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That I may know Him.—Philippians 3. 10

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Missionary Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists

July, 1918

*We plan and plan, then pray
That God may bless our plan.
So runs our dark and doubtful way,
That scarce shall lead unto the day—
So runs the life of man!*

Topic: Planning for the Convention Year

1—MONDAY

That our faith in God may be strengthened and our lives consecrated to serve Him
"Oh for a closer walk with God!"

2—TUESDAY

That the coming year may be the greatest in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention
Through God we shall do valiantly
—Psalm 60:12

3—WEDNESDAY

That we may not neglect our W. M. S. societies and the needs of our fields in answering the many necessary demands on our time and gifts
Be ye steadfast.—1 Cor. 15:58

4—THURSDAY

That we may be true patriots, responding loyally in every way to the calls of our country
"Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light."

5—FRIDAY

For the twenty-seventh convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of America, meeting in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, July 4-7
Thy blessing be upon Thy people.
—Psalm 3:8

6—SATURDAY

That we may strive through systematic planning to reach all our apportionments for the coming year
Do all to the glory of God.—1 Cor. 10:31

7—SUNDAY

For our soldiers, sailors and aviators captured in this war.
Jehovah redeemeth the soul of His servants.—Psalm 34:22

8—MONDAY

Thanksgiving for Rev. and Mrs. D. C. Whittinghill, South Italian mission, as they continue working in Italy
If we endure, we shall also reign with Him.—2 Tim. 2:12

9—TUESDAY

Prayer for the work of the soldiers' halls established in Italian cities by Rev. D. C. Whittinghill
The love of Christ constraineth us.
—2 Corinthians 5:14

10—WEDNESDAY

For the Italian Baptist pastors now bearing arms for their country.
And they that know Thy name will put their trust in Thee.—Psalm 9:10

11—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Everette Gill, in charge of North Italian mission, now on furlough
As therefore ye received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and builded up in Him.—Colossians 2:6,7

12—FRIDAY

For the students and faculty of the Baptist Theological Seminary, Rome, who are serving in the war
He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.—Psalm 91:1

13—SATURDAY

For all native evangelists in these days of trial and suffering in Italy
At evening time there shall be light.
—Zechariah 14:7

14—SUNDAY

That the distribution of the Scriptures among the Italian soldiers may bring in a rich harvest
The word of our God shall stand forever.
—Isaiah 40:8

15—MONDAY

Thanksgiving for our missionaries in Interior China, serving in 3 stations and 20 outstations
Ye are seen as lights in the world.
—Phil. 2:15

16—TUESDAY

Prayer for Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Lawton, Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Louthan, evangelistic, medical and educational work, Chengchow, Interior China
Hesent them forth to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.—Luke 9:2

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*But hearken! God saith, "Pray!"
And He will show His plan,
And lead us in His shining way
That leadeth on to perfect day—
Each God surrendered man!*

Topic: Planning for the Convention Year—Continued

17—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Herring, Rev. and Mrs. Wilson Fielder, evangelistic, church and school work, Chengchow, Interior China
Partakers of a heavenly calling.
—Hebrews 3:1

18—THURSDAY

That more equipment may be supplied the boys' and girls' day schools in Chengchow
That in all things God may be glorified.
—1 Peter 4:11

19—FRIDAY

Prayer for Miss Lila McIntyre, Chengchow, now on furlough
Give Thy strength unto Thy servant.
—Psalm 86:16

20—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Sallee, evangelistic, educational and industrial work at Kaifeng, China
And He will make thy righteousness to go forth as the light.—Psalm 37:6

21—SUNDAY

For the households made lonely and anxious through loved ones serving their country
"Through clouds and waves and storms
He gently clears thy way;
Wait thou His time,
So shall this night
Soon end in glorious day."

22—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Harris, evangelistic and school work in and around Kaifeng, Interior China, now on furlough
Let us walk in the light of Jehovah.
—Isaiah 2:5

23—TUESDAY

For Miss Nancy Lee Swann and Miss Blanche R. Walker and their work with women, young women and government school girls
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
So great is His loving kindness towards them that fear Him.—Psalm 103:11

24—WEDNESDAY

For Miss Loy Savage and her work in the girls' boarding school, Kaifeng, Interior China
—There shall Thy hand lead me,
And Thy right hand shall hold me.
—Psalm 139:10

25—THURSDAY

That the kindergarten in Kaifeng may soon have its needed quarters and equipment
And He took a little child and set him in the midst of them.—Mark 9:36

26—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Poteat and their city and school work, Kaifeng, Interior China
Trust ye in Jehovah forever; for in Jehovah . . . is an everlasting rock.
—Isaiah 26:4

27—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Poteat, Jr., and their new work in Kaifeng, Interior China
They go from strength to strength.
—Psalm 84:7

28—SUNDAY

That the Chinese soldiers serving in the war may be brought under the influence of the Gospel
Save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.—Psalm 28:9

29—MONDAY

Prayer for the growth of our new station at Kweitch, Honan, and for Rev. and Mrs. Sidney J. Townshend, in charge of this work
I will make darkness light before them, and crooked places straight.—Isaiah 42:16

30—TUESDAY

Earnest prayer for the native Christians in Interior China
And I will be to them a God,
And they shall be to me a people.
—Hebrews 8:10

31—WEDNESDAY

Thanksgiving for the voluntary service given by Dr. and Mrs. Hargrove to our work in Kaifeng
Ye did it unto me.—Matt. 25:40



EDITORIAL



THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY

THE thirtieth anniversary of our Woman's Missionary Union has come and gone and, as we look back upon achievements of the past five years in their culmination at this annual meeting and at the dedication of the Training School in Louisville, our hearts beat with pardonable pride, and we are happy indeed. The women came up to this meeting with the same enthusiasm and, if possible, with greater determination to carry forward the Master's work than ever before.

The First Baptist Church of Hot Springs was taxed to its capacity at almost every session but, even though the enthusiasm of the workers and the additional features incident to the meeting made it necessary to extend the time on several occasions, there was no complaint and every delegate was glad to stay to the very close, when possible. There was much spontaneity in the meeting which proved that the delegates were not only thinking for themselves but that they were more ready than before to speak for the Master in His cause.

There seemed to be a dominant desire, a ruling thought, manifest from the very beginning of the first session on Thursday morning even to the consecration service which closed the annual meeting and on into the conference with our missionaries; it was vibrant in the singing, in the reports, in the talks, in the prayers—"That I may know Him"; that I may hear and recognize His call; that I may be like Him in life and in service. This great thought held and controlled all those in regular attendance upon the meeting. The adoption of the watchword—"That I may know Him" and of the hymn, "Jesus Calls Us" was but a concrete expression of our unanimous desire and need.

That societies had tried and had, in a large measure, succeeded in living up to our watchword of last year was made manifest in the reports of the corresponding secretary, the young people's secretary and college correspondent, the treasurer, the literature, personal service and Margaret Fund committees, and the joint Boards of the Training School. All reported fruit gathered in our Lord's name.

We again faced the prophecy made by our beloved Miss Heck on the occasion of our twenty-fifth anniversary, and we found that in five years we had made good progress in our journey toward the goal set for our making in twenty-five years. But there was one prophecy made five years ago that seems to have had but small fulfillment and that is: "mission training given its rightful place in the life of our young people". We cannot help but believe that the present agitation concerning our young people's work will result in the near future in a larger fulfillment of this prophecy. A "Commission" was authorized at the Annual Meeting to make a special study of this department of our work and to make recommendations. It may be that this agitation and this study will result in some broad changes in our methods of reaching the young people, or it may result in arousing the dormant interests of the mothers and of prospective leaders of our young people so that the value and efficiency of our graded system may be recognized and many will volunteer to take up this work, and that with but slight readjustment the work may be accomplished.

No session at the annual meeting was more interesting nor more helpful than that given over to the work of and for the young people under the direction of our young people's secretary. It was great and full of interest from beginning to end and we are looking for real results from the Royal Ambassador demonstration and all the helpful talks made at that time.

The Union felt justified in granting twenty-three full, regular Margaret Fund scholarships for this year to sons and daughters of our missionaries. Our hearts were further rejoiced by the spontaneous pledging, by states, of about \$1200.00 over and above the

Margaret Fund to be used in the education of the four orphaned sons and daughters of our deceased missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Ward of Africa,—a love gift, we called it. Another beautiful deed was in the actual gift on the part of those present of three hundred dollars to be used for the motherless sons of our Mr. B. P. Roach, these boys not yet having reached the age required by the standard for Margaret Fund scholarships.

"Before the second quarter of a century is far advanced, there will rise a larger Training School. * * * Can you not see this large and beautiful building standing in stately symmetry to attest to all who pass that the Union thinks nothing too good to assure the best of training for the best of causes; standing to tell every girl whose young heart longs to bless the world that here is an Alma Mater who will train her nobly for a noble task? Your hearts are fixed on this. You have talked and planned for it, drawing the plans in scale with the foundations. * * * If He is your partner in this Training School, make your plans large", was a prophecy of five years ago. Mrs. Eager in her magnificent report on the Training School bade us, "Come and see". We went and we saw the beautiful and well-nigh perfect fulfillment of this prophecy. We give on another page the program of the wonderful day of dedication. We trust that, if you have not been to see the school that you will take advantage of your very first opportunity.

For many years the women of the south must needs think in terms of tens and hundreds when gifts to missions were considered. It has not been many years since we began thinking in thousands, but this year our gift thoughts have gone beyond the thousand mark, totaling more than half a million. We dare not, as long as God prospers us, return to small things, and in the future we must think in terms of millions if our southern prosperity is to find expression in service rather than in selfishness. The "Emergency" women and those who will sign the "Stewardship Covenant" will contribute largely to the completion of our pledge to the Church Building Loan Fund and to our continuing in larger giving.

The resolutions adopted by the Union will lead us into larger and greater service along all lines and into new and larger plans looking toward the reaching of our aims—individual and united prayer; regular Bible and mission study; systematic and proportionate giving; and organized personal service.

Christian education has not heretofore been a department of the kingdom's work participated in by the Union as such, but if the states see fit to take up the work as recommended by the Education Commission and endorsed by the S.B.C. Convention, we will soon find this a definite department of our work.

Just at the close of the hour set apart for the expression of our patriotism and of our vital interest in all war relief and Red Cross work we had the unique pleasure of having a number of soldier boys from Camp Pike come into the meeting. After short talks by Dr. George Green, in charge of camp activities under the Home Mission Board, and by the lieutenant in command, and after the singing of camp songs by the boys the session was adjourned with prayer, Chaplain Boyd leading. Because so many delegates present wore the service stars and all were giving of their time and means to help win the war we considered it a joy to contribute, individually, toward making the boys the Union's guests at dinner.

The conference with our missionaries was a time of uplift and our hearts were truly stirred when one of them presented three Christians from among the Pawnee Indians.

Through the pages of ROYAL SERVICE we wish to express our appreciation to the Hot Springs friends for their cordial reception and care of the Union, and to every woman who in any way contributed to the success of the program. We wish to express our particular appreciation to Dr. George W. McDaniel of Richmond for his truly helpful and encouraging sermon on Sunday; to Dr. P. E. Burroughs of Nashville for his clear and concise presentation of our work to the Convention; to Dr. L. B. Warren of the Home Board for conducting our Church Building Loan Fund hour; to Dr. F. M. McConnell of Oklahoma and to Dr. S. B. Rogers of Florida for their able assistance at this time. It is always counted a privilege to welcome the secretaries of the Foreign, Home and Sunday School Boards and to have them speak to our resolutions concerning their work.

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BIBLE STUDY



TOPIC—Guidance

"I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life."

I. *Divine Guidance*: Numbers 9: 15-23. Here is a lovely picture of absolute dependence upon and subjection to God's will. There was no footprint or landmark throughout that "great and terrible wilderness". For a soul knowing, loving, confiding and delighting in God nothing could be more deeply blessed than thus to be wholly cast upon God for every step of the way. The unrenewed man loves to think himself independent, to fancy himself free, but he is a slave of Satan. There is no freedom save that with which Christ makes His people free. John 8: 32-36. "The service of the Lord is perfect freedom." This service involves the most simple dependence upon the guidance of the Spirit of God. Numbers 10: 34-36. This means the surrender of our own will. Ps. 25: 9, 10. We must follow the cloud, we must ever wait upon God and He will direct our way by His Holy Spirit. John 16: 13; Acts 13: 2-5; 16: 6-11; Gal. 5: 16-18; Rom. 8: 14. Jonah is an illustration of a man trying to follow his own will. Jonah 1: 3; 2: 5, 6. God knows all about us, Ps. 139: 9, 10, and how precious to feel that "He knoweth the way that I take".

II. *The Ark of the Covenant*—the symbol of guidance: Ex. 33: 13-15. Type of the Lord Jesus and of the manifest presence of God in the flesh. Josh. 3: 3, 4, 10; Deut. 5: 29; Matt. 16: 16. When the guiding pillar went before the host day and night; when the ark was the signal for movement and the pledge of security; these were visible signs of God's presence and guidance. The ark of the covenant we have in the Bible. Ps. 119: 105. Law is in it and mercy. It overflows with promise and hope. It is like a "river the streams whereof make glad the city of God". What a sword it is, Eph. 6: 17, and how like a fire it burns! The promises glow with welcome and benediction. Him that cometh unto me I will in nowise cast out. John 6: 37. I am the way. John 14: 6.

III. *Jesus the Way*: John 14: 6; Jer. 10: 23; Matt. 28: 20. Be of good cheer. John 16: 33. These are great promises, the pledge of our conquest over evil, that as Jesus Christ has overcome even so shall we. "My soul, when thou art afraid because of the war against the forces for good, put thyself in the keeping of the all-conquering Lord. When the chariots against thee are a million, and all made of iron, and when the horses are down upon thee like lightning, hide thyself in the Rock of Ages." "What time I am afraid I will trust in God." "Strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." Jesus is the way himself, the One in whom we live and move and have our being. In whom we walk in righteousness and peace and joy. John 17: 23-26. If there is any one Christian doctrine clearer than another it is that every one may receive in answer to prayer the light he needs to guide him all the days of his life. John 14: 13, 14; 16: 23, 24. We pray again and again and get no answer; the Lord wants us to be quiet and wait patiently for Him. Ps. 145: 19; 62: 1, 2. The Christian, like Abram, goes out without knowing whither he is going except that he is going with God. Heb. 11: 8-10. I will guide thee with mine eye. Ps. 32: 8. The secret of guidance is to have our will submissive to God's will; then if we are living near to God we may be able to discover the movement of His eye.

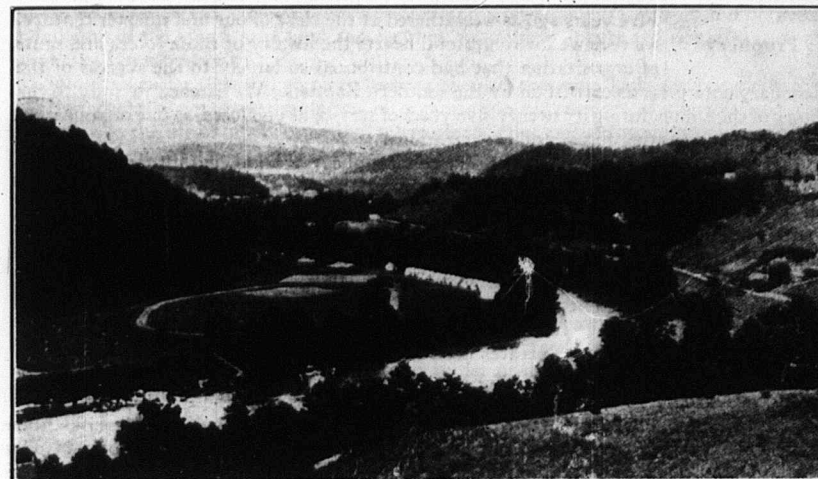
IV. *The Great Shepherd*: I Peter 5: 4; Isa. 40: 11. He leads His flock, Ps. 23: 3, feeds them, for these pastures are His Word and ordinances by which He communicates His own fullness, He Himself is their food. John 10: 11, 27, 28. He guides. He has trodden the path of duty and trail before them and they follow in His footsteps. In His Word He teaches the way they should go and enables them to walk in it. Isa. 30: 21. He guards them, Micah 5: 4, and provides food in the midst of mighty enemies. Ps. 23: 5. He has promised to keep them night and day. Isa. 27: 3; Heb. 13: 20, 21.—Mrs. James Pollard



PROGRAM FOR JULY



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



FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP

PLANNING FOR THE CONVENTION YEAR

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CLOSING PRAYERS

JESUS CALLS US

Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild restless sea;
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth,
Saying, "Christian, follow Me."

Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store;
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying, "Christian, love Me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still He calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love Me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by Thy mercies,
Saviour, may we hear Thy call;
Give our hearts to Thine obedience,
Serve and love Thee best of all.

1. Observation Hill

Among the foothills of the Ozark Mountains at Hot Springs, Arkansas, our Woman's Missionary Union held its thirtieth Annual Meeting. Nature has done much to make this a place of beauty and of health putting her healing springs amidst the wooded hills. As from the tower of Observation Hill we could look over all the country and catch glimpses of the roads that lead through the forests out into the busy life of the world, so from our meetings we looked out over the coming twelve months and saw the vision of what we shall do for missions this year and the roads that will lead us to the accomplishment of great things for the Master.

Our President's Address

In her annual address, our president, Mrs. W. C. James, opened before us the view of a year of service, showing what has been done in the past and what can be done this coming year:—

2. Prophecy

Five years ago as we gathered at the close of our first quarter century, we reviewed with grateful hearts the history of those forces and units of organization that had contributed so largely to the success of the missionary enterprise as carried on by the southern Baptists. We listened joyfully to the history of the Union during its twenty-five years of service as one force, as one organization made up of cooperating forces and organizations.

As we turned into the new term of service a prophecy of a glowing future bright with the radiance of the past was brought to us by our long-visioned president. She foretold achievements for the coming twenty-five years that she considered worthy of the Union.

After one year she brought us face to face with the prophecy and showed how fully her faith in the Union had been justified and she wondered at her moderation. It seems but appropriate on the occasion of our thirtieth anniversary to face again this prophecy.

As Christians and members of a missionary organization our present and immediate task is to prepare the way of Jehovah. As I said last year and repeat, never before in the history of the world was there greater need that Christians everywhere take advantage of the divine privilege to prepare the way of Jehovah, nor greater opportunity to make history come around to the side of faith. The speedy fulfilling of these nine points in the prophecy will certainly enlist all our resources whether of men or money or materials and will be a mighty force in helping to win the age-long war to establish the kingdom of God. We must, however, face the situation with an open mind and a progressive outlook, not veering with every passing fad in missions or methods, but always ready to give to every method a dispassionate consideration on its merits, to seize and mold rather than to complain and retard progress.

3. Growth in Numbers

Since all W.M.U. effort goes back to the individual society and progress along all lines depends upon the growth in members and development of these same societies, our prophet looking into the future saw first the organization and continued life of 9,000 societies in addition to the more than 11,000 reported at the time of the Jubilate.

We have made a long journey toward our goal for today we report a net gain of about 4,500 societies, one-half the number prophesied. The words "continued life" following the word organization, not only showed the knowledge of the president but also her wisdom, for they mean much. There has been a steady growth each year, but each year the gain has been a little less than the previous year so that this year we report an extremely small net gain, notwithstanding the fact that more than 2,000 new societies have been organized. While this is true I believe I am safe in saying that notwithstanding the small gain in the number of societies there are more women now enlisted than ever before. But I ask that you give careful and thoughtful attention to the following. In the past five years more than 12,500 new societies have been organized, while today we are reporting a net gain in these five years of less than 4,500, which means the death of about 8,000 societies of different grades. In every grade the total loss far exceeds the gain except in the case of the Girls' Auxiliary, which grade shows a net gain of nearly double the number lost. We are not yet in a position, however, to congratulate ourselves because of our work with the G.A.'s, as you will realize later.

These facts should cause us to stop and consider. "What did hinder, for they ran well for a season." I am persuaded that the reason why many of the societies live but for a season and the wheels of others grind so exceeding hard is that in our eagerness to count numbers we do not properly prepare the soil nor see to it that the atmosphere is made conducive to growth before the young plant is set out. We too often find ourselves urging women to organize societies or to take the leadership of a young people's society without explaining to them the fundamental requirements necessary for successful operation and in a place where no sentiment in favor of the great missionary enterprise has been created.

Again we blunder by sometimes insisting that the work will not be difficult, that it does not take much time, indeed that it will make but few demands upon them, when just the opposite is the case. There is something sublime in the way Christ stands before men and dares to say: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." He was seeking not merely a multitude of followers, but unceasing upbuilders of the kingdom of God and for that reason made effort and not relaxation the symbol of His kingdom.

Since it is easier to win than to reclaim we should constantly look into our methods to see that there is not overstimulation in organization nor neglect of the fostering care necessary to the life of newly organized women's societies and all young people's societies.

The gradual fulfilling of the second prophecy, "a steady increase of the office force at the general and state offices for a closer touch with organized societies and an enlistment of the great unenlisted forces", has been and will continue to be of ever-increasing value and assistance in the work of organizing societies. This has been fulfilled in part by the addition of a young people's secretary in the general office and we find that many of the states have been able to add to their office force. One of the greatest forces contributing to efficiency is what is known in some states as the group plan and in others as the district plan. This has added greatly to the number of our volunteer workers so that in addition to the invaluable superintendent we have now the group leader or district secretary. These workers can keep in close touch with the women of the churches in the territory over which they have been given the leadership and should be able to do an intensive work well-nigh impossible heretofore.

"The maintenance of a monthly magazine growing through the years to a list of 50,000 subscribers" was but a prophecy in 1913 but has become a strong probability when we faced the prophecy in 1914. In that same year the magazine became a reality and the monthly, ROYAL SERVICE, began to find its way so rapidly into the homes and hearts of the women that we now have a subscription list of about 27,000, which is 54% of the prophesied number for twenty-five years: What the future of ROYAL SERVICE will be depends upon you. Will you make the future worthy of the beginning so that the magazine will become a helper in royal service to a greater number in the next five years than in the past?

A careful reading and close study of ROYAL SERVICE will naturally result in the desire on the part of our women and young people for more extensive knowledge of mission work, its ways and means. This magazine then will become a contributing factor in the realization of

our hope for "greater growth in mission study classes with an ever-broadening conception of the mission purpose of God in His world". Our Standard of Excellence calls for at least one mission study class for a society during the year. Every now and then you will hear some woman, who is a member of a society having the circle plan, ask if that means a study class in each circle. I wonder if we appreciate how much there is of significance in that question. The circle plan is constantly growing in favor and societies everywhere are adopting it. Because of them and through other means mission study is becoming more widespread every day and has become a tremendous factor in the work of the kingdom. To me the significance of the question just referred to means just this: that these circles are to become permanent groups, one of the definite objects of which will be continued mission study and that in time the societies will not be satisfied with that point in the

standard but demand that an honor society shall report as many mission study classes for the year as there are circles in the society. When that is true the missionary library will become a necessity and when a thing comes to be regarded as a necessity it is generally provided.

I have been thinking that since we are to have these practically permanent groups of women who are giving so much time to the work of their circle, a definite part of which is allotted to study, that it would be the part of wisdom to place before them a very definite course of study which would lead naturally from cause to effect. The course I have in mind is progressive in its nature and should begin with some study of the Bible, the specific purpose of which would be to set before the student in a clear way the definite missionary teachings of the Bible, so that a broad conception of the mission purpose of God in the world would be the result. In this study one would learn the source of the missionary movement, the great objective towards which we move, and the reason why Christians should give themselves to it without reservation.

Because of this study there should arise in the mind of the student the question as to what are his present duties and in view of them how he can give himself to this movement. Following the Bible study, therefore, I would suggest a study of some well-chosen work on stewardship and missions in which we should learn that God expects from us a dedication of every power and resource we possess whether of self, money or material, and that He demands a certain proportion as His right.

While recognizing the fact that the unit in the kingdom of God is the individual and that the strength of the organization is dependent upon the individual unit, we must acknowledge that the individual unit is dependent in a large measure upon organization for its efficiency in the work for the larger things of the kingdom. Because of this all members of our societies should have a thorough knowledge of the foundations upon which the Woman's Missionary Union rests, its history and its methods of work, if they are to give to it their loyal, intelligent support and if the Union is to get the benefit of the combined strength and vital force of the individuals. You readily recognize the other two books I would suggest for this course: Miss Heck's book *In Royal Service* and our *Manual of W.M.U. Methods*. Every member of a W.M.S. or a Y.W.A. should take such a course, and I therefore urge that the Union adopt this course with suggested parallel reading and that we plan to award to each society or group completing the course some kind of diploma or certificate showing that this complete study has been made. As the quality and effectiveness of our intensive work depends upon our extensive vision, this course should in no way limit or interfere with regular mission study along the lines we have been following.

Mission training given its rightful place in the life of our young people, a branch of the Christian training, "the next clause of the prophecy will necessitate a deep readjustment of the conception of the obligations of the demands of Christian life". These were the words of our president as she faced her prophecy. As we face the prophecy five years after it was spoken it is evident to all that this prophecy is still far from fulfillment.

We southern Baptists last year had an enrollment of 1,810,806 pupils in Sunday schools and a total approximate enrollment of 1,414,460 in all our young people's societies. It is true that many enrolled in the Sunday schools are adults, but we know that the great majority are young people. In the past five years we have had a net gain of but 2,365 young people's societies. It is only too evident that mission training has not its rightful place in the life of our young people and that a deep readjustment of the conception of the obligations and an immediate demand for this mission training is necessary. We must face the facts as they are and act upon them without sentiment.

And finally: "That the Jubilate we were then beginning would teach southern Baptist women the joy of larger giving, so that their gift-thoughts year by year would be commensurate with their increased consecration and their present prosperity". We are not afraid to face this prophecy for our women are fulfilling it, and if you adopt the resolution bearing upon gifts submitted to you by the executive committee we will yet see a larger fulfillment.

9. To Know Christ

Last May we adopted as our watchword for the year, "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; and so shall ye be my disciples". The prominent thought in our minds at that time was that we might glorify our Father by the works we should accomplish. Since then we have been passing through times crowded with events of immense and grave importance and the question "What is required of us that we may meet the obligations that rest upon us?" took possession of many, and the thought that we should first glorify God by bearing in our own lives the fruit of the Spirit became the dominant idea. At the Edinburgh conference in 1910 all commissions, reports and addresses brought out one great thought—namely, that the resources necessary in the superhuman enterprise are stored in God and that the knowledge of the one God who gave His Son for mankind is required above everything. Because we are feeling this so decidedly we shall this year submit to you for our watchword, "That I may know Him". "Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea" is making its claim for the hymn of the year.

On the night when our Lord came to His disciples walking on the sea in a raging storm, they were bewildered and cried out in fear. The unfamiliarity of His approach caused them to lose a sense of His presence, for though they had often seen Him in His wonderful deeds of compassion and healing, He had never come to them before treading the deep as Master of the storm and night. We have known Him when He came to us as Giver. He has often come to us and poured out the fullness of bounty unto our hands, and we have known it was the Lord. But we have not always recognized Him when He came to take away, and when He comes in the way of calamity and disaster He seems to us a stranger.

Shall we listen in the raging storm of today's events to hear Him say "Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid", and shall we pray "Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water!" We may be certain of His answer, "Come". We shall not find our power in the boat, but on the sea. But if, like Peter, we are tempted to gaze upon the troubled sea of circumstances more than upon the loving face of Christ we too shall lose the buoyancy of our faith and begin to sink. When fear gave way again to faith and Peter cried out "Lord save me", Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and they walked together on the deep.

Thus is the secret of our success in the coming year bound up in this watchword and hymn. Our eyes must be fixed upon the Lord, our confidence must be placed in His word, and we must venture out on His bidding.—Mrs. W. C. James

10. Systematic Study

If we are to hear the call of Christ we must keep our hearts and minds in tune with His will. This we can do only by learning of Him through God's Word and through the lives of the men and women devoted to His service. Last year in fifteen of the states more than 2900 mission study classes were reported. But there are in all 16,198 societies. What of those more than thirteen thousand societies that did not set apart even six hours during the year to the systematic study of missions? Surely during this coming year there will be a better showing than this. (At this point have some one report what your society did last year in mission or Bible study.)

With the Hot Springs meeting begins a new departure in our mission and Bible study, a departure that will lead to greater knowledge and consecration. A regular course has been planned with a certificate to be granted to everyone who completes one of the studies. It is to include Bible study, missions and methods. Dr. W. O. Carver of Louisville Seminary is writing a book particularly for us on the missionary teachings of the Bible. It will be so arranged that it will form the basis for a most interesting series of lessons on this great theme. Giving always follows a knowledge of Christ's plan for our lives and for our means. Hence there will be a book on stewardship, that we may know just what our duty and our opportunities are in the use of what God has so freely given us. The history of our own Union as told by Miss Heck in "In Royal Service" will be included. And finally, that we may learn how to work most efficiently the *Manual of W.M.U. Methods* will be used for another course. At the completion of any one of these courses by a class, every member will be given a certificate upon which will be written the name of the book

studied. On the completion of another course a star will be added to the certificate and so on until the entire four books are finished. Do not let us wait until fall to start this study. Can't we have hundreds of porch study classes this summer? Then our work of the fall and winter will start with fresh vigor and enthusiasm.

This is a year in which gifts are counted by the millions of dollars. **11. Financial Aims** The Red Cross, the Belgium Relief, the Y.M.C.A., and the Y.W.C.A. all ask us to devote millions to their work. We rejoiced when the Mission Boards came to Hot Springs with their report that the year had been closed without debt—\$1,006,000 for missions since last May. But now is no time to be content with what has been achieved. As in everything else the cost of operating our mission work is higher than ever before, and yet the opportunities for advance were never so marked. We must go forward this year. The Foreign Board has set as its goal one and a half million dollars; the Home Board one million. Dr. Love said that last year not one letter was received from a woman speaking of discouragement or suggesting retrenchment. He said, "We ask no greater pledge than that the women will give the support they have given this last year." Our share should be large, but we can and will do our part for Christ. Our apportionments for the different objects are as follows:

Foreign Missions.....	\$233,875
Home Missions.....	166,525
Sunday School Board Bible Fund.....	1,500
Margaret Fund.....	2,400
Training School Current Expenses.....	6,000
Total.....	\$410,300

Systematic and proportionate giving is a fundamental principle of the **12. Stewardship** Union: Only in this way do we follow Christ's teaching and only in this way can the missionary work be carried on economically and progressively. Each society is urged to get as many members as possible to sign the "Stewardship Covenant". In order to accomplish this a "Stewardship Chairman" should be appointed by each society who shall receive the cards and send them to the state W.M.U. corresponding secretary.

STEWARDSHIP COVENANT

Recognizing, 1st, that I am God's steward, that He has the rightful and supreme claim upon me and my possessions; 2nd, that God said to ancient Israel: "The tithe is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord"; 3rd, that Paul says concerning giving: "See that ye abound in this grace also"; and 4th, that the results of thus honoring God have always been most gratifying, enriching both the giver and the kingdom:

I, therefore, promise, as a recognition of my stewardship and an expression of my love to God, to lay aside until further notice at least one-tenth of my income for the support of His cause. First they gave their own selves unto the Lord. 2 Cor. 8: 5.—Of all that Thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto Thee. Gen. 28: 22.

13. Emergency Women There comes occasionally a time when there is a special need which is not covered by our apportionment. Emergencies arise that demand extra help. After the example of the Laymen's Missionary Movement we are to meet this need by having a large band of "Emergency Women" recruited from the ranks of the W.M.S. and the Y.W.A.; at least one emergency woman in each society this year is our ideal. These women will sign the Emergency Pledge

and send it to their state W.M.U. corresponding secretary, thus putting themselves on record as being ready at the urgent call to give not less than five dollars to the special need. There shall never be more than one such appeal a year. Each W.M.S. and Y.W.A. should appoint, if it has not already done so, a "Recruiter of Emergency Women" who shall endeavor to get as many as possible of the emergency cards signed. The offerings thus secured during the coming year shall be for the Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial in the Church Building Loan Fund, but with the understanding that such emergency gifts shall be over and above any other gifts by the woman or her society to the said memorial or to any other memorial, and yet they shall be duly credited on the state W.M.U. apportionment for the Church Building Loan Fund. (If you have already appointed the "Recruiter", call for a report from her at this time. If she has not been appointed, now would be a good time to do so.)

EMERGENCY PLEDGE

Since I am deeply interested in the work fostered by our denomination and recognize that crises sometimes call for unusual and even sacrificial support, I hereby pledge myself, until further notice, to pay at least five dollars in response to any appeal made by the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, with the understanding that there shall never be more than one such emergency call during the year.

What of our host of young people? Are we successfully leading them to lives of service for Christ? Are we training those who in a few years will carry on our work? Last year 711 new Sunbeam Bands were organized and yet there was an increase of but forty-five bands; 666 groups of little children that had been gathered together to learn of Christ disbanded, in most if not in all cases, for no lack of interest on their part but for lack of leadership. With an addition of 227 Royal Ambassador Chapters, there is only an increase of 11 over last year. Why have 216 chapters ceased to exist? That is one-third of our total chapters reported. 274 new Girls' Auxiliaries; but a total increase of only 46; 228 deaths among the G.A.'s. 391 new Y.W.A.'s, and still a total increase of but twenty over last year. Our obituary list of young people's societies would include 1,481 names, and after almost every one could be put "Died from lack of leadership". More than a fifth of the young people who were last year being trained in missions are now untrained in that work. Oh that our women's societies could realize the opportunity that lies at their doors and could feel the responsibility on them of entering upon this work!

Are our young people not capable of helping? In Europe it has been found that even the little children can be expected to do their share in work and to bear more than their share of responsibility. To the **15. The Strength of Youth Today** Boy Scouts of England has been entrusted the guarding of England's coast-line. You can see them as two by two they go, scanning the seas with their telescopes for the enemy. And England has not found that her boys were not to be trusted. In many a home in France and Belgium a little boy is the head of the family. As a war worker was going to a base hospital near the firing line she noticed a cottage still untouched by bombs, though the roar of the guns was perilously near and the enemy planes often flew overhead. In the field there was plowing the "man" of the family, a peasant boy not more than twelve years old. He was doing the work of his father and big brothers. A tiny donkey, evidently his most treasured possession, was pulling the plow. And to save his pet from German bombs the little fellow had painted a piece of canvas green and brown and white, stretched it over him and with a feeling of security was plowing away with his camouflaged donkey, whistling as he plowed. In the great munition factories of England and France, hundreds of young girls are spending long hours a day at heavy

labor that the men at the front may not lack. The young people of the world have shown that given the opportunity they will respond nobly, no matter what sacrifice it means. Surely the missionary cause can be made to seem worth while to them.

16. New Dangers and How to Meet Them

For the sake of our boys and girls we cannot neglect them this year. They need as never before the protection and strength of Christian training. New dangers are around them; new difficulties to be faced and new doubts and questionings come to the thoughtful minded. The warring nations give the warning that we must protect the boys and girls. Every nation reports an increase in juvenile crime since the war; one an increase of more than 300 per cent. A lowering of moral ideals seems also to be an inevitable accompaniment of war. From many a southern home the girls have gone to the towns for work in connection with the war and they too will meet dangers of which they never knew at home. The government has put workers in the field to help safeguard our girls. The Y.W.C.A. has increased its forces to protect the young women who travel and those who are near the cantonments. But shall we leave this work to be done by others? Is it not now the imperative duty of every Christian woman to see that the young people are being brought into touch with the strength of Christ and are being shown the highest ideals? This is what our missionary societies should do. Here they learn the power of prayer and of the loving presence of Christ; here they are shown the men and women who have given up all to follow Christ; and they are taught what things are most worth while in life. Protected by high ideals and by a desire to serve Christ through serving others, they will be able to go out alone in safety.

This year is to be marked by an emphasis on every phase of our work for the young people. A Commission made up of a member from each state with our president, Mrs. James, at the head will make a special study of conditions and offer suggestions as to new methods. They will consider the problem of the over-lapping of our organizations with the B.Y.P.U. It was resolved at the Annual Meeting "that each state emphasize its work for the young people and that it make no changes from the graded system as now maintained by the Union until the Union shall make further official announcements concerning the system". With all the forces at work, too little is being done for the missionary training of the boys and girls. We must do all possible to strengthen and not to weaken our work. What organizations have you in your church and what are they doing? Would it not be well to keep in closer touch with them by appointing a member of the W.M.S. for each of the four organizations you should have and let them report at least quarterly to the society on what is being done or that nothing is being done? Give the young people a part on every associational meeting. Let them realize that you are deeply interested in them and that they are doing a work that is worth while. Never let a society die for lack of leadership. And feel responsible for the boys and girls having interesting missionary books. If we can enlist the cooperation of every W.M.S., then our Sunbeams, R.A.'s, G.A.'s, and Y.W.A.'s will grow both in number and in strength.

17. Enlisting the College Girl
By Mrs. Geo. E. Davis

A girl is naturally religious. She comes to college in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred from communities in which there are Sunday schools, be they active or indifferent. As our young women enter college, again they claim their right to receive such moral and religious instruction as shall strengthen and develop their higher nature. What does she find? That she is required to attend daily chapel exercises, expected to attend church services and Sunday school, morning watch and the weekly meeting of the Y.W.C.A. In our college town our girl finds the sermons and services sometimes better and a better organized Sunday school than she was used to at home. She is not fully conscious of the joy and privileges of these services. She wonders why upon her return to her home church and Sunday school, though she feels a joy in renewed friendships and associations, she still feels she does not quite fit into it all. Is the young woman or the church at fault? College life has always represented skill, knowledge, and culture. Off in the distance rings the question "What for?" and we women of the southland send back the answer "For service and Christian living".

We know our college girls are going forth from Christian schools with a desire and love to do, as well as the ability to think. We know they have absorbed Christian ideals, but with all this self-development they are many times unlighted candles in their home churches and communities. We live in an age that speaks often of efficiency. You women of the southland recognized this when you sought to weld the link of applied efficiency for the college girl into the chain of W.M.U. efficiency. You have seen the situation fairly, tried to overcome the obstacles, but you have not admitted the obstacles to the enlistment of the college girl. No link in the chain of W.M.U. efficiency needs to be made with greater care or made stronger than that that concerns itself with the work in our colleges and schools for young women. The strongest and most able worker in each state is none too good for leadership in state college Y.W.A. work. Our Foreign Mission and Sunday School Boards have justly estimated the talent in our colleges and discerned that this is the opportune time for efficient training of college talent. Are we as women of the W.M.U. going to sit quietly by and lose this wonderful opportunity to help develop and use a symmetrical Christian young womanhood for local and world-wide service? At the various state, district, and associational meetings our college girls should be encouraged to service by a definite part on programs. State Baptist Assemblies should also recognize and give a program place to the college girl.

Now we face the question of the home church and the college girl. We often fail in hospitality to those who are nearest and dearest to us, our college girls. Our first thought in enlisting the college girl was to get her to see her importance and need to the home church. Now the home church must show her their need of her. Right here are we derelict. Our college girls come home feeling the might of service. Don't quench it. Interest the Sunday school superintendent, the pastor and others in her. Her desires and talents will soon be discovered. Many college girls underestimate their own talent; others have it underestimated for them and in many cases by the women in the churches who should give most encouragement. Long has the cry been that a very large percentage of the young women of our colleges are lost to organized church life, specifically W.M.U. organizations. The fault is ours, women of the Union! We are admitting we are the obstacles, unintentionally perhaps, in the way of our enlistment of the college girl. First must come the constant close touch between the representative W.M.U. organizations in the home church and the girl at college. Second must come the working touch between the college correspondent and the girl in college and at home during vacation and the keeping of the Auxiliary ideals before her. In other words, they must be trained for efficient service and to get a vision that the real purpose of her training is something more than the betterment of herself mentally, physically, and culturally. It is the fitting of herself for service for Christ.

"Bind Thy people, Lord, in union
With the sevenfold cord of love;
Breathe a spirit of communion
With the glorious hosts above.

"Send the baptism of Thy Spirit,
Shed the pentecostal fire;
Let us all Thy grace inherit,
Waken, crown each good desire.

"Let Thy work be seen progressing,
Bow each heart and bend each knee,
Till the world Thy truth possessing,
Celebrates its jubilee."



Y. W. A. PROGRAM



Hymn—I Worship Thee, Sweet Will of God

Bible Reading—(1) Our Inheritance as Americans: 2 Tim. 1: 3-5; (2) Are we using our inheritance in such a manner that we can claim God's promises? Prov. 4: 1-9; Prov. 2: 1-5

Hymn—Encamped Along the Hills of Light

Reports from the Convention
Plans for the Convention Year
Hymn—Lead on, O King Eternal
Dismissal with Sentence Prayers

Plans for the Convention Year

All our plans for the coming year should be built upon the determination to go forward and to exceed the past. Even though we are living in a crisis in which every one is conscious of the unsettled conditions and the unrest that pervades the world, though plans seem futile and the morrow uncertain, convinced by the hope of the future and thoughtful of the needs of the nations we must press onward, so that when we are appealed to, whether for service or money, we may not be found wanting.

Two principles that will help us to accomplish this should be kept continually before us, first: "waste not" or the utilizing of all our resources, second: individual differences. It is only as we study the abilities and special aptitudes of our members that we can hope to attain to the first principle. We are living in a day when men think in terms of individuals. The problem of individual differences is upon the mind of leaders. In the field of learning educators are confronted with the fact that public education is efficient only to the degree in which it develops the individual. They are no longer content to have the few reach the goal while the majority fall by the road. Their aim to-day is to equip each individual to take his or her place in the world. To secure this plans are being tried which call for an earlier and more differentiated curriculum. Of course, there will be failures but in the end individuals will be benefited. The selective draft is based upon this

principle. Its purpose is to avoid misfits and to place men where their special training and experience are needed. Such distribution of ability will bring the highest returns. Any one can see that it would be folly to make a doctor spend all his time washing dishes. Think of the years of labor and toil that he has spent in preparation! Doctors do not spring up overnight. Again, the engineers are playing a most important part in this war; could we expect men after six months' or even a year's training to be as efficient as those who have chosen it as a profession and have gained much through years of experience. Finally, it is no other principle than that which Paul gives us in the twelfth chapter of Romans. Paul recognized the fact that individuals are different and advocated development of each individual according to his particular gifts. We must apply this principle to our auxiliaries, study the abilities of our members, develop their gifts, and then we need have no fear for the first principle, it will take care of itself.

If the efficiency of your auxiliary depends upon the efficiency of every member enrolled, can you say that you have an auxiliary that is 100% efficient?

Remember if there is a member who is not being developed we are wasting ability.

Do you lose more developed or undeveloped members?

Remember every member has some talent, seek to find it—having found it, develop it.

For the coming year, let every auxiliary determine to raise its efficiency.

God's Service Flag

The evening star a child inspired

The one star in the sky.

"Is that God's service flag?" he cried,
And waited for reply.

The mother paused a moment ere

She told the little one

"Yes, that is why the star is there,
God gave His only Son."

—Anonymous



G. A. PROGRAM



Topic—A Patriotic Rally

Hymn—America

Prayer—For Our Soldiers and Sailors

Scripture—Psalm 125

Song—God Save, Hold, Keep Our Men

Inspirational Address—The Star in Our Service Flag (By the Leader or an invited guest)

Plans for 1918:

Department of Enlistment
Quartermaster Department
Ordnance Department
Signal Corps
Red Cross

Roll Call—Answer with some suggestion for the new year's work.

Star Spangled Banner—Stand at Salute

Patriotic Rally

If possible, choose a cool, shady porch or some other outdoor place for the meeting. Decorate with flags and the national colors. Serve some refreshing drink, nothing else. Send dainty invitations on which the patriotic idea is carried out to every girl of G.A. age in your church. Keep the thought before the girls that G.A. work is the highest form of patriotism. Let the suggested address be the opening gun in your enlistment program, using the idea that each girl may put a star in the service flag of the King.

Since it is the plan of the Union that all societies formulate plans for the next year's work at this meeting, the various forms of work may be presented under appropriate military terms as suggested in the general program above. Let the leader talk over her part with each girl separately, discussing the needs and possibilities of her own girls so that definite, feasible suggestions may be offered.

A definite plan for enlistment should be agreed upon. The girls who are not G.A. members and who accept the invitation to this meeting will constitute a first draft largely available. Make plans to go after all who do not attend and report success. An associational superintendent has worked out from Miss Heck's tract "Eight Reasons"

the following: 1. Christ commands it. 2. A place to pray unitedly. 3. A place to study mission fields. 4. Your part in saving the world. 5. Suited to your financial ability. 6. Christian fellowship with other girls. 7. Cooperation for uplift. 8. Christ's presence and blessing.

The quartermaster's report will at once suggest the thought of supplying the members with needed program material and denominational information. It is hoped that every G.A. will put on a campaign to become 100 per cent. in subscriptions to the magazines. In addition to *ROYAL SERVICE, Home and Foreign Fields and your state paper we suggest that you subscribe to *Yearly Literature, and from your state headquarters write for the following: Report State Annual Meeting, Report S.B.C. Annual Meeting, Report W.M.U. Annual Meeting.

Ordnance has to do with ammunition and the plans for meeting the apportionment and any special funds may be discussed under this head. Another special effort to enlist tithers is in order. It is hoped that the girls will agree to conform to the Union plan to send one-twelfth of their apportionment to their state treasurer each month for the coming year. It is also earnestly hoped that the girls may put themselves on record as being determined to give their money rather than raise it through sales, socials, etc.

The special thought in the heading "Signal Corps" is that the lines of communication should be kept open. Reports should be sent to the proper persons at stated times, perhaps this has not been rightly understood by the girls. Start right this year! Keep in touch with the missionaries through their letters printed from time to time in ROYAL SERVICE. From Miss Childs, Fukuoka, Japan, comes an urgent call for good Christmas program material, such as songs, recitations, pictures and music. Perhaps some of the girls will take

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R. A. PROGRAMS



FIRST MEETING

Topic—The Birth of a Nation

Salutes to Flags

Songs {There's a Royal Banner

{The Star Spangled Banner

Scripture—Prayer

Historical Sketch—Our Flag

Recitation—Your Flag and My Flag

Historic Sketch—The Declaration of Independence

Reading—Drake's Address to the American Flag

Hymn—America

Roll Call. Business. Closing Prayer

Suggestions for carrying out the program: To give this meeting a fourth of July spirit decorate the room with flags and flowers. On the table place a large empty fire cracker, out of which strips of paper extend. On each strip have written one of the following Bible references (be sure to number each strip): 1. Ps. 79: 9; 2. Ps. 79: 13; 3. Ps. 106: 47; 4. Ps. 108: 12; 5. Ps. 108: 13; 6. Ps. 111: 7; 7. Ps. 111: 8; 8. Ps. 135: 6; 9. Ps. 138: 7; 10. Ps. 147: 5; 11. Ps. 117: 1, 2.

Place on one side of the blackboard a Christian flag on the other the U.S. flag. Write on the board the following pledges:

Pledge to Christian Flag

I pledge my allegiance to my flag and to the Saviour for whose kingdom it stands; one brotherhood, uniting all mankind in service and love.

Pledge to U.S. Flag

I pledge allegiance to my flag, and to the republic for which it stands; one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

At the opening of the meeting call boys to attention, have them salute Christian flag, repeating pledge to Christian flag in unison. Sing one verse of "There's a Royal Banner". Still at attention salute U.S. flag repeating pledge to this flag. Sing one verse of "Star Spangled Banner". Pass around fire cracker having each boy draw Bible reference. After all are found in the Bible call for verses by number. Follow the

prayer for our soldiers on land, on the sea and in the air by the story of our flag; this story as well as that of the Declaration of Independence can be found in any good history of the United States. Recitation, "Your Flag and My Flag", was published in ROYAL SERVICE, June 1917. Reading, "Drake's Address to the American Flag".

SECOND MEETING

Topic—Our Outlook

Hymn—Watchman Tell Us of the Night

Scripture—Habakkuk 2: 1, 2, 14; 3: 2

Prayer—For Guidance

Talk—Stepping Stones

Hymn—What Shall the Harvest Be

Outlining Our Campaign—By Leader

Hymn—The King's Business

Prayer—For a Willing Spirit

Roll Call. Business. Dismissal

Thought for Bible Lesson: As the prophet Habakkuk stood on his watch-tower looking to see what Jehovah would direct him to do, so we must wait on the Lord for guidance in our plans for His work during the coming year.

We plan for our education, our work, our clothing and our food. Lack of plan means lack of success. We, therefore, should plan carefully for the most important duty of our lives, the spreading of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Place on the blackboard a list of mission topics for the year from May 1918 to April 1919. (See page 3 of this issue.) Get special objects for the coming year for R.A.'s from your state headquarters or from the Year Book for 1918-1919. Appoint a committee of three for each program, asking all to collect items on these topics, these items may constitute a monthly paper to be read at each meeting. Appoint an editor for the assembling of articles under the proper topic for the month.

The Talk, "Stepping Stones", our last year's accomplishments on which we cross over to larger things in the coming year, might be made either by the pastor or the

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SUNBEAM PROGRAMS



SCHOOL AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

These are the children whose school was destroyed by fire and who so bravely assisted their teachers at that time. (See June ROYAL SERVICE.)

FIRST MEETING

Topic—Large Things for Little People

FLAG SALUTES

HYMN—Brighten the Corner Where You Are

BIBLE LESSON—James 1: 5-8

PRAYER—For Our Army

LESSON STORY—"I Didn't Do Anything"

HYMN—Jesus Bids Us Shine

RECITATION—God's Service Flag (page 18)

HYMN—America

ROLL CALL. OFFERING. BUSINESS. MISPAH

Thought for Bible Lesson: When we plan for our work we do not want to make mistakes, therefore we must ask God to make us wise enough to choose the right things, always remembering that He has promised to guide us if we ask in faith, believing that He will answer our prayer. If we are not real true about this we will be like the person in the eighth verse of our lesson, of no account whatever.

Suggestions for Program: Open the meeting with flag salutes. (See R.A. Program page 20) Point out that being true to God will make us more true to our country; we must win our land for Christ. Encourage children to tell of any war work they have done.

By this time you will have received from your state headquarters the W.M.U. minutes and the new Year Book, from these you will glean information as to gifts of last convention year and special objects for the coming year, etc. Tell the children in simple terms of achievements and plans. Use and explain the Standard of Excellence, call it the "Sunbeam Measuring Rod".

"I Didn't Do Anything"

Out in a western town they were having a big time on the Fourth of July. But it was dark now and the music and speeches were all over. A lot of boys had gathered in the street and having built a bonfire out of old boxes and barrels were having a good time as they gathered around it. They were mostly well-to-do sort of boys and nicely dressed, but while they laughed and chatted a barefooted, ragged little fellow drew near and stood timidly on the outskirts of the crowd for a few minutes.

The largest and roughest boy in the crowd saw him and shouted, "Hello, Tatters, where did you come from?"

The boy tried to get away but he was too late. The big fellow came up to him in a sneering way saying, "Bare feet and such a cap! Do you know that kind of a cap is better roasted?" And a quick blow sent the little fellow's cap into the fire. He tried to recover it but failed.

"That was mean, Jim," said one of the boys, but he said it very faintly. The others said nothing and one or two laughed. The ragged lad slipped away from the crowd, sat down on a doorstep at a little distance, drawing his torn sleeve across his eyes to wipe away the tears of anger and grief.

He did not know it but a pitying, indignant little face looked down at him from an upper window, and a pair of childish eyes that had watched the scene grew tearful then brightened with the hope of comforting. Helen, for that was her name, hurried away and was back in a few minutes with

an outgrown cap of her brother's, a package of sandwiches and cookies which she had coaxed from the cook, together with a bright silver dime of her own. She put the articles in the cap, fastened a string to it and lowered it softly toward the boy on the steps, dropping her end of the string as the cap reached him.

"Why, Helen, what are you doing?" asked a voice as she drew back from the window.

Helen replied, "Doing what the speaker-man said this morning that we ought to do. He said we ought to let some of our blessings fall into the laps of those who haven't so much, and I did. It fell right into his lap and I guess he didn't know whether it came from a window or from heaven, for he looked up real quick and queer and said, 'Thank you, amen,' then ran away."

Ned laughed but Helen's face looked reproachful as she said, "You were by the bonfire all the time and I don't see how you could do it."

"Why, I didn't knock his cap off," said Ned trying to excuse himself. "It was Jim Gregg; he's a rough fellow. I didn't do anything or say anything, or the other fellows either."

Ned missed his chance. He might have helped the ragged lad and at the same time have won the respect of his own crowd of boys. Even a bully respects a gentleman. Would you rather be Ned or Helen?

Now we must not join that great crowd of people who just stand by and look on at the mean things that go on in the world while they do nothing to stop them. How much better it would have been had Ned sprung to the side of the ragged boy and defended him, instead of saying "I didn't do anything". In this case he should have done something. We want "Old Glory" to wave over a nation of really brave men and women and they must begin by being brave boys and girls. Jesus says that the people who look on and do nothing are greatly to blame and will be punished. Paul confessed his guilt when he stood by and held the garments of those who stoned Stephen to death. He did not throw a stone but he consented to his death. Don't belong to that crowd. In the coming year let us stand for the right and do something to help to win the world for Christ.

SECOND MEETING

TOPIC—The Clock of the Year

HYMN—Little Drops of Water

SCRIPTURE—Psalm 90: 12, 14

SENTENCE PRAYERS

CLOCK EXERCISE

HYMN—What Can We Do for Jesus?

BUSINESS. ROLL CALL. OFFERING. DISMISSAL

Thought for Bible Lesson: If we ask Jesus to give us a new heart He will hear our prayer, that will be getting a heart of wisdom. Then by loving and serving Him every day He will make us to rejoice and be glad all our days. Let us ask God to teach us how to deserve and win these happy days for ourselves.

Draw on the blackboard a large clock dial. For twelve o'clock write May, for one o'clock write June, and so on until the twelve months represent the twelve hours. Beside the clock on the blackboard write the months with their missionary topics, beginning with May 1918 and ending with April 1919. (See page 3.) Explain to the children that this is the program for our missionary year which begins in May of each year. We are now studying the July topic which brings us to the two o'clock of our year. Have twelve children represent the months, reciting the appropriate verse. After reciting each child might join hands forming a gradual circle which the April child will complete, the whole band singing "What Can We Do for Jesus?"

The Clock of the Year

May—W.M.U. Training School

FIRST CHILD:

If you want to be a missionary,
Or live by golden rule,
Or be a busy secretary,
Go to the Training School.

June—Social Problems

SECOND CHILD:

By gentle deeds of thoughtful love,
Like sunshine after rain,
All Sunbeams can this blessing prove
In ministry to pain.

July—Planning for Convention Year

THIRD CHILD:

"Too warm to work," someone will say,
But we can sit and plan
For work we'll do some other day,
When we won't need a fan.

August—Young People in All Lands

FOURTH CHILD:

I bring harvests from acres broad,
Fruits from orchard and field;
But children for the garden of God
More precious fruitage yield.

September—State Missions

FIFTH CHILD:

September the home-coming hour—
Lift the latch of the gate!
Now plan and give every power
To our dear native state.

October—Foreign Mission Survey

SIXTH CHILD:

October, thy crimson glory
Makes bright the dying year;
Thus will shine the Gospel story
That saves the children dear.

November—South America

SEVENTH CHILD:

To have for study something tropic
Will cool us in November.
It's such an interesting topic,
I'm sure we'll all remember.

December—China

EIGHTH CHILD:

December holds the sacred day
On which our Lord was born.
To China we will send straightway
The news of that glad morn.

January, 1919—Home Mission Outlook

NINTH CHILD:

If I could climb up near the sky,
Look to the south and west,
I'd see the needs piled up so high
I never more could rest.

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TRAINING SCHOOL



THE STORY OF A BOAT

A WHILE ago we had a little boat, a good boat and well manned but oh, so small! At the wheel with her face toward the dawn stood the pilot, at her side the gentle captain, the sweet counsellor. The crew were vigilant and observant. When squalls loomed up on the horizon there was a quick conference; the pilot tacked the boat, skirted the storm and they sailed on light and free. The passengers were a few young women with wistful faces, seeking service for their king.

"Will we reach our goal?" said one of the crew.

"Yes," said the sweet counsellor, "this is the Master's boat and He will guide."

"And too," said a wise one, "there are those who love Him and they will help."

Then spoke up the radiant pilot, "Courage, I see light ahead!"

"It shines in her face," said one of the young women. And so they sailed to service-land, crowded but happy and hopeful.

Then said the Master of the boat to His wise almoner, "Help these women, give them a larger boat." And joyfully he obeyed. Their precious cargo was soon transferred to the larger vessel. Others sought passage and were gladly welcomed. With fuller hopes they kept on their way.

Again one asked, "Are we sure to reach our goal?"

"Yes," answered the radiant one at the wheel, "the morning seems to dawn."

The sweet counsellor turned her face to the morning and said, "I see the Light."

Then the young women softly sang,

"Take the Light, take the Light,

The wonder and the glory of the Light."

A strange brightness fell around them and when it faded away they saw the sweet counsellor no more. The Master of the boat had come very near, He had called her and she had followed Him. The mist came into the eyes of the pilot but she steered straight and sought to comfort the crew who softly mourned together, yet all more fervently did they aid in guiding their again over-crowded boat.

Then the Master spoke once more to His almoner saying, "Build them a boat full large for their needs." And as ever the almoner obeyed his Lord and came again to the aid of the dauntless crew; and all those who loved came with gifts. Day by day the pilot watched the building of the large and beautiful ship. Here should be a chapel to the memory of the sweet counsellor; there should be the stairway, which leads to the golden light, for a memory to the wise almoner. Spacious rooms for the young women in which to work and praise and pray, and a pilot room for the radiant one.

One beautiful day it was finished and the great, white ship was launched. The lady of the wheel stood at her post and as the ship glided down the ways she broke upon the prow an alabaster box fragrant with praise and thanksgiving to the Master of the boat saying, "Thy name shall be House Beautiful." And all the people said "Amen."

But the wise almoner was not there for He too had been called away to be forever with the Master.

DEDICATION OF W.M.U. TRAINING SCHOOL

Morning Program

Mrs. George B. Eager, Presiding

Processional from the Pageant of "Darkness and Light"—Training School students

Devotional—Mrs. E. B. Mathews, Baltimore, Md.

Dedicatory Prayer—Dr. George B. Eager, Louisville, Ky.

W.M.U. Training School a Factor in Foreign Missions—Dr. T. B. Ray, Richmond, Va.
W.M.U. Training School a Factor in Home Missions—Dr. B. D. Gray, Atlanta, Ga.
Presentation of Portrait of Dr. J. M. Frost—Dr. I. J. Van Ness, Nashville, Tenn.

Response—Miss E. S. Broadus, Louisville, Ky.

Greetings from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary—Dr. E. Y. Mullins

HYMN

Presentation of Portrait of Miss F. E. S. Heck—Mrs. J. D. Boushall, Raleigh, N.C.

Response—Mrs. W. C. James, President Woman's Missionary Union

W.M.U. Training School as Seen by State Vice-Presidents—Mrs. Wesley N. Jones, Raleigh, N.C.

W.M.U. Training School from the Viewpoint of Corresponding Secretaries—Mrs. J. G. Jackson, Little Rock, Ark.

W.M.U. Training School as Her Trustees Know Her—Mrs. H. H. Tift, Tifton, Ga.

Our Alma Mater—Miss Mary Northington, Marion, Ill., and Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Birmingham, Ala.

"O Praise the Lord" (Mendelssohn)—Training School students

Address—Miss Kathleen Mallory, Corresponding Secretary Woman's Missionary Union

Prayer—Miss M. M. Lackey, Jackson, Miss.

Evening Program

PAGEANT

Lines by Margaret M. Lackey, Jackson, Miss.

SCENE I—Dr. E. Z. Simmons, missionary to China, dreams of a Training School for Southern Baptist women.

SCENE II—Southern Baptist Theological Seminary opens its classes to women. Four are admitted.

SCENE III—Louisville Baptist women hear of these four young women living in inconvenience and hardship. A mass meeting is called. A Board of Managers is formed, and plans for renting a house are made.

SCENE IV—The Board meets and sews rags into a carpet for the bare floors.

SCENE V—Three years of sacrifice and hard work for the budding school pass joyfully. Kentucky opens her heart and purse to the growing enterprise.

SCENE VI—W.M.U. becomes interested and at the Richmond meeting in 1907, it is decided to adopt the struggling enterprise and establish a W.M.U. Training School. Miss Heck, President of W.M.U.; Dr. J. M. Frost of the Sunday School Board; Mesdames Woody and Eager and Miss E. S. Broadus of Louisville, composed the committee to find a house and location for the school.

SCENE VII—Later Dr. Frost caught a vision of the service the Sunday School Board could render in giving the house and lot. Unanimously the Board voted \$20,500 for this purpose and Dr. Frost presented the check to Miss Heck. These two have gone to their reward.

SCENE VIII—The school opened auspiciously. Daily the students pass down Broadway on the way to their Seminary classes.

SCENE IX—Personification of studies in curriculum of Training School.

SCENE X—Represents the clubs and classes of Good Will Center, the workshop of Training School students: Story Hour, Blue Bird Club, Blossom Shop Club, Good Will Heroes, Cheer-All Club, Playground, Mothers' Club. (Miss Heck often visited this club, and she was called by one of the members, "The lady with the lovely eyes".)

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UNION NOTES



ROUND TABLE

ATTENTION is called to the "Emergency Pledge" and "Stewardship Covenant" on pages 14, 15. Action concerning these was wisely taken at Hot Springs and can but carry the Union and its individual members to far higher planes of giving. Each W.M.S. and Y.W.A. is urged to appoint the two women suggested in the resolutions concerning these pledges and to encourage them to get as many signatures as possible in each organization. It is our earnest hope that at least 10,000 of our members will sign the "Emergency Pledge" and that before or during February at least \$50,000 will be thus raised for the Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial in the Church Building Loan Fund. Concerning the "Stewardship Covenants", it will be noticed that no names will be published but that the states are requested to publish the number of those who promise to tithe. Many of our members already tithe and will quickly sign the card. Others may be easily persuaded so to do while it will doubtless take much tact and prayer to get others to sign the card. The opening up of Heaven's windows is the reward, so surely each society will work quickly and constantly to gain the blessing. The "Emergency Pledge" and "Stewardship Covenant" cards may be secured by writing to your state W.M.U. corresponding secretary. They are furnished free to each state by the general Union. Each society should secure its supply, get the cards all duly signed and return them promptly to the state W.M.U. corresponding secretary. All through the year attention should be called to them so that additional signatures may be secured. All who so desire may send in their \$5 with their "Emergency Pledge". February is the time set for the final redeeming of all the pledges. It will doubtless be true that many will be glad to give the \$5 or more this year to the Fannie E. S. Heck Church Building Loan Fund Memorial who do not feel that they can sign the "Emergency Pledge". All such gifts will be joyfully

received. However, the pledge states that it can be recalled any year when the one who signed it is unable to pay it, so no earnest, "willing-hearted" woman need fear to sign it. The high financial peak of the Hot Springs meeting was reached when it was announced that Mr. and Mrs. George Bottoms of Texarkana, Arkansas, had given \$200,000 to the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. It is impossible to estimate the encouragement which this gave to the Arkansas workers as well as to the Convention as a whole. Half of the \$100,000 given to each Board will be credited to the W.M.U. work. The Foreign Mission Board has been requested by Union workers to use the part it thus credits for some special phase of foreign mission work. Dr. B. D. Gray has very kindly requested Mrs. Bottoms, if such be her pleasure, to let the \$50,000 credited to the Union by the Home Mission Board, be applied to the W.M.U. pledge to the Church Building Loan Fund. It is truly hoped that Mrs. Bottoms will accede to this, thus launching with enthusiasm the year's campaign for that fund. At Hot Springs it was decided to issue certificates for mission study. These certificates will be furnished free by the general Union through the state W.M.U. headquarters. The certificates will be stamped with the official seal of the Woman's Missionary Union only upon the completion of the study of all the books listed on the certificate. Smaller seals will be awarded for the study of each book. Two of the books thus listed are "In Royal Service" and "The Manual of W.M.U. Methods". The small seals will be awarded to each person who has studied these books and can answer the questions on them as prepared by the general Union. These questions may be secured from the state W.M.U. headquarters. On Sunday morning at Hot Springs the capacity of the First Baptist Church was taxed to the very edge of the pulpit platform by the audience eager to hear Dr. George McDaniel of Richmond,

Va., preach the W.M.U. sermon. The Union is deeply indebted to him and to Dr. Prince Burroughs, who presented the W.M.U. report to the Southern Baptist Convention. A decided innovation of this annual meeting was the presence one afternoon of twenty-five khaki-clad young men. They marched into the church to martial music and sang many war songs. One of their number told of the good they derived from the camp pastor. With true southern—and shall we say womanly?—hospitality it was decided to entertain the soldiers that night at dinner. Nearly a hundred dollars were quickly given so that there was the bountiful dinner with enough for breakfast and other good times besides. On page 24 will be found the program of the altogether beautiful dedicatory services of the W.M.U. Training School on May 22. One does not see how they could have been more complete with devotion and satisfaction. Once again let us give—why not in the spirit of the "Glorious Fourth"?—heartily, sustained cheers and grateful praise to the faculty, boards and students of the school. As never before they revealed the beautiful unity of the school and its devotion to every phase of denominational work. For several years it has been the longing of Union leaders that the school's history should be told in pageant form but this privilege was reserved for the poetic heart of Miss M. M. Lackey of Mississippi. Nobly did her lines portray the heroic story and nobly did each one who took part develop the purpose of the pageant. The first of July will find the W.M.U. Year Books for 1918-19 ready for distribution from the state W.M.U. headquarters. Each organization is entitled to one free of charge and as far as possible it is also desired to give one free copy to each circle leader. Additional copies may be purchased for five cents a copy from W.M.U. Literature Department, 15 W. Franklin Street, Baltimore, Md. Those states having full delegation at Hot Springs were: Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas. The enrollment was about as follows: 287 delegates, 389 visitors, 4 officers and 12 vice-presidents, making a total of 692. May each of us who was permitted to be a part of this total feel the responsibility of telling

others about the meeting even as soldiers returning from the trenches or missionaries on furlough are on fire to quicken the people at home. May we tell them that our one message is "Hurry" as General Wood proclaimed his to be during the Third Liberty Loan. In both Springfield and Joplin, Missouri, the W.M.U. young people's secretary spoke at rallies of the young women's societies. At each place there were more than a hundred girls present; all seemingly responsive to the missionary appeal. From Missouri, Miss Dixon went to Arkansas where she visited Central and Ouachita colleges. In the latter there is a fine Y.W.A. doing splendid work both in study and gifts. The eleventh commencement of Woman's Missionary Union Training School was a joyous occasion. Seventeen young women and five married ladies were awarded the degree of Bachelor of Missionary Training, and two young women graduate this year in the Louisville Kindergarten Training School. Thus twenty-four new, trained workers will enter God's harvest field. The special interest of the evening centered about the stirring address of Mrs. W. C. James. Clearly and logically she spoke, even as our president should speak, holding her audience until her last word. A memorable address by the "First Lady" of our Union. The music of the student voices filled the chapel with wonderful power and sweetness and was a triumph for the teacher, Miss Rose Goodwin of North Carolina. Just after the presentation of the diplomas by the principal the juniors sang tenderly their benediction to the graduates, this chant will ever ring in their hearts for in very truth "He shall give His angels charge over them, to keep them". A beautiful and new feature was introduced after the presentation of the certificates to those who had completed one year's successful work. The juniors knelt on the platform just in front of the graduates, Miss Garnett of Georgia, a member of the student committee, came forward and in fitting, well-chosen words dropped the mantle of senior responsibility and stewardship upon the class, each graduate placing a garland of pink roses on the shoulders of the one who knelt before her. The earnest faces rising above the pure white garments, the

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BOOK REVIEWS



MISSIONARY PROGRAM MATERIAL

"This book contains graded material for missionary programs in the Beginners, Primary, and Junior Departments of a Sunday school, for Sunday afternoon or evening concerts, for public week-night entertainments and social evenings, or for informal departmental gatherings. It is a compilation of some of the best material at present available, such as extracts from standard books and mission board publications, arranged for elementary grades. Of course, no book nor pamphlet could be printed entire and some of the best material is simply recommended and suggestions given as to where information of many kinds can be obtained."

We feel that this book will be very helpful for members of the missionary committee of the Sunday school and for leaders of Sunbeams and R.A.'s. Suggestions are first made on the arranging of a program, two specimen ones, a primary social and a junior social being given. A page or two is devoted to "devices for awakening interest in missions and making missionary instruction attractive". Following this are suggestions for the use of missionary hymns and songs, with lists for primary and junior grades. The general program material is treated under headings. Home missions comes first, and here is given a bibliography, a description of an Indian costume for a boy and one for a girl, a suggested list of "stories to tell", some complete stories and poems that may be used for recitations. Most of the sections follow this general rule, bibliography for the country, costume description, stories and poems. Africa, China, India and Siam, Japan, Mohammedan Lands, South Sea Islands and Latin America are the countries taken up. Under Missions (General) are some missionary poems and exercises for primary children and a very good exercise entitled *The Missionary Dollar and What It Does* is arranged for old juniors. The book is compiled by Anita B. Ferris, author of *"The Land of the Golden Man"*. It is

attractively set up, printed on good paper with cloth covers. .50 postpaid

LOVE STORIES OF GREAT MISSIONARIES

At a state convention a few years ago Miss Belle M. Brain, missionary expert and author, was conducting a conference along missionary lines. In a little personal talk with her, after one of the sessions, she says that "a prominent minister confessed that he had expected to be a missionary but that his fiancée (at that time his wife) was unwilling to go and he had given it up for her sake. Next morning another prominent minister made the same statement. It was in the hope of helping young people to solve aright the problem of marriage and missions that these love stories of great missionaries were searched out and written". They are dedicated "to the girl who is tempted to say 'no' to her lover because he is a student volunteer". There are six interesting stories, some perhaps better known to us than others. Many are familiar with the one of Adoniram Judson and Ann Hasseltine which Miss Brain tells under the title *Winning a Wife in the Homeland*. Those who have read "The Moffats" will know the love story of Robert Moffat and Mary Smith. This is entitled, *A Case of Parental Objection*, but we recall the happy ending and the wedding in Cape Town. In "The Moffats," too, we remember that the love story of David Livingstone was touched upon; this Miss Brain calls, *Finding a Wife on the Field*. A *Courtship by Correspondence* gives us a most unusual story. "James Gilmour's courtship was as out-of-the-ordinary as everything else about him." You must read the story to fully appreciate it. The Call of God in an Offer of Marriage, tells of Francois Coillard and the brave Christina who came to Africa to share his work. The *Handicap of a Hopeless Attachment* is the sad story of Henry Martyn's loneliness in India.

We recommend our young women to read this little book. .50 postpaid

Order the above mentioned books at the quoted prices from Educational Department, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia.

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In her prophecy, Miss Heck spoke of the Union's work as a building; of the first twenty-five years' work as the foundation and of the work of the future years as the superstructure. For five years we have wrought on this superstructure and now turn to the Master-builder that He may pass judgment. Almost in the exact words of the prophetess—we leave it with the prayer that we may continue to build on the foundation whose corner-stone is Jesus Christ and that God, who will test the work with the plumb-line of His truth, may pronounce it good.

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SCENE XI—Typical of the Training School custom of singing Christmas carols before the homes of the Seminary professors.

The school rapidly outgrew its quarters. In 1914 it was decided to erect a larger building, and in 1916 the old building was razed. In December, 1917, the new building was completed.

SCENE XII—Virtues which are the fundamentals of the House Beautiful: Faith, Hope, Love, Work, Service, Prayer, Truth, "Sister Spirit".

SCENE XIII—"Light Bearers." Hundreds of Training School students are scattered in the homeland as mission teachers, kindergarteners, settlement workers, city and church missionaries, as W.M.U. state secretaries, young people's leaders and associational superintendents. To Africa, Brazil, China, Japan, Cuba and India Training School students have gone as teachers, kindergarteners, nurses, evangelists and homemakers.

SCENE XIV—Vigil Service. It is a custom on the night before graduation for the seniors and the principal to have a vigil service in the chapel.

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this up and send her in time to translate and use them. Best of all be sure to plan for that thin line of prayer to go up daily for our representatives at home and abroad.

Our girls are sufficiently acquainted with "Red Cross" work to make intelligent plans for carrying it on as long as needed, as a form of personal service.

R. A. PROGRAMS

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chief counsellor, followed by the leader's talk, "Outlining Our Campaign". The latter should include our responsibility as a Christian country to enlarge our plans each year for the Master's work.

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purple and gold of the diplomas, significant of the royal call of these chosen ones, the garlands typical of rosy hopes for the future thrilled the heart and satisfied the eye. Thus the first commencement in the Heck Memorial Chapel passed into history.

SUNBEAM PROGRAMS

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February—Church Building Loan Fund Results

TENTH CHILD:

And I would stand not far below
Where you would climb, my dear,
To see the little churches grow
We helped to plant last year.

March—Value of Mountain Schools

ELEVENTH CHILD:

What cares the mountain girl or boy
For the March winds blowing cold!
They seek their schools with grateful joy—
Nor would exchange for gold.

April—Fruitage of Training School and Margaret Fund

TWELFTH CHILD:

Our clock struck twelve, the race was on,
Our start the Training School.
We're back gain—the goal is won—
The "Home of Golden Rule!"

REPORT OF APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE

Your Apportionment Committee recommends:

That the State W. M. U.'s take the following apportionment as their totals for Foreign and Home Missions:

Alabama	\$ 21,000
Arkansas	11,300
District of Columbia	1,700
Florida	6,000
Georgia	50,000
Illinois	6,650
Kentucky	35,000
Louisiana	10,000
Maryland	5,000
Mississippi	21,050
Missouri	11,000
New Mexico	2,200
North Carolina	39,000
Oklahoma	18,000
South Carolina	41,000
Tennessee	22,850
Texas	42,000
Virginia	56,650

Totals.....\$400,400

It is also requested that the states as far as possible make their gifts to Foreign and Home Missions in the proportion of 6 to 4.

The following amounts have been accepted by the representative from each state as their apportionment for the coming year:

States	Foreign	Home	S. S. Board	Marg. Fund	Cur. Ex. of Tr. Sch.	Totals
Alabama	\$12,600	\$8,400	\$100	\$105	\$348	\$21,553
Arkansas	6,800	4,500	25	72	132	11,529
District of Columbia	1,000	700	10	80	66	1,856
Florida	3,000	3,000	40	68	300	6,408
Georgia	30,000	20,000	190	285	992	51,467
Illinois	3,325	3,325	....	45	42	6,737
Kentucky	21,000	14,000	150	172	750	36,072
Louisiana	5,000	5,000	25	38	102	10,165
Maryland	3,000	2,000	30	75	60	5,165
Mississippi	12,650	8,400	100	90	270	21,510
Missouri	7,000	4,000	....	106	210	11,316
New Mexico	1,300	900	....	18	18	2,236
North Carolina	23,000	16,000	150	225	552	39,927
Oklahoma	9,000	9,000	....	75	138	18,213
South Carolina	24,000	17,000	220	234	530	41,984
Tennessee	13,200	9,650	160	112	372	23,494
Texas	25,000	17,000	150	300	260	42,710
Virginia	34,000	22,650	150	300	858	57,958
Totals	\$234,875	\$165,525	\$1,500	\$2,400	\$6,000	\$410,300

The apportionment for the Y. W. A.'s, girls, Royal Ambassadors and Sunbeams have been carefully worked out and have been given to the members of the Apportionment Committee and will be printed in the Minutes.

Respectfully submitted

MRS. H. W. JONES, Chairman

Apportionment For Young Woman's Auxiliaries and Girl's Auxiliaries

States	Foreign	Home	Totals
Alabama	\$ 560 00	\$ 375 00	\$ 935 00
Arkansas	400 00	270 00	670 00
District of Columbia	70 00	50 00	120 00
Florida	100 00	65 00	165 00
Georgia	1,750 00	1,150 00	2,900 00
Illinois	300 00	200 00	500 00
Kentucky	1,700 00	1,150 00	2,850 00
Louisiana	250 00	170 00	420 00
Maryland	400 00	275 00	675 00
Mississippi	740 00	500 00	1,240 00
Missouri	450 00	300 00	750 00
New Mexico	50 00	35 00	85 00
North Carolina	2,460 00	1,640 00	4,100 00
Oklahoma	666 00	666 00	1,332 00
South Carolina	2,500 00	1,800 00	4,300 00
Tennessee	850 00	560 00	1,410 00
Texas	870 00	580 00	1,450 00
Virginia	3,500 00	2,350 00	5,850 00
Totals	\$ 17,616 00	\$ 12,136 00	\$ 29,752 00

Apportionment for Royal Ambassadors

States	Foreign	Home	Totals
Alabama	\$ 36 00	\$ 24 00	\$ 60 00
Arkansas	12 00	8 00	20 00
Florida	2 00	1 00	3 00
Georgia	108 00	72 00	180 00
Illinois	18 00	12 00	30 00
Kentucky	30 00	20 00	50 00
Maryland	7 00	5 00	12 00
Mississippi	60 00	40 00	100 00
Missouri	8 00	5 00	13 00
New Mexico	3 00	2 00	5 00
North Carolina	280 00	190 00	470 00
South Carolina	500 00	360 00	860 00
Tennessee	18 00	12 00	30 00
Texas	60 00	40 00	100 00
Virginia	500 00	340 00	840 00
Totals	\$ 1,642 00	\$ 1,131 00	\$ 2,773 00

Apportionment for Sunbeam Bands

States	Foreign	Home	Totals
Alabama	\$ 375 00	\$ 250 00	\$ 625 00
Arkansas	90 00	60 00	150 00
District of Columbia	7 00	5 00	12 00
Florida	68 00	45 00	113 00
Georgia	1,050 00	700 00	1,750 00
Illinois	68 00	45 00	113 00
Kentucky	350 00	230 00	580 00
Louisiana	65 00	43 00	108 00
Maryland	38 00	25 00	63 00
Mississippi	450 00	300 00	750 00
Missouri	60 00	40 00	100 00
New Mexico	12 00	8 00	20 00
North Carolina	2,000 00	1,300 00	3,300 00
Oklahoma	25 00	20 00	45 00
South Carolina	2,000 00	1,400 00	3,400 00
Tennessee	300 00	200 00	500 00
Texas	450 00	300 00	750 00
Virginia	2,400 00	1,600 00	4,000 00
Totals	\$ 9,808 00	\$ 6,571 00	\$ 16,379 00

A YEAR'S FINANCIAL RECORD

MAY 1, 1917 TO MAY 1, 1918

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY TO S. B. C. MRS. W. C. LOWNDES, TREASURER
AS REPORTED BY STATE TREASURERS

STATES	Foreign	Home	S. S. Board	Margaret Fund	TRAINING SCHOOL			Cash Total	Box Total	Cash and Box Total
					Current Expenses	Enlarge-ment	Scholar-ship Fund			
Alabama.....	\$ 12,000 00	\$ 8,000 00	\$ 100 00	\$ 70 00	\$ 290 00	\$ 2,673 93	\$ 597 35	\$ 23,731 28	\$.....	\$ 23,731 28
Arkansas.....	5,881 00	4,383 47	25 00	54 50	110 00	1,766 30	1,077 00	13,297 27	258 00	13,555 27
District of Columbia.....	910 50	664 51	.....	59 00	55 00	117 60	.....	1,806 61	.....	1,806 61
Florida.....	2,884 25	2,570 40	58 64	47 96	110 00	705 15	185 00	6,561 40	310 00	6,871 40
Georgia.....	33,324 86	20,102 25	190 00	190 00	960 00	2,047 15	1,071 40	57,885 66	.....	57,885 66
Illinoe.....	1,543 71	4,502 14	1 10	34 00	35 00	437 09	275 77	6,828 81	150 00	6,978 81
Kentucky.....	23,252 22	10,765 23	161 18	115 00	610 00	3,741 70	790 15	39,435 48	108 25	39,543 73
Louisiana.....	5,450 44	4,300 45	39 15	31 90	85 00	1,108 80	652 25	11,667 99	.....	11,667 99
Maryland.....	2,832 52	2,124 58	31 05	32 25	50 00	537 03	525 00	6,152 43	315 22	6,467 65
Mississippi.....	11,926 87	7,826 07	100 00	60 00	225 00	3,770 62	275 00	23,583 06	1,484 55	25,067 61
*Missouri.....	2,930 82	1,236 08	.....	133 56	175 00	1,576 60	205 30	6,257 36	.....	6,257 36
New Mexico.....	1,078 30	952 59	10 50	15 40	15 00	102 55	.....	2,174 34	75 00	2,249 34
North Carolina.....	21,426 37	12,428 00	124 29	89 92	460 00	5,231 41	787 50	40,547 49	2,955 74	43,503 23
Oklahoma.....	7,509 36	6,815 77	.....	50 00	115 00	500 70	.....	14,990 83	.....	14,990 83
South Carolina.....	31,009 63	17,436 25	358 46	422 73	420 00	2,941 71	810 23	53,399 01	228 08	53,627 09
Tennessee.....	12,032 77	8,765 46	119 23	93 32	310 00	3,465 00	350 00	25,135 78	63 65	25,199 43
Texas.....	25,000 00	17,000 00	198 00	200 00	260 00	1,000 00	.....	43,658 00	1,874 61	45,532 61
Virginia.....	32,551 76	18,946 33	154 55	200 00	715 00	5,625 87	775 00	58,968 51	3,185 89	62,154 40
Student Body.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	400 00	.....	400 00	.....	400 00
Alumne.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 00	.....	19 00	.....	19 00
Louisville Campaign.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14,398 09	.....	14,398 09	.....	14,398 09
Miscellaneous Gifts.....	51 80	11 60	.....	.....	.....	2,026 72	.....	2,090 12	.....	2,090 12
Total Gifts.....	\$232,996 68	\$148,831 18	\$1,671 15	\$1,919 54	\$5,000 00	\$54,193 02	\$8,376 95	\$452,988 52	\$11,008 99	\$463,997 51
Total Aims.....	\$199,455 00	\$136,720 00	\$1,500 00	\$1,600 00	\$5,000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gifts, 1917.....	\$197,875 94	\$120,926 80	\$1,500 00	\$1,473 96	\$3,600 00	\$44,203 18	\$6,051 49	\$375,631 37	\$10,904 54	\$386,535 91

*Partial report only from Missouri.