

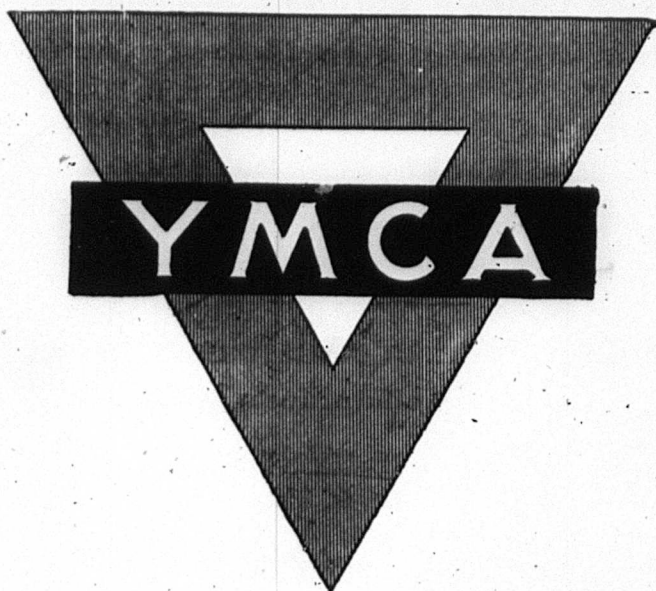
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That I may know Him.—Philippians 3:10

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# Missionary Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists

## October, 1918

Lord God of hosts, whose mighty hand  
Domtinion holds on sea and land,  
In peace and war Thy will we see  
Shaping the larger liberty.  
Nations may rise and nations fall,  
Thy changeless purpose rules them all.—John Oxenham

### Topic: Foreign Mission Surbey

#### 1—TUESDAY

For Mr. William Ellyson, president,  
and for Rev. W. L. Ball, vice president,  
Foreign Mission Board, S. B. C.

According as each hath received a gift,  
ministering it among yourselves, as good  
stewards of the manifold grace of God.  
—1 Peter 4:10

#### 2—WEDNESDAY

For Dr. J. F. Love, corresponding  
secretary Foreign Mission Board,  
S. B. C.

The eternal God is thy dwelling place  
And underneath are the everlasting arms.  
—Deuteronomy 33:27

#### 3—THURSDAY

For Dr. T. B. Ray, educational secretary  
Foreign Mission Board, S. B. C.

For me to live is Christ.  
—Philippians 1:21

#### 4—FRIDAY

For Mr. W. A. Harris, recording  
secretary, and Mr. R. A. Gwathmey,  
treasurer, Foreign Mission Board, S. B. C.

The righteous shall be glad in Jehovah,  
and shall take refuge in Him.  
—Psalm 64:10

#### 5—SATURDAY

For Rev. Frank Moody Purser,  
formerly assistant educational secretary  
Foreign Mission Board, now  
serving as chaplain in U. S. service  
I have a stewardship intrusted to me.  
—1 Cor. 9:17

#### 6—SUNDAY

For all those who are serving our  
country in this war  
Blessed is the man that maketh Jehovah  
his trust.—Psalm 40:4

#### 7—MONDAY

Thanksgiving for the lives of those  
missionaries who have lately entered  
into the larger, richer life beyond

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and  
their Might;  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-  
fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true  
Light.—W. W. How

#### 8—TUESDAY

For continued advance of Christ's  
Kingdom in Japan. S. B. C. work  
started 1893; 7 main stations in 1918  
Only in Jehovah.—is righteousness and  
strength; even to Him shall men come.  
—Isaiah 45:24

#### 9—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. C. K. Dozier and  
Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Rowe, educational  
and evangelistic work, Fukuoka, Japan

To proclaim the acceptable year of the  
Lord.—Luke 4:19

#### 10—THURSDAY

For the work of the Southwestern  
Academy for boys and for the needed  
buildings, Fukuoka, Japan  
All things are possible with God.  
—Mark 10:27

#### 11—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. P. P. Medling in  
charge of the Kagoshima field, Kagoshima, Japan  
He went about through cities and villages,  
preaching and bringing the good tidings of  
the kingdom of God.—Luke 8:1

#### 12—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Clarke,  
general missionary work in the Kumamoto, Japan  
Let all those that take refuge in Thee,  
rejoice.—Psalm 5:11

#### 13—SUNDAY

For the physicians and nurses in our  
Red Cross hospitals  
For those who minister and heal,  
And spend themselves, their skill, their  
zeal—  
Renew their hearts with Christ-like faith,  
And guard them from disease and death.  
—John Oxenham

#### 14—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. E. O. Mills, educational  
work, Nagasaki, Japan  
I will rejoice in Jehovah,  
I will joy in the God of my salvation.  
—Habakkuk 3:18

#### 15—TUESDAY

Prayer for Rev. and Mrs. E. N. Walne,  
publication work, and for Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Ray (now on  
furlough), Shimonoseki, Japan  
Strengthened with all power, according to  
the might of His glory, unto all patience  
and long suffering with joy.  
—Colossians 1:11

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## October, 1918

For those to whom the call shall come  
We pray Thy tender welcome home;  
The toil, the bitterness, all past,  
We trust them to Thy love at last.  
O hear a people's prayers for all  
Who, nobly striving, nobly fall.—John Oxenham

### Topic: Foreign Mission Surbey—Continued

#### 16—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Bouldin,  
church and educational work, Tokyo,  
Japan  
Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.  
—John 21:17

#### 17—THURSDAY

That through the reaching of large  
numbers of students in Tokyo the  
Gospel message may be carried to  
many communities  
For He satisfieth the longing soul,  
And the hungry soul He filleth with good.  
—Psalm 107:9

#### 18—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Willingham  
and their work in the Kokura  
field  
And they went forth and preached everywhere,  
the Lord working with them.  
—Mark 16:20

#### 19—SATURDAY

For the work of the Baptist Theological  
Seminary, Tokyo, Japan  
The word of the Lord abideth for ever.  
—1 Peter 1:25

#### 20—SUNDAY

For our soldiers, sailors and aviators  
and for those of our Allies  
Jehovah is the strength of my life;  
Of whom shall I be afraid?—Psalm 27:1

#### 21—MONDAY

For the annual state meeting of  
Missouri  
That ye may show forth the excellencies of  
Him who called you out of darkness into  
His marvelous light.—1 Peter 2:9

#### 22—TUESDAY

For the annual state meeting of Illinois,  
Oct. 22, and for the annual  
state meeting of Maryland, Oct. 23-  
25  
Make His paths straight.—Mark 1:3

#### 23—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. T. F. McCrea  
(now on furlough), evangelistic work,  
Teng Chow, North China  
Give thanks unto Jehovah, call upon His  
name, declare His doings among the people.  
—Isaiah 12:4

#### 24—THURSDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Ayers (now on  
furlough), Hwang-Hien Hospital, and  
Miss Anna B. Hartwell (now on furlough),  
Hwang-Hien, North China  
I know Him whom I have believed, and I  
am persuaded that He is able to guard  
that which I have committed unto Him  
against that day.—2 Timothy 1:12

#### 25—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Newton and  
Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Glass, Bush  
Theological Seminary and evangelistic  
work, Hwang-Hien, North China  
They shall speak of the glory of Thy kingdom,  
dom,  
And talk of Thy power.—Psalm 145:11

#### 26—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Stout,  
educational work, and Rev. Charles  
N. Hartwell, Boys Academy, Hwang-Hien,  
North China  
Ministering the Gospel of God.  
—Romans 15:16

#### 27—SUNDAY

For the work of the Shantung Baptist  
Association and the churches in  
its fellowship  
And the apostles gather themselves together  
unto Jesus; and they told Him all things.  
—Mark 6:30

#### 28—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Sears and  
Rev. and Mrs. Frank Connelly,  
evangelistic and educational work,  
Pingtu, North China  
Whosoever shall do the will of God, the  
same is my brother, and sister, and mother.  
—Mark 3:35

#### 29—TUESDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Yocum,  
Oxner Memorial Hospital, and Miss  
Florence Jones, trained nurse, Pingtu,  
North China  
"We touch Him in life's throng and press  
And we are whole again."

#### 30—WEDNESDAY

For the annual state meeting of New  
Mexico  
Make ye ready the way of the Lord.  
—Luke 3:4

#### 31—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. David Bryan, educational  
work, Pingtu, North China  
And I have put my words in thy mouth,  
and have covered thee in the shadow of  
my hand.—Isaiah 51:16



## OUR YOUNG PEOPLE—ARE WE PLANNING FOR THE YEARS?

THERE are many training schools going on today. There are the great cantonments with their tens of thousands of men preparing to go to France. There are the courses for nurses and shorter ones for special war relief work. The question today is not merely what do I *want* to do? It is what am I *fitted* to do? If our inclinations would take us into a line of work for which we are unprepared, we face the alternative of not following our inclinations or of preparing ourselves to do the work. This is true of work for Christ as well as for the war. Christ wants women so eager to serve Him that they are willing to take time and to expend effort to make them fit for His service. Last summer throughout our southern states there were many women filled with this desire to make the best of themselves and of their opportunities and these women found their chance for training at the summer state assemblies. Amidst beautiful surroundings with pleasant people a week or ten days were spent in intensive study for Christian service. Our W. M. U. has a part in every state assembly or encampment. There is an hour given to the W. M. U. work, usually in the morning, and often at times when no other classes are meeting. Each state has its own plan for this work. In one of those attended there were three classes: one in the W. M. U. manual, another in parliamentary drill, the other for Sunbeam leaders. And the class in parliamentary drill was truly wide-awake. We began at the beginning, organizing a society and electing officers and the meeting proceeded with a vim, enlivened by many motions made contrary to Robert's Rules of Order, but finally righted by our tactful teacher. Another state carried on four mission classes at the same time: one in the W. M. U. manual, one in Stewardship and Missions, another in The Call of the South, and a fourth for Sunbeam leaders.

And still there is one open door of opportunity at our summer assemblies that we are leaving unentered. In only two of the five attended was there any particular effort made to reach the young people. In Florida there was a class especially for Y. W. A.'s. At Virginia Beach there was an R. A. camp with a group of jolly boys under an enthusiastic leader. They had fine sport swimming and tramping and there was nothing of interest going on but there they were on the front seats. But usually in the W. M. U. classes it is the older women who are so decidedly in the majority as to leave almost no minority. At one typical assembly in the three W. M. U. classes, the one for Sunbeam leaders was the only one attended by the younger women. And yet the young people are at the assemblies and are really eager to be learning. They are taking up the Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. courses and some few come to the mission study classes. But there too it is the older women who are most in evidence. We talk much about the attractiveness of mission study for all ages. Can't we prove it next year? Would it be an impossibility to have an hour at each assembly devoted to mission study, not one class, but a class for every age even including the boys? Get the leaders early in the year so that they may have time to work up a splendid course. Do not have the courses only in methods, but take some one book as a text and then close the lessons with suggestions as how to conduct a society, or how to get other boys and girls interested. There may not be crowded class rooms but numbers most decidedly are not here a criterion of success. In a class of only ten young women at an assembly, one member decided to volunteer as a result of her study. Was that not worth while? We must make it clearly seen that missions is not a matter to interest only those too sedate for more thrilling subjects, but that missions can be the compelling force in the lives of all. Every one can have a part in this great adventure. Is it our part to make it appealing to the boys and girls during summer vacation as well as in the winter?

TOPIC: *The Signs of the Times*

*"God is revealing Himself in all the processes of the age, in all the developments of civilization. Facts are lamps by which we should see God."*

Matt. 16 : 1-3. Ye cannot discern the signs of the times. Let us learn from Christ's answer to the Sadducees and Pharisees that the events of the day are signs and that the signs are to be studied. God means His providences to be searched into, compared one with another and set in proper relation and succession.

I. *Moral Signs:* Matt. 24 : 12; Gen. 6 : 5; Luke 17 : 26-30; 2 Tim. 4 : 3, 4. Before the flood there was indifference, lawlessness and sin; before the destruction of Sodom unbelief and defiance of God. What are the indications in these present days? "Capital cringes before the revenge of labor." James 5 : 1-6. Men's hearts fail them for fear of the things that be coming on the earth, and well they may for Satan will combine all forces in his mighty culminating effort to stamp out the name of God from the earth. 1 John 2 : 22. The closing scenes of this present age will be a reproduction of the days of Noah. Matt. 24 : 37-39, the same intense worldliness and inability to care for the things of God which was displayed by the antediluvians are the fatal influences now in operation. (1) The search for truth and the acceptance of lies. Paul speaks of the latter times and the resolution of the wicked one and prophesies not only a large following but concerning the disciples declares that "God sendeth them a working of error, that they should believe a lie". (2) There is a tendency to worship God only as a creator and benefactor and not as a Jehovah, the covenant God of mercy. This is going the way of Cain, Jude 11, and not recognizing the holiness of God nor the necessity of a mediator between God and man. 1 John 2 : 1, 2; 1 Tim. 2 : 5. They look upon Christ as some great one and will talk of His philosophy and exemplary life, but neither confess Him as the Son of God, nor feel the need of His atonement and intercession. (3) A disregard of the primal thought of marriage, Gen. 2 : 23, 24; Eph. 5 : 28-31, and looseness in regard to it is prevalent. Our Lord's denunciation of the Pharisees for their legalizing of marriage after divorce which he declares it to be criminal. Matt. 5 : 31, 32; 19 : 3-9; Mark 10 : 2-12; 1 Cor. 7 : 10-15. (4) Alliance between the nominal church and the world is the natural result of the denial of our position as sinners before God and doomed to destruction unless ransom be found. The denial of this truth of the need of regeneration is followed by our living in perfect accord with the world.

II. *Religious Signs:* Matt. 24 : 14. Some of the signs of the present age are (1) *Evangelism.* Wherever the Gospel is faithfully preached it cannot be void. Isaiah 55 : 11. The proclamation of the Word of God must either draw men to Him or render them callous. 2 Cor. 2 : 15, 16. For years there has been a stream of evangelical testimony. The message must now be "Jesus is coming again" for world judgment and glorious kingdom rule. Acts 17 : 30, 31; Matt. 25 : 6. (2) *World-wide Missions.* Hab. 2 : 14. A vision of righteousness and peace. Isaiah 45 : 22. The spread of the Gospel is a testimony to all nations. In the unfolding of the ages is to be disclosed the final story of redemption. Let us grasp the glorious fact of the Gospel that Christ but awaits world evangelization to bring in the kingdom of God. "Whom not having seen we love." Could we catch the full significance of the signs of the times our missionary contributions would be quadrupled and volunteers would hasten to herald a coming Lord. (3) *The Blessed Hope* of the church is being proclaimed as never before. 1 Thess. 4 : 17; 1 Cor. 15 : 51, 52. "Old Testament prophets were perplexed by seeing in one view the cross and the throne." 1 Peter 1 : 11, 12. If I go I will come again. John 14 : 3. We must ever pray and look for the literal, visible, personal and joyous coming of our Lord. Acts 1 : 11. Yea, I come quickly. Rev. 22 : 20.—Mrs. James Pollard

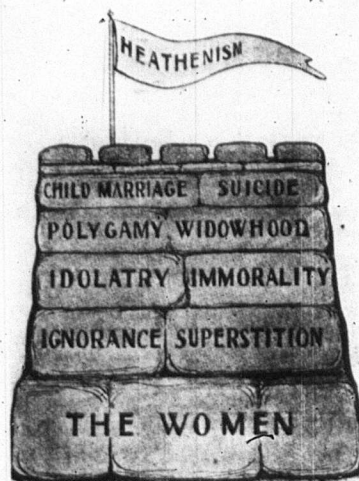




## PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER



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



WILL OUR FAITH BRING DOWN  
THESE WALLS?

AFRICA

(Use map for this and subsequent studies)

### 1. The Country and the People

This great continent has several outstanding features. The Sahara desert divides Africa along the Mediterranean from all that below the belt of sand. The Soudan, the "Black man's Country", is applied to the whole vast region lying south of the Sahara to within a few degrees north of the equator. In the east lies a great trough-like valley over which is scattered more than thirty lakes. There are four great continental river systems, the Nile, Niger, Zambezi and the Congo. The latter takes its origin on the plateau between Lake Tanganyika and Lake Nyassa, flows into and out of Lake Bangweolo and also Lake Mweru. It is joined by many affluents and drains an immense region covered by dense tropical forests. After a course of over three thousand miles, broken by falls and cataracts, it empties into the Atlantic Ocean a volume of water only exceeded by the Amazon. Back of the surf and the sand of the narrow coast line lie low mountain ranges, pierced here and there by volcanic peaks. Notable among these are Kilimanjaro, Ruwenzori, Kenia and Kamerun. These rise out of a dense equatorial vegetation and present a scene beautiful and sublime with their snow-capped peaks. Great as has been

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of Brass  
CLOSING PRAYER

*In any great movement for human good the ultimate and deciding question always is: How many people can be found who can have faith enough to believe in the cause and its triumph? When enough folk have faith any campaign for human welfare can be won.*

—Harry Emerson Fosdick

the achievements of this century of development and civilization, there still lie great areas, peopled by many tribes, still untouched. From the mission stations of the Nile on the east to those of the Niger on the west, there lies a belt fifteen hundred miles wide and over two thousand miles long, pagan and uncivilized. Down toward these are sweeping the hordes of Mohammedanism. This is the last great battlefield of earth, the Moslem's last chance to set up a political and spiritual kingdom.

Scattered over the continent are several aboriginal tribes; among whom are the Bushmen and the Hottentots of South Africa, the Pygmy tribes of the great black forest of the Congo, whom Stanley discovered, and others scattered through equatorial Africa. South Africa from the settlements of the early Dutch and English colonists has grown into a fine European civilization, spreading gradually north towards the equatorial belt. In the central part of Africa from coast to coast is a distinct race called the Bantu. They are a migrating people and have in their folk-lore stories of their travels. They have gone as far south as Cape Colony and Natal. They include the Kaffir tribes, among whom the Zulu is a prominent type. Somehow it seems that God has prepared them for ready response to the Gospel message. The one great characteristic of the Bantu race is the language which, though divided into hundreds of dialects, has the same construction and grammatical basis. They are very superior to the pure negro and the aboriginal tribes whom they supplanted.

The original form of government is patriarchal, the chief being head of the family. Here and there a chief has stood out as a dominant character in his district, but originally there were no kings as such. The common social custom is polygamy, though there are a few notable exceptions. Towns are built according to this custom with parallel rows of huts for their many women. The multiplicity of women is accounted for by their depredations on other tribes and the custom of domestic slavery. Their houses are variously built of great slabs of bark, woven bamboo, or mud, and are shaped long and low in some sections, tall and round in others. One tribe is born, lives and dies in house boats, hewn out of solid logs. They are fishermen of the Stanley Falls section of the Congo and were driven to this life by the Arab slaver's raids. The clothing differs in the different sections, ranging from the scanty loin-cloth and woven girdle of the equatorial Congo to the complete costume of the people of Uganda, where a death penalty is imposed for too scanty attire. The people get their living from small gardens cultivated by the women. Corn, sweet potatoes, peanuts, manioc and rice in some sections, are the main products. There are a few goats, straight-haired sheep, chickens and ducks. Fishing and hunting with nets, traps and spear provide them fresh meat. The women are the burden bearers and gardeners and do all the drudgery of the household. The men are the artisans, showing uncommon skill in the weaving of cloth and shields, in blacksmithing, and hewing of wooden utensils and canoes from solid logs. The men are cruel. The sick are frequently cast out to die, the women are beaten with terrible hippopotamus scourges. The aged and infirm are shoved off to some tumble-down shack and left uncared for. Cannibalism was once a common custom, now it is disappearing before the advance of civilization and Christianity. In strange contrast to this we find them courteous and friendly and hospitable. Mother-love, however, is the only true love among them. Fetichism is common among all tribes. It has cast a spell over every phase of their life. The Gospel message alone is able to free them from the bondage of its fear.—Mrs. Ira N. Dye

### 2. A Glimpse of Our African Field

The hundreds of women who studied "Romance of Missions in Nigeria" do not need an introduction to that interesting country. They know of its people and their customs, of the towns and the country sections and of the needs and opportunities existing for bringing the message of Christ to the people. If your society has not studied this book, read selections from it that will make that land of Nigeria and its women and children real to your members. Here are the most recent words from our African field:

*At Oyo.* There is a steady increase towards self-support. Every church is steadily taking upon itself the financial support of preachers and teachers which for so long was

borne altogether by the mission. At the end of the year the youngest church, Fiditi,\* sent a messenger to say that they did not longer desire financial aid, but that their church now wished to help other churches. For two or three years the Awe church building has regularly overflowed. Weary of waiting for the end of the war to enable them to erect the large, new building, they have built an addition to the old church house and already it is insufficient. Fiditi has improved its house of worship and is planning for a better one on a better site.—*Dr. B. L. Lockett, missionary at Oyo*

*Shaki.* The year 1917 has been one of rich blessing to the churches of the Shaki station, not so much in large numbers of converts and additions to the church, but more in the upbuilding of Christian character. The fight that is taking place in the other stations, and in fact all over the country, against immorality and especially against polygamy has also engaged a considerable amount of the energy of the Shaki churches. We are glad to report that the right is winning out and the members are gradually arraying themselves on that side. Realizing the seriousness and the danger to the Christian body we have striven to eradicate it wherever found and have been heartily supported by the members themselves.

In the out-stations the work has gone steadily on and one new station has been opened—Agunrege. This is a purely Mohammedan town inhabited chiefly by Hausa emigrants from the interior. It was founded some seventeen or eighteen years ago by an old retired soldier and has grown rapidly. The opening of this station is interesting inasmuch as the bale asked for a teacher to educate his own and his people's children, and was advised to do so by a Mohammedan priest of Shaki who has always been a friend of the Christians there. We could not refuse an invitation so surprisingly given and made a great effort in rearranging our staff so that we could send one of the teachers there for, as usual, we are very short of help and there were other places crying out for men to come and teach them.

In two of the out-stations the people, tired of waiting for the war to end, so that they could have buildings erected for their teachers and in which to hold their schools and religious services, have gone ahead and erected buildings with grass roofs which they hope will last till they are able with the assistance of the mission to erect more permanent roofs.—*Rev. L. M. Duval, missionary in Shaki*

### 3. Our Schools

In our list of schools we have eighteen lower elementary schools, one higher elementary school, which we speak of as the Academy, one school for girls, one theological school, and one industrial school. Last July the mission adopted for our elementary schools the educational code of the Nigerian government, and we are trying to organize our schools along these new lines.

*Girls' School.*—It is with joy and gratitude to God that we can report progress for the past year. School opened in January with 56 pupils and closed with 61; boarders 26; day pupils 35. The health of the girls has been excellent and good work has been done by them. Our hearts were made glad when two came out on the Lord's side and were baptized in obedience to His command. Another great joy was the coming of Miss Edens to us in August. After ten years working and living alone it was good to have so congenial a helper. We thank God for this privilege and we have all learned to love her. We pray that she may be spared to us for many years and that she may have very much joy in service for the Master with us in our work amongst the women and girls of Abeokuta.—*Mrs. C. G. Lumbley, head of Girls' School in Abeokuta*

### 4. Healing the Sick

This phase of mission work has a sphere peculiarly its own. No other reaches so varied a class of people nor touches the people on so many sides of their nature. Its aim is first of all evangelistic—bringing the Gospel to those who come to the physician and surgeon for physical help and healing. Often the way to the church leads from the dispensary, and the boy and girl at the dispensary will sometimes receive his or her introduction to the Yoruba alphabet and primer. At Ogbomosho nearly five hundred persons have had their names

entered in the dispensary record book as patients during the year, and these have made 5,560 visits for treatment. This means that this number and also an equal number or perhaps twice that number of friends who came with the patients have heard the Gospel message.

Dr. Lockett reports on the medical work at Oyo as follows: "The medical work is far better than ever before. The employment of a better and more sympathetic native helper has encouraged the missionaries. Attendances more than doubled in the latter half of the year. Numbers are on the waiting list for operations. This work is limited only by time, equipment and assistance. A small temporary hospital with grass roof is nearing completion, already before the building is finished it is more than filled, while many are turned away. The old dispensary building is being altered and will provide fairly serviceable operating, store, laboratory and drug rooms. Then with the help of Miss Keith it is expected that far more and better medical service can be rendered."

What is the outlook for the African mission in Nigeria? There is a great opportunity for Baptists in Nigeria. The country opening up to trade and commerce, the youth of the land awakening to the need of education, the making of good, well-graded roads connecting smaller towns with main centers offering great facilities for travel and communication. Heathenism is slowly but surely passing away, a form of civilization is coming and it ought to be Christian civilization. These facilities and opportunities for a great Christian propaganda are also open to the messengers of Mahomet and the teachers of other faiths and doctrines, and the sad, sad thing is that these others are entering in and taking advantage of these open doors of opportunity, but the African Mission of Southern Baptists is so handicapped through lack of missionaries, native workers and equipment that we cannot advance and press the campaign into the new territory which is now wide open and inviting and in such great need of the Gospel light.—*Dr. George Green, medical missionary, Ogbomosho*

## ITALY

### 6. In Warring Italy

The invasion of three of the most beautiful and valuable provinces by the Austro-Germans in October greatly afflicted the Italians. This not only brought three million people under foreign rule but, as a consequence, subjected the entire nation to greater sacrifices, material and moral, to compensate for this loss. At Pordenone, a flourishing commercial city of the Province of Udine, we have or rather had a flourishing church of about sixty members. Only recently our mission had erected a beautiful chapel in the best part of the city. Before the enemy arrived the Italians had blown up all the bridges in the town as well as the military stores. The terrific explosions damaged every building in the place, including our chapel which had all the windows broken. It is now occupied by the enemy, whether for military or religious purposes we do not know.

At present we have twelve soldier halls where special work is done for the benefit of soldiers. The pastor and his wife, who are frequently assisted by the church members, have charge of this work. In almost every case these halls are in proximity to the church and in some cases the church building itself is dedicated to the soldiers' use. In these places writing paper, New Testaments, tracts, religious and political journals and reviews, religious books and in some cases legitimate games and occasionally music are freely put at the disposal of the soldiers. This has proved to be a most efficient means for helping the soldiers materially and at the same time propagating our principles to a large number of people. Although a majority of the halls have been opened only since the first of October there has been a total attendance during the year of 158,094 soldiers and officers. There have been distributed 59,474 copies of the New Testament and portions of same among them. They have received also 75,721 copies of tracts and religious journals.

Since our last report other pastors have been called to arms. One is a captain, another is an official on a warship, while still another is in the aviation corps. All the

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other pastors are in the sanitary service. Our churches in consequence of the lack of pastoral care have suffered considerably. The absence of nearly all the male members over eighteen at the front has contributed to the temporary decline of some of our churches. The last official census made by the Italian government showed more than 120,000 evangelicals in Italy, while the church statistics account for only about 40,000. Thus it will be seen that only one evangelical in three sees fit to join the church; in other words, Christianity seems to be making greater strides than church membership. Except in the matter of baptisms we have made considerable progress. Church membership, through immigration, increased nearly 25 per cent, Sunday school scholars more than 25 per cent, while collections increased nearly 40 per cent.—*S. B. C. Report*.

#### CHINA

#### 7. Central China

The Yangtze Valley is the heart of China. In and out, from Peking and Canton, from the recesses of Szechwan and back flow the life streams of the nation. This pulsing center of human life, like every other, is full of forces that build up and forces that tear down. Never in history were those forces so active as now. Today, as all the world knows, is the day of China's Renaissance. Feudalism is not yet dead—it is dying hard. Newborn democracy is gasping for the breath of life. The age-long social order is disturbed. The new learning is here, revealing only more clearly the darkness of ignorance and superstition which it comes to dispel. That new learning brings to China the marvels of modern science, but it brings something greater, something more elemental, all-inclusive, the knowledge of God the Father and Jesus the Saviour of men, the good news of the kingdom which He came to establish on earth. Here in the lower Yangtze valley among the forces that tear down the false and built up the true are the great Bible Societies of England and America, great publishing houses of Christian literature, Christian churches, hospitals, schools and colleges, manned by more than seven hundred missionaries of many denominations and from many countries.

What part does our Central China Mission play in this great whole? A modest part indeed, but not an inconsiderable one. Forty-four men and women sent out by southern Baptists are living in the four great cities of Yang Chow, Chinkiang, Soochow and Shanghai. They have, under their care or influence, in round numbers, 35 Chinese Baptist churches, 2,500 Christians, 100 Chinese preachers and teachers, one hospital treating this year 11,441 patients, 57 schools, with over 1,600 school boys and girls, and one college and Theological Seminary for men. If one could estimate all the heart-power and brain-power that these forty-four missionaries have put into the lives of thousands of Chinese through their preaching and teaching and daily living during the past year, the sum total would be the report of the Central China Mission for 1917.

#### 8. Our Cities in Central China

**Yang Chow** is farthest from the coast; it is not on the railroad and not on the river, but it is on the Grand Canal which connects both. It takes only a day to go from Shanghai up to Yang Chow, but it takes our Yang Chow missionaries months and years to come down again. A visitor gets a good view of the city by walking around it on top of the city wall, more than seven miles in circumference. Then she may feel Yang Chow in her bones by mounting Miss Moorman's wheelbarrow and bumping through the streets, filled with the evidences of idol-worship on every hand. Among the homes of the rich, the huts of the beggars and the temples of heathen gods stand out boldly groups of foreign buildings—the Episcopal mission, a Roman Catholic church, the China Inland Mission and our own, all widely separated. Our hospital compound, the only center of medical work in the city, is now being enlarged and beautified. The two doctors' homes and that of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce have, or promise to have, beautiful homelike grounds around them. The Girls' School and the home of the ladies there are pitifully small buildings, but the grounds around them are a marvel of neatness, order and beauty. Hundreds of rose-bushes and other flowers show the patience of years on the part of Miss Moorman. Such a compound is in itself of no small educational value. Near the hospital is the large

Provincial Normal School. What a far-reaching work could be done among these students, if southern Baptists would send a man specially trained for such work! We look in vain for the Baptist church. Alas! there is none. Services are held in an old Chinese restaurant (or "tea-house"). Many ladies are unwilling to go to such a place. A good church building would help to attract residents of the city and these government students as well.

**Soochow** is the queen among these cities, full of famous temples, pagodas and pleasure gardens. Like Yang Chow it has many wealthy official families. Many provincial and city schools of Soochow are well equipped and offer modern educational advantages to hosts of students. In spite of their work, conservatism with its idolatry and its sin holds the old city in a firm grip. Looking down from the Big Pagoda one sees how wisely the forces of Christianity have arrayed themselves. No quarter of the city is without a mission of some denomination, and all have territory larger than they can work. We have the choice location, in the very midst of the people. The place where Mr. and Mrs. Britton have lived for twenty-nine years is not large, but a model of completeness and a beehive of industry. A half-mile away are the Yates Academy and We Lin Girls' Academy and the church, where Mr. and Mrs. McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Hamlett, Miss Lanneau, and Miss Bagby live. Where do they live? In Yang Chow we looked for a Baptist church and found none. In Soochow we look for the homes of these eight missionaries and do not see a single residence. Look again, and you find *one*, a dilapidated, antiquated, dingy house that our Chinese friends are ashamed of.

**Shanghai** is as well known as our New York. At the old North Gate is where Miss Kelly, Miss Tucker, and Miss Johnson live and do a wonderful work in the Smith Bible School and several other schools connected with the church. Miles away is the Grace Church center, where Dr. and Mrs. Bryan, Dr. and Mrs. Rawlinson and Mr. and Mrs. Rogers live—also Miss Sallee, Miss Bryan and Miss Lyne. 1917 brought to Mr. Rogers his charming bride. It also brought Miss Lyne to rejoice the hearts of those in the Cantonese work, to which she will devote herself. Miss Bryan, on return from furlough, was transferred from Yang Chow to Shanghai, a distinct loss to the one and gain to the other. Just before the close of the year, Miss Priest was welcomed back with rejoicing and gratitude to God for restoring her to those who love her here. She returns, not to her former work in Eliza Yates, but to live at her old home, North Gate, and to take charge of Smith Bible School. Yet more miles away is our College and Seminary.—*Sophie S. Lanneau, Soochow*

#### 9. Interior China, the Field

The Interior Mission works in three cities and in the surrounding country. One is the capital of the province of Honan, the business, educational and governmental center of a population of nearly thirty millions of people, where only one mission is at work. One, Chengchow, is a rapidly growing railroad junction on the main line between Peking and Hankow. One is the city of Pochow, the third largest city in Anhwei province, not connected by railroad, but in a populous district. By recent consent of the Board, a fourth city, Kweichow, has been added, about 60 miles east of Kaifeng on the way to Pochow. This city has work established by Mr. and Mrs. Townshend, independent English Baptists, for three years entirely supported by gifts of the missionaries of the Interior Mission. The property and the support of the Townshends has been taken over by the Board. This links up our work.

#### 10. A Glimpse of Missionaries at Work

The work of each missionary is most varied—the medical missionary preaches at out-stations, the evangelistic missionary runs day schools and bosses masons and carpenters, the educational missionary holds evangelistic meetings of a week in length, the mother teaches her own children in the morning and calls with the Bible woman in the afternoon in the homes of the Chinese mothers.

*Mr. G. P. Bostick*, among other things, has traveled in itinerating about 1,000 miles by wheelbarrow, going in distances of 20 to 60 miles in different directions from Pochow.

On the road he has talked with and been gazed at by thousands and has brought the message to a myriad of hearers. *Mr. Herring* has charge of the city church in Chengchow in addition to out-stations. Thirty miles away a few Christians have been gathered together. They sent thirty miles to get *Mr. Herring* this autumn and took care of him in their homes. In the evening there were family prayers and then preaching to groups gathered in the house or courtyard or in front of some Christian's home. The Christians took the responsibility of it all upon themselves.

Enlightening the hearts and homes of the women and girls is about the biggest work of the missionary enterprise. Here in the interior, especially, the minds and hearts of the women are bound up tightly like their feet. The poor women toil and moil and raise their children or watch them die, one after the other, in the dirty and overcrowded room or two that they have, and the more well-to-do women smoke their cigarettes and idly gamble. Of course in spots there are brighter things, but for the most part the picture of Chinese womanhood here in Honan is pretty dull and sad. *Mrs. Sallee* is trying to help some of the poor women earn a little for their families in her industrial school. The women learn to embroider for which work they are paid by the piece and this is sold in order to run the school. They study an hour each day and are examined on their studies. A special service is held for them, on Wednesdays, on Sundays they attend voluntarily two services. The earnest faces of the women now as they listen to the Gospel sympathetically is in striking contrast to their idle stare when they first came. This year there have been more than fifty women in the class with an average attendance of thirty-five.

#### 11. The South China Mission

Affairs political in our part of China have changed in such kaleidoscopic manner that one day can scarcely predict what the next will bring; for freedom from the Manchurian yoke has not brought the Utopian peace for which many looked. These civil disturbances have resulted in the recalling of all of the police and soldiers from the interior, causing robbers and pirates to wax bold, so that, whereas they formerly plied their trade in small boats, they now make their depredations in large bands, taking possession of armored launches to scour the delta streams. Mauser rifles and quick-firing guns have replaced their blunderbusses, and the farmer and merchant alike must pay his toll before he can reap his harvest or transfer his goods. In the meantime China's millions are groaning beneath their burden of poverty while their feet walk over vast mines of wealth awaiting development. Their village gates are barred against the stranger as night draws on, for not even the poorest sleep in security, for these marauding bands take captive any one at will, demanding large sums for ransom. At one of our stations a school teacher was kidnapped and no ransom forthcoming he was shot. And all this while office-seekers are squabbling among themselves. But even these things have turned out to the furtherance of the Gospel, for men's hearts, failing them for fear, have in some instances, sought the peace this "joyful sound" offers them.

Space prevents a detailed account of the evangelistic, medical and educational work of the South China Mission, but the W. M. U. in the homeland will be interested in the sister organization across the seas.

Our W. M. U., with its auxiliaries, organized a year ago last March with six societies, and at its first annual meeting numbered thirteen societies. It has proved to be a real factor in teaching the women, girls and children of our churches soul-saving work and in interesting them in places other than their own. It also develops them along the line of taking part in meetings and teaches them the grace of giving. *Mrs. Lake*, its first president, presided over the first annual meeting held at Tung Shan, when 64 delegates were present. This meeting was a most helpful one and at its close elected *Miss Coffee* president for the ensuing year. A helpful feature is the "Quarterly" prepared by a committee of our missionary ladies for use in guiding leaders of the meetings. It contains monthly programs for women's societies and Sunbeam bands. In February the societies of the Hakka field organized into an association, dividing our territory into five

districts and appointing a superintendent to care for the work of each. During the first year besides a Bible study we considered the work of all our Baptist missions in its different phases throughout China. This year their vision is to be enlarged as they look further afield. It is encouraging to see the interest the women take in these studies and in the objects fostered by the churches. At our annual meeting only six Sunbeam bands were reported, but many have come into existence since, some having been formed in the girls' schools. In one instance, their contributions helped to support a Christian woman in the Old Women's Home. Three of the Sunbeam bands have undertaken to support one of the orphans in our Tung Shan Orphanage.

#### JAPAN

#### 13. Striking Facts about Japan

*The Land:* Japan comprises more than four hundred islands, lying along the east coast of Asia. Korea was annexed to the empire in 1910. This chain of islands is over two thousand miles long and would stretch from Maine to Cuba. It averages; however, less than one hundred miles in width.

*The People:* The population of Japan is fifty-five million, more than half as great as that of the United States. If the latter were as densely peopled it would have a population of seven hundred millions. The people of Japan are remarkable for intense patriotism, deep respect for ancestors, great industry, and limitless ambition.

*Christianity:* The first Protestant missionaries entered Japan in 1859, but were confronted with great difficulties in propagating their faith, laboring under legal restrictions. In 1899 religious freedom was granted. There are now 1,050 Protestant missionaries at work in Japan, occupying 218 stations and working in 855 other centers. There are 2,522 Japanese workers. The total Protestant church membership in 1916 was 97,350. The Roman and Greek Catholics claim 15,500.

#### 14. Southern Baptists in Japan

In seven of the cities of Japan we have organized work under the care of nineteen missionaries. The work has greatly prospered this year. The great war has helped and not hindered it and many new doors of opportunity are opening. The following story is only one of many that our missionaries could tell:

"There is a little story of the brother of one of the new members baptized this year which might serve as a suitable conclusion of my report. The girl's name is Yamasaki, and the story begins with the conversion of her elder brother two years ago. His father had had a great deal of trouble with him. He would insist upon every one waiting upon him and nothing ever pleased him, nor would he himself do anything. He gave his father much concern. When he was converted he became very kind and considerate. Instead of waiting for his father to wait upon him, he waited upon his father. His father noticed the change, but thought it would wear off after a time. Contrary to his expectations the change seemed to be permanent. This so impressed the father that he thought that if the faith in Christ could do this wonderful thing for his son there must be some truth in it. The result is that one sister has joined our church; and another sister and the father attend our church services. Pray that this father and daughter may be altogether persuaded to be Christians. Pray, too, that many others may become followers of Jesus, the Son of the Living God."—*P. P. Medling, Kagoshima*

#### 15. South America

As this country has a whole month to itself in our programs we leave it, with our neighbor, Mexico, to be considered in November. Present world conditions render both of these countries most interesting studies.





## Y. W. A. PROGRAM



Topic—Foreign Mission Survey  
Hymn—Begin My Tongue Some Heav-  
enly Theme

Psalm 91 (In unison)  
Hymn—So Let Our Lips and Lives Express  
Bible Reading—Mal. 3 : 10; 2 Cor. 9 : 7;  
1 Cor. 16 : 1, 2

Hymn—Jesus Calls Us  
Representation of Departments in  
ROYAL SERVICE—Let Auxiliary mem-  
bers represent foreign mission topic in our  
magazine as follows: Cover—A poem or  
scene from one of our mission fields; front-  
ispiece—Portrait of missionary and short  
sketch of her life; Editorial—Article, Chris-  
tian Education an Essential to the Devel-  
opment of Heathen Lands; Home Depart-  
ment—A short missionary story; Current  
Events—Items of interest from all lands;  
From Our Missionaries—A letter from  
foreign field; Union Notes—General news;  
Book Reviews—Presentation of mission  
study books.

Prayer—For Our Foreign Work  
Hymn—Far, Far Away in Heathen Dark-  
ness Dwelling  
Dismissal—Sentence Prayers

### The Foreign Mission Board's Greatest Need

The greatest need of the Foreign Mission Board at the present time, after prayer, is continued financial support. The outlook for the future is serious. Needs have been accumulating during the years which must be adequately met if we are to hold our ground. Men and women are prepared to give their lives in service and will go to the foreign fields as fast as the money is given to send them. True, there is cause for great rejoicing because (1) the Board for the first time in ten years closed its books without debt; (2) the southern Baptists for the first time in their history, a period of seventy-three years, gave over a million dollars to all departments of their work; (3) Virginia and Texas for the first time passed the \$100,000 mark in their gifts. Surely these reports bring us great joy and give us abundant reason to be thankful to God for

our blessings.

Consider the following statement from the Missionary Review of the World: "It is a significant fact that during the year before the United States went into the war—that year of her greatest financial prosperity—her contributions to foreign missions fell off \$100,000, while during the same year Canada, with all her sacrifice of men and money for war work increased her contributions by \$100,000". It is most encouraging to see that our own receipts have been large during our first year of the war. Canada's example compels us to believe that the spirit of generosity that has been brought upon us by the reality of the needs of humanity has been carried over to the missionary endeavor of the churches. The enormous undertakings and the overwhelming successes of the Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., Red Cross, etc. should discourage in the churches the idea of raising missionary money by means of fairs and suppers, and ministers should be emboldened to proclaim the true greatness of the need on the foreign fields and expect their members to give accordingly; no longer should they plead for small contributions where men should be giving hundreds and thousands of dollars.

May the day soon come when many of the churches will use the means that Dr. Stearns, that wonderful Bible teacher, puts into practice in raising missionary money, namely: first, the presentation of Bible truth about giving; second, the presentation of the need and the opportunity. When such a program is universally adopted our Foreign Mission Board will have no concern for its financial support, for its treasury will be full.

"And is our best too much? O friends, let us remember  
How once our Lord poured out His soul for us,  
And in the prime of His mysterious manhood  
Gave up His precious life upon the cross;  
Through bitter grief and tears gave us  
The best He had."



## COLLEGE Y. W. A. PROGRAM



Subject—Foreign Mission Survey

Hymn—Jesus Shall Reign

Bible Study—Paul's Prayer for His Friends

Current Events in Missions—(See magazines)

Hymn—Fling Out the Banner

(Our Obligations in China and Japan

Five Minute Talks (In Warring Italy

Africa, the Land of Christian Opportunity

Report by President—What Our College Will Do for Missions This Year  
Closing Prayer

What is the significance of the present year to those of us who stay in America keeping on with our usual tasks? It is a year of enlarged vision. Instead of our interests being centered on our college and in our homes it reaches across the seas to England and France and the mighty events transpiring there. It is a year of enlarged service. Not our college alone, not our own narrow circle of acquaintances give us our daily round of duties. We must meet all the opportunities we met last year and then eagerly greet the new ones that are coming to us. We are to help those in France and Belgium, in Poland and Serbia, who without our aid will perish. It is a year of enlarged giving. We shall do without what last year we thought was indispensable in order to have more to give to others. We shall hear the call that comes from the Red Cross, the Y. W. C. A., the Belgian and French orphans.

But is this all that the coming year will mean to us? If it is then we are to miss the best that this wonderful time is offering the college girl. If we see only as far as where our men in khaki are fighting in France, we shall miss the inspiration of seeing the conflict the soldiers of the cross are waging in more distant lands. If service extends only to those of our own race and belief, then we are missing the joy of going all the way with our Master in His loving service to all the world. If our gifts are limited to the war causes, we are losing the opportunity for a great investment. There are chances in the missionary world that were undreamed of by us at home ten years ago. Every denomination is planning to advance and we southern Baptists are investing a million dollars for Christ's cause in foreign lands this year. The war has opened wonderful doors of opportunity for Christ's workers; it has shown the resources of men and money in the Christian churches. It is our wonderful privilege at this time to have a share in Christ's work. What part are you and your college going to have?

### TWILIGHT WATCH STUDIES

FIRST STUDY—*Lessons from Paul's letter to the Ephesians*: Paul's prayer for his friends, chapter 1 : 16-20; 3 : 14-19. What are his four great petitions? God's gift to us, 2 : 4-10, 17-20. To each one his own work, 4 : 7, 11-13. What should help us determine our life work? The Christian life, 5 : 1, 2; 6 : 10-18.

SECOND STUDY—*Lesson from Paul's letter to the Philippians*: Paul's prayer, chapter 1 : 9-11. What did Paul think was the greatest gift his friends could receive? The mind of Christ in us, 2 : 3-8, 14; 4 : 8. What Christian virtue does Paul mention that we should strive for? The goal of life, 3 : 7-10, 13, 14. What is worth while?

THIRD STUDY—*Paul to the Colossians*: Paul's prayer for them, chapter 1 : 9-11. Riches in Christ, 2 : 2, 3, 9, 10. What are the riches we find in Christ? The picture of a Christian, 2 : 6; 3 : 1-12, 23, 24. What is your idea of a true Christian?

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## G. A. PROGRAM



Topic—World Offensive for Missions  
Hymn—Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone  
Prayer—For Hearts Open to Know God's Will  
Devotional Talk—Auxiliary Watchword:  
Daniel 12:3  
Hymn—Will there Be any Stars in My Crown  
A Mighty Drive for Missions  
A Glimpse of the Fields  
Sentence Prayers  
Hymn—O Zion Haste  
Business  
Mizpah

### A Mighty Drive for Missions

Just as the great general commanding the Allied Armies in France has been watching and studying the situation on the western front and getting ready for a mighty offensive when the time came, so Dr. Love and our Foreign Mission Board have been studying the situation on our mission fields and trying to be ready for an even greater offensive against the powers of evil all over the world. Now they tell us that the time is ripe for us to strike. The hearts of the people, torn with the sorrows and distress of war, are peculiarly tender and open to the Gospel. The strengthening of the fortifications through the wise expenditure of the Judson Centennial Fund makes many of our stations ready for new and more aggressive advance. On the other hand some of our positions are in danger and we must send reinforcements sufficient not only to hold them, but to go forward or those holding these points must surrender or retreat. So it becomes necessary that we act at once.

Together with this great opportunity and this urgent need God has raised up men and women who have volunteered to give their lives to meet the call. They have not had to be conscripted, they have felt their responsibility and are ready and eager to go. Our Board is going to send them. They dare to do this only because God has not only given the opportunity and raised up the workers, but He seems to have put it

into the hearts of His people who stay at home to give the money that makes it possible to send out these splendid reinforcements. At the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Hot Springs the Foreign Board reported that over eight hundred thousand dollars had been given last year for the current support of our work. The convention was so enthusiastic and so full of faith that it voted to give next year almost twice as much, a million and a half dollars to foreign missions, and told the Board to go home and plan to spend that amount where it was needed to strengthen the line and "carry on". We believe that God led the convention to take this action. We believe that God will show every Baptist in the south his or her part in this great world offensive if they are willing to obey. We believe that every Christian ought to stop giving pennies and nickels and dimes every month this year and give quarters and half dollars and dollars. We believe that every Christian ought to give one tenth of every bit of money that comes into his hands for God's work. We know that if they will do this we shall give not a million and a half but much more to make successful this drive against Satan and his forces on the foreign field. Will every G.A. girl pledge herself to try to find out what her part is and do it? A glimpse at the fields will show something of the opportunity and the need which must lead to sacrifice and unceasing effort if we are to make this great offensive successful.

### A Glimpse at the Fields

Have a large missionary map of the world on the wall. Mark the outline of our fields in some conspicuous way. Choose seven of your brightest girls to study the general programs in this issue of ROYAL SERVICE. Let each one take a country on which to give a two minute talk. They will get much assistance for this from the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention which can be procured from your state headquarters. It would add much to the

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## R. A. PROGRAMS



### FIRST MEETING

Subject—Boys  
Hymn—We've a Story to Tell to the Nations  
Scripture—2 Timothy 2 : 15  
Prayer—That the Story May Be Quickly Told  
Songs—Selected  
Business. Roll Call Offering

*Thought for Bible Lesson: Timothy was a young man. Paul called him his "beloved child" and warned him not to allow his conduct to cause any to despise his youth, but to preach the Word of God at all times. Youth and young manhood are most precious periods of life and when given to the service of God are a gilt edge investment, rolling up interest for years to come and at last bringing an eternal reward. It is a terrible loss to miss this golden chance for service.*

### SECOND MEETING

Subject—More Boys  
Hymn—The King's Business  
Scripture—2 Timothy 2 : 22-26  
Prayer—For Boyhood Everywhere  
Singing  
Roll Call. Closing Exercises

*Thought for Bible Lesson: Paul further charges his "true child in the faith" to turn away from the sins of youth and to follow after the pure-hearted men of God. Notice that the instruction given in these five verses will, if obeyed, make good soldiers of Jesus Christ, requiring the utmost moral bravery. The result will be that the young man choosing this service will become a leader of men and a power in the world for good.*

To the Leader: Both of these meetings present a good opportunity for a missionary hike. While on the way turn the conversation to boys of other lands. By studying the other programs in this issue the leader may glean many interesting facts to relate, adding to them the items given below. Tell of the element of music and song that is being used in the U. S. Army and encourage singing. Speak of the Y. M. C. A. war work and call atten-

tion to their design and poem on the front and back covers of this issue of ROYAL SERVICE. For the second meeting ask the boys to bring boy items. Carry a Hoover lunch with you.

### Boy Items

Chinese boys of the upper class who once thought it a disgrace to work with their hands are becoming forestry experts, doing the actual digging and planting themselves, using the shovel and the hoe and ridding their hands of long finger nails. Arbor day has become firmly established.

Says a Chinese college student: "For about four years my heart has been a battle field. Jesus Christ and Satan have struggled for possession of it and Jesus has won the victory. From this time forth I am a follower of Jesus. I have not come to Him because of benefit I expect to get from Him. If there is anything I despise it is the man who is always asking, 'What can I get out of it?'"

A young Mexican who had been a lieutenant in the Carranza army recently became a Christian and felt called to speak for the Master, and it is nothing less than a miracle the way he can present the Gospel truth. Young Mexico will bring the dawn to that dark country.

This year for the first time the Y.M.C.A. of Japan has observed Father and Son Week. By a happy thought it was decided to tie the observance up with the boys' festival which comes on May 5th. Accordingly a number of churches and Y.M.C.A.'s celebrated the occasion by special suppers attended by parents and children, mostly men and boys. This bids fair to become an annual event.

The North American schools in South America are giving both the indolent boy of the upper class and the son of the hard worked Indian a chance. The first named to use their bodies and the last to use their brains. Brawn and brain are making good as is shown by the annual reports of these schools.

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## SUNBEAM PROGRAMS



ONE OF THE LITTLE SISTERS

### FIRST MEETING

SUBJECT—Hands Across the Sea  
HYMN—When He Cometh  
BIBLE LESSON—Proverbs 11 : 30  
PRAYER—That Sunbeams May Win Many to Christ  
SONG—A Ship Goes Sailing O'er the Sea  
EXERCISE—A Make-believe Trip  
RECITATION—The Wonderful Story  
HYMN—Selected  
BUSINESS. OFFERING. PRAYER

#### A Children's Covenant

We are glad that we have always known the sweet story of Jesus and His love;  
We remember the many sad children in faraway lands who have never heard of Him;  
We know that He has told those who love Him to send the good news over all the earth;  
We want to obey Him and give our prayers, our love, and our money to help send the glad tidings to every child in the world.

*Thought for Bible Lesson: Our life is like a tree and will bring forth good or bad fruit just as we wish. If the tree of our life is planted in God's garden and is watered by prayer and His Word the fruit will bless all who are near us. Such a life-tree will make us winners of souls and whoever wins souls for Jesus is a wise person. A beautiful life will make us fruitful and wise.*

Suggestions for Leader: Those who get most out of a program are those who put most into it. Do not spare thought and effort, you may be directing the trend of a whole life.

Give this meeting up to an imaginary boat trip. A couch with the back turned to the audience and draped with flags will make a fascinating boat. Have boy in sailor suit as captain, another as mate, who has long tickets to sell. Captain invites passengers to accompany him on a trip to Italy, sailing from thence to Africa, South America and through the Panama Canal

west to Japan and China. Trace this imaginary journey on a map for the older Sunbeams.

At each stopping place have a child dressed in the costume of the country at which stop is made. If the little foreigners have a native doll in their arms the effect would be enhanced. The visitors are welcomed in the words of the following exercise:

#### A Make-believe Trip

Captain: Today I am sailing across a make-believe sea to visit our mission sta-

tions. At each station we will be welcomed by a native child. I have room for only a few passengers and those who fear the water or that they might be seasick had better stay at home, as we want everybody to be well enough to learn something on this trip about children in other countries. The mate will sell the tickets. As this is a make-believe trip no baggage will be allowed on board.

(Children embark waving handkerchiefs and flags in farewell.)

Captain: Here we are at last in Italy and little Bettina is on the wharf to greet us.

Bettina:

Dear children of the Sunbeam Band,  
You've come to learn of me.  
Our need is great in this fair land.  
Send Christ across the sea!

All sing: We've a Story to Tell to the Nations (1st verse)

Captain: Our second landing brings us to West Africa, see the little Yoruban boy, his name is Atiba.

Atiba:

It is only my face that is black,  
My heart is white with joy  
Because you sent Jesus to me,  
A poor little African boy.

All sing: We've a Story to Tell (2d verse)

Captain: After a long, long sail here we are in Bahia, South America, and our small friend Rosa Banca has a broad smile on her face for us. A fair morning to you Miss Rosa!

Rosa:

Welcome, most lovely Sunbeam crew,  
To this your sister land!  
The Gospel came to us through you,  
So here's a grateful hand.

All sing: We've a Story to Tell (3d verse)

Captain: What a wonderful trip we are having and now after crossing another mighty ocean we are in the port of Tokyo, Japan, and this beautiful doll of a child is waiting to welcome us. Good morning sunrise maiden!

Uma San:

I've brought my honorable doll  
To thank you and bow low.  
We know that Jesus loves us  
Because you told us so.

All sing: We've a Story to Tell (4th verse).

Captain: And now for our last stop. We are lying now at one of the many wharves of Shanghai, China. I wonder who will greet us here. Oh yes, I see Shin Fat running this way, how jolly he looks.

Shin Fat:

I heartily shake my own hand  
To let you know I'm glad  
Because you 'Merican children  
Still love the Chinese lad.

All sing: There is a Happy Land

#### The Wonderful Story

"Come round me, my little children,  
For I have a tale to tell,  
More true than the fairy stories  
You know and love so well—

"So sweet that the angels above us  
Have put it into a song,  
And up in the glory of heaven  
Sing it the whole day long.

"And I think that all little children,  
E'en the tiniest baby thing,  
Will learn this wonderful song  
That the angels in glory sin.

"There are thousands of little children,  
A great and pitiful throng,  
Who never have heard this story  
And never learned this song.

"All over the world they are waiting  
For the song so simple and sweet,  
For the song the angels are singing  
As they bow at the Saviour's feet.

"Tis for us who have heard it so often.  
To send it far abroad—  
The wonderful song and story  
Of Jesus Christ our Lord."

## SECOND MEETING

TOPIC—Messages

HYMN—Be a Little Sunbeam.

BIBLE LESSON—Psalm 67

PRAYER—For More Messengers

HYMN—In Lands Far O'er the Sea\*

RECITATION—I Want to Send a Whisper

SINGING—Selected

EXERCISE—The Message

ROLL CALL. BUSINESS. DISMISSAL

*Thought for Bible Lesson: God has been so good to us that we want to praise Him for it, and if we are truly thankful we will want "all the people to praise" Him. But how can the people in heathen lands praise Him unless they know about His Son Jesus Christ, and how will they know of Him unless we send them the Good News? We must be the messengers if we want God to "bless us and all the ends of the earth to fear Him".*

To the Leader: Tell the children the meaning of the word "message" and how many different ways the message can be sent to foreign lands. Place the prayer thought before everything else in sending the Gospel message to the children of other countries. Emphasize the ingratitude of those receiving good gifts and withholding them from others. If the meeting is held out of doors illustrate by playing at wireless, telephone and postal as well as verbal messages. These could be in the form of questions and answers about foreign children and their condition. Some of the little ones would even enjoy riding a stick for a horse to carry messages.

### Recitation:

"I want to send a whisper song  
Across the waters blue,  
And say to little children there  
'Jesus loves you.'

"If they should not quite understand,  
They'll wonder if it 'tis true;  
So I will keep on whispering still,  
'Jesus loves you.'

"I'll whisper a prayer to Jesus  
To send this message through  
To little heathen boys and girls,  
'Jesus loves you.'

"And by and by they will believe  
The story sweet and true;  
Then they will tell it o'er and o'er,  
'Jesus loves you.'

"And may-be some angel voice  
Will help in what I do,  
If I just keep on whispering  
'Jesus loves you.'"

### The Message

*(Two Sunbeams, one with staff and trumpet)*

FIRST SUNBEAM:

Where are you going, Sunbeam,  
With staff and trumpet bright?

SECOND SUNBEAM:

I go to lands beyond the sea  
Where they need the Gospel light.

FIRST SUNBEAM:

What will you say, O Sunbeam,  
When you reach that foreign shore?

SECOND SUNBEAM:

I'll say that missionaries  
Are coming to their door.

FIRST SUNBEAM:

Will that be all your message,  
O Sunbeam, strong and brave?

SECOND SUNBEAM:

I'll tell them Jesus, too, will come  
To help and bless and save.

FIRST SUNBEAM:

But what if missionaries  
To follow you are slow?

SECOND SUNBEAM:

Oh, there are men and women  
Just waiting now to go.

FIRST SUNBEAM:

But don't you know the money  
To send them does not come?

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## FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



### A DAY AT FIDITI

*(Concluded from September ROYAL SERVICE)*

After singing and prayer the service closed. As the last amen sounded I was rejoicing that we had had such a delightful meeting of the women, one well worth walking ten miles to attend. When I saw the women all getting quiet again and the pastor's wife coming forward and saying something, I was frightened. Why had I not given her more attention and plenty of opportunity to speak? That was an unpardonable oversight. Ah no, that was not her grievance for here came, with downcast face, a little, shy woman and stood before everyone. It was some palaver over this woman. This frightened me much more than ever and I couldn't remember one Yoruba word from another, so I turned to the teacher and asked what all this meant at the same time ringing the bell for order, for it seemed every one wanted to say something to that woman.

I was informed that she had been doing badly and still came on to church. They had called her forth for the strangers to talk to her about the way she had behaved to her husband and other imprudent acts. The teacher who knew all the Awe women quite well called one of them to talk to her. She did. She went back to the time of her own marriage; she told how she would mistreat her husband and fight with him, wouldn't cook his food and finally went off with another man who had several wives and where there wasn't so much to do. She told how her Christian friends prayed for her and begged her to live in peace, but she would not hear them. One time she was around at the mission house and noticed how happy the missionary and his wife were. So she decided to go back to her husband and be a Christian. Since that time she has been happy and was no longer spoken of as "that woman who mistreats her husband".

And what of the culprit? She was still respectfully standing with her hands behind her. When she was at last admonished

to live in such a way as not to spoil the good name of Fiditi Baptists, but to love her husband and to obey him, she fell down before the women and said she "heard", which meant that she would heed. She then thanked them profusely and asked them to pray for her. After two earnest prayers that not only this woman but that all the women would strive to live in peace and love our meeting again closed.

While we were having our lunch out under the arbor of palm branches an old, old heathen man returning from his farm passed along the road some 30 yards away. Suddenly he stopped put down his hoe and prostrating himself began to give us his blessing. "May the Lord help you, may the Lord bless you and give you long life, may you succeed in His work! I thank God for your work in our town. May He give you thousands of blessings!"

To all these we answered "A-mi-o", at the same time wondering what that old man's idea of God was and just what prompted all these salutations. Since we could not see into his mind we could only return what might have been as great an enigma to him, "May the Lord bless you also. May you know the true God and serve Him!"

In the afternoon we had preaching in the church by one of the oldest pastors. Not far away under a big tree we had a children's meeting. With the exception of three or four of the sixty present each child wore a string of black beads around the waist. There was, therefore, no need of jealous glances on account of raiment, or the lack of it. We had good attention and a splendid response in the singing.

At three o'clock we had the Lord's supper which closed our day, giving those who must walk so far on the return journey an opportunity to get home before night. But you would never have known there was more than a mile ahead of the different groups to see them leisurely strolling along, laughing and talking, some singing and all looking happy.—*Clara V. Keith, Oyo, Nigeria, Africa*

\* Tune "Over There"





## TRAINING SCHOOL



### REMINISCENCES OF TWO 1918 GRADUATES

WHO does not love at times to indulge in thoughts of the past? Have you ever heard two grandmothers talking together about the days of the Civil War or, better still, two war veterans exchanging experiences? These experiences whether bright or sad are alike interesting. But it is not only the old who love to speak of the past. Let us listen to the conversation of two young women recently graduated from the Training School. To be sure their past is not so far away as that of the grandfathers and grandmothers, nor are they war veterans, but they have fought and conquered themselves and circumstances and love "reminiscing". And, too, are they not sort of war veterans for did not "Mother McLure" just before their entrance into the school in October 1917 write: "I warn you to be prepared for the worst and bring along a stock of patience and endurance that you may 'bear hardship as a good soldier' ". Have not these girls braved the stress and strain of that hard year as well as enjoyed the experiences of the next happy year? Surely no graduates could have a more varied store of reminiscences to draw from. Hear them as they sit looking over a memory-book of each year filled with pictures and reminders.

KATE: How these books take us back! Bertha, would you take anything for the experiences of our first year in Louisville?

BERTHA: No indeed! Think how much more we were able to appreciate our new building by the contrast. Look, Kate, a bath schedule. Remember how we had to take our baths at certain times or lose them altogether? But last year we could take them whenever we wanted to. And see, here's a picture of one of our open grates. Oh, the times we had covering the coals at night and making up the fire at six o'clock on those cold mornings, and how we had to hover around it to keep warm. What a contrast to the comfort of our steam-heated new building, even during the severe winter of 1917-18. And our housework was so changed. See these pictures of the pantry, dining room and kitchen. How we crowded that old kitchen when we served meals, and how Carrie and Archébe had to get off into a corner, so to speak, while we washed and dried the dishes. What a joy the new arrangement must be to our dear Miss Mitchell and to those two faithful servants.

KATE: Bertha, we were never real sick during those two years but can you not imagine the comfort that beautiful infirmary must have been to the girls who were? Oh, here is a picture of "Mother McLure's" room, not good to be sure, but reminding us of the change there. How we did pile into her bedroom on Sunday evenings, sitting anywhere we could find room!

BERTHA: How different it was during our last year. Think of those Saturday evenings we knitted and the Sunday evenings we talked in her room. I am so glad she has her own suite of rooms now. Bless her dear heart!

KATE: Then there is our lovely chapel—how different and more worshipful and sweet our services were in our Heck memorial chapel last year. Yes, and here are pictures of the Seminary. No more exams for us! And here are some snaps of the clubs at Good Will Center. How we loved those dear children! We will never forget these experiences, but we have not yet spoken of the sweetest memory of all to me. I am thinking of the prayer times when we met in large groups and in twos and threes. You and I have had some precious times together, Bertha. Oh, may the spirit of prayer continue and increase and deepen in our beloved school.

BERTHA: And our friendships, Kate, what blessings they are. Eternal friendships because in Christ Jesus. And best of all we have come to know Him better. Have not

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## CURRENT EVENTS



### THE WORLD FIELD

THE "Mass Movement" in India has brought on the average 10,000 people into the Protestant church every month during the past five years. Five of the Protestant missionary societies have baptized 315,000. In many cases the prime impulse has been not to become followers of Christ but to escape the burdens of the caste system. For this reason the missionaries have to use great wisdom and tact, to see that they have some real understanding of the step they are taking and yet not hold them off so long that they will become tired and enter the wide open door of Mohammedanism. After instruction in the most fundamental facts the candidates are baptized in the hope that later they can have "expounded unto them the way of God more accurately", and that the children will be molded into an understanding faith.

Five young Siamese women, one the daughter of the attorney-general, have gone to Manila to study medicine at their own expense in order to become the first women physicians in Siam.

"Negroes are raising more than a million dollars annually for their educational institutions. Today there are 28,000 public schools manned by 30,000 Negro teachers, 170 industrial schools and colleges conducted exclusively by Negroes. In the country at large there are 500 institutions devoted to the training of Negroes, and 750,000 pupils attending schools and colleges."

The American Board which has been responsible for a great part of the Christian mission work in Turkey is planning for a great forward movement in that country after the war, and is calling for 175 men and women to add to its present force of 200 to carry on reconstruction work in the devastated communities. An additional \$200,000 a year for maintenance will be re-

quired, but it all seems justifiable in the face of the great opportunity for really constructive service.

Sir Harry Johnston, the great African historian, who is frankly not a Christian, makes this impartial acknowledgment of the value of missionary work. "Missionary influence has led to the revolutionizing of the industry of Japan, it has freed China from absurd and barbaric superstitions which were strangling its life, and it has created civilized states in the heart of Africa."

A wealthy official in India has left his whole estate with a yearly income of about a million rupees to forward the education of girls. The institution is to be free from all restrictions of caste or creed, Mohammedans as well as Hindus to be on the board of management. Such a gift would have been absolutely inconceivable in any community untouched by Christian influences.

The factory system in Japan is unspeakably hard upon women who make up about four-fifths of the workers. They work from 14 to 16 hours a day, under rigid contracts at low wages and are not allowed out of the factory compound. They sleep crowded together in unventilated factory dormitories, breathing into each others' faces, so that tuberculosis and other contagious diseases spread most rapidly. Four-fifths of the girls leave each year broken in health, but their places are quickly taken. As yet little has been done to better these conditions.

There are about 78 tribes and bands of Indians needing Christian missions and over 47,000 Indians who have no missionaries nor any kind of Christian work being done for them; and even in many places where there are church services there are no Sunday schools for the children.



## PERSONAL SERVICE



### THE STRANGER IN OUR MIDST

MANY centuries before the Christian era the stranger in the midst of God's people was a problem. A few, as did Hobab when Moses said to him "Come thou with us and we will do thee good", have recognized the benefits to be derived from association with true religion. Since that day all through the centuries strangers of many nations and tongues have accepted the joys of salvation. We still have the stranger in our midst and he is even a greater problem today than ever. We of the south have not come in such direct contact with the teeming millions of foreigners who have poured into our country to gain both the freedom and the wealth denied them in their native land. Every southern community, however, has a few families of these aliens among its people, chiefly Greeks and Syrians. In the larger cities they are to be found in greater numbers and of a greater diversity of tongues. Observation has taught us that they are a part of us, but are not of us. Every thinking Christian worker recognizes the foreigner as one of the most difficult problems that confronts us, the solution of which is not yet in sight.

Quite a number of years ago, in my work of trying to build up the kingdom of Christ, I discovered that no work was being done among the foreigners in our own little city. With one other Christian woman I visited every family I could find and invited both children and grown people to come to our Sunday school the next Sunday. Nine of them responded, four grown people and five children. Our hearts were made very glad as we felt that our efforts had not been in vain. They continued to come for three or four Sundays and then suddenly no more foreigners came to Sunday school. In the meantime my friend and I visited their homes and became acquainted with the parents. It was very interesting to us to see how the children treasured picture cards and little papers that were given to them. They would pull them out of bureau drawers, from under mattresses and other safe

places to show us how well they had kept the literature we had given them. But alas! the Catholic priest from a neighboring town had hastened over to his parishioners and with threats of excommunication put a stop to all our efforts. We continued to visit them regularly for quite a while but no persuasion on our part ever got them to Sunday school again.

As I have gone from town to town, being a pastor's wife, I have always done more or less work among these neglected foreigners. In Valdosta there are twenty-five or thirty families of foreigners, most of them Syrians from in or about Jerusalem. Some of them have been here as long as twenty years and almost no effort has been made to reach them. Now and then a few Christian women whose consciences would reproach them for neglect of this work would make a spasmodic effort, but within a few weeks it would die out. Many of the Syrian children have attended the various Sunday schools and are very prompt to respond to an invitation to an Easter egg hunt, a Christmas party or other forms of amusement. In all this I have not been able to discover any real or permanent good that has been done among them. We have at present in our Sunday school four little Syrian children who love to come to church and I hope and pray that we may see some fruit of our labors.

I have found the great difficulty in doing this work is not with the children, but with either priest or parent. About two years ago quite an interesting Syrian girl attended our Sunday school and church. I talked with her a great many times and found that she had no confidence in the Catholic religion and was very anxious to be led into the right way. After some months she professed conversion. We talked with her and were convinced that she was sincere. We went to see her mother in the home filled with many symbols of the Catholic faith. After some conversation with her she referred us to her

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## UNION NOTES



### ROUND TABLE

THE W.M.U. treasurer's report on page 31 of this issue presents much food for thought as we enter upon the last month of the second quarter of the S.B.C. year. The figures there given are for the first quarter and can but spur Union workers to an especial effort to retrieve during this remaining month what was hoped for before the second quarter began the first of August. One of the educational plans of the Union is to train its societies to give one-twelfth of their apportionment each month and if this is done then the Union as a whole will give one-fourth of its S.B.C. apportionment each quarter. The report of the treasurer shows that the Union did this for the Bible Fund of the Sunday School and for the Margaret Fund. How splendid it will be if this record for these two funds is maintained each quarter. However, with reference to home and foreign missions the ideal of one-fourth for the quarter was far from reached, especially for the latter. If the Union reaches one-half of its year's aim for home missions by the last of this month of October then \$54,152 will have to be the total for this object this quarter. For foreign missions it will be necessary to raise \$92,709. Can it be done, will it be done? Surely it can be for the great cotton crop will be harvested and the south will be rich with money. Of the first fruits of thy increase shalt thou honor the Lord and He will in turn shower the blessings of life upon thee, one of these best blessings being the saving of precious souls through the use of the money.—One of the good things about the treasurer's report is that one of the states, Virginia, reports the packing of a box for some needy missionary or mountain school. The heat of summer makes one wonder if ever the cold weather can return and yet the fall is upon one and with it comes the dread of the winter for the frontier workers with the high cost of living and the pitifully small salary. Last year Virginia lead all the states in its gifts through the boxes and it also lead all the

states except Georgia in its cash gifts to home missions. The Union does not encourage any society to pack a box which would do so at the expense of it cash gifts to home missions but it does rejoice when any society can give the box "over and above". If only the societies that could do this could see all of the appeals for boxes that come to the Baltimore office from the frontier then not one single request would go unanswered.—Rev. C. J. Lowe of Kweilin, South China, writes: "We have never faced better opportunities for preaching the gospel on the foreign field and especially on our own field. We have been pleading for an evangelistic lady to come to us and take up the work among the women in this great city. We are in a city of about three hundred thousand and there are numbers of girls and women who have never had an opportunity to hear the gospel, for they never leave their homes. We need a woman who does not fear hard things and one who is not too young, for we are in the interior and there is little diversion except among ourselves so we must have one who can give up for the Master's sake most of the social joys. We have had some bright conversions of late among the women and girls. They have joined our Kweilin church". —In August it was the privilege of the W.M.U. corresponding secretary to spend her vacation with the home people in Selma, Alabama. While there she attended the monthly meeting of the executive committee of the W.M.U. of the Birmingham association. The hour and a half session was largely given to a discussion of the plans for their annual associational meeting. One of the important things done was to plan in a very constructive way to put the emergency and stewardship cards before the association at that annual meeting so that every possible signature would be secured. Then, too, there was a delightful practice of the song for the year, each society president being requested to have a similar practice in her society before the associational meeting.—While in Alabama,



the W.M.U. corresponding secretary also attended the annual meeting of the W.M.U. of the Selma association. The meeting was held at Carlowville in the church which was built eighty-one years ago by the paternal grandfather of Miss Anna B. Hartwell, missionary to China. Dr. J. B. Hartwell was baptized into the membership of the church. The old high pulpit stand is still in its majestic place and the gallery still runs around the entire church. The society is small but is devoted to the heritage of the past and is faithful to the work of the present. The associational meeting was well attended, one of the best things being that there were a number of young people present. Some of them took part on the program and all of them seemed interested. Several of them were from a large Y.W.A. whose members have learned how to pray at their monthly meetings. Recently they had about twenty members present at a meeting when the subject was on the young people of the mission fields and it was most inspiring to hear each of them pray for the work among the young and that many might be trained to do such work—The Y. M. C. A. design on our front cover and the poem on the back cover are placed there at the request of the association and to show that we are in hearty sympathy with the work they are doing for our boys in France and in the camps at home. May the gifts of many southern Baptists go to swell the fund they are now campaigning for for war work.

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The great hope for Africa lies in its young people. Hundreds of boys are in the mission schools mostly at the out-stations.

A large number of native African Christians were enlisted for the army in East Africa. Before leaving several of them asked for a copy of the Scriptures. Daily these lads would meet to read this book. It has been a means of keeping them faithful to their Saviour. A copy in their own language has since been supplied to each one, this being a part of American war work.

A protestant minister in Rome says: "Italians returning to their native land from America, converted in mission schools, become pillars of Protestantism all over Italy. . . . Many of them are now chaplains or are doing Y. M. C. A. work in the Italian army."

#### SUNBEAM PROGRAMS

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##### SECOND SUNBEAM:

So ho! Then I've a message  
For you who stay at home.

##### FIRST SUNBEAM:

And pray what is the message?  
I'd really like to know.

##### SECOND SUNBEAM:

Why this: All you young Sunbeams  
Your loyalty must show.

##### FIRST SUNBEAM:

Pray what can we do, Sunbeam?  
We haven't much in store.

##### SECOND SUNBEAM:

Then save and earn; deny yourselves;  
And you will have some more.

##### FIRST SUNBEAM:

I wish we could. Our offerings  
May help more than we know.

##### SECOND SUNBEAM:

That sounds like business! Bring  
them in,  
I've courage now to go.

(Offerings taken.)

##### FIRST SUNBEAM: (Turning to members.)

We'll do it, won't we, boys and girls?  
We surely can't refuse  
To give and prove our gratitude  
By sending the GOOD NEWS.

Adapted



## BOOK REVIEWS



### STEWARDSHIP AND MISSIONS

Many of our readers are no doubt planning to take the course arranged by the Union on Bible, mission study and methods. The course covers the study of six books, four of which have been already recommended by the W. M. U. We call attention just now to the one stewardship. Certainly the choice of this book is a most wise one. The author, Charles A. Cook, has given us a concise book carefully and interestingly written, practical in ideas, logical in thought. With frequent references to the Scriptures he supports many of his statements and brings to the reader the real meaning of Christian stewardship.

"Christian stewardship is more than a question of Christian giving. . . . A steward is a 'person entrusted with the management of estates or affairs not his own.'" He points out that a true steward will have the owner's interest always at heart, that we are owned of God and all that we have has been entrusted to us by Him. He speaks of the "stewardship of the Gospel . . . the stewardship of personality, the stewardship of all the faculties and powers with which God has been pleased to endow us, . . . the stewardship of time". From this chapter on Stewardship Defined he passes to one on Stewardship in Acquisition where he speaks of the necessity of exchange or money, of man's dependence on God in acquiring it and of the need of adjusting business to the thought

of stewardship. "Christian men should go into business or any vocation as stewards of God, to make money in partnership with Him and for Him." There is a chapter on Stewardship in Money Using in which the author speaks of the ways of using and misusing money, the wrong plan of hoarding for self, of waste and extravagance. On the other hand he says, "Our message is not against necessary expenditures which home or business life creates, nor is it against those comforts and pleasures which go to make life bright and happy and useful".

A chapter on Stewardship in Giving shows the right way of Christian giving, with the giving of one's self first. "Personal consecration must come before purse consecration, self consecration before wealth consecration." Then too love is necessary if our gifts are to be acceptable to God. Intelligent giving, systematic and proportionate, are also essentials to true stewardship.

A chapter of interest to many will be the one on Stewardship and Tithing in which Mr. Cook says that "it should be clearly understood from the outset that stewardship is more than tithing and should come before it, . . . tithing is an expression of our stewardship in giving, . . . stewardship is not so much the giving of a portion to God as it is the administration of all for God".

This book with its eight chapters, its stated aim and list of questions for each, is ideal for the study class. Price .40, .60

### MISSION STUDY BOOKS

The following are recommended study books:

For W. M. S. and Y. W. A.

In Royal Service by Fannie E. S. Heck	.40 and .60
Manual of W. M. U. Methods	.60
Women Workers of the Orient by Margaret Burton	.35 and .50 net
Sons of Italy by Antonio Mangano	.40 and .60
The Romance of Missions in Nigeria by Rev. S. G. Pinnock	.40 and .60
The Call of the South by Dr. V. I. Masters	.40 and .60
Stewardship and Missions by Charles A. Cook	.40 and .60

Junior books

Jack of All Trades by Margaret Applegarth	.57
Bearers of the Torch by Katherine E. Crowell	.29 and .40
African Adventures by Jean MacKenzie	.30 and .50
Jack and Janet in the Philippines by Norma Waterbury Thomas	.30 and .50 net

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## TRAINING SCHOOL

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the hardships, the difficult tasks, and the times of homesickness just made us lean harder on Him? As we enter upon the work for which we have been preparing it will continue to be so. As we trust Him we will find Him all sufficient. "He is faithful that promised."

KATE: I long to have more of our southern Baptist girls know of the joys and splendid experiences of life at the Training School. - God bless the new girls, the old girls and the faculty as they come together for another year. — *Anna Dunnock*

## G. A. PROGRAM

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interest of the meeting if the girls were dressed to represent the country of which they are speaking. Decorate the room with flags of these countries. Pictures of flags and costumes are to be found in unabridged dictionaries and may be made of crepe paper. The making of these would be both entertaining and instructive.

## PERSONAL SERVICE

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husband who was then out of town. A few weeks later the girl came to me and said she had talked with her father about becoming a member of our church and his reply was that if the pastor baptized her he would have him arrested. Shortly after this the family moved away.

During a recent meeting in our church a very pretty Syrian girl about fourteen years old, who had been a member of our Sunday school for several years and a officer of her class, professed conversion and desired to be baptized. A visit was made to her mother who was very courteous to us and most glad to know that we were interested in the welfare of her daughter. She was willing for her to continue to attend the Sunday school, but unwilling for her to be baptized again as she

had been immersed as a baby by the priest and she thought that was sufficient. No argument could move her from this determination and no Scripture could make her change her mind. The girl since then has lost interest in the class and is very irregular in her attendance.

With the supreme indifference of professing Christians in connection with this work and with the weak sentiment against Romanism in America, both in high and low places, the progress must necessarily be slow and the results meager.

Like the apostle Paul we have tried all means in order that we might win some, frequently visiting in the homes of the Syrians. We claim some of them as friends. They are very hospitable and always give a cordial welcome, the children in the settlement following as we go from house to house. I have had a very good club of "The Children of the Republic", both boys and girls, always with the end in view of reaching them for Christ and America. There is little difficulty in making Americans of the children, surrounded as they are with the influence of the public schools and associating with American children, but the problem of leading them to Christ is just as great as ever, and until we awaken to *their* need and *our* duty we cannot hope to accomplish much.—Mrs. Alex. W. Beale, Georgia

FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT OF TREASURER OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION  
MRS. W. C. LOWMYER, *Treasurer*

May 1, 1918	Alabama	Arkansas	District of Columbia	Florida	Georgia	Illinois	Kentucky	Louisiana	Maryland	Mississippi	Missouri	N. Mexico	N. Carolina	Delaware	S. Carolina	Tennessee	Texas	Virginia	TOTAL
W. M. S. - Foreign	\$776.94	\$1097.57	\$68.80	\$308.44	\$1254.19	\$71.27	\$1558.38	\$270.28	\$242.70	\$1275.49	\$124.60		\$2892.46	\$1551.62	\$28135.35	\$566.86		\$257.97	\$21149.32
Home	492.04	1555.03	10.00	278.02	990.46	394.08	890.47	298.78	179.52	1159.45	1032.21		10392.18	942.00	1158.91	418.18		3538.42	23940.15
S. S. Board	2.75	7.00	10.00	8.65	42.65	11.15	42.99	2.75	6.00		6.45		30		61.95			108.52	265.51
Marg. Fund	24.75	7.00	10.00	8.65	42.65	11.15	42.99	2.75	6.00		6.45		30		61.95			108.52	265.51
Tr. School	371.68	13.76	292.00	10.57	155.00	133.86	439.93	3.25	73.00	80.50	139.54		486.04		313.62	68.00	\$10.55	509.57	5686.94
Y. W. Y. - Foreign	12.75	104.85	6.55	18.45	440.01	8.75	81.36		10.80	52.50			1258.35		18.50	14.50		568.92	2125.70
Home	13.00	107.85	5.25	18.45	86.94	1.60	38.47		11.50	36.00			1258.35		18.50	14.50		457.57	2251.82
S. S. Board	1.00	1.00		56			5.00						5.75		8.45			18.18	32.19
Marg. Fund	18.85	4.00		8.04	43.75	16.40	11.20		35.00	7.50			5.75		8.45			335.91	633.17
Tr. School	3.50	2.78		3.04	7.85	11.25	13.60		7.50	7.50			5.75		8.45			96.40	211.74
G. A. - Foreign	3.50	2.78		3.04	14.66	5.00	8.60		7.50	6.50			5.75		8.45			5.35	20.11
S. S. Board	5.50	16.00		5.50	9.53	1.30	5.46		1.00	2.75			5.55		8.45			60.94	137.70
Marg. Fund	3.00	2.78		3.04	9.53	1.30	5.46		1.00	2.75			5.55		8.45			66.60	140.16
Tr. School	3.00	2.78		3.04	9.53	1.30	5.46		1.00	2.75			5.55		8.45			96.29	204.81
Home	1.00	20.76		5.50	65.14	1.30	18.08		2.50	20.00			5.55		8.45			1.53	5.08
S. S. Board	39.00	37.53		10.62	111.20		1.00		2.50	20.00			5.55		8.45			429.50	1953.34
Marg. Fund	72.12	9.08		25		4.00	7.25		2.50	20.00			5.55		8.45			18.54	108.03
Tr. School	13.58	4.00		25			7.25		2.50	20.00			5.55		8.45			31.50	31.53
Louisville Campaign	50.40						126.48		29.20	29.00	5.00		15.00					94.45	208.74
Gifts to Ward																		1968.00	
Children																		287.05	542.15
Special Gift to Ward																			50.00
Children																			\$629.07
TOTAL	\$1928.24	\$3551.82	\$392.05	\$560.52	\$4935.99	\$662.96	\$3310.48	\$571.81	\$598.12	\$2721.10	\$2398.80	\$6541711.3	\$432473.62	\$6079.55	\$1087.56	\$10.55	\$12871.80	\$62907.45	
TOTALS	Totals: Foreign Missions \$84,729.40; Home Missions \$28,611.35; S. S. Board \$399.53; Margaret Fund \$613.08; Training School \$7,159.46; Scholarship Fund \$892.41; Ward Children \$592.18; Total \$62,997.45																		
OFFERINGS TO JUDSON CENTENNIAL AND CHURCH BUILDING LOAN FUND, IN ADDITION TO ABOVE																			
Foreign	\$215.57	\$20.00		\$355.89	\$10.00		\$10.00		\$46.30	962.94			\$11.76		\$350.45		\$65.00	\$1027.93	\$1732.59
Home	180.85	108.78		\$95.87	1223.66	7.50	\$173.71			40.00								\$309.08	\$300.56
Emergency Fund																			40.00
TOTALS	\$396.42	\$128.78		\$95.87	\$1609.55	\$17.50	\$173.71		\$46.30	\$1012.94			\$11.76		\$350.45		\$789.86	\$4357.01	\$10072.95
VALUE OF BOXES TO MISSIONARIES AND MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS																			
																		\$137.05	\$137.05



# THE RED TRIANGLE

"Lift up the Red Triangle  
Beside the thundering guns—  
A friend, a shield, a solace  
To our ten million sons!  
Go build a hut or dugout  
By billet or by trench—  
A shelter from the horror,  
The cold, the filth, the stench!  
Where boys we love, returning  
From out the gory loam  
Can sight the Red Triangle  
And find a bit of home!

"Lift up the Red Triangle  
Against the things that maim!  
It conquers drink, the wrecker!  
It shuts the house of shame!  
Go make a friendly corner,  
So lads can take the pen  
And get in touch with mother  
And God's clean things again!  
Where hell's destroying forces  
Are leagued with Satan's crew,  
Lift up the Red Triangle—  
And help our boys come through!"