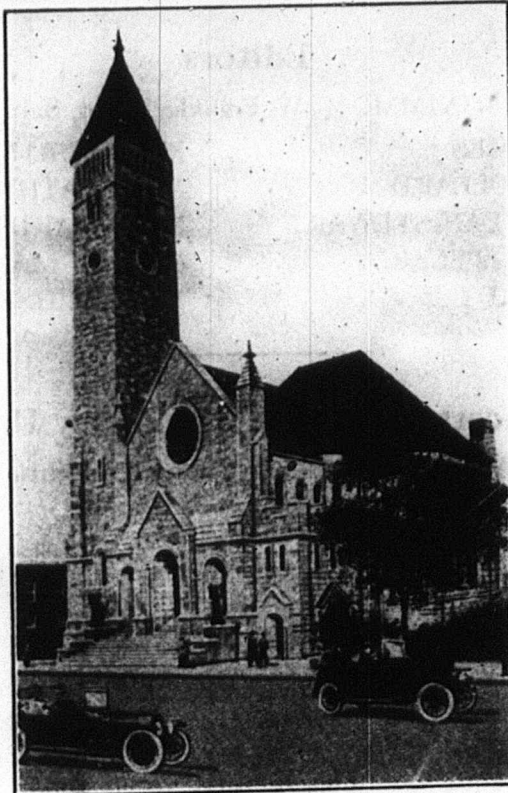


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That I may know Him.—Phillipians 3:10

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Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists May, 1919

Heavenly Father, to all thy many gifts to us, add, we pray thee, the honest desire, in thy Spirit, to pay to the utmost our debt to life, and so enable us ever to do the thing that pleases thee.—Wilfred T. Grenfell

Topic: Utilizing Missionary Literature

1—THURSDAY

For all mission literature, that it may be a true guide to knowing and making Him known
For the edifying of the body of Christ.—*Ephesians 4:12*

2—FRIDAY

For all publications of the Southern Baptist Convention
According to the power which the Lord hath given to edification and not to destruction.—*11 Corinthians 13:10*

3—SATURDAY

For blessing upon Christian literature scattered among the Jews
To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.—*Isaiah 8:20*

4—SUNDAY

For all ministers and evangelists, that Christ may be lifted up
For we preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus the Lord.—*11 Corinthians 4:5*

5—MONDAY

Thanksgiving for God's blessing on our noble home and foreign representatives
The Lord is faithful.—*11 Thessalonians 3:3*

6—TUESDAY

For Mr. Noble Crane and his faithful workers among the Osage Indians
Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid . . . for the Lord thy God is with the withersoever thou goest.—*Joshua 1:9*

7—WEDNESDAY

For Misses Preuss and Crowder, workers among foreigners in Colgate and McAlester, Okla.
Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints.—*Ephesians 2:19*

8—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Buckner and Rev. and Mrs. John Lake of Canton. Special remembrance of Mr. Lake's work for lepers.
He put forth His hand and touched him, saying; I will; be thou clean.—*Luke 5:13*

9—FRIDAY

For the committees in Atlanta, preparing for the Annual Meeting
The Lord shall guide thee continually.—*Isaiah 58:13*

10—SATURDAY

For W.M.U. president, secretaries, and executive committee; that they may have a deep sense of privilege as co-workers
Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.—*Philippians 2:2*

11—SUNDAY

For the Holy Spirit's guidance and power in the deliberations of Southern Baptist Convention meeting this week
Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven and bless thy people.—*Deuteronomy 26:15*

12—MONDAY

For journeying mercies for all on their way to Atlanta
He preserveth the way of His saints.—*Proverbs 2:8*

13—TUESDAY

That His honor and glory be the one thought in every session of the convention
That in everything ye are enriched by Him in all utterance and in all knowledge.—*1 Corinthians 1:5*

14—WEDNESDAY

For great blessing in the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention and Woman's Missionary Union
The Lord thy God shall bless thee in all that thou doest.—*Deuteronomy 15:18*

Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists May, 1919

"Be of good courage" runs all the way from Genesis to Revelation—all the way from Noah in the flood-swept world to the last star in the crown of "him that overcometh".—J. R. Miller

Topic: Utilizing Missionary Literature

15—THURSDAY

For God's blessing on all decisions and asking His enabling power to enter many open doors
I have set before thee an open door and no man can shut it.—*Revelation 3:8*

16—FRIDAY

That our missionaries and native workers may be uplifted by our prayers
The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.—*James 5:16*

17—SATURDAY

For the inspiration of His realized presence in the final committee meetings
Let all that ye do be done in love.—*1 Corinthians 16:14*

18—SUNDAY

For the quickening of the missionary spirit in our Sunday schools
Lo, here is seed for you and ye shall sow the land.—*Genesis 47:23*

19—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Dawes and Miss Attie Bostick in Taian-Fu, China
The Lord thy God is He that goeth with you.—*Deuteronomy 20:4*

20—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Sallee and Miss Nancy Lee Swann, Kaifeng, China
That ye may approve the things that are excellent.—*Philippians 1:10*

21—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. S. C. Pinnock (on furlough) and the four appointees preparing to go to Africa
For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour.—*1 Timothy 2:3*

22—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Bagby and Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Taylor, Sao Paulo, Brazil
The God of Israel is He that giveth strength and power unto His people.—*Psalms 68:35*

23—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Bryan, Miss Bryan, and Rev. and Mrs. Frank Rawlinson, Shanghai
He knoweth the way that I take.—*Job 23:10*

24—SATURDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Ayres, Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Newton (on furlough), Hwang Hien, China
Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you.—*James 4:8*

25—SUNDAY

For ministers and teachers in the lonely places
This God is our God for ever and ever; He will be our guide even unto death.—*Psalms 48:14*

26—MONDAY

That the inspiration received at the Annual Meeting may be felt through all our churches
God is able to make all grace abound toward you.—*11 Corinthians 9:8*

27—TUESDAY

Thanksgiving for the return of Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Love; that the vision given to him may be seen by all
He that overcometh . . . to him I will give power over the nations.—*Revelation 2:26*

28—WEDNESDAY

That the newly converted may be fed on the sincere milk of the Word
Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.—*11 Peter 3:18*

29—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Muirhead and Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Taylor, Pernambuco, Brazil
The Lord is my portion . . . therefore will I hope in Him.—*Lamentations 3:24*

30—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Rowe, Rev. and Mrs. P. P. Medling, Japan
To bring out . . . them that sit in darkness.—*Isaiah 42:7*

31—SATURDAY

For renewed consecration and power that God's people may be faithful witnesses
If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above.—*Colossians 3:1*

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

of

W. M. U. ANNUAL MEETING

Atlanta, Georgia, May 13-19, 1919.

Committee Meetings—W.M.U. Conference Room, Piedmont Hotel
Tuesday, May 13, 2:30 and 8:00 P.M.
Commission on Young People's Work

Wednesday, May 14

9:30 A.M.—Margaret Fund Committee
11:00 A.M.—Training School Boards
2:30 P.M.—W.M.U. Executive Committee

Regular Sessions of W.M.U. Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 15—Tabernacle Baptist Church

OPENING SESSION

9:00 A.M.—Hymn and Prayer
Organization
9:10 A.M.—Words of Welcome
9:20 A.M.—Report of Corresponding Secretary
9:40 A.M.—Report of Treasurer
9:55 A.M.—States in Review
10:55 A.M.—President's Address
11:15 A.M.—Presentation of Greetings from Our Mission Fields
Announcement of Committees
Election of Nominating Committee
Miscellaneous Items
12:00 M.—Introduction of Missionaries
12:10 P.M.—Period of Intercession
12:30 P.M.—Adjournment

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:30 P.M.—Hymn and Prayer
2:40 P.M.—Minutes
2:45 P.M.—Report of Board of Managers of W.M.U.
2:50 P.M.—Report of W.M.U. Literature Department
3:05 P.M.—Report of Personal Service Committee
3:25 P.M.—Report of Committee on Young People's Organizations
3:40 P.M.—Report of Commission on Young People's Work
4:20 P.M.—Presentation and Discussion of W.M.U. Resolutions
5:00 P.M.—Closing Prayer

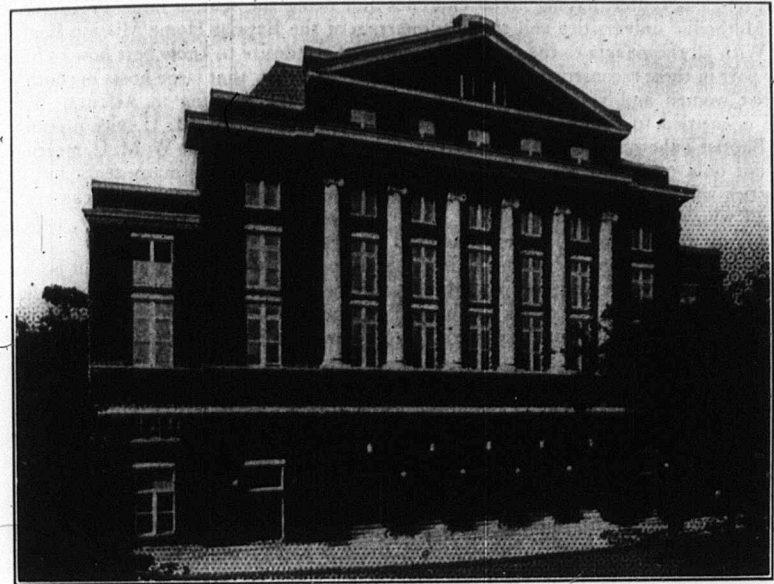
Friday, May 16

MORNING SESSION

9:00 A.M.—Hymn and Prayer
9:10 A.M.—Minutes
9:15 A.M.—Committee Reports
Nominate Boards

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EDITORIAL



TABERNALE BAPTIST CHURCH, ATLANTA, GA., WHERE THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION WILL BE IN ANNUAL SESSION, MAY 13-19, 1919

A RECONSTRUCTION AID

RECONSTRUCTION is the word on every lip as, with cheers for the returning victory troops and with hearts confident of permanent peace, the people set themselves resolutely to solving the many problems of reconstruction days. It is universally conceded that it was the Christian influence which maintained the morale in our invincible army. Even so must the forces which make for righteousness take the initiative in all worthwhile reconstruction policies. More numerous than any other religious body in the south, more democratic and wealthier, southern Baptists will naturally be expected to lead in an altogether constructive way. It is therefore most opportune that this month of May the Southern Baptist Convention will gather in annual session in Atlanta, Georgia, the dates being 14-19, inclusive. Auxiliary to this convention is the Woman's Missionary Union, which always meets at the same time and place. In the tentative program on the preceding page the many details of this annual meeting are outlined.

The headquarters will be at the Piedmont Hotel on Peachtree, Luckie and Forsyth Streets. This hotel has four hundred rooms. It is said that there are three thousand rooms in the forty-three hotels in Atlanta and that there are two hundred and five restaurants. With such competition the high cost of living is less appalling, especially as in this Georgia capital there is the slogan, "Atlanta dollars do double duty!" The city is equally as attractive in a climatic way. It is 1050 feet above the sea level, its normal temperature for May being 70°. In these prohibition days it is especially good to be

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told: "Atlanta air is like champagne and the people need no other stimulant". As a railroad center it is also unexcelled in the south, even as John C. Calhoun predicted. It is within a night's ride of most cities located in the region bounded by the Ohio, Potomac and Mississippi Rivers, the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean. It is a recognized religious center, having many churches, and being the seat of large Presbyterian and Methodist universities and the headquarters of the Baptist Home Mission Board.

With all these facts to the good and because of the desire to know best how to fulfill their part in these reconstruction days, it is easy to prophesy that large hosts of southern Baptist women and young people will attend this May meeting in Atlanta. Each state is entitled to twenty-six delegates including the state W. M. U. vice president. The Baptist Tabernacle at 78 Luckie Street, which will be used for the W. M. U. meetings, will not only accommodate the full delegation but because of its many seats and fine acoustics will easily take care of three times as many visitors. Let who can come! Let all who are "willing hearted" in state, division, association and society make it possible for their devoted leaders to attend.

The initial session will be in the interest of young people's work and will be held on Tuesday afternoon and evening, May 13, in the conference room on the first floor of the Piedmont Hotel. To this session will be invited the state leaders for Sunbeam, Royal Ambassador and Auxiliary work to confer with the W. M. U. Commission on Young People's Work.

Wednesday in this same Piedmont Hotel conference room will be held the annual meetings of the Margaret Fund Committee, General Board of W. M. U. Training School and W. M. U. Executive Committee. It is highly important that the duly elected members of each of these three committees be present. In case that they cannot possibly come, their authorized substitutes should be carefully instructed as to their duties.

Thursday and Friday will be used for the regular business sessions of the Woman's Missionary Union. With thirty years of experience, during which there has been marked growth in gifts, methods and organizations, there is every reason to believe that this thirty-first session will earnestly undertake its full share in world reconstruction. A far-sighted means to this end is to give fully two of the eleven hours to a program conducted by the young people.

Delightful also are the plans for the luncheon to our women missionaries. This will be given at the Capitol City Club, Peachtree Street, one block north of the First Baptist Church, at noon on Saturday, the 17th. The women missionaries will be guests of the Woman's Missionary Union. The price per plate for all others will be \$1.50.

The W. M. U. sermon will be preached at 11 o'clock on Sunday morning at the First Baptist Church on Peachtree and Cain Streets. The minister will be Dr. J. B. Gambrell.

Monday will be given to the all-day session of the W. M. U. Secretaries' and Field Workers' Council. This will be held in the Y. W. C. A. in Peachtree Arcade, the price per plate at the luncheon being seventy-five cents. It is sincerely hoped that each council member will make every effort to be present and to remain throughout the day's session.

Crowded as may seem the aforesaid program, it will admit of attendance upon many of the most missionary sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention. This body will meet in the Atlanta Auditorium which is only five blocks from the Piedmont Hotel. The official W. M. U. report to the Southern Baptist Convention will be presented by Dr. John F. Vines, of Roanoke, Va.

And so once more, we say, "Come to the May meeting in Atlanta!". This invitation is most cordially extended by Mrs. Hugh Willett and her large local committee, representing the many Baptist Churches of Atlanta. It is reinforced by the W. B. M. U. of Georgia, consisting of more than 1700 societies.

It is the annual summons for business and spiritual uplift of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, with its 24,000 churches and 16,000 missionary societies. May all who can attend; may "they look unto God and be radiant" as they face the many reconstruction opportunities and obligations.

SINCE landing on the 2d of October at Yokohama I have, with other observations, studied with peculiar interest the work which our women are doing on the mission fields in Japan and China and in which native Christian women are assisting. The first of these workers who have come from the home land to give life and talent to the women of the east I met in the person of Miss Fulgham in Tokyo. She had arrived a little ahead of me and was entering with enthusiasm into language study in this city. Everywhere I have gone since I have found the women among the most enthusiastic missionary workers. I often think that their whole hearts are given to the little tots in the kindergarten, to the girls in the boarding schools and to the women in Bible training and to evangelistic work in country districts. The woman missionary in China is like her sister in America, possessed of missionary intelligence and enthusiasm and going about her work whole-heartedly. I have often meditated, as I visited the churches at home, upon what a sad plight our churches would be in and how hopeless our preachers would be without the prayers, the intelligent cooperation and sympathy of the women in the churches. These meditations have been repeated with variation on the mission fields. It is perfectly evident to me now that the Gospel of Christ could never have been brought with full effectiveness into the homes of the east and that Christianity could never have exhibited here to the eyes of all the people its peculiar feminine graces without these women and the transformed lives of Japanese and Chinese womanhood which have thus been brought under the power of the Gospel. Next to the devotion of the missionaries I have been impressed most of all in the east by the distinguishing effects which the Gospel is having upon the lives of women in the Orient. The contrast between the heathen and the Christian women is even greater than the contrast between the heathen and the Christian men. The love of Christ seems to shine through the delicate form of the women as it does not through the coarser fabric of the men. I have seen true, strong and useful Christian men in every community where the Gospel has been planted, but the Christian women are recognized almost instantly in any group by the changed expression on their faces which the inner Christian experience has wrought. Some of these women are fine examples to their Christian sisters at home of devotion to Christ and His service among their people. Just the other day I sat at the table with the wife of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the first President of the Chinese Republic, and with Mrs. Lew Yuk Lin, the wife of Dr. Lew Yuk Lin, former Ambassador to the Court of St. James. These women of high social station have so fallen in love with Christ and so deeply experienced His redemptive grace that in the most gracious manner imaginable they are giving their lives to Christian service indiscriminately among the rich and the poor. They are fine examples of what the Gospel of Christ is doing among the women of the east.

Two things I would impress upon the minds of my Christian sisters at home, the first of these is that the great majority of the millions of women and girls in China are still under the thralldom of sin and of the most cruel and despotic social customs. Foot binding has not by any means been banished from China. In North China especially the exception is the unbound foot. Millions of your sisters are, I assure you, women of America, hobbling painfully through life, the victims of this social barbarism. Personally I do not see any redemption for the womanhood of the east except in the Gospel of Christ. Nothing less will awaken the tender sympathy in the hearts of men and women and restrain them from breaking the bones in the feet of their children but the love of Jesus and the human compassion which that love begets. Southern Baptist women have, in comparison with what others have done, given their money in beautiful liberality to this great enterprise, but if they could see what I have seen in these months of travel in China of neglected womanhood and childhood they would give as they have never given to hasten the day of spiritual and physical emancipation for these millions.

Another thing which I would have you remember at this time is that many of your sisters who represent you in China are working without equipment to make their work

effective. I am going home to entreat my brothers and sisters to increase their gifts to foreign missions speedily in order that our missionaries may not expend their lives in vain because we do not furnish them with material equipment through which they can make their efforts tell for Christ. It will require this year nearly twice the amount of money to take care of our work in China that it took last year. The Chinese silver dollar is worth just a little more than half what it was worth two years ago and not half what it was worth before the war began. Unless our contributions to foreign missions this spring are greatly increased we shall not only fail to provide the equipment which is so sorely needed but we shall make another debt on the Foreign Mission Board and thus hamper ourselves for the future. And such a future it is! The great world-war has made the world ready for the Gospel of Christ. China is coming to a frank realization that America is her friend and with this realization she will give to missionaries and to the Gospel a heartier welcome than ever before. Doors of opportunity are open on every hand. If we can guard our work, equip our stations, enlarge our missionary corps at this time we shall set the work forward with a rapidity which it has never known. Help us, my dear sisters, at this time as you have never helped before and the reward of your sacrifices will be certain.—*J. F. Love*

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

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Apportionment
- 10:10 A.M.—Report of Margaret Fund Committee
10:30 A.M.—W.M.U. Training School
11:10 A.M.—Adoption of W.M.U. Resolutions
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AFTERNOON SESSION

- 2:30 P.M.—Hymn and Prayer
2:40 P.M.—Election of Officers
2:55 P.M.—Minutes
3:00 P.M.—Young People's Session
5:00 P.M.—Adjournment

Saturday, May 17—Capitol City Club

12:30 P.M.—Luncheon to Our Women Missionaries

Sunday Morning—First Baptist Church

11:00 A.M.—W.M.U. Sermon

Monday—9:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.—Y.W.C.A. in Peachtree Arcade

All Day Session of W.M.U. Secretaries' and Field Workers' Council



BIBLE STUDY



TOPIC—Leaves of Healing

And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow every tree for food, whose leaf shall not wither, neither shall the fruit thereof fail; it shall bring forth new fruit every month because the waters thereof issue out of the sanctuary and the fruit thereof shall be for food, and the leaf thereof for healing. Ezek. 47:12

In the sin of Eden man had lost all his dominion, his dignity, his happiness, his innocence, his peace—all was gone from him. He stood alone a lost, ruined, guilty sinner. At this point God began to reveal Himself and His purpose of redeeming love, unfolding His wondrous plan of redemption through grace. All through the ages we trace on the bosom of the mighty river of salvation the message of grace and forgiving love, and at last we shall find in the Paradise of God the "river of the water of life" on the side of which will be the tree of life whose "leaves are for the healing of the nations".

I. *Revelation of Hope:* Gen. 3:15. What must have been the effect on Adam and Eve when this promise was revealed to them! A promise of the restoration of their peace. "Everything shall live whithersoever the river cometh", Ezek. 47:9. The river typifies the revelation of Christ, the dispensation of the Spirit, the outflow from heaven of all blessing and truth and goodness; a channel of blessing through all the ages. On the banks are fruit trees, the leaves medicinal. Christianity says, "Judge by my fruit, see what I do, if I make the dead live then I am true."

II. *The Channel of Blessing:* (1) *Abraham*, Gen. 12:2, 3. God's call is to fuller life, purer light and sweeter joy. Men do not reach their full capacity except in the service of God. (2) *Isaac*, Gen. 17:19-21. The covenant blessing flows through the son of Abraham whom he was offering in obedience to God, for he had hope in the delivering mercy of God. (3) *Jacob*, Gen. 20:10. Here the stream is widening into a river overflowing the channel of promise. (4) *David*, 2 Sam. 7:16, 17. Here is the covenant upon which the glorious kingdom of Christ "of the seed of David according to the flesh" is to be founded, Ps. 89:29-37; Isa. 42:6. As the "Root of Jesse" he is to reign over the Gentiles, Isa. 11:10; Romans 15:12. (5) "*Immanuel*", Christ, Isa. 7:14; Mat. 1:1, 20-23. The channel of blessing from Abraham onward culminates in Jesus Christ.

III. *The Purpose of God:* 1 John 3:8; Heb. 2:14; John 12:31. In the purpose of God the Lord Jesus through His sufferings and death put away sin, abolished death and destroyed the power of the devil. It was of the grace of God that He tasted death for every one. Christ did not annihilate the devil for he still exists, but He has taken the power from him. When we are without Christ we are under the power of Satan, Col. 1:13, but when we come to believe in Jesus we are delivered from the power of Satan and brought into the liberty of the children of God, Acts 26:18. Only through the death of our Lord Jesus Christ upon the cross can men be delivered from the dominion of Satan and from the fear of death, Heb. 2:15.

IV. *The Message of Salvation:* Rom. 1:16. The message of healing is carried like a mighty river into the dark places of the earth causing them to bloom as the rose. The missionary messenger of peace and salvation goes first into unknown countries making a way for science, for civilization. The river of life that brings life, Ezek. 47:1; Zech. 14:8. The waters flow from the throne of God and the nations are healed, Rev. 22:1. The touching of the hem of Christ's garment brought springs of healing. Take out of the world all churches, all sacred music, all Christian literature, all things which are the growth of Christianity and you will inflict the greatest possible loss upon the civilized world. "Every thing shall live whitherto the river floweth." Peter and John at the Beautiful Gate were mediums of blessing, Acts 3:12, 16.—*Mrs. James Pollard*

PROGRAM FOR MAY

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By far the greater number of victories which Baptists, in modern times, have won for their distinctive principles have been won by the printed page—Dr. J. F. Love

Leaflets

1. An Hundred Fold A young Frenchman was wounded at the siege of San Quentin. As he languished on his pallet his eye fell on a leaflet. He read the leaflet and it changed his life. Before the Church of the Consistory in Paris stands the monument of that soldier with the Bible in his hand. On the monument is the name of Admiral Coligny, the great leader of the Reformation in France. Having brought the conviction of the truths of the Reformation to the heart of Coligny, the leaflet journeyed on. The next reader was a Sister of Mercy who was nursing the soldier. Terror-stricken and penitent over having read such a bold statement against the Church of Rome, the Sister fled to the Lady Abbess to confess her guilt. To determine the extent of the Sister's guilt it was necessary for the Lady Abbess to read the leaflet. As she read a great light shone in her own heart. Convinced by this light she was compelled to flee from France to the Palatinate. With her she carried the leaflet containing its message of truth and light. Just a leaflet it was, costing only a few cents; but it was destined to "stand before kings". The Lady Abbess became the wife of William of Orange and the leaflet with which she fled from France influenced his life for the truths of the Reformation. All this came to pass because some unknown person left a leaflet on a hospital pallet.

2. Coming Harvests Not every seed dropped into the ground springs up to yield a harvest of a hundred fold; nor does every leaflet accomplish wonderful results, but "He that soweth bountifully shall also reap bountifully" and again "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters". The field of missionary literature is rich and inexhaustible. Never before has there been such opportunities for world-wide education concerning conditions, needs and results of missionary work among the people of the whole earth. When we consider that the spread of Russellism, Mormonism and other "isms" is brought about not so much by meetings and campaigns as by the quiet, subtle influence of their literature, which is found in abundance on railway trains and in railway stations, public libraries and even at our own doors, we marvel that Christians are not as eager to inform and evangelize as are these false teachers. Let us combat half truths with the whole truth of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ! Let us sow the seed for coming harvests.

Who, of those who heard, can forget the wonderful story told by Mrs. Bagby of Brazil at the luncheon to our missionaries at Nashville during the W. M. U. Annual Meeting, 1914. It was of the attempt of her son to rescue a drowning man. Both perished. Because the people of Brazil knew and loved her boy a leaflet was prepared giving this incident and leading up to the sacrifice on Calvary for all the world. She said, "On our mission field we are not privileged to speak personally to many people, but on their annual memorial day, when the cemeteries are thronged with people, we quietly go among them and put this leaflet into their hands. While their hearts are tender with memories we give them the story of Jesus."

3. The Dramatic Element An almost untouched field is this. Great multitudes of people have been interested and entertained by elocutionists, but few teachers of expression or professional readers have ever had their attention directed to the thrilling stories of missionary heroism. A woman who is eager to circulate missionary leaflets in every way possible recently sent to the teachers of expression in a number of colleges and to professional readers and story-tellers whom she knew, copies of leaflets with dramatic possibilities, and stories which any story-teller would gladly welcome. The results were not only the enlisting of these leaders, but the reaching of hundreds of people who heard them. Some of the readers who had never considered missionary literature in their search for material found here pathos

and humor, romance and heroism in their finest forms, and were delighted over their introduction to a new realm of material.

A wide range of possibility is suggested by the following description of a "Declamation Contest":

4. Declamation Contests We realized that our boys and girls were learning to talk everything else except missions. The fire insurance companies had offered a prize for the best essay on fire prevention. The D. A. R.'s had stirred the whole community by "Revolution Declamations". The W. C. T. U. had conducted a fine contest on temperance that awakened much interest and did much good, so we decided to have a Missionary Declamation Contest. We put up in the Sunday school building a poster telling all about it, also a register for entries. There were two classes for entry. Class A was open to boys and girls under fifteen, and class B to those over fifteen and under eighteen. Twenty-five leaflets were exhibited from which choice of declamation was to be made. Contestants were also given the privilege of writing their own declamations, subject to the approval of the committee. Admission was by ticket, though no charge was made. Each contestant was given twenty-five tickets marked with his number, it being understood that those who had their full twenty-five tickets brought in on the night of the contest scored an additional point. The house was full of people and the boys and girls were full of enthusiasm. Their voices rang out clear and strong in the recital of missionary heroism. Not one of them failed to catch the fire of the great purpose of the heroes of whom they told, and not a heart in that audience but what was touched, not a conscience but what was quickened. The offering for missions, taken while the judges were meeting, was the largest one ever had. The judges were invited guests, not connected with the congregation. A missionary library of six volumes was presented to the winner, and a generous friend gave a copy of Livingstone the Pathfinder to each contestant. The results were so far-reaching we have decided to make our Missionary Declamation Contest an annual event.—*Missionary Review of the World*

5. A Budget of Suggestions A young people's society eager to use every opportunity to reach the entire congregation with missionary appeals mailed to each member at Easter a dainty leaflet which brought to each one the glad Easter message; "He is risen" and laid on each heart the compelling Easter commission, "go and tell".

She was a plain, unassuming little body who would scarcely dare address a word to an audience. She longed to speak a missionary message, so she bought as many copies of a good missionary story as there were scholars in the primary department of the Sunday school and handed one to each child at the close of the session.

A woman who knows how to avoid ruts suggests missionary leaflets as place cards occasionally at regular meetings. Let every member locate her place by a leaflet on which her name is written. Note absentees and have their leaflets carried to them by women who will make them wish they had been there and who will interest them in the next meeting and tell them about the work. If a personal call is not possible in every case mail the leaflet with a note from the president or some other officer.

A hostess was putting a dainty lunch in a dainty box for a departing guest. Right on the top, peeping out from a Japanese napkin, she tucked in an attractive missionary leaflet. "No human being," thought she as she smiled at her own cunning, "would be mean enough to eat my lunch and throw away my leaflet unread, and no human being could read this leaflet without being interested."

"Get into the habit of attaching a leaflet to every gift you make," said a literature enthusiast. "If you are giving a doll to a little girl, tie an attractive missionary story to dolly's arm. If you send a ball and bat to a boy, see that a rousing story of missionary heroism or a story of some boys of other lands is fastened onto them. Nestled in your bouquet of flowers, atop your bowl of fruit, inside a dainty bag,—let there be just the missionary leaflet best suited to reach the person who is to receive the gift. When you get off a train do not be so particular to pick up all your belongings. You might leave a

missionary leaflet behind. Who knows who will come along and pick it up? Perhaps a John Scudder may chance that way."—*Missionary Review of the World*

Magazines

6. Why Take Them? By comparison our missionary magazines are much more attractive in form and more reasonable in price than other magazines. The lack of advertisements and the special departments for all ages make them most desirable.

Years ago a young married woman whose husband was not a Christian and who was opposed to foreign missions, read to him from the missionary magazine a short article on conditions in Mexico. He was afterward converted and became a strong supporter of foreign missions. One of our strong preachers bears testimony to a similar experience in his own life.

A very plain looking woman came up to one of our mission workers and gave a sum sufficient to cover subscription price of four missionary magazines saying, "I want them on my table for my children to read."

A worker went to a church in the mountains to organize a W. M. S. She found the church locked and drove a mile further to call on a friend. "No," said the friend, "we can get only a few of our women interested and so we can't have a society." She was told how even four women could have a W. M. S. The magazine was shown her and she subscribed. The next fall at the annual meeting this society reported great increase in membership and gifts. A Sunbeam Band had been organized and another missionary society fostered in a neighboring church.

Take time, oh ye workers, to show the women how to use the magazines for attractive programs. Solicit subscriptions! There is no financial gain and so we make that a love work. Keep ever in mind that our people want information and most of them are glad of an opportunity to subscribe to our magazines.

7. Calendar of Prayer For those who are boarding, keep your Calendar of Prayer, found in ROYAL SERVICE, on dresser. As you are dressing for the day be thinking of the person or subject on the calendar and remember them in your morning prayer.

In the home keep Calendar of Prayer on dining table to be used at least at one meal as a leading for definite prayer. A good method for introducing missions in the Sunday school is to get the superintendent to include five minutes for missions in his Sunday school program, using the Prayer Calendar topic for that day as the basis for a definite, concise, attractive talk followed by prayer for the person or object on calendar. For the smaller children use puzzles and stories found in our magazines in children's corner. These will interest the children and be helpful to mothers.

8. Missionary Travelers One missionary worker says: "For some time we felt that in our church too few of our women had a chance to enjoy the splendid missionary literature which we used in our monthly programs. We therefore called for leaflets, magazines and other missionary literature which our active members had on hand. We received enough to prepare sixteen very interesting boxes which we called Missionary Travelers. Four women were chosen to personally conduct the journeyings of these missionary travelers to the homes of shut-ins, of mothers who had small children and of other women who for various reasons could not or would not come to the regular meetings."

"The pictures and stories in our little Sunday school missionary paper which was my companion on Sunday afternoons as I sat in the forked limbs of the old apple tree at home, led me to the foreign field," said a missionary.—*Missionary Review of the World*

Books

All well regulated missionary societies have at least one mission study class a year, but do not let this end the matter. Keep at least one missionary book on your table constantly. It will not be hard to learn to enjoy reading such books. To increase interest and establish facts mark the points of most interest, this will also help the one who borrows the book.

One dear old woman who lived miles in the country kept a number of recent mission study books in circulation among the young people of her church. After a revival at this church it was not hard to get the women interested and to organize a W. M. S.

Make gifts of missionary story books, so many people want them but do not know about them or how to get them.

9. Mission Study Said a great missionary publicist, "There are enough missionary people in any city or town to get all the recognition they want if they make a concerted effort to secure it." Acting on this suggestion a number of missionary leaders in several cities have concerted to secure the regular addition of new missionary books to their public libraries. Lists of books in line with the general mission study themes are prepared and requests for them are sent in by a sufficient number of library members to guarantee their addition to the library. On the missionary workers of our towns and cities rests the responsibility for seeing that missionary books are placed in our public libraries.

10. Team Work A speaker addressed an audience in a rural church. Near the front sat a bright faced lad who listened intently. At the close of the meeting the speaker asked the boy for his name and address and told him to go to the post office every day until he got a package addressed to him. She mailed him a copy of a stirring missionary biography. The boy was delighted and expressed his delight in a carefully written letter. That was not the end of the related correspondence. From the boy's father came a letter saying that he had been so much impressed with the book and the idea of passing missionary books that he wanted to secure a number of the best ones to be had to be circulated among the young people with whom he was associated. As a doctor and a leading man of the town his opportunity for prescribing missionary books was unlimited. The investment—one missionary book; the returns—a bright lad influenced for life, a "leading citizen" interested and a library of the best missionary books put into circulation in a town.

Lend your missionary books. "If peradventure they should return to you send them forth on their mission again and again until they either wear out with their journeyings or find a permanent resting place," says the Missionary Review of the World.

The Bible

To-day there are more copies of God's Word printed in more languages than ever before in the world's history, and yet the vast majority of readers in our home land are not utilizing the Bible as it should be. Bible reading and prayer in the early morning with the family gathered around is the exception instead of the rule in households. Are we about our Master's business? Are we using His book of guidance and instruction? A five year old child said to her mother, "Are you sure God made everything and finished all He made?" Upon receiving an affirmative reply she added, "Then what business is He in to-day?" It seems to me that we, who have the blessed privilege of guiding children cannot delay making ourselves fit to reveal the business He is in to-day—the King's business.

The counterfeit expressions of art,—the wrong methods of educational process will never unfold the immortal "conceptions unconfined". There are many practical means of illustrating this, one of which is the "feeding of our children's minds on the comic supplements of many of our Sunday papers, which are often badly written, badly colored, badly printed and expressed, certainly not wholesome ideas."

Gordon Poteat in speaking before the Southern Baptist Convention at Houston, Texas, of the influences that led him to decide for a life in China said, "My mother would tell my brother and me bedtime stories of the Bible heroes, and heroes of the mission fields, and as a child my ambition was to be like them." Children love Bible stories. One mother tells of her child coming at any time of day for a Bible story and she always stopped her work long enough to tell the story.

12. Right Reading of the Bible Our young people are doing a good deal of Bible reading in their religious organizations, but the trend of social life indicates a lack of real understanding of God's plan for a life. A woman's club for two years studied the Bible as literature and yet the frivolities and open sins went unchecked. While God's Word is a masterpiece of literature its supreme purpose is its message from Him to each individual. It is the law from God for the guidance of life. It is not only a book of wide knowledge but of knowing God. The Bible was not written to preserve records, but to preserve life through knowledge of God's plan for Life. It is a closed book to those who are not willing to know and obey, but clear, illuminating and full of strength for every need to those who read it with the help of the Spirit. Store up in memory passages that feed the soul in times of trouble, sorrow, anxiety, danger, joy, peace, security, blessing and happiness.

13. The Power of His Word Learn to use Bible passages fitly. The Word is a sword that "cleaves asunder" also a balm of healing. Often one well directed verse is more effective than many verses. An atheist said to Dr. Torry, "There is no God", Dr. Torry replied, "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God". The man argued but Dr. Torry made no reply except to repeat the same verse, until finally the man was convinced that God was, is and ever shall be.

During an electric storm a woman who was frightened began to repeat "What time I am afraid I will trust in the Lord". Calm came to her soul and fear was allayed.

In a time of great soul stress and misunderstanding, God gave this message to His suffering one: "The Lord shall fight for you and you shall hold your peace". She wrote it large enough to be read across the room and tacked it over her work table. The biting words and complaints were checked and quietness and peace and strength restored by often looking upon God's promise.

14. Honoring the Bible A W. M. U. worker seeking for information for missionary program work was astonished to find no Bible in the public library of one of the largest cities in our southern Baptist territory. This experience was repeated on trying to do the same thing in another southern city. Yet on the table was literature on Christian Science and other misleading doctrines. Our children and the visitor to these libraries have put before them much that is good but we are withholding the best. Is this fair to the God we serve? Is it fair to our neighbor and our own children? Go to your city library and ask them whether they have a Bible on their table of literature. If they do not have one have your personal service committee present them with one.

A little girl was lying ill in a hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. As her Sunday school teacher was visiting her she noted the Bible lying on her table. In speaking of this the mother said, "When the river overflowed our place we had to move out very hurriedly. Most of the things were put into the attic of the house. Mary wrapped her Bible around many times then climbed up to the highest point and fastened it to the roof." Mary's eyes brightened as she said, "And I saved it."

In utilizing missionary literature we are leading our thoughts back to God, for all leaflets, magazines and books that are printed for the purpose of extending the kingdom of God find their origin and culmination in His Word. We hide His Word in our heart and yet it can never be hidden from others, for it will shine through our whole being, illuminating the path for those around us and becoming a part of the "true light, even the light which lighteth every man coming into the world".



Y. W. A. PROGRAM



Subject—Utilizing Mission Literature
Hymn—Dear Lord and Father of Man-
kind

Prayer
Hymn—Faith of Our Fathers, Living
Still

Bible Reading
1. The Value of the Written Word, 2
Kings 22:8-13; 23

2. The Knowledge of Needs Often Con-
stitutes a Call, Acts 16:9, 10

3. Why We Should Expect Results
From Mission Literature, Isaiah 55:11

Prayer—For the Mission Work at Home
and Abroad

Hymn—Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I
Go

Dismissal by Prayer

Suggestion: Have the meeting take the
form of a luncheon or dinner. Let different
members represent natives from our foreign
fields, dressed in costumes of the countries.
Have them respond to toasts using material
from leaflets, current numbers of mission-
ary magazines and from general program
in this issue. Leaflets may be decorated
and be used as place cards. If an auxiliary
wishes to consider only one country, have
every member dress in the costume of that
country.

Utilizing Mission Literature

Just what is the purpose of mission
literature? Is it not the means by which
two related parts are brought together?
Mission literature presents a need or a
remedy or both; and the object of mission
literature is to show the need among those
who can meet it, or who can carry the
remedy to those who are starving and
dying for lack of it. Consider what a
few results of this contact might be;
(1) It might be the cause of the first gift to
missions, or if not the first, enlarged gifts
to missions; (2) it might mean prayer for
the heathen, or prayer for the strengthening
of the home-base to the end that the
specified needs might be adequately met;

(3) a home mission tract or story might
lead to some definite form of personal
service; (4) a foreign mission tract might
be the challenge to the foreign field; (5)
and most important of all, the reading of
the leaflet or mission story might result in
the salvation of a human soul. We are not
always permitted to see the results, but
nevertheless we know there are results.

Since mission literature is capable of
producing such lasting results, how can we
have a part in this work? If we were to
ask an advertising man what we ought to
do, we would probably get an answer some-
thing like this:—"Your method is good,
you could have nothing better than the
printed page. Add as many pictures as
possible which portray the customs and
needs of the non-Christians. You see,
what you teach people through their eyes
has a lasting impression, therefore pictures
should be introduced as often as possible.
Your problem, as I see it is one of distribu-
tion and circulation rather than of material,
for you have a wealth of material, the task
is how are you going to get it into the minds
of the people?" This reply reduces the
utilizing of literature to a problem of dis-
tribution. This is an enormous task, for
the world is your field. Think of the fore-
igners among you that know not the
Christ; think of the pastors in sparsely
settled and isolated sections of the country
who yearn for new items of missionary
interest to give their flock; think of the
native preachers in distant lands who must
know of your great missionaries if they are
to enlarge the vision of their people; think
of the Orientals who are learning to read;
think of the Moslems who love reading.
Waste can never meet these great needs.

Let each one of us have a share in cir-
culating missionary literature. After we
have profited by our study books, maga-
zines and missionary papers, let us pass
them on that others too may be helped and
strengthened in their work. It will not be
a difficult thing to find those who would
gladly welcome the missionary magazine
regularly forwarded.



COLLEGE Y. W. A. PROGRAM



Prepared by Miss Jessie Bryant, Greenville, S. C.

Topic—In Royal Service

Bible Lesson—See Twilight Watch Studies

Prayer

Suggested Hymns—Awake My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve
O, Zion Haste

How Firm a Foundation

Talks—1. Mission Literature and Its Importance

2. Leaflets and Yearly Literature

3. Royal Service

4. Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists

Offering

Sentence prayers in closing

NOTE—For help on talks see minutes of W. M. U. pp. 51-54, secure copy of minutes
from state headquarters, enclosing postage; refer also to material in general program in
this issue.

IN ROYAL SERVICE

What an appealing topic to a college girl! For in the heart of every true college
girl there is the desire to be of service, and what an inspiring thought to her that she is
in royal service, in the service of the King of kings! We are speaking of course of the
genuine and very real college girl. Have we not heard this report of the other type
of girl:—"Before she went off to school she was a great help to the church but now she
seems to have lost her interest for this, and we can't get her to do a thing." It is truly
a sad commentary upon her Alma Mater, her faculty back at college and most of all
upon herself. Think of all those years of training which have fallen short of the highest
purpose; for it is nothing less than this when mind culture is developed without heart
culture. But what a joy to welcome this real girl back to her home and community
and church. Her family and friends had watched her go away with the longing that she
would return to them a great power for good. How happy they are to find her not
"stuck-up" as they feared she might be, but only made lovelier and more efficient by a
new vision of helpfulness and a yearning desire for usefulness. They need to be helped
in their plans, in working up interesting programs and in utilizing mission literature.
The work in the home church that seems to belong peculiarly to the college girl is that of
sharing in or fostering the Y. W. A. She should begin at once to make plans for organ-
izing a Y. W. A., if there is none, and not rest content until every young girl in the church
is enlisted. Remember, dear girls, that God did not permit you to go to college because
He loved you more than some other girls, but He offered you this opportunity as a trust;
He gave you this blessing not merely for yourself, but to pass it on to others.

TWILIGHT WATCH STUDIES

FIRST TWILIGHT: "The Family With the Father—Fellowship," 1 John 1:1-3:24

First John is a "family letter from the Father to His 'little children'". It is probably
the most intimate of the books of the Bible. Tests of fellowship, obedience and love,
1 John 2:34; 1 John 2:9-11; the children warned against those who deny the deity of
Christ, 1 John 2:22, stress this much needed warning in this day on dangerous higher
criticism, so-called; the "little children" instructed how to live together, 1 John 3:11-17.

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G. A. PROGRAM



TOPIC—UTILIZING MISSION LITERATURE

Have this meeting in a private home. Let each guest be received by ROYAL SERVICE in purple robe with crown and sceptre and with a copy of the magazine pinned on the front of her dress; HOME AND FOREIGN FIELDS in a natural linen dress ornamented with field flowers and wearing a fez or turban, carrying a copy of this magazine, your state paper appropriately represented. Let the girls be shown into the room of KIND WORDS, with a number of these papers scattered about in conspicuous places, where they may chat with their friends until time for the programs. Have some cooling drink served by "TRACTS" in white dresses, covered with tracts secured from your state headquarters, the various boards, and from the W. M. U. Literature Department, 15 West Franklin St., Baltimore, Md. Just before time for the meeting escort the girls into the "MISSION STUDY" where program is to be given, introduce in turn a number of mission study books, beginning with the W. M. U. Manual. Let each book be represented by a G. A. girl and have a vote as to the cleverest representation. Give each time to give a brief review of her book, tell some interesting fact about it or read some short portion, stopping at an exciting point, anything to arouse interest in her book. Last of all present a girl in white who says: "I bring to you the greatest of all mission study books, the Bible. It is full of the story of missions. 'He that hath an ear to hear let him hear'."

Open the meeting by singing "O Zion, Haste" and a prayer. Then let the leader announce that she will have two programs during the afternoon, one using "Mission Literature" and one without. First give the program prepared without using literature. Necessarily both must be brief. Make this one particularly dull and uninteresting. Choose some topic from the past year's work and use only those facts which the girls happen to remember on the subject, calling on the girls who are not on

the regular program to respond without preparation.

When the first program has dwindled out for lack of information, call the girls in costume to the front to give a program in which "Mission Literature" has been effectively used, using the same topic. Work hard on this program and make it the best, liveliest one you and your girls are capable of giving. Cull every interesting fact and incident on the subject that you can find in any of your old magazines, from tracts ordered as directed above. Get different girls to read mission study books on the country selected and pick out good anecdotes or particularly interesting incidents. Inspire them to work hard on their parts so that they can give them enthusiastically. Introduce a little fun wherever possible. Let one tract tell a story. Perhaps one could sing, give a reading or recitation. Close the hour with a prayer for God's blessing on the printed word as it goes forth to teach.

As the girls leave give each a souvenir of the occasion in the form of a little May basket filled with flowers under which you may slip a story tract and a typewritten slip giving the name of each magazine, the address from which it may be secured, and the subscription rate, with the suggestion that she bring the money for one of these to the next meeting and thus help to make the G. A. meetings more interesting as well as securing a point on the Standard of Excellence.

THINGS EVERY G. A. GIRL SHOULD KNOW

ROYAL SERVICE is the name of the official organ of the W. M. U. From this magazine the regular G. A. programs are taken. It is published every month by the Literature Department of the Woman's Missionary Union. Its address is 15 West Franklin Street, Baltimore, Md. It costs 35 cents a year. In the magazine are interesting letters from our missionaries which all our girls would enjoy reading.

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R. A. PROGRAMS



Prepared by Gaither Johnston, R. A., Arkansas

FIRST MEETING

Topic—Missionary Tools
Hymn—The Whole World was Lost
Scripture—2 Chron. 17: 3-13
Prayer—For a More Earnest Study of God's Word
Hymn—Send the Light
Closing Exercises

Thought for Bible Lesson: Jehosaphat followed God and "walked in His commandments". Unto the people in the cities of Judah he sent princes and priests to tell them about God's laws. When the enemies of Judah invaded the land, Jehosaphat and his people "gathered themselves together to ask help of the Lord". Jehosaphat prayed unto God and his prayer was answered. Singers were appointed who marched in front of the army chanting the praises of the Lord, and God made the enemies powerless before the people of Judah. Shall not we as Royal Ambassadors of the King consider ourselves an army and march boldly against the forces of sin?

Suggestions for Leader: If the playlet given below is not suitable for your chapter, arrange news-stand. On this have sample copies of as many different missionary magazines as possible, also leaflets, tracts, hymn books, missionary books from library, maps, etc. Let R. A.'s have five minutes to look over contents of stand. Then cover stand and give each boy pencil and paper and ask him to write in ten minutes, as many of the magazines, books, etc., as he can remember. Have special mention made of the one remembering the most.

Playlet

Have one of the older boys take the part of an elderly Quaker, another to represent a young man. Quaker sits by table reading his Bible when rap is heard at door and young man enters carrying bag. They greet and shake hands.

Young Man: Good morning, brother Williams, I just dropped in for a farewell

chat. You have probably heard that I am going to China soon as a missionary under the Southern Baptist Convention.

Quaker: I thank thee for remembering me brother. Yes I had heard of your plans, but I must confess I know little of missionary work and perhaps am not as interested in it as thee would think I ought to be. I have often noticed thee carrying that hand bag. Why burden thyself thus?

Young Man: This brother Williams contains my missionary tools, may I show them to you and explain?

Quaker: Thou hast my attention, young man, speak on.

Young Man: First I will show you a Bible but as I see you have God's Word here, it is needless to explain that this is the greatest of all tools for a missionary.

Quaker: I agree with thee. We must know God's Word to do His will.

Young Man: Here is another valuable tool with many uses. It's the monthly magazine Royal Service. In it are programs for women, girls, boys and little children. It has letters from missionaries and up to date current events. It introduces other tools through its suggested leaflets and through its book reviews. This other tool lying near looks small but it's valuable—the W. M. U. catalogue of stories, playlets, etc. Here is an excellent tool, Home and Foreign Fields. Published by the Sunday School Board it brings the news of work in our country and in lands across the sea right to your own library. Look at this bright and shining tool, Everyland, boys and girls just love it for its full of pictures and stories and puzzles.

Quaker: My brother, I see now why I have not been as interested in missions as I ought to have been. Ignorance is inexcusable these days. To think of all these tools right at hand that I might have been using. I will make up for lost time now by studying about this greatest work in all the world. Hast time to go with me to show these tools to friend Scott across the way?

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SUNBEAM PROGRAMS



Prepared by Mrs. W. H. Reddish, North Carolina

FIRST MEETING

SUBJECT—What We Saw

HYMN—I Love to Tell the Story

PRAYER—That We May be True Friends of Jesus

BIBLE LESSON—John 6:1-13 (Have each child memorize one verse for second meeting)

MISSIONARY LESSON—An Afternoon in an Airship

HYMN—Sunbeam Song

BUSINESS. OFFERING. ROLL CALL. PRAYER

Thought for Bible Lesson: Jesus loves little children. He took them in His arms and blessed them when He lived on this earth. He cured them of sickness. He was pleased when they made an offering to Him. In these verses He used a plain lunch prepared by a small boy's loving mother. There are five things about this lesson we ought to remember. (1) The boy gave his lunch. (2) Jesus blessed it. (3) The boy did not lose his lunch but had all he could eat. (4) Jesus made the lunch to feed a host. (5) Jesus still blesses our gifts.

To the Leader: Spread a large map of the world on the floor. Around this place rugs or mats for the smaller children to sit upon. Back of these arrange larger children on chairs. Procure a toy aeroplane. Use pictures from March issue of Home and Foreign Fields and from back numbers of ROYAL SERVICE. The talk for second meeting is merely suggestive and can be enlarged upon and illustrated by showing magazines, leaflets, etc.

An Afternoon in an Airship

How many of you have seen an airship? To-day we have one in our meeting. (Holds up toy airship.) Now let us pretend we are starting on a trip. (Moves aeroplane to and fro.) Sit carefully and keep your eyes open for we are going to visit some of our mission stations and see the work the missionaries are doing in them. Now we are going over the mountains of our southern states. Scattered all over these are schools for the mountain girls and boys. We will have time to visit only one of the thirty-seven in our mountains. Now we are going down. This is Fruitland, North Carolina. See the large, handsome main building. The other good buildings are the homes of the boys and girls. Here comes the principal of the

school, Miss Sullinger. She will tell us of her work.

Miss Sullinger: (A larger Sunbeam girl) When I came here seventeen years ago we had only one small building. I had one hundred scholars crowded into one room. I was principal, teacher and housekeeper all in one. Our furniture was made of store goods boxes brought by the pupils of the school from their homes. Now I am glad to show you our fine buildings with good and useful furniture and school books, and also the best kind of missionary papers and magazines.

Leader: We have enjoyed visiting your school but must hurry on, there is much to see this afternoon. Good-bye, dear Miss Sullinger. (Bows and waves airship.) Ah here we are in Mexico. This is Toluca and I see one of our missionaries coming to meet us. How are things going with you, dear missionary, and how is the boys' school coming on?

Mexican Missionary: (Sunbeam girl) The war has hurt our work very much but we have some faithful Christians in Mexico. They keep up the prayer meetings and the Sunday schools for the children. Some of our people come a long distance to attend and we frequently have baptism of new members. The boys' school has lost many

pupils in the war, but those who remain are doing good work.

Leader: We thank you and we only wish we had more time to be with you. We will not forget to pray for you and your work. All aboard for South America! We will visit some of our missionaries there. My, isn't this a beautiful country! (Points to Brazil on map.)

Missionary of Brazil: (Sunbeam boy) Welcome to Brazil and our mission stations here. We are doing fine work among the women and children. We print many leaflets in their own language and you cannot tell how much good they are doing. We believe in the printed page for missionary work, especially God's Word. May I jump in with you and guide you to Argentina, another big country of South America? Here we are. Now I will introduce you to one of our missionaries in this rich and lovely country.

Missionary of Argentina: (Sunbeam girl) There never was such a wonderful country as this! Rich in cattle, wheat and minerals, but poor in the knowledge of Christ and His truth. Oh, we do need the prayers of every boy and girl in the Sunbeam Band to help us to tell the boys and girls of Argentina the story of the cross. Send us pictures and missionary stories for them.

Leader: South America is splendid and the work of all the missionaries so good that it would take many books to tell of all of it. Now we will cross over to Africa. (Waves

SECOND MEETING

SUBJECT—How It Was Done

HYMN—Can a Little Child Like Me?

PRAYER—For More Bible Teachers

BIBLE LESSON—(Call for memory verses on last lesson)

LEADER'S TALK—Literature

HYMN—Send Forth the Bible

PRAYER—For Blessings on Christian Literature

BUSINESS. OFFERING. CLOSING EXERCISES

Leader's Talk: Do you know that all books, magazines, leaflets and papers are called literature? That word means letters. Many letters go to make up the words in books. When a man knows a great deal about books we call him a man of letters. Some literature is good and some of it is not good. The best book of all

airship and points out Africa on the map.) Let us fly low over Dr. Green's hospital at Ogbomosho. See the patients awaiting their turn! How many of them there are! I think I see Virginia Green at one of the upper windows. Dr. Green's family live on the second floor of the small hospital. He does need a new one so much. We will not have time to stop but fly on to Oyo, another mission station. As we again fly low we see some natives being baptized. There are twenty of them. Hear them sing! We too praise God for this blessed sight. The afternoon is going so fast, Good-bye Africa, we are off to China. What a big country. Only a make-believe airship could go around it in such a short time. We see hundreds of churches and stations where our beloved missionaries are telling the story of Jesus' love. How we must pray and give to keep them in China and to send out more missionaries, for they are so badly needed. Our time is so short we will just take a twirl around Japan's islands and peep at the seven large stations we have there. (Use map.) See the dear little children in their bright kimono's, each with an obi (sash) of different color. They look like a flower garden but they really are a kindergarten. That means child garden. Let us help to send the Gospel to these dear little ones. Now for home! At our next meeting we will hear how all this mission work got started and how it must go on.

questions and show leaflets, Sunday school helps, etc.)

Last week we took a trip on the airship and saw many mission stations. These all started because in the best book of all literature God told us to go and teach all the world of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and that He would go with us. All of us cannot go but we can send the Bible and other Christian literature to those who do not have it. We can have it printed in all languages; the Chinese can have a Chinese Bible, the Japanese one in their language and so on. You see what it means to have these printed; it means God's Word in every land and in every hand. The missionary magazines, books, stories and pictures help us to know about heathen countries and children. If we know about them we will want to help them. So let us ask mother and teacher for books of missionary stories, and best of all, for Bible stories. Then let us send all these to the missionaries for the heathen children. Even in our own land there are children who do not know the Bible or anything about mission work. Remember that if there had been no Bible or Christian literature we would not have seen even one missionary station in our big trip last week. We must keep right on sending the Gospel until all the world has heard it.

Recitation:

"There are babies in the highlands
And babies in the low;
There are pale ones, wrapped in furry
skins,

On the margin of the snow,
And brown ones, naked in the isles,
Where all the spices grow.

"And some are in the palace,
On a white and downy bed,
And some are in the garret,
With 'no pillow 'neath their head,
And some are on the cold, hard earth,
Whose mothers have no bread.

"God save you, little children,
And make your eyes to see
His fingers pointing in the dark,
Whatever you may be,
Till one and all, through life and death,
Pass to eternity."

G. A. PROGRAM

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Read the Training School page regularly. It will make you want to go there. In preparing your program study *all* the programs.

HOME AND FOREIGN FIELDS is the official magazine of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. It is published by the Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee. It costs 50 cents a year. It contains the name and address of every foreign missionary of southern Baptists. Each month it is full of stories and pictures from all sorts of places in America and across the sea where we are working. There is a special department for young people.

R. A. PROGRAMS

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SECOND MEETING

Topic—"As The Twig Is Bent"

Hymn—A Volunteer

Prayer

Bible Reading—Psalm 1

Hymn—I Want To Be a Worker

Roll Call—Closing Exercises

Thought for Bible Lesson: This has been called the psalm of the two ways. The psalmist shows the happiness that comes from choosing the right. He warns against even walking and talking with wrong companions. For walking is but the first step. How easy to linger and stand and then to sit at ease with those who scorn the best things in life! The beautiful promise is for him who shuns evil ways, who delights to do God's will, who thinks on His word: Such a man is likened to a noble tree bearing precious fruit. "Whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." The other way shows the man who has made the wrong choice. He is likened to worthless "chaff which the wind driveth away." No beautiful promise is here. "The way of the ungodly shall perish."

A Lesson from the Trees

A breeze was stirring the branches of the trees and a low murmuring began in their tops. I listened for in my imagination they were really talking to each other. "I have been wondering lately," said the great

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FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



GRANDMOTHER GIA

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GRANDMOTHER GIA is an earnest, faithful Christian at Lai-chow. She was just recovering from a severe attack of grip when the time came for the annual meeting of the Shantung Baptist Association. It was to meet this year with her home church and she determined to try to attend. The distance to be walked was thirteen miles. When she arrived I asked her how she had managed to walk that distance through the snow in her enfeebled condition. "Well," she said, "when I started

out it seemed as though my legs were made of lead. I would take up one foot and set it down and then the other, and I could hardly drag myself along. But I bethought me of what one of the dear missionary ladies had told me, that no matter what troubled me I could pray to God. So I began to pray. I prayed not only for myself, but for all of the dear missionary ladies and that the Gospel might have free course—when lo! I remembered my legs. I had forgotten them. But they were going all right and ached not a bit."—Annie B. Gay Gaston, Lai-chow, China

R. A. PROGRAMS

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oak, "just what our young trees are going to become when grown. Some give promise of a fine future and others seem to have made a wrong start." "Yes," replied the maple, "I have been puzzling over the same thing. I suppose you notice that old tree on the water's edge with its body so twisted and crooked. It has a fine location, plenty of sunlight and moisture, but it's easy to see it began wrong when it was younger." "The young sappling near it" said the oak, "bade fair to become a fine useful tree at one time, but lately I notice it bending at every breeze over towards its neighbor, that crooked one, till it has changed its natural growth in a way that will be hard to overcome. But what a comfort to think of that tall stately tree to the right, I have been watching that carefully, and I know it is going to grow into great usefulness and strength." As I passed on the murmuring ceased but the lesson came home to me and I thought of the boys I had known. "Boys" I said to myself, "are just like trees, bad habits, such as falsehoods, tobacco and profane language indulged in while young will make their lives crooked and ugly. Evil companions will make them unpleasant and better companions will shun them, while the straight manly boy who doesn't yield to sinful thoughts and wicked desires is loved by everyone and wanted everywhere. Surely 'as the twig is bent the tree is inclined.'"

THE REPORT CLASS

NOBODY who is at all acquainted with our Training School has failed to hear about classes in Old and New Testament, Church History, Comparative Religion and Missions, Systematic Theology and so on, but how many of our Training School friends know anything about the report class? Does the word report sound formidable to you?

Doubtless the picture that comes to you is that of a group of embarrassed girls who come together to publish of necessity all misdemeanors committed in a given time from the crime of sleeping through rising bell to that of stumbling miserably through a recitation in any of the above studies. Forget such a picture. Our report class is anything but embarrassing, and the subjects discussed take us away from books and bells and center our thoughts on that phase of our work to which every other phase is subservient, that of practical missions.

On Monday morning the class meets for the purpose of exchanging experiences of the past week which enable every girl to participate in the work of all the others. Miss Leachman, our city missionary who has been vitally connected with the school since its beginning, is leading the class.

Every conceivable phase of mission work is represented. There are reports from clubs and classes, from work in factory and hospital, from visiting in home and institution, particularly in the juvenile court which has engaged the thought of so many of our girls this year. Helpful suggestions are exchanged, knotty problems solved, and a general interest stimulated in all questions pertaining to the bringing in of the kingdom.

And results are coming. For the first time in the history of the Training School the girls are working in cooperation with the Y. W. C. A. and through it are coming into vital touch with the factory girl, linking her life to the life of the church. Unusual earnestness is being shown in our field prayer meetings at the Wednesday evening chapel hour and God is hearing our cry for souls. Will you not help the girls of the Training School to thank God and go forward with even greater zeal to do His will?—*Rose Goodwin*

COLLEGE Y. W. A. PROGRAM

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SECOND TWILIGHT: *The Family and the World*, 1 John 4:1-5:21

False teachers, how discerned, they deny that Jesus is the Christ, 1 John 4:3; they are of the world, 1 John 4:5; the life of love, 1 John 4:11-21; the Christian's victory in the world to be won by faith, 1 John 5: 1, 4, 5, 10-15

THIRD TWILIGHT: *Truth, the Christian's Foundation*, 2 John

Many deceivers had arisen who were teaching false doctrines. God warns "the children" that the essential in "the personal walk of the believer" is truth, meaning by this His Word. Truth and love must be united in the Christian experience, 2 John 1:1-6; "Moses' law demands love; Christ's law creates love". Danger of doubting the Truth or Scriptures, 2 John 1:7-11; we would not advocate the stifling of independent thinking, but such thinking will find in the end that "we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth", 2 Cor. 13:8

FOURTH TWILIGHT: *Personal Responsibility and Truth*, 3 John

Here are seen beginnings of that "clerical and priestly assumption over the churches, in which the primitive church order disappeared", and which developed later into that powerful and corrupt hierarchy which even today holds parts of the world in its bonds.

Truth of "the children" commended, 3 John 1:3-4; ministrations to the brethren commended, 3 John 1:5-8, note in v. 8 reason given for receiving the brethren; Diotrephes rebuked for assuming authority, 3 John 1:9-11

FOR Y.W.A. AND G.A.

BEFORE our camps are all demobilized we suggest the following attractive military program for a social rally of city or town auxiliaries. G.A.'s and Y.W.A.'s may unite in carrying out the plans for the evening.

Our Baltimore Auxiliaries always have a reunion during the month of February, when all meet for a good social and get-acquainted time. We plan a couple of months ahead for it, have a committee appointed from the Auxiliary presidents, this committee makes all the arrangements and carries out all the details connected with the reunion. Each member of an Auxiliary who attends pays twenty-five cents for a ticket to defray the expenses of needed supplies and refreshments, etc. The committee always asks for the use of one of our largest Sunday school rooms in which to hold our reunion, as there are always somewhere about three hundred girls and young women in attendance. We called it Mid-Year Mobilization of Maryland Auxiliaries. Each girl on entering the room was greeted by a sentry (this girl should be dressed in white, with military coat if possible) who directed the newcomer to the cloakroom. On returning she was ushered by another sentry to the recruiting booth, where she drew from a covered bowl a card, the color of which designated her regiment. We had five regiments, each representing a country. We selected red for the United States, blue for France, white for England, green for Italy and orange for Belgium. The regiments were located in camps in different sections of the room, with the flag of the nation to mark them. (Camps are formed by chairs placed in circles.)

As each recruit draws her color, the camp captain (dressed as military as possible) escorts her to the camp to which her color assigns her. As soon as she arrives there the camp lieutenant presents her with one-half yard of crepe paper of her camp color and a few pins and tells her to make a cap. Each camp tries to have a different style for these caps.

When all have assembled, at a bugle call for attention, the chairman of committee who is the general for the evening, announces that there will be a flag raising, the Stars and Stripes are then raised either on a pole or run up a rope, all present stand at attention and sing the "Star Spangled Banner", with right hand raised to forehead in salute. All regiments stand in camps during this exercise. Then the general announces "Setting-Up Exercises". One of the committee as major, (who has previously prepared for it) leads all the allied regiments in a ten-minute gymnastic exercise, all standing in camps. The third feature is "Target Practice", a basket-ball and basket being used. Three girls selected from each camp to take part and try to win out for their own camp. The fourth feature is an aeroplane race. Five girls are selected from each camp wearing large pasteboard wings which go over the head and rest on the shoulders. Selected girls are lined up on one side of the room forming five columns of five each. The first girl in each column puts the wings over her head, and runs across the room and back. The wings are then quickly transferred to the next girl in each column who starts off as quickly as possible, and so on until the five girls of the camp finishing first make that camp the winner. The fifth feature is camp stunts when each camp presents a charade, sings or entertains in some way for the benefit of the others. The sixth feature is grand review, when the general and her staff march around the room followed by all the camps and reviewed by W.M.U. officers on reviewing stand. After returning to camp mess is announced, when the camp officer brings to each camp the refreshments which are served to the girls. The last feature is the introduction of visitors who have been on grandstand during the evening, then follow announcements. "Taps" is sounded. A group of happy better-acquainted girls go to their homes.

—*Maryland*



PERSONAL SERVICE



FROM A GOOD-WILL CENTER

IT was to the other end of the town that I was called one evening to see a very sick child. The little fellow was so bright and beautiful that he had been a great favorite of mine and it hurt dreadfully to find him struggling for breath and obviously close to the end. In spite of the fact that some kindly neighbor had called in one of the best doctors in town, I found that, as is so often the case among some of our people, the mother had decided that the doctor's medicine was not doing any good and had stopped giving it and was relying on the remedies of the neighbors, one of whom avowed that she knew more about "pneumony" than any doctor in the world and if the mother would just let her she would cure that baby yet. The mother "let her" but when I went back in the morning the little lad had slipped away. As there was no one else to do it, a kindly woman from the local missionary society and I sat that night beside the still little cradle and kept watch. Sometime during the long hours, toward morning the one lamp went out and there was no oil to replenish it, so we were left in darkness until day. One wonders if there are other women watching alone in the dark because, perhaps, there is no Good Will Center to hold out a helping hand.

Christmas brought a wealth of happy experiences. We had given out the usual baskets and remembrances and all along the round of our regular visiting there came many varying expressions of gratitude. It was such a little thing after all that we had done, yet the joy it gave them was wonderful to hear. One said there was nothing in her house for the children, not even any little "extra" for the dinner next day and she had gone to bed with a heavy heart before we reached her part of town. "Then when you come, with all them nice things for the children," said she, "and that dinner all ready to cook, I jest set down there before the fire and bawled and couldn't help it at all, I was that glad." And who could doubt she meant what she said.

Another woman, a newcomer among us, said that when we left the basket at her

door, although they had been here such a little while and the children had only been to Good Will Center once, her husband, who is a good man but "noways religious," helped her to empty the basket and unwrap the parcels and then sat quietly a little while before saying, "Lily, I know I haven't lived the right sort of life all these years. And we've had so much tough luck I didn't much keer. But God helping me I am going to be a better man after tonight." Suppose with some niggardly hand we had withheld that basket as undeserved!

But it was my staunch little friend Gilbert, who really touched me most. There had been an old-fashioned Christmas tree at one of the churches where people hung presents for their friends. Gilbert went with all his family, but of course there were no presents for them, though Santa Claus was there. Hurt and disappointed the youngster could not understand and would not be comforted but cried bitterly all the way home. In front of the door the family found a stack of gifts and a good dinner besides. Then suddenly it was all clear to his childish mind. Santa Claus had not forgotten them, as he had thought, but had just happened to pass that way and, not knowing he would be at the tree, had left his presents there! I scarce could see the shining I knew was in his eyes, as he gravely explained it all to me, for the thankful tears that blurred my own.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The personal service committee is happy to announce that Mrs. Lemuel Call Barnes, president of the Neighbors League, and a Baptist, will be in Atlanta to conduct a class on "How to Teach English to Foreigners" on the three days of the annual meeting. Make your plans to attend this class. Mrs. Barnes has arranged a series of Bible lessons for this purpose.



UNION NOTES



ROUND TABLE

COMING, coming, coming! Can't you hear them coming? The delegates and visitors to the W. M. U. annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, the middle of this month! For particulars concerning the meeting, see the editorial department, pages 7-10. — The March Week of Prayer was spent by the W. M. U. corresponding secretary in district meetings in Alabama. These were held in Roanoke, Livingston, Jasper, Brewton and Dothan. The hostess committees in these places were most efficiently led by Mrs. Carter Wright, Mrs. Henry Melten, Mrs. Sheriff Lacy, Mrs. Alto Lovelace and Mrs. George Malone. The presiding officers were the vice-presidents, with but one exception, of the five districts, namely: Mrs. O. M. Reynolds, Mrs. Townsend, Mrs. W. P. McAdory, Mrs. Alto Lovelace and Mrs. T. W. Hannon. Mrs. Maud R. McLure and Dr. W. H. Smith, superintendent of the Alabama Baptist Education Commission, were at the Roanoke Meeting. Dr. Smith and Dr. W. T. Quisenberry, representing the Foreign Mission Board, were present at the other four gatherings. Miss Laura Lee Patrick and Miss Clyde Metcalf, the state secretaries, were at each of the meetings, while the state W. M. U. president, Mrs. Chas. A. Stakely, was at Roanoke. At each meeting there was a fine attendance and decided interest. Definite results must come from each meeting. At several places, Dr. Quisenberry secured generous offerings for foreign missions. — From Alabama, the W. M. U. corresponding secretary went to South Carolina where eleven meetings were held in fourteen days. At least four of these were divisional meetings, three being presided over by the vice presidents, Mrs. W. S. Cook, Miss Mary Adams and Mrs. R. B. Monk. The places visited were Charleston, Florence, Orangeburg, Denmark, Columbia, Batesburg, Anderson, Greenville, Greer, Spartanburg and Gaffney. The meetings at Orangeburg, Columbia, Anderson and Greenville were simply associational rallies but at almost all of them the attendance was large

enough for a division. Equally enthusiastic were the society meetings at Batesburg, Greer and Gaffney, more than one society being represented at each. The state leaders, Mrs. J. D. Chapman, Mrs. J. R. Fizer, Mrs. Geo. E. Davis and Mrs. Edwin Carpenter, were present, one or more of them, at each place except Gaffney. All phases of W. M. U. work were presented, special emphasis being laid upon the Church Building Loan Fund. A splendid total of fifty-three memorials was made possible, the value of these being \$27,800. Twenty-two of these memorials were pledged by Women's Missionary Societies, eight of them being to the Service Flags of their churches. There were three divisional memorials, nine associational ones, seventeen by individuals, one by a Sunday school class and one by the Y. W. C. A. of the Greenville Woman's College. There is pretty good reason to believe that a dozen or so more memorials will come from the interest aroused at the meetings. Thus has the South Carolina Union again excelled her usual record of over-subscribing her apportionment! At the meeting in Jasper, Alabama, Dr. A. E. Brown, superintendent of the Mountain School Department of the Home Mission Board, spoke on mountain schools. Several students from the near-by Eldridge Academy were present. At the meetings in Greer and Spartanburg, S. C., students were present from Spartan Academy. After the meeting at Greer, Mrs. F. G. James, vice-president of that division, took Mrs. Geo. E. Davis and the W. M. U. corresponding secretary up to the North Greenville Academy. The road up the mountain is exceptionally fine so that the actual drive was greatly enjoyed as were assuredly the two hours spent with the students. After the wholesome supper, which the girls served under the direction of Miss Essie Taylor, talks were made to the students in which they showed decided interest. — Three other South Carolina schools were also visited by the W. M. U. corresponding

secretary in March. They were Anderson College, Greenville Woman's College and Limestone at Gaffney. In each place there is a strong Y. W. C. A. with missionary work under the Y. W. A.—Mrs. E. A. Jackson of Victoria, South Brazil, writes: "Pray for us. Our needs here are so very numerous. With no suitable building or furniture, our school is attempting to prepare teachers for the whole state without one well-trained teacher who can give his whole time to the work. We use little home-made benches and tables instead of desks and we have no furniture for either boarding department. Of course the Sao Paulo girls' school needs to be equipped before these smaller ones but I feel sure there are hundreds of people in the dear southland who could and would help us if they could begin to see the needs. Oh! may much of the energy of southern Baptists be used in developing our Father's work in this marvelously promising land. We are so thankful that the Corrente school will be established after sixteen years of waiting. Pray much for Brazil that many now in training may be led this way". —Miss Addie E. Cox, who went to China last fall, writes: "Is it not wonderful to feel, when trouble comes, that our dear Saviour is near and sympathizes as no earthly friend could do? What would life be without Him! Yet, how many of China's poor daughters have never heard of Him! Oh! how I do long to be able to tell them of His marvelous love and constant companionship through the Holy Spirit. Please pray that He may live in me, that I may acquire the language speedily and accurately so as to be used for His glory. It is a privilege simply to hope that sometime I may be used to lead to Him those who need Him so sadly and who now know nothing about Him. Misses Caldwell, Huey, Willeford and Miller are in Peking for the Chinese New Year holidays. Miss Huey was telling us today about a Christian Chinese girl in their mission at Laichowfu whom her in-laws were trying to force into a loveless marriage without her wish or consent. She was sold by her grandmother at the age of ten years for less than ten dollars." —Miss Alice Huey adds:

"Peking is the most interesting city I have seen. The Altar of Heaven, the Summer Palace and Lama Temple are all wonderful. Miss Willeford leaves tomorrow for Shanghai to meet Dr. Love for a conference with other mission representatives of woman's work. We go Monday to Tsinanfu to an educational conference and then to the grave of Confucius". —As ROYAL SERVICE goes to press, word comes from the W.M.S. of the First Baptist Church of Spartanburg, S.C., that the Sunday following the institute mentioned above their church pledged \$10,000.00 to the Church Building Loan Fund and that the society increased its pledge from \$500.00 to \$4,600.00. "Many daughters have done worthily but thou excellest them all" so far as the W.M.U. corresponding secretary knows. Recent word has also come from a society which pledged a memorial at the meeting in Denmark, S.C., saying it had decided to give a second memorial. This is the total for the two weeks' meetings in South Carolina \$32,400.00. May it mean countless blessings for the homeless churches. —From South Carolina the W.M.U. secretary went to Edenton, N.C., for the annual meeting of the North Carolina Union. Edenton is in the extreme eastern part of the state but delegates were present even from Asheville in the western mountains. The total delegation was quite large but the hospitable Edenton friends provided abundant comfort for every one. Mrs. Wesley N. Jones presided and all of the other officers except the auxiliary leader were present. The conference on auxiliary work was conducted by Miss Bertha Carroll, the corresponding secretary, while Miss Elizabeth Briggs, the Sunbeam and R.A. leader, held conferences on those departments. Mission study was presented by Mrs. John A. Barker, the mission study superintendent for the Virginia Union. Mrs. Calder Willingham of Japan and Rev. Cary Newton of China made clear the way of foreign missions. Christian education was presented by Dr. Luther Little of the First Church of Charlotte. The past year was distinguished by a 55% increase in gifts. The apportionment for the new year is \$100,000.



NATIONALIZING AMERICA

It has been said that "it was a good day for America when Edward A. Steiner stepped out of the steerage onto American soil to tread his toilsome way into American citizenship". He says in his interesting and humorous book, *Nationalizing America*, "Important as is the geographical factor, there is something more in the making of a nation than territory—something more than 'the rocks and rills and woods and templed hills', and that we need to ask ourselves whether we are a nation, what kind of a nation we are and what kind we ought to be; whether we have the power to make citizens out of aliens, and how to use this power wisely and effectively; what we should compel them to use of our own inheritance, and what we may accept from them as a contribution. It is no small task, this, the making of a nation and keeping it moral, so that when the citizen repeats the slogan 'America First' it may be synonymous with the charge from the lips of One who is King of kings and Lord of lords, 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness'." He answers His own question, "What shall we be as a nation?" by saying, "That which we want America to be, and determine it to be."

The author of *On the Trail of the Immigrant* shows in this book also his abiding love for, and intense interest in the immigrant. He considers adult schools, wherever immigrants congregate, as of the utmost need as a matter of security for our institutions. He also emphasizes the acceptance of this country's language as essential. It is interesting to see that the author of this book is of one mind with our president and with Mr. Herbert Hoover, that the noble virtue of patriotism rests upon economic well-being and that it frequently determines the destiny of a nation. He speaks of the attractions this country has held out for the immigrant from the time of the pilgrim fathers to this later day when financial prosperity has been the *sine qua non* rather than religious liberty. He

makes the point that if the sense of belonging to the nation has remained weak among the people of our alien population, it is because we have permitted them to remain alien to us, and because we have had little concern for their welfare. He quotes from his host on occasion of a visit in New England, who confessed that he did not pay a living wage, saying that he could not manufacture woolen stuffs and pay more. The author goes on to say, "This may or may not be true; but if it is true, it is a sin against the state, yes, against God Himself, to spin yarn from hunger and dye cloth in human blood." Dr. Steiner is of the opinion that if immigrants on board ship coming over had a chance to become acquainted with American ideals when they are most open to influences, it might help them to make a right start, rather than later when they have been embittered by exploitation, minds poisoned and attitude towards the country and its institutions biased. He speaks of the American home as even yet the basis of our national well-being, but says, "we permit millions of people to work with no chance to make a real home—their homes being the slums, which are as much a national disgrace as they are a menace."

To those of us interested in the uplift of the stranger in our midst, we would recommend a thoughtful reading of Dr. Steiner's *Nationalizing America*.

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