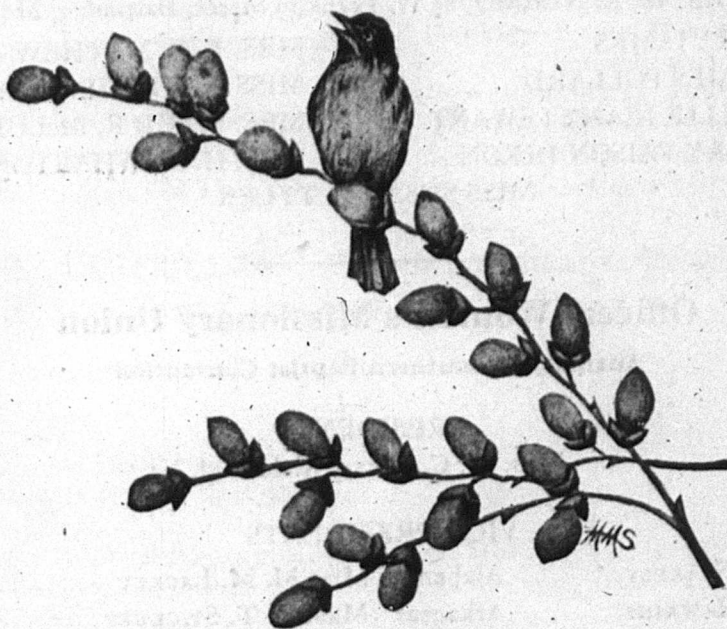


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Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much
fruit; and so shall ye be My disciples.—John 15:8

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Missionary Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists April, 1918

Unanswered yet? Nay, do not say ungranted!
Perhaps your part is not yet wholly done.
The work began when first your prayer was uttered,
And God will finish what He has begun.
If you will keep the incense burning there,
His glory you shall see, sometime, somewhere.

—Robert Browning

Topic: Church Building Loan Fund

1—MONDAY

For Dr. Louis B. Warren, superintendent of Church Extension; department started 1885

In God have I put my trust.—*Psalms 56:4*

2—TUESDAY

Dr. P. H. Mell, treasurer of Church Extension Department

Mine arm also shall strengthen him.—*Psalms 89:21*

3—WEDNESDAY

For Mr. M. M. Welch, office assistant, Church Extension Department
Bless Jehovah, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits.

—*Psalms 103:2*

4—THURSDAY

That through the work of church extension many souls may be added to His kingdom

And the word of the Lord was spread abroad throughout all the region.—*Acts 13:49*

5—FRIDAY

That through memorials and generous gifts the million-dollar fund for homeless and needy churches may be raised

Offering willingly for the house of their God.—*Exra 7:16*

6—SATURDAY

That God's rich blessing may rest upon all Christian ministers working among the soldiers and sailors

O Lord and Master of us all,
What'er our name or sign,
We own Thy sway, we hear Thy call,
We test our lives by Thine!—*Whittier*

7—SUNDAY

For all Christian congregations which worship Him today

"Where'er they seek Thee, Thou art found
And every spot is hallowed ground."

8—MONDAY

Thanksgiving for the large contributions to missions and benevolences from churches formerly

helped by the Church Building Fund

"Churches helped today mean churches helping tomorrow."

9—TUESDAY

Gratitude for the Sunday School Board with its generous policy of work

Abounding in the work of the Lord.—*1 Cor. 15:58*

10—WEDNESDAY

For the State Annual Meeting of Arkansas

Fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.—*Romans 12:11*

11—THURSDAY

Thanksgiving for the life of Dr. J. M. Frost; for his years of devoted service to the Sunday School Board; for his lasting influence on Christian work

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.—*Gal. 6:2*

12—FRIDAY

Dr. I. J. Van Ness, acting corresponding secretary, Sunday School Board

Blessed be the Lord, who daily beareth our burden.—*Psalms 68:19*

13—SATURDAY

Rev. G. S. Dobbins, editor of Home and Foreign Fields

God is our refuge and strength.—*Psalms 46:1*

14—SUNDAY

That through the Testaments distributed to the Army and Navy large numbers may be won for Christ

My word shall not return unto me void.—*Isaiah 55:11*

15—MONDAY

That the Bible and colportage work of the Sunday School Board may be widely extended

Holding forth the word of life.—*Philippians 2:16*

Missionary Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists April, 1918

Unanswered yet? Faith cannot be unanswered,
Her feet are firmly planted on the Rock:
Amid the wildest storms she stands undaunted,
Nor quails before the loudest thunder shock.
She knows Omnipotence has heard her prayer,
And cries, "It shall be done, sometime, somewhere."

—Robert Browning

Topic: Church Building Loan Fund—Continued

16—TUESDAY

For the work of the Home Mission Board among the Indians; work started 1855

Behold, I send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me.—*Malachi 3:1*

17—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. D. Noble Crane, Pawhuska, Oklahoma, superintendent of work among the Osage Indians

My words shall not pass away.—*Mark 13:31*

18—THURSDAY

Thanksgiving for the service of Miss Grace Clifford among the Osage Indians

My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me and to accomplish His work.—*John 4:34*

19—FRIDAY

Rev. Henry L. Bock, Pawnee, Oklahoma, Pawnee and Otoe missions

Serve Jehovah with gladness.—*Psalms 100:2*

20—SATURDAY

Prayer for Miss Mary Jayne, Pawnee, working among the Pawnee and Otoe Indians

I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.—*Genesis 15:1*

21—SUNDAY

Earnest prayer for the meetings for inquirers planned for this month in China

And other sheep I have.—*John 10:16*

22—MONDAY

For Mr. David Gillingham and Mr. Orlando Kinworthy, interpreters to the Indians

We are all missionaries, the sent ones of the King, and not our fields but our faithfulness matters.—*G. L. McKay*

23—TUESDAY

For Rev. Robert Hamilton, missionary to 12 government schools for Indians, pastor of Student Baptist Church at Chillico College

Go thou and publish abroad the kingdom of God.—*Luke 9:60*

24—WEDNESDAY

Prayer for the Indian students in schools and colleges

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.—*Colossians 3:16*

25—THURSDAY

For the 10 missionaries who serve among the Indians in Oklahoma
Looking unto Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.—*Hebrews 12:2*

26—FRIDAY

For the Baptist churches among the 5 civilized tribes and for those among the Blanket Indians

Let your light shine before men.—*Matthew 5:16*

27—SATURDAY

That, through our prayers and gifts, we may have a part in the Ministerial Relief Fund

For there is no want to them that fear Him.—*Psalms 34:9*

28—SUNDAY

For our soldiers and sailors
"Protect them whoso'er they go."

29—MONDAY

For Sec. J. T. Henderson and the work of the Laymen's Missionary Movement

"It is the duty of the whole church to preach the Gospel to the whole world."

30—TUESDAY

Thanksgiving for the band of Emergency Men and their loyal support to the cause of Christ

Be thou an ensample to them that believe.—*1 Timothy 4:12*

EDITORIAL

AN EARNEST OF THINGS TO COME

THE time for our Annual Meeting in Hot Springs is approaching and perhaps many are wondering if they can possibly attend.

The following from the letter written by Miss Mallory to the vice-presidents in February may help you to decide:

"The announcement has been officially made that the Southern Baptist Convention will meet in annual session in May at Hot Springs, Arkansas, just as was planned at the New Orleans session. The large and earnest state meetings last fall convinced us that in spite of the war the Christian forces wish to meet in annual conference. You also know that many women are travelling all over the United States to see their sons in the camps. How I do hope that we can convince our southern Baptist women to journey in May to Hot Springs to plan for the spiritual welfare not only of their own sons but for that of the sons and daughters of mothers all over the world".

In times such as these it is well for us to get the benefit of the far-away look which Dr. McClure speaks of in an article in the Continent. He tells us: "Obstacles in the path of a mountain climber are not the only things for him to gaze upon. There is a summit of reward, of exhilaration, of widened horizon, and from time to time he must lift his eyes to the hills and gather the help that comes from thinking of this summit and of all the summit is to reveal". How better can we of the Union gain this higher and wider vision than in our Annual Meeting?

Because of the unsettled condition of many affairs and because the official announcement referred to by Miss Mallory was made so late, it is not possible at this time to tell you much of the program that is in the making nor of the details of the local plans for the meeting.

It is well for us to remember that this will be the thirtieth anniversary of the Union and to try to celebrate it by going far beyond other years in gifts, remembering that the world needs the Gospel as much if not more than ever before.

There is one pledge made by the Union in our Jubilate year that as yet has not been redeemed. We have renewed this pledge for the Church Building Loan Fund of the Home Mission Board and the women in many of the states are working heroically. It would be wonderfully helpful and a fitting celebration of our thirtieth anniversary if all the states could come up to the Annual Meeting with a large proportion of the apportionments already pledged to this cause. We are hoping that we may have the Church Building Loan Fund presented in so forceful a manner that such an impetus will be given to the work for this object that it may be possible in one year to carry it to a successful consummation, as far as our bona fide pledges are concerned.

Our work for and with the young people is occupying a very large place just now in the thoughts and plans of the whole denomination. We are sure, therefore, that all will be glad to know that the committee is planning to give one entire session, Friday morning, to this work. This part of the program will be under the direction of Miss Dixon, our young people's secretary, except for the time given to the Margaret Fund report and to the Training School, the capstone of our work in training young people.

Other plans are being worked out and we are sure that all who attend will feel that it was worth far more than the effort to come, because of the inspiration and practical help received.

This will not be the case, however, unless all of us put into the Union's work and into this meeting from now on our earnest prayers and our best efforts.

We made a prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night. Nehemiah 4:9

They that builded the wall and they that bare burdens laded themselves; every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other held his weapon; and the builders every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me. And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers and to the rest of the people, The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one from another: In what place soever ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us; our God will fight for us. Nehemiah 4:17-20

FOR REFERENCE

The following table shows us where each state stood at the beginning of this current year when we practically renewed the Jubilate pledge of \$325,000 to the Church Building Loan Fund and planned for a definite campaign, the object of which was to secure cash and pledges for the fund. As stated before, it is known to the majority of Union workers why we have not accomplished more than this table shows.

Through the entire year, however, beginning May 1917, each state has been working for this fund and we feel quite certain that the amounts paid in by them will have been greatly increased, while almost every state, if my information is correct, will be able to report large numbers of \$500 memorials pledged by individuals and different Union organizations.

We hope that the women who are not giving these definite memorials are remembering to designate their gifts so that they may be credited to the \$15,000 memorial to be given in honor of our late and ever beloved president, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck.

Let each woman study this table to find just where her own state stands, note carefully the treasurer's report when it comes to her after the Annual Meeting in May and find just what her work for this fund in the next year shall be.

States	Apportionment	Paid to May 1st 1917	Due After May 1st 1917
Alabama	\$ 20,200.00	\$ 1,734.18	\$ 18,465.82
Arkansas	5,950.00	176.90	5,773.10
District of Columbia	2,400.00	254.00	2,146.00
Florida	4,600.00	1,250.55	3,349.45
Georgia	44,500.00	5,523.81	38,976.19
Illinois	1,200.00	330.43	869.57
Kentucky	20,500.00	2,248.66	18,251.34
Louisiana	8,000.00	1,293.69	6,706.31
Maryland	4,200.00	1,426.24	2,773.76
Mississippi	21,500.00	2,137.00	19,363.00
Missouri	10,750.00	888.32	9,861.68
New Mexico	1,300.00	34.51	1,265.49
North Carolina	31,400.00	1,005.73	30,394.27
Oklahoma	7,600.00	330.11	7,269.89
South Carolina	37,500.00	1,130.03	36,369.97
Tennessee	20,000.00	873.76	19,126.24
Texas	34,500.00	10,258.69	24,241.31
Virginia	48,900.00	6,682.42	42,217.58
Totals	\$325,000.00	\$37,579.03	\$287,420.97



BIBLE STUDY



TOPIC—The Ordinances

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you. Matt 28: 20. Hold fast the traditions even as I delivered them to you. 1 Cor. 11: 2

We see the two ordinances of the church set forth in the order of observance in Acts 2: 37-42. Baptism and the Lord's supper or breaking of bread.

I. *Baptism*: A Greek word which translated means immersion. Jesus submitted to the rite of baptism at the hands of John the Baptist. Matt 3: 13-17. It was an act of righteousness on the part of Him who came as Saviour and Redeemer. It is nowhere directly explained why one who needed no repentance should insist upon receiving a rite which signified confession and repentance. He is our example "that we should follow His steps".

Jesus was baptized in the Jordan. Mark 1: 9. "Here in a figure all the billows of God's holy wrath against sin passed over His Son in the mystic grave. Thus at the outset of His ministry did the Son of God symbolically take the place of death for His people, showing forth in advance the death of the cross towards which He had set His face as a flint." And straightway coming up out of the water in the symbol of resurrection: Rom. 6: 1-10. Death, burial and resurrection of which baptism is the symbol is designed to point to the finished work of Christ on Calvary and to show the believer's part in the work of faith. Saving faith and regeneration resulting therefrom. Mark 16: 16. Jesus has made baptism of much importance. Repentance and its prescribed expression by baptism are closely united; the inward change and the outward confession are knit together by nature. Acts 2: 38. Faith and baptism are the beginnings of a Christian life—the one of piety in the soul, the other the manifestation before men—a profession of religion. 1 Peter 3: 21; Acts 2: 37, 38. The Gospel is to be *obeyed* as well as *believed*. Heb. 5: 9; 2 Thess. 1: 7, 8.

II. *The Lord's Supper*: Instituted by Jesus the night of His betrayal. Matt. 26: 26-29; Luke 22: 17-20; Mark 14: 22-25. A sacred ordinance, a memorial banquet. "As often as ye gather around this table ye gather around your Lord, and as oft as ye do this simple deed you do it in remembrance of Him." "Take ye; This is my body." And He took the cup and when He had given thanks He said, "This is my blood of the covenant which is poured out for many." He reveals Himself in these emblems as Redeemer. The broken bread symbol of His body, broken for us in His death; the wine, His shed blood poured out in atonement for our sin; the new covenant, our pardon. The two symbols as inseparable to complete redemption and salvation of men in Him. To every believing heart the Lord's supper brings assurance of life in Him and fellowship with Him. We feed upon Him and are made one with Him, and in life's toil and press we may go forth to live healed lives through this fellowship in His suffering. The broken bread, the outpoured wine ever must be eloquent of the Christian life, which is a daily sacrifice through which we may in a glad, triumphant way give ourselves to His service. Christ's death is more than a propitiation for sin, it is a pattern for life. Before we taste the bread or drink the cup we must know we are dead to sin and alive to God. "If we say that we have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth." 1 John 1: 6.

The frequent observance of this ordinance reminds us that our spiritual life is sustained by constant feeding on Christ by faith. The one act of baptism shows that the new life has but one beginning since the new birth takes place but once, John 3: 3-6, and is a creative act of the Holy Spirit. 2 Cor. 5: 17. Paul gives his authority, 1 Cor. 11: 23-34, and shows that fellowship with our Lord demands separation from the world. 1 Cor. 10: 16-22. These two ordinances of the church teach the importance of the doctrines set forth and that baptism should precede the Lord's Supper.



PROGRAM FOR APRIL



Prepared by Dr. L. B. Warren

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.

CHURCH BUILDING LOAN FUND

HYMN—The Church's One Foundation

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CURRENT EVENTS ON THE MISSION FIELDS

PRAYER FOR THE MOST PRESSING PRESENT NEEDS

HYMN—O Beautiful, My Country

A MESSAGE FROM DR. WARREN (pars. 1, 2, 3, 4)

REPORT ON WHAT OUR SOCIETY HAS DONE

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (par. 6)

CLOSING PRAYER

The work of winning the world to Christ is my work as really and as fully as it is the work of anyone else. Let me not avoid it nor shirk it.—J. Campbell White

Through the courtesy of Miss Dixon I am privileged to address the thirty thousand subscribers of ROYAL SERVICE, and I wish to present the work which is being done for our homeless churches very simply and very pointedly—just as though we were in a woman's missionary society together.

The women of the south are now campaigning for the retirement of 1. The Woman's the \$325,000 subscribed towards the Million Dollar Loan Fund. It Campaign may not be amiss to give here the apportionments by States, as handed out by the Central Committee of the Woman's Missionary

Union.

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

Total..... \$325,000

Most of the subscriptions and remittances of cash by the societies and
2. Has My State Done Its Share? by their members are used as credits on the Memorials which have been established. In the coming issue of the Hall of Fame, woman's work will be presented under state headings. Your attention is called to the following tabulation of Memorials which have been received up to this time. After you have read it, will you ask yourself the question, "Is the record of my state what it ought to be? If it is not, is it partly because my society has not done its part?"

State	Memorials	Amount
Alabama.....	15	\$12,000
District of Columbia.....	1	500
Georgia.....	16	12,500
Florida.....	1	5,000
Illinois.....	2	1,200
Kentucky.....	19	12,000
Louisiana.....	3	1,500
Maryland.....	6	3,000
Mississippi.....	2	1,000
Missouri.....	1	500
New Mexico.....	1	1,300
North Carolina.....	13	6,500
South Carolina.....	7	8,000
Tennessee.....	12	8,500
Texas.....	4	6,500
Virginia.....	19	10,000
Total.....	122	\$90,000

Many of the states have accepted the suggested apportionment of the central committee. Almost without exception, where the state W. M. U. has not by formal action accepted the apportionment, the state secretary has signified her hearty sympathy and keeping the cause of the homeless churches prominently before the societies of the state. As a result of this interest and activity, the following Memorials have been received during the present convention year:

State	Memorials	Amount
Alabama.....	13	\$ 6,500
Georgia.....	11	5,500
Kentucky.....	15	7,500
Maryland.....	6	3,000
Mississippi.....	2	1,000
New Mexico.....	1	1,300
North Carolina.....	8	4,000
South Carolina.....	6	3,000
Tennessee.....	11	8,000
Texas.....	2	1,000
Virginia.....	15	8,000
Total.....	90	\$48,500

The Memorials are established by the action of the State Woman's Missionary Union, the church Woman's Missionary Society and the Associational Woman's Missionary Union. Thirteen State Departments in the Hall of Fame will be headed by
3. In the Hall of Fame Memorials established by the Woman's Missionary Union of that state. Every state in the south ought to use a portion of its apportionment in the memorialization of some gracious and godly woman who has given her life in daily sacrifice for the Master's work.

Ninety-four Memorials have been established by church missionary societies. These Memorials are sometimes in the name of the church and are published with a picture of the holy place where the membership has so often met to worship God. In many instances the society has memorialized its president or some devoted member, and her picture is published in the Hall of Fame.

Fifteen Memorials have been established by associations. There is no association in the south which cannot take this step. There is no association in the south where there is not some outstanding instance of devotion and consecration; some man or woman who, without thought of reward, has given time and strength of heart and brain and body to the reclamation of the waste places and the leading of wandering feet back into the straight and narrow way. These will have their reward in the eternal building of gold and silver and precious stones. But more than that is fitting. Human recognition is very sweet and strengthening. The fragrance of Mary's anointing made glad the heart of our weary Lord. New strength and enthusiasm will come to living workers if they know that their efforts for God and good are not without recognition; and the perpetuation of the names of the good and faithful servants who have gone before will be an inspiration to the present and to coming generations to follow in the same path of perfect consecration. Once more the request is made. Think over the history of your association, and see if some individual worker does not stand out prominently. Is it a woman—is it a man? Ask yourself what would be the influence of the establishment of a Memorial to this one—the three-fold influence—on the one memorialized, on those who will now note that southern Baptist women are not unmindful of the services of their fellow-workers, and on the coming generations who will be inspired to follow the path of sacrifice to its glorious goal.

4. Difficulties in the Way

Certainly there are difficulties in the way of all accomplishments for God. Lions in the path? Of course, there are lions in the path of every traveler towards the Celestial City. But the lions are chained, and the difficulties vanish as we approach them in His strength.

A very glorious letter is received this morning from a godly woman in Kentucky. She is the president of her society and sends in a card in establishment of a Memorial. With the card she sends a picture of the church. She says, "We are greatly in need of a new church house ourselves, but the need of those four thousand homeless churches is so much greater that our hearts are glad at this opportunity to aid them."

5. Needed: A New Church House! You need a new church house? Most of our congregations are in the same state. You have a debt? Will you be surprised to know that almost every congregation of the south is similarly situated. These things must not hinder our helping the homeless.

Here is the card. Will you not use it?

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

.....
 Name of Missionary Society.

*By.....
 President or Secretary.

.....
 Date

*No personal obligation is assumed by the party signing.

Remember, daughter of the King, that the houses of ivory shall perish and the great houses shall have an end,—and that only the work done for Him abides.

Remember those lines whose truth becomes hourly more potent as we near the sunset hour of our lives:

"Only one life, 'twill soon be past.
Only what's done for Christ will last."

6. Quiz—

What is our church building program?

The church building program includes aid to 4,000 churches which are homeless and helpless so far as erecting a house of worship is concerned; and to 4,000 other churches which must either build anew, enlarge their present quarters, or battle against overwhelming odds.

What is our goal?

One million dollars to be used as a loan fund to needy churches.

How much was received in cash and subscriptions during the convention year ending May 1917?

\$160,647.71.

How much did the women pledge?

\$325,000.

What are the annuity and memorial plans?

(See program in ROYAL SERVICE of last October.)

How do we compare with other denominations?

To our shame be it said that southern Baptists have nearly twice as many houseless congregations as Methodists, Disciples and Presbyterians combined.

What have other denominations done?

Methodists, with their loan fund of something over \$600,000 have received \$145,000 from interest and \$150,000 from the sale of annuities, a total of \$295,000, or almost half their fund. The Disciples, with their comparatively small membership, disposed of nearly a half million dollars in annuities. One-half of the churches of southern Methodists and two-thirds of the churches of the Disciples have been built or aided by their Church Building Funds.

How can a Memorial be raised?

What one society has done others can do. This is the story of how one society did it.

"I will give twenty-five dollars towards the starting of a memorial in your society," said an enthusiastic Union officer to a friend. "Four hundred and seventy-five dollars," the friend thought; as she mentally passed in review the strength of their W. M. S.—"Can we do it?" There was but a moment's hesitation, however, before she replied, "Splendid! We will do our part." The campaign was on.

Before the next meeting a letter was written to every member of the society explaining the plan and enclosing a pledge slip. It had been decided to make the Memorial to two of the women who had done much to strengthen the work in the early days and who had endeared themselves to all by their lives of unselfish love. Many of the members came out to the meeting that crisp October afternoon and listened with interest to the appealing talk which told of the need of the four thousand destitute churches. They listened with sympathy and responsive hearts to the simple story of the lives of the two women to whom the Memorial was to be a beautiful token of appreciation. One after another other members rose to give their personal endorsement of the plan. Pledge slips were circulated and, after a prayerful silence, they were signed. Some members gave money instead of pledges; a few pledged ten or more dollars; the majority pledged smaller amounts. "Thirteen dollars to be paid in five years" was on one card and the name signed was of one who had little. "I want to express my love in a large way," she said to the treasurer, "but I cannot do what I would. But I am going to give five cents a week for five years which will be thirteen dollars. That will help some, won't it?" If there were a like spirit on the part of every woman who hears this story, there would be many thousands now worshipping in shacks or in the open who would have a church home that would honor God.

What have the Y. W. A.'s done?

The first college Y. W. A. to establish a Memorial in the Church Building Loan Fund is at Judson College in Marion, Alabama. After the cause had been presented to the girls, they arose in a body to pledge their willingness to contribute toward the Memorial. Their Y. W. A. faculty counsellor promised to keep the student body reminded from year to year of this pledge. It is confidentially believed that similar memorials will be established by a number of the Baptist colleges in the south.

The Y. W. A. of the Training School in Louisville has pledged a Memorial which is to Mrs. McLure. Not only will the lives of these students be a Memorial to her influence, but their gifts will establish a never-ending expression in a most beautiful tangible form of their debt of gratitude to the "Mother" of the House Beautiful.

OPPORTUNITY

They do me wrong who say I come no more,
When once I knock and fail to find you in;
For every day I stand outside your door
And bid you wake, and rise to fight and win.

Wail not for precious chances passed away,
Weep not for golden ages on the wane!
Each night I burn the records of the day;
At sunrise every soul is born again.

Laugh like a boy at splendors that have sped,
To vanished joys be blind and deaf and dumb;
My judgments seal the dead past with its dead,
But never bind a moment yet to come.

Though deep in mire wring not your hands and weep,
I lend my arm to all who say "I can!"
No shamefaced outcast ever sank so deep
But yet might rise and be again a man!

Dost thou behold thy lost youth all aghast?
Dost reel from righteous retribution's blow?
Then turn from blotted archives of the past
And find the future's pages white as snow.

Art thou a mourner? Rouse thee from thy spell;
Art thou a sinner? Sins may be forgiven;
Each morning gives thee wings to flee from hell,
Each night a star to guide thy feet to heaven.

—Walter Malone



Y. W. A. PROGRAM



Subject—The Church Building and Loan Fund

Hymn—Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Bible Reading—Giving: Gen. 28: 20-22; Prov. 3: 9; Mal. 3: 10; 1 Cor. 16: 2

Prayer

Hymn—I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

(a) Have some members give "The Brush Arbor", or "An Evening with the Homeless Churches"*

(b) What are the women of our state doing to help raise the \$325,000? What is our part?

Hymn—The Church's One Foundation
Dismissal by Sentence Prayers

The Church Building Loan Fund is a fund which had its inception about 1890. It was started by a contribution of \$3500 made through the Woman's Missionary Union to the Home Mission Board. Upon the death of Dr. Tichenor the women decided to increase this sum and call it the Tichenor Memorial Church Building and Loan Fund. This memorial finally amounted to the sum of \$20,000; and constituted the foundation of our present Church Building Loan Fund. Hence we, as women, should be particularly interested in this department of the Home Mission Board, for we have stood for it from the very beginning; and now our pledge of \$325,000 is nearly one-third of the amount which we southern Baptists have decided to raise and devote to this splendid work. This shows that we believe in the movement and expect great results from the investment of this fund.

The problem that our Board faces today is to adequately aid 4000 homeless and 4000 nearly homeless churches. There is also the vast problem of the once-a-month church; for out of a total of 25,000 Baptist churches in the southland, 17,000 of them have services but once a month. How can we expect people to be enthusiastic over their churches and earnest in work when we permit them, year after year, to get along on a twelve meeting schedule and an occasional pro-

tracted meeting? Or how can we expect to hold our people if we permit them to worship in brush arbors, old saloons, etc.? Can anyone wonder that such conditions have caused the loss of thousands of members to our denomination? Who can tell how much latent talent has been left dormant and probably lost entirely? Surely the time has come when we must radically change our plans if we are to develop the opportunities that have been given us.

One plan that the Home Mission Board has to meet this great issue is the sale of Annuity Bonds. These bonds are an investment that will pay semi-annual interest as long as the owner lives, and upon his death the principal becomes the property of the Church Building Loan Fund. Another plan is the establishment of memorials, of the value of \$500 or more. But such methods are not in the reach of all our people, and if we would plan wisely we must include every one. We must not lose sight of the gift of the average person. We should remember that all should have a part in this work. The more people that help to bear the load, the greater the interest in it, and hence the burden becomes light.

What can we expect as a result of the completion of this fund? It will mean more self-supporting churches, which in turn will help other struggling churches; it will mean an increased interest in home and foreign missions, because there will be fewer once-a-month churches; and it will mean a new zeal on the part of the individual for the work of the kingdom.

If there be some weaker one,
Give me strength to help him on;
If a blinder soul there be,
Let me guide him nearer Thee.
Make my mortal dreams come true,
With the work I fain would do;
Clothe with life my weak intent,
Let me be the thing I meant,
Until all things sweet and good,
Seem my natural habitude.

—J. G. Whittier

*Free from Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.



COLLEGE Y. W. A. PROGRAM



Topic—The Church House Problem

Hymn—Our Country's Voice is Pleading

Bible Lesson—Haggai 1: 1-11

Current Events (See April Magazines)

Prayers

Five Minute Talks

1. Effect on the Community of Having No Church Building
2. Effect on the Children
3. Effect on the Grown Members

Hymn—O Zion, Haste

The Memorial Plan and My Part in It (See General Program)

Closing Prayer of Thanksgiving for Our Opportunities

In January there was called at Northfield, Mass., a conference of selected student leaders in place of the usual quadrennial convention of the Student Volunteer Movement. Some eight hundred students, professors and other leaders came together "to face the responsibilities thrust upon the Christian forces in colleges and universities to help extend the Kingdom of Christ among all nations." Convinced that the task we face requires all the resourcefulness and energy of the students of North America, they decided to present the following program to the students.

1. To enlist 200,000 different students in study and discussion of Christian principles based on: (a) The life and teaching of Jesus Christ; (b) the need of these principles in the world today; (c) the need of these principles in North America today.
2. A call for decision on the part of students to live these principles, at whatever cost, on the campus, in the nation and in the world.
3. A sufficient number of qualified men and women to evangelize the world in this generation.

4. At least one-half million dollars during the academic year, 1918-1919, for the evangelization of the world, and sufficient funds to meet our obligations to the war work.

Go over this program carefully, considering each point, and then decide what part your college is to have in this. The book recommended as a basis for study is "The Jesus of History" by T. R. Glover. Our Twilight Watch Studies have been taken from it.

TWILIGHT WATCH STUDIES

FIRST TWILIGHT: Teaching of Jesus upon God. God knows, Matt. 10: 30; Luke 12: 30; Matt. 6: 4, 32; Luke 16: 15. God can, Matt. 19: 26. God cares, Matt. 7: 11; 6: 30; 10: 31; Luke 12: 6-7, 30. God loves, John 3: 16; Luke 15: 3-7. God can be trusted, Mark 11: 22.

SECOND TWILIGHT: Teaching of Jesus upon Prayer. Jesus practised prayer Himself, Mark 1: 35; 6: 46; Luke 6: 12; 9: 18 and 29; 10: 21; 22: 32, 41; Hebrews 5: 7. Jesus believed in prayer, Luke 11: 9; 18: 7; Mark 11: 24. Prayer is strenuous and not mechanical, Luke 18: 1-8; 11: 5-8. Faith necessary, Mark 10: 27; 11: 22, 23. For what to pray, Matt. 6: 33; 9: 38; 6: 9-13.

THIRD TWILIGHT: Jesus and Man (I). Jesus moved by crowds, Luke 19: 41; Matt. 14: 14; Mark 8: 3. Compassion for man's sorrows, Matt. 11: 28-30; 5: 4. Compassion for man's physical needs, Matt. 21: 14; Mark 10: 17-22; Luke 14: 12. His attitude towards children, Matt. 19: 13, 14; Mark 9: 36; 10: 16; Luke 18: 16, 17; Matt. 21: 15, 16.

FOURTH TWILIGHT: Jesus and Man (II). Types of character Jesus admires,—The person of energetic thought and decisive action, Matt. 11: 12; 13: 44; 12: 30; 21: 28-31; 25: 4; Luke 9: 50; Mark 9: 43. Belief in the value of the individual, Matt. 5: 48; Mark 9: 23. What Jesus makes of the wasted life, Luke 7: 34; 19: 1-10; 23: 42, 43; Mark 2: 14.



G. A. PROGRAM



Topic—"A House for Thy Name"
 Hymn—O Zion, Haste
 Prayer—That Our Share of Building
 Loan Fund Be Fully Paid
 Bible Lesson—1 Chron. 29: 10-19
 Hymn—I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord
 Contest
 Talks { An Opportunity for Service
 A Splendid Investment
 Hymn—America
 Collection of Thank Offering Envelopes
 Prayer—For God's Blessing on Our Gifts

Note: As a substitute for this program, it is suggested that wherever possible the G. A.'s give the playlet "At the Brush Arbor". This may be secured free from the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga. Invite the other W. M. U. organizations to be present.

Contest

Prepare a bank book for each girl. In a short contest see who can write the longest list of her own assets in time, talent, health, personality, etc. These entries form her bank account. Three women, Pleasure, Ambition and Service, appear to advise her on the best investment of her capital.

Pleasure advises her to apply all her assets to having a good time, showing her how the various entries on her book can be used in having fun.

Ambition urges that she shall not waste her gifts on mere pleasure, but use her every asset to bring success in her particular line of work. Pointing out the great personal gains that will follow.

Service insists that she will attain happiness only as she devotes every power to helping others, showing that this makes for the largest usefulness in the world and the largest personal development.

The Leader or one of the older girls then follows with the talk "An Opportunity for Service". Explain that the Church Building Loan Fund is a million dollar fund to be raised by the Southern Baptist Convention during the next five years; that the W. M.

U. has agreed to give \$325,000 of this fund; that there are almost 4000 organized church bodies without a church building and other communities where Baptist people are living who ought to be organized and have church houses. Paint a graphic picture of the need of these places and, if possible, give some concrete illustration from your own part of the state.

The next talk, "A Splendid Investment", also given by an older girl, might embody a report of the work done last year with this fund. This shows that over \$77,000 was loaned to 521 churches, which in turn contributed over \$135,000, or nearly twice as much as the loan, to all causes other than local. The money loaned to these churches, with the interest accrued, is paid back to the loan fund, thus there is an ever-growing fund to loan to other churches. A dollar given to this cause will go on working not only as long as the girl lives, but for generations to come. Has our state or church a memorial of its own? If not, why not?

If time permits read story "A Little Bit of Love", page 28.

From the leaflet "What \$1.00 Will Do" the Leader or guest from Y. W. A. might give a blackboard demonstration. This can be procured from Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga. An extract from this will be found on page 30.

Take offerings and pledges at the end of the program. Encourage each girl to invest at least one dollar in this fund during the next five years.

Do not allow the meeting to run over the hour; give the program without lapses. It is better to close on time than to have numbers drag to a conclusion.

Let the girls see that you are depending on them for the interest of your meetings and for successful results.

Remember that the impressionable age of the average G. A. girl is the Leader's opportunity. Much prayer, infinite patience, a gentle heart and a smiling face are the weapons to be used. With these the reward is sure.



R. A. PROGRAMS



FIRST MEETING

Topic—The House of the Lord
 Hymn—I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord
 Scripture—Psalm 122
 Prayer—For Homeless Congregations
 Telephone Exercise
 Hymn—Help Us to Help Each Other*
 Talk—Church Building Loan Fund
 Ingathering of Thank Offering Envelopes
 Closing Exercises

Thought for Bible Lesson: David sang a song of gratitude for the privilege of going into the "house of the Lord". His thoughts were ever on the building of the temple of Jehovah. His own joy in worship made him eager that others should have a house dedicated to the service of God. Shall we whose feet are "standing within the gates" of our comfortable churches fail to help "our brethren and companions" who are entirely without church buildings?

To the Leader: In the Bible lesson speak briefly of David's desire to build the temple. Make mention of English troops now occupying Jerusalem and their reverence for this city of early Christian history.

The telephone exercise can be conducted in the following manner: From the general program glean about a dozen facts. Give them to different boys. Have questions asked over a dummy or toy 'phone that will bring forth these facts. The operator at the 'phone could announce replies or boy at the other end of the room could give these through another 'phone. Dummy or detached telephones could be borrowed from telephone office.

The talk should be an appeal to the coming manhood of the boys to align themselves with the church forces working for the safety of the world, beginning with our own land. As the most important force for good is the Christian church, these should be planted all over the land instead of leaving large tracts, miles in length and breadth, with only one or two weak churches. For full information study general program.

*Fellowship Hymns

SECOND MEETING

Topic—The Boy and the Church
 Hymn—Take My Life and Let It Be
 Scripture—First Psalm
 Conference—Why Should We Go To Church
 Hymn—Jesus Saviour, Pilot Me
 Talk—A Boy's Obligation to His Church
 Prayer—For Christian Courage
 Business. Offering. Dismissal

Thought for Bible Lesson: This is sometimes called the boy's psalm. It shows forth the sort of manhood that will follow the right kind of boyhood. The temptations to sin are gradual, first we pass near to sin, then we loiter, then remain. If we do not walk "in the counsel of the wicked" we will never stand with sinners or sit with scoffers. The reward of the righteous man is immediate and abundant, but "the way of the wicked shall perish".

To the Leader: While church conditions are being studied it will be well in this program to make the personal application in regard to church attendance.

In the Scripture lesson call attention to the marked contrasts in the life of the righteous and the wicked man, between the fruit-bearing tree and the wind-driven chaff. Introduce illustrations from history.

The conference should be led by the Leader, calling for replies to the following questions and giving each boy an opportunity to take part: What are your reasons for going to church? For not going? Will loyalty to the church of Christ make for loyalty to the best things, such as, our country, our state, our neighbor and our family? What should be our deportment in God's house? In what way are our bodies temples of the Holy Ghost? Who are the best citizens in our town? Do they belong to a Christian church? Conference should be closed with a short talk on church-going.

The talk may be given by one or two boys from a boy's viewpoint. Seek the pastor's aid in preparing this. Five minutes would be sufficient time for each talk.



SUNBEAM PROGRAMS



THE LITTLE CHURCH UNDER THE TREES

Thought for Bible Lesson: How precious is the blessing we enjoy of meeting with God's people to worship Him! How lovely are these meeting places, be they ever so plain! A child of God long shut away from Church privileges will find an echo of these verses in his heart, saying, "My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of Jehovah."

The Little Church Under the Trees

Did you ever see a day that sparkled? There are many in the year if only we look out for them. On one of these sparkling days we took a short trip into the country to see something very interesting. A light snow had covered the road and fields, the sun was shining brightly, the sky was a lovely blue, and the cold, sweet air came from the southwest, but blew softly as though Spring were saying, "Be gentle, I am almost come." Here and there we saw bunny tracks in the snow while great buzzards were making airships of themselves

FIRST MEETING

SUBJECT—Little Builders.
HYMN—We are Building Everyday
BIBLE LESSON—Ps. 84: 1-4
PRAYER—For Homeless Churches
LESSON STORY—The Little Church Under the Trees
RECITATION—Saviour, Teach Me
HYMN—O, What Can Little Hands Do?
ROLL CALL. COLLECTION OF MARCH ENVELOPES
CLOSING EXERCISES

"We cross the prairie as of old
The pilgrims crossed the sea;
To make the West, as they the East,
The homestead of the free.
"Upbearing, like the ark of God,
The Bible in our van;
We go to test the truth of God,
Against the greed of man.
"We go to plant the church of God
On distant prairie swells,
And give the Sabbath of the wild
The music of her bells."

above us. It was lovely to be out in this sparkling daylight even without the something interesting we were going to see. And this something was a church. Not very interesting you say? But you will change your mind when I tell you that this church was only 3½ feet high and was built by a boy fourteen years old. It stands on the gentle slope of a hill with great trees around it. Every stone in the beautiful little church was neatly fitted and mortared by the clever young builder. The square towers and lovely windows are just as you see them on this page. We knelt in the snow

and peered into the windows. The bright sunshine came in just as you have seen it in your own church. From the doorstep to the tiny shingles on the roof and to the very top of the tower it told of a boy who had a "mind to build"; for he did afterwards build a beautiful big church. Near to the small church he also built a tiny stone house, just as perfect as can be in every way, a real toy house that any small girl would love to have for her own. But it is of the church that we want to talk.

Every girl and boy in this Sunbeam Band can be church builders. The wind that blew from the southwest that sparkling day whispered to us that many fathers and mothers and boys and girls down in that direction had no churches at all to worship in. They hold services in brush arbors, old saloons, barns, and sheds. Four thousand congregations without churches! That is ten times four hundred. Just think of it! And why have all these Christian people no churches? Because they have no money to build them. Our Home Mission Board would love to build a house for each one of these homeless churches, and as quickly as we give them the money they will do it. The grown-up societies and the boys' bands are giving to the building fund and the Sunbeams want to be in it too.

The boy who built the little stone church under the trees had a dream of a big church; his dream came true because he made it come true. Now we Sunbeams have a dream of a number of churches for those other little girls and boys who have none, and we can make our dream come true by praying and by giving to the building fund.

Cannot you see the dear little girl who used to go to church services in an old tumbled-down shed now going into a neat new frame or brick building? Perhaps she is saying to herself, "The southern Baptist children helped to build this church, how I love them!" Let us make our dream come true.

Recitation:

"Saviour, teach me day by day,
Love's sweet lesson to obey;
Sweeter lesson cannot be,
Loving Him who first loved me.

"With a childlike heart of love,
At thy bidding may I move;
Prompt to serve and follow Thee,
Loving Him who first loved me.

"Thus may I rejoice to show
That I feel the love I owe;
Singing, till Thy face I see,
Of His love who first loved me."

SECOND MEETING

SUBJECT—Houses for God.
HYMN—Can a Little Child Like Me
BIBLE LESSON—Eph. 2: 19-22
PRAYER—For the Home Mission Board
LESSON STORY—Dorothy's Trip
HYMN—Be a Little Sunbeam
RECITATION—Thou That Once, by Mother's Knee
LORD'S PRAYER IN UNISON
BUSINESS. ROLL CALL. MIZPAH

Thought for Bible Lesson: Every building has a corner stone. In these verses St. Paul says we are God's building and that Jesus Christ is the corner stone. When we give our hearts to Jesus and serve Him every day we belong to the household of God, are a part of His building. We are no longer strangers but "are builded together for a habitation of God".

Dorothy's Trip

Dorothy's Drew's father was almost always away from home, for he travelled through several big states to give Bibles to people who did not have them. As Dorothy had not been well all winter, the doctor said she must be taken from school for some

months. Some children would have rejoiced at this prescription, but Dorothy who had no brothers or sisters was lonely without her playmates. Her mother began to think the staying at home was doing her no good.

When father came home and saw his

little girl he said, "Dotty shall take a trip with me; that will make her feel as well as most of the children I see on my visits through the country. Can you spare her mother?"

Well, you know mothers are always unselfish so she "never minded" the coming loneliness; but just packed an extra suitcase full of Dorothy's clothes and off she went to the station with her father. As the train flew by the fields and woods she talked and laughed and was quite like herself. After a long time they came to a big city where father was going to spend Sunday. In the morning they went to a large, handsome church where the organ welcomed the people with soft and lovely tones. The music floated down from a high, carved choir loft and the singing sounded like angel voices to Dorothy. She had never been in such a wonderful place, nor had she ever seen such beautifully stained windows. "How good they must be", thought she, "to have God give them such a church as this to go to every Sunday." At the end of the service after the organ had seemed to carry them out with a glorious farewell, Dorothy said, "Are all these people rich, father?" "Yes," replied he, this is a rich and powerful church."

All that week they travelled about, sometimes in a train sometimes in buggies, but, on Sunday they again rested. This time it was in a small mill town. However, they went to a plain wooden church, the wind was blowing and a shingle from the roof nearly struck Dorothy's best hat. There were no stained glass windows, but instead some broken window-panes and paint was badly needed everywhere. As they entered someone was playing on a small organ that seemed much out of breath. The congregation almost filled the church, but there were no silken dresses nor lovely hats. The people looked tired and Dorothy thought the minister looked ill. After the service he asked the people to remain while he told them that the Board had written that they could not help them this year, but hoped to do so next year. "Father," said Dorothy, "why doesn't that rich church send some of their money to this poor church, don't they know about it?" "Yes, they know," said father, "but they don't realize." That

word was too big for Dorothy so she said no more.

Another week of travel brought them to a mountain village, just a few houses straggling up the hillside.

"I don't see any church," said Dorothy. "It is farther up the mountain, my dear. You won't find it a very big place," sighed father.

Sunday dawned clear and lovely. "Shall we walk to church, father?"

"No, we will ride on this," pointing to a mule before the house. So father mounted and the landlord lifted Dorothy up in front of him. Then they waded up the brook. Up and up they went. Sometimes Dorothy thought she must fall, but father held her tightly until they came to a little log building.

"Is this a church?" said the amazed Dorothy.

"Yes, the best they can do until they get help," answered Mr. Drew. At this service Mr. Drew preached, as the people could not afford to have a regular pastor. All through the morning Dorothy thought of the rich church she attended on their first Sunday. Why couldn't churches like that give money to the thing they called the Board? Why must these people sit on hard benches and, as a few more "whys" came into her mind, her eyes wandered to the ceiling and looked right through a hole in the roof into the sky, and she said a little prayer like this: "Dear God, make those rich churches and the middling rich churches realize about the poor ones. Amen."

Recitation:

"Thou that once, by mother's knee,
Wast a little one, like me,
When I wake or go to bed,
Lay Thy hands about my head;
Let me feel Thee very near,
Jesus Christ, our Saviour dear.

"Be beside me in the light,
Close by me through all the night;
Make me gentle, kind and true,
Do as I am bid to do;
Help and cheer me when I fret,
And forgive when I forget."



FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



THE "LITTLE MOTHER" AND HER TWO SMALLEST CHILDREN

HEART-STORIES

BESIDES the regular work of the Bible Training School, it fell to my lot last autumn to supervise a school for the women of our station in which they are learning to read their Bibles. There were ten bright women enrolled and I enjoyed them thoroughly. Both schools are under the care of Chinese women teachers and it was my duty to go from one to the other and teach classes and help in any other way needful. These women not only made good progress, but several who were not Christians made the decision. Going to their homes for the New Year many would meet persecution, but they were trying to be very brave. One, whose husband had been so

anxious for her to believe, told how since her marriage she had been spending most of the time with her mother on account of the poverty of her husband's family, and how her mother had been so glad to have her. With tearful eyes she said she did not know how it would be now, for her mother and family did not even know she was here; yet she meant to be a witness for her Lord even if turned out of the old home.

Another stole off from a worthless, profligate husband and was here for weeks quietly and happily engaged in study, he supposing she was with relatives. Her money was all spent, but she longed to stay till the close of school, so a kind friend lent her the needed amount.

Then there was one who is "the little wife", as they call the second wife when the first one is still living, was enduring the saddest of all lots. She was baptized last year. She is a strong, fine, handsome young woman making the best of her condition. Having been sold by her father when a girl in her teens she, of course, had no choice. Since Christ has come into her life, she is trying to live in peace with the older wife and her last words on going home were, "Pray that I may win her for my Savior."

A little mother brought two small children and did what she could when they did not require her attention. She is the wife of a proud Confucian teacher who has more than once beaten her because of her love for Christ and His cause. She was received into the church last summer after giving a most beautiful testimony, but as her feet had not been unbound she could not be baptized, since we require that all women under sixty years of age wear large shoes when they receive this ordinance. It was not easy to disappoint her. Of course, she had no other thought than to unbind her feet; she knew, however, it would mean more and severer persecutions and her body was then too much weakened by what she had already suffered to endure further punishment. She wanted to wait until she was stronger. Dear, brave, little woman! How my heart ached for her then. I am happy to say that, since she told her husband that she would suffer unto death rather than deny her Lord, he has been less cruel. May it please God for her to glorify Him not only in persecutions, but also in being permitted to lead this proud scholar and her boys to know her Savior.

"Gracious Light", loved by all of us for her sunny disposition, was not wanted at home by her husband and mother-in-law because, after an almost fatal illness, she was too weak and frail to serve them. "Not worth her board and keep" said they. Later, friends persuaded her to come to the foreign hospital and while there she was greatly relieved and also heard the Gospel, and believed. Although still a great sufferer, her brave and cheerful determination to be of service to others has influenced a friend to give her a home and provide the means to keep her in school, hoping she may get stronger and be trained for Christian work.

I might go on for pages telling the heart-stories of these women, for each has known in her own life the awful curse of heathenism. They now know and rejoice in the glorious light and liberty of the Gospel.—
Mary D. Williford, Lai Chow Fu, China

GOD'S SURE WORD OF PROMISE

(Incident from Life of Miss Whilden)

Man in his weakness sometimes forgets the sure word of the Almighty God and gives way to discouragement, because he does not stand in confidence. God knows the trial of faith is much more precious than gold that perisheth, so He will not always allow the seed sown to bring forth immediate fruit. He wants us to be "strong in faith". "Behold the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and *hath long patience for it*, until he receive the early and latter rain."

Again His Word commands us to "sow beside all waters". "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not which shall prosper, whether this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Then He follows up His commands with great and comprehensive promises, so that His children shall have no possible room for doubt or lack of encouragement for the work of seed-sowing. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." "He that goeth forth and weeping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his seed with him." "He that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth." These are the promises of Him whose word is yea and amen.

Some weeks ago, there was a middle aged woman, who spoke in the regular weekly prayer meeting of how she had recently decided to give her life to the service of her Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. She was moved by the Spirit of God, so those who heard her could but believe that this testimony was a true work of God. For years she had been fighting this call and, although her aged husband encouraged her to follow His leading, she was infatuated with the world's pleasures, and resisted. Since her husband's death, she has continued to turn

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SOCIETY METHODS



MAKING THE MOST OF THE MAGAZINE

(Adapted from *The Missionary Review of the World*)

Pray for Your Magazine

The Editors Need Your Prayers
So Do the Contributors
And the Subscribers
And the Canvassers
And Those Who do Not Take It
Few People Pray for the Magazine
WILL YOU?

Securing Subscriptions

1. APPOINT ENERGETIC AND ENTHUSIASTIC MAGAZINE AGENTS.

2. EQUIP THE AGENT. A canvasser who does not take the magazine cannot advertise it intelligently.

3. USE SAMPLE COPIES.

4. ENLIST THE PASTORS. They are the best advertisers. Get them to take a few minutes at the Sunday morning service to introduce it from the pulpit.

5. ENLIST THE SUBSCRIBERS. They, too, are good advertisers. "Let us talk the magazine and the things we read in it 'in season and out of season,'" says one business manager.

6. ENLIST THE YOUNG PEOPLE. *The Outlook of Missions* tells of the missionary committee of a young people's society that wanted something definite to do and at the suggestion of the pastor undertook to place a copy of the denominational missionary magazine in every home in the congregation. Sample copies were sent for and the young people delivered one to each home. Two weeks later the homes were visited again and subscriptions solicited. It was a heavy task but it developed the missionary activity of the society and secured many new subscribers.

7. ENLIST THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL. There is an immense amount of energy in the Sunday-school; most of it is unused. In one church a number of classes canvassed for their missionary magazine. A class of five

14-year-old boys rounded up 55 new subscribers in 10 days and a class of 10 girls secured 58 subscriptions in a church of 200 members where only 10 copies had been taken before.

8. HAVE A MAGAZINE FUND. One woman's society has a fund for furnishing copies of their magazine for three or six months or a year to women who are not interested in missions or who are not (or *think* they are not) financially able to pay the price. The plan works well. Many of the temporary subscribers have become permanent ones.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS. One of the best ways of advertising a missionary magazine in a church is to place striking announcements of it either in the church calendar or on the bulletin board in the vestibule. The following advertisement might be used successfully by some societies:

ROYAL SERVICE

Published in the Interest of the
Woman's Missionary Union
of the
Southern Baptist Convention

NOTE

That—

An informed society will be a transformed society.

That—

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

That—

ROYAL SERVICE has but one great aim—The Spread of the Kingdom for God's Honor and Men's Good.

Will You Help to Circulate It?



TRAINING SCHOOL



A BELOVED VISITOR

FOR many weeks the young ladies of the Training School had been looking forward with the greatest anticipation to the coming of Miss Mallory in February. Now February had come and so had the day set for her arrival. While all in the household were enjoying their noon-day meal, word came over the telephone that Miss Mallory was in the city and that she would soon be with us. Before dinner was over Miss Mallory entered the beautiful dining-room and was given a most hearty welcome.

Saturday night after supper is the time for relaxation at the Training School. On this particular night we were more than glad to spend the evening in Mrs. McLure's living room with Miss Mallory. Her delightful experience on the way to Louisville, the loving messages sent by friends of the Training School, the progress of W. M. U. work in different states, and the delight caused by the realization of our new building, all made our good time pass all too quickly. Miss Mallory repeated time after time, "Oh girls, we have been praying and planning and working for this beautiful place, but in none of our dreams did we see it as beautiful as it is."

Each evening during the week Miss Mallory taught the new Manual of W. M. U. Methods. Several visitors from the city were with us in the class. Every president of a missionary society and every leader of a Sunbeam Band, a Royal Ambassador Chapter, a Girls' or Young Woman's Auxiliary should not only have a copy of the Manual, but should also study the methods found in it and put them into practice. In this time of great distress and need we cannot afford to neglect our mission study and our Bible study. Really our prayer life must be deepened, our gifts for the spread of the Gospel must be increased, if we are to be able to bear up in this world crisis. God is stirring up the entire world and shall we fail to give the good news to hearts that are opened to receive it by reason of the suffering they endure?

As God, the loving Father, tries our hearts, as it were, by fire, so He allowed our new "House Beautiful" to be tested by fire. One evening during Miss Mallory's visit the papers we had stored in the basement caught fire. The smoke was filling the halls when the fire was discovered. Although no damage was done to the reinforced concrete building, yet the calm and orderly way in which all behaved themselves was only another way of proving that "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee."

On Valentine Day we enjoy giving valentines to those whom we love. The Training School girls prepared a valentine for the one whom they love, mother McLure. Within the red covers of the valentine were sixty little churches. Each church had the name of one of the girls in the Training School written on it. Miss Mallory gave several beautiful illustrations as she told Mrs. McLure that each church represented one of those that would be helped by the Maud Reynolds McLure Memorial Fund in the years to come. Thus the Training School girls manifested their love for Mrs. McLure by establishing this \$500 Memorial in the Church Building and Loan Fund in her name. Our valentine to her.

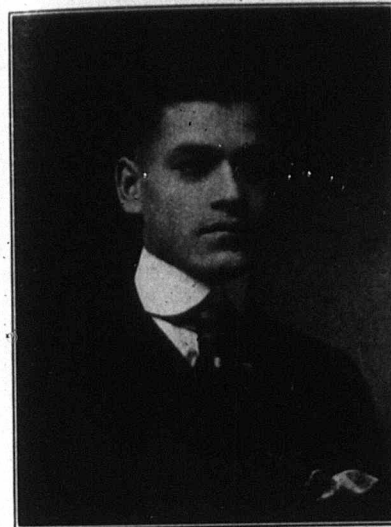
The days of this happy week passed quickly away. Soon it was time for our dear friend to leave us. Even to the very last day she talked of the beauty of the new building. As we stood in the beautiful lobby, given by the Sunday School Board in memory of Dr. J. M. Frost, to bid Miss Mallory a loving farewell we heard her say, "Oh, I wish every one who has given even one penny toward the new 'House Beautiful' could see it. It is so much nicer than we ever dreamed it could be." Our hearts were drawn closer yet to the Father by our contact with Miss Mallory's life and each one was more firmly determined to make her life a more beautiful temple for the Master's use.—Blanche Neville



PERSONAL SERVICE



"FIVE OF THEM WERE WISE"



LAWRENCE SKIO

THE Y. W. A.'s of the First Church of Bluefield, West Virginia, had a vision of what they could do for one boy and this is the way they realized it:

There were many boys in Bluefield between the ages of ten and fifteen who were out of school because they were compelled to help in the support of their families. This caused a demand for a night school. Here was an opportunity for the Y. W. A.'s and they quickly volunteered for this service. Five young women were selected, four of them were teachers in the city day schools and the fifth held a position in an office. Fifteen American boys and eight Italian boys enrolled in the school. The American boys were taught reading, spelling, arithmetic and other branches free of charge. Some of them were regular in attendance, interested and ambitious to get a start in life; others did not appreciate the efforts of these noble young women who were adding two

hours to a day already filled with strenuous labor.

As the Italian boys were learning English each one was charged \$1.00 per month for heat and light in the class room. The story of each one of these boys would make interesting reading, for they were full of hardships and struggles for a livelihood and for some education. One of these boys, Lorenzo Schiavulli, had come from Naples with his father when he was only a little lad. The father found work in the coal fields of West Virginia. Soon the boy became ailing and needed medical attention. He was brought to the Bluefield Sanitarium where his bright personality won for him the interest of both nurses and doctors. After his recovery he was retained in the hospital as an orderly.

A Royal Ambassador invited him to go with him to the First Church Sunday school. It was not long before Lorenzo became a Christian and united with the church. With his coming into Protestantism came the thirst for more knowledge. Although he was now sixteen years old he began English in a child's primer and under the faithful teaching of the Y. W. A.'s he made rapid progress. The months that followed, however, were not without trials for Lawrence. (He had now changed his Italian name to the English one of Lawrence Skio). He had secured a position in a store, was much improved in appearance and had developed a fine business ability. All this made him a mark for the Catholics who tried to recall him to their faith. It was in this moment of stress that the Y. W. A.'s grew even truer to their vision. Realizing his strong desire for an education they redoubled their efforts and met his needs and longings by planning to give him a Christian education that would make him a sturdy pillar in the temple of God. To carry out this purpose they placed Lawrence in the Buchanan Mountain School, themselves meeting the expenses of board and tuition.

This is the second year the Y. W. A.'s

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UNION NOTES



ROUND TABLE

DREAMS dosometimes come true and oftentimes the reality is fairer by far than the loveliest dream. Such is surely one's grateful feeling as she sees for the first time the wonderful new building of the W. M. U. Training School in Louisville, Ky. All the hopes of all the four years of definite planning truly meet in this "House Beautiful". The W. M. U. corresponding secretary spent the week, February 9-16, at the school. The first afternoon was spent with Mrs. McLure and Mrs. George B. Eager in going all over the building, exclamations of delight alternating with expressions of deep gratitude. The entrance hallway, with its two columns of pillars, with the library and reception room to its right and the pure white marble stairway with the amber art-glass window beyond, makes one exclaim "Oh, the Alhambra effect!" Mrs. McLure's suite of rooms is truly artistic and altogether comfortable. The alumnae and student-body may well rejoice that these rooms typify their gratitude to Mrs. McLure. The dining-room, with its high wainscoting, its double row of pillars, its great open fireplace, its round tables and its tiled floor is for usefulness and beauty truly typical of the life of Miss Evie Brown, in whose name it was given to the school by the Tennessee W. M. U. On the second floor is the chapel, every line and appointment of which call one to worship. Truly the spirit of Miss Heck is felt in this memorial chapel to her. The five, high Gothic windows, which her mother gave to the chapel, are exquisite as is the color scheme throughout the room. Miss Heck's portrait, also her mother's gift, is in the chapel at the center of the platform wall. On the third floor is the splendidly appointed hospital. The bedrooms on the three floors are all that one could desire; the three sunparlors are the delight of the sixty students; the class rooms are properly equipped; the music rooms are sound-proof so far as the rest of the building is concerned; the kitchen and its companion com-

forts are the helpful joys of all connected with the school; and the wing, which is temporarily rented to the Y. W. C. A. as its annex, makes one feel very grateful that the school could thus manifest its co-operation in housing the many young women whom war conditions have poured into Louisville.—Each evening at the Training School, the W. M. U. corresponding secretary taught the "Manual of W. M. U. Methods". Many of the Louisville societies were represented, especially the society which is composed of the wives of students in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. One afternoon of the week was spent at the Good Will Center at the meeting of the mothers in their "Friendly Circle". In spite of the extreme winter, the work of the center has been most encouragingly promoted.—Plans are being perfected whereby the dedicatory and commencement exercises of the Training School will follow closely upon the Southern Baptist Convention, so that the friends of the school who attend the convention may return via Louisville for these services. They will be, no doubt, on May 21 or 22 at the latest and every effort will be made to have a truly beautiful and inspiring service and large south-wide attendance. Let all, who can do so, purchase their tickets to Hot Springs via Louisville and St. Louis with stop-over privileges in Louisville. The schedule through St. Louis seems to promise a quicker trip returning from Hot Springs.—A dedication always presupposes all bills paid, so it is earnestly hoped that all who can possibly do so will redeem their pledges to the enlargement fund of the W. M. U. Training School before April 30. This applies to small as well as large gifts; every woman knowing that "many a mickle make a muckle".—While at the Training School, the W. M. U. corresponding secretary had the pleasure of seeing the students decide to establish a \$500 memorial in the Church Building Loan Fund. The announcement was made on "Valentine's

Day" and was given in the name of Mrs. Maud R. McLure. The students will lay aside their savings for it the 14th of each month, using Treasure Temple boxes to remind them and also a poster that day on their bulletin board. It will, of course, take several years to gather in the full \$500 but the plans and enthusiasm for it will be handed down from class to class and each "Valentine Day" the opening of the boxes will be a distinct feature.—Preceding the week at the W. M. U. Training School, the corresponding secretary went with Mrs. Janie Cree Bose, the Kentucky secretary, to a two-day missionary institute at Lexington. A large and enthusiastic delegation was presided over by Mrs. L. L. Roberts of the district. A number of Church Building Loan Fund memorials were pledged and several societies also agreed to double their apportionment to foreign missions.—En route to Mississippi from Kentucky, several meetings were held by the W. M. U. corresponding secretary in west Tennessee, under the direction of the state secretary, Miss Margaret Buchanan. The hostess places were Memphis, Humboldt, Trenton and Jackson. The audiences were large and deeply interested. A number of memorials were pledged to the Church Building Loan Fund.—At Trenton, Tennessee, a splendid but rather unique thing occurred. It was an all-day meeting with lunch at the church but the local society members planned so wisely that they could remain through the entire morning session and be ready with their guests for the opening of the afternoon session. Mirabile dictu!—While in Nashville and in Louisville the executive committees of Tennessee and Kentucky were in session as was also the monthly meeting of the local board of the W. M. U. Training School. It certainly was a pleasure and help to the corresponding secretary to attend these three important meetings.—Eight days in February and two in March were spent by the W. M. U. corresponding secretary in visiting societies in Mississippi with Mrs. C. Longest, chairman for the Mississippi W. M. U. for its Church Building Loan Fund apportionment. Nearly \$11,000.00 was thus secured in cash or pledges for this fund from individuals, societies and associations. The places visited were Clarksdale, Greenwood,

Leland, Indianola, Jackson, McComb, Hazlehurst, Moorehead, Meridian, West Point, Columbus and Winona.

FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

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a deaf ear to the spirit's tender pleading, until the past few months, when she began growing into a fuller knowledge of "the hope of His calling" and has at last yielded her life to Him.

Yesterday, in Prayer Meeting, she was the leader, and told how God had brought the light of the love of Jesus to shine into her heathen darkness and win her for Himself. Years ago, when she was a child of eight, her mother allowed her to go to one of Miss Whilden's day schools in Canton. The only object was to keep her off the streets. When the family saw what the mother had done they remonstrated, saying her daughter would be spoiled by such a school and would be unfitted for the worship of her ancestors. But the mother insisted that her daughter had grown better in many ways, and told what a blessing she had become in the home, so she let her remain in the school. Among a band of eight girls with whom Miss Whilden was wont to pray she was one, and here she had her first lessons in the school of prayer, which has since been so much to her. In speaking of these first years she said, "Why I remember distinctly the prayers Miss Whilden taught me, and I can almost hear her repeating Bible verses, as 'Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, I will do', and 'Pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you'. At the age of twelve she wished to be baptized, but her family would not allow it. For many years she had to steal away to go to church on Sundays. At one time, she was demanded to worship her grandfather, but she refused saying, 'I cannot do this. Once I did so, but I knew no better; now, the teacher (Miss Whilden) has told me that only Jesus can save a soul and it dishonors Him for men to pretend to have this power, either living or dead. Jesus is God and Him only shalt thou worship.' For ten long years she waited the fulfillment of her desire to be baptized, but it does prove that 'God is faithful' to His Word.—Julia Meadows, Wu Chow, China



HOME DEPARTMENT



"A LITTLE BIT OF LOVE"

I AM going to find out about it!" Mrs. Page was sitting alone in the dainty living room of her apartment and her remark was addressed to herself. Going to the door she said, "Ellen, come here I want to see you."

"Why mother, it isn't time to get ready for the meeting."

"I know it is not, but I want to see you at once."

From the ribbon on her curly hair to her well-clad feet, Ellen, as she came into the room, looked the comely mother-girl she was.

"Ellen, I am puzzled about your indifference to your G. A. meeting and I am going to try to find out why it is so. I must urge you to go every time. Now tell me just what you do at the meeting. Sit down, let us talk it over. Begin at the beginning."

"Mother, you know the beginning. It is 'Ellen, you will be late at the G. A. meeting, get ready at once,' laughed the daughter, and she fell at once to hugging her mother.

"Sit up, Ellen, I am going to find out about your meeting so tell me at once, for you have not much time left."

"Well," said Ellen, "when we go in, Miss Moore, she is nearly always late, says, 'Now girls do stop talking while I read the Bible.' Then after she reads we repeat the Lord's prayer. After that she plays the hymn on the piano and she does most of the singing as the girls seem lazy about singing. Mother, do you know we think she is engaged, I mean Miss Moore, she is wearing a new ring and looks at it a good deal. And Bettie Olson says she has seen her with an army lieutenant lots of times." Mother's special look of disapproval of gossip was quickly understood and Ellen continued. "Then Miss Moore reads from a magazine or leaflet—and we are awfully tired of those bound feet in China and child widows in India and the Japanese girls sold for wives. After that we take up the collection, say the Lord's prayer again and, thank goodness, it is over. Oh yes, we call the roll and sometimes sing again."

Mrs. Page looked as though she had found out. "Ellen," said she, "one year ago you gave your heart to Christ, and I know you were in earnest. It was a great joy to me. Perhaps I have not been faithful in teaching you the responsibility of being God's own child. When you speak so lightly of those other girls in China, India and Japan you forget that in Christ's service it is your privilege and part of your pledge to Him that you disciple all nations. They are His little ones and you have promised to carry them His invitation to come unto Him. If a small Chinese girl came hobbling to our door, would you not want to unbind her feet at once? Would you not want to tell her of the Saviour you have found? Oh, Ellen, I know your heart would almost break if the girls of Japan and Africa could tell you right here in this room of their cruel sufferings! And if we do not hurry, their lives and souls will be lost. Can you enjoy your own safety if you do not help to make safe those other girls for whom Christ died as much as He died for you? Cannot your G. A. girls understand that the sinfulness of their own neglect will delay the joy that will come to those to whom you have promised to carry the Gospel? Their suffering is very real. I am afraid for you, Ellen."

"Mother, mother, stop!" Ellen's tender heart was touched and tears were in her voice. "I wish you could be our leader! I don't believe the girls ever feel that we are responsible or can really help much. But I will tell them, and I know they really want to help the girls who do not know about our Saviour. It's time to go now. Good bye and thank you, mammy."

Ellen went off full of plans for getting the girls interested. When she came to the meeting she found that Miss Moore had not yet arrived so she poured out her heart to the members of the G. A. On entering the room Miss Moore was surprised to find herself surrounded by the group of enthusiastic girls who clamored in her ears that

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BOOK REVIEWS



No doubt many of our readers know and love the little devotional books of Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, but for those who are not familiar with these most helpful studies we earnestly bespeak their use. "The Manhood of the Master" was published some little time ago, then came "The Meaning of Prayer" and this last year "The Meaning of Faith". Most heartily do we urge our young women, and our older ones also, to use these books. Each chapter or study has seven very short readings on its subject matter with several pages of "comment for the week" at its close.

THE MANHOOD OF THE MASTER

"This book is not a life of the Master nor a study of His teaching. It is an endeavor to understand and appreciate the quality of His character. The significant events of His life are considered, but only for the sake of looking through them into the spirit of the personality who was active there. The principal emphases of His teaching are noted, but only for the sake of understanding the quality of the one from whom the teaching came. * * * The book is an endeavor, rather, to get back behind the thoughts of the centuries about Him, and to see the Man Christ Jesus Himself as He lives in the pages of the Gospels." The little book has twelve studies, among them are considered: The Master's Joy; The Master's Magnanimity; The Master's Indignation; The Master's Loyalty, etc. Surely the reading of this book with its many beautifully expressed thoughts must lead one closer to the Master. The book sells for .60, post extra

THE MEANING OF PRAYER

Dr. John R. Mott has written a short introduction to this book, in which he says: "Interest in prayer is world-wide. Among many recent writings on prayer possibly none does more to show its reasonableness than the following chapters. They will answer the unanswered questions of many an honest doubter. The daily arrangement

of the material will serve to make the following of this course of studies a valuable school of prayer. This suggests one of the principal merits of Professor Fosdick's treatment of the subject. It shows clear recognition of the simple and central fact—that prayer is something the reality and power of which can be verified only by praying. An alarming weakness among Christians is that we are producing Christian activities faster than we are producing Christian experience and Christian faith; that 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 opportunity and responsibility of our generation." There are ten chapters, among the subjects studied are: The Naturalness of Prayer; Prayer as Communion with God; God's Care for the Individual, etc. Price .60, post extra

THE MEANING OF FAITH

In his preface, Dr. Fosdick says: "If anyone approaches these studies expecting to find detailed and special views of Christian doctrine he will be disappointed. The perplexities of mind and life and the affirmations of religious faith, with which these studies deal, lie far beneath sectarian doctrinal controversy. I have tried to make clear a foundation on which faith might build its thoughts of Christian truth. And while I have spoken freely of God and Christ and the Spirit, of the Cross and life eternal, I have not intended or endeavored a complete theology. * * * As in 'The Meaning of Prayer' the Scripture has been used for the basis and interpretation of the daily thought. The Bible is our supreme record of man's experience with faith; it recounts in terms of life faith's sources and results, its successes and failures, its servants and its foes." There are twelve chapters, among the titles we mention: Faith and Life's Adventure; Faith a Road to Truth; Faith in the Personal God; The Fellowship of Faith. Price 1.00, post extra

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they were going to be more regular, attentive and interested in their work.

"Dear girls," said Miss Moore, "I am to blame for your indifference. We will all begin from this day to have more prayer and more earnest intention to carry out the great commission. You must all help me. Let us sing 'A Little Bit of Love'." Instead of taking their seats as usual they gathered around the piano and, oh, how they sang! Their young voices kindled an enthusiasm in Miss Moore's heart that never died out and that lead the girls out into loving, intelligent service.

A LITTLE BIT OF LOVE

Do you know the world is dying
For a little bit of love?
Ev'ry-where we hear their sighing
For a little bit of love;
For a love that rights a wrong,
Fills the heart with hope and song,
They have waited, O so long,
For a little bit of love.
From the poor of every city;—
For a little bit of love,
Hands are reaching out in pity
For a little bit of love;
Some have burdens hard to bear,
Some have sorrows, we should share,
Shall they falter and despair
For a little bit of love?
While the souls of men are dying
For a little bit of love,
While the children, too, are crying
For a little bit of love,
Stand no longer idly by,
You can help them if you try;
Go, thee, saying, "Here am I",
With a little bit of love.

PERSONAL SERVICE

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have supported Lawrence in this wonderful school where he is now receiving not only an education in English but in art and music. But better than all he is training for Christian service and building Christian character. During a recent revival in the school he wrote to a friend: "I love the Lord one hundred per cent. better than I ever did before."

Lawrence spends his vacations working in the railroad shops of Bluefield and thus earns what he can to supplement the amount the Y. W. A.'s are so generously giving for him. Being a good Christian son and brother he contributes a certain sum to his mother and sisters in Italy.

How rich will be the reward of the Y. W. A.'s of the Bluefield First Church for their unselfish efforts for Lawrence Skio! Forgotten will be the hours of weariness of body and mind when they look upon the fruits of their labors—labors that will be fully rewarded both here and hereafter! For surely the seed planted here will bloom in eternity.—*Mae Maynard, Virginia*

WHAT A \$1.00 WILL DO

One Dollar alone will not build a church, but only One Dollar will do the work when it acts in co-operation with other dollars in the Church Building Loan Fund.

Here is the proof. Study it carefully.

Mr. Joe Drewry, an expert accountant of Atlanta, certifies the following:

Five Hundred Dollars, \$250 to each church, will in 33 years
Build 60 churches,
Invest \$15,000,
Increase to \$3,000.
These Three Thousand Dollars in the next 33 years will
Build 420 churches,
Invest \$99,000,
Increase to \$19,000.
These Nineteen Thousand Dollars in the next 33 years will
Build 2,520 churches,
Invest \$600,000,
Increase to \$120,000.
Thus the original Five Hundred Dollars, in less than 100 years, will
Build 3,000 churches
Invest \$714,000,
Increase to \$120,000.

If Five Hundred Dollars will do this, then One Dollar, acting in co-operation with the other four hundred and ninety-nine, will do its one-five-hundredth part of the work. Therefore One Dollar will

Build 6 churches,
Invest \$1,428,
Increase to \$240.

Can you find an error in this calculation? The work of the Loan Funds of other churches has proved that it is right.

Amounts Given by W. M. U. Societies and Bands in the Three Quarters Ending February 1, 1918

State	Foreign	Home	S. S. Board	Marg. Fd.	Tr. School	Totals
Alabama	\$ 6244.69	\$ 2954.68	\$ 71.34	\$ 60.35	\$ 904.28	\$10235.34
Arkansas	1851.76	1043.62	4.00	7.00	462.36	3368.74
District of Columbia	264.00	256.81		15.00	64.50	600.31
Florida	1162.01	541.77	36.06	23.84	487.52	2251.20
Georgia	15737.52	5203.62	118.48	118.28	2142.39	23320.29
Illinois	869.00	185.27		10.10	369.79	1434.16
Kentucky	7544.12	2511.53	111.89	66.16	3658.91	13892.61
Louisiana	826.73	480.56	9.30	7.45	300.58	1624.62
Maryland	1077.12	794.40	16.60	26.50	455.55	2370.17
Mississippi	2348.69	2924.27	74.84	60.00	3345.62	8753.42
Missouri	2922.82	1231.08		108.66	1281.62	5544.18
New Mexico	121.01	77.37	10.50	10.50	112.55	331.93
North Carolina	5191.21	11560.78	272.87	82.42	5691.41	22798.69
Oklahoma	966.51	475.43			15.70	1457.64
South Carolina	10408.04	5130.19	277.53	358.32	2444.75	18618.83
Tennessee	4064.19	1825.17			1561.83	7451.19
Texas				42.05	853.80	895.85
Virginia	21767.11	4785.91	128.96	150.00	5615.00	32446.98
Totals	\$83366.53	\$41982.46	\$1132.37	\$1146.63	\$29768.16	\$157396.15

Amounts Still to be Reported to Meet the Apportionment for the Year

State	Foreign	Home	S. S. Board	Marg. Fd.	Tr. School	Totals
Alabama	\$ 5755.31	\$ 5045.32	\$ 28.66	\$ 9.65	\$ 906.22	\$11745.16
Arkansas	2048.24	1556.38	21.00	41.00	747.26	4413.88
District of Columbia	436.00	268.19	10.00	39.00	292.82	1046.01
Florida	2337.99	1958.23	3.94	21.16	†	4321.32
Georgia	11262.48	12796.38	71.52	71.72	1905.49	26107.59
Illinois	331.00	614.73	*	19.90	†	965.63
Kentucky	5755.88	6388.47	38.11	48.84	†	12231.30
Louisiana	3173.27	3519.44	15.70	17.55	748.74	7474.70
Maryland	1622.88	1005.60	13.40	23.50	†	2665.38
Mississippi	8651.31	4775.73	25.16	†	596.56	14048.76
Missouri	4777.18	3888.92	*	†	893.44	9559.54
New Mexico	928.99	632.63	*	1.50	†	1563.12
North Carolina	14808.79	2439.22	†	67.58	†	17315.59
Oklahoma	2458.49	2949.57	*	50.00	562.80	6020.86
South Carolina	10591.96	8869.81	†	†	†	19461.77
Tennessee	8915.81	6864.83	160.00	75.00	296.49	16312.13
Texas	23100.00	15400.00	120.00	157.95	1400.45	40178.40
Virginia	9132.89	15764.09	21.04	50.00	†	24968.02
Totals	\$116088.47	\$94737.54	\$528.53	\$694.35	\$8350.27	\$220399.16

*Apportionment not taken. †Full apportionment has been already given. The above figures for the Training School are obtained by adding the amount apportioned for the Current Expenses of the Training School for the year and two-thirds of amount pledged by the State for Enlargement.

THIRD QUARTERLY REPORT FROM THE SECRET OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION AUXILIARY TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

MRS. W. C. LOWNDES, Treasurer

NOVEMBER 1, 1917 TO FEBRUARY 1, 1918	ALABAMA	ARKANSAS	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	FLORIDA	GEORGIA	ILLINOIS	KENTUCKY	LOUISIANA	MARYLAND	MISSISSIPPI	MISSOURI	N. CAROLINA	OKLAHOMA	S. CAROLINA	TENNESSEE	TEXAS	VIRGINIA	TOTALS
W. M. S.—Foreign.	\$8887 80	\$782 88	\$121 00	\$729 85	\$9059 05	\$461 99	\$4162 32	\$322 99	\$509 84	\$1177 10	\$775 41	\$794 03	\$654 24	\$2642 32	\$2254 15		\$11035 58	\$29370 55
Home.....	1249 63	58 45	92 56	207 18	1502 60	63 61	819 57	133 17	300 48	1795 37	127 40	499 64	382 32	839 13	262 68		686 10	9019 89
S. S. Board.....				5 03			21 27	45	7 25	50 00		27 46					12 27	149 88
Marg. Fund.....	23 08		15 00	3 01		1 00	15 28		14 50		6 76	4 74		174 40			148 70	496 47
Tr. School.....	290 62	60 00	40 00	172 84	312 36	74 45	257 85	676 58	255 00	446 45	83 10	312 82	6 50	700 00			640 86	4845 54
Y. W. A.—Foreign.	112 64	42 25	10 00	63 02		119 17	319 95	113 41	59 30	115 00	41 67	136 03	621 25	32 25	274 45		1414 01	2432 15
Home.....	29 25	107 00	10 00	12 97		1 00	52 10	78 41	47 47	75 00	8 78	31 18	197 67	40 50			64 33	755 66
S. S. Board.....				10			1 25	1 85				1 00		6 40			1 25	11 75
Marg. Fund.....				38 97		2 00	65 56	107 50	12 00			4 40					26 85	4 75
Tr. School.....	15 4	3 70		71		12 75	70 35		2 56	20 00		51 21					214 61	453 59
G. A.—Foreign	35 72	1 00		71			11 20		1 55				34 08		2 00		13 21	69 60
Home.....	6 85													2 90			2 90	2 90
S. S. Board.....						2 20	1 00				81	1 25		85			4 46	32 97
Marg. Fund.....						5 72	17 99					8 99		9 55			194 77	347 84
Tr. School.....	11 85					2 00	5 38		1 00	10 00				35 89	7 69		58 14	58 14
R. A.—Foreign	4 82	2 00															7 30	12 34
Home.....	50						2 00					8 99		85			1 00	5 55
S. S. Board.....							2 00					25		2 30			1 12	13 62
Marg. Fund.....							5 00							6 00			1241 43	2284 94
Tr. School.....	1 50					48 42	63 45	1 00	3 30		8 85	95 01		556 29	65 70		56 40	295 55
S. B.—Foreign	155 18	17 15	5 00	24 16		2 00	8 90		50		1 17	64 40		129 36	4 87		98 22	98 22
Home.....	26 86			1 00			25					79 04		9 40			2 21	50
S. S. Board.....	7 32			25		50	2 75					77 18		5 75			6 71	87 75
Marg. Fund.....	1 00					50	7 75							21 21			4 00	4 00
Tr. School.....	9 47					50												5014 08
Alumnae Pledge																		
Louisville Camp'n																		
Totals.....	\$5881 03	\$3076 93	\$293 56	\$1245 76	\$10874 01	\$797 31	\$5913 17	\$1455 36	\$1244 75	\$3688 92	\$1033 95	\$2193 36	\$1043 06	\$3872 26	\$3947 15		\$132 85	\$70714 24

Totals: For Foreign Missions \$45,889 07; Home Missions \$10,198 84; S. S. Board \$275 09; Margaret Fund \$507 20; Training School \$8,303 45; Scholarship Tr. \$1,890 63; Total \$67,154 28

JUBILATE OFFERINGS REPORTED BY STATE TREASURERS IN ADDITION TO ABOVE

	\$ 65 00	\$36 00	\$ 124 20	\$ 10 00	\$ 625 47	\$ 66 75	\$ 27 35	\$248 81	\$1001 98
Foreign.....	441 88	38 75	\$228 79	1048 70	173 13	1164 93	274 23	296 82	1463 88
Home.....									7115 95
Totals.....	\$506 88	\$74 75	\$228 79	\$1172 90	\$183 13	\$1790 40	\$301 58	\$545 63	\$9321 51

TOTAL VALUE OF BOXES TO MISSIONARIES AND MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS

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