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EDITORIAL

THE MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE

"MODERN Missionary Movements" is the subject that is to be brought before all our societies through the program to be found in ROYAL SERVICE for the month of November. It is important that we know more of the great movements of the world that are to-day energizing and supporting the armies of our Lord while our minds and thoughts are so taken up with the carnal warfare that is involving almost every nation in the world.

As we study the different movements of the time, movements that have for their goal the saving of the world for Christ, as we learn more of the ideals and aspirations and more of the character and consecration of the leaders of these great movements which are such potential factors in the work for world wide missions, our thoughts naturally revert to the inauguration of the first great missionary enterprise and after that to what is known as the Modern Missionary Enterprise. As we study, we are impressed with the similarity of the ideals, aspirations and consecration of the men and women who were used of God to usher in and sustain such movements.

Following closely the "Acts of the Apostles" who had such marvelous training under the Great Missionary Himself, we find in the first chapter and fourteenth verse the words: "These all continued *with one accord* in prayer and supplication with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brethren" and thus we learn what it was that set in motion a dynamic force such as to bring the very Spirit of God Himself to rest upon men with power so great that the work begun on the day of Pentecost has continued through the centuries.

One of the most potent factors in the Modern Missionary Enterprise was the "Monthly Concert of Prayer". It was started by a few English Baptist ministers in 1784 at a time when Christians seemed almost to have forgotten their responsibility in carrying out the Great Commission. These ministers called upon all the Baptist churches to observe one stated hour in every month in earnest united prayer for the support of "true religion to the ends of the earth". It was not long ere the Christians of America followed the lead of the English and many Baptist churches adopted the "Monthly Concert of Prayer".

The greatest hour in the history of missions among American Baptists was the one when the pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Boston received the following message from Adoniram Judson: "Should there ever be formed a Baptist society for the support of missions in these parts, I shall be ready to consider myself their missionary". It was a call to arms, a call to deeper consecration and the hosts responded. The dormant energies of the Baptists of America were awakened by the call and as a result our denomination inaugurated a great movement for world wide missions. Thus we see that the original and, likewise, the modern missionary enterprise, of which our great movement was a part, was brought forth and energized by the prayers of men and women who availed themselves of this great dynamic force, by men and women who knew God and could see the world from His viewpoint.

It has been said that in the great world missionary conference held in Edinburgh in 1910 two things came home to the delegates there with a force amounting to revelation. First, that the task revealed by the renewed study of the situation demanded an experience of God in Christ that the people of the churches did not possess; and, second, that such a deepened experience is possible because there are in God, as revealed in Christ, depths and heights that are knowable though still unknown. We further learn that it became the inspiring hope that the God who revealed His power once to the first great conference which, united in heart and united in place, waited upon Him, would use this one also as His medium for another such revelation to His waiting people upon earth. This is the hope that is inspiring all our modern missionary movements to-day.

The part that the missionary enterprise has played in moulding the history of the world

is a large one but it has a task to face now that drives us back upon the resources of our God for "He alone is sufficient for these things". We are facing great tasks and great opportunities that will make supreme spiritual demands upon every missionary organization.

Today we are giving ourselves to every kind of enterprise that we may help our government in its preparation for war, in the conservation of food, in making our boys comfortable and happy, as they go out to fight for the cause of democracy, and in preparing to care for them when they shall become the victims of the horrors of this mighty struggle. This indeed is an obligation and should be magnified. But, as John R. Mott has expressed it, never have there been such convincing evidences of the poverty and inadequacy of human means and agencies for furthering the welfare of humanity, never has there been greater need for super-human help, never has there been such a challenge to Christians to undertake deeds requiring divine co-operation but, as he says, we have been producing Christian activities faster than we have been producing Christian experience and Christian faith and the discipline of our souls and the deepening of our acquaintance with God are not proving sufficiently thorough to enable us to meet the unprecedented expansion of our responsibilities and opportunities. If the hope that inspired the conference in Edinburgh and that should inspire all missionary movements is to be realized it will be through the individual men and women, constituent members of the churches, behind these great movements.

We are constantly on the strain to devise new means and new methods, which is good, but, while we are looking for better methods, God is looking for better men. "Man is God's method." The Spirit of God does not work through the organization but through the individual.

"The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth that He might show Himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him." A time like this calls for such men and such women.

As many of our state Unions are soon to hold their annual meetings, let us urge that much time, that the best time be given at each session for the "Quiet Hour" when even perhaps the voice of the leader, who directs your thoughts and minds toward God, may be still while all pray in a symphony of united silence. Give much time to devotion so that the dominating impression will be that the Spirit of God is the dominating personality and that from the meeting as a center there may radiate an influence that shall cause all the women of the churches to seek to have that deeper experience of God which will cause them to thrill as they recognize the call to meet a new emergency and a changed situation in which the responsibilities and possibilities are as illimitable as God Himself.

THANKSGIVING

"We thank Thee for the dear and faithful dead, for those who have made the distant Heavens a Home for us, whose truth and beauty are even now in our hearts. One by one Thou dost gather the scattered families out of the earthly light into the heavenly glory and, from the distractions and strife and weariness of time, to the peace of eternity.

We thank Thee for the labors and the joys of these mortal years. We thank Thee for our deep sense of the mysteries that lie beyond our dust and for the eye of faith which Thou hast opened for all who believe in Thy Son. May we live together in Thy faith and love and in that hope which is full of immortality. Amen."

"For the heart grows rich in giving:  
All its wealth is living grain.  
Seeds, which mildew in the garner,  
Scattered, fill with gold the plain.

"Is thy burden hard and heavy?  
Do thy steps drag wearily?  
Help to bear another's burden:  
God will bear both it and thee."



## BIBLE STUDY



### TOPIC—*Missionary Journeys*

*"The very soul of our religion is missionary, progressive, world-embracing."*

I. THE MISSIONARY CHARGE: Matt. 10: 5-42. Pray ye therefore—that He send forth laborers. Matt. 9: 38. When men have *prayed* well they *work* well, for it shall be revealed to them that *they themselves* are the laborers. Revelations come to men in prayer; while praying about others, God suddenly says "*You are the man—'Go'.*" He bids us carry out our own purposes. He called unto Him His twelve disciples. Matt. 10: 1. He is always calling, not once, but daily. It is an invitation to come nearer to Him with every sunrise. A great missionary campaign was proposed by Jesus Christ. He sent forth the disciples *two and two* just as He pleased to select them. No man was to have two coats or two pairs of shoes, poverty was to become a kind of holiness. He gives them *power*. When the call comes to "Go", there is need of equipment for service. Jesus not only called but He gave the necessary power. He does the same thing now. The water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up unto eternal life. John 4: 14. Then we need take no thought of what we shall say. The kind of power Jesus gave the disciples was a *power to do good*, to relieve human burdens, human distresses and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. Matt. 10: 1; Mark 6: 7; Luke 9: 1-6

II. TO THE JEWS FIRST: This first preaching of the apostles was to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Matt. 10: 6. Modern missionaries take the credentials for their journey from these same commands of Jesus. *To all the nations.* Matt. 28: 19. All power is in Him—"go ye therefore". The remnant of the Jews has the promise, Rom. 11: 5, but the salvation of Israel is prophetic, Luke 2: 38, so that they are not as a people receiving God's messenger. The method God commanded has never been amended, the same way to evangelize is as He gave the command. Matt. 10: 9-10. He shows His sent ones that they will certainly have to hear. Matt. 10: 16-22. Father and mother must be left, sister and brother must be surrendered, houses and lands abandoned. Matt. 10: 37, 38. Jesus Himself is to be the one inspiration of the disciples, His name the only name by which they go forth. Acts 4: 12; Rom. 1: 16

III. THE GOSPEL BEGINS TO GO OUT TO ALL NATIONS: Acts 8: 14-40. The Jews having rejected Stephen's witness, the Christians were scattered on account of the persecution. Philip preached Christ in Samaria, the multitudes listened with eager interest and evil spirits defiling body and mind were made to flee when the Spirit of God began His work in the hearts of those who believed the Word spoken by Philip. *Opposition* by Satan developed through the sorcerer but this was overcome by the true Light.

IV. PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY: Acts 13: 3-5. The Holy Spirit said: Acts 13: 2. "It is the function of the Holy Spirit to elect His own ministers "to the work whereunto I have called them". Barnabas and Saul were separated and "sent forth by the Holy Spirit". *First to the Jews.* Soon Barnabas stood aside and allowed Saul the first place of power. Paul wrought his first miracle, Acts 13: 9, 10, overcoming the opposition of Satan. If true to the ministry you cannot go forth at God's bidding without having the evil spirit of the times developed. Acts 13: 14-41. Paul preached his first sermon to the Jews but being opposed by them he and Barnabas turn to the Gentiles. Acts 13: 46-52; 14: 1-7. They suffered great persecution. These histories throw light on *Christian service*. "If any man will live godly in Christ Jesus, he shall suffer persecution", but true service survives all ill treatment. Heb. 11: 36-38. Jesus had told His disciples they would suffer these things.

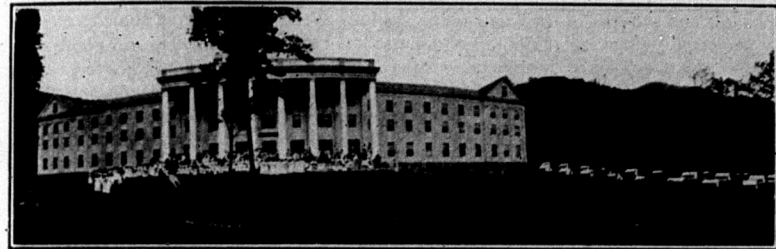
V. PAUL'S SECOND JOURNEY: Acts 15: 36; 16: 9. The Gospel turns toward Europe and the first convert in Macedonia is a woman. Acts 16: 12-15. Then the founding of the church in Thessalonica: Acts 17: 1-4; 1 Thess. and 2 Thess. The stream of life flows on through Athens and Corinth. Acts 18: 1-11; 1 and 2 Cor. "The Gospel like a river broadens as it flows." The last journey was to Rome. Acts 27: 1. Paul's Commission: Acts 26: 15-18. This is the program for the revolution, regeneration and perfecting of the world.—*Mrs. James Pollard*



## PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER



*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.*



ASSEMBLY GROUNDS OF MISSIONARY EDUCATION MOVEMENT  
BLUE RIDGE, NORTH CAROLINA

### MODERN MISSIONARY MOVEMENTS

HYMN—O Word of God Incarnate  
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SENTENCE PRAYERS

Besides the various boards and activities of the different denominations, there are at least six interdenominational movements which are missionary in their purpose. Moreover the Young Men's and the Young Women's Christian Associations carry on extensive missionary work. The American Bible Society is an agency for the distribution of thousands of Bibles. The Student Volunteer Movement enlists the college students for foreign mission service. The Laymen's Missionary Movement has for ten years done a great work in gaining the cooperation of the men of the churches. Some of the war relief activities can be regarded as missionary in character. There are societies for evangelizing the Belgian soldiers, for distributing Gospels to the soldiers, and so on. Thus the call comes to us to help in many ways. It is a time not for retrenchment of our gifts to our own denominational causes, but of greater sacrifice and generosity that we may not fail to meet the opportunities and the obligations laid on each one by the present crisis.

*"The common problem, yours, mine, everyone's,  
— — — not to fancy what were fair in life  
Provided it could be—but, finding first  
What may be, then find how to make it fair  
Up to our means, a very different thing."*

### 1. The Foreign Missions Conference of North America

Among the most important of all the interdenominational organizations for missions is the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. Twenty-four years ago members of the different boards realized that there were many problems connected with mission work that could best be solved after united counsel of all those interested. The result was this annual Conference which meets in January and to which come representatives of many boards and societies that have the common purpose of extending Christ's kingdom in foreign lands. Last January the attendance reached a total of 278, of whom 186 were men and 92 were women. Thirty-two general boards and societies were represented by regular delegates, while 26 organizations sent corresponding members. The functions of this Conference are to investigate and study through its committees missionary problems; to foster and promote a true science of missions, and to perform any special work of interest to the boards and societies of the Conference. An idea of the wide range of subjects considered may be gotten by looking at the topics discussed at the last Conference. An entire evening was given to a discussion of the missionary situation in Africa. Problems of Christian education on the mission field were considered. Ideals of missionary service and conditions necessary for the highest efficiency were treated in a very helpful way. The work of administration at the home base received prayerful thought. The discussion of women's boards and their relation to general boards was participated in by a number of the ladies present. And the closing evening was memorable for the paper given by Dr. John R. Mott on the foreign missionary situation as affected by the European war. Thus the printed report of each Conference furnishes a very valuable source of information to the workers not only at home but on the foreign field.

The standing committees continue their work during the year and render inestimable service to the boards and the missionaries. "For example, a law was passed recently in the United States relating to the 'Expatriation of Citizens,' which, upon the face of it, appeared to denationalize any missionary who remained away from home over two years. The committee opened correspondence on behalf of all the boards with the Department of State, secured a copy of the Rules and Regulations which had been issued to consular and diplomatic agents abroad, and later obtained an official communication from the Bureau of Citizenship which cleared up all difficulties. These facts were communicated to all the missionary societies in the United States." Thus work which would otherwise have to be done by each of the boards is done once for all by the central committees.

### 2. Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions

Every January at Garden City, N. Y., there meets a group of about a hundred women, the representatives of the different woman's boards of missions, the Young Women's Christian Association and the Student Volunteer Movement. Realizing that every one may obtain help from the experiences of others who have the same interests, these women come together for a few days of conference and consultation on methods of work and plans for the future. Last January there were 94 women at the Conference representing 27 boards. During the year the standing committees carry on their work and publish the results of the investigations in the *Missionary Review of the World*. If you wanted suggestions as to methods of work among the women and young people, you would look to the committee that has that in charge. They gather information on the best ways of increasing the interest in missions and the best methods of imparting missionary information. The student work has a special committee devoted to its interests. The Committee on Publications and Literature gets out books to be used in the mission study classes. And there is another committee devoted to providing Christian literature for women and children on the mission fields. All are the source of many helpful suggestions and much information about mission work. The basis of membership in the Federation was changed last year so that a board must pay an annual membership fee based on its income. This brought our fee to \$50 and, as a matter of economy, it was deemed best for our Union to allow its membership to lapse. The Federation's department in the October issue of the *Missionary Review of the World* is well worth reading, especially the article entitled "A Challenge to Christian Women". To give Christianity to all the world is the supreme task, and have not we women dedicated ourselves to this task?

### 3. Councils for Home Missions

There are two interdenominational councils for home missions; one of the general denominational boards, and one of the woman's boards, the Council for Women for Home Missions. These councils meet and discuss plans of general interest to all the denominations and consider how cooperation may make the work more effective. It is the policy of the councils to divide the territory in which mission work is done, and, if it seems best, to give one needy section entirely into the care of one denomination. This is done so that as large a field as possible may be reached by evangelical churches. But since this is contrary to the Baptist principle that any group of people, no matter how small, has the right to decide for themselves to what church they shall belong, we are not members of either council.

### 4. The Laymen's Missionary Movement

The Laymen's Missionary Movement is ten years old. In 1905, the year before the Movement was organized, the churches of the United States and Canada were giving \$8,120,725 for foreign missions. In 1915 they gave \$18,793,000, a cumulative gain of a million dollars a year. This is a greater gain in ten years than in the previous hundred years! The increase for home missions has been proportionately as great as for foreign missions and the increase for current expenses at least as great as for home and foreign missions combined. While the Movement does not claim that its activities have been the only factors involved in the phenomenal growth in missionary gifts, it has had a worthy part in this inspiring result. The weekly offering and the personal every-member canvass have revolutionized the giving of millions of Christians and transformed the financial life of thousands of churches. The Movement has organized fully 3,000 conferences and conventions, attended by at least a million men. Two national campaigns have been conducted in which there was a paid registration of 175,000 delegates. Multitudes of men bear witness that the Movement has brought them quickened spiritual life, broadened vision, higher standards of stewardship and service, and transformed life purposes. *The Regions Beyond*.

### 5. The Student Volunteer Movement

The Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions originated at Mt. Hermon, Mass., in 1886. Of the 250 delegates who had gone there at the invitation of Dwight L. Moody for a conference of Christian students, one hundred put themselves on record as being "willing and desirous, God permitting, to become foreign missionaries." From that time the Movement has been a great force in presenting the cause of missions to students in colleges, universities and theological seminaries and has influenced literally thousands to devote their lives to the service of Christ in foreign lands. It is not a missionary board in any sense of the word. It is simply a recruiting agency. It sends out no missionaries and is unswervingly loyal to the church. Each student volunteer signs the following declaration: "It is my purpose, if God permit, to become a foreign missionary." While in college, the volunteers meet together for prayer and mission study and are a powerful force in awakening and strengthening the missionary interest among the other students. Every four years an international convention is held to which come students and professors from the leading institutions of learning in North America. During the latter part of this December, watch the daily papers for an account of this Convention. Besides influencing many to offer their lives for definite foreign missionary service, the Movement has imparted the missionary spirit to thousands of students who enter other walks of life.

### 6. Baptist Student Missionary Movement

Closely akin to the Student Volunteer Movement, but narrower in that it is only for Baptist students and broader in that it is for home as well as foreign missions is the Baptist Student Missionary Movement. This Movement includes the Baptist students of the United States and of Canada. It is a recruiting agency for both home and foreign missions. It is seeking to call out and inspire for the best training a sufficient number of young men and young women to meet the needs of the work undertaken by our home and foreign mission boards, both in the homeland and on the foreign field. The Movement is also working at the problem of the missionary education of all Baptist students in all classes of Baptist schools, also all students in State and independent institutions.

The Movement, of course, is denominational. Its work is with Baptist students. It

believes that there is a world task for Baptists. It believes that the new democracy which is now slowly but surely spreading throughout the earth will bring in a Baptist day and a great Baptist opportunity. There is no better way to meet this unprecedented opportunity and world Baptist missionary task than to unify and interest in world missions the noble army of Baptist students who pass each year through our schools. They are to be the leaders in our denominational life and work. They must be inspired to secure the best training for such leadership. Probably the most important work being undertaken is the missionary education of Baptist students. The effort is being made to bring before Baptist students from the preparatory schools on through the college and university the leading facts of missionary needs, progress, etc. This is done by means of mission study classes, the distribution of mission literature, lectures and addresses by missionaries at home on furlough, by secretaries of our mission boards and societies and of the Movement. There have been two general conventions of the Movement, the first in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1916, the second in Louisville, Ky., in 1917. When it is considered that both these conventions were held before the Movement had reached its third year, the student attendance at both was surprisingly large. The next convention will be held in the winter of 1918-1919. *Dr. Chas. T. Ball, General Secretary of the Movement*

**7. The American Bible Society** wonderful missionary agency it is. In the year 1915 it distributed at home 2,707,971 full Bibles or portions; abroad, 5,053,406; making a total of 7,761,377. The total issues for the past century amount to 117,687,591 full Bibles or portions of the Scriptures.

**8. The Young Women's Christian Association** *Motto: I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly.*

Sixty years ago in England a band of Christian women united to pray for young women. That same year there was opened in London a home for young women "who could afford to pay a half guinea (\$2.50) a week for room and board." We might regard these two events as the beginnings of the movement that led to the formation of the Young Women's Christian Association. Founded on prayer, the Association has ever tried to meet in a practical way the actual needs of the girl. From these simple beginnings has grown the great organization of today that in our own country reaches the girl in college and in factory, the working woman and the professional woman and holds out a helping hand to the immigrant girl bewildered by the newness of her surroundings. Nor is the work confined to the United States, for through the World's Young Women's Christian Association work is carried on in thirty-eight other countries. At the present time there are 46 secretaries on the foreign field.

The world recognizes the fact that the woman of today does not occupy the same place in the industries and the professions, or even in the home, that her sister of fifty years ago held. The factory does what the house-wife used to do. The young girl seeks employment out of the home. The woman in the home has greater leisure for work for others. The Association has grown and kept up with these changes in the life of the woman and has been a mighty factor in protecting and aiding the young woman in her new position.

It would require nothing short of a book to tell of the varied departments of the Young Women's Christian Association. It is impossible to do it justice in a short article. We shall simply be able to glance at some of its many activities.

*The City Girl.* First to see what is done for the city girl, let us visit an Association building in one of our large cities. As we enter the door into the pleasant lobby at the noon hour, we see throngs of girls going in and out. Following the crowd, we find ourselves in the bright lunch room, a cafeteria, where the business girl can get a good lunch at the minimum price. When the high cost of living presents problems to us all, such a place proves an inestimable blessing to the girl or woman who needs nourishing food and cannot pay much for it. After enjoying a good lunch, we go to the next floor and are shown the rooms where the girls live. One who goes to a large city and has the means to pay a reasonable amount for board is disheartened by the accommodations she is offered. What must it be to the girl who comes for the first time into the busy hum of city life, knowing no one and with a wage so low that the entire amount would not insure her a suitable boarding place. The Association meets this need by providing rooms at moderate rates where a girl can become part of the large family and share in all its

privileges. But the building is not large enough to house all who apply and some prefer living in smaller families. The Association, therefore, keeps a list of good boarding places where a girl can be comfortable and safe.

The privileges which the city Association offers to every member whether living in the building or not are many. The purpose of the Association has been expressed by one of its secretaries thus: "The ultimate objective of the Association is the development of Christian character. It is its privilege to have somewhat to do with the improving of untoward conditions either by cooperating with other organizations or as an element in some of its own activities, but it is dealing primarily with the women themselves. It is not the development of mere character, but Christian character, which is to say that the Association is always simply a means to an end. It aims not so much to be something as to accomplish something, for Christian character is a force which works outward into home and school, store and factory." A very important factor in the developing of the Christian character in its members are the Bible classes that are regularly held. Last winter in Baltimore hundreds of business women met one night every week to study the Bible. There are also mission study classes to keep the girls in touch with Christian progress. And at the noon hour during the week and on Sunday afternoon is the quiet devotional service.

On our tour through the building we find many bright cheery rooms where the classes and clubs meet. Recognizing the fact that many a girl has the ambition to study to fit herself better for life's work even after her school days are over, classes in dressmaking, millinery, cooking, domestic science, English and literature are offered in the evenings at little expense. Then because the physical life must be thought of if the best work is to be done, we find in the basement a well-fitted gymnasium and a large clear swimming pool.

But life must not be all work. There must be play as well. The utter loneliness of the girl or woman away from home in the crowds of the city can only be realized by those who have felt it. In the various clubs and in the good times planned for her such a girl finds comradeship and fun in a wholesome atmosphere and is saved from the temptation of seeking a good time in evil surroundings. Then at the summer camps she can have two weeks of healthy outdoor life with fun every hour of the day at a price she can pay. In these ways the Association strives to meet the needs of the girls and to prove a true friend to everyone.

*The Country Girl.* The country girl has not been forgotten in the Association program. In 1913 there were 62 Eight Weeks Clubs in which country girls got together for a good time and for work. Last year 335 such clubs were organized and 5,392 girls were reached. These clubs are held under the direction of the country secretaries and directly under the leadership of some girl, often just home from college, who has been appointed as capable of doing this work. The club program must include recreation and study, definite service for the home, the community and the church, and study and work that will lead to the spiritual growth of the members. The movement has spread from our own country to foreign lands. "It was introduced into China at the student conferences of 1915. Much time and thought have been given to adopting the American plan to make it most valuable to the students of China. The American name meant little to the Chinese girls and they, therefore, have changed it to Time Investment Club. According to the present plan the girls who join this club promise not only to undertake certain lines of activity in the summer months as formerly, but also to take definite training for the same during the school year. Its activities are Bible classes, personal work, children's meetings, classes for the illiterate, help in reforming such evil customs as foot-binding, smoking, drinking and gambling and efforts toward personal and home hygiene."

*The Immigrant Girl.* The outstanding, overwhelming need felt by foreign people for their girls and by the girls themselves, is for protection. The striking feature of life in America to all foreign born folk as they run the gauntlet of their first experiences is that America is a country against which one must be protected. The "Societe" that cares enough about the welfare of foreign people to see to it that their girls arrive safely in a city, to search the girls out with a friendly visit, to make sure they are happily placed and not suffering sickness from anxieties and hardships from the journey, to advise them about getting work and buying clothes, to tell them of American money, and street cars, and water-pipes, and gaslight, and, in short, to promise to be a friend, and be it,—that "wonderful society of American ladies"

will find itself written deep in the heart of every lonely, homesick immigrant. Four city Associations have thus far turned the combined force of the entire Association toward befriending, protecting and teaching their immigrant girls. A branch headquarters located strategically invites acquaintance from all its foreign people in the city. An American immigration secretary of broad understanding of each and all different nationalities maintains impartial effort for all and so wins equal respect of all, representing as she does an organization of American women working for foreign women with no distinctions of race or creed. The foreign "visitors" who speak their home tongue work under her direction. Letters come from anxious mothers across the sea. "Kind ladies," one mother besought, "five months ago my Paulina came to your country"—and she went on to tell that her Paulina had ceased to write and the neighbors had written that she had gone off with a man to be married, so he had said. But the neighbors doubted. And with "tears from her heart," Paulina's mother begged the kind ladies "to hunt and find Paulina and see that she be safely married so that her life be not ruined, and her mother go not broken-hearted to her grave."—*Handbook of the Y. W. C. A.*

*The Student.* To thousands of students the Young Women's Christian Association stands for the force in college that helped her to come safely through her period of doubt and questioning and that led her into real Christian service. With the other new members she had repeated these words: "The purpose of the Association shall be to unite the women of the institution in loyalty to Jesus Christ, to lead them to accept him as their personal Saviour, to build them up in the knowledge of Christ, especially through Bible study and Christian service, that their character and conduct may be consonant with their belief. It shall thus associate them with the students of the world for the advancement of the Kingdom of God. It shall further seek to enlist their devotion to the Christian church and to the religious work of the institution." Thus the Christian girls of the college are united together for prayer and for work.

The weekly devotional meetings, the Bible and mission study classes, the social service committees, all of these are not only open to her but depend on her for their success. In the summer, conferences of ten days are held where she meets with other college girls to study the Bible, missions and plans for service and where she gains strength and inspiration from the messages from Christian leaders. Many a girl finds in such a conference the impulse that influences her to give her life to a definite Christian work. There were more than a hundred and thirty Baptist students at the Blue Ridge Conference last June. The Association writes representatives of the mission boards to attend this conference. In this way the young people's secretary of our Union was able to present the Baptist work to these students and to know many of them personally.

*War Relief Work.* Our entrance into the great world war has brought a new responsibility to every one interested in the welfare of girls. The great munition works will attract thousands of girls and they will be exposed to the dangers of city life, dangers of which many of them will be ignorant and to which they will be easy victims. Then the great training camps bring to their communities serious problems. Experienced workers with girls must be near them or many a girl will be ruined. The Christian Association at once realized this need and organized a War Work Council. The function of the Council was explained by Mrs. Robt. E. Speer at its meeting in June: "The function of the Council is to act as a committee of the National Board responsible for using the sources of the Young Women's Christian Association in helping to meet the special needs of the girls and young women of our country caused by the fact that the country is at war. These needs are exemplified in communities adjoining army training camps; or where men are being mobilized for the army and guard duty; where girls do agricultural work; or where girls will work in munition factories. Its program will be the preventive, constructive, educational program of the Association." At the time of this meeting, the War Department sent them a telegram expressing the need of the government for expert workers among women and girls. Mr. John R. Mott wrote: "In spite of all provisions being made to create a zone of moral safety around the camps the moral and religious welfare of the soldiers will still depend in large measure upon the social conditions in the adjoining communities. The attitude and conduct of the girls and women go far to determine the controlling spirit of these communities." A budget of a million dollars was voted to carry on the work and during

the past summer training courses for war emergency work were held. Already at more than nineteen camps or forts work has been begun as well as in several new industrial centers. As many of these camps are south of the Mason and Dixon line, we should feel the deepest interest in this work for the protection of our girls and should do everything in our power to cooperate with the secretaries stationed near us.

The War Relief Work is not confined to the United States. The following pressing requests from Christian men and women at work in warring lands have been received. From Russia there came a telegram asking for women to aid in work for employed Russian women. Two experienced secretaries have already gone to Petrograd in answer to this and a cable has been received asking for two additional secretaries. From England came the request that a Y. W. C. A. secretary be sent to act as consultant to the British Association which is facing possibilities as great as are the grave difficulties occasioned by the war. From France have come appeals for help. One friend cabled asking that secretaries be sent for work with the Red Cross nurses to establish a home for them in Paris. Another writes: "To my mind there is no doubt whatever that there is a crying need for work along the Y. W. C. A. lines among the women workers in munitions in France. There are at least five thousand such women in Bordeaux alone. They are lodged in barrack, near the quarters of the soldiers employed in munitions. Nothing is done for their social and moral welfare, and the moral conditions are indescribable." Two secretaries have already been sent to France. Thus the work of the Association is ever broadening as the needs of girls and women in all parts of the world grow pressing.

"Where cross the crowded ways of life,  
Where sound the cries of race and clan,  
Above the noise of selfish strife  
We hear thy voice, O Son of man.

"In haunts of wretchedness and need,  
On shadowed thresholds dark with fears,  
From paths where hide the lures of greed,  
We catch the vision of thy tears.

"From tender childhood's helplessness,  
From woman's grief, man's burdened toil,  
From famished souls, from sorrow's stress,  
Thy heart has never known recoil.

"O Master, from the mountain-side,  
Make haste to heal these hearts of pain,  
Among these restless throngs abide—  
O tread the city streets again

"Till sons of men shall learn thy love  
And follow where thy feet have trod;  
Till glorious from thy heaven above,  
Shall come the city of our God."



## Y. W. A. PROGRAM



*Note: Y. W. A., G. A. and R. A. programs are merely suggestive and are to be adapted by leaders to the requirements of their auxiliaries. The paragraphs referred to in program outlines will be found in general program which begins on page 7. For helpful leaflets see page 3.*

Hymn—I Worship Thee, Sweet Will of God  
Read in Unison—Psalm 121

Hymn—Father, Hear Thy Children's Call  
Bible Lesson—Wisdom

- (a) Given by God: Ex. 31: 3; Prov. 2: 6; Acts 6: 10
- (b) Its characteristics: Ps. 111: 10; Matt. 7: 14; Jas. 3: 13
- (c) Blessings attending wisdom: Prov. 1: 5; 3: 13

Hymn—Take Time to Be Holy  
Modern Missionary Movements

- I. Have a member give an account of the work of the Y. W. C. A. (See general program.)
- II. If any member of your Y. W. A. attended a Missionary or Bible Conference this summer have her tell what it meant to her.
- III. Discuss the various mission study books that are to be studied this year.

Hymn—Jesus Calls Us  
Dismissal—Prayer by the Leader

### MODERN MISSIONARY MOVEMENTS

We are living in a day when there are many movements afoot for the creation and spread of interest in missions. Two things that are foremost in doing this are the conferences and mission study classes.

For a number of years the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. have conducted missionary conferences that run for ten days during the summer. They are arranged so that all who wish to attend may have the opportunity to do so in vacation time. The Student Conferences come first that the students may go directly to the conferences from their schools. So popular has the one at Blue Ridge, North Carolina, become that it is suggested having the college and preparatory girls meet at different times. Later in the summer come the conferences for the city girls.

Anyone who has been a delegate knows just how full ten days can be. There are mission study and Bible classes arranged for every

morning except Saturday. There is a great variety in the program; classes are offered in home as well as foreign missions. Those who are particularly interested in problems dealing with the many foreigners in our midst are as fully satisfied as those who desire to know the conditions and needs of the people in non-Christian lands. In like manner the opportunity to study either the Old or New Testament is also given.

But all the time is not taken up in study, for there must be some rest and recreation. Nature herself has provided abundant opportunity for this, for every conference is held amidst beautiful surroundings. At Blue Ridge among the mountains of North Carolina groups of girls start out after the quiet hour for long tramps to points where extensive views may be seen. Those who prefer tennis can have a game on one of the good courts. And there is a swimming pool for those who enjoy that sport.

In the evening just at twilight the vesper service is held in some lovely spot out of doors. As the sun sinks behind the mountains, our hearts turn to God in worship and praise for the wonder and the majesty of His works and many a prayer goes up that in the future our lives too may show forth the beauty of His holiness. At the platform meetings we hear the messages from some of the world's great preachers and missionaries.

While we are thinking of the great interdenominational summer conferences, we must not forget that in each of our states there are one or two summer assemblies for our own Baptist people. Here we meet together to study about the needs of our own work and to hear the great Baptist preachers and teachers. Besides the regular mission study hour is the hour devoted to the Woman's Missionary Union work. At this time plans for the coming year are discussed and new methods of work suggested. It would mean a great army of trained workers if every Y. W. A. girl would spend a week of her summer vacation at her state assembly.



## COLLEGE Y. W. A. PROGRAM



### PROGRAM HELPS

Subject—Modern Missionary Movements

Hymn—Now Praise We All Our God

Prayer—That God will open our hearts to receive the message from His Word

Scripture Lesson—Luke 10: 25-37

Hymn—Master, No Offering Costly and Sweet  
Missionary Movements Connected with Student Life

Hymn—Make Me a Captive, Lord

War Relief Work: the Y. W. C. A., Red Cross, Belgian and Polish Relief etc. (See Current Magazines)

Prayer—That each one may render her best services to her country

America—Dismissal

Our Bible study this month is on the women of the Bible; first, the ideal woman as portrayed in Proverbs, and then the women who exerted an influence for good or for evil in their homes and communities. Let us study each one carefully to see what were the dominant factors in their lives that made their influence felt. Must it not have been due to the early training by his mother that Moses could go out from his life of luxury in the palace and look with seeing eyes on the burdens of his brethren?

It would be interesting to find counterparts in modern life of these Bible women. The mother of Livingstone, encouraging him to study and devote his life to service. The mother of Byron embittering his life by her stormy uncontrolled temper. The women of today in England opening their homes to the refugees from Belgium. And the "Battalion of Death" in Russia arousing the courage of the disheartened troops to fling back the line of the enemy. The many women who are giving their all in the service of Christ in distant lands.

In studying about the modern missionary movements, learn what part the women have in them. What women have devoted their literary genius to advancing Christ's kingdom? What women have given their executive ability to make these movements effective? What part have women now in the war relief work and who are the leaders? And not least by any means, what share have the women in the homes in these great works of today? What are the women of the south doing for the thousands of soldiers in the southern camps? Then ask yourself: Am I doing my part in the world's work? Am I fitting myself to serve God and my country when I leave college?

### TWILIGHT WATCH STUDIES

FIRST TWILIGHT: \*An Ideal Woman. Proverbs 31. Fears God, verse 30: A good wife, 11, 12, 28. A good mother, 27-28. Industrious, 12-15, 18-19, 27. A good manager, 14, 21. Business ability, 16, 18, 24. Gentle and wise of speech, 26. Cheerful, 13. Unselfish, 13, 20, 27. Well dressed, 21, 22. Healthy, 17, 25. Charitable, 20.

SECOND TWILIGHT: Mothers of the Bible. Of Moses, Exodus, 2: 1-11. Hannah, I Sam. 1: 9-28. Eunice, Acts 16: 1; II Tim. 1: 5. Rebekah, Gen. 27: 6-17; 41-45. Athaliah, II Chron. 22: 1-10. What influence did each have in the life of her son?

THIRD TWILIGHT: Women in Public Life. Miriam, Exodus 15: 20-21. Deborah and Jael, Judges chaps 4 and 5. Esther, Esther 2: 8-11, 17-20; 4: 15-17; 5: 1-4; 7: 1-6; 9: 19-32. What characteristics did each have that made her able to serve her people?

FOURTH TWILIGHT: Women of the Home. The Widow of Zarepath, I Kings 17: 8-24. The Shunamite Woman, II Kings 4: 8-37. Mary and Martha, Luke 10: 38-42; John 11: 1-46; John 12: 1-8. Dorcas, Acts 9: 36-42. What characteristics made these women notable?

\*Suggested by Mrs. L. J. Johnson



## G. A. PROGRAM



Subject—Thanksgiving  
Hymn—Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him

Prayer of thanksgiving for all the blessings of the year

Scripture Reading—Psalm 138

Hymn—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name  
What Has Happened This Year on Our Mission Fields (Let each girl tell some one thing that has impressed her during the year as being especially worthy of thanksgiving on one of our mission fields.)

Prayer for thanksgiving for successes on our mission fields

Talk by the leader—Modern Missionary Movements

Hymn—O Zion Haste

Reading—JOY, VanDyke

Favorite Bible promises for which we are thankful

Sentence prayers of thanksgiving

Special Music

Prayer for our soldiers and an early and permanent peace.

Business

Prayer—Ephesians 3: 14-21. Standing

Mizpah

Decorate the room attractively. Candles would add to the unusualness so dear to the heart of the G. A. girl. Emphasize the note of joy. Plan for the program far enough ahead for the girls to have time to do the things required of them well.

### A Talk with the Leaders

Once more we are facing a year ahead with our girls. Let us take stock with ourselves and with them that we may go forward. First of all let us consider the leader herself, for after all the development of the girls can rise no higher than the ideals and endeavor of the leader. Will the leader then, quietly and honestly, face herself and her year's work somewhat after this fashion:

Have I considered my work a responsibility, a duty or an opportunity? Have I put into it my best effort?

Have I been faithful and constant in prayer

for this work? Have I prayed as much as I have planned? Have my prayers been definite and individual or merely general? Have I done all I can to answer my own prayers?

Have I studied any books about girls of these ages, that I may understand them better? Have I studied my own girls that I may know them and their environments and problems? Do I truly love each one of my girls personally? Have I visited them in their homes and in times of sickness as I should? Have I been a sympathetic and understanding friend with whom they have felt free to share their joys and dreams?

Have I had definite aims for the year's work and for each meeting? Have I met them? Am I living up to this work that God has called me to?

Next let us consider the year and its meaning for our girls.

Have they been interested or indifferent? Why?

Are there more girls now than in the beginning?

Has the year brought definite spiritual development?

Are the girls thinking and dreaming missions?

Are the girls doing anything that requires the sacrifice of personal comfort and desire?

Perhaps we may now turn to the society as a whole and see whether the year has been one of profit or loss.

Has it met the standard of excellence? If not, what points has it missed, and has a systematic effort been made to reach these?

Has it met all apportionments? Is this apportionment large enough to call out the best effort of all the girls? Has the money been given or raised?

Did the society set an aim for itself last year and has it been reached?

Do all the girls lead in prayer?

Do the girls prepare their parts on the program well?

Have the meetings been interesting and enthusiastic or dull?

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## R. A. PROGRAMS



### FIRST MEETING

Topic—The Red Triangle

Hymn—Cast Thy Bread upon the Waters

Scripture—Luke 10: 30-37

Prayer—For Y. M. C. A. Work at the Front

What Is Bravery?

Discussions { What Is Your Opinion of Y. M. C. A. Work at the Front?

Hymn—Selected

Business. Roll Call. Closing Exercises

*Thought for Bible Lesson: The robbers committed open sin. The priest and the Levite did nothing; in this case that, too, was sin. The Samaritan did a kindly act in giving personal aid to the injured man. What he could not do himself he paid another to do. To which class do our thoughts and deeds belong? Jesus says, "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy."*

To the Leader: The following facts were taken from The Outlook for September 26, 1917. It would be well to procure this number, using the incidents and illustrations given.

Too much cannot be said of the brave work of the Y. M. C. A. among the soldiers and sailors. There are no molycoddles among these thousands of men working, some of them, on the extreme front; hundreds of their huts and dugouts, marked by the sign bearing the red triangle surrounding the blue "Y", are within the firing line. The Y huts or stations are established in tents, shacks, abandoned houses and even in stables, but wherever they are placed they are power stations helping to maintain the spirit of the army. A French officer said of them, "Those Y fellows can have my last cent. They are real men."

There are 428 branches of the Y. M. C. A. in France and Flanders. Each branch has many districts, so there are more than 1600 Y stations within the actual war zone. In more than 500 prison camps in England and France the Y workers are caring for 6,000,000 prisoners, organizing schools, arranging game tournaments, and holding religious services.

What the American Y. M. C. A. is doing may be learned from one shipload recently

sent from this country to France. This consignment included 200,000 letter-heads, 100,000 envelopes, 10,000 pounds of sugar, five tons of milk chocolate, 600 dozen packages of biscuits, 20 barrels of flour, 20,000 packages of chewing gum, 500 folding chairs, 10 folding organs, 100 moving-picture machines, 100 talking machines, 5,000 records, 7,000 sets of phonograph needles, 4,000 quarts of ink, 504,000 pens, 100,800 penholders, 100,800 pencils, 500 baseball gloves, 400 baseball bats, 300 basket balls, 5,000 baseballs, 7,000 sets of checkers, 20,000 Testaments, 10,000 hymn-books, 2,000 blankets, 500 camp cots, 100 typewriters, and 1,200 magazine holders.

### SECOND MEETING

Topic—The Red Cross

Scripture—Luke 12: 16-31

Hymn—Work for the Night Is Coming

Conference { What Can a Boy Do for the Red Cross Work?  
What Can This R. A. Chapter Do?  
What Can I Do?  
Shall We Do It?

Hymn—We May Not Climb the Heavenly Steeps

Business. Roll Call. Closing Prayer

*Thought for Bible Lesson: Wealth and land and crops represent God's goodness toward men. The riches of His mercy are showered on His children every day. How can we be rich toward God? By putting our money to work for Him, by doing without that the hungry may be fed, the sorrowing comforted and the suffering saved from needless pain. If we honor God with our substance we may be outwardly poor, but we will be inwardly rich toward Him.*

### Suggested Activities for Boys

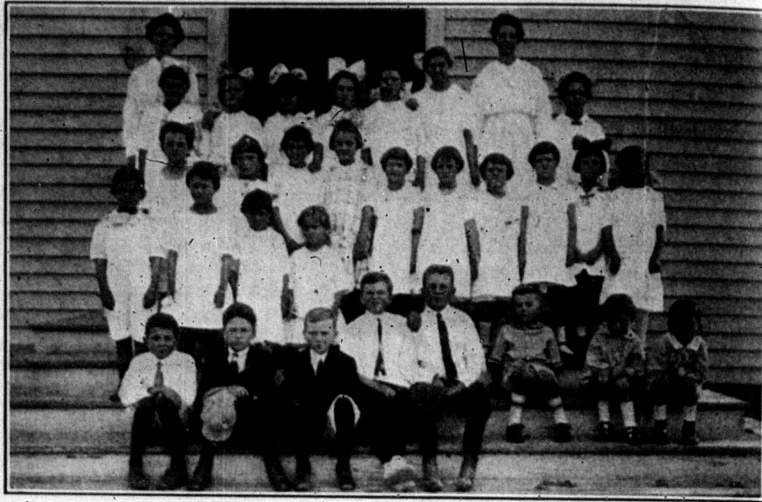
Making boxes for Red Cross shipping purposes (to be made according to Red Cross specifications)

Making knitting needles: To be made 12 inches long of hard wood. Can be cut from dowels to be secured from cabinetmaker. Sharpen one end with pencil sharpener, care-

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## SUNBEAM PROGRAMS



MAPPSVILLE SUNBEAM BAND OF ACCOMAC ASSOCIATION IN VIRGINIA

### FIRST MEETING

SUBJECT—A Long Journey

HYMN—Stars That Shine So Brightly

SCRIPTURE—Luke 15: 3-7

PRAYER—For the Children in Our Mission Schools

LESSON

HYMN—I Think God Gives the Children

MEMORY VERSE—John 3: 16

ROLL CALL. PRAYER

*Thoughts for the Bible Lesson: We should have the love of God in our hearts so that we will want to tell all the boys and girls in the world about Him.*

#### A Long Journey

To the Leader: Africa is to be the special subject for study in all the classes this winter. We have, therefore, a wealth of material to use. If your Sunbeams are under eight, they will delight in the stories from *The Book of the Little Black Brother* (75c). If they are older, *African Adventures* (30c) and *Livingstone Hero Stories* (15c) will hold their closest attention. All of them will enjoy following the directions in *How to Make an African Village* (15c) and will be interested in the *Picture Sheet on Africa* (10c) and in *African Picture Stories* (30c). A

box of *African Object Lessons* (\$1.50) will make our mission work real to them. Encourage the children to collect pictures on Africa for their missionary scrap books and be sure that you have the *Pictures from Our Fields* (15c) so that they will become familiar with our own work.\*

Did you ever go on a visit to a friend who had moved away from your town? What fun it was to get your suit case packed, jump on

\*All books and pictures may be purchased from the Educational Dept., Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

the train and then have a good time playing together once more. This afternoon we are going to take just such a trip, only it will have to be make-believe and not on a real train because it would be long after Christmas before we got home if we really went. And we are going to see our friends too, little brown friends who will welcome us, for they know we have helped them.

After many days on the ocean steamer and the tiny river boat we are glad when we at last arrive where our friends live. What a funny village. The houses are so close to the river that when it rains for a long time the water comes to the front doors. Every house is round and we see that the walls are made of long, thin poles, bamboo, and the roof is like a thick mat made of long grass and big leaves rising to a peak in the middle. We want to run around one of the houses to find the front door and the windows. We can see only one door and that one is so low that we will have to stoop to go in and there are no windows at all. But we have no time to look at the houses longer, for the people are coming to meet us. How happy they seem that we have come. The boys and girls look at us rather shyly and the men and women bow before our missionary guide so low that their heads touch the ground. We cannot understand what they say, but we try to be very polite, for the missionary has told us that these people are very particular about greeting each other properly.

It is so late when we arrive that we are glad to go into one of the houses soon and drop off to sleep. There is just one big room in each house; everybody sleeps on the floor, and if we were not so tired we would find our bed rather hard. But we are soon sound asleep.

Just as the first sunbeams peep through the cracks in the walls, everybody is up. It does not take the boys and girls long to dress. The little ones wear only necklaces of grass and of beads and some bracelets and the older ones have not even a dress, just a little apron. They scamper out to the river and take their morning bath by having a good frolic in the water.

The boys run off to themselves to have a good time and we are asked to go with them. They play a game that is new to us. They have round disks of wood like plates. One boy rolls them over the grass and the others stand a long way off and try to hit them with their

arrows as they roll by. They usually do it too, for they have played this game ever since they were big enough to draw the bow. We feel sure we could not succeed in striking the disk, so we do not like to try it when we are offered a bow and arrow.

While the boys have been playing, the mothers and girls have been getting breakfast. The women have ground the corn between two big flat stones, mixed the coarse meal with water and made a kind of cake for us. After breakfast the men gather around the missionary and listen to him talk and then they talk and talk in reply. What he is telling them is that he wants some of their boys and even some girls to come to the mission school. None of the men and women know how to read. They cannot learn about Christ and His love for them from the Bible. Not even the chief could read a word of it. They nod approval when the missionary tells them it will be good for the children to learn what the white men can teach. The girls will know how to cook and sew and the boys will learn to farm as well as to read. The old chief says: "It has been many rainy seasons since the missionary came. Before that we could not go into the forests for fear our enemies would shoot us. Our boys could not go hunting alone for fear they would be stolen as slaves. Now we hunt and fish in safety. What the white man says is true. His God teaches people to love each other. His God is better than ours. We will send our boys and girls to learn."

So the next day when we leave, five black boys and five black girls go with us. They try not to look homesick, but their eyes are turned back to the little round houses by the river until we row around the bend and lose them from sight. When we reach the pretty white school buildings set on a hill, † they seem rather frightened; it is all so new and strange. We are happy for them. We know they will learn to grow up into good men and women and will go back home to teach their mothers and fathers and all the boys and girls about Christ who died for them. And we are very happy too when we think that we have helped build this school. The pennies and the nickels and the dimes we have given have all meant that other boys and girls can learn that Christ loves them.

† See pictures mentioned above for this and a number of the other scenes.

## SECOND MEETING

SUBJECT—Discovering a Great Lake

HYMN—I've Two Little Hands to Work for Jesus

PRAYER—That God may make us strong to tell the story of His love to others

SCRIPTURE—Psalm 121

HYMN—Gather Them In

LESSON

MEMORY VERSE—Psalm 121: 2

ROLL CALL. OFFERING. PRAYER

*Thoughts for the Bible Lesson: This psalm teaches us that wherever we are God will take care of us; David Livingstone read this psalm when he was leaving home to go to Africa and God did take care of him in all the dangers of that country.*

### Discovering A Great Lake

Last week we traveled to a country in Africa where we found rivers and forests and many people. Today we are to hear a story of the man who told all the world about this wonderful continent. When he went to school, all he learned about Africa was "Africa is a desert where no one can live because there is no water". But he heard of people living there and he asked to be sent to them to tell them of Jesus. His name was David Livingstone. He was sent as a missionary and did such a wonderful work that when he returned home to England Queen Victoria asked him to tell her all about his travels and to tell her boys and girls the story of his adventures. This is the story he told of how he took his own little children to see the lake he had discovered.

Livingstone had been living in Africa many years at this time. He had married the daughter of another missionary and they had three little children, Robert, Agnes, and Thomas. They had often been on trips with their father, but this was to be the longest one they had ever taken. It was to see the beautiful lake that their father had found. They started early in the morning because it would be very hot when the sun had been shining long. They did not ride in a train, for there were no trains in Africa then. But they rode in a wagon pulled by strong oxen. They did not go very fast, but it gave them the chance to peek out and see the zebras and the buffaloes running away into the forests. They saw the mighty elephants, gurgling and splashing in the river, and squirting the water all over their backs with their trunks. They heard the birds sing; some of the songs they had heard before, others were new to them.

One little bird said very slowly over and over again "Peek, pak, pok". Another murmured "Pumpurampapura" all day long. But when the honey-guide said "Chicken, chick, churr, churr," Livingstone stopped the wagon and followed the little bird to the hives of the wild bees.

Day after day they traveled. Sometimes they had to stop until the men could cut down the trees to make a path for the wagon. Sometimes one of the oxen would suddenly drop into a pit that the Bakoba, the natives of that country, had dug to catch wild animals in.

They crossed a wide, wide desert, so hot and dry that a beetle would shrivel up and die if he were left on a rock in the sun. One day they were very, very thirsty, for they had had no water to drink since early morning. Just at night time they came to a village of the Bushmen, little yellowish-brown people who live by hunting. They did not like strangers, but would shoot their tiny poisoned arrows at the travelers to kill them. But Livingstone was their friend. He went into their village quietly with his followers and talked with them and told them he only wanted to help them. They liked him and when he said his wife and little children were almost dead with thirst the Bushmen brought out large ostrich eggs full of water for them.

Livingstone gave the Bushmen presents for letting the children have the water from the ostrich shells and they climbed into the ox-wagon and went on. Every morning they would be up as soon as the first sunbeam darted across the sky. Every day they traveled and traveled until Thomas, who was the baby, thought they would never stop. Then one day they looked ahead and there was the

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## FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



DELEGATES TO BAPTIST CONVENTION, KUMAMOTO, JAPAN, JUNE, 1917

### A JAPANESE WOMAN'S SOCIETY

Last month the Christian Woman's Society met at the home of the president for every month we meet in different Christian homes. It was about 2 P. M. and we were ushered into a room covered with soft springy mats, the only decorations being two vases of prettily arranged flowers. The greetings, as you know, always consist of a series of low bows, our heads almost touching the floor. We then took our seats on tiny cushions on the floor. Those who arrived early sewed busily on heavy cloths which were to be sold by the society. While the women sewed, a Bible woman explained an Old Testament character, for very few possess a copy of the Old Testament. The ladies say it is much better to spend the time that way than flip-pantly talking while they are waiting for all to assemble.

Before the opening song all stopped their sewing and reverently bowed their heads in silent prayer. The fifty-third chapter of Isaiah was read and explained; then an earnest talk on "We Are God's Ambassadors" was made; but the prayers of our "Fujinkwai" are the best part of all. Oh, the earnestness! We usually have three prayers. As our president poured out her soul before God tears filled our eyes, so fervently did she pray God to lead her husband and children to Himself. About

two years ago she became a Christian, but her husband was very bitter and refused to allow her to receive baptism. Finally she was given permission but she is not allowed to come to church often, except when her husband has to be out of the city on official business, and her children are not allowed to come to Sunday school. After the prayers two songs followed and the meeting was closed in silent prayer.

Of course, before we left the usual tea was served, consisting of a tiny cup of tea, about three sips, and the accompanying little bean cakes on individual lacquer trays. Thanking our hostess for her "feast" we made our farewell bows and came away feeling that it was good to have been there.

Last year the society gave more than 30 yen towards the different expenses of the church. Unless providentially hindered, almost every lady of the church attends our society. The aim of promptness is kept prominently before the women, for several who have non-Christian husbands cannot attend unless they can be at home again by four-thirty when their husbands return from their work.—Mrs. C. K. Dozier, Japan

### FACTS WHICH DENOTE PROGRESS

The work in all of our churches has been looking up this year. The woman's side of the church is often nearly full Sunday mornings

and evenings. There is an earnestness manifested that we have not before seen. Some churches have baptized an unusual number of women. The number of women who are doing regular Bible study is greater than ever before. Never have such great numbers of women come out to special services as now. Young ladies who have been forbidden to come to our homes for Bible study, quietly study the Bible in their own rooms. Almost every Christian woman attends the Christian Woman's Society unless providentially hindered. The mothers' meetings at the kindergartens are well attended, many mothers there hearing of Christ for the first time. Cooking classes taught by the missionary wives mean access to a large number of homes—homes the doors of which would be closed to a missionary. In spite of the fact that cakes, pencils, notebooks etc. are given to children to get them to attend Buddhist Sunday schools, our Sunday schools are well attended and some are crowded. We need your prayers that our labors may bear fruit. We know if you remember to pray for us you will not let the Lord's work suffer for lack of funds. Remember our seminary and boys' school! As Neesima plead, so do we, "Provide for us the highest and best downright Christian institutions". Most of the women of our church also belong to the W. C. T. U. They are beginning to take aggressive steps in the city, one being the investigation of moving pictures to see if they cannot bring about reform.

In our kindergarten is a servant girls' class. From the homes that are well-to-do a nurse always comes with the child to kindergarten and stays until time to go home at one o'clock. Often these girls were noisy and chattering about worthless things and were often found careless about the kindergarten property. The teachers opened a short Bible class with them during the recess hour. Since they have been studying the Bible they have been much more quiet and helpful in keeping things in order. One day the teacher asked: "Since you have heard of Christ, do you think the same as you did before?" One reply was, "Now that I know there is a living God I mop under things and not around them as formerly!"

It was in front of the house of a poor basket maker, the home of one of our little Sunday school pupils, that a ragged little boy passed.

It was bitter cold. Our little Ishida San saw the suffering child and at once ran to a chest and brought from the drawer one of his best "kimonos". He did not have many but he took this one to his mother and said, "Okao San, may I give this to the poor boy?" "If you wish to give it to him, you may" she said. He called to the little boy to stop and said, "You may have this kimono to put on and here is a little bundle of cakes. They are not very nice, but perhaps you would like them". The little boy, with a profound bow and face beaming with joy, accepted the princely gift and started on his way looking back again and again to see if Ishida San was looking. Over and over he bowed, "thank you, thank you". This little story Ishida San meekly told his Sunday school teacher when she asked each child to tell her what he thought was the kindest deed he had done recently. When the teacher had heard this interesting story she said, "Why did you do that?" "Because God loves me I love that child." Every Sunday he brings children to Sunday school with him. Down by the seashore he goes and brings the poorest fishermen's children. Some of the other pupils said, "Teacher, Ishida San brings even fishermen's children". "Yes, indeed", he said, "we are all the same, fishermen's children or no".

The last day Moriyama San attended the Young Ladies' Bible Club she made a little talk which rejoiced our hearts for we felt that the seed had found good ground and were about ready for harvest. Last week a letter came from her saying, "I want to tell you, dear teacher, that I am a Christian. Recently I read in a book that you did not have to be baptized before you became a Christian; some way I had thought that after baptism you became a Christian, but now I am a Christian for I believe in Christ. I hope to go back home in September; then follow my Lord in baptism. I am very happy". She quoted all of the hymn—"Thy way, not mine, O Lord"—which, she says, is very dear to her. Pray that this beautiful young woman when she returns this fall may not meet with persecution and thus be prevented from following Christ all the way. Another young woman who attended this class for several years was baptized yesterday in Tokyo.—Mrs. C. K. Dozier, Japan

## SOCIETY METHODS

### READING, DOING, GIVING FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS

LEADERS of Girls' Auxiliaries and of Royal Ambassador Chapters will find that the reading hunger which is strong in young folks of this age can be made a valuable aid to their missionary training. They "love the thrills" that abound in life sketches of great missionaries, and the fact that those things really happened will lend additional interest. Who can measure the influence that living with those great souls will have on young hearts?

To encourage such reading you might start a contest: select some such book as Ann of Ava, Black Bearded Barbarian, The Moffatts, or Livingstone the Pathfinder; then divide your society into "sides", each with a "captain" who must try to get every member of his team to read the book within a certain length of time. Of course the side that succeeds in doing this is declared the winner. Try having a library committee that passes missionary books around and collects, in the back of each book, the autographs of all who have read it. One organization has a bank into which contributions are dropped for the "Book Fund" and from time to time new books are bought with this money and added to the library of the society.

A very interesting form of the reading contest was conducted with the use of a "Library Ladder". A real ladder about five feet long was made of thin strips of wood, the strips forming the rungs of the ladder were covered with heavy white paper on which the names of missionary books were printed. The names of those who intended to enter the contest were written on cards and, as soon as a person read the first book, his card was tied on the lowest rung; then the card climbed the ladder step by step as the person read the books. The following list may prove suggestive—of course fewer books could be used: start at the foot of the ladder with Livingstone the Pathfinder; let number two be In Indian Wigwags and by Northern Campfires; (3) Uganda's White Man of Work; (4) Chalmers of New Guinea; (5) When I Was a Boy in China; (6) Topsy Turvy Land; (7) Manuel in Mexico; (8) Umé San in Japan; (9) Children in Blue and What They Do; (10) Frank Baba and the Forty Jungle Brownies. These books may be purchased from the Educational Department, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

One of the conference leaders at Blue Ridge last summer made this statement: "We have fallen down in our missionary work because we have given folks nothing to do". Many people have seen this weakness and today there is new stress on *doing* and, along with this, there is great emphasis on *sharing*. These ideas are suggestive of personal service and if utilized will contribute to the development of our children. There are many things they can share by passing them on. Picture post cards are gratefully received at mission schools; smooth white paper should be pasted neatly over the side containing the address and then the missionary will write a verse of Scripture on the cards before distributing them. If they are pasted back to back and several such pairs strung on ribbon or bright cord they can be used as rewards for tasks well done. Pictures pasted on stiff cardboard and then cut into odd shapes make fascinating puzzles and could be sent to the children's wards of hospitals, to day nurseries etc.

If we can kindle the feeling of brotherhood in the hearts of the boys and girls, they will feel that in giving money to send the good news across the sea they are sharing their knowledge of God with their brothers and sisters who have not had a chance to know Him. Not only must we strive to have the spirit of brotherhood back of all gifts, but we must strive to have the spirit of sacrifice there too. Many of us are like the thirteen-year-old boy who refused to put in the missionary collection the dime he held in his hand, while offering to give sixteen dollars he had in bank. The dime meant peanuts or ice-cream for the boy as soon as the meeting was over; the dollar meant nothing to him at that time save figures in a book.

For the children and for ourselves let us remember that "Giving is not a thing apart from life but is a part of life". Remember, too, that the important thing back of all efforts at missionary training is the vital force of the teacher's spirit.—Ethel Winfield, Young People's Leader for Virginia



## CURRENT EVENTS



### THE WORLD FIELD

"Notwithstanding the pessimistic assertions, unfounded in fact, of a portion of the foreign press regarding conditions in Mexico, the statistics of commerce published by the United States furnish ample proof of the rapid restoration of normal conditions and the growth of prosperity in the republic. Recently issued statements of the foreign trade of the United States for the past four years show the following regarding its commerce with Mexico:

#### IMPORTS FROM MEXICO

1914.....\$ 92,691,000  
1917..... 111,781,000

#### EXPORTS TO MEXICO

1914.....\$ 38,749,000  
1917..... 77,361,000"

"The women of Italy are marching forward, a great army of them, with fair faces set toward the future and eyes that see a vision of that day when women shall no longer be the playthings, the goddesses set upon a pedestal to be worshipped and adored as in the past, but rather they will be the worthy companions of men, working by their sides, encouraging, comforting, helping."

"The Southern Methodist Mission has a People's Central Institute in Rio Janeiro—a downtown institutional movement to reach the masses. It has seven departments of work and attracts and helps thousands."

"Almost every Mexican town has its men of mystery, men who hold themselves aloof from their fellow countrymen, who look askance at them and at every newly arrived stranger, who cannot go back to their native land or, if they do venture on such a journey, do it with all the secrecy imaginable. They are only to be pitied."

"To show how much need there is in China for the mission schools, the government statistical report for 1914, the latest made, gave only 108,448 public schools, with 3,643,206 pupils, for a population of about 400,000,000."

"As an outgrowth of the forward movement in evangelism inaugurated by Dr. Mott and Dr. Eddy in China, five Bible Training Conferences have been held in China during the past year. At the first two only men were in attendance, but the last three were all attended by women. These were followed by two more Bible conferences, one in Kuling and one in North China, especially for women. American methods of Sunday school organization have been taught and have been found to be adapted to Chinese needs. The women who have been trained in these conferences in turn organize classes that will be centers of service to other women."

"It is entirely a new departure in China for girls to be given precedence over boys in anything; but this order is now holding in Hangchow, where a Baptist Sunday school, with a building too small to accommodate all the pupils, opens the first service for girls and the second for boys."

"Africa has a population of about one hundred and thirty millions. The native is still incapable of self-government. What he is to become depends upon the white races."

"In twelve months no fewer than 48,000 English and French soldiers enrolled as members of the Pocket Testament League, and of that number 28,000 have accepted Christ: The members carry the League Testament with them always and read at least one chapter a day. So, with the assistance of the evangelist, the army chaplain and the private Christian soldier, this work has spread wonderfully."

One of the northern Baptist women missionaries writes as follows concerning her field in Cuba: "We find the most spiritual and earnest Christians in our country churches. They seem hungering and thirsting for religious teaching and will walk for miles and stay up till midnight to listen to the explanation of the Scriptures"



## TRAINING SCHOOL



### WHAT THE TRAINING SCHOOL IS WORTH TO THE STUDENT

HAVING answered, "Here am I, Lord send me", the new student with a desire to fill full her calling enters the Training School for the first time. She does so with the joy of the surrendered life; hers; with the dreams of one, two, six or eight years becoming realities; with the thought deep in her consciousness, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you"—and yet with that human uncertainty which questions—"Will I find it as I had dreamed? Will it be worth while? Will it pay?"

Her dreams will not be exactly reproduced, but the realities will be even more worth while. And why? Let me try to tell you.

She came with a desire to serve, with a wish and a hope that after days of further preparation the Lord might use her. This desire, this wish and hope, after eight months with others who had caught step or were catching step with God in His purpose for their lives, crystallized into a purpose. And what purpose?—the purpose that whatever the price "I will serve the Lord", humbly adding "not as I wilt, but as Thou wilt". This purpose gives power and poise to her life, becomes the anchor that holds however the storm may roar.

She came burdened with the spiritual destitution of her own church and association. She hoped to be so helped that she might render less the spiritual destitution when she returned home. At the Training School by mission study, by Bible study, by the talks of and association with returned missionaries, by the general missionary atmosphere and by other ways too numerous to mention, she was led to look to the world fields white unto the harvest. She returned home not only with new means and methods but with the real help that can only come with the broadened vision.

She came with a far too "woe-is-me-for-I-have-to" attitude. She was interested, yes, but not invitingly enthusiastic. She left the Training School with the "woe-is-me-if-I-do-not" attitude. Her enthusiasm was kindled. She had learned as never before by practice, precept and example the real joy of Christian service.

She anticipated eagerly the spiritual atmosphere, the spiritual refreshing she felt must be hers when she entered. She found an atmosphere made favorable for the growth of the spiritual but the same individual tools—obedience, study of God's Word, prayer, and faith—for its cultivation. She found the jewel, so long sought for, at her door. She realized that her spiritual life, as it burned bright or dim, increased or decreased that of the school.

She came praying that she might be blessed and be a blessing. She believed in prayer, of course. Before three months had gone she realized as never before what the one meant who spoke of prayer as "the soul's vital breath and the Christian's native air". She associated with those who prevailed in prayer; on her knees she solved the knotty problems of classroom and field; she joined in the prayers so often asked by those who counted the Training School a power-house of prayer. It was all prayer inspiring and faith building. She could say with assurance: "This is the victory that overcomes the world, even your faith".

She, foolishly to be sure, looked to the Training School as a place where there would be no temptations, a place where it would be easy to do right. There were more, it seemed, than ever before. She had become more interested than his Satanic majesty cared to see. He became busy. Her life, full of faults and failures, seemed portrayed in relief by the side of Christ's, the faultless and the blameless. The answer sought on her knees came: "Watch and pray lest ye enter into temptation". And so many other things she found there too—a deeper and broader view of the Bible with a greater love for it and its great doctrines; a peace, a harmony, a love that grows out of unity of purpose; a victory through prayer over selfishness, fault-finding and self-conceit; a sympathy as abiding as the years for God's work and His chosen ones; and an abiding sense of the value of small things and of the "now" for service as well as salvation.—*Mary Alexander, Texas*



## PERSONAL SERVICE



### PERSONALLY CONDUCTED

Secure the attention and interest of the largest gathering of women possible, usually the monthly business meeting, with a sympathetic talk on the work. Appoint through the society president a consecrated, zealous member with tact and some degree of executive ability, to act as general chairman for church; her duties being to act as leader on all personal service work, make all reports on work and any special missionary work, to encourage others to work etc. Appoint through the chairmen of circles a committee of one in each circle to act as the general chairman's assistant; to collect at each circle meeting, the reports of members on personal service, make a brief report, that they be encouraged; turn a copy over to circle secretary and, at the earliest time possible, one to general personal service chairman, that she may be enabled to make prompt and correct report to society secretary at next business meeting. This is the official report, which the secretary gets, as the circle secretary retains the one given her at circle, thus saving confusion and making the work of society secretary lighter, as well as distributing the work more generally among the members, each bearing her share of the work.

Persuade each member to secure a small blank book in which she pastes one of the report blanks. When she makes her visits to sick, prisoners, hospitals, sends trays, flowers etc., she makes note of it in book, so when she starts to her circle meeting, she has only to refer to the book to make an accurate memorandum of every thing she has done for our Lord and Master, which will not be reported otherwise in church. Without having signed her name to memorandum she turns it in to committee at circle meeting. These members should be faithful and prompt. If one finds she cannot be present at circle, she should see that some one who will do work, faithfully, is there to take her place, thus keeping the work up to the standard that the cause may not suffer.—*Mrs. J. W. Sears, Ga.*

We are in a small town so do not have the same opportunity as some in larger places. The first and perhaps the best thing we do is in connection with our charity organization. The secretary of this organization gives us, upon our request, the names of two children—preferably Baptist children—and we as a society are entirely responsible for these children, seeing to it that they are properly clothed for both day and Sunday school. Of course, our ladies can furnish second-hand clothing and occasionally we buy something new, as shoes for instance. You understand that these children are dependent on charity for clothing and the like, so we find this a good method.

We have a committee to visit and report the sick, also a flower committee. We maintain a "flower fund" by free will offerings. In the summer or when we have flowers in our own gardens we do not buy but send our own and save our money for plants to be sent to cheer the sick in the bleak winter time.—*Mrs. C. A. Kinney, Ky.*

We have a committee of five for our personal service work, one of whom, at least, is a musician, who is of great help when we hold devotional meetings with the shut-ins during the winter months. All the members are present, if possible, at those meetings and a few near-by friends of the person for whom the meeting is held. This part of our work always proves very satisfactory.

Then, too, the committee is sub-divided to do special calling: one member who lives near the hospital makes weekly visitations there; another to the tuberculosis camp and another to the children's home or rescue home. We usually try to have at least one member with car or carriage ready to assist in emergency work. Some of our work is among cases of need in the mill section, with families that belong to Baptist churches elsewhere and are heretemporarily and fall into need.—*Kathrina C. Quick, S. C.*



## UNION NOTES



### ROUND TABLE

NOVEMBER is one of the months set aside for the special campaign for the Church Building Loan Fund of the Home Mission Board. At practically all of the state W. M. U. meetings held in November the cause will be given decided prominence so that all who attend those meetings or read the reports should realize the urgent need for such a fund. At the New Orleans meeting in May the Union president, Mrs. W. C. James, urged every delegate and visitor to select from the many new ideas and impressions some one thing which they would do when they went back to their homes. May it truly be that those who attend the November meetings may go back to their homes with the earnest purpose of helping in this campaign to the limit of their ability. There are many ways of helping: by prayer, gifts and enlistment of prayer and gifts from others. The gifts may be made in several ways: (1) as immediate gifts of any amount, great or small; (2) as pledges, payable at stated periods for as long a term as five years; (3) on the annuity basis, if the interest desired does not exceed six per cent; and (4) through the budget system of the church, care being taken that the fund is included in the budget.—In redeeming its \$325,000 pledge to this Church Building Loan Fund the Woman's Missionary Union is confident that many women and many societies will establish memorials for \$500 or more. Many will also give toward the Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial so that at least \$15,000 may be raised for it even as \$15,000 was raised for her memorial in the W. M. U. Training School. The Y. W. A's. will give toward their organization memorial; the G. A's. toward theirs; the R. A's. toward theirs; and the Sunbeams toward theirs. The power of the small and the large gifts to this much needed fund is set forth by the design on the cover page.—On September 11, Mrs. Maud R. McLure and Miss Mary Mitchell, principal and matron of the W. M. U. Training School, spent the first night in the new building. The electric lights were not installed so they used candles and a watchman patrolled all through

the night. Mrs. McLure says: "Our hearts were full of joy. The building surpasses my dreams for it!" Mrs. George B. Eager, chairman of the school's local committee, adds: "The building is a wonderful dream of beauty, lovelier than we had hoped for."—In the school's chapel there will be a portrait of Miss Heck. It is the gift of her mother, Mrs. Mattie A. Heck of Raleigh, N. C. It was painted by Miss Emma M. Whitfield of Richmond, Va. Miss Whitfield is gratefully known to Union workers as the designer of the W. M. U. pin and as the daughter of Mrs. Theodore Whitfield who presided in 1888 when the Union was organized. Mrs. Heck says of the portrait: "It gives me real joy to tell you that the portrait is a fine likeness of the dear one and is beautifully executed. I love to think of its being where so many loved her". Like a benediction will be its presence in the chapel of the school that Miss Heck held in the highest esteem and love.—The first of this month, the programs, leaflets and envelopes for the use of all grades of W. M. U. organizations during the "January Week of Prayer for World Wide Missions" were sent to the state W. M. U. headquarters or leaders. These leaders will doubtless send them out to their organizations during November so that the organization leaders may plan early for the meetings. The programs and leaflets have been prepared by Union workers, chiefly women missionaries, and are brimful of interest. If by the last of November your society has not been supplied, write to your state leader for the package of leaflets, programs and envelopes intended for your organization.—In the editorial department of the October issue appeared an article by Dr. W. J. McGlothlin who represents southern Baptists on the U. S. Food Administration Board. Dr. McGlothlin is well known to southern Baptist women as an honored professor in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. When the Training School girls are reciting the merits of the various professors they always say that "Dr. Mc" is such a good teacher that one cannot fail to learn. May southern Baptist

women permit him to teach them how they may help the government and the world in the food crisis. See page 6 of the October ROYAL SERVICE. A later communication from Dr. McGlothlin says among many other helpful things: "This is a short year for wheat and a good one for potatoes. A baked potato equals a slice of wheat bread as food. Therefore, eat a baked potato and save the slice of bread. A quart of milk gives as much energy as eleven ounces of sirloin steak or eight and a half eggs. Cottage cheese is one of the best of foods. One pound less of wheat flour a week per person in the United States would save 133,000,000 bushels of wheat for our army and the Allies. Eat more fish and less meat. Four things we must save: sugar, meat, milk and wheat."—On page 28 of the July ROYAL SERVICE a review was given of the charming book for Sunbeam leaders, "The Little Jetts Telling Bible Stories". Since July the price of paper has advanced so that it is now impossible to sell the book for less than 75c, postage extra. It is well worth the price, however. It should be ordered from the Educational Department, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.—One of our women missionaries thus describes her round of duties: "My six children require much of my time. I teach the older ones in four different grades and it has been a very exacting task to keep them up with the prescribed courses in the American schools. The two babies have to be mothered. My women's meetings are now, as before I went home, my chief encouragement in the work. Last fall I just couldn't take the girls who were eager to study with us, but my daughter organized two classes and was very successful with them, two of her girls being baptized during the year. It was too much, though, for her with her high school studies and home duties and so I took the girls back in September. About fifty were ready to enter the class. Our two older children have been a great help in our missionary work. One of our son's friends has recently been baptized through his influence". —Miss Willeford of Laichowfu, China, writes: "We will hope and pray that despite the cruel war there will be no falling off in contributions but rather a going forward. It seems to me we cannot afford to retrench, for surely never were contributions needed so much and never were missionaries doing so much as they are now to supply a deficit here and one there

so that the work may not suffer. ROYAL SERVICE is a welcome visitor each month and is not only read with profit and interest but we are adapting much of it to the needs of the women and girls and are planning to use the 'Bible Study' page at our Sunday afternoon meetings for Christian women and girls'. —"The Manual of W. M. U. Methods" should be ordered from the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. The price is 60 cents postpaid. It is hoped that the book will be full of help for society and circle presidents and for leaders of all W. M. U. organizations for the young people.—Attention is called to page 32 on which is recorded the victory which North Carolina has won in the all-summer campaign for ROYAL SERVICE subscriptions. This is the fourth time the banner has been given to the "Old North State" and we give her four-fold thanks and congratulations.—On page 32 will also be seen the announcement concerning the new manual. It will be fine if the state, associational, society and circle leaders will be the first to order the manual and begin the reading and study of it.—Just as this issue was being finished by the printer, word came from Mrs. McLure that the W. M. U. Training School opened on October three, every-one being enthusiastic over the splendid building. Mrs. McLure said that there were fifty-eight applications and that the students were coming in well. One of the ideals of the local committee has been realized in the securing of a resident physician. Mrs. McLure feels that the prospects for a successful year are encouraging. The cycle of prayer asks that the Training School be remembered each Tuesday. When we pray let us also work to the end that the entire sum may be speedily raised. When we pray, let us also give thanks that on October 6 only about \$30,000 remained to be raised and that arrangements have been made to borrow this amount without taking a mortgage on the school's building.—On September 7 Mrs. R. E. Chambers of Canton, China, died at Pen Mar, Pa. The body was laid to rest in Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, Va.—One of the secretaries of the Foreign Mission Board said concerning her death: "We have lost a great, good missionary". During the summer, the cause of foreign missions sustained another severe loss in the death of Mrs. P. H. Anderson, also of Canton, China. Our sympathies truly go forth to their loved ones and to the south China mission.



## HOME DEPARTMENT



### "IN-AS-MUCH"

I AM telling you this story or rather relating this incident, because it has been very helpful to me and to the few to whom I have told it.

For several days it had been very hot. I was depressed and blue. It seemed that my working was bearing very little fruit. I could trace comparatively little result for the time I was spending in the League work. I guess it was the hot weather or something, and I was about to give up when the following Sunday morning a young woman, a member of our League, handed me an envelope saying, "Mrs. Paxon, take this. It contains a slight contribution to foreign missions. It is not much. I wish it were more, but it is a gift of love. I want you to send it to the Foreign Mission Board as I understand the amount I have enclosed will support a Bible woman for a year". When I reached home I opened the envelope and found it contained three new twenty dollar bills, sixty dollars in all! No one can imagine my feelings. It was like water to a thirsty soul. When I stopped to think of this dear young woman who had caught the true spirit of service and that maybe I had some little part in it and how she was furnishing the means whereby the Gospel would be preached to her sisters in far-off Japan, I could not but drop to my knees and thank God that I had such workers in the League with me.

I now understood why she had been denying herself for months. Was it a sacrifice? She did not consider it so. The love of Christ in her heart had led her to deny herself that she might do something for her Master. I understood then why this dear girl had oftentimes walked on a hot Sunday morning to church and Sunday school. We had passed her on the cars many a day as she was trudging on with a smile on her face. We had passed her during rainy and cold weather with that smile still there. She was saving her carfares, and I understood now why her face ever bore that wonderful smile. She had denied herself many things besides carfares. She had watched the

nickels grow to dimes, the dimes to dollars, and then the dollars piled up slowly until they reached sixty in number. Now she could send the message of her Christ and, although she could not go herself, someone else would be preaching Him in Japan.

It may be, and I think it was, the result probably of a little tract that the Foreign Mission Board had published which was called "A Little Maid Who Went into All the World". If you have not read the story, write Dr. J. F. Love, secretary of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., and get him to send you a copy. It is a story of a girl without means and with no advantages but who, through the grace of God and her passion for souls, consecrated her life in the hospital where she was working for the Master and was enabled indirectly to preach the Gospel.

I received from the Foreign Mission Board a number of these tracts gratuitously. I read one of them with deep interest and at one of our monthly meetings distributed them, and I have no doubt but that the Gospel was preached by that "Little Maid" to the heart of my League member here in Atlanta.

One cannot tell the far-reaching results of a timely though tiny seed-thought. It will take root, grow and bring forth fruit. My friend here was one of those sweet, dear but reserved and shrinking women. She would have been frightened if called upon to talk in public or to pray. Six days of the week she labored to earn her livelihood. Out of her wages she contributed regularly and systematically and does so still to church expenses and mission calls, and the gift that she was now giving was the "second milestone" in the Master's service.

Perhaps I am relating this crudely, but I am writing from my heart. It gave me a new angle on the opportunity for service. It made the League more than worth while and I have no doubt that there are many others among my one hundred and eighty members who are daily making sacrifices and preaching the Gospel, only we do not know of it and they little realize it.—Mrs. F. J. Paxon, Ga.



## BOOK REVIEWS



### THE LURE OF AFRICA

In his book, *The Lure of Africa*, Dr. Cornelius H. Patton has not confined himself to any one section of the continent but has given us a sweeping survey of the country, its topography, its resources and its people. Glancing briefly through the chapters we note that the first bears the title name, and so pleasingly does the author unfold the scenes before our eyes that we too wish to visit Cairo, we long to gaze upon the Victoria Falls, to watch the native war-dance and listen to the Zulu Choir at Durban singing "the great anthems of the church". The rivers and lakes, the plateau country and prairie land seem spread before us, the desert waste and mountain peaks and long reaching coast line come into view. The gold and diamond add their lustre but, "after all, the most fascinating thing in Africa is the African". The author tells us that it is a land of great adventures and that the greatest of these are the missionaries.

Two chapters deal with that grave danger and menace to Africa—Mohammedanism. We read of its early beginnings, its influence on the people, its rapid advance and its challenge to Christianity. A brighter side comes to view in the fourth chapter on Strongholds of Christianity, and an interesting cut of the country marks out the sections of Christian and Mohammedan influence. Another chapter, Africa's Debit and Credit Account with Civilization, rather explains itself by its title. In this the author says: "Africa is to be saved, not by laws but by lives. If the church of the living God can be planted and made to flourish among the Africans, the continent will be saved, not otherwise". The chapter on The Heart of Paganism tells of the work and mission stations of different denominations in central tropical Africa. In his last chapter, Africa the Laboratory of Christianity, Dr. Patton gives a striking illustration of the great change the Gospel of Christ brought to a wild and savage tribe.

While the majority of southern Baptists

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will perhaps study our own book, *The Romance of Missions in Nigeria*, they will find it most profitable and interesting to read *The Lure of Africa* in connection with their classes. Paper, 40; cloth, 60 postpaid

### THE BOOK OF LITTLE BLACK BROTHER

The very little folk have not been forgotten this year and, while the grown-ups of the family are studying the interesting books on Africa, the little ones have a beautiful book of their own to read. It is much prettier than grown-up books, the cover is bright red and black and white, and the inside is full of fascinating pictures and big printing, so that it is wonderful to look at and easy to read. Instead of a preface it starts with a picture and a story. The picture is that of a brave knight on a splendid black charger and the story is of the Great King who came to live on the earth many years ago and of the missionary knights who may carry on His work today. In the good ship "Make-Believe", the boys and girls may peep at the little children in Africa, may see how their homes look, the way they eat their food and how they play their games.

This is indeed a beautiful gift book for a little child from five to twelve years. The type is large and clear, the bright red, the black and white illustrations are fascinating and the stories are very interestingly and pleasingly told. Through the stories the missionary spirit and Christ's love for little children are tenderly brought out. Postpaid, 75c

### LIVINGSTONE HERO STORIES

This little pamphlet by Susan Mendenhall has four short stories from the life of Livingstone. These incidents are told in a very interesting way and are arranged for girls and boys from nine to twelve years. Sundayschool teachers, leaders of Sunbeams and Royal Ambassadors will find in these stories good material for their work. Postpaid, 15c

### G. A. PROGRAM

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Having "taken stock", let us face the future. The leader and a committee that she has appointed to act with her should be ready at this meeting to present the definite aims toward which the girls are to work for the coming year. The following is suggestive:

1. That we attain the standard of excellence
2. That we meet all apportionments
3. That all our girls lead in public prayer
4. That our leader and half the girls, at least, shall be regular titheers
5. That all the girls prepare their parts on the program
6. That we pray at every meeting for our missionaries and for our soldiers and sailors and an early peace
7. That we emphasize a spirit of reverence and worship in our meetings, and that anything which detracts from this be frowned upon by the whole society
8. That we will try to see that every cent that is paid into our society is a real "love-gift", and will take no part in efforts to "raise" money to meet our apportionments or special offerings

Standing on the threshold of a new tomorrow, let us give thanks for the year that is gone, with all its success and failure, and for the task that God has given for the coming days. Let us magnify our office and go forward with enthusiasm, zeal and joy to serve Him with singleness of heart.

### R. A. PROGRAMS

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fully sandpaper, then run in floor wax until perfectly smooth. Put kindergarten bead or transparent cement on other end.

- Make checker boards
- Make puzzles (which will pack flat)
- Make scrap books (to contain bright pictures, jokes and stories)
- Make splints of basswood: Cut according to Red Cross specifications—sample may be procured upon application
- Save seeds to be sent for replanting devastated regions
- Make hospital trays
- Make stretchers (according to military specifications—sample may be procured)
- Make canes
- Errands—typewriting to assist adult Red Cross centers
- Snip filling for rest pillows

### Additional Suggested Activities

Collect books and send to Public Library marked for "Soldiers' Library".

Collect old newspapers to sell.

Use money for Red Cross memberships or donations.

Run errands for and try to help some mother whose son is in service. Certain current magazines may be sent to soldiers by merely placing one cent stamp on cover. Collect and send such magazines.

### Make Scrap Books

In connection with its Soldiers' Library, the Library Board is now preparing scrap books which will be furnished free to all who desire to fill them with suitable pictures from illustrated magazines and newspapers. These scrap books will be distributed through the Red Cross to convalescent patients in hospitals who are unable to undertake long reading. Other types may be improvised, but a standard size 10 x 7 is suggested.

Note: For specifications and samples for Red Cross work apply to your nearest Red Cross headquarters.

### SUNBEAM PROGRAMS

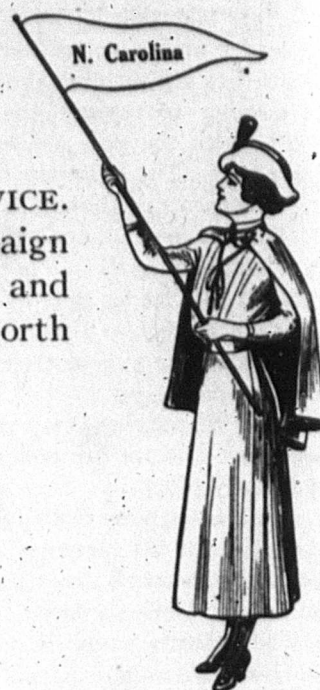
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lake with the little waves dancing and sparkling in the sun. With a shout of joy Robert jumped down and ran towards it. Agnes too was happy to see it and soon they were paddling in it and having a good time. Their mother and father stood by and watched them and thought how good God had been to bring them safely to it. Livingstone wanted to go on farther into a new country, but Agnes was sick with the fever and they had to turn back to the hill country.

This is only one of the many journeys Livingstone took, sometimes with Robert, Agnes and Thomas, but oftenest alone. He was the greatest explorer who ever went to Africa. Who can tell me what an explorer is? You will learn more about him when you are older and when you go to England you will go to Westminster Abbey where he is buried with England's greatest heroes. He went on all those long, hard journeys not because he wanted to gain glory for himself, but because he wanted to tell the people of Africa that Jesus loves them and he wanted to show other missionaries the way.

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