for the many big bonds bought by the wealthy but also for the great number of little "Baby Bonds" on the \$1 a week plan which the thousands of people of moderate means purchased. The relatively small time taken to sell the bonds is also a marked victory.

For W. M. U. workers another big victory will, we believe, be announced the last day in November when all the returns are in from our special October and November campaign which was agreed upon in New Orleans for the redeeming in cash or pledges of the Union's Jubilate pledge of \$325,000 to the Church Building and Loan Fund of the Home Mission Board. Every gift to this fund, whether as an out-and-out gift or through the budget system or by the annuity plan, is a very real "Liberty Bond" which, with ones like unto it, will unite in giving freedom to the 8,000 homeless and needy churches in the Convention territory and, being interest-bearing loans, these funds will also increasingly keep on helping churches as long as need shall be. As with the national bonds so it is hoped that for this cause there will be many large gifts and also many gifts from those in moderate means, the ideal being something from every woman and young person who belongs to a W. M. U. organization.—*Year Book*

And whether the contributions be large or small, it is a certainty that the W. M. U. campaign for the redemption of their "Jubilate Pledge" will be crowned with glorious success, for any promise made by the Baptist women of the south is underwritten by a record which guarantees fulfillment.—L. B. Warren, Supt. Church Building and Loan Fund

ALABAMA. At the W. M. U. Convention in Montgomery, November 12, 1915, it was decided "that the sum of \$5,000 be raised within the next three years by the W. M. U. of Alabama and its auxiliary organizations of young people, the same to be known as the Amanda Tupper Hamilton Chapel Building Loan Fund, to be used in assisting needy churches in the State of Alabama." It is very fitting that the memorial should be for Mrs. Hamilton, as she did so much for the work of the Union in her state. In 1889 she became the first president of the Alabama Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, and gave herself without stint to the work until 1895, when she left the state for one year. The following year, upon her return to Alabama, she was made the Leader of Young People's Work and of Sunbeam Bands. Her love for children was a passion, and many of the strongest workers in our Union today were enlisted by her as Sunbeams in other years. In 1903 she became the State Organizer for the Woman's Missionary Union and spared not herself in seeking to interest and enlist all of our women in this God-given task. We miss her sympathetic voice, her bright and beautiful face, her wise counsel. Her life was an epistle known and read by all. Our loss in her death cannot be told in words. It is beautiful that her name will ever be associated with giving aid to the cause so beloved to her heart.

FLORIDA. So many tourists visit Florida every year that here is splendid opportunity to testify for Christ to the many by having suitable houses in which to worship. The Chipley Memorial Building Loan Fund was established here before the Home Board Building Fund. This is \$15,000; \$5,000 for home building; \$5,000 for state; and \$5,000 for foreign. Of the 674 white Baptist churches, 152 are houseless and 116 unfinished; thus more than a third of the churches need help.

ILLINOIS. Illinois has not been slow in "doing her bit". Already half of their apportionment for the three years has been raised. They have established a memorial to their president, Mrs. Throgmorton, and one of their women has paid this beautiful tribute to her mother. Miss Northington writes of a visit to one of their 32 homeless churches: "This organization was in a new town. A German church had been the only one there until two years ago when one of our state missionaries held a meeting which resulted in the organization of a church. Immediately steps were taken to build, but the work was hindered and today they have only a foundation and are meeting in a school house. If I had never believed in the Building and Loan Fund I would have become a convert after visiting that church."

KENTUCKY. The Tichenor Fund raised by the W. M. U. of the south in memory of that dear friend of the Union, Dr. Tichenor, had its foundation in the gift of a Kentucky woman, Mrs. M. A. Asher of Bowling Green. This fund of \$20,000 has grown to \$35,000. Already it has helped to plant the banner of the cross upon hill-tops, in valleys, and in crowded cities. But Kentucky women have not done their full part for this great cause. We have given about \$2,400 for the Church Building and Loan Fund. Now that the Judson Fund is completed we must enter with renewed energy upon the raising of our part of the \$1,000,000 Loan Fund. Kentucky has 300 homeless churches and 200 needing repair, this should make Kentucky women push forward this great work until her apportionment is reached.

Eliza Broadus Fund—Dr. L. B. Warren of Atlanta, Ga., Secretary of Church Extension of the Home Mission Board, says of the Eliza Broadus Fund: "A beautiful tribute to a beautiful character." Kentucky women have decided to designate their first \$3,000 for church building as Eliza Broadus Fund, giving expression in a very small way to our deep appreciation of dear Miss Broadus who has labored zealously for many years in the interest of the W. M. U. work in Kentucky. Mrs. Eager says of her: "Her good judgment, her clear insight, her perfect freedom from self-seeking, her warm appreciation of the gifts of others, have made her a wise leader in her own state and a valuable helper in bringing the Woman's Missionary Union into its wonderful efficiency."

NORTH CAROLINA. We are overwhelmed monthly with appeals for help to which we cannot give for lack of funds. We may plant our churches everywhere; but they are permanent nowhere until they are housed. This is especially true in an old settled state like ours. It is

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necessary, if we expect the Baptist view of religion and society to permeate our commonwealth, to erect an adequate church building in every educational center of our state and support right there an equipped, efficient, prophetic pastor who can interpret to the next generation of state's leaders the New Testament foundations of modern democracy. That would be "inserting the Gospel of the kingdom into the spinal cord of our state". This policy will come to fruition in the ideal Christian commonwealth right here in our own North Carolina within the next hundred years. This should be an inflexible part of our state mission policy for the next twenty-five years. Who knows but that the dire, distressing need of a church building a few years ago at our own Wake Forest and the little debt that lingers on the building now are two fingers of God pointing in the direction that our missionary movements should go in this state during this generation? We urge our people to do all in their power for the church building fund of the Home Mission Board in its present effort to raise \$1,000,000.—*Minutes of 1916*

The W. M. U. of North Carolina has undertaken to raise \$33,000 within the next three years for the Church Building and Loan Fund. They are trying to secure one-third of that amount this year. Seven churches have agreed to establish \$500 Memorials, and several associations are undertaking Memorials. In order to raise the \$11,000 this year, they have asked that each W. M. S. contribute an amount equal to one dollar for each member of the society. This has been already done by a number of societies.

ALI HAFED searched the world for diamonds, and all the while Golconda lay undiscovered at his door. The Golconda of southern Baptists lies in the development of our homeless churches.

8. Acres of Diamonds Study these four statements:

1. The churches which have been aided by the Department of Church Extension contributed this year \$47,406 to home and foreign missions, and \$135,887 to all causes other than local.

2. The average contribution of these churches—except in Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia—was from one to two hundred per cent. greater than the general average in their states.

3. Had all our needy churches been raised to the plane of contribution, giving in proportion to those which have been aided, we would have received from them \$366,331 for home and foreign missions, and \$1,054,012 for all causes other than local.

4. Had all of our churches contributed as did those which have been enlisted and vitalized by the Department of Church Extension, we would have raised \$2,395,582 for home and foreign missions, and \$8,191,054 for all causes other than local.

Thirty-five years ago resolutions were presented to the Southern Baptist Convention calling attention to the needs of our homeless churches. Had immediate action been taken for their relief, we would have received from them during the intervening years \$12,500,000 for home and foreign missions, and \$36,800,000 for all causes other than local.

Suppose this sum were in hand today!

No campaign would be needed for Ministerial Relief.

No campaign would be needed for education.

No campaign would be needed for the debts of Mission Boards. Every necessity of the homeland would be supplied, and funds would be in bank for the evangelization of the world in the next decade.

An undeveloped Golconda has been lying at our doors, and millions of dollars have been lost because of blindness and misdirected effort. But unlike Ali Hafed, our eyes are opened before it is too late and compensation for past loss is found in the unlimited possibilities of the future years.—*L. B. Warren*

Each one of these sixty-eight churches needs our help to become a real force for Christ in our beloved country. At this time of crisis in our nation's history, let us lay our plans and sacrifice that our United States may grow even stronger and nobler and that our young people may grow more into the likeness of Christ.



Y. W. A. PROGRAM



Note: Y. W. A., G. A. and R. A. programs are merely suggestive and are to be adapted by leaders to the requirements of their auxiliaries. The paragraphs referred to in program outlines will be found in general program which begins on page 8. For helpful leaflets see page 3.

Hymn—Ancient of Days

Bible Reading—2 Chronicles 23

Hymn—Oh, Where Are Kings and Empires
Now?

Church Building and Loan Fund

I. (a) Have some one look up the history of your church and see if it ever received help from this fund.

(b) See what churches in your state either have been or are being helped by this fund.

Hymn—Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Dismissal by Sentence Prayers

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

"The home missionary has ever outrun the home missionary church. So hundreds of homeless churches have sprung up all over the south and southwest. Far-reaching was the inauguration of the Church Building and Loan Fund by a gift of \$35,000, made through the Woman's Missionary Union to the Home Mission Board. The struggling church was to receive a loan to complete its church building, when this was returned it was to be loaned to another church and so on, endlessly helping to build houses whose very presence in the community would be a sermon in wood and stone."

The number of homeless and needy churches grew until before 1910 there were over 3,000 of them. To meet such a great demand for assistance was a big undertaking for the Home Mission Board. It knew of no better way to obtain the money than to have the Church Building and Loan Fund increased and so for some time they have been trying to raise one million dollars for this purpose. At the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Union, which occurred in 1913, the women decided to raise \$325,000 of this amount. As yet they have not accomplished

their aim because the very pressing needs of the Judson Centennial Fund, the foreign mission debt and the Enlargement Fund for the W. M. U. Training School intervened. At last the time has come when the church extension work can have its rightful place and it is hoped that in the near future this amount may be turned over to this most important work. Indeed our hopes are high that by next May the whole \$325,000 will be subscribed either by cash or pledges.

One of the most encouraging features of this work is the noble way in which the churches that are aided give to home and foreign missions and to the various demands that are made upon them. "The average contribution of these churches, except in Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia, was from one to two per cent. greater than the general average in their states." How different things would be if all the churches gave as liberally as do these aided churches! Do you think only 521 would be receiving financial help when there are 3,679 needy ones?

We have heard much of endless chains and some of us have rebelled when we received one of these letters. But here is an endless chain whose links grow stronger and stronger every year, binding us and the churches we aid by our gifts to the very "feet of God". We can forge this chain by our prayers and sacrificial gifts. Will not the Y. W. A.'s lay their young hands to this work and add many links to this wonderful chain? The Master builder calls you to honor Him with buildings that are not a disgrace to the loyalty we profess for His cause. Would you invite a guest to your home unless you could honor him with the best you have? Should we invite Christ to meet us in a hovel if we could have a house? The lowly Jesus would gladly meet us in a hovel if we could do no better, but in this case we can. Oh, will we? It would be almost tragic if we failed to raise the \$325,000 in the allotted time. It will be a triumph if we raise it by May, 1918. Which shall it be?



COLLEGE Y. W. A. PROGRAM



PROGRAM HELPS

Subject—The Church Building and Loan Fund
Hymn—The Church's One Foundation
Scripture Lesson—Honoring God in Building. Neh. 6: 1-16
Prayer
Current Events in Missions
Building for God
Hymn—America
Closing Sentence Prayers

One result of the world war that we have entered upon has already become evident. It is that the women of every nation have increased obligations to serve their country and enlarged opportunity to do so. The women of England who heretofore felt that it meant loss of social position to work outside of the home have gone eagerly into the factories; have driven taxis; have gone to the farms that they might release the men to save their country. The world demands much from us, but we must never neglect our work in the homeland. This month's program treats of one phase of our work, the churches struggling to maintain themselves against overwhelming odds. If any girl knows of some homeless or dilapidated church, ask her to tell about it in the meeting. And ask several girls to speak on the subject "What My Church Needs in the Way of Equipment". It is hoped that every member of every Y. W. A. in the south will invest at least one dollar in the Million Dollar Loan Fund. Do not let your college Y. W. A. fail to do its share.

"Oh, see that ye build securely
When the time for building comes,—
With square-hewn blocks of Righteousness,
And corner stones of Faithfulness,
And girders strong of Righted Wrong,
And the blood of our Martyrdoms."

TWILIGHT WATCH STUDIES*

FIRST TWILIGHT: *The World in the Law and the Prophets*

The ancient promise—Gen. 12: 1-3; 28: 14; Acts 3: 25
The ancient law and the strangers—Ex. 23: 9-12; Deut. 24: 17-22; 31: 12
Jonah the missionary prophet—Jonah 1: 2, 3; 3: 1, 2; 4: 9-11
Isaiah's vision—Is. 2: 2-4; 45: 18-25

SECOND TWILIGHT: *The World in the Psalms*

The psalmist's conception of God—Ps. 24: 1-10
His vision of the future—Ps. 72: 8-19
Israel's missionary function—Ps. 67: 1, 2; 22: 22

THIRD TWILIGHT: *The Missionary Christ*

His field—John 3: 16, 17; 6: 51; 10: 16; 12: 47
His missionary activities. Preaching—Matt. 11: 1; Mark 2: 2. Teaching—Mark 3: 13-15;
4: 10, 11. Healing—Matt. 9: 35; 4: 23-25.

* FOURTH TWILIGHT: *The Missionary Apostles*

Their program—Acts 1: 6-8
Their motive power—Luke 24: 49; Acts 2: 1-21
The broadening vision—Acts 11: 1-18; 13: 1-3

* Adapted from *The Bible Conception of Missions*, by Miss K. H. Van Wagenen.



G. A. PROGRAM



Subject—Laying Foundations

Hymn—I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord
Lord's Prayer in Concert

Bible Study—Solomon's prayer of dedication. 2 Chronicles 6: 18-21, 32, 33, 40-42

Hymn—Church in the Wildwood

Prayer that God May Lead Many People
to Give to the Church Building and Loan
Fund

Laying Foundations

What Some Churches Have Built
The Need in This State

Hymn—O Zion Haste
Business. Mizpah

Laying Foundations

Leader: Friends, we are told that there are many churches all over our southland today that have no homes of their own, or whose buildings are so old and out of repair as to be of little service. So we have come today to build new churches for all of these with the Million Dollar Church Building and Loan Fund that southern Baptists are raising to help them. (Girls come forward one by one holding blocks, putting them in place to build a block church. This should be practiced before the meeting. Should one girl be absent do not fail to make the most of the object lesson of what happens when one fails to do her part. Before placing her block each girl tells what it represents.) The following are suggestive:

First, and for the very deepest foundation for this church which we would build, I place the love of God. Without the love of God for man there would be no churches today; and without the love of men for God no church is more than a name.

This second stone I place to represent a strong desire to help which should be part of the reason for being of every church. There is much that a church can help to do, it can help to spread the Gospel throughout the world; help to win lost souls to Christ; help people to live the right sort of lives; help people to know God more and to love Him and serve Him better.

Into the foundation of every church should go the stone of prayer. The praying church is the only effective church and surely we want all these new churches to be effective agents for making the world better and bringing in God's Kingdom.

This is a stone that represents the deep longing of every member's heart to know God's will and do it. It is a very important stone in the church for it is the only one that can safely be depended on to keep the church pure and true to the high standard that Jesus set for it.

My stone is willingness to serve. The church that does not serve the community in which it lives and does not reach out to help the poor and needy is failing to follow the beautiful example and the direct command of Jesus who taught us to bear one another's burdens.

This is the stone of joy. We want the members of all these churches we are building to have the joy of a life given over to God and completely entrusted to Him. We want them all to be happy in Him.

People almost always think it would not be well to do any wrong thing in the house of God. Sometimes we hear people speak with bated breath of those who did this or that wrong thing "in the church". So this stone that I am putting into the foundation of our churches is the keeping power of all the sacred associations that gather about the place of prayer. As the unsaved look upon them, may they cease to do evil.

Into these churches that we are building I would place a tribute to the one for whom our part of the great Building and Loan Fund is a memorial. Surely the life of—(Here let the leader supply some tribute to the one for whom your memorial is named, if there be any such in your state.)

I come last of all to place the spire on these churches which we have builded. This is the stone of purity. May those who worship in these churches all over our land lead lives so pure and spotless that they shall point men to God more surely than these lofty fingers of stone.

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R. A. PROGRAMS



FIRST MEETING

Topic—Called to Attention
Hymn—Onward Christian Soldier
Scripture—Psalm 67
Prayer—For Our Soldier Boys
S. O. S. Calls of Our Allies
Hymn—Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult
Roll Call. Business. Closing Exercises

To Leader: It always seems well to draw our lessons from things familiar to mind and vision, nailing them with the "Thus saith the Lord". War conditions fill the minds of all, even the small boy thinks and talks in war terms. Let us then use the great current topic in this month's program, avoiding any thought of hatred or words of bitterness. Have the S. O. S. calls given by different members and the Scripture messages by the Leader or one boy. Infuse into this lesson our responsibility to spread the Gospel of real peace all over the world.

For the second meeting it would be well to introduce the Church Building and Loan Fund, having two boys present it in the form of a talk and paper. The information can be obtained from the general program. Leader should assist boys in preparing these. An exercise something like that suggested in the G. A. program would be instructive.

S. O. S. Calls of Our Allies

Servia: Since 1879 Servia has suffered much under the oppression of its strong neighboring countries and since entering the great war in the summer of 1914 its misery has been terrible. Where shall Servia look for help?

Reply: They shall cry unto Jehovah because of oppressors and He will send them a Saviour and a defender, He will deliver them. Isa. 19: 20

Russia: This country entered the war in 1914. A few months ago the fall of autocratic rule gave it political freedom. Rev. Wm. Fetter, a Russian Baptist, has been working in the United States for its spiritual freedom. How are we commanded to help him?

SECOND MEETING

Topic—"Arise and Build"
Scripture—Psalm 121
Hymn—Christ Our Rock
Talk. Paper
Hymn—Soldiers of the Cross Arise
Recitation—Your Flag and My Flag (See ROYAL SERVICE, June 1917)
Roll Call. Business. Prayer

Reply: To do good and communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Heb. 13: 16

Belgium: Belgium, invaded August 1914 and despoiled almost daily ever since that time, sends us an almost voiceless call, yet all the world hears it. What shall the answer be?

Reply: Whoso hath the world's goods and beholdeth his brother in need, and shutteth his compassion from him, how doth the love of God abide in him? 1 John 3: 17

Great Britain: Since entering the war, 1914, England has not suffered as Belgium, and Servia have, yet our mother country needs our fellowship and help. What message shall we send to her call?

Reply: So then, as we have opportunity, let us work that which is good towards all men, especially toward them that are of the household of faith. Gal. 6: 10

France: France entered the war at the same time with England. She is looking to us for succor and support. Shall we be ungrateful and unmindful of assistance given to us in the past? How shall we help her to maintain her freedom and attain still greater freedom?

Reply: Thou dost a faithful work in whatsoever thou doest to them that are brethren and strangers withal; we therefore ought to welcome such, that we may be fellow-workers for the truth. 3 John 5, 8

Japan: Hear we have a well-established interest, one of peace and not war, as 18 of our southern Baptist missionaries are bearing the torch in that country, taking light and peace to all. That it may not fail in their hands we send this message.

Reply: We do not cease to pray and make request for you, that ye may be filled with

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SUNBEAM PROGRAMS



KINDERGARTEN, LAICHOWFU, CHINA

FIRST MEETING

SUBJECT—The Big Round World
ROLL CALL. RALLY CRY. OPENING PRAYER
MOTTO—Carry the Light
HYMN—Jesus Loves Me
SCRIPTURE—Psalm 1
PRAYER—For the Suffering and Unhappy Children of the World
HYMN—Gather Them In
LESSON—Look on the Fields
RECITATIONS
CLOSING HYMN—Gentle Jesus, Meek and Mild
MEMORY VERSE—"The earth is Jehovah's and the fulness thereof."

Thought for Bible Lesson: We should be both kind and polite to everyone, but should not ask advice or remain in the company of those we know to be wicked. If we wish to be happy we must do the things that are pleasing to God, such as thinking upon His goodness, trying to remember His commandments and asking Him to help us to obey them. God knows His own children, He calls them all by name and will some day take them to live with Him forever, "but the way of the wicked shall perish".

Look on the Fields

Ho, Sunbeams, come and take a ride in an automobile, it will hold every child in this meeting because it is a make-believe automobile. Let us ride out into the country where I want to show you some harvest fields filled with ripened grain which is being cut and put

away in big barns. Now we are leaving the city and beginning to see the wonderful country where the breezes blow through the trees and where the bright sunshine gives life and light to every growing thing and to all living creatures, men, women, children, birds and animals.

Here we are at a large wheat field. Oh, what a quantity of grain the farmer will reap from it! Here is "seed for the sower and bread for the eater". Those are Bible words, who can tell me at our next meeting where they are to be found? The Bible also tells us that "the harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few". When Jesus said these words He was looking at a multitude of people who were without the Gospel and He had compassion on them and said to His disciples, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He send forth laborers into His harvest." You see Jesus was comparing the world to a harvest field. Each stalk represented a person and each person, like ripened grain, was ready to be gathered into the kingdom of God, but there was no one to reap and gather the grain. The Lord Jesus meant that everywhere, all over the world, there were people, hundreds and hundreds of them, needing the Gospel and so few Christians to take it to them. We cannot all go over the world to tell the people of Jesus, but we can send missionaries to them. In our own land we can begin at once to tell the people of Jesus and His love.

The poor foreigners are not to blame if they have no one to tell them that Jesus died to save them, but we will be greatly to blame if we do not send this good news that they, too, may be saved.

At the top, of page 19 is a picture of some members of a kindergarten away out in China. See how happy they look! Some of our missionaries have told them about how much Jesus loves them and now they love Jesus. There is a story about them which I am going to read to you.

Now, do you not think we have had a nice

make-believe ride? We will all get out of the automobile and listen to the story. (Reads "Chinese Pollyannas", page 22.)

What Children Can Do

"The fields are all white, and the reapers are few;

We children are willing, but what can we do
To work for our Lord in His harvest?

"Our hands are so small and our words are so weak;

We cannot teach others; How, then shall we seek

To work for our Lord in His harvest?

"We'll work by our prayers, by the offerings we bring,

By small self-denials; the least little thing
May work for our Lord in His harvest.

"And then by and by, as the years pass at length;

We, too, may be reapers and go in our strength

To work for our Lord in His harvest."

"On very dull and rainy days,
As dull as dull can be,
I take the finest journey,
Round the wide, wide world you see.

"I travel in America,
And then to Europe go;
I visit Spain and Africa,
And China, too, you know.

"There's nothing better one can do
On a dull and rainy day,
Than with a little story-book
To travel in this way."

Thought for Bible Lesson: Do you think that the lad with the loaves and fishes was surprised when he saw Jesus take them in His hands and by breaking them feed the five thousand people? Perhaps not, he may have learned to love Jesus and said to the boy next to him, "Jesus is the Son of God, He can do anything. Oh, I am so thankful that He took my loaves and fishes." When we give to Jesus because we love Him, He gives ever so much more back to us and better than all, He blesses others for our sakes. "What shall I render unto Jehovah for all His benefits toward me?"

Our Corner

At our last meeting we took a trip on a make-believe automobile to see a harvest field. What lesson did we learn from this sight? (Call for answers from the children.) Yes, the field meant the world. Now we have a corner in this big world. What state do we live in? What town? Well, these are our corners of the world field. In our state there are places where the people who love God have no church building to worship Him in, none at all, they meet in school houses, in the homes of the people, and sometimes in barns. Of course, Jesus meets with His people anywhere. He has told us that "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them". But the Bible also tells us to build a house to our God. Now when we have no money to build a church it is all right to meet in the next best place. In our corner some people have no church and no money to build one. We must help them to build because God has given many of us the money, even if it is not much we can give Him some of it. Some of these people who have no churches are doing without many comforts that they may give a few dollars to build one for themselves, we who have a church ought to be so sorry for them and love Jesus so much that we will be glad to help them to build. The missionary society your mothers and big sisters belong to are going to give as much as they can to the church building money and the Sunbeams want to be in it too. Why, the Sunbeams built a church in China and one in Texas all by themselves, so of course they can help! When there are plenty of churches the world will be a better place to live in and will be the kind of world that God wants it to be.

There are in our state—Sunbeam Bands, if every band gives \$1.00 how much would we have? Perhaps some bands could not give that much, but there are others that could give more than that, so things would be made

even and there would be a dollar from every band.

Next Sunday when you sit by mother's side in your comfortable church do not forget the little girl who has either no church at all or a very poor one.

"Where are you going, my little maid?"
"I'm going to the Sunbeam Band," she said.

"And what may that be, my little maid?"
"A missionary class, my friend," she said.

"What do you do there, my little maid?"
"We've such good meetings, my friend," she said.

"We sing and pray and study, too,
Of missionaries and what they do.
Of all the needs both near and far,
Of where their stations, and who they are."

"And is that all you do, little maid?"
"Oh, pray you, no, good friend," she said.

"We follow a plan and bring our money
To send to countries cold and sunny.
In this great task we do our part
To gladden and cheer the Master's heart."

"Just being happy
Is a fine thing to do;
Looking on the bright side,
Rather than the blue;
Sad or sunny musing
Is largely in the choosing,
And just being happy
Is brave work, and true.

"Just being happy
Helps other souls along;
Their burdens may be heavy,
And they not strong;
And your own sky will lighten
If other skies you brighten
By just being happy
With a heart full of song!"

SECOND MEETING

SUBJECT—Our Corner of the World

MOTTO—Lend a Hand

HYMN—Sunbeam Song*

SCRIPTURE—John 6: 1-14

HYMN—He Loves Me Too

PRAYER—For the Children Who Have No Church Building

LESSON

RECITATIONS

HYMN—Brighten the Corner Where You Are

ROLL CALL. PRAYER

MEMORY VERSE—I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall not hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. John 6: 35

* New, 2 cents per copy from 15 W. Franklin St., Baltimore, Md.

† Get this number from your State Report



FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



CHINESE POLLYANNAS

A few short years ago Mrs. Leonard announced to ROYAL SERVICE readers the organization of the Laichowfu Sunbeam Band. Lest you forget them I send you the picture that appears on page 19 of the members of this band living in the Girls' Boarding School, there being some ten or twelve more outside.

The name Sunbeam means much to them. Last year while discussing plans for helping towards the new church furnishings they conceived the idea of giving a lamp. They thought that would be very appropriate coming from them since they were "shedders of light". Later it was suggested to them that some other article was more needed just now, but they held to the original plan, loth to give up the idea of shedding light over the congregation. So they are still saving their pennies to help light up the church.

I know you have heard of the cards they bought and gave to the mission Sunday schools in this city. This year groups from the band visited these schools and sang for them. They charmed every one with their sweet voices and bright faces. They are indeed veritable beams of light in our school and are trying to live up to their name as they bless and brighten other lives and sweeten their own dispositions.

We find them very democratic. The honors of office are passed around from time to time. Unlike a certain crowd of boys I knew at home who all wanted to be in office, these girls are unanimous in their support of their ticket which they usually have slated beforehand. The last time they met to elect officers the whole crowd was bubbling over with enthusiasm. I sat by and laughed during the whole meeting. The most nimble-footed and quickest-witted had the honor of nominating the president. At once two or three voices chimed in chorus, "I second it." A wee girl over in the corner rose and piped forth, "I also want to second it."

The president who is the one marked X should feel honored. She is a bright, sweet Christian. She presides over the meeting with much dignity. In this band there are nine

baptized Christians and others are desiring baptism. The little bunch sitting in front recently expressed a desire to follow Jesus. Their teacher asked them how long they wished to follow Him. They mentioned various lengths of time, but the one with a broad grin on her face sitting at the president's feet said, "I want to follow Him a thousand, thousand years," meaning through all time and eternity.

One timid little girl attending her first meeting noticed that each member responded to the roll call with a verse of Scripture. When her name was called she arose and said, "I love Jesus." Pray with us that these little ones may all learn well the first lesson, namely, to love Jesus, and then to fall into line to follow Him a "thousand, thousand years".—*Alice Huey, Laichowfu, China*

"THE TIE THAT BINDS"

Our motto for last year, "Continue steadfastly in prayer and in the ministry of the word", has been particularly helpful to me and the hymn, "Lord Speak to Me", was my almost daily prayer. It is an added strength to know that the prayers of our dear women are underneath us.

During the winter and spring I was very happy in my work among the women of Chengchow, there seemed to be marked signs of encouragement. As summer advanced the attendance fell off somewhat and we are grieved over the lukewarmness of some of our Christians, but in spite of this we do have much to be thankful for.

We have had no rain in this district for about nine months and it is distressingly dry and hot. Prices have gone up and exchange is very poor. The people are suffering greatly and will suffer more if rain does not speedily come. The dust is terrible and, as there will be no autumn crops in the ground, famine stares us in the face. This is but one of the awful calamities happening the world over, bidding us lift up our heads and look for the speedy coming of our Lord and Saviour.

Mr. Herring is planning to take us away to the mountains for a little rest during part of

July and August. I trust we will be able to do more for the work when we return. It is so hot now that we can do very little.

In the beginning of the year God gave to me a precious promise from Jeremiah 15:19, may I pass it on? "Thou mayest stand (as intercessor) before me; and if thou take forth the precious from the vile thou shalt be as my mouth."—*Alice Rea Herring, Chengchow, China*

CONCERNING BREAD

What a joy it is to know, though we never doubt it, that the dear women at home are thinking of us, praying for us, and "staying by the stuff". It is also a joy to know that the women and girls of our Union are impressed with the needs here in Brazil as they learn of them in mission study classes, these studies are great eye-openers. I realize that the women of the South Brazil Mission do not write as much as they should about the work, but it seems that there is always before us more than we can do and then, too, one cannot crowd as much into the hours of one day as is possible in the states.

On account of droughts and the war food-stuff, even the coarsest and commonest, is very expensive. One Christian man said that for many days his children had only "mandioca", a kind of meal with salt water poured over it to make it a little more palatable. Only the other day a washerwoman, a Christian, came to sell me a piece of crochets she had made to get a little money. She had a sick husband at home and not a mouthful of food in the house and nothing to buy with. She had not received pay for her last month's work.

Always in a Catholic country there are many who live by begging alms from door to door, but for two years the streets of this city have been full of beggars with no food and no work.

We are praying for the United States in this time of war, that she may show herself a Christian nation not only for her own sake but for the sake of her influence in other lands. Brazil is looking to her as a leader and as an example to follow. Pray for us that we too may be greatly used of God. Brazilian doors are open to the precious Gospel message as they've never been before. Would that we had the workers to enter them all!—*Mrs. A. B. Langston, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*

THE SPIRIT OF ROMANISM

Note: Although passion week has long since passed we are publishing the following long delayed letter. The sad truths of which it tells are just as apparent today as they were on last Easter morning.

This is the great "Passion Week", or Easter as it is known elsewhere. As I passed along the streets and noted the flaming posters picturing Christ staggering beneath the cross, as advertisements for the passion play in the moving picture shows, and saw the shop windows displaying the fish and other proper food for the season, heard bits of talk regarding ways of putting in the time during the week, I felt keenly the spectacular element of the religion these people profess—its gaudiness, its showiness, and its awful emptiness. I remembered one such a time after I had just arrived here and was boarding with an Argentine family, cultured and delightful people in many ways. Mother and daughter took their missals on the evening of good Friday and made the rounds of all the churches they could possibly reach. Tired but triumphant they returned at a late hour and upon greeting us they exclaimed, "There, we have seen the dead Christ ten times, that should do for once!" Not long ago the streets rang with the din and license of carnival when Rome gave her children liberty to follow all the desires of the flesh—and now this!

Recently a dear old lady, happy in her new faith in a risen Lord, told me of her girlhood days in a convent, how a friend of hers had daringly lifted the robe of "Our Lady of Carmen", an image of the virgin, and had fallen back in astonishment and guilty terror when she discovered in the place of feet three crossed wooden rods. The Lady Superior had severely reprimanded the child and sent her to confession. But in the mind of the young Ramona there had always remained the disquieting impression—the feet of the beautiful image were but crossed wooden sticks.—*Eunice B. Sowell, Buenos Aires, Argentina*

As we read the record of world-wide missionary work by all denominations, we have a widening vision of the Gospel's power, and every lover of his race who knows the record of these facts can but exclaim, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men."—*A. C. Dixon*



SOCIETY METHODS



PUTTING THE "ME" IN METHODS

A CERTAIN furniture store with which I am familiar has a department called the "B. U. (been used) Room", because the furniture there has been taken in exchange for new, or for one reason or another has been returned by the customers. One day a colored woman walked up to one of the salesmen and asked to see some "S. H." tables. Non-plussed, he asked her to explain just what she meant, and she seemed to think him very stupid because he did not understand that she wanted to buy some second-hand furniture.

Now you may call the thoughts and suggestions that are to follow either "B. U. or S. H."; certainly they are not original with the writer. They are given here in answer to a request that I share with others some of the helpful things that it was my good fortune to absorb from the splendid Missionary Education Conference at Blue Ridge, N. C., in June. This conference grows in power and usefulness from year to year; any Christian worker who wants to invest money in a way that will bring large returns in inspiration, information, and increased ability, should plan to attend it. The dates for 1918 are June 25 to July 4.

It would be impossible to pass on all of the helpful suggestions gotten from the course in Principles of Missionary Education, or from that in Missionary Education of Juniors, or in conversation with successful workers from several states and denominations, but it is hoped that those given may prove useful.

First of all, we need to realize that missionary workers are not born, they are made, and it is our privilege and opportunity to help God make those He will use in the next generation. Undertaking this important work, we need to study the physical, emotional and intellectual characteristics of the boys and girls in order to know how best to "get at" them. In a small town a horse was lost and a reward was offered for his return. When a half-witted boy brought him home the owner said, "Why Jonas, how did you ever find him?" "I just thought s'pose I was a horse, where would I go? Then I went 'way down the river where there's a big tree, in a nice meadow, and there he was!" Don't some of us grownups need to think "S'pose I was a girl", "S'pose I was a boy?"

We must consider the outstanding characteristics and see how we can use them in missionary training. The one that makes itself most prominent oftentimes is activity—let them be active, but use their activity in making things that can be sent to children's hospitals or to mission schools. "Everyland" and "Things to Make" will furnish valuable help along this line.

When they reach junior age the "collecting interest" is strong, so help them to collect things worth while. How many boys and girls are collecting stamps and flags of the nations? Coming thus in touch with many people makes them citizens of the world; don't let them think only of the differences between them and these other boys and girls; emphasize the points of likeness, too. Make them realize that to people of other nations we are as queer as they are to us and try to develop a feeling of brotherliness. Have them collect pictures of missionaries and then look up facts concerning them.

The use we can make of pictures is almost endless, their possibilities for influencing the ideals of boys and girls cannot be computed, so give careful thought to the pictures that they look often upon. Ask the mothers to put a picture of Livingstone, Adoniram or Ann Judson, or some other great missionary, in their childrens' bedrooms. In your Sunday school have photographs of all the missionaries who have gone to foreign fields from your state, and let there be an empty frame that is filled when a new missionary is sent out. Who knows what appeal that frame, showing the ever-present need, might make to the heart of some boy or girl who looks often at it?

Missionary mottoes are often powerful in their appeal and make deep impressions, but don't keep the same one up all the time; have four or five different ones so that a change can

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TRAINING SCHOOL



"THEY SHALL ENTER INTO THE KING'S PALACE"

WE who are here to see the "House Beautiful", the palace for our King, grow in graceful loveliness are thinking even now of the day when the King's daughters "with gladness and rejoicing" shall enter therein. The dream-house has become a splendid reality, the "observed of all observers". Almost daily we hear from our citizens expressions of gratification that such an agency for good and such an ornament to the city has become an accomplished fact. A prominent Catholic gentleman said, "I gladly give double the sum I promised, so happy am I to see what these women are doing at Preston and Broadway for the welfare of our city."

In spite of great advance in material and labor our building has made good progress and the contractor assures us that by October 1 the completed whole shall be ours. How happy we shall be to welcome our students into the comforts and conveniences of such a home! The house committee, with Mrs. A. B. Weaver as chairman, has planned to assist Mrs. Mitchell, our matron, in making all things ready for the opening of school at the usual time.

Now, dear friends, one and all, here is another very important matter. Are we ready to meet our "promise to pay" for this longed for result? If this building is accepted October 1 we will owe \$54,000. Examine carefully the treasurer's report in this issue of ROYAL SERVICE and see if your state has done its part. If not will you make it a personal matter to help her do it? It is a big task but, oh, it is worthwhile! "A long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether" will give us this splendid building, untrammelled by debt and telling its blessed story of loving sacrifice. Let us pray and work with new zeal to this end!

The Good Will Center has been kept open all summer. Much of the time Miss Pauline White worked there alone as Miss Leachman, who takes the oversight in Mrs. McLure's absence, was taking a much needed rest after months of sorrow and care with her mother. The following two months' report shows good work:

JUNE		JULY	
Sunday school, average attendance	67	Sunday school, average attendance	46
Baths	74	Baths	55
Visits	45	Visits	76
Books circulated	258	Books circulated	178
Story hour, average attendance	31	Story hour, average attendance	25
Playground	41	Playground	47

On her return from Williamsburg, Ky., Miss Leachman brought us good tidings. Mrs. Josie Mahan has given a scholarship to the Training School; Dr. and Mrs. A. Archer have undertaken the support of Miss Dodson, one of our Kentucky students recently appointed by the Foreign Mission Board; and our generous coal men of that region are deeply interested in the needs of our Training School in this anxious and uncertain situation as to fuel. The extra scholarship has enabled the Central Committee of Kentucky to admit to the school a mountain girl, Miss Gussie Pace of Paintsville, Ky., a graduate of the blind school, warmly endorsed by her teachers. Miss Pace is most anxious to have training here. Already she has had kind letters from some of our students. Here is a beautiful opportunity for personal service in the Training School.

Our principal, Mrs. Maud R. McLure, has had a varied and busy summer, visiting several states representing the Woman's Missionary Union in general and our beloved school in particular. I know that all hearts will go out to her in tender interest and up to our Father in special prayer that her son, "the only son of his mother", who is now "somewhere in France", may be kept safe in the midst of peril.—Mrs. George B. Eager



PERSONAL SERVICE



PERSONALLY CONDUCTED

(An Encore)

We have been doing personal service among the negroes since January. I cannot speak of results yet, but judging from numbers (about 300 to 400 at each meeting) they are interested in what we are trying to do for them.

Some of the ladies of our missionary society had the work very much on their hearts and so met to talk it over. We agreed to pray over it and ask for God's direction. Before we made definite plans for beginning our work I received a phone call from the negroes asking if I and some other ladies from our society would talk to them at a special meeting that they were holding. I agreed and took some ladies with me on the date fixed. When the chairman introduced me she said, "We have been praying that God would put it into the hearts of the white ladies to help us. We believe that He has heard our prayers!" So does "God move in a mysterious way His wonders to perform". After this meeting we arranged with the leaders to meet with the colored people quarterly. They arrange everything; furnish music and one or two of their own speakers, and several of us talk. We have discussed such subjects as sanitation, missions, training children, how to make a success of the Christian life, Red Cross, canning, etc. At every service to our amazement we were honored with "the seven ages of man" in both feminine and masculine editions. We thought that this might prove a difficulty but it has not, we just adapted our talks to the crowd. As most negroes are in service it is best to have the meetings on Sunday on such hours as the servants are free. Even more effective than this quarterly meeting is the quiet personal work we are trying to do among the servants in our homes. As Andrew first went after his own brother so we are trying to win and train in on our own homes those who are nearest to us. We hope by precept and example to teach them in Christian ethics and good citizenship. Not as showy a method but one we believe will be richer in results. Both are being used. We can only sow, it is

God who giveth the increase.—*Mrs. Homer L. Grice, Ga.*

The personal service work of the Ensley Baptist Church is conducted on the following plan: The society is divided into four bands. At the regular Monday meetings of these bands the ladies report personal service done, also the need they have found for it. This interests others in it.

At the meeting of the aid and missionary societies held once each month the secretaries of the bands make the reports to the secretary of the missionary society. They also report to the aid society any work the bands have been unable to handle. In this way the district of the Ensley Baptist Church is quite well covered each month. Special cases are reported directly to the pastor of the church.—*Mrs. W. P. Caine, Ala.*

Our society holds its meetings every Tuesday. The first Tuesday being the business session, the second our program day, the third is personal service day, the fourth circle day. On two personal service days in the quarter we sew all day at our local orphanage. We carry our lunch and much enjoy the social side of the luncheon hour. Once in the quarter we spend the day at the county Home for the Aged and Insane. We have a program opened with devotional services and followed by readings, music, etc. After that we give each one a plate well filled with cake, fruit, candy, and—yes, we do—tobacco for the old men. When a fifth Tuesday comes we report this for the family at the Old Men's Home. This year we secured a flag and had a flag raising for the old men. This is all that we do in the way of regular organized society work. We do other forms of personal service work, such as supplying a tubercular family with provisions, telephone and doctor.—*Mrs. A. B. Newman, Tenn.*



UNION NOTES



ROUND TABLE

OCTOBER and November are the months set aside for the campaign to complete in cash or pledges the Union's jubilate pledge of \$325,000 to the Church Building Loan Fund of the Home Mission Board. The majority of the state Unions have set themselves resolutely to the raising of their apportionment of this pledge and the most of them will have their campaigns in October or November or during both months. It is the biggest financial task which the Union has ever tried to accomplish in a two-months' campaign but only the big and courageous task is popular these days. The campaign has been long deferred but carefully planned and is entered into with confident hope of victory.—To this end, the Church Extension Department of the Home Mission Board has supplied much campaign literature, has secured several speakers to help in the campaign in each state and has prepared four sets of stereopticon slides showing the need for this fund. These slides will be loaned to the various W. M. U. organizations, a copy of the lecture to be used with the slides being enclosed with each set. It is believed that these slides will be in great demand by Union workers and that they will be the means of persuading many to give liberally to the fund. Any state, association or society desiring to use the slides should write to their state W. M. U. headquarters or to Dr. L. B. Warren, 1004 Healey Building, Atlanta, Ga. —In entering upon this campaign it will be well to remember that many W. M. S. and Y. W. A. members are amply able to establish individual memorials in addition to any help which they may give toward the memorials established by their society, association and state. In like manner is it true that many societies are abundantly able to have a society memorial even if they are helping on their associational memorial. It is also delightfully true that many individuals and many societies which have already established memorials are able to increase them and oftentimes to double them. At the very foundation of all state, home and foreign mission work lies the solu-

tion of this problem of adequate church buildings and so anyone who gives to this cause will bring a three-fold blessing to the work. Also, anyone who gives to it during the campaign will bestow the blessing which is thus described: "The one who gives quickly, gives twice".—In making gifts to this fund, the organizations are asked to remember that there will be a Sunbeam Memorial and one also for the R. A.'s, another for the G. A.'s, and another for the Y. W. A.'s, a minimum of \$500 being necessary for each memorial. Then there is the Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial toward which hundreds of societies will lovingly contribute in addition to their own memorials. Care must be taken in sending in contributions for these memorials so that the one who receives the contribution will know how to credit it.—Another long anticipated joy for this October is the opening of the new W. M. U. Training School building at 334 East Broadway, Louisville, Ky. The formal dedication and the placing of the memorial tablet will not occur until a later date, but on October 2 the boarding department will be opened and at ten o'clock the next morning the students will assemble in Norton Hall Chapel for the initial devotional service there. Oh, the love and sacrifice, the thought and planning that have made possible this joyous occasion! May every one who has given to the school or who would gladly have given remember the faculty and students on October 2 and 3 and may they also remember that in a very true sense they made the finishing of the building possible. As Tiny Tim would say, "God bless 'you', every one"! —And still another distinguishing feature of October is the beginning of the state W. M. U. annual meetings. With the exception of Oklahoma, Florida, North Carolina and Arkansas, the states all hold their annual sessions either in October or November. Mrs. W. C. James will attend the Virginia, Tennessee, Alabama and Florida meetings; and Miss Mary F. Dixon, those in Maryland, Georgia, South Carolina, Texas, Louisiana, North Carolina and Arkansas. Miss Dixon also

hopes to attend the Oklahoma meeting in December. Mrs. Maud R. McLure will take the place of the W. M. U. corresponding secretary at the Illinois and Missouri meetings, while Mrs. George B. Eager will do the same at the Mississippi gathering. It is sincerely regretted that no one can be sent again this year to the New Mexico meeting but a special effort will be made to have a Union representative there in 1918. — In the preparation of the "Manual of W. M. U. Methods" sincere thanks are due to many W. M. U. workers and friends of the Union. Among the latter should be especially mentioned Dr. I. J. Van Ness and Dr. John Dagg Mell. Dr. Van Ness, aside from the fact that the Sunday School Board was publishing the book, was sincerely interested in its many details and gave invaluable suggestions. Dr. Mell, vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention and a recognized authority on parliamentary usage, read the chapter on that subject. It is needless to say that he "ruled" otherwise in several instances and that his criticisms were highly appreciated. Mrs. James also criticized this chapter and the one on "W. M. U. Allies", as well as making suggestions for the circle plan constitution. Mrs. Wharton was untiring in her interest in the development of the personal service chapter. Miss Dixon gave careful criticism of the three chapters on young people's work; Mrs. W. R. Nimmo, to the one on "Mission Literature"; Mrs. McLure, to the W. M. U. Training School chapter; and Mrs. J. R. Fizer, to the part pertaining to the Margaret Fund, of whose committee she is chairman. It will also be gratefully recalled that the members of the W. M. U. Secretaries' and Field Workers' Council gave their annual meeting day entirely to the consideration of this book. Most of them prepared outlines or articles for the various chapters, many of which outlines and articles were lavishly used by the compiler. Copious help was also drawn from various W. M. U. publications, such as from the methods department in ROYAL SERVICE, the W. M. U. Training School catalogue, the organization folders and manuals, the personal service publications and Miss Heck's leaflet "Eight Reasons and an Invitation". Since the book goes forth without an author's name, simply as a Union publication, it was not considered plagiarism to omit the quotation marks from such copied sections as well

as from articles contributed for the book by the council members. It will perhaps be interesting to many to see how their contributions were used! — In studying the book, it should be remembered that it does not in any sense take the place of a mission study book and, therefore, does not count on the standard of excellence. It should also be remembered that the study of any book calls for some supplemental reading and so this manual will require the addition of specific local and state facts. It is hoped that every leader for the young people, every W. M. S. president or circle chairman, every associational, district, state and southern W. M. U. worker will order a copy and study it. It is also hoped that many classes will study it in the circles and societies and at the state W. M. U. annual meetings and assemblies. A certificate will be awarded to those satisfactorily completing the study. — As stated above, the book is published by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee. Orders for it should be sent there. The price is, postpaid, in cloth binding, 60 cents. There will be no paperbound edition. — Miss Aretta Beswick, corresponding secretary for the woman's work in Missouri, writes as follows concerning their summer assembly: "The assembly met at Arcadia Heights, August 7-19, in the woman's building. I was assisted by Miss Maud Powell, one of the field workers. Miss Bertha Moore, who attended the W. M. U. Training School, conducted a story hour, Royal Ambassador chapter and the girls' mission circle, over 20 being in attendance. Miss L. L. Patrick, corresponding secretary for Alabama, and Miss Allene Bryan, a Chicago Training School girl, held several conferences with the young women. One night an hour was given to a demonstration of the graded W. M. U. work". — Miss Sue O. Howell, secretary for the woman's work in Oklahoma, writes as follows concerning the assembly in her state: "The first session of our Falls Creek Baptist Assembly met on our newly acquired grounds in the Arbuckle Mountains, August 16-26. In spite of many hindrances the enrollment exceeded 250. Everyone expressed pleasure in the beauty and utility of the grounds. The woman's building, erected by the W. B. M. S. of the state, proved to be a delightful place for the women. Inspiring addresses were made by Dr. F. M. McConnell and several professors from our Baptist university".



BOOK REVIEWS



THE ROMANCE OF MISSIONS IN NIGERIA

As last year South America claimed the attention of a number of study classes, so this year the majority of students will turn towards Africa. Although a number of good books have lately been written on this country, southern Baptists must consider themselves especially fortunate in having a new book about their own field written by one of their missionaries, Rev. S. J. Pinnock, who has served in the Yorubaland for twenty-six years. We are interested in the start of the book to read of the author's call to service, his trip out and his "sitting down" as the natives speak of settling. We read of his early work among the people, his teaching, social service, and of the medical and surgical work that he was obliged to undertake. In other chapters we are introduced to Yorubaland: Its People and Resources; Oyo: Its Kings and Government; and again to the religion and customs of the people. One chapter deals with the Pioneers, here we learn of our early missionaries, and between the lines we read of the discouragements, privations and hardships they must have endured while bringing so much to the natives. For "there is scarcely any phase of the industrial, social, and religious life of the people which has not been enriched by their labors. They were builders of wide repute, and laid solid foundations for the great spiritual building—the church of Christ." In another chapter we find the three methods of our work, evangelistic, educational and medical. Through home visiting, street preaching, Sunday school work and the establishing

of churches souls are being won for Christ. Through our elementary and industrial schools, through our boys' academy at Ogbomoso, the Baptist school for girls at Abeokuta, and the Theological Seminary at Saki the youth of the country is being trained in the knowledge and love of God. Through the medical work not only the sick are healed, but the kingdom of God is preached. "Medical work is a key to unlock closed hearts and homes to the messengers of Christ."

For an intelligent knowledge of our work in Africa, for even a faint appreciation of what that work has called for and is calling for in the lives of our missionaries, southern Baptists ought to read or study this book. There are eight short chapters, many good illustrations and a map of Nigeria. We highly recommend the book for W. M. S. and Y. W. A. study classes. Paper .40, cloth .60 postpaid

We would recommend the following for mission study and general reading.

- For W. M. S. and Y. W. A.
 The Romance of Missions in Nigeria, .40 Rev. S. J. Pinnock
 An African Trail, .30 net, Jean K. Mackenzie
 Missionary Milestones, .35 Margaret R. Seebach
 For R. A. and G. A.
 African Adventures, .30 Jean K. Mackenzie
 (Suggestions for Leaders, (good) .10)
 Bearers of the Torch, .29 Katharine E. Crowell
 For general reading and stories for missionary programs
 Life Sketches from a Heathen Land, .50 Lulu Whilden

SOCIETY METHODS

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be made every few weeks. Similar use can be made of charts and posters with good effect. When a statement is constantly before your eyes how can it fail to make its impression on your mind? How do you know that "it floats", or that there are "57 varieties"? Try having a new chart each Sunday before your school and see if the missionary interest is not deepened.

If a lantern with a postcard attachment is available, secure cards from the mission fields, number them and send to members of auxiliary or R. A. chapter with a request for a one or two minutes explanation of that card when it is shown. This suggestion might be used for a public meeting of your society when the grownups are invited. In such a meeting one of the curio boxes that can be rented from Missionary Education Movement could be used to good advantage in furnishing decorations that would help create the right atmosphere.—Ethel Winfield, Young People's Leader for Va.

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R. A. PROGRAMS

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The Needs in Our State

Find out this need from your state headquarters and present as definitely as possible. It would be interesting to find out which churches in your community have been helped by the Board and what they are now doing for the denominational causes.

Reply: God reigneth over the nations. Ps. 47:8

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

MAY 1, 1917 TO AUGUST 1, 1917	ALABAMA	ARKANSAS	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	FLORIDA	GEORGIA	ILLINOIS	KENTUCKY	LOUISIANA	MARYLAND	MISSISSIPPI	MISSOURI	N. MEXICO	N. CAROLINA	OKLAHOMA	S. CAROLINA	TENNESSEE	TEXAS	VIRGINIA	TOTALS	
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Marg. Fund.....	2 97					5 10	15 99	5 95	2 75		25 87	8 50		45 76				81 52	111 86	
Ty. School.....	270 39	1075 35	24 50	297 96	5 00	291 00	2215 83	35 50	54 49	542 64	339 96	1 80	260 81	8 30	614 11			3157 51	9774 00	
Y. Y. W. A.—Foreign.	18 80	19 00			179 43	3 00	102 08	35 50	13 68	59 27	59 27	218 00	418 00	207 55	57 87			317 78	1608 25	
Home.....	22 00	12 50			159 58	4 95	56 92	10 60	10 60	79 50	79 50	1062 87	1062 87	53 87	57 87			245 50	1819 75	
S. S. Board.....	2 00				75		2 75		1 00			25		5 70				3 06	19 70	
Marg. Fund.....	2 00																			
Ty. School.....	38 00					50 51	160 94	16 25		93 00		11 95		100 42				546 53	1076 62	
G. A. F.—Foreign.	5 00				37 54	2 10	70 70		1 10	3 00				40 45	5 00			47 68	132 91	
Home.....	19 25				50 82	1 85	38 51		1 10	3 00				54 08	7 65			58 25	254 31	
S. S. Board.....						2 15								2 95				5 90	5 90	
Marg. Fund.....	1 85	1 00												2 95				2 95	2 95	
Ty. School.....	50 00													21 80				81 18	137 66	
Home.....	1 50				12 08	18 15	1 94				2 00	19 29		44 37				57 11	383 05	
S. S. Board.....					26 77		2 75			60 00		138 06		44 37				79 04	250 00	
Marg. Fund.....							10 00							3 50				63 55	5 15	
Ty. School.....	17 00	6 00			50	1 00	23 54	1 75	1 50		2 55	2 40		20 53				21 05	46 67	
Home.....	28 54				105 82	5 16	7 25	1 00	2 10	24 84	2 54	101 40		90 53				340 55	814 15	
S. S. Board.....	53 77				03							888 40		186 70	7 45			355 05	1005 44	
Marg. Fund.....						1 50	2 58							16 39				11 30	115 08	
Ty. School.....	4 02	1 65				8 12	29 82					10 53		66 54				10 03	10 03	
Home.....																		103 71	294 09	
Alumnus Pledge Special Gift.																		19 00	19 00	
Louisville Campaign.																		83 72	83 72	
Totals.....	\$1815 41	\$2743 21	\$192 00	\$804 15	\$6168 75	\$467 65	\$4651 45	\$310 94	\$516 58	\$2707 97	\$2034 69	\$2 00	\$5046 97	\$360 58	\$3367 84	\$1303 41	\$1 52	11459 22	\$282465 63	
Totals: For Foreign Missions, \$18,362 90; Home Missions \$21,670 44; S. S. Board \$333 17; Margaret Fund \$197 88; Training School \$18,666 93; Scholarship Fund \$1754 96; Total \$62,465 63																				
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO HOME MISSION DEBT IN ADDITION TO ABOVE																				
																			\$15 00	
JUBILATE OFFERINGS REPORTED BY STATE TREASURERS IN ADDITION TO ABOVE																				
Foreign.	\$ 20 25				\$165 26	\$ 15 00	\$ 17 50			\$84 00	\$235 64		\$501 35		\$251 90	\$203 75		\$197 02	\$1681 95	
Home.	103 80				297 14	305 80	62 70	\$65 78	\$10 00	36 30			314 31		40 90	13 54		\$15 15	\$659 52	
Totals.	\$128 05				\$462 40	\$350 80	\$80 50	\$65 78	\$10 00	\$60 30	\$235 64		\$815 64		\$292 80	\$216 96		\$1012 17	\$3721 47	
TOTAL VALUE OF BOXES TO MISSIONARIES AND MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS																				
																			\$216 87	\$569 77

Weekly Prayer Cycle

Sunday

- I. Sunday School Board Bible Work
- I. W. M. U., Y. W. A., Girls' Auxiliary, Royal Ambassadors
Sunbeam Bands
- III. Personal Service

Monday

- I. Home Board, Church Extension, Frontier, Indians, Mountain
Schools, Negroes
- II. W. M. U. Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, District of Columbia
- III. United States Army and Navy

Tuesday

- Cuba, Panama
Evangelism, Enlistment
- II. W. M. U. Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky
- III. W. M. U. Training School

Wednesday

- I. Foreign Board, Italy, Mexico
- II. W. M. U. Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi
- III. W. M. U. Secretaries' and Field Workers' Council

Thursday

- I. Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile
- II. W. M. U. Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma

Friday

- I. China, Japan, Africa
- II. W. M. U. South Carolina, Tennessee
- III. Margaret Fund

Saturday

- I. Church Building Loan Fund
Educational and Publicity Departments
Mission Study Classes
- II. W. M. U. Texas, Virginia
- III. W. M. U. Executive Committee