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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 May, 1918

*Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children lost and lone.
—Frances R. Havergal*

Topic: Baptist Woman's Missionary Union Training School

1—WEDNESDAY

Thanksgiving to God for the W. M. U. Training School
For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Jehovah, as the waters cover the sea.
—Isaiah 11: 9

2—THURSDAY

That many may find in the new House Beautiful a gateway into the larger life
The path of the righteous is as the dawning light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.—Proverbs 4: 18

3—FRIDAY

Earnest prayer for Mrs. Maud R. McLure, principal of the W. M. U. Training School
"All the way my Saviour leads me;
O, the fullness of His love!"

4—SATURDAY

Gratitude for the devoted services of Mrs. George B. Eager, chairman, and of Mrs. S. E. Woody and other members of the local board of the Training School
With joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.—Isaiah 12: 3

5—SUNDAY

For the young women in the war countries
Come unto me, all ye . . . that are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
—Matthew 11: 28

6—MONDAY

For the students in the Training School, Louisville, Ky.
Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
—2 Peter 3: 18

7—TUESDAY

That through their daily lives and loving services graduates of the Training School shall lead many to Christ
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.
—Frances R. Havergal

8—WEDNESDAY

For Miss Ruth Randall, school work in Rio, Brazil
Whoso trusteth in Jehovah, happy is he.
—Proverbs 16: 20

9—THURSDAY

For Miss Carrie H. Chiles, kindergarten work in Fukuoka, Japan
He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit.—John 15: 5

10—FRIDAY

For Miss Louise Tucker and Miss Pearle Johnson, church and school work, Shanghai, Central China
And we know that to them that love God all things work together for good.
—Romans 8: 28

11—SATURDAY

For Miss Sophie Lanneau and Miss Olive Bagby, We Lin Girls' School, Soochow, Central China
How beautiful are the feet of them that bring glad tidings of good things.
—Romans 10: 15

12—SUNDAY

Remember in prayer and gifts the little children of the war-torn countries
Whosoever shall receive one of such little children in my name, receiveth me.
—Mark 9: 37

13—MONDAY

For Miss Janie W. Lide (now on furlough), Miss Florence Lide and Miss Ada Bell, Girls' School, Tengchow, North China
Ye are seen as lights in the world.
—Philippians 2: 15

14—TUESDAY

That God's guidance may rest upon the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention, May 15-20, Hot Springs, Arkansas
Christ is all, and in all.—Colossians 3: 11

15—WEDNESDAY

For the Executive Committee of the W. M. U., Hot Springs
Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith Jehovah of Hosts.
—Zechariah 4: 6

16—THURSDAY

For the W. M. U. assembled in annual meeting at Hot Springs
Jehovah will be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.
—Isaiah 60: 19

Missionary Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists May, 1918

*O, use me Lord, use even me,
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where,
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.
—Frances R. Havergal*

Topic: Baptist Woman's Missionary Union Training School—Continued

17—FRIDAY

Prayer for the W. M. U.'s in China, Cuba and Brazil
We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works.—Ephesians 2: 10

18—SATURDAY

For the Woman's American Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, as they meet in annual session at Atlantic City, N. J.
The women that publish the tidings are a great host.—Psalm 68: 11

19—SUNDAY

For the meetings of the Northern Baptist Convention, Atlantic City, N. J.
One God, and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all.
—Ephesians 4: 6

20—MONDAY

For the W. M. U. secretaries and field workers as they meet this day in conference, Hot Springs
We are God's fellow-workers.—1 Cor. 3: 9

21—TUESDAY

Prayer for the trustees of the Training School and the Margaret Fund
The glory is not in the task, but in the doing it for Him.—Jean Ingelow

22—WEDNESDAY

For Miss Clifford Hunter, Carter Girls' School, and Miss Grace McBride, trained nurse, Hwang-Hien, North China
He knoweth them that take refuge in Him.
—Nahum 1: 7

23—THURSDAY

For Miss Pearl Caldwell (now on furlough), Pingtu, China
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.—Psalm 119: 105

24—FRIDAY

For Miss C. A. Miller, evangelistic work, Miss Alice Huey Girls' School, Laichow-Fu, North China
All the paths of Jehovah are loving kindness and truth.—Psalm 25: 10

25—SATURDAY

For Miss Mary Anderson (now on furlough), Miss Christine Coffee, Miss Paneuma Barton, Girls' School, Canton, South China
Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?—Romans 8: 35

26—SUNDAY

For our Baptist pastors as they carry the Gospel to the boys in camp
The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.—Romans 6: 23

27—MONDAY

For Miss Annie M. Sandlin, educational and evangelistic work, Yingtak, South China
My presence shall go with thee.
—Exodus 33: 14

28—TUESDAY

Prayer for Miss Clara Keith, trained nurse, Ogbomoso, Africa
Your life is hid with Christ in God.
—Colossians 3: 3

29—WEDNESDAY

For Miss Laura V. Cox, formerly teaching in Guaymas, Mexico, now on enforced furlough
Casting all your anxiety upon Him; because He careth for you.—1 Peter 5: 7

30—THURSDAY

For the work of the Louisville Theological Seminary
He that planteth and he that watereth are one; but each shall receive his own reward according to his own labor.—1 Corinthians 3: 8

31—FRIDAY

Prayer for Dr. E. Y. Mullins, president Louisville Theological Seminary
That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him.—Ephesians 1: 17

W. M. U. ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

Tuesday, May 14—Parlor B, Eastman Hotel
8:00 P.M.—Conference of W. M. U. Vice Presidents

Wednesday, May 15—Parlor B
9:00 A.M.—Margaret Fund Committee
11:00 A.M.—Training School Boards
3:00 P.M.—W. M. U. Executive Committee

Thursday, May 16—First Baptist Church

OPENING SESSION

9:30 A.M.—Words of Welcome
10:00 A.M.—Presentation of Greetings from Our Mission Fields
Introduction of Women Home and Foreign Missionaries
Announcement of Committees
Election of Nominating Committee
10:30 A.M.—Report of Corresponding Secretary
Report of Treasurer
Devotional Service
11:20 A.M.—President's Address
An Hour with the Homeless Church, Dr. L. B. Warren
Closing Prayer

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:30 P.M.—Hymn and Prayer
Reading of Minutes
Report of Board of Managers of W. M. U.
3:00 P.M.—Report of W. M. U. Literature Department
Discussion of the W. M. U. Manual of Methods
Report of Personal Service Committee
4:00 P.M.—States in Review, W. M. U. Vice Presidents
Presentation of Resolution of Woman's Missionary Union
5:00 P.M.—Prayer

Friday, May 17—First Baptist Church

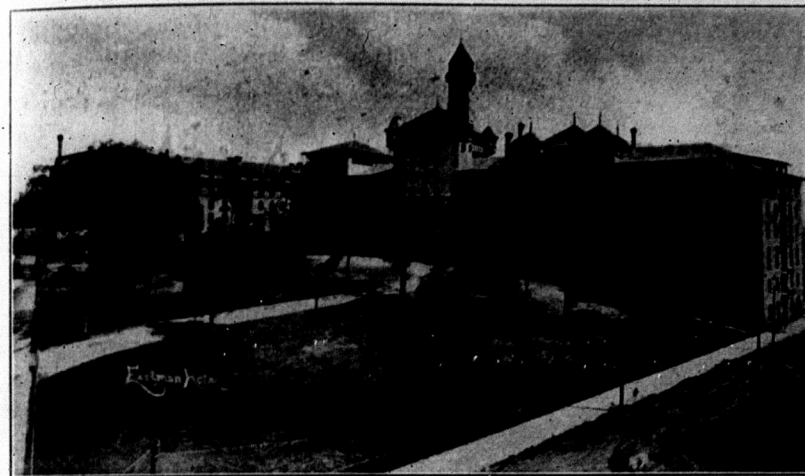
MORNING SESSION

9:30 A.M.—Hymn and Prayer
Reading of Minutes
9:45 A.M.—Report of Young People's Secretary and College Correspondent
Discussion of Our Young People's Work
11:30 A.M.—Report of Margaret Fund Committee
Report of the Boards of Training School
Devotional Service

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:30 P.M.—Hymn and Prayer
Reading of Minutes
2:45 P.M.—Report of Apportionment Committee
Adoption of W. M. U. Resolutions

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EASTMAN HOTEL, CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS, HOT SPRINGS, ARK.

HOT SPRINGS

LONG before the white man's foot ever trod upon this western land of ours we are told that the savage Indian tribes of North America battled for possession of these Hot Springs. They believed that bathing in these waters could cure their sick. At last a truce was declared and a treaty made by the chiefs with the result that the sick of every tribe could lave in the healing waters of the springs and be made well.

So out of the Indian past comes to us a symbol of the healing waters of salvation. At the feet of Jesus we find a cure for sin and hasten to bring it to others, even as our Indian brethren desired to bring all tribes to our Hot Springs. In this desire we have the true missionary spirit. Out of this spirit has grown the great gatherings where a renewal of zeal and enthusiasm and a mingling together in love fits us for another year of joyful service for our Master.

Hot Springs will this year be host to the great Southern Baptist Convention. We who shall greet you no longer battle for possession of our healing springs, nor does it require a truce that all may be benefited, but with hearts full of love for our fellowman we bid you welcome to our city where you will find comfort for your bodies in our sweet, warm springs of life; healing for your earthly cares by a united worship of our heavenly Father, bringing to us a richer zeal in His service. Hot Springs is an ideal convention city and has twice before entertained the Southern Baptist Convention. On both of these occasions the Eastman Hotel has been the headquarters of the convention. It accommodates 800 guests and will in every way be adequate. The Arlington Hotel is only one block away. This has a splendid a la carte service and accommodations for several hundred guests. Both hotels rank with the finest in the land and are noted for their very courteous and attentive managers. There are hundreds of other hotels in Hot Springs and ample accommodations for all will be assured. The Como, Marquette, Moody and Waukesha hotels, each have several hundred rooms and all have restaurants connected with them or very conveniently nearby. There are also satisfactory boarding houses where board and room will be furnished as low as \$10.00 per week.

The Tabernacle where the meetings of the convention will be held is a large structure in the very heart of the city, seating 3,000 in the auditorium with room on the stage for

300 more. The acoustics are perfect and I am sure no convention crowd has ever been more comfortably arranged for. The expenses of a trip to the convention at Hot Springs ought to be very reasonable, rates are to be had over all railroads, and after one reaches here expenses will be just what you make them.

The W. M. U. meeting will be held in the First Baptist Church, the second largest Protestant church in the city, this almost adjoins the Eastman Hotel. The auditorium of the church will seat 1500 people by using the galleries. There are five rooms which can be used for literature, maps, books, charts, etc., and in addition to this four other rooms which will make ideal committee rooms. Everything is in readiness for the meeting and the pastor, Rev. W. S. Kendrick and his wife have been untiring in arranging the details. Mr. Kendrick has been in Hot Springs only a short while, but has had many additions to the church membership. There are four Baptist churches in Hot Springs. Park Place Baptist Church, with Rev. L. H. Jordon, a young man full of grace and enthusiasm, as pastor. The Second Baptist Church, Rev. C. F. J. Tate, pastor. Mr. Tate has lived in Hot Springs since 1910 and is alive to all Baptist interests. The Oak Lawn Baptist Church, now without a pastor.

The city of Hot Springs presents an attractive appearance in May, the weather at that time is usually delightful and mother nature seems to have just completed her task of covering our hills and dales with fresh greenery and sprinkling it with bright spring blossoms. Hot Springs is owned and controlled by the U. S. Government. It was the first national park created by the government and was set aside in 1832. Thousands of people flock here every year; the afflicted to find their Bethesda, the pleasure-seeker to find his playground. There are many places of interest in and around Hot Springs. One of the largest ostrich farms in the U. S., an alligator farm which could do credit to the everglades of Florida, and an eighteen-hole golf ground are some of them.

As we are meeting on national ground we will be reminded that secondary only to our Christian duty comes that which we owe to our country at this distressing time. Following Him closely will make us worthy for every sacred and patriotic obligation that is ours today. Let the thread of conservation of things temporal be so woven through our lives that our offerings of self and gifts will be unconserved, full and free. Praying God's guidance in all our plans and that each be determined to make it a meeting devoid of useless display and one of utter unselfishness, we extend to you a loving welcome.

MRS. W. E. MASSEY,

Chairman Publicity Committee.

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3:45 P.M.—Committee Reports

Nominate Boards

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Resolutions

Election of Officers

Report of Obituary Committee—"Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan."

Devotional Service—A Call to Deeper Consecration

Saturday, May 18—First Baptist Church

9:30 to 11:30—Conference with Women Missionaries

Sunday, May 19—First Baptist Church

11:00 A.M.—W. M. U. Annual Sermon

Dr. Geo. W. McDaniel, Virginia

Monday, May 20—

9:30 A.M.—Secretaries' and Field Workers' Council



BIBLE STUDY



TOPIC—Development of Character

Consider the lilies of the field how they grow. Matt. 6:28

Jesus desired that His disciples should grow even as He had grown "in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men." Luke 2:52. How can we grow in the likeness of our Lord? Exactly as the lilies grow by fulfilling the conditions of growth.

I. *Aspiration* is the highest expression of character. Fire ascends. Lev. 6:13. To aspire is to grow, a character without aspiration cannot exercise a vital and ennobling influence. We are conscious of a perpetual need, we cannot be satisfied—we need more faith, more prayer, we must keep the fire burning; for this we must be constantly in prayer. Col. 4:2; Eph. 6:18; 1 Thess. 5:17. There must be preparation, consecration, waiting, silence; then follows the outcoming of the man prepared to do the work which God means him to do. Lev. 8:32. We grow and develop with Christ by association with Him. Mark 1:17, 18. We grow in Christ by appropriation rather than imitation, John 15:5, and the fruit of life in Christ is abundant. Gal. 5:22-25

II. *Self-Revelation*: "All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way." Isa. 53:6. God has to do with a fallen intelligence, an apostate heart, a selfish will. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold they are become new." 2 Cor. 5:17. We are not called to great improvements, to marvelous changes of a spiritual kind, but to newness of birth, regeneration, the indwelling of the Holy Ghost, the renewal—the re-creation of the inner man. "Marvel not that I say unto thee, Ye must be born anew." John 3:7. We cannot explain the process by which the Christian character is created and established by the Spirit of God. "The wind bloweth where it will." John 3:8. We cannot build Christian character upon other foundations, it must be a vital work in the heart, the divine Spirit living in the heart, breathing in the soul, established in the character. Sin can only be opposed by the Holy Spirit. Prayer in the spirit, righteousness at the foundations, the whole being burning with the presence of the consuming fire, reserving nothing that is impure and unlike our Lord. Heb. 12:29. The promises of God shall move the heart towards the very highest progress possible to earthly conditions. 2 Cor. 7:1. "Pray without ceasing," 1 Thess. 5:17, if you would enjoy the permanent witness of the Spirit. "If we live in the Spirit let us also walk in the Spirit." Gal. 5:25. "They that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit," Rom. 8:5,—a high law of discipline given for the preservation and ennoblement of the sons of God upon the earth.

III. *Self-Control*: Paul states the course which every follower of Christ is bound to pursue. Gal. 5:19-21, 24; Rom. 13:14; 6:6, 19-23; 1 Cor. 6:20; Col. 3:5. Paul seems to be describing his pre-Christian state in Rom. 7, this may have been his actual experience. He exhorts the church. Gal. 5:16, 17. Even the renewed life is a daily conflict, yet he whose will is strenuously on the side of holiness will be counted victor in the strife, for Jesus says, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." The prayer of 1 Thess. 5:23 expresses the desire to reach perfection with all the vehemence of increasing supplication, and he who aspires to this will, as a reward, be enabled to realize the highest possible degree of self-control and stability. It should be noted that holiness always brings a high degree of sensibility so that where once an evil action could be looked upon without self-reproach, now even a questionable thought leaves in the heart a sting of shame and self-hatred.

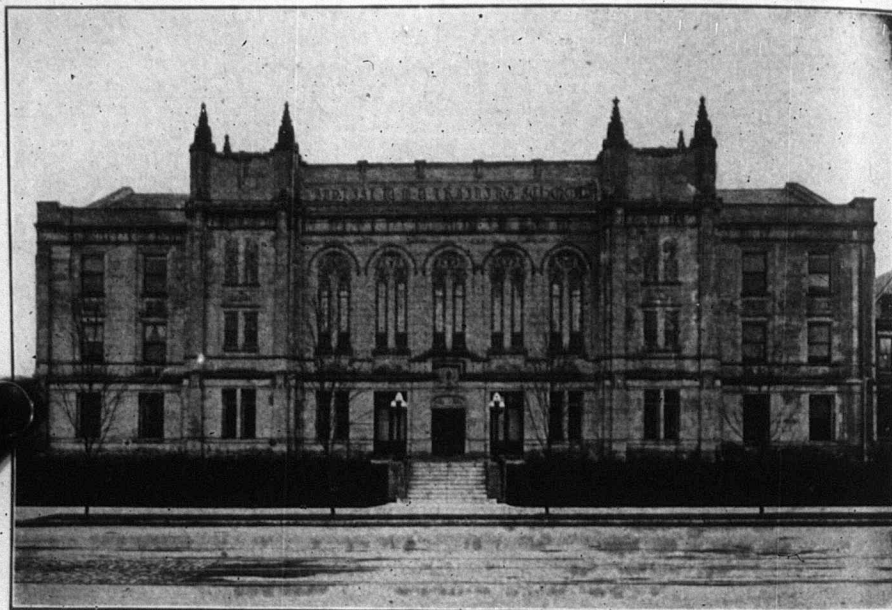
Noble character can be cultivated by acts of service. James 1:27. By fulfilling the royal law. James 2:8. If we be in Christ, rooted and grounded, our life will emit the frankincense, our hands distribute the myrrh of the Gospel and our every action will be modest, beautiful, simple and beneficent.—Mrs. James Pollard



PROGRAM FOR MAY



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.



BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION TRAINING SCHOOL, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

W. M. U. TRAINING SCHOOL

HYMN—Open My Eyes, that I May See

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PRAYER FOR THE STUDENTS

A loving heart is the beginning of all knowledge.—Carlyle
I know what joy is for I have done good work.—Ruskin

THE TRAINING SCHOOL

MESSAGES FROM THE GIRLS AT THE SCHOOL

1. The New House Beautiful Stately and impressive our Training School stands on the corner of Preston and Broadway in simple grandeur. The architecture is fifteenth century Gothic, harmoniously carried out through the whole building. The stained glass windows—first catch your eye. Then you notice the other decorations; the stone carvings with the vine and its fruit as the motif of the design, the symbolic book, sword, and shield, directly over the hospitable front door a reproduction of the W. M. U. pin. On each side of the broad front steps are standards which support clusters of lights. Far down the street they shine, and as we watch the golden rays our hearts turn to the faithful workers to whom these lights are dedicated, for they were the gift of former students in loving recognition of their comrades who have gone out to the home and foreign fields. On the first Sabbath of the school year at twilight the students gathered in the front hall for the ceremony of turning on the electric current which should send the light to these standards which symbolize their "Sister Spirit". As the hands of the chairman of the student committee and the president of the senior class moved the switch, the strains of the beloved Processional, so dear to Training School hearts, rang out and echoed through the arches, "Take the Light, take the Light, take the wonder and the glory of the Light".

Entering the building through the heavy oaken doors we come into the lobby, a spacious hallway with marble floor and beautiful columns. At the end of the lobby rises a marble stairway over which a large stained glass window sheds a golden glow over the whole hall. To the right of the lobby is the library opening into a reception room. The library is one of the most attractive and handsome rooms in the entire house. The woodwork and furniture are dark fumed oak and blending charmingly with these are the buff tinted walls touched with brown and gold. Built along three sides of the room are book-cases and in the center is a long reading table. On leaving the lobby we move along a corridor where we pass a class room, the literature room, the office, and the cheery sun-parlor. The sunparlor is rightly named, and with its wicker furniture and cushioned seats is cozy and comfortable. Mrs. McLure's suite is next. Both rooms are furnished in mahogany, the living room with old rose in draperies and rugs, while in the bedroom soft tones of blue predominate. From the door of the living room you walk down a corridor on either side of which are bedrooms, and at the end of this hall opens the dining-room exquisitely finished in dull driftwood oak. The columns, beams, high paneled walls, hand carved mantel, bare tables, and chairs are of the same lovely wood, while the tiled floor is in tones of tan and old rose.

On the second floor, extending across the front of the building is the Heck Memorial Chapel. It is hard to describe this room, for it means much more in our lives than any mere assembly hall. It is our place of worship, and is dear to the heart of every girl. The Gothic architecture is carried out in the stained glass windows, the decorations, and in the fumed oak woodwork of pews and platform. Mulberry hangings soften the arch over the platform, and Miss Heck's portrait looks from the wall to inspire us all.

The bedrooms were planned for the comfort and convenience of the girls. In each room there are two single beds, a dresser, a flat top desk, two straight chairs, a rocker, and two shelves for books. There is a stationary washstand with hot and cold water, and two large windows to give abundant light and air. The floors are hardwood and the woodwork, as in the whole building, is strikingly beautiful. Baths, trunk rooms, and sunparlors on each floor are convenient to the girls' rooms.

On the third floor the infirmary demands special mention. There is one large room done entirely in white, with kitchenette and bath adjoining. Across the hall is a smaller infirmary suite, which includes the patient's room, the nurse's room, bath, and kitchenette. From the third floor we will take the elevator to the basement. Here we find ourselves in the kitchen, roomy and well equipped. The large refrigerator, pantry, and storeroom are especially interesting, for here are stored the pickles, preserves, and canned

fruits sent to us by many missionary societies. Near the kitchen we hope soon to have a steam laundry, and next to the laundry room is the recreation room for gymnastics, frolic and play.

In taking you through the building I hope that I have made you see that everything has been arranged for our comfort and pleasure. We are trying hard to show our appreciation by endeavoring to live up to the ideals that the women who built this house hold up to us.—*Louisa Bomar*

2. The Training School a Realization of My Dreams
At last my dream of going to the Training School was a fact and in the House Beautiful the dreamer was a part of the full busy life of the school. To look back through the days, there is no one that can be designated as the day when the greatest satisfaction was reached. They may all be put together to make up one perfect whole, a period of entering heretofore closed doors, of securing clearer knowledge and deeper understanding of God's own truth, of being drawn closer to Him. With a feeling almost of having lived through the days of our Saviour's earthly ministry we study in the New Testament classes.

In the years of dreaming, a missionary was almost an abstract idea. Gradually through thought and study the idea came to mean that the missionary is a reality, but not till we had actual contact with those who have been on the field did there come the full appreciation of the fact that the Lord calls His livest, strongest followers to be His representatives in the dark lands. The Training School is a magnet for the missionaries. As they come with their burning messages of conditions on the fields and with reiterated assurances of the glorious privilege of being chosen by the Lord to carry His love to the heathen, the missionary spirit is no longer a far away or pinnacled idea. It is a personal responsibility. With the very atmosphere frequently charged with enthusiasm coming from these sources the girls joyfully grasp opportunities found on the city mission fields. Can there be greater joy than to see the little street urchin wanting to clean himself up, to play nice games, and to hear good stories, all because he has been to the mission and clubs?

Within three months of the close of the most wonderful period of her life the dreamer breathes this prayer.

"God, who gavest eyes to see a dream,

God, who gavest a heart to follow a gleam, lead on."—*Ora Fleming*

What a blessed assurance it is to know that "all things work together for good to them that love God, even to them that are called according to His purpose." When, as a child, I gave myself to Jesus, I began to dream of the wonderful things I would do for Him as the years went by. I longed to be of some real service to my Master. While still a child my heart heard and answered the call that came across the waters from the foreign countries. I determined that, if God would let me, I would some day go to those people and tell them about the blessed Saviour who died for them. Sometimes that dream grew dim as other matters obscured it for a time, but always it was there, the silver lining to all the clouds that came. I can see now so plainly how He has made all things work together for good and how He is helping me to realize my dreams in bringing me to this, our own House Beautiful.

My four years' sojourn here have brought to me an increasingly greater vision of my Saviour. "We would see Jesus" truly expresses the attitude of the students. We would see Jesus at all times and in everything. And Jesus has promised that those who seek Him diligently shall find Him. My dream of service—real service—is being realized even here in the Training School in my mission work. And oh, the joy of learning how to serve Him in the best way! Even the hard lessons become a pleasure when we remember that it is our privilege to "study to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth". The Bible has grown to be a greater, more wonderful book. It is as though a great light had been turned on its pages, the light of understanding, and I have found there precious jewels whose worth I never so fully knew before. Another dream that has been realized is the deepening of the meaning of

prayer in my life. I want indeed to "pray without ceasing" that my life may count for more in my Master's cause. But four years here have meant more than the realization of the dreams I had before coming. They have been the inspiration of even more wonderful dreams of service for my Master and my prayer is that I may allow Him to have His way in my life in making my dreams realities.—*Genevieve Kimbrough*

3. Applied Christianity
We of the Training School earnestly long to have some part in the bringing in of His Kingdom. The will, the determination, the desire to serve is ours. How to direct these and use them to the best advantage is the problem and so, day by day, we endeavor, under the guidance of experienced teachers, to learn methods and means of work. The prayer life of the school and of the class-room is inspirational, filling us with enthusiasm and zeal, but "Mother" McLure's classes on personal work and Dr. Gardner's on sociology are expressly designed to give us a better understanding of the character and the causes of the social conditions we meet in our daily experiences. These conditions we aim not only to improve but finally to abolish.

We are given opportunity to apply our theories and to test them in our practical work, in the laboratories of our classes, the clubs and visiting. These are conducted solely to help others, to teach the boys and girls some valuable lesson, to cultivate good habits, to create and stimulate in them a desire for the best, to win their confidence and respect. Sunday school classes give us the opportunity to teach directly of the wonderful power of Christ's love. The club leader or Sunday school teacher visiting in the home of her pupil may interest the parent or older brother and sister to come where the Gospel is preached; or in the reading of the Scripture and prayer, may point the soul to Jesus. In the hospital wards many avenues of service are open in His name. In the still hours of the night and the long hours of the day, the convalescent has ample time to think. Then a word fitly spoken may point out to her God's purpose in her life and enable her to turn over to Him the guidance of her way. A friendly smile, a handclasp, a word may win confidence and enable the visitor to help those who need. Through these friendly visits many leave the hospitals and go back to their homes and friends new creatures in Christ Jesus. He leads us to bring cheer into the dark valleys of suffering at the Home of the Incurables. At Bethel Mission the question "Is it worth while?" need never be asked. Many letters are read from men occupying respected positions, surrounded by families who love them, men who have been made over into His likeness from tramps and bums and are themselves now telling the "glad story" to their brothers. So the opportunities to see and feel the power of Jesus transform the lives of men multiply. On every hand the need is pressing. Sixty young women seem but a small band, and but for the assurance of His promise "I am with you always" it would be useless to try, but secure in His unfailing promises we sow the seed and leave the harvest in His hands. Results are evident, but many a life is influenced and becomes a power for good whose story never comes to us. The children retell the Gospel stories, the parents hear, and even in later years in a different community the seed bears fruit. Sometimes results are immediate. Fine boys and girls courageously take a public stand for Christ and go to their homes, their schools or work to be an example and to win others. Many discouraged mothers are led to see God's guidance even in their afflictions, many fathers are won back to the straight and narrow path and many little lives are led into His keeping before sin has twisted and marred them.—*Delma Maher*

MESSAGES FROM THE GRADUATES AT WORK

Through the messages from the students now at school you have had a glimpse of the life there. The following extracts from letters of graduates will show there is but one answer to the question, "Is it worth while?" Many of the women of the south have made great sacrifices to make real our school. They can have the joy of knowing that they have a part in the work for Christ in China and Japan, in our own country and our

* (Miss Kimbrough took two years of the regular Training School work, and is now completing the kindergarten course of two years.)

sister continent, for without the training their gifts made possible, our missionaries could never serve so well.

4. From the Graduates on the Foreign Field

Jane's (Miss Lide's) commencement is just over, the first graduates from our North China Normal school will soon get to work. It was a great occasion and kept us all terribly busy. There were between a thousand and fifteen hundred visitors. Having no normal school building and no large room in Florence's (Miss Lide's) school where the affair could go off, we had to have a straw mat shed over the playground for our auditorium. Cold? Slightly! My piano was moved out to the platform and kept covered with quilts and oil-cloth except for the occasion. While we were practicing the two previous days it snowed through the roof over me and the piano. Three of my music pupils played solos, and they and I each had a little brass hand stove to keep our fingers warm enough to play. I trained the children in the practice schools to do some little kindergarten songs and games. I wish you could have seen five little wee ones sing "Sleep, Baby, Sleep", in Chinese, of course, and rock their foreign dolls in long white dresses. Our decorations were lovely. Over the stage was an arch of yellow and white paper chrysanthemums and all about the edges and on the steps were pots of real ones, handsome ones, that we had raised. Florence's girls escorted the graduates in, carrying chains of yellow and white chrysanthemums. The practice school children were also in the processional. If you think it hard to teach T. S. girls to march, come try it here! They have never done anything to music in all their lives and have no idea what you mean even. I am teaching music and give about thirteen lessons a week. One of the girls who played at the commencement had taken lessons before, but two had had less than three months' instruction, and I wish you could have heard them. I was as amazed as the other folks.

Florence (Miss Lide) and I wished that you could see us the other day. We went to Chefoo by boat (I mean tub) and missed it coming back because it left an hour before time. So we got shentzes and started, two young innocents out in the cold world. And it was cold. We started Monday morning, and should have gotten in home next morning. We spent the first night in the "pullman" rather than the dirty k'ang inside. A shentze with two in it is a little small and whenever one turns the other must. We were to start at four o'clock, but toward morning it began to rain, and our feet and covering and mattress at the front end began to get wet. Our driver came out and covered us with straw mats. As we had to get to our work, we insisted at about nine on moving on. It was terrible; the mules slipped and slid, it was cold and wet. Suddenly, without a word, we felt ourselves lifted from the mules and the shentze set on the ground. We coaxed and commanded, but go on he would not, the river ahead was swollen and dangerous. "When can we go?" "Tomorrow, maybe." Florence grew desperate. I proposed going into the inn and stretching a bit. "No, I won't go in that old dirty place." I said "Think of staying wet and cramped until tomorrow morning," so finally we swam in. We put our steamer chairs up on the k'ang, which was cold; ordered some Chinese food, and I went in and cooked some more; and had a gorgeous meal. We both like Chinese food. We got comfortable for the night, with hot water bottles and quilts, in the chairs. From the time we left Chefoo, we saw not one woman, just rough men. We could not bar the doors, for all night the men had to pass through to get to their animals to feed them. Yet we felt perfectly safe and went to sleep. In the night we got so cramped that we had to lie down on the k'ang. Florence asked, "Are you in the least afraid?" "Not in the slightest." "Isn't it strange?" Then I quoted "He has given His angels charge", and we fell asleep till morning.—*Ada C. Bell, Hwanghien, China*

It is with a heart full of gratitude and joy I can tell you I am at last with Mrs. Lumbley in the Girl's School at Abeokuta, a place where my heart has been for so long. The realization is far greater than the anticipation, for they are such a happy crowd of girls and much more capable and docile than I expected to find them. We now have fifty, only half of them are boarders, the other half live in the town. Only a few visits in their

homes reveal to one many things they need to be taught. If only our girls and women could have a look on these women and girls they would know better how to appreciate their opportunities and privileges of living useful lives. We cannot know our blessings until we see the needs of others. And when I know it is not the women of Africa alone that are deprived of life's pleasures, but the women of many lands, I wonder how anyone can be indifferent to the work.—*Olive Edens, Abeokuta, Nigeria, Africa*

Just as a matter of information let me say that being a missionary in Brazil, at least in Rio, is just plain work. There are no frills or thrills, no cannibals, no tigers or anything like that, in fact, nothing romantic at all. Civilization is at its height in many respects and religious tolerance is a characteristic of Rio. The future for our girls' boarding department is "smileful", as is true of our other work, too.—*Ruth M. Randall, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*

There is an untold joy in the work here; I was never happier. Often I am alone but never lonesome. For over a week I have been the only English speaking person within over a hundred miles of here. We are all well and contented. The only sadness in my life is to look out on the streets at a multitude of lost men and women, to look into their faces and see sin and discontent written in every line. In the homeland we see this at times, but here it is in practically every face. I heard an intellectual man say last night that he had known Catholics all of his life, he had been a Catholic a greater part of his life, he had seen men grow old in the Catholic faith, men who were gentle and kind because they had nothing to vex them, but in his whole life he had never seen a regenerated Catholic. At nearly every service I can see scorn written on the faces of men and women. It is nothing that they laugh when we pass them on the street and call us children of the devil, but seeing them laugh at the words of my Master makes me sad, for I know that they do not realize what they are doing. How I pity their poor blind souls. How I long to see each one of them crying "Lord be merciful unto me" as I have seen some few. These are the sad things in my life—to see men and women reject my Lord. And the most joyful thing is to see men and women accept my Saviour.—*Mrs. Terry, Therezina, Brazil*

5. From the Graduates on the Home Field

One bright fall morning we knocked at the door of one of our Italian families. The mother greeted us with smiles and invited us up to see the new baby, her oldest daughter's second child. Cakes and candy were passed and all were happy. Several months later I stopped again to see why the little mother had not come to the mothers' club the week before. This time I was met by a little woman wringing her hands and crying in broken English "Too many babies, too many babies." Her younger daughter had twins and she was without proper nourishment and her husband without employment. What could they do? Being foreigners they were at a loss where to go to get help. I promised that we would see that Katie got milk and would help them all we could. It was beautiful to see the mother's gratitude as she followed me to the door repeating over and over "Tank m'am, I pray for you, I pray for you." This is only one instance out of many that show the responsiveness and appreciation of these our foreign neighbors.—*Jennie Graham Bright, Good Will Center, Norfolk, Va.*

A cluster of three room houses, perhaps three or four dozen, a tippie, a store and some cows, pigs, and goats running loose make a typical coal mining camp. In some localities, where it is convenient to a number of camps, a schoolhouse may be seen and occasionally a church building. My the filth! you say. Yes, sanitation is not the best and, worse still, the people do not care. The appearance of poverty coupled with dirt in the homes makes them repulsive to you, and you wonder as I did how do they live. This is typical of seventy-five per cent of the homes I visit. How do I help them? House to house visitation; giving advice where I can; instructing them in home-making and teaching them God's

Word. It means something to understand these people. One cannot depend on what they say. I am getting to be quite a "discerner". The women for the most part cannot read or write and are profane in their speech, a large number smoke and chew. My aim is a mothers' club in each of the six camps in which I am specially interested. I have one and what a difference it has made in this camp. The women are very suspicious of each other and will not mix. My efforts so far in the other five have proved futile. A sewing class for the children each week keeps me in touch with them. My program is similar to a Daily Vacation Bible School and we have great times. I sometimes feel my real work is with the children; they are so bright and attractive. I ask your prayers, for I am dealing with life, wicked and debased, and it is hard. Results are slow in coming, but through the power of the Holy Spirit I hope to win the few responsive ones to Christ.—Miss Norma Lombard, Logan, W. Va.

To think that it's been a whole year since we wrote last, I can hardly realize it. Time fairly aviates in Cuba—faster than anywhere else in the world, it seems to me. There's something to be done every minute of the day and we really need a good many more each day to do all we'd like to. It is a joy to see my little school children improving and developing in so many ways month by month. Many new opportunities of service along other lines have opened up during the past year and I am hoping and planning that, with His help, many things may be done during the coming year.—Effie W. Chastain, Cuba

Heigho! What is it a T. S. girl is not expected to know how to do? I teach thirteen periods a day, superintendlike (my own "koine", if you please) the dining-room, and am Lady Principal in Sunday school, and twice a week I teach the Sunday School Manual. The girls say I am happiest when they are sick and I can give them a dose of medicine. We are seven miles from the nearest railway station. Our girls' dormitory burned down a week ago and we lost nearly everything, together with our personal possessions. Our work is growing, however, and during the past week so many of our boys and girls were led to the Master. Pray for us!—Dulcie V. Winborne, Liberty-Piedmont Institute, N. C.

Location: 334 East Broadway, Louisville, Ky.

6. A Few Facts *Purpose:* The purpose of the Woman's Missionary Union Training School is to train women for efficient service in foreign, home and city missions, and as church, Sunday-school and settlement workers.

Requirements for Admission: No student under twenty years of age nor over thirty-three will be admitted in training for foreign mission service. No student under twenty nor over thirty-eight will be admitted in training for home mission service. The advantages of boarding in the school are manifold. A young woman is permitted, but never advised, to live outside the school, if with near relatives. Otherwise, she cannot enter the Training School classes, if outside the building. In order to be admitted a student must send one application to the trustee of the Training School in her own state and one to the principal of the school. These blanks can be had from the principal. A deposit of \$5 when notified of admission will reserve a room, this to be applied to the year's expenses of the student. No student will be admitted without testimony to her Christian character, fitness and well-known determination to enter into regular mission work either at home or abroad, by her pastor and four members of her own church. The best of literary preparation should precede the course in the Training School, for real success in this school depends largely upon a good foundation laid in high school or college. College graduates are the first choice of the Foreign Mission Board for appointment.

Courses of Study: The work leading to the degree of Master of Missionary Training requires three years; to the degree of Bachelor of Missionary Training, two years. One year's successful work entitles the student to a certificate. The courses include Bible Study, Sunday School Pedagogy, Personal Work, Theology, Sociology, Comparative Religions and Missions, Field Work, Music, Sight Singing and Medical Instruction.

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7. Financial Statement:

Total cost of new building, approximately		\$156,000.00
The Part of Each State	Pledged	Paid
Alabama	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,093.78
Arkansas	2,000.00	586.06
District of Columbia	500.00	40.50
Florida	1,400.00	1,113.81
Georgia	9,000.00	4,069.51
Illinois	500.00	554.44
Kentucky	7,000.00	7,960.98
Louisiana	2,500.00	967.92
Maryland	1,200.00	1,014.72
Mississippi	7,000.00	4,070.10
Missouri	4,000.00	1,865.85
New Mexico	150.00	152.70
North Carolina	9,000.00	9,000.00
Oklahoma	1,500.00	536.50
South Carolina	7,500.00	5,156.06
Tennessee	6,500.00	4,061.83
Texas	3,000.00	604.55
Virginia	12,000.00	11,274.13
Total	\$80,750.00	\$56,123.44

Scholarship Fund: Received since May 1, 1917.

Alabama	\$ 581.70
Arkansas	1,000.00
Florida	185.00
Georgia	822.50
Illinois	220.07
Kentucky	733.75
Louisiana	524.00
Maryland	445.69
Mississippi	100.00
Missouri	205.30
North Carolina	712.56
South Carolina	785.63
Tennessee	350.00
Virginia	775.00
Total	\$7,441.14

What hath been done?

Great stones and strong buttresses, solid walls and heavy beams, beautiful windows and polished doors have moved into place through the dynamic of the Union at prayer.

Women of the Union, your love offering to God stands fair and beautiful on Preston and Broadway, and future generations as they look upon this wonderful structure will hold the very stones sacred because your hands have touched them.

Rejoice then for what has been accomplished, as you bend to the last payments on the building. Through you God is training our young women for world vision, and for world work. Dare we falter before we pay the last penny?—Maud R. McLure, Principal

HOMING THOUGHTS

I am thinking tonight of a place that I love,
The W. M. U. Training School,
Where the girls are the choicest in all the world,
Where love and loving doth rule.

How I wish I were there for just one sweet day,
To walk again in those halls,
To hear the sweet laughter and voices of mirth,
Which memory ever recalls.

I can see the girls gaily trooping to school,
So merry adown the street,
With arms full of books and lessons all learned;
Those great professors to meet.

I just think I can hear those same girls tonight,
When in the chapel they meet
With worship and praise; and the songs that *they* sing,
Sing in *my* heart, fresh and sweet.

And again my eyes see our faculty dear,
Those women so helpful and strong,
Their lives are our standard, and surely to them
All praise and honor belong.

But most loved of all is our good principal—
Oh, for a touch of her hand!
What would I not give for her counsel tonight,
In far-away China-land!

The lessons I learned at the dear Training School
With me shall ever abide,
For they give to me hope and gird me with strength
To serve and follow my Guide.

Margie Shumate, Shui Hing, China

Y. W. A. PROGRAM

Subject—The Baptist Woman's Missionary Union Training School

Hymn—O Worship the King

Bible Lesson—Rom. 12; Matt. 9: 35-38

Hymn—Jesus Calls Us

Prayer

I. A Brief History of the Training School
II. Plan your meeting as your state reunion of the students and alumnae of the Training School. Secure a list of the students that have gone from your state to Louisville. Have different members impersonate these girls and tell their experiences either at the Training School or in the homeland or on the foreign field.

Prayer—For the Training School—Its Students and Alumnae

Hymn—Lead on, O King Eternal

Dismissal by Sentence Prayers

Suggestions: (1) Find out where the nearest missionary conference will be held this summer and send a member of your Y. W. A. to the meeting. (2) See if it will not be possible for your Y. W. A. to conduct a Daily Vacation Bible School this summer.

THE BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION TRAINING SCHOOL

"The idea of a Training School for southern Baptist women missionaries was born in the heart of our veteran missionary, Dr. E. Z. Simmons of China, but it was years before his dream materialized." The need was brought home when, in 1904, four young women entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary for training for missionary service. Of course the seminary had no boarding accommodations for women, so these students were forced to board out in the city. As is so often the case where there are no dormitories, these students suffered many hardships and discomforts. When the professors' wives learned what privations they were enduring they were very much impressed and did what they could for them. Soon a group of Baptist women came together to talk over the situation and see what could be done. As a result of this meeting a house was

rented where these students could live. The women of Kentucky by hard work continued to rent this house for three years. By the year 1907 the Woman's Missionary Union, having the sanction of the Southern Baptist Convention, determined to open a Training School for Christian workers at Louisville, Kentucky. Great was the joy of the women of our southland when the Sunday School Board gave them \$20,500 which enabled them to buy the property on E. Broadway for their Training School. Thus it was in the fall of 1907 that the school was opened with an enrollment of twenty students.

The history of the Training School from the very beginning has rung with the note of success. Its story is one of steady growth. There has been a continual increase in the enrollment and this has necessitated the enlargement of the plant. First, came the acquisition of an adjacent lot, looking forward to the time when a new Training School would be built; then the purchasing of a house, to be used as a Settlement House and to be known as the Good-Will Center; and finally in the fall of 1917, the occupying of the new Training School, handsome, commodious, modern and complete, the realization of the hopes of the Woman's Missionary Union and the result of much labor, sacrifice and prayer.

Of course the acquirement of such equipment brings great joy, but it is the work of the students who are there and those who have left its portals that causes real thanksgiving. From its doors more than forty young women have gone forth to engage in mission work on the foreign field, some as wives and some as teachers. Many more have chosen to labor in the homeland, some in the mountains, some among the mill people, others among the immigrants or negroes, while still others are engaged as church and missionary secretaries, or are employed in institutional churches. Whether at home or abroad, the alumnae are proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and are true to the ideals of the Woman's Missionary Union Training School.

COLLEGE Y. W. A. PROGRAM

TOPIC—The W. M. U. Training School

HYMN—Lord, Speak to Me

SCRIPTURE LESSON—James 1: 22-25

CURRENT EVENTS—See May Magazines

PRAYER

FIVE-MINUTE TALKS

1. The Necessity of Training for Christian Service
2. Opportunities Open to the College Girl in Definite Christian Work
3. Our Training School at Louisville
4. Requirements for Admission and Expense of Course (See Training School Catalogue which may be obtained from Mrs. M. R. McLure, 334 East Broadway, Louisville, Ky.)
5. Work We are Going to Do for Christ this Summer

HYMN—O Jesus, I Have Promised

A wonderful treasure is offered to each student this May. She is about to be given three whole months of freedom from the regular routine of study and freedom to follow her own bent. What are these months going to mean to you? What are they going to mean to your country? What to Christ? They should mean a time of increased physical strength. Can they not mean also a period of increased spiritual strength as well. Map out a definite course of Bible study that will require the three months for completion and then never let a day pass without its devotional time alone. Miss Condé's new book *The Human Element in the Making of a Christian* and Dr. T. R. Glover's *The Jesus of History* are both interesting and illuminating studies written especially for college students. You will find your next year at college will count for more if you take time to think and grow spiritually this summer.

While you are at home there may come to you the opportunity to help in carrying out Christ's last command. You may be able to interest the young people in your church in the missionary enterprise. This year a deep realization of world fellowship has come to the college students. Pass on your vision to others. If there is no Girls' Auxiliary or Royal Ambassador Chapter or Sunbeam Band in your church, there is your chance. Start one. Get the boys and girls together, organize them, have a weekly meeting in which you include good times as well as study, and train a leader to continue the work when you leave in September. This is not a year when our churches should say "Business as usual". The times demand more than that. Not merely to keep up with our ordinary work for Christ but far to surpass anything hitherto done, should be our ideal.

TWILIGHT WATCH STUDIES

(Taken from *The Human Element in the Making of a Christian*, by Miss Bertha Condé)

FIRST TWILIGHT: The Claim of Christ's Call. (1) The claim of loyalty to Christ, Matt. 10: 32, Phil. 1: 20. What is the usual cause of our disloyalty to Christ? What did it cost our Lord to be loyal to us? (2) The claim of the kingdom, Matt. 28: 19, 20. (3) The claim of Christ's ambition that we should share His glory, John 17: 18 and 20: 21. What service did it involve? Read John 15: 16, 17. (4) The challenge of Christ's example, Matt. 9: 36-38. What do we usually see in a multitude? See Matt. 10: 24, 25. (5) The claim of a possible task, Matt. 25. How may we give personal service to Christ now?

SECOND TWILIGHT: Entering into the Kingdom. (1) Two types of people who enter:

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G. A. PROGRAM

Prepared by Una Moffitt Roberts

Subject—A Day in the Training School

Hymn—Lord, Speak to Me that I May

Speak

Scripture—Mark 3: 15; John 15: 8

Prayer—For Training School Girls the World Over

Hymn—Selected

Exercise—A Day in the Training School

Hymn—Work for the Night Is Coming

Business. Offering. Closing Exercises

Note: Have five girls personate Training School characters, Mrs. Maud R. McLure, principal; Miss Mitchell, housekeeper; Miss Leachman, city missionary, and two Training School girls.

Leader: Miss Mitchell, won't you tell us something about the Training School at Louisville?

Miss Mitchell: (Get this from general program in this issue of ROYAL SERVICE.)

Leader: I am glad we have had such a splendid account of our beautiful building, and now Miss _____ will tell us about the home life in the school.

First Student: So often visitors exclaim "It is not a school it is a home", and they are right. Here simple tasks are glorified by the happy doing of them. Every girl has a part in the keeping of the house, serving meals, dishwashing, clearing and setting tables, cleaning chapel, corridors, sunparlors, office and bathrooms, besides keeping her own room open for inspection at all times. The dining-room is a place of true refreshment as no "shop talk" is permitted. The groups of girls who work together have daily conferences and prayer meetings and every girl has her own quiet prayer time. Social life is not wanting, in the late afternoons the sunparlors are the centers of gay little groups, and for the outside contact several social affairs are given during the year by the Seminary, the churches and the Training School. But the heart of the home is inside the open door of Mrs. McLure's room: There the girls are sure of sympathetic attention to their problems and their work.

Leader: Every G. A. is a student and will be glad to hear of the student life in the Training School from one of their number.

Second Student: (See general program.)

Leader: The afternoons are given to field work and Miss Leachman, the city missionary, will tell us about this practical student service.

Miss Leachman: The Training School girls do mission work in seventeen churches and institutions in Louisville. They visit hospitals, work in negro settlements, factory districts, and in the weaker churches. But the most interesting work is done in our own Good Will Center, owned and controlled by the Training School. Here sixteen leaders and co-workers conduct clubs for boys and girls, young women and mothers, story hour for little children, Sunday school and prayer meetings, playground games, music lessons, and encourage the use of the free baths.

Leader: Mrs. McLure, the honored principal of the school, will speak to us on the meaning of the school motto.

Mrs. McLure: The aim of the life in the Training School is expressed in these four words, "We would see Jesus". We would see Him in the purpose of our lives, in contact with those about us, in the little common tasks of every-day life. In our deeds and words we would reflect Him to all the world. Under the inspiration of these words forty-five of our girls have gone to labor in foreign fields and many more have buried their lives in obscure places in the homeland.

Two tall standards bearing clusters of lights stand at the portals of the House Beautiful. They are glowing symbols of the light these young women are bearing into a sin-darkened world. These clusters of lights are also invitations to the girls of our southern states to enter the portals of service. Oh, that many may answer the call to become torch bearers for the Master! This call comes to you, dear girls, what will your answer be?



R. A. PROGRAMS



FIRST MEETING

Subject—Training for Service
Bible Reading—Matt. 25: 31-46
Sentence Prayers
Commission and Declaration
Hymn—Stand Up! Stand Up for Jesus!
Minutes. Roll Call. Treasurer's Report
Hymn—Building, Daily Building
Topic Talk—By Leader
Offering. Closing Prayer

Thought for Bible Lesson: All the nations of the earth will some day be gathered before God. The words that the Son of Man shall say will thrill every heart. There will be some questions asked. Let us ask these of ourselves today. What shall the answers be?

To the Leader: In these days of military training about which the boys are so well informed it should be easy to lead up to the topic of training for Christian service. Just as much earnest work should be put into the training of Christian soldiers as into that of the soldiers who are defending our country. In Christ's army are women as well as men, fighting for the right, side by side. Those women who served in the Russian army were called the Battalion of Death. In Christ's army we might well call our women missionaries the Battalion of Life, for they go forth carrying life and light into the world.

The school in which our Baptist young women are being trained for Christian service is the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union Training School, Louisville, Ky. By close study and practical work they are fitted, after a three years' course, to become home or foreign missionaries, secretaries, nurses, pastor's helpers, teachers and settlement workers. (Show picture of Training School on page 10.) This beautiful building was finished last autumn and more than 60 pupils were enrolled. They go to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary for lectures by the professors of that splendid institution. Last year the Royal Ambassadors of the whole south gave to the Training School almost \$200, so we can feel that we have a part in preparing our young women for service.



ROYAL AMBASSADORS OF CHINA

SECOND MEETING

Subject—Hands Across the Sea
Hymn—I Love to Tell the Story
Bible Reading—Matt. 28: 19, 20
Prayer
Hymn—I Am a Stranger Here
Roll Call. Business. Offering
Talks { Worthwhile Work on the Foreign Field
 { Our Part in this Work
Hymn—Rescue the Perishing
A Letter from China—Read by Chief Counsellor
Comments on Letter—By R. A. Members
Closing Exercises

Thought on Bible Lesson: "Unseen by mortal eye, He is yet ever with us. In His presence we are in the presence of the Father and the Son. He is our constant companion. He has taken up His abode with us and will never leave us nor forsake us. We can speak with Him and He will speak with us. His perpetual presence and His work in our hearts is the fulfillment of His promise."

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SUNBEAM PROGRAMS



FIRST MEETING

SUBJECT—Getting Ready
SONGS—Selected by Band
SCRIPTURE—Col. 3: 12-17; 2 Tim. 2: 15
PRAYER
TALK BY LEADER
EXERCISE—The House Beautiful
RECITATION—Three Lessons
HYMN—When He Cometh
BUSINESS. / ROLL CALL. OFFERING. DISMISSAL



LITTLE LOVE FLOWER

—Little Love Flower's mother and all her family are Christians, but her father's family hate the Christians. Love Flower is not yet five years old but her cruel grandmother is already beginning to bind the little feet. Will not you Sunbeams pray that God will somehow save little Love Flower from this cruel torture?

Thought for Bible Lesson: If we are to be God's dear children the lessons we must learn are kindness, meekness and patience. Just as God forgives us we must forgive each other. By learning these lessons we help others to serve Him. Whether we work or play, eat or drink, we must do all to the glory of God. Paul wrote to Timothy, his young friend, to be diligent in studying in order that he might teach the truth to others.

To the Leader: Open the meeting with a song service, calling on the children for their favorite hymns. After the Scripture lesson and prayer tell the children about the Baptist Woman's Missionary Training School at Louisville, Kentucky. (Show picture on page 10.) Abundant material for this talk will be found in the other programs in this issue of ROYAL SERVICE.

Have fourteen children give the exercise "The House Beautiful". Let each child wear a high-pointed cap on the front of which is one of the letters spelling TRAINING SCHOOL. Call each one to the plat-

form in their order to recite verse. They will remain standing together until the words are spelled out. Be sure to have the letters of a good size and to keep children standing an instant at end of exercise.

Follow recitation with solo. A larger girl might sing solo, or perhaps a G. A. might be invited to do this. If possible have roll call answered by giving names of Training School girls, these can be procured from their catalog. For this send to the Woman's Missionary Union Training School, 334 East Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky, postage 5 cents

The House Beautiful

To do our work well in the very best way,
is wise not to miss our lessons today.

Right here, dear "T", I would just like to say,
ecite lessons first and afterwards play.

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

h, that is a proverb that gives me real joy!

I ndeed, Mr. "A", you are laughing too quick,
f you worked as you play you'd make yourself sick.

No Sunbeam wishes to grow up a "shirk".
ow is the time for foundation's good work.

I 'nr going to enter a big Training School,
'll first study hard and keep every rule.

Now, Miss "I", you've a long way to go
otice—to Louisville is a mile or so.

Go ahead Miss "I". for you will arrive,
ranted you work like a bee in a hive.

Recitation:

"These lessons Thou dost give
To teach me how to live,
To do, to bear,
To get and share,
To work and pray
And trust alway.

Three Lessons

"What thought I may not ask
To choose my daily task,
Thou hast decreed.
To meet my need.
What pleases Thee
That shall please me.

"Some day the bell will sound,
Some day my heart will bound,
As with a shout
That school is out,
And lessons done,
I homeward run."

SECOND MEETING

SUBJECT—Our Big Girls

HYMN—Be a Little Sunbeam

SCRIPTURE—Proverbs 20: 11, 12; Psalms 90: 12

LORD'S PRAYER

LEADER'S TALK

Thought for Bible Lesson: Little children are as dear to the Lord Jesus and they can serve Him as truly as grown people. They can teach grown people by their example, for "even a child maketh himself known by his doings". If he does right things others will know that he is trying to have the "hearing ear and the seeing eye". That means being quick to hear and obey. Let us ask God to help us to "number (take account of) our days, that we may get us a heart of wisdom".

School is a workshop, my dear sister letter.
chool books are tools to shape our work better.

Come, tell us more of this school in Kentucky,
an we go some day, (aside) if we are so lucky?

"House Beautiful" their school the girls call.
ow they love it, every stone in the wall!

Ologies are taught, all kinds, twice every week.
h yes,—and music and Latin and Greek.

O h, how grand and grownup these 'ologies sound,
nly to think of them makes ones head go round.

L et us not think of them, but just do our bit—(All listen, a bell taps.)
etters! Its time to make our exit!
(Hurry off platform.)

HYMN—The Fields Are All White

PRAYER—For More Reapers

QUIZ

RECITATION—A Prayer for Our Soldiers

OFFERING. CLOSING PRAYER

Leader's Talk: At our last meeting we learned something about our Training School building. Today we will hear about the big girls who go there to learn how to become Christian workers. After they graduate some of them will be home missionaries, some foreign missionaries; these last will go across the sea to teach just such dear little Chinese girls as "Love Flower". (Show picture on page 23.) See, she is praying! And they will teach boys like these Chinese Royal Ambassadors. (Show picture on page 22.)

You have seen the soldiers and sailors on our streets, have you not? We see them because there is a big war on the other side of the ocean and they are going across to help to bring it to an end. A big missionary society of men and women sent some of its members to Washington City to ask President Wilson what was the very best thing they could do to help these soldiers and sailors of our country. President Wilson told them that they must keep on with their Christian work and take care of their missionaries, for that would make them the best kind of helpers for our Army and Navy. Do you know what that means? It means that the president thinks church and missionary work is very valuable in time of war, and he does not want us to stop even a least little bit of it. Have somebody read to you the message he wrote to the school children.

Every one of us can help by being as obedient as a soldier, who obeys instantly; by not spending pennies for candy; by eating cheerfully whatever is given us; by loving and learning and helping whenever we can.

Ask for reports on Personal Service work for June meeting.

Quiz

- Q. Who taught "Love Flower" to pray?
A. A missionary
- Q. What is a missionary?
A. One whom God sends with a message
- Q. What is a missionary training school?
A. A school where Christians are taught how to do mission work in the best way
- Q. Have we Baptists a training school?
A. Yes, the Baptist Woman's Missionary Training School at Louisville, Ky.
- Q. Is our school a large one?
A. Yes, it has a chapel and many rooms

- Q. Is it a handsome building?
A. So handsome that the girls call it the "House Beautiful"
- Q. Who is the principal of the school?
A. Mrs. Maud R. McLure
- Q. What kind of Christian work are they taught?
A. The work of home and foreign missionaries, mission school teachers, pastors' helpers, missionary secretaries
- Q. Who teaches them?
A. Mrs. McLure and professors in the biggest Baptist Training School for preachers in the world
- Q. Are any of these young women at work now?
A. Yes, many of them
- Q. Where are they working?
A. In China, Japan, Africa, Brazil, Cuba, Mexico and in our own United States
- Q. Do Sunbeams give anything to the Training School?
A. Yes, last year we gave more than \$1000
- Q. What else can we give?
A. Our prayers and perhaps ourselves when we are older

Recitation:

A Prayer for Our Soldiers

- "Holy Father, in Thy mercy,
Hear our anxious prayer,
Keep our soldiers now far absent,
'Neath Thy care.
- "Jesus, Saviour, let Thy presence
Be their light and guide;
Keep, oh, keep them in their weakness
At Thy side.
- "When in sorrow, when in danger,
When in loneliness,
In Thy love look down and comfort
Their distress.
- "May the joy of Thy salvation
Be their strength and stay;
May they love and may they praise Thee
Day by day.
- "Holy Spirit let Thy teaching
Sanctify each life;
Send Thy grace that they may conquer
In the strife.
- "Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
God the One in Three,
Bless them, guide them, keep them
Near to Thee."



FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



A PART OF THAT GREAT COMPANY

We have just closed our annual Baptist Convention and the information culled from the verbal reports of the visitors regarding the women's work was pleasant hearing.

This year's convention will be memorable to the women of our churches because, after an afternoon almost entirely devoted to discussion of the value of women's work, it was resolved that the women be allowed to figure as delegates at the convention. This was especially appreciated by the women, as the time does not seem ripe for the organization of a purely women's gathering. As many of the newer churches are largely composed of women, and certainly the work done in all of them is to a great extent done by the women, this resolution seemed peculiarly just.

I have not been able to get data from many of the societies, but nearly all are doing well. The Once society recently contributed \$40 to the repairing of the church building. The Pergamino women are working hard on their building fund. The Lincoln society reports a contribution of \$25 to home and foreign missions.

One of my personal guests this year was an energetic woman from a farm near Pergamino. It was refreshing to note the keen interest with which she followed the proceedings of the convention and to hear her speak of her struggle toward a consistent Christian life for herself and family. She has known the Gospel only a year yet shows the result of much clear thinking and earnest effort. I have also met a woman of culture and unusual education and of an excellent family, whose wonder and joy over a new-found and understood Christ is beautiful to see.

Of course we realize that on these occasions we usually meet the best the churches have to send, but it is none the less inspiring to find such characters in a land where Rome has given women at best a hampered and secondary place in spite of the supremacy of the Virgin.

—Ermine B. Sowell, Argentina

FROM ONE OF OUR TORCH BEARERS

Soochow is an old conservative city fifty-three miles from Shanghai, the great port. It is surrounded by a wall twelve miles in circumference. The city is said to have been founded in the time of Ezra. Some claim that there are more canals here than in any other city except Venice. Thousands of people live on boats and many children are born on them and never live on land at all. There is a big canal around the wall and the Grand Canal touches it at one corner. The six gates are closed at night and sometimes it is quite impossible for Chinese to get in and out, but a foreign visiting card is very powerful in getting privileges.

We have ten missionaries here. Two couples are in evangelistic work alone, another in educational work and still another doing both. Miss Lanneau and I are in the girls' school and this takes all of her time and mine too except when I am at work on the language.

Our school building is light and airy, a strong contrast with the dark close homes of the girls and it and the nice yard seem a veritable paradise to them. We have thirty-seven pupils, the largest number we have ever had, and prospects are encouraging.

Chinese girls are bright and attractive and I have delightful times with them in the dormitories and at playtimes. We have a Y. W. A. and a Sunbeam band which meet once a month and American girls would be amazed to see with what ease these girls preside, talk and pray. Last year one little girl went without her breakfast every Thursday in order to have a copper, which is worth less than an American penny, to bring to her Sunbeam band that afternoon. She still brings her copper, but I do not know whether she is still denying herself her breakfast.

We have an afternoon Sunday school for the "wild children" as the Chinese call the street children, and if you could see some of them you would think the name well

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R. A. PROGRAMS

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A Letter from China

Dear Royal Ambassadors:

Would you like to hear from a band of Royal Ambassadors in China? Here are the pictures of the charter members of this band, next month we will show you the whole band. There are fifteen members in all. You see these boys had the "get another spirit". Aren't they a jolly crowd? These boys have good reason to look happy. They are not rich and they lack many of the nice things that you have, but they have Jesus and that is better than all else beside.

This band organized last May, they elect their own officers and conduct business in fine style. A new president is chosen every month, because being president is very popular. Each little president is able to open the meeting with Scripture reading and prayer. They also sing several hymns. The older students in the boys' school have been very kind in helping these smaller boys with their programs. One of the big boys comes each week to tell a Bible story to the Ambassadors.

In October the boys had a real missionary meeting. The pastor and some of the fathers attended. The subject was China.

The boys marched with their national flag and sang a patriotic song. An offering was taken for missions in the western part of their province, each boy bringing his small offering. They are making a missionary picture scrapbook and will soon know something about other mission fields. In the summer we have lots of flowers and after their meeting the boys take these to sick people in the hospitals. They also sing for them. One of these patients was a bright boy whose arm had been badly broken by a donkey bite. After a while he was well enough to go home, but he comes back every Sunday to Sunday school and stays to the Royal Ambassador meeting in the afternoon. None of his family are Christians but he seems very earnest and I trust he is truly an ambassador. These boys pledge to try to always follow Jesus, to witness for Him, to pray daily, to help other people, to study faithfully, to honor their parents, to keep the Sabbath and not to fight nor say bad words nor tell falsehoods.

I hope you boys at home will pray for your fellow-ambassadors in China. Perhaps some day you will meet each other if you are all faithful in the service of your King.

Your friend

Mrs. J. M. Gaston, Laichow-Fu, China

COLLEGE Y. W. A. PROGRAM

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Those who make sudden discoveries of God: Matt. 13: 44; Acts 16: 22-34. Those who have had preparation: Matt. 13: 45, 46; Acts 16: 14, 15. (2) Conditions for entrance: Matt. 18: 1-4. What does it mean to become a little child? John 3: 3-5. How can we meet this condition? Read Luke 11: 13; John 1: 12, 13. Obedience, Matt. 7: 21-23.

THIRD TWILIGHT: Right Attitudes in Service. (1) Toward affliction and trouble, Psalm 119: 71; II Cor. 1: 4; Heb. 2: 10, 11; 4: 15, 16; II Cor. 4: 7-10, 17, 18. What preparation for service is there in suffering and sorrow? (2) Toward our limitations, II Cor. 6: 10; 8: 9. And weaknesses, I Cor. 2: 3-5; II Cor. 12: 9, 10; 3: 4-6. What advantages are there in our limitations and weaknesses? (3) Toward sin, Psalm 51: 10-13; 66: 18, 19. What is the effect of sin in the heart? (4) Toward the teaching of Christ, I Cor. 2: 1-5; Heb. 4: 12, 13; II Tim. 3: 14-17. To what degree are our failures in character due to the neglect of this teaching?

FOURTH TWILIGHT: A Growing Christian. (1) God's expectations, Isa. 5: 1-7; Mark 4: 26-29; II Peter 3: 18. (2) Some means of growth; identifying ourselves with Christ through baptism, Acts 2: 36-39; Romans 6: 1-4. Entering into fellowship with Christ through the communion, Luke 22: 14-20; John 6: 52-57. Fellowship in prayer, Matt. 18: 19, 20; Acts 20: 36-38. Fellowship in service, Acts 1: 8; I John 3: 16.

Under what conditions have I grown most in my spiritual life during the past year?



CURRENT EVENTS



THE WORLD FIELD

A special work of evangelizing among the railway men of Japan is going on at present. The superintendents of the different divisions have co-operated with surprising sympathy and have made it possible for the men to be reached in groups at different stations. The addresses were along ethical lines, but always with the emphasis on the truth that men must be born again, and that they need the life of God in their hearts to enable them to be upright moral men. A Gospel of John is left with each man. The fact that orders came from headquarters that the men should attend these meetings brought many who would not have come otherwise, but for the most part the men were very willing listeners.

"The Christianization of America and the Americanization of Christianity cannot be done by means of English-speaking churches or chapels alone. Our business may be to win souls but it is the means we must employ which makes the real question. The foreigner can understand kindly deeds and friendly attitudes. These implements, then, we must employ. And in order effectively to employ them equipment is necessary. The Christian Center fits the place." These words from another organization made us glad and grateful for our Good-Will Centers.

Certain moral reforms have followed in the wake of the Anti-clerical Revolution in Mexico. The lotteries which have been maintained in nearly every state in the republic have been suppressed. The bull ring has been closed and this splendid big amphitheatre built at the cost of \$700,000 will be used from now on for Olympic games, and great student or civic gatherings.

Dr. Zwemer, the well known missionary to the Mohammedans, has left Egypt for the present and is in China where he is promoting and developing missionary work among the Mohammedans of that country.

"In Korea people use some unique phrases. When a Korean decides to become a Christian he tells his friends that he has made up his mind to 'do the doctrine'. This is like the Chinese convert who made this quaint confession of faith, 'I am now reading the Bible and behaving it'. The Bible is first and foremost a book to read, but in China and in Korea they understand that it is also a book to obey."

Over 8500 new Protestant missionaries have gone out from the United States and Canada to the foreign mission field during the last fourteen years, most of these recruits having been enlisted through the Student Volunteer Movement. These figures seem large until we think that more than this number have often enlisted in a single day for the European war. Even yet the church isn't facing seriously its responsibility for evangelizing the world.

A system of Chinese shorthand has been invented by a Chinaman in Hongkong by which a speed of 140 words a minute can be attained.

The first native Mexican protestant missionary to leave his own country to do Christian work in another territory is Mr. Eduardo Zapata, who has recently gone to Costa Rica under Methodist auspices. This country is waking up educationally, but knows little of the Gospel.

"The white doctors are immensely appreciated in Africa. The Africans love to be cured of their snake bites or malaria and are not afraid of the strange new remedies. Surgery fills them with admiring astonishment, but not with fear, and chloroform is like a miracle to them. The doctor kills people, then brings them to life again they cry, when a patient wakes from the anesthetic."



PERSONAL SERVICE



REMINISCENCES OF A DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

WHEN we first told our children that they might all come to Good-Will Center every day during the summer instead of only once a week as they had done in winter their enthusiasm knew no bounds. "Can we work in the shop too?" asked the boys. "And cook and sew and sing and play games?" added the girls. When we said "Yes" the whole crowd jumped up and down in high glee, each planning what he was going to do. Truly if we had carried out just half of their suggestions for that six weeks course in midsummer it would have taken us a year. Seeing their high enthusiasm our teacher-hearts took courage and many hours we spent at our council table with paper, pen and books planning for our Daily Vacation Bible School. There was a telephone at hand and prospect after prospect for our teaching force was called until the list was full. Material was gotten ready for sewing, cord was wound for hammocks, the shop was stored with lumber, stories and songs and even games were selected, all ready and waiting for the first Monday after the Fourth of July, when our school would open.

Imagine then that sunny July morning when with all things ready we waited—and not a child appeared! Nine o'clock, ten o'clock. At last five little ones straggled in. By eleven fourteen had gathered and with a song and story our first day's work was over and we were free to face each other with courage on our lips but sinking in our hearts and ask, "What Now?"

But we were all new then, very new. And we knew much less then than we do now about this strange Italian people and their ways and customs. So our joy and surprise were very great the next morning when we were met at the car by a crowd of boys and found more waiting in the yard until it seemed that the woods were full of boys, and the girls came not far behind them.

We had set our hearts on thirty children and some of us had dared to hope for forty. But our first roll call showed sixty-three!

Classes were arranged, work assigned, stories told and games played according to schedule in the reeking heat of our tiny rooms. Our Daily Vacation Bible School had really begun.

The days went merrily by. Each had its work and play, its prayer and Bible lesson. Then came our first mother to visit us. How eagerly we placed for her the seat of honor and with what added prayer we told in song and story the "Good News" over again. How reverently we received, when the hour was over, her simple testimony, "You teach them good things here, you teach them nothing bad. I want my children learn good things. I don't want them bad. I read my Bible ever' day and I try ever' day live right." Ah, mothers of Italy, of how many of you now thank God that is true!

The fame of the school spread abroad and the American children begged to come and we let them. It was here that we made our great mistake for the two elements will not mix. We had heard that this was true and now we learned it to our sorrow. The battle was pitched and a truce was declared only in the presence of the teachers. Soon all but the most eager of our Italian children were dropping out. One instance of the American children's attitude comes back. Our elfin brown-eyed Virginia had been particularly bewitching one day and a little American girl obeying the impulse of all our hearts had hugged her up and kissed her. Immediately there came the chorus, "Aint you shamed? Shame on you! Kissin' a little dago!"

Even in the heat of summer time passes quickly and before we knew it commencement day was upon us. The people kept pouring in until we began to wonder whether our rooms would hold them. The children were arrayed in all their glory and went through the program right lustily. At last the performance was over, but we lingered long enough to pray that God would add His blessing to the teaching of His Word, and we truly know that He has.



UNION NOTES



ROUND TABLE

THE Eastman Hotel will be the W. M. U. as well as the Southern Baptist Convention headquarters for the Hot Springs meeting. The rooms seem to be quite reasonable and meals will be served at the hotel on the European plan. Within a block from the hotel are a number of restaurants. The Baptist church will be the place for the W. M. U. annual meeting sessions. This church is just one block from the Eastman Hotel. The Southern Baptist Convention will hold its sessions in a large tabernacle which is about three blocks from the hotel. In the Eastman there will be a room reserved for the various W. M. U. committee meetings. For the first week in March, the W. M. U. corresponding secretary was in Birmingham, Alabama, for the purpose of teaching the "Manual of W. M. U. Methods" in the large Baptist Sunday school institute which was at that time held in the First Baptist Church. Exceedingly careful plans had been laid for this week's W. M. U. work by the associational superintendent, Mrs. W. P. McAdory. The result was that fully two hundred women attended the meetings each afternoon, about one hundred of them not missing a single session for the five days. The plan was that to these women certificates for study and attendance should be given at a regular graduation service during the April quarterly meeting of the Birmingham W. M. U. association. From Birmingham the W. M. U. corresponding secretary entered upon a week's itinerary with Miss Laura Lee Patrick, the secretary for the Alabama Union. The places visited were Albany, Athens, Huntsville, Florence, Jasper, Opelika, Troy, Dothan, Headland and Montgomery. At almost every place, more than one town was represented, while at Opelika and Dothan regular quarterly meetings were held. In every instance the attendance was decidedly good and the interest was indeed manifest. The "Manual of W. M. U. Methods" was exhibited and a gratifying number of copies sold. The work

in general was explained but the chief emphasis was laid upon the Church Building Loan Fund. Two individual memorials of \$1000 each were secured in cash and pledges for other memorials were given by societies and individuals to the amount of \$8000. Thus, with the cash and pledges previously secured, the Alabama W. M. U. apportionment for \$20,200 for the Church Building Loan Fund was more than covered. Summer is nearly here and with it will come the delicious vegetables and fruits and berries. Mr. Hoover and the accustomed plan in southern homes will see to it that much of these crops is canned. It will be indeed helpful if many W. M. U. housewives "put the name" of the W. M. U. Training School "into such kettles". If the societies will gather together for the school from their members just one can or jar or tumbler apiece of canned vegetables or fruit it will be a great help and joy to the school. When they have been collected, the box or crate or barrel should be shipped, with the address of the shipper, to the W. M. U. Training School, 334 East Broadway, Louisville, Ky. A number of societies in Mississippi and Alabama have promised to do this. May it be a south-wide policy, even as for years it has been the custom with many societies in Kentucky and elsewhere. From Hayes, N.C., Miss Dixon, young people's secretary, writes of an interesting visit during which she met with and addressed the Bible class, mission study class, and three of the student classes. In the evening a talk was given to the girls about organizing a Y. W. A. On the following morning talks were given in the chapel and to several other classes. After leaving Hayes short visits were made at Union Mills, Burnsville and Bakersville. On the front cover of this issue of ROYAL SERVICE we are presenting the beautiful and symbolic picture of the memorial to Alice Freeman Palmer at Wellesley College, sculptor D. C. French. The artistic loveliness of this tablet and its educa-

tional import fill the heart with the desire to attain unto all that is high and good. The twenty-eighth annual session of the W. M. U. of North Carolina convened in Asheville March 26-29. Notwithstanding the fact that railroads could give no reduced rates and that the place of meeting was at the extreme west of the state the attendance was good, and in many respects this was the best meeting the Union ever held. Asheville is a convention city and it is needless to say that local preparations were most complete. The contributions for the year were \$63,101.00, a large increase over the gifts of last year. Twenty-two \$500 memorials had been pledged; nearly \$5000 of this amount has already been paid. The following speakers added much to the pleasure and interest of the meeting: Dr. S. G. Pinnoch of Africa; Dr. V. I. Masters, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. W. S. Powell, Asheville, N. C.; Dr. W. O. Kelley, and Mr. W. A. Johnson, Raleigh, N. C., and Miss Mary Faison Dixon, Baltimore, Md. The newly organized women's missionary society of the Balboa Heights Baptist Church, Ancon, Canal Zone, has just sent in its first contribution to the W. M. U. After only two meetings the offering was \$11.60. The new sister society is heartily welcomed.

CONCERNING ROYAL SERVICE

Thanks are gratefully extended to our subscribers for their loyal support to ROYAL SERVICE, the official organ of the Woman's Missionary Union. We are depending on their continued cooperation in keeping up the subscription list.

In recent months we know that their patience has been tried at times by the late arrival of their copies of ROYAL SERVICE. This is unavoidable—during these war times—and is due to the post office failure to handle second-class mail promptly. As a rule, the magazine is mailed from the Baltimore office between the 12th and the 16th of each month preceding the month in which it is to be used—that is the May issue will be mailed the middle of April. Only once has this rule been deviated from and that was caused by delay in printing office, also due to war conditions. Should any subscriber fail to receive her copy before the 25th of each month she will confer a favor to all by notifying us

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Please place paper between stamps to avoid sticking together.

The hearty co-operation of our readers will enable us to build up a system that will be a mutual benefit and to open up a larger service for our beloved magazine. Suggestions for greater efficiency will be gratefully received.

FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

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applied. Many come regularly, but they are usually unwilling to tell their names or where they live. Any attempt to learn these would drive them away. They come largely for the colored cards but the seeds of truth are sown and we have gained pupils for our day school and morning Sunday school from these little ones.

We also have a Sunday and a day school beyond the city gates and the pupils are fairly regular in attending them. It is a joy to look into the faces of my class of little girls and tell them Bible stories, all so new to them.

As I go along the street I occasionally hear "foreign devil" or "foreign hag", but more often it is "There is the foreign teacher, this is worship day". Sometimes they respond to my invitation to go with me to Sunday school and when they do, no general at the head of a splendid army is more proud than I.

On my way to Sunday school I pass the home of my language teacher who is not a Christian, his little girl of eight or nine goes with me and I am hoping to reach the family through her.—Olive Elliott Bagby, Soochow, China



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