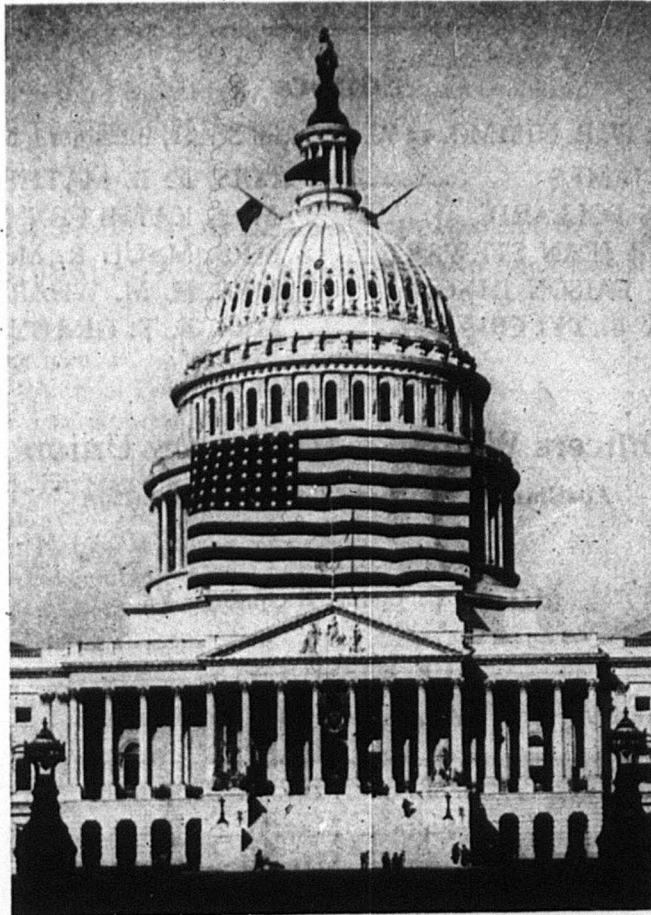


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That I may know Him.—Philippians 3:10

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Missionary Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists February, 1919

Not in the silence only,
Nor in the solitude,
Let my thoughts rise to Thee in praise
My God, so great, so good.

But mid the din and noise
Of city conflict rude;
In crowded street where daily pours
The thronging multitude.

—Horatius Bonar

Topic: Church Building Loan Fund Results

1—SATURDAY

For the Jews on their way to Palestine—that the Gospel may be given them in the land of their fathers
Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.—*Isaiah 40:1*

2—SUNDAY

For the blessing of God upon all His ministers, that the word of the Lord may be given with power
They continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship and in breaking of bread and in prayer.—*Acts 2:42*

3—MONDAY

For a realization that what is given to-day for the Church Building Loan Fund means a rich harvest for the future
Be ye strong and let not your hands be slack; for your work shall be rewarded.—*11 Chronicles 15:7*

4—TUESDAY

For the evangelistic work and the evangelists of the Home Mission Board
And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.—*John 12:32*

5—WEDNESDAY

For Dr. T. B. Ray, educational secretary, Foreign Mission Board, that divine wisdom and guidance may be given for added responsibility
Our sufficiency is of God.—*11 Corinthians 3:5*

6—THURSDAY

For Miss Anna B. Hartwell, Hwang-hien, China, and her native co-workers, that their need of patient faithfulness may be met
I have loved thee with an everlasting love, therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee.—*Jeremiah 31:3*

7—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Pruitt, Chefoo, China, and Miss Ida Pruitt (on furlough)
The Lord will give thee rest from thy sorrow and from thy fear.—*Isaiah 14:3*

8—SATURDAY

That our soldiers, sailors and aviators may return to fight henceforth under His banner of love
Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.—*11 Timothy 2:3*

9—SUNDAY

That our churches may be zealous, ready for His coming
His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom.—*Daniel 7:27*

10—MONDAY

For native Christians, alone in their homes, that their prayers for their own may be answered
For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying, Fear not, I will help thee.—*Isaiah 41:13*

11—TUESDAY

For Miss Mary Anderson (on furlough), Canton, China, that her work may continue to be blessed
The God of hope fill you with all joy and hope in believing, that ye may abound in hope.—*Romans 15:13*

12—WEDNESDAY

For Miss Louise Tucker (on furlough) and Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Westbrook (on furlough), Shanghai, China
In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.—*Philippians 4:6*

13—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Ray (on furlough) of Japan, that their appeals for Japan may be met with an abundant response
With God all things are possible.—*Mark 10:27*

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Not on the Sabbath only,
In the dear house of prayer,
Where earthly din cannot intrude
And only God is there.

But all week long, in spite
Of care and vanity,
That thus, even in the crowd, I may
Be still alone with Thee.

—Horatius Bonar

Topic: Church Building Loan Fund Results—Continued

14—FRIDAY

That the Bible women of Japan may be faithful to His Word
God, even our God, will bless you.—*Psalms 67:7*

15—SATURDAY

For the Theological Seminary of Fukuoka, Japan
That the man of God may be complete, furnished unto every good work.—*11 Timothy 3:17*

16—SUNDAY

For all Sunday schools, teachers and pupils
He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.—*Revelation 2:7*

17—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Sears (on furlough), that the work in Pingtu may ever be a memorial to Miss Moon
I will be to them a God.—*Hebrews 8:10*

18—TUESDAY

Miss J. W. Lide (on furlough) and Rev. and Mrs. T. F. McCrea (on furlough), Teng Chow, China
I chose you and appointed you that ye should go and bear fruit.—*John 15:16*

19—WEDNESDAY

That all settlement work be done in His name
Whatever ye do, do all to the glory of God.—*11 Corinthians 10:31*

20—THURSDAY

That southern Baptists may not lose the great psychological opportunity in China and all foreign fields
As ye have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men.—*Galatians 6:10*

21—FRIDAY

That more native converts may be called of God into the work of evangelizing their own people.
Make known with boldness the mystery of the Gospel.—*Ephesians 6:10*

22—SATURDAY

Let us keep Israel before the Lord in prayer
Take up the stumbling block out of the way of my people.—*Isaiah 57:14*

23—SUNDAY

For a receptive heart to-day to receive the blessing of God through the ministry of His word
That we may abound in hope in the power of the Holy Spirit.—*Romans 15:13*

24—MONDAY

That all Christians may be led to give as the Lord prospers them, certainly to become tithers
See that ye abound in this grace also.—*11 Corinthians 8:7*

25—TUESDAY

That divine wisdom and strength be given to all according to their great and constant need
For we are laborers together with God.—*11 Corinthians 3:9*

26—WEDNESDAY

For missionaries in bereavement
Blessed be God . . . the God of all comfort.—*11 Corinthians 1:3*

27—THURSDAY

For the children of God who are laid aside by sickness and infirmity, that they may learn the will of God
What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter.—*John 13:7*

28—FRIDAY

That all missionaries, native Christians, and we of the homeland may be Spirit-filled, Spirit-led and Spirit-controlled
As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.—*Romans 8:14*

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECRETARY GOES TO FRANCE

IN OUR editorial last month concerning the work of the Young Women's Christian Association in France we said that if it is true that "the missionary enterprise at its very heart is the impulse to share our finest", then this crisis in the world's life challenges us to be willing to give or lend some from among our most valuable and best equipped women for the present great work in France—which is true missionary work.

At the time the above was written Miss Dixon, our young people's secretary, was considering accepting an appointment for work in France in connection with the Y.W.C.A. Whether we have had the impulse or not the Union has certainly been called upon to share its finest in the calling of Mrs. Maud R. McLure into work for the Young Men's Christian Association in this country, and now Miss Dixon into the work of the Young Women's Christian Association in France.

Miss Dixon presented her resignation to the Executive Committee at the December meeting in the following words: "I have this month received an appointment for work in France in connection with the Young Women's Christian Association. I realize the great importance of our work for the young people in the homeland and am proud and happy to have had a share in it during the two years I have been with the Union. I feel that the work overseas offers an opportunity not only for a year's service in France but for a year that will make me able to do better work here on my return. I, therefore, feel that I must offer my resignation as secretary of the young people's work to take effect January 1st, 1919. The past two years have been full of joy to me in this work and I have a deep desire to express to all my appreciation for the help and friendship that have been so beautifully given to me."

The vice presidents have seen from the minutes of the December meeting just how the committee felt upon accepting Miss Dixon's resignation and no other words can better express the sentiments of us all than those in the minutes: "Much appreciation of Miss Dixon's rare service, her valuable contribution to our work, her cultured mind was expressed by the committee. In releasing her for work in France the hope that, when this service is rendered, we may renew our happy relations with her could not but find expression although, not to hamper her or the Union, her resignation was accepted."

Miss Dixon will be missed in every phase of our Union life but we must cheer her in her way and rejoice that through her we shall have a part in the wonderful work yet to be done "over there". For the present the work will be carried on under the direction of the Committee on Young People's Organizations which will at all times be in conference with Miss Mallory. This committee is a very strong one and we feel that the Union is to be congratulated upon having such women to give so much of their time and thought to this work. Miss Susan B. Tyler, who is chairman of this committee and who was college correspondent before that work was given to Miss Dixon, will resume the chairmanship and carry it forward as formerly. We bespeak for the committee the hearty co-operation of all young people's workers and urge that every W.M.S. member will recognize and accept her responsibility not only in organizing, but also in fostering young people's organizations in her church and community. In no other way can we better express our loving esteem of Miss Dixon nor render a better service to our Lord.

THE UNION'S SHARE IN SERVICE OVERSEAS

THE present time stands out preeminently as a time of great opportunities. There could never be a day in which it was more interesting to be alive; there could never be a day in which there were greater chances to do a work worth while. This fact has been forcibly impressed upon my mind as I have, during the last two

years, visited all of the states of our Southern Baptist Convention. There has not been a place where there was no chance to do a great work for Christ. In a mill town there was a beautiful house given by the W.M.U. of the state as a Good Will Center for these mill workers. I have visited scores of schools, each one representing to the teachers and to the people of the community the chance to lead boys and girls to Christ and to help them grow into His likeness. In small country churches there have been the groups of little children and girls who were wistfully longing to go out into the world to do great things. If an older person has caught the vision, here are eyes that can see too if shown how to look and here are hands eager to do if given the task. And wherever I have been in our southland I have found that there were those who could see that the material to their hands was the stuff out of which they could make an offering to God. But always there was the price to be paid to do a work well. The teacher in the school had to give up her quiet uninterrupted time that she might ever be on hand when needed. The busy home-maker in the country had to put aside a much-needed hour that she might study to have something to pass on to her Y.W.A. The young girl had to pay in time and pleasure the price of making the Sunbeam meeting a success. Wherever there was work being nobly done there were workers paying in some kind of coin, of time, thought or money, for what they were accomplishing. To those interested in the mission cause there is never a place or time when it is not possible to have a part in the evangelization of the world.

This realization of the importance and pressing necessity of the work we are doing has grown upon me during my two and a half years with the Union. It is due to no feeling that what we do here is not worth while that I am now turning my face towards France. But when the appointment came to me from the Young Women's Christian Association to go to France and have a part over there during the reconstruction period, I felt impelled to accept. What one person can do is not much, but I count it a privilege to be able to have even a small part in France at present. We owe much to France, more than we can ever pay. Won't you let me feel as I go that I am in a way a small bit of the expression of your gratitude to that country which has fought and suffered so desperately in the conflict with our common foe? The help, the strength and the inspiration which I have gained from my contact with the women of our Union, I want to pass on as your gift to the women and girls in France.

I do not know the exact nature of the work I shall do in France as I receive that assignment in Paris. The Y.W.C.A. has a number of different kinds of work there at present. For the American nurses in our great military hospitals there are the bright, warm rooms for rest, tea and recreation. For the American women who have been sent to Paris by the hundreds there are hotels under its care. For the French women in the munition factories there are centers of warmth and cheer, the only comfortable and bright spot in their surroundings. These foyers will be continued when the factories manufacture other articles than munitions and it is hoped will become permanent organizations for the working girls. The fighting is over, but the French women cannot all return to their homes. There are thousands who no longer have a home to which to return. They must stay in the industrial world. The Y.W.C.A. wants to help in making their lives happy and wholesome, in giving them the chance to enjoy life as well as to be self-supporting. We women in America have had so many opportunities and privileges that it should be our joy to share with those to whom the past four years have brought heavy burdens and unheard-of responsibilities.

It is with real regret that I leave our mission work here even to go to France, but there is the confidence in my heart that there are the leaders in our churches and in our states who are consecrating their thought and their time to Christ in this service and our societies will go forward and grow stronger. We cannot make a success of our mission bands without much prayer and pains, but through prayer and pains and trust in God we can surmount all difficulties and win all victories.

Mary Faison Dixon



BIBLE STUDY



TOPIC—Our Father's House

*Knew ye not that I must be in my Father's house? Luke 2:49
My house shall be called a house of prayer. Isaiah 56:7*

I. *Bethel the House of God:* God spoke to Jacob at Bethel, afterwards at Peniel. He was face to face with the angel and prevailed, Gen. 28:16-22; 32:30; 35:1-7. Abram before this had built an altar at Bethel, Gen. 13:3, 4. There is a strict parallel between Bethel and Moriah where Abram offered up Isaac, Gen. 22:1-14, each a place where God manifested Himself. The house of God, the building of God, where the church of Christ dwells with Him, Ps. 23:6; 1 Tim. 3:15; 1 Peter 4:17. Bethel was called the house of God because the heavens were opened and the glory of God was seen—an emblem of the church of Christ. The ladder set on earth whose top reached to heaven, is a figure of Christ who is the door, the gate, the way of ascent. Christ is set forth in the Word as the way of salvation, held forth in the ordinances, and in the church, the house of God. He grants His presence to His people, communes with them. Wherever God is worshipped, there is His house, Gen. 28:22, it was there Jacob vowed to give the tenth of all that was given to him to the Lord. This we too should do for the support of the worship of God, for the maintenance of the church, for the poor and for any service in which God might be glorified, Gen. 14:20; Lev. 27:30. God's house and God's presence are not dreadful to a soul who knows the love of God as expressed in the perfect sacrifice of Christ, such a soul can say, "Jehovah I love the habitation of thy house, and the place where thy glory dwelleth." When the heart is established in the knowledge of God it will assuredly love His house composed of true believers. Built together for an habitation of God in the Spirit, Eph. 2:22. Each stone in the building of God is a living stone, 1 Peter 2:5, connected with Christ and having communion with the living God by the power of the Spirit.

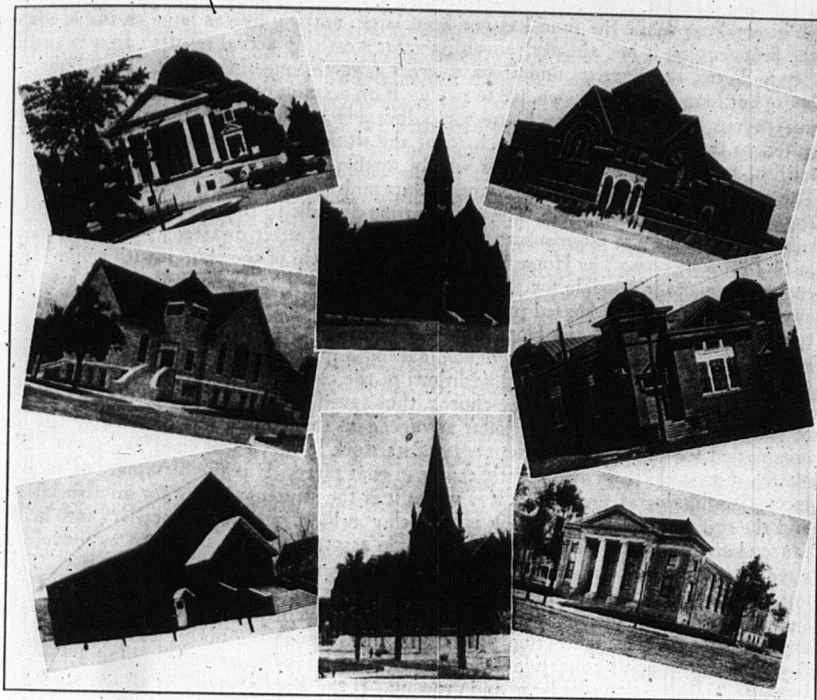
II. *The House of Prayer:* God chose a special place for sacrifice and prayer, Deut. 12:11-14. Daniel prayed in the appointed place, 2 Sam. 7th chapter. Hezekiah when in trouble went into the house of the Lord, 2 Kings 19:14-19. Solomon's wonderful prayer at the dedication of the house of Jehovah, 2 Chron. 6:12-42. The temple was in a special manner to be a house of prayer. Prayer made in or toward that house had a particular promise of acceptance, 2 Chron. 6:21, being a type of Christ, 1 Kings 8:29, 46-49; Ps. 5:7. Daniel looked that way in prayer, Dan. 6:10. My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations, Mark 11:17. When all sacrifices and offerings should be abolished the spiritual sacrifices of prayer and praise should continue and remain forever. An example of two worshippers in the visible church, Luke 18:11-14.

III. *The Upper Room:* These all continued in prayer and supplication, Acts 1:14; Phil. 4:6, all life running up into one grand cry to God. There are days of prayer, hours that we could spend and count them short in the "eloquence of loving communion with God". At other times we are speechless in His presence. Our speechlessness is often more eloquent than our speech. The worship was with one accord in one place, Acts 2:1, then came the manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

IV. *The Hour of Prayer:* Acts 3:1. Pentecost was a day of ecstasy. Such hours ought to be succeeded by quiet worship, for that alone can sustain the heart with true nourishment. Peter and John did not allow the showers of blessings at Pentecost to make them forget the daily and customary engagements with God. "How good it is to go up into the temple at the hour of prayer!" "Not forsaking our own assembling together" will fit us for service outside of the temple in helping some sorrowful heart. It is important that we remember the "hour of prayer" in these times of world stress and storm.—Mrs. James Pollard



PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY



SOME RESULTS OF OUR LOAN FUND

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN—I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

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BLACKBOARD DEMONSTRATION: Memorials by Southern Baptist Women and Young People

DISCUSSION: Our Society's Part

HYMN—Guide Me, Oh Thou Great Jehovah

1. In the Lone Star State

Dr. J. B. Gambrell, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and for years the secretary in Texas, gives the following testimony: "This fund is provided in order that many churches may have suitable houses to worship in and to carry on legitimate church work.

This department of southern Baptist work closely relates itself to every other thing we are doing. Indeed, it ministers efficiently to the life and growth of the denomination in all directions. While the fund has not been large, nothing like as large as the needs of the field require, it has already proven its great worth by actual results. In a beautiful city in Texas, the Baptists undertook to erect a worthy meeting-house. They built the house but found themselves unable to pay for it on account of some untoward and wholly unexpected happenings. The house was admirably located, well constructed and well suited to the purposes of the church. But the situation grew almost hopeless, for the faithful members found themselves wholly unable to take care of the indebtedness. The pastor resigned and left. Discouragements multiplied. Nobody wanted to get under the crushing, hopeless burden. The congregation dwindled. Baptist prestige in the place suffered. A crisis was approaching and it seemed that utter disaster awaited the cause in that growing city. The Home Board came to the help of the church with a sum large enough to make it possible for the church to succeed. The Texas Board sent a strong evangelist to the field. He led in a collection running into the many thousands, conditioned on the help from the Home Board. The effort was triumphant. The property was saved to the church and the denomination, a great revival accompanied the debt paying, with close to one hundred additions to the church. The Baptists are today the leading people in that city and the church, thus saved, will give this year close to \$2,000 to state missions alone. Every dollar advanced to this church will go back to the denomination for the several departments of its work in much less than five years. The church thus saved is an evangelistic center in that place. It is the birthplace of an ever increasing number of souls. But it is more: it is the strategic center for an association, and the resuscitation and salvation of that church have put life and activity into many other churches, thus making effective a whole association. It is next to impossible to have an efficient association if the main church in it, for any reason, is ineffective. Taking ten years as a measure of time, this one transaction of the Church Building Loan Fund will result in turning perhaps five times as much money into the work as was expended beside the ingathering of many scores of souls.—Another case looms large. A church near a great educational center was wholly inadequately housed and wrongly located. The situation was large and growing. If the Baptists were at all to care for it, they had to move and to build on a scale utterly beyond their financial ability, even when this was gauged by the most sacrificial standards. The people were ready so to give, but to build according to their unaided ability would be to mar the situation and, indeed, to waste their money and, what was more, waste their opportunity for service. The Home Board gave and lent sums sufficient to insure an adequate plant. The first unit of the noble structure has been completed. A stake has been driven at a sure place, from which countless cords will be stretched out to encircle the world. The house will be good for one hundred years and we may reasonably hope that thousands of students will be saved and trained for usefulness in this place. The money put into this plant by the Home Board elicited several times as much from other sources. A light house has been built from which light will spread over a great state and far beyond. Here, too, the morale of the Baptists, all-round, has been much strengthened.—I have given these two incidents of the practical workings of the Building and Loan Fund of the Home Board. Many more might be given, large and small, all of the same general character. The worthy housing of our churches, especially in the large and growing centers, is of tremendous importance to our denominational life. If we were to consider the matter only in its financial bearings, it would be a wise policy to raise an adequate fund to take care of every needy place. Every church helped to build under proper conditions becomes a base of supply for every other department of the work. The money put into a worthy house, the church giving sacrificially, soon returns many fold in mission and other col-

lections. Every such house becomes normally a soul-saving station and a training camp for world conquest."

Dr. W. D. Powell, for many years the secretary in Kentucky, says: "The subject of housing our homeless churches and furnishing ample church facilities at needy points merits the serious attention of southern Baptist women. They have courageously undertaken to raise \$325,000 of the Million Dollar Fund of the Home Mission Board. This means that every cent will be paid, since they never fail in their undertakings. I admire the solidarity of our southern Baptist women. They have demonstrated the power there is in team-work. They tolerate no slackers. I have personally witnessed the helpful and beneficent effects resulting from the application of the Church Building Loan Fund at many points. Some of the facts may stimulate our southern women to greater sacrificial gifts. For obvious reasons I will omit the names of the towns or churches, giving only certain incidents. A—is a well built city at a strategic point in mission territory. The Baptists did not attempt work until the other denominations had built commodious churches. The missionary pastor built for the future and by herculean efforts erected a splendid and well appointed house of worship. When he left for a larger field, a few thousand dollars had not been paid. Reverses came to the few members of means. The bank proceeded to foreclose the mortgage. The members frantically appealed to the Home Board and a timely loan and gift saved the valuable property. The church is today self-supporting and prosperous.—A mission Sunday school had been conducted for years in a stuffy room over a billiard hall in a large city. There was only one window to the south and in the summer the heat and noise were intolerable. Yet from eighty to one-hundred were present every Sunday. The room was in the factory section. A building fund was started and a lot purchased. A loan from the Home Board enabled them to build a house with Sunday school rooms. In five years the loan had been paid back and the church was self-supporting and independent.—A certain county bore the name of a Baptist governor. There had never been a church house built in the county. Baptists, Presbyterians and Methodists preached in the court house where there had been more than a hundred trials in the past few years. A lot was secured and a loan from the Home Board encouraged the weak band of Baptists to build a suitable church house. Following this example other churches have been built in the county. Lawlessness has ceased. A young lady from the Training School in Louisville has rendered fine service in this neglected section. There were eighty conversions in one meeting. One rarely hears of a moonshiner or a murderer.—I have dedicated many churches where the community was stimulated to undertake to build a church house by an offer of the last hundred dollars of the building. The enthusiasm often runs high. I have seen a preacher exchange his only horse for a yoke of oxen with which he hauled the logs to the saw-mill for the lumber for the church house in the county seat. In that house multitudes of souls have been saved.—A hundred dollars was promised for the purchase of the doors and windows if a church should be built in a large community where not one person in a hundred claimed to be a Christian. While the missionary was dragging the logs down the mountain side with his saddle horse, the chain broke and a log rolled over the minister's leg, crushing the bones of his ankle and making him a cripple for life. His interest, the preaching of the Gospel, the Sunday school and the missionary society revolutionized the entire neighborhood. One of the Sunday school teachers told me that her husband was killed as a feudist and that she reared her little boy to avenge his father's death. 'But now', said she in tears, 'Jesus has taken all of that out of my heart: I am training my boy to serve the Lord.'—I dedicated a church house on a noted creek in the mountains where the people were extremely poor and where church houses were unknown. I took dinner with the minister and his family that day and thirteen of his children sat at the table with us.—A city mission church in a densely populated section of a large city was struggling along in an old frame structure with only two Sunday school rooms. The church borrowed a few thousand dollars and by great sacrifices built a house with some twenty-five Sunday school rooms. The day they raised the last money to repay the loan, there were

nine hundred people in the Sunday school. They have since added fifteen Sunday school rooms. When you invest money in the Church Building Loan Fund, you are helping all of our denominational enterprises."

From Oklahoma comes the following news through its secretary, Dr. F. M. McConnell: "I believe that it would be best to tell you of some of the churches helped from only one memorial, the Isaac Taylor Tichenor Memorial. I find that twenty-five churches in this state have been aided from that fund. The names of these churches are found in the Baptist Hall of Fame. The First Church of Lawton is deserving of special mention, being located in the town adjacent to Camp Doniphan. It has put forth vigorous efforts to help the soldiers. For months that church gave a free lunch every Sunday to the soldiers who would attend and hundreds of our men in khaki filled the church, not because of the lunch given but because of the spirit which prompted such treatment. A great many have been converted and baptized and the work of the camp pastor in Camp Doniphan has been continually strengthened and assisted by that church. Many of the men now in France were converted in a church and through the work of a church assisted by the Isaac Taylor Tichenor Memorial. It is a matter of history that J. M. Wiley of Lawton was the first camp pastor of any denomination in the United States and from the day of his beginning the work until this hour he has had the unstinted co-operation of the pastor and the church at Lawton. I may also mention the church at Guymon which has grown to be influential in its section of the state. The Home Mission Board, at a critical time in the history of the First Church of Shawnee, gave it liberal assistance from the same fund. That church has had two hundred and eighty-six accessions in the past year and it has been during the past year the leading church in this state in gifts to denominational enterprises. Our Baptist University was located at Shawnee through the influence of that church and it is giving the university unstinted support. The young men and women who will attend that school through all the coming years will be assisted in their spiritual lives by the help given to that church through the Building Loan Fund. Other churches in this state have made good advancement since the Home Board aided them. Nothing that the Home Board has done for the cause of our Master in Oklahoma has been of more assistance than the aid given to homeless churches."

4. On the Frontier. Rev. E. B. Atwood, secretary for New Mexico says: "There is scarcely a church building in New Mexico but has been made possible by the Church Building Loan Fund. Formerly all funds for gifts and loans to church building were administered by the Home Mission Society of the Northern Baptist Convention; but for purposes of illustration the results are the same. Lovington, Carlsbad, Artesia, Roswell, Portales, Clovis, Tucumcari, Albuquerque, Clayton, Raton, East Las Vegas, Deming, Silver City and Alamogordo are among the important churches that have received aid from this fund. Ten years ago there was no church on all the plains of eastern New Mexico. Today the church at Lovington has a nice building, free from debt, and has preaching every Sunday. Southeastern Association has been organized around this church. Hundreds have been converted and baptized in that section. It was in this church that one of the most useful laymen in our denomination in New Mexico was converted a few years ago. He is a cowboy who has been successful in business and has confidentially stated that he will give \$10,000 for the erection of a Baptist college in New Mexico. Roswell is just now paying off its debt to the Home Mission Board. They have a beautiful house of worship and their new pastor is doing great service in the community. He held a revival only a few weeks ago in which there were more than eighty professions of faith and seventy-five additions to the church. In three months he has added one hundred and fifteen members to his church, has organized the Sunday school and has graduated a class of sixty-eight in the New Convention Normal Manual, fifty of these immediately taking the second book of the course. At Clovis the pastor preaches to audiences that crowd the house every Sunday, morning and night. More than one hundred were baptized by this pastor in one year. It would touch your heart to stand in the little brick building at Deming and look upon the preacher as he

baptizes the soldier boys. Thousands of these soldier boys have come to the town on the frontier where the Church Building Loan Fund has enabled the little church to erect a house in which many of the soldiers have found Christ and have been buried with Him in baptism. Without the Building Loan Fund there probably would have been no Baptist meeting house at this mobilization camp. There is yet a very great and crying need for the ministry of this fund in New Mexico. About one hundred of our churches are still homeless. Our capital city, Santa Fe, must have a good building. The newly organized but enthusiastic church in that city is worshipping in a small temporary building. The Roman Catholics have five or six churches in Santa Fe, which is the seat of an archbishop. The cathedral there is beautiful and imposing. The frescoing alone cost over \$10,000. Baptists have a great message to the Catholic populations of this and other countries, and we must have worthy buildings to visualize our great cause."

5. Testimony of Mr. Muckley. From Rev. G. W. Muckley, secretary of the Board of Church Extension of the Churches of Christ in the United States, come the following interesting and convincing testimonies: "In a Kentucky mining town and railroad center our church had been identified with the active religious forces for thirty years. During this time it owned two frame buildings, neither of which had any architectural beauty but they served as meeting places. Finally plans were made for remodeling and enlarging our plant. When the plans were submitted and the bids secured, it was found that we could not raise sufficient ready money to meet them. What could we do? Turn to that source from which so many churches in such straits have secured help and hope—the Board of Church Extension! Soon we were notified that we had been granted a loan of \$2,500 at 6%. This gave us new hope and the result is that we now have a plant well worth \$12,000. Since going into the new building the work has grown steadily and the membership is greatly encouraged.—If the board had not encouraged the members at our church the membership would have undoubtedly grown smaller and smaller. Their old building was filled but was old and falling into decay. The members were becoming discouraged and were drifting away. What might have been a tragedy is turned into a glorious victory. In about one year 150 members have been gained and new ones come almost every Sunday. There are leaders among them.—The pastor of a negro church in North Carolina thus expressed his gratitude to the Church Extension Board: "The members of our church wish to say that we have not the language to express our gratitude for the great favor and kindness shown us by the board. Thank God, our heavenly Father; thank the brotherhood of the Church Extension Board, whom God has blessed to raise heads that hang down and to strengthen the feeble knees. Our gratitude can't be expressed by our feeble language. Your loan has been a great uplift. We have additions to our membership nearly every time we meet.—Three years ago in a certain town in Oklahoma we began work in the Odd Fellows' hall. Within a month we had organized a church with seven members. A friend of the church let us have his opera house till we could build. The Church Extension Board loaned us \$800, which put life into the work and soon our building went up as by magic. On dedication day we received twice as much as we expected, so we sent a gift to our university. The young ladies of our church say they are going to double their pledge to church extension. They say that everyone ought to help to make it possible to see a Church of Christ painted white with a parsonage and a live-wire preacher all through the rural districts. We take auto loads with our singers and orchestra and go to country school houses, trying to obey the Lord's last farewell address. On one of these trips an old lady cried all through the service. She told our young people that it was the first time in five years she had had the privilege of being at a church service.—The churches that were helped in the day of their need are ready to assist every department of our organized work. They do not repeat or believe the popular objections to missionary boards. They know that most of the money given is not used for defraying expenses. They have first-hand knowledge of the way in which the money is handled and are abundantly satisfied that the management is both honest and economical. Had the Board of Church Extension been started at the beginning of our denominational work instead

of eighty years later, it is safe to say that we would be 50% stronger numerically than we are and that the offerings to foreign missions would be two or three times as great as they now are. It is a fact which cannot be too much dwelt upon that, as soon as a church is helped and before it has paid its loan to the Church Extension Board, it begins to give to world-wide missions. Here and there one may find an exception but this is the rule. Church extension acts as a stimulant to tired nerves; it gives courage to start new work; it makes for permanency; it fosters the missionary spirit; it helps to give adequate equipment where it would be otherwise impossible. There is no agency among us that is of more practical help to state missions than this one."

One of the many ways in which the Home Mission Board has been able to raise the money for its Church Building Loan Fund has been that of memorials, the least amount of a memorial being \$500. One of these memorials was really the first large effort for this fund and was given by the societies of the Woman's Missionary Union in memory of Dr. Isaac Taylor Tichenor. It has increased from \$22,000 to \$39,000 and has helped seventy-five churches. It is easy to believe that no other monument could have immortalized, as this one will continue through the ages to do, the devoted service of Dr. Tichenor as secretary of the Home Mission Board. Another memorial dear to the hearts of southern Baptist women is the one being raised this year in honor of the Union's former president, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck. One of the means used to raise the desired \$50,000 is to get as many members as possible to sign through their state W.M.U. corresponding secretary the "Emergency Pledge Card". The pledge is for at least \$5 and so far 535 have sent in their cards. Below is given a most interesting table, in the financial total of which some of these pledges are represented. These figures were secured from the state W.M.U. corresponding secretaries in almost every instance and so they are the latest news that could be secured at this time of the year.

Memorials by Southern Baptist Women and Young People

State	By Individuals	By Societies	By Associations and Districts	By State	Total	Value
Alabama	14	26	6	1	47	\$29,100
Arkansas	1	4	...	...	5	7,000
Florida	1	3	1	1	6	7,500
Illinois	1	...	...	2	3	1,700
Kentucky	5	32	5	1	43	24,000
Maryland	2	5	...	1	8	4,500
Mississippi	12	27	10	2	51	28,210
Missouri	5	...	2	...	7	5,450
North Carolina	2	19	22	...	43	23,000
South Carolina	8	12	7	2	29	21,000
Tennessee	3	23	14	1	41	23,000
Texas	5	53	8	1	67	39,000
Virginia	4	33	19	...	56	29,500
*District of Columbia	...	1	...	...	...	600
*Georgia	25	43	7	1	76	45,700
*Louisiana	2	3	...	...	5	2,500
*New Mexico	...	...	...	1	1	1,300
	90	284	101	14	488	\$293,060

* Figures Given in Latest Baptist Hall of Fame.

Dr. H. A. Boaz, who is secretary of Church Extension for the Methodist Episcopal Church South, states: "The erection of church edifices is the special task of our board. Comparatively young as it is, it has a record. Since 1882 it has donated to churches and parsonages \$3,640,357. It has loaned to churches and parsonages \$2,140,499. It has aided 9,939 churches; and 2,730 parsonages have enjoyed its help. It has today a loan fund capital of \$1,106,326; invested almost entirely in the churches and parsonages that it has helped to erect or to improve. There is an old story of some sailors who were cast away upon an island. They wandered back into its forests beset by apprehension for they feared that it might be inhabited by savages. Finally they came to a hill-top from which the huts of a town came into view. From the midst of them sprang the spire of a church. The sailors laid all caution aside and ran to the town in joy. The spire told them that they were safe. Consciously or unconsciously the same feeling comes to all of us with the sight of a church. It is the outward evidence of an organization for good. It is the assembling point of unselfish effort; the fostering shelter of the things that work for righteousness—of the emotion and impulse that lift men and women above the brutes. Individual effort, at best, is weak. Men must combine and organize if they are to accomplish great tasks. It takes associations and organizations of men to build civilization. Christ founded his ministry upon association and organization. He called apostles about him and taught them. Later they went about founding congregations—associations of reverent men and women who erected a common meeting-place; who organized themselves for religious work; who met there for fresh inspiration and encouragement. These early Christians were exhorted not to forsake the assembling of themselves together. It was from the contagious enthusiasm of the congregation that the leaven of righteousness rose and spread. It was by organized and disciplined effort, the elders feeding the flock of God, taking the oversight thereof, the younger submitting themselves to the elder, that the early triumphs were won. After them, in all generations, it was through the assembly, the organization, that the Gospel was proclaimed, exemplified and embraced. The Christian church has ever been a co-ordination of local organizations, each assembling in an edifice to the service of Almighty God. A review of history or a survey of the things around us will show how important that consecrated assembling place, the church edifice, has ever been. Give to the good people of a community a rallying point, a sanctuary, where pious emotions enter easily and worldliness halts at the door, and they will gather and multiply. Deny them such an assembling spot and the mammon of unrighteousness will choke their growth as the thorns choked the wheat of the sower."

The special effort of the Home Mission Board to raise the Million Dollar Church Building Loan Fund will close the first of this coming May. In the light of above testimonies as to the need for such a fund, what will you do to help the Woman's Missionary Union to raise in cash and pledges the remaining \$32,000 of its pledge of the third of the million?



Y. W. A. PROGRAM



Topic—Church Building Loan Fund

Hymn—Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Psalm—145:1-18

Hymn—O, Worship the King

Bible Reading—Matt. 6:19-34

I. A statement concerning your state's W.M.U. apportionment, gifts and pledges to the Church Building Loan Fund

II. Find out the number of homeless and dilapidated churches in your state. Wherever it is possible, get pictures of the places where these congregations worship. Your auxiliary meeting may be considered as a meeting of the Church Building Loan Fund. Have several members represent the existing conditions and needs of different churchless communities in your state.

Prayer—For These Congregations

Hymn—The Church's One Foundation

Dismissal by prayer

The Church Building Loan Fund

The Home Mission Board in its annual report at the Southern Baptist Convention held at Hot Springs, Arkansas, brought words of faith and encouragement concerning the Church Building Loan Fund. It has every confidence that this convention year 1918-1919 will see the completion of the million dollar fund for this work. When this goal is reached it will be the beginning of a new day for the Baptists in the south. For years there has been the cry of 4,000 congregations without churches and 4,000 dilapidated churches arising from the Baptist constituency of our southland. What a splendid thing it was, when at the Asheville Convention, the southern Baptists decided that three years should be given for the completion of this fund. This step pointed to a definite time when, because of more adequate means, the work of the Church Building Loan Fund could be extended. Now as we stand almost upon the threshold of success we cannot let our zeal lag, for while the goal is in sight it has not been obtained. May the rumors of success inspire us with a determination that knows no failure. Surely there are sufficient causes why we must succeed. Are there not 8,000

causes? Is not each homeless or dilapidated church a reason why the church extension department should have a million-dollar loan fund?

And what if we should fail? Who can reckon what failure in this work would mean to our denomination? If it is impossible to evaluate the influence of a life, who can count the influence of a church; for is not its scope the uttermost parts of the earth? Through its gifts does it not link up the east with the west? What will be the effect on our homeland of saying no to these churches? Is there not much darkness here? Can we afford to increase this by allowing these homeless churches though eager to shed light, die? We all know that darkness and light cannot exist at the same time in the same spot. The presence of light is the absence of darkness. Which are we going to allow to prevail, light or darkness? Surely the needs of these 8,000 churches is a challenge to every southern Baptist to see that this fund is completed this year.

"The church building is the citadel of Christianity, the fortified fort of organized religion. Here God delights to dwell, and to pious souls in a peculiar way manifests His holy presence. Here the Gospel message is delivered: Jesus Christ is lifted up that He may draw all men unto Him. Here we are increased in faith, confirmed in hope, and perfected in love. Here the Holy Spirit broods over our hushed hearts and breaths into us new spiritual life and power. Here we mingle our voices in worshipful praise, confess our sins, and offer our prayers. Here the broken bread and poured wine remind us of the broken body and shed blood of the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. At this sacred shrine we meet God face to face and are made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Here spiritual sons and daughters are born into the kingdom, new ideas fixed and new hopes inspired.

"Night and day it stands, its spires silently pointing toward the sky, reminding us of duty, heaven and God."



COLLEGE Y. W. A. PROGRAM



Topic—Church Building Loan Fund Results

Bible Lesson—See Twilight Watch Studies

Suggested Hymns—Faith of Our Fathers

America the Beautiful

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

Current Events

- Talks—1. The Purpose of the Church Building Loan Fund
 2. What a Church Should Do for the Community
 3. Ideal Church Buildings for Country, Village, and City
 4. The Need in Our State for Better Buildings

Offering—Sentence Prayers in Closing

In the Middle Ages the people expressed their love for God by erecting magnificent cathedrals. The monks spent months and years in loving and painstaking work, carving elaborately the choir seats, the pillars, the doors, and even the places where no human eye would ever look. They did this because they felt that God was worthy of the best that art and labor could do even if man never delighted in it. To-day what is our ideal in a church building? Is it beauty and dignity of architecture or is it utility? Whatever it is, we should put into God's house our best in gifts and in thought.

But picture to yourself a road wandering through a beautiful pine woods. Where it makes a sharp turn, there is a little unpainted building, with broken down steps, the door swinging on one hinge, the glass broken in the windows. It is not attractive and not even possible for use in cold weather. And yet this is the Baptist church for this community. What do you think is the effect on the young people of seeing a church like this; on the community of having this as the house of God? Surely they need to be given a desire for a more worthy place of worship or, if they already have the desire, they should be helped to realize it. That is the work of the Church Building Loan Fund. There are more than four thousand homeless and more than four thousand dilapidated Baptist churches in the south. A fund of a million dollars is needed to erect suitable buildings. What part is your Y.W.A. going to have in this? In your meeting have some member describe a church building of to-day equipped to serve the community in the best way. Have some one else tell why the stronger churches should help the weaker ones in obtaining homes. From your state headquarters get a statement of what your state's part in the Loan Fund is and how much is yet to be raised. Do our church buildings represent sacrifice on our part for God?

TWILIGHT WATCH STUDIES

FIRST TWILIGHT: *John, the Beloved Disciple*

Keynote: Love, John 13:23; 2 John 5, 6 A man quick to recognize and to follow the best, Matt. 4:21, 22 Christ's chosen companion at times of great joy and of great sorrow, Luke 9:28-36; Mark 5:35-43; Mark 14:32-42 Capable of sharp indignation, Luke 9:54 Ambitious but willing to pay the price, Mark 10:35-40 Worthy of the highest trust, John 19:26, 27 Bold in loyalty to Christ, Acts 4:13, 19, 20 Faithful unto the end, Rev. 1:9

SECOND TWILIGHT: *Peter, a Disciple in Training*

A man of spiritual insight, Matt. 16:15-17; John 6:66-69 Yet with worldly ambitions, Matt. 16:21-23; 19:27 Quick of action, Matt. 4:18-20; John 18:10, 11; 20:2-10 (See other references.) Quick of speech, Mark 9:4-6 (See other references.) Impulsive,

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G. A. PROGRAM



Topic—Results of Our Church Building Gifts

Prayer—For Still Larger Results.

Hymn—O, Zion Haste

Scripture Lesson—1 Chron. 17:1-15

Prayer—For a Deeper Interest in Weaker Churches

Hymn—See, Israel's Gentle Shepherd. Stands

Reading by Three Girls—To His Glory—In Her Memory—For the Homeless (Free from W.M.U. headquarters, 15 W. Franklin St., Baltimore, Md.)

Church Building Loan Fund Results in Our State

Hymn—Break Thou the Bread of Life Business. Mizpah.

Church Building Loan Fund Results in Our State

Concrete and interesting information on some of the results of the Church Building Loan Fund in our own state may be secured by applying to the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga. (Send a few cents for postage.) Also consult minutes of state and associational meetings. A very great many of our large city and town churches as well as many country churches have been helped at some time in their history from the Church Building Loan Fund of the Home Mission Board. Pictures of some of these are shown on page 9.

There is in one city a church which ten years ago borrowed \$500 for five years from the Home Mission Board to help to put up a temporary tabernacle in which to hold services. At the end of five years this church had paid back the \$500 together with about \$150 interest on the loan; had given \$5,000 to denominational benevolences; had sold the old building for \$2,000 and erected a \$10,000 Sunday school building without aid, and was ready to start a \$25,000 church building when the war temporarily halted all activities of this nature. Do you not think that this evidence of growth must have made its impression on the people of this city? If your own or any church in your town has been aided by the Loan

Fund give its history and if possible show a picture of it. Perhaps one or two of the members of the church in question would be willing to come and give some reminiscences of its early days. In any event have some definite plan to crystalize the interest you arouse into some manifest result. If each girl would agree to bring a certain sum of money for the Loan Fund to the next meeting, this would be a "result". Work out on the blackboard what the agreed on sum would amount to in forty-five years—the reasonable life time of most of the girls.

What Another Denomination Has Done

One of our churches in Oklahoma said that it would pay eighteen months ahead on its loan from the Board of Church Extension, provided that board would lend to a certain church in western Oklahoma. This is real fellowship like the Philippian church had with Paul. There are many churches that now have loans which could pay some money in advance of what is due and thus have fellowship with some struggling mission in making its church home possible.

Four years ago, in one of the leading cities of Tennessee, our denomination was meeting in a small frame structure and the audiences were correspondingly small. To-day we meet in a church home that is a monument of strength and beauty and speak to more people each Lord's day than in an entire month in the former building. To speak here in detail of all the faith and sacrifice of the congregation would exhaust the vocabulary. Years of hope and longing at length found vent in deeds. The day of dedication was one of prayer, victory and thanksgiving. The congregation in just one year grew to 420. Had it not been for the timely and most necessary help of the entire brotherhood through its Board of Church Extension the remarkable opportunity before the church could not have been taken advantage of and a less adequate plant must have been built.



R. A. PROGRAMS



FIRST MEETING

Topic—"These My Brethren"

Hymn—Onward Christian Soldier

Scripture—Matt. 25:34-40

Prayer—That the Church Building Fund Be Oversubscribed To

Conference—Church Building

Hymn—America

Business. Closing Exercises

Thought for Bible Lesson: "We can always find God in the lives of people to whom we give love and help." When Christ said that the good we did to the least of His brethren we did to Him, He showed us how to serve Him in the very best way. Who are the least of His brethren? Are they not those who need us most?

SECOND MEETING

Topic—A House "Called by His Name"

Hymn—Saviour Visit Thy Plantation

Scripture—II Chronicles 6:32, 33

Roll Call—Answered by Bible Verses on Building

Conference—Church Building—Continued

Hymn—I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Sentence Prayers—That His Kingdom May Come

Offering. Business. Lord's Prayer

Thought for Bible Lesson: If there were a house of prayer open to the foreigner on his arrival in our country the likelihood of his becoming a good citizen would be greatly increased, and our prayer "that all the peoples of the earth may know thy name" would have quick reply. God honors our obedience.

Note: A careful reading of the editorials and the other programs in this issue of ROYAL SERVICE will greatly help the leader and chief counsellor in arranging for the conferences in these meetings. On the front cover is an illustration of the largest flag in the United States. Point out the desirability of having our flag float over a country without one churchless district. Will the 22d of February 1920 find us nearer to this goal?

Suggestions for Conference: These meet-

ings might resolve themselves into conferences, led by the chief counsellor, on church building in needy sections. Have five boys represent delegates from these sections presenting pleas for church buildings in their communities, giving the reasons for this need and why churches have not been built long ago. Each delegate should be recognized by the chair and after plea has been made expressions of opinion should be called for from other members of the chapter.

The delegate from the Indian communities might give as his reasons for a good church home among the Indians the following: Our obligation to spread the Gospel and our debt to the real American; his great need for the truth and his rescue from heathenism; his future service for his country and a fuller, happier life for him as an individual. Reasons for not building for themselves are lack of interest and money, need for more missionaries and contentment with their own religion.

The delegate from the southwest might urge the need for an adequate house of worship because of the separation of most of the population from former happy church relations; the rapid falling away from early Christian training and ideals; the coming need in this country for stalwart Christian citizenship and to help the boys of that section to a healthy, joyous boyhood. The hard work of the itinerant pastor should not be forgotten. Reasons for not building—scattered homesteads, discouragement, loss of interest in spiritual things and lack of ready money. We must help them.

The delegate from the mountain sections might plead the saving of the sterling mountain boy, citing instances of wonderful Christian service given by men who were converted in their youth in the mountain churches and schools. The fact that poverty prevented them from building churches without aid from the Loan Fund is only another reason why we should help them.

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SUNBEAM PROGRAMS



SUNBEAM BAND, PRINCETON, KENTUCKY

FIRST MEETING

SUBJECT—God's House

HYMN—Jesus Bids Us Shine

BIBLE LESSON—I Chron. 28:10, 11

I Kings 5:17, 18

I Kings 6:14

II Chron. 5:13, 14

PRAYER—That More Houses May Be Built for God

HYMN—We Are Little Builders

LITTLE BUILDERS—Exercise

OFFERING. CLOSING EXERCISES

Thought for Bible Lesson: It was love that prompted David to plan and Solomon to build the beautiful temple, so that all the people might have a place in which to worship God. It pleased God. Do we wish to please Him by helping to build churches for Him in our own country?

Little Builders

(Three Christian children carrying Bibles, hymn-books, Sunday school papers, etc.)

First Child:

We are God's little children,
Children of the light;
We have learned of Jesus' love,
He will guide our steps aright.

Second Child:

We love to come to God's house,
There to Him we pray,
And thank Him for His goodness,
On every Sabbath day.

Third Child:

Our church was built for Jesus,
For Him our heavenly King,
There we go to worship Him
And joyful praises sing.

Enter Southern Child:

Many of our southern towns,
Though lovely and fair,
Have no houses built for God,
And know not praise nor prayer.

Enter-Indian Child:

Over the distant valleys
Indian children rove.
We have no church nor teacher
To tell us of God's love.

Enter Mountain Child:

I come from the mountains high
Seeking Gospel light;

Help us to build our churches
And make them watch towers bright.

Enter Western Child:

I'm a child of the prairies,
Where the breezes blow,
We have no house of God
Where little children go.

Last Four Children:

Come, then Christian children,
And help us to build
A house where we may worship
With every hope fulfilled.

We, too, would worship Jesus,
To Him sing and pray;
We would gather at His house
On every Sabbath day.

Christian Children:

Yes, we will gladly help you,
And love-offerings bring,
That you, too, may have a place
To worship God, our King.

And to your needy places
Loving gifts we send,
To build a house for Jesus,
The little children's friend.

—Effie Chastain

(Here the Christian children may give to the others small blocks or imitation bricks, or other articles suggestive of building. The blocks may be placed by each child into the form of a church.)

SECOND MEETING

TOPIC—How to Shine

HYMN—Be a Little Sunbeam

BIBLE LESSON—Matthew 5:16

PRAYER—For a Sunbeam Band in Every Church

HYMN—I Love to Tell the Story

LESSON STORY

RECITATION—Mother's Sunbeam

BUSINESS. OFFERING. PRAYER

Thought for Bible Lesson: God is light. He gives us this light through the holy Bible, the Holy Spirit and through His Son Jesus Christ. The knowledge of God is the light which we are to use and spread on earth for the glory of our Father who is in heaven. If we are faithful lightbearers we will live with Him in everlasting light.

Lesson Story

At a lonely railway station a little girl sat perched on a bench. Her feet did not

touch the floor and she was very, very tired. She had been sitting there so long that the sun had crept around the build-

ing and was shining full upon her and she was weary with the heat as well as with the waiting. Of course she could have gone to the shady side of the station but then she could not have looked up the track to catch the first sight of the locomotive that was bearing her father home. Presently the station master came out and sat down beside her. He had known her ever since she was a baby so she felt quite at home with him. "The train will soon be here now," said he, "you have had a long wait. I am sorry it is so late, but your daddy will soon come. Where did he go?"

"He went to Atlanta to see a board," was the timid answer.

"A board, well he could have seen plenty of them around here without going all the way to Atlanta. What kind of a board did he go to see?"

The little girl's eyes danced as she answered, "O, he did not go to see a wooden board at all, but a board made of men who can tell us about having a church building for daddy to preach in. He said that I might come to meet him because I wanted to be the very first one to hear what the board said. If we can have a new church house my daddy can stay here, but if we can't we must go away, for daddy's throat is bad and the doctor says that he can't preach out of doors or in cold sheds any more or old houses where there are no fires. He wants to stay here because he says the people need him, but mother says that he can't kill himself for the people."

"Well, I say so too," said the kindly old man, "and if that board don't build him a church I will believe that it is made of wood instead of men. Here, your father has been preaching to these people without a church building for three years; his health won't stand it any longer and if he goes away the people will have no one to preach to them and his work will have been lost. But why did you come two miles to meet your father on this hot day?"

"Well, you see some of the churches in the big cities and towns have Sunbeam bands; they work for missions. Father heard that the children help with the money for church building. I was so anxious to know whether they would help us that I couldn't wait, so I asked him and mother to let me hear first of all about the

new church and whether the Sunbeams had helped us. I am sure they will."

The old man laughed and said, "If them Sunbeams don't shine down this way they need more light. But here comes the train," and away he went as the mighty engine came roaring by the station.

A gentleman left one of the cars, but so many heads were put out of the windows that our little girl felt too timid to rush up to her father. He looked anxiously around and soon saw his little daughter, and then the smiles came on both faces. As he took her up in his arms she said, "O daddy, did they do it?"

Between the kisses he gave her he replied, "Yes, they did and the Sunbeams helped. The board gave \$1,000 and the Sunbeams gave \$200 of it. Isn't it splendid?"

If you had been a little girl who had never had a nice church or Sunday school to go to and had just heard that you were going to have one, then you might know just how happy our little girl felt. You can imagine it all and how she wanted to share her happiness when she said, "Daddy, let us tell the station man about it."

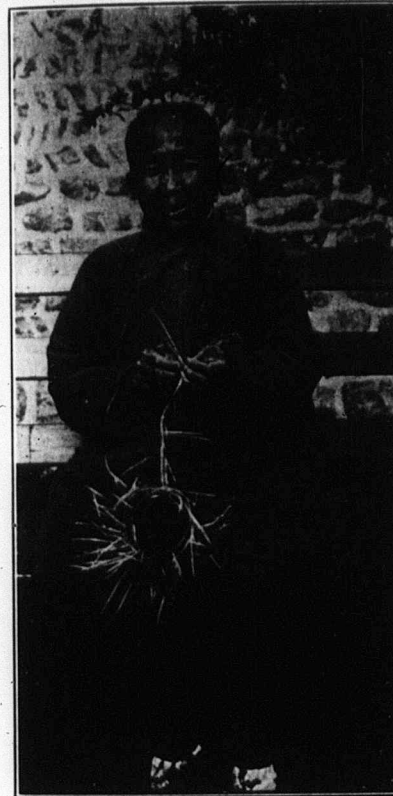
And what do you think the station man said as he shook hands with the minister? It was this, "After all, that board is made of men and not of wood, and the Sunbeams did let their light shine down this way."

"Yes," said the minister, "they are good men and would have helped us long ago if they had had the money, and the blessed little Sunbeams are shining for Jesus in many dark places. We are going to have a band right here in our own new church."

Recitation:

Mother's Sunbeam

"My daddy he's a captain,
My brother is a scout,
My sister is a Camp Fire Girl—
But I am just left out.
They each have uniforms to wear
And different things to do.
Oh, dear! I do so wish that I
Belonged to something too!
My mother tells me not to mind,
She says, 'Why don't you see?
Because you are a Sunbeam
You mean the most to me!'"



GRANDMOTHER YIN PLAITING STRAW BRAID

GRANDMOTHER YIN

THIS is a picture of Grandmother Yin, a dear old, blind woman at Lanchow, China. Grandmother Yin is a member of the Baptist church here and a faithful worker in the women's missionary society. Her only means of a livelihood is that of plaiting straw braid, but she delights to lay aside a portion for her missionary offering and it is sometimes large enough to put to shame those who are not afflicted as she is.

Grandmother Yin's history is an interesting one. She has been blind from child-

hood, but being bright and industrious she was married in early girlhood and has reared a large family. In China the blind are believed to have occult wisdom and they are consulted as soothsayers. Grandmother Yin tells us that before she became a Christian she made a good living by this means, but she frankly affirms that her power was of the devil and that it was in his name that she could work wonders. She adds, "He was a hard master and when I decided to become a Christian and give up my evil business the devil was very unwilling and treated me very harshly." A Chinese Christian woman living in the village with Grandmother Yin became interested in her, prayed constantly with and for her, and after seven years of faithful effort had the joy of leading her old, blind neighbor to Christ. Though Grandmother Yin has not been able to read she listens attentively and has learned ten hymns and a number of Bible verses. She delights to come into the church when classes are being held for teaching the Bible to inquirers, and it is in this way that she learns the Scriptures and Christian hymns.

Recently I invited her to come into the primary class in Sunday school and speak to the children. She has a bright, cheery voice and all the children love her. She told them very simply and beautifully of her trust in God and begged them to trust Him too. She sang a number of songs with them and put her hands on the head of each child to "see how big they were".

I had previously told the children that they might on that day give their offerings to Yin grandmother, so they dropped their gifts in her lap as each one passed under her hands. This they thought was great fun. When all had passed and Grandmother Yin found her lap full of pennies she was quite overcome and thanked the children again and again for their kindness, and the heavenly Father for His mercy.

It is to "open the eyes of the blind" that Jesus came, and in His name we bring the glad tidings to China. Those of you at home who are faithful in stewardship

should know of these "sheaves from the harvest field" and rejoice with us in the garnering.—*Annie B. Gay Gaston, Lai-chow, China*

WINNING THE BOYS

I am just now working on an interesting experiment in our home which, while it takes considerable time is working beautifully so far,—doing my own cooking as a means of more economical living. That would not be such an unusual undertaking in America as it is in China where conditions are different. It is a real satisfaction to give your family the kind of food they need and enjoy. We had a good Chinese cook and he did his best to do things our way but his English and my Chinese were too limited. Occasionally I would get Dr. Rawlinson to help me translate, but he did not know many cooking terms and the experience was most amusing.

During the school year there are about 350 students on this compound. About 40 of that number are boys and young men in a night school which Dr. Rawlinson started last autumn, using an upper room in the church. Most of these young men want English and typewriting to prepare them for office positions in Shanghai.

There is a Bible class of young men in the church who voluntarily undertook to gather some poor street children into a night class and teach them. It is easy enough to gather classes together. The Chinese as a rule appreciate the value of an education. Last Sunday three educated Chinese ladies came here for tea and pledged themselves to begin classes for Chinese girls who do housework and have no chance for an education. The field for such effort is unlimited. Just in our district, which is not a large part of Shanghai, there are twelve private schools run by Chinese. There may be many others. Dr. Rawlinson is trying to get in touch with them but it is slow work for they are suspicious of anything initiated by Christians. There have been two entertainments at the church: To the first one, which was a little play given by some of the boys of the school, most of these private schools came en-masse. The average number of students per school will be about 35 or 40. Some of the schools were in uniform and looked

very smart, while others seemed decidedly second class.

At the next entertainment the head teachers were invited to stay to tea but not many responded. We will try again and hope for better success. One of the plans is to have supervised play for the children on our play ground. One great accomplishment will be to overcome their antagonism to missionaries and let them see we are here to help them. A friend at home gave Dr. Rawlinson a moving picture machine which we hope will be a great factor in bringing people together.—*Florence Rawlinson, Shanghai, China*

A COMMITTEE AT WORK IN BAHIA

This afternoon soon after the midday meal I was sitting at my desk busy at work when some one knocked at the door. Going to the door I found Mrs. Flora Casaes and her little grand-daughter. Mrs. Casaes had come to a special meeting of the state committee of our women's work. This special meeting was called to get the tract literature mailed out to the societies. The committee came, not to decide about the sending, but to actually do the work of sending out the literature. Mrs. Casaes is a consecrated woman and very active in all the church work. In a few minutes more came Mrs. Francisca Rabella. She is a dear old lady. The teacher of a large class of women in the Sunday school and active in all good works. These two women with Mrs. White soon got busy putting the tracts into packages ready for mailing. They had hardly gotten started, however, before Mrs. Laura Britto, the president of the local women's society, came in. She is an exceptionally capable woman, is the mother of a large family of growing children. Aside from taking care of her family she is actively interested in church work. She took for her task this afternoon the writing of some letters to the societies for Mrs. White, the corresponding secretary. In a little while one more good sister came to help. Our own Mrs. Stapp. She is the wife of our brother missionary C. F. Stapp, the director of the Bahia school. Mrs. Stapp has three rollicking boys at home, but her care of them does not hinder her from doing both school and church work in a splendid way.

These women enjoyed a royal good time working together, they serve the societies all over the field by sending to them the literature. An interesting fact is that this literature was printed by the Seminary students in Pernambuco as a part of the work they do to help pay their way while they study. It is the faithfulness and the loyalty of such women as these that give us hope for the future—the future of the churches and the Brazilian homes.—*M. G. White, Bahia, Brazil*

CHINA'S HOPE

The first half year's work of the Woman's Bible Training School was in some respects most satisfactory. While we have had larger numbers yet we never had a better or more determined spirit to make the best possible use of the time. Six women finished the course and, for the first time, certificates were given. The work for these first ten years has been so elementary that it was not thought advisable to give anything of the kind. Until four years ago hardly any of those entering had had any chance to study. Now schools for married women are being opened in our different centers of work and by this means those who wish to train for Christian workers have opportunity to study a year or two before coming to us. How I long to have graduates from the girls' middle schools to train for Bible women! Just now there are two serious difficulties barring this: we are so in need of women teachers for the girls' schools which are becoming more numerous every year, and graduates suitable to be teachers are not enough to supply the demand; then even so called New China, at least conservative Shantung, does not look with favor on women under forty years of age mingling with people to any great extent. So for some years to come I fear our main dependence will have to be married women with little preparation. Despite these disadvantages we get a great deal of joy out of teaching them and feel that this class of workers is meeting a great need and that it is certainly worth while to expend time, energy and heart on them. Six of these are leaving us, three go to work with their husbands who are preachers. How much they will strengthen each other's hands and what a power they will be for good. We have some such workers

right here—husband and wife giving all of their time to the work—and they are being wonderfully blessed. How I wish that every pastor and evangelist had a trained wife for a helpmeet, as it is I regret to say, many of them can not read. One of China's greatest needs is educated Christian wives and mothers. The other three women of the class will work in or near their home churches. One, a widow of thirty, has hopes of being a Bible woman in a hospital until she is old enough to venture out into village work. For more than three years it has been my great joy and privilege to teach them. How I hope they are called of the Lord and may honor His name and make Him first in their lives. They have had many conflicts with the evil one during this time and I rejoice to say that they have been able to overcome so far, and to go out full of hope and enthusiasm for further conflict.

I must not close without a word about the two bright, capable women whom I have as co-laborers in this work. The older, Mrs. Jong, has been in the work for years and is such a strong, deeply spiritual woman that she is a great influence for good not only in the school but in all branches of work. The other, a young graduate from the girls' school, gives promise of great usefulness. They are now attending a summer Bible school and I hope for still further results when we begin school next week.—*Mary D. Willeford, Lai Chow Fu, China*

My Holy Land

I've often wished that I might see
The sacred scenes of Galilee,
Where Jesus and His company
Shared in a wondrous ministry.
A humble yet heroic band,
Majestic in their destiny—
Blest fruitage of the Holy Land,
Where Jesus loved to be.

But going now, I should not see
His form of flesh to welcome me.
Gone is the blessed company,
Aye, gone for many a century.
I need not seek the distant strand,
For every place has come to be
A rare, delightful Holy Land,
Since Jesus walks with me.

—*R. L. Bonsteel, Baxley, Ga.*

TRAINING SCHOOL

MISS ANNA HARTWELL AT THE TRAINING SCHOOL

IT IS a blessing to have our mission workers come in touch with the daily lives of those who are preparing to aid them in their great task. Miss Anna Hartwell, at the close of a two weeks visit in the House Beautiful, wrote a most appreciative letter to the board, which in part is given on this page, affording an interior glimpse of the management of this institution so dear to southern Baptist women:

To the Ladies of the Board,
W.M.U. Training School

My dear Sisters:

"Seeing is believing," not that I had doubted all the wonderful things I had read and heard of the House Beautiful and of its inmates, but I had thought at least it must be a most extraordinary place and had wondered if, in such a haven of bliss and perfect love, I and such ordinary beings as myself could feel comfortable and at home. Now I want to thank you for two of the sweetest, most helpful weeks of my whole life. Besides the spirit of the whole place, which one cannot help breathing in as a flower breathes in the sunshine, my pencil and note-book were kept busy and I'll carry with me back to the mission field some suggestions and methods and many beautiful ideas which will serve me out there as nothing else I have gotten on my furlough can.

The housekeeper, Miss Mitchell, is a wonder. Such a delicious, attractive table she sets for such a large number of people, and then the girls told me that Miss Mitchell never gets upset. When any sort of mishap occurs in the domestic department no impatient word, nor even just rebuke is administered. Miss Mitchell's beautiful dark eyes look out just as gently and kindly as ever while she goes to work to repair the damage done.

I made a trip one day to the white, quiet, restful corner on the third floor where Miss Coombs, the nurse, deals out comfort and pills. I was tempted I confess to get really sick, "sure enough sick" just for the privilege of staying for awhile in her reassuring company. The girls say, "When you put yourself in Miss Coombs' hands you have to do what she says, but oh, she is so good to you." One found it so, for the small ailment that sent me to the infirmary vanished speedily.

It was an education and a means of grace combined to visit Good Will Center, where Miss Leachman reigns. Some girls visiting in the district came back saying the name "Leachman" was a passport and a voucher wherever they went because they thought her an angel. She charged the girls to do their best to keep up that illusion or delusion. I felt the pull myself and understood my little sister Janie's recognition of Miss Leachman's strength and her power over hearts and lives.

Once in a while would come floating into the lovely guest room, my "place apart", sweet strains of music reminding me of the faithful teacher who is boxing up music to be sent out later all over the southland, and far across the seas, where their strains will find echo in hearts newly attuned to the music of God's love. Mrs. Albany has nearly forty pupils to whom she is supposed to give one lesson a week; but to most of whom, in her conscientious anxiety to help them to do their very best, she gives two lessons a week.

What more beautiful than a home in which the mother is the very idol of all hearts, and where the daughters' highest earthly ambition is to follow in her foot-steps? So it is in this sweet model home. "Mother McLure" is away for a little while, yet one seems to meet her at every turn in this House Beautiful where she, for so many glad years, has molded the lives of her "daughters" for their life's work. She is loved and prayed

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CURRENT EVENTS

THE WORLD FIELD

THE people of South America are learning their first lessons in giving. They have never been trained to this as most of the money for any charitable institution has been received from the funds of the National Lottery. Recently, however, stimulated by generous offers from the National Board, Y.M.C.A. of the United States, two cities have raised over \$100,000 each for building and equipment. We who are so accustomed to large personal gifts to charity can have but little idea of what a great step in advance this is.

In the hospitals and dispensaries of the London Missionary Society alone over six hundred thousand persons received medical treatment last year, which is a slight index of the amount of suffering which is relieved by Christian medical institutions.

A correspondent of the Bible Society from Mexico writes: "In the breaking up of priestly rule in Mexico there has undoubtedly come to the Mexicans a new consciousness of freedom to read the Bible for themselves as Americans do. In no other way can we explain their eagerness to receive the Scriptures. Many of us are convinced that from an evangelical standpoint we are facing a situation paralleled only in modern times by the turning to the Lord in Korea. Although Mexico has thrown over Romanism she has not become unbelieving."

While Chinese fathers are often unwilling to do anything to make it possible for their daughters to have a thorough education, the brothers of the girls feel quite differently and are willing to make real sacrifices that their sisters may have educational advantages equal to theirs. One self supporting student at Canton Christian College gave all his summer earnings to his sister that she could enter the Girls' School. Another is planning to stay out of college himself for two years so that he can earn enough money to send his sisters to school.

In the Spanish Evangelical Church in New York City are representatives of all the republics of South America, Spain, Cuba, Mexico, Porto Rico and many other Spanish speaking peoples who wish to unite in the worship of God. Seventy new members were added last year. The pastor says, "This church is a great Christian family. I have had occasion to observe the faith, the simplicity and the fidelity of these Spanish Christians and they are in truth an inspiration to me."

The action of the British members of the Imperial Legislative Council for India in voting against a resolution for total prohibition of the use and manufacture of alcoholic liquors in the face of the desire of the native representatives that it should be passed, looks as though Great Britain might have to face the responsibility for forcing alcohol on India as she did opium on China. Such an incident is likely to give an immense impetus to as well as a moral justification for the movement for Home Rule in India.

In the work it is doing among the thousands of girls and women in war industries in France, the Y.W.C.A. is giving an example of practical Christianity which is coming as a new thing to these French women. "Why are you doing this for us? You are too good," are phrases heard over and over. Opportunities for rest and recreation which are the only relief from the long and wearisome hours of work and for Bible and other classes are interpreting anew the words of Jesus, "I am come that they might have more abundant life."

The Vice Speaker of the National Senate of the Chinese Republic is leading a class of nineteen members of parliament, only one of whom is a Christian, in Fosdick's Manhood of the Master. In a church in Peking sixty members of parliament, none of them a Christian, are in Bible classes.



FOR SUNBEAM BANDS

(Suggestions from State Sunbeam Leaders)

The Part of the W. M. S.: In one church, Circle Number 5 of the W. M. S. is responsible for the Sunbeam Band. To secure better co-operation from the mothers the circle planned to give a party to the Sunbeams and their mothers. A committee from the circle made all the arrangements for the afternoon so that all the young girl who leads the Band had to do was to get up a missionary playlet. About two hundred mothers and children were present. After singing, playing games and having a short program, ice cream was served. When the party was over the mothers said they were going to "boost" the Sunbeams all they could. *Virginia*

Material Aid: One W. M. S. says they will pay all bills for the literature, material for handwork, or any material we need for the Sunbeam work. This would mean encouragement to many a Sunbeam leader and would enable her to do better work. *Oklahoma*

Missionaries Made Real: To make the missionaries real to the children we assign to each one the name of some missionary. Before the meeting we help them find out facts about their missionaries and the country and people with whom they are working. At the meeting we call for reports from each one and the children give them as if they themselves were the missionaries. They enjoy it greatly and it creates a personal interest in our missionaries. *Illinois*

Letters from the Field: Write each member of the Band a letter signing the name of some missionary. Have the letters come from different stations on the foreign field with just a bit of interesting news which can be found in missionary stories and magazines. Have a postoffice with postmaster to give the mail carriers the letters. Let the older children read their messages aloud. All will take their letters home. *Missouri*

A Trip Abroad: Advertise the trip at least two weeks before the meeting. Select your ticket agent and have him at his post of duty 30 minutes before the time to depart. Have tickets prepared with names of stations where the children live and the place they are to visit on one side; on the other side a verse of Scripture or a missionary motto to be memorized during trip. Arrange chairs to indicate a railway coach. After the children are seated ask them to memorize the memory work given on their tickets before the conductor collects them. Each child can repeat it as she hands ticket in. The leader may suggest that as we have a long trip ahead we will sing to pass away the time and the first 15 minutes can thus be used in a short devotional period. This trip may be made to a foreign field, visiting our stations in that country and being greeted by missionaries at each station and told the kind of work carried on there. Have the older Sunbeams make a report of the trip at their next meeting. *Mississippi*

A Personal Service Star: In teaching the children a lesson in personal service, we may use the idea of the star, calling their attention to our service flags and the stars on them. Call for the number of points in each star, drawing a large star on the board and letting the points spell JESUS. Write on the inside of the star "My Love Service for JESUS". Write on board "Personal Service is my Love Service for Jesus, —I do for others what I should like to do for Him." Then tell some ways the children have of rendering this "love service". *Florida*

Advertising: The Sunbeam leader should ask the superintendent of the Junior and Senior Departments of the Sunday school to give her three minutes each Sunday at the closing period to bring before the children a catchy, enthusiastic announcement of the program to be given at the Sunbeam meeting that afternoon. *Mississippi*



"A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM"

IT was the day before Thanksgiving and Mrs. Lacy was racing through with the dinner dishes—a family of eight made plenty of them. She hurriedly set her house in order and ran through the back way to tell the good news to Mrs. Elmore. Her heart had been singing a Te Deum all morning for, as chairman of the personal service committee, she had seen and handled the bountiful thank-offering from the school children and had, with her faithful committee and the assistance of the larger boys, packed and delivered baskets carrying cheer into many gloomy homes. In one of the baskets she noticed a package bearing this inscription in a small boy's scrawl: "This is all I got, so please take it." There was no name. Curious to see the contents she opened the package and found to her great astonishment the boy's lunch. Tears blurred her vision, and from her big, mother heart she said, "God bless the child and help me to send this lunch where it will do most good!" Carefully and most thoughtfully she tucked it into the basket that was to go to a poor family in the mill district. To herself she said, "What if Johnnie Wilkes gave that lunch and it should go back to him! But—no, that was not a mill child's lunch, so daintily wrapped in paper napkins. I wish I knew who brought it!" Still puzzled she placed it in the Wilkes' basket, knowing that the date sandwiches and cream puffs would be a rare treat to the invalid in that poor family.

Although Mrs. Lacy had no cook and little help because her children were all in school, she had taken time to provide six substantial packages as their contribution and, in spite of the fact that many relatives were to dine at her table next day, had found time to attend to the baskets.

She was so happy for from year to year she had seen the school thank-offering increase until this year it was splendid—a large basket for every poor family in town! So she ran in to share with Mrs. Elmore the glad news. Now Mrs. Elmore was not

much interested; she had but one child, a boy, and only one servant, so was entirely too busy to become a member of the personal service committee or even of the missionary society for that matter. Mrs. Lacy ran lightly up the back steps to find her neighbor ironing lace handkerchiefs. "Clara," she said, "I wish you could have seen the offering to-day, the best we have ever had. And best of all—one little boy put his lunch in. I couldn't help crying when I saw it. Wasn't it dear of him?" "Yes," said Clara, "but what an odd thing to do."

"Oh, it was all he had to give, he wrote so on the bundle." Clara was silent with knit brows and Mrs. Lacy continued, "Didn't Carl tell you what an offering we had when he came home to dinner?"

"No, he stayed to-day for basket-ball." And then she added thoughtfully, "I wish I had had time to have gotten up something for Carl to put in the offering, but maybe it isn't too late. You know where it is most needed and I will send him to you with something when he comes home." So it was agreed upon, and Mrs. Lacy ran home for the closing bell of school was ringing.

When Carl went home his mother said, "Son, mother forgot your offering this morning, she was so busy, but Mrs. Lacy said it was not too late and I will get you something now."

The laughing, blue eyes sobered and the smiling lips straightened. "Mother," he said, "I gave an offering."

"What was it, son, had father given you money?"

"No, mother," said Carl timidly, "I gave my lunch."

—Mrs. D. J. Thurston,
North Carolina

"Lord, thou hast needy brethren here,
Partakers of Thy grace,
Whose names Thou wilt Thyself confess
Before the Father's face."



ALL THE WORLD IN ALL THE WORD

Perhaps many of our women have started on the W.M.U. study course and have already seen this splendid book on Bible and mission study. Dr. W. O. Carver, professor of comparative religions at Louisville Seminary has arranged this book especially for the Union, and we cannot press its use too urgently or emphasize too highly its valuable teachings. The twelve short lessons, clearly expressed, are rich and helpful in thought and suggestion for study. Taking the Bible as "the text-book of missions" Dr. Carver tells us that "the origin of missions—their ultimate primary origin is in the love of God our Saviour, who would have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth." In this same lesson he takes up "the missionary interpretation of the Old Testament, and the missionary interpretation of the New Testament". In the 2nd lesson, Missions in God's Plan of the Ages, Dr. Carver bases the study on Ephesians 3, giving a wonderfully clear explanation and, perhaps to many of us, a new meaning to this chapter. He has, too, a lesson on the Call for Missions in the Need of the Nations, building up his truths from passages in Isaiah. In the lesson, Christ Jesus and Missions, John 17 is studied, which, the author says, "divides itself into three sections." In these he studies:—1. Jesus and the work which His Father gave Him to do. 2. Jesus and the men whom the Father gave Him to get and to train. 3. Jesus and the world which the Father gave Him to enlighten and save." There are chapters on the Field and the Fields of Missions, the Financial Support of Missions, the Power in Missions, Prayer in Missions, etc.

A careful study of this book must create a clearer understanding of God's missionary plan as revealed in the Scriptures and should arouse a deeper and more active zeal in sharing in the furtherance of His plan. .25 paper, .40 cloth. Order from Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

THE CALL OF A WORLD TASK IN WAR TIME

At the Student Volunteer Conference held at Northfield, January 1918, a program was outlined which agreed "to enlist 200,000 students in study and discussion of Christian principles based on: (a) the life and teaching of Jesus Christ; (b) the present world-situation in relation to the kingdom of God," etc. Mr. J. Lovell Murray, educational secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement, has written the above book to carry out a part of this program.

Each one of the six chapters is a call. The first sounds for "reality in religion". Here the author tells us that the individual needs this reality in religion, the national life demands it, the great need of the world demands it. "It is just because Christianity is competent and sufficient to meet the needs of the entire world that it is adequate for the needs of any one nation or any one life." In the Call for Christian Internationalism, three headings are enlarged upon: "1. We must develop an international mind among Christians. 2. We must Christianize all our international contacts. 3. We must actively spread the Christian message throughout the world." Clear and ringing comes his Call of New Opportunities in the Mission Fields. The many hindrances that the war presents are more than offset by the very remarkable opportunities for reaching people of all nations. This chapter will be found decidedly interesting. The Call of the World's Present Need, the Call for a World Program in the Church, and the Call for a Full Mobilization of Christian Forces are clear summons for Christians to-day.

The book is well arranged for study; interesting, forceful and convincing in many points, it must make a strong appeal to the thoughtful student and reader. For "the call is distinctly individual. If we are near enough to catch His voice at all, it comes to each of us as a piercingly personal call.—Will any of us be found slacking in the day of God's power?" .60

COLLEGE Y.W.A. PROGRAM

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Matt. 14:28-31; John 13:5-11 Self-confident, afraid of public opinion, and yet quick to repent, Matt. 26:31-35, 58, 69-75

THIRD TWILIGHT: *Peter a Disciple at Work*

A leader of men, Acts 1:15; 5:1-11; 8:14-15 A man of action, Acts 10:20-23 (See other references.) Eloquent, Acts 2:14, 15, 37-40 (See other references.) Fearless, Acts 4:5-13, 19, 20; 5:29. Unswerving loyalty to Christ, Acts 3:16; 4:10; 9:32-34 Summary of life of Peter; 2 Peter 3:18

FOURTH TWILIGHT: *Paul, As Seen in the Acts of the Apostles*

Highly educated and versed in the Scriptures, Acts 22:3; 26:24; 13:16-27 Prompt to obey a vision from heaven, Acts 26:12-19; 16:9, 10 Unconquerable in spirit, Acts 16:23-25; 20:24; 27:21, 22, 25; 28:3, 5 Intense in action, 8:1-3; 9:1, 2; 26:20; 20:20, 31 Industrious, Acts 18:3; 20:33, 34 Physically and morally fearless, Acts 9:29; 15:25, 26; 19:8; 23:3; 28:31 What other characteristics made him a leader of men?

TRAINING SCHOOL

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for, copied, quoted, written to, and longed for, until one is made to admire all the more the courage and grace which can enable anyone to try to follow her, or to take for one short year even the place which she has filled. Nobly, prayerfully, and beautifully is "Mother Perryman" undertaking this very difficult task, and oh how sweetly the daughters are rallying round her and making her feel that with open arms and loyal hearts that they are ready to receive her, and give her her rightful place in the home.

Then, like a steady beacon light shining above the whole, keeping all hands and hearts glad and assured and confident, is the chairman of the Board of Managers. Even "mothers" may come and go, but as long as Mrs. Eager, Mrs. Woody and the other true and tried women of this board stand at the gateway the coming and going at the House Beautiful will continue to mean love and light and blessing to its inmates and to all to whom their influence may reach out.

Yes, my heart has been encouraged, my soul strengthened, my life sweetened by my stay in your midst for those two beautiful weeks. I can only say, I thank you.—*Anna Hartwell*

R. A. PROGRAMS

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The delegate from the mill or mining town may present the evils of the saloon and gambling den and how their influence could be lessened by having attractive, comfortable churches to invite these men and boys away from them. The forming of boys' organizations in these churches and the introduction of new ambitions and pure amusements are needs that speak for themselves. Churches have not been built because the need has not been realized by Christian people. Shall we remain indifferent?

The delegate from the congested immigrant districts of the city can speak of the pitiful need for Christian Americanization. Telling how the foreign boy should no longer be to us the "dago" or the "sheeny",

but real boys having the same desires in life with ourselves and to whom we can be the "big brother" by doing our bit in giving him a church home. They greatly desire to be Americans, but do they desire to be Americans who call names and hatefully treat the stranger boy? How did the Italians welcome our soldier boys? What names did they call them? Do not let them outdo us in politeness. Let us give them a Christian welcome in churches of their own.

At the close of the conference at the second meeting have a boy representing an architect tell plan, material and finish needed for a church building in each of the above sections, followed by open discussion and some practical result in gifts for the Church Building Loan Fund.

Bible verses on building could be selected by the leader and distributed for roll call of second meeting.

W. M. U. ORGANIZATION PINS

The expense of production of some of our organization pins has been again increased and we reluctantly but necessarily advance the prices as follows:



Woman's Missionary Union Pin

This pin is gold enameled in lavender, made in three grades, but alike in appearance. They are refined, unique and artistic. A pin with a meaning.

All gold (14 K.) with safety catch.....	\$8.00
All gold (10 K.) with safety catch.....	6.00
Gold-filled pin.....	2.00



Young Woman's Auxiliary Pin

A gold pin bearing the initials Y.W.A., interwoven, will be mailed to any address on receipt of 85 cents. Postage extra

The expense of manufacturing the following pins, up to the present date, has not been increased and until it is we are selling them at the usual price:



Girl's Auxiliary Pin

An attractive octagonal gold-plate pin, enameled in Nile green and white, green enamel with white star bearing gold-letters G.A. Price, 25 cents



Royal Ambassador Pin

Beautiful in its design of crown and olive branch. Gold plate, enameled in blue and white. Price, 25 cents.



Sunbeam Pin

A pin bearing the interwrought initials S.B. in an olive wreath. Price, 15 cents. Postage, 2 cents. In white enamel and gilt, 25 cents. Postage 2 cents

May we ask our Union workers, when ordering pins, to add 5 cents to price of pin, 3 cents for insurance and 2 cents for postage.

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