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EDITORIAL



FINANCING MISSIONS

THERE are many women in the Woman's Missionary Union who have belonged to classes studying "Stewardship and Missions" and other works on stewardship who no doubt have had the teachings of the Bible concerning their responsibility to God and His Kingdom made so clear by this study that they are beginning to demonstrate their faithfulness as stewards in a way they have never done before. But there are those, we know from observation, who have studied with so little purpose that they have not had their hearts and minds turned to a serious study of God's Word in order that they might know the will of God and do it. There are yet others who have not taken up any study whatever along this line and have given the question of their responsibility in financing missions, which is really financing the Kingdom of God, no thought serious or otherwise. Because this is true and because we believe that the only method of financing the Kingdom of God is that method by which God's children pay in their tithes and offerings as a material acknowledgment of their faithfulness to Him the Woman's Missionary Union chose the above subject as the topic for this month's study on the part of all our missionary societies. We hope thereby not only to quicken the interest of the active workers but to reach many among our women and young people who have not yet made a serious study of this subject.

In the Bible, our guide in every thing relating to the Kingdom, we are taught that the tithe is the standard by which we are to measure what is turned into the Lord's treasury and that the tithe is the minimum and not the maximum of what should be used for the advancement of the Kingdom. But as Dr. Cook says in "Stewardship and Missions": "The financial problem of the Kingdom of God cannot be settled by limiting the discussion to the question of giving. The emphasis must be shifted from giving to stewardship". In all our study, therefore, let us bear in mind this one fact that the paying of the tithe is not first of all a matter of raising money, paying mission debts, of furnishing a cure-all for the many troubles of the churches. "The tithe is spiritual", we read in a leaflet published by the Methodists, "and tithing as a financial plan is secondary in Scripture and experience to tithing as the test of consecration". Personal consecration must come before purse consecration; self consecration before wealth consecration.

A stewardship of the Gospel has been committed unto us and in the discharging of our responsibility as faithful stewards of the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ we must be faithful in four respects.

First: In our "Stewardship of Prayer": "the first work" of the Christian and absolutely essential if we are to *live* and *give* the Gospel we profess.

Second: In our "Stewardship of Souls": "Go ye . . . and preach the Gospel" was not a command to a select few of our Lord's disciples but to all.

Third: In our "Stewardship of Life": "Ye are not your own; for ye were bought with a price. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you."

Fourth: In our "Stewardship of Property": "For who maketh thee to differ and what has thou that thou didst not receive?" 1. Cor. 4:7. "Will a man rob God? yet ye rob me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." Mal. 3:8

"What owest thou?"

GIVING: A PART OF LIFE NOT APART FROM LIFE

We once heard one of the finest workers in our Union say, "Giving at least a tithe is a life principle with me, I can no more get away from it than I can from saying my prayers when I go to bed at night. Both were taught me in my childhood".

In the stewardship committed unto us there is one phase that is almost overwhelming in its magnitude, that is the training of the "Second Line of Defense" to guard the treasure we have now and pass it on to others. There are hundreds and thousands of children today who are receiving no instruction and no training whatever in the things of the Kingdom. Let us consider those children who do go to Sunday school, who belong to Sunbeam Bands and whose parents pay some attention to their religious training at home and let us question ourselves as to whether we are training them in real stewardship.

Dr. Chivers has said "The surest way to petrify a human heart is to awaken feeling and give it nothing to do". Has that been the trouble with this generation, shall it be with the next? Have we a right to tell our children of the pitiful condition of the little ones in heathen lands, of the homeless orphan in our own country, of the children on the frontier and in the great cities who know nothing of our Saviour? Have we the right to stir their emotions by telling them that Jesus loves these little ones just as He loves us and not teach them God's own plan for giving these children the blessings of God's love? Have we a right to lay this plan before them and set their hearts on fire with a desire to help and not in some way provide the means? Surely not! One of our great leaders has said, "It is a *crime* for the head of the family to do all the giving. It is a part of each person's life and worship". Then, mothers, let us see to it that our children have something they may call their very own and teach them to give systematically and proportionately of what is theirs to spend. A worker among the lepers in India tells how the lepers in the asylum where his work is have only eight pence a week to spend. Each penny may be divided into six parts but never, says he, have they found one of these very small coins in the collection, always they put in a larger amount. These new converts have not been trained away from the impulse to give as love prompts them. Too many of us have unfortunately taught our children to give pennies and so they have come to regard the smallest coin in the land as the proper coin to bring to God's house. Before we know it the conception has been formed in their minds that the Kingdom of God is only a penny business and that even the small amount they give must be secured in some extra way rather than to be taken out of all that they receive.

Let us not do our children the injustice of training them *away from* God's teachings and His will concerning them. Let us rather train them so that when they come into possession of the wealth now in the hands of the Christians of this country they may know how to use it for the glory of God and the proper financing of His Kingdom. Let us try to train up a generation of faithful stewards.

STEWARDSHIP

Property is a divine trust. Things are tools, not prizes. Life is not for self-indulgence, but for self-devotion. When, instead of saying, "The world owes me a living," men shall say, "I owe the world a life," then the Kingdom will come in power. We owe everything to God but our sins. Fatherland, pedigree, home-life, schooling, Christian training,—all are God's gifts. Every member of the body or faculty of the mind is ours providentially. There is no accomplishment in our lives that is not rooted in opportunities and powers we had nothing to do with in achieving. "What hast thou that thou didst not receive?" If God gives us the possibilities and the power to get wealth, to acquire influence, to be forces in the world, what is the true conception of life but divine ownership and human administration? "Of Thine own we render Thee." All there is of "me" is God's estate; and I am His tenant and agent. On the day of our birth a new lease is signed. On the day of our death accounts are closed. Our fidelity is the interest on God's principal. "That I may receive mine own with interest," is the divine intention. So live that when thy summons comes to give an account of thy stewardship, it may be done with joy and not with grief!—*Maltbie D. Babcock*



BIBLE STUDY



TOPIC—God's Stewards

It is required of stewards, that a man be found faithful.—1 Cor. 4:2-11

I. *The Gift of Life*: Ps. 21:4; Gen. 2:7; Acts 17:25-28—God "giveth to all life and breath and all things"—"determined the times and the bounds of their habitation" "that they should seek the Lord"—"His offspring" v. 28. In the thought of God, life has a *purpose*, a *plan* and a *path* for each one, and we are stewards of this wonderful life which in the creation-work God made in His own likeness—Gen. 1:26, 27. Jesus came to give "abundant life". John 10:10—This life is to be given for others, "for even Christ pleased not Himself". Rom. 15:3; 1 John 3:16; 1 Peter 2:21—The powers bestowed with life must be devoted in unselfish service as stewards—soundness of body, sanity of mind, keenness of conscience, strength of will, power of choice, privilege of service. These make life rich and worth living. *Life* is a sublime thing, a precious possession, no image can compare with it for majesty and dignity, this gift of life, the life in the Son of God bestowed upon us in the new birth by the Holy Spirit's indwelling.

II. *Stewards of the Mysteries*: Job 15:8; Ps. 25:14. "The secret things belong to the Lord our God; those which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever." Deut. 29:29. The mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven—Matt. 13:17—The prophets saw in one blended vision the rejection and crucifixion of the King and also His glory as David's Son, but "what manner of time" was not revealed unto them 1 Peter 1:10-12. We have this revelation. 1st Mystery: *Redemption*: Rom. 3:24—"to deliver by paying the price" through the sacrifice of Christ: John 3:16—Christ paid the price, the Holy Spirit makes deliverance actual in experience. Romans 8:2—The subjects of redemption are "sold under sin": Romans 7:14. The purchase price is the blood of the Redeemer. Gal. 3:13—The redeemed are never again to be exposed for sale. 2nd Mystery: *Regeneration or the New Birth*: John 3:3-12. "If I have told you earthly things and ye believe not, how shall ye believe if I tell you of heavenly things?" 3rd Mystery: *Transformation* into the image of our Lord, as by the Spirit of the Lord: 2 Cor. 3:18, our body of humiliation to be fashioned like unto His glorious body, Phil. 3:21. 4th Mystery: *Predestination and Adoption*: Eph. 1:5-12, as the exercise of God's will that things in heaven and things in earth are to be one in Christ: Romans 16:25. The indwelling Spirit gives the realization of this in the believer's present experience: Gal. 4:6-7. 5th Mystery: *Fellowship*: Eph. 3:3-10, the divine purpose that all distinctions shall disappear in the body of Christ which is His Church, 1 Cor. 12:12, 13. 6th Mystery: *Indwelling Christ*—Eph. 3:17-21; Col 1:25-29, Christ in you the hope of glory. The new man is Christ formed in the believer: Gal. 2:20; 4:19. 7th Mystery: *Blessed Hope*: Titus 2:11-14; James 5:8. The one great mystery is God Himself. These mysteries cannot be understood unless we shall have the *hearing ear* and the *seeing eye* as the direct gifts of God. 1 Cor. 2:10-12

III. *Stewards of the Gospel*: 1 Peter 1:10-12. The good news of salvation, Romans 1:16, the great inclusive word of the Gospel, gathering into itself all the redemptive acts and processes. 1st the *Kingdom Commission*: Matt. 28:18-20; 2nd the *Royal Proclamation*: Isa. 9:6, 7, Luke 1:32-33; 3rd *Commission to Preach* Mark 16:15; 4th *Command to Witness* Luke 24:48; 5th *Apostolic Commission* Acts 1:8; 6th *Witnesses of the Resurrection* Acts 1:22; 7th of *His Ascension* Acts 1:9; 8th of *His Return* Acts 1:10, 11; Phil. 3:20, 21; 1 Thess. 4:14-17. Of these mysteries of God and of these commissions of our Lord we are responsible for faithful administration. All nations are waiting to hear these glad tidings—Luke 12:35-48.

"Not half of the earth's waiting millions
Of that Saviour have ever been told."

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Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists

August, 1920

"We came empty-handed. Swaddling band and shroud have no pockets.
Earth and its fulness are here when we arrive and abide when we depart."

Topic: Financing Missions

1—SUNDAY

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and the earth are Thine; Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art exalted as head above all.—1 Chronicles 29:11

2—MONDAY

That through our campaign gifts the school work in Brazil be greatly enlarged

Of Thine own have we given Thee.
—1 Chronicles 29:14

3—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Entz-minger, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
All things come of Thee.

—1 Chronicles 29:14

4—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Ginsburg and Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Allen, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

I know also, my God, that Thou triest the heart.—1 Chronicles 29:17

5—THURSDAY

That the tenth may be the minimum of our giving

Wherefore I take pleasure in weakness . . . for when I am weak, then am I strong.—2 Corinthians 12:10

6—FRIDAY

Thanksgiving for the liberal gifts of Brazilian Christians

All this store . . . cometh of Thy hand and is all Thine own.
—1 Chronicles 29:16

7—SATURDAY

Pray earnestly that many may go out from Rio College to preach Christ

Then saith Jesus unto them, . . . go tell.—Matthew 28:10

8—SUNDAY

That southern Baptists remembering the joy of the campaign may grow in the grace of liberality

Wherewith have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings.—Malachi 3:8

9—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Edwards and Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Taylor, Sao Paulo, Brazil

Desire earnestly the greater gifts.
—1 Corinthians 12:31

10—TUESDAY

Praise God for the interest shown by the young people in Kingdom affairs

They are planted in the house of Jehovah: They shall flourish in the courts of our God.—Psalm 128:13

11—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Ingram and Miss Ara Dell Fitzgerald, Sao Paulo, Brazil

I seek not yours but you.
—2 Corinthians 12:14

12—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Jackson and Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Bagby, Sao Paulo, Brazil

When I am weak, then am I strong.
2 Corinthians 12:10

13—FRIDAY

For wide circulation, reading and influence of Christian literature

Their sound went out into all the earth And their words unto the ends of the world.
—Romans 10:18

14—SATURDAY

Ask God that from the girls' school at Sao Paulo may be carried the message of the Gospel to the unsaved

Oh taste and see that Jehovah is good.
—Psalm 34:8

15—SUNDAY

That there be no lack of funds for the needs of the foreign fields

Jesus said unto them, They have no need to go away; give ye them to eat.
—Matthew 14:16

Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists August, 1920

Never lay the blame
On God's great name
For the lack that of thy choosing came.—Lucy Larcom

Topic: Financing Missions—Continued

16—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Dunstan,
Porto Algere, Brazil
Give and it shall be given unto you.
—Luke 6:38

17—TUESDAY

For our missionaries sailing for foreign fields
"Oh, God, we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea."

18—WEDNESDAY

For a deepening desire to be more like the Master
"Though He is so bright and we are so dim,
We are, made in His likeness to image Him."

19—THURSDAY

For a Bible conception of giving and its fulfillment in our lives
It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful.—1 Corinthians 4:2

20—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. John Mein and Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Bratcher, Campos, Brazil
And I will give unto them eternal life.
—John 10:28

21—SATURDAY

That all tithers follow their tithes with thank-offerings for this privilege
Ask of Me and I will give thee the nations for thine inheritance.—Psalm 2:8

22—SUNDAY

That from the pulpit and in the home children be taught the principle of stewardship
That whatsoever ye ask of the Father in My name, He may give it you.
—John 15:16

23—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. D. F. Crossland and Rev. and Mrs. O. P. Maddox, Bello Horizonte, Brazil
How beautiful are the feet of them that bring glad tidings.—Romans 10:15

24—TUESDAY

That we may realise that the gift of money is a part of preaching the Gospel
Weary not thyself to be rich.
—Proverbs 23:4

25—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Pettigrew and Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Deter, Curityba, Brazil
What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?—Matthew 16:26

26—THURSDAY

That we be living epistles to those around us to entice them to God
Ascribe unto the Lord glory and strength.
—Psalm 96:7

27—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Reno and Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Stanton, Victoria, Brazil
He preserveth the souls of His saints.
—Psalm 97:10

28—SATURDAY

Praise God for the duty and privilege of publishing the Word
It is the power of God unto salvation.
—Romans 1:16

29—SUNDAY

For the faithful fulfillment of every W.M.U. pledge to the Baptist 75 Million Campaign unless hindered by God's will
Our sufficiency is from God.
—2 Corinthians 3:5

30—MONDAY

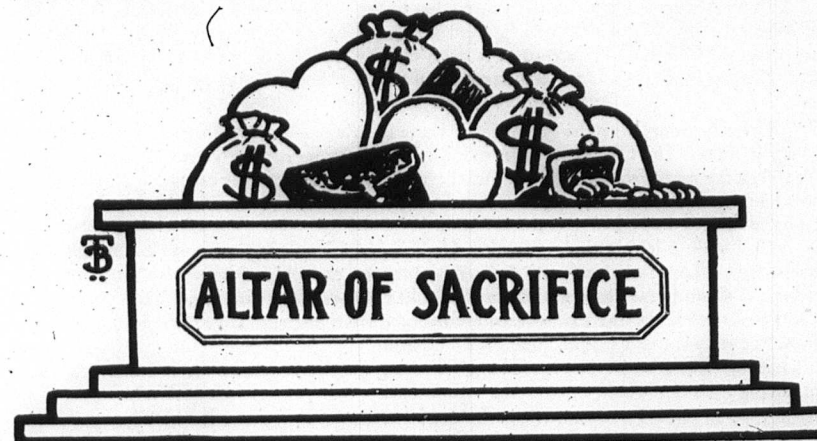
For Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Christie, Nova Friburgo, Brazil
Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.
—1 Samuel 7:12

31—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Bagby, Santos, Brazil
The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord.—Proverbs 20:27

PROGRAM FOR AUGUST

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



FINANCING MISSIONS

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STEWARDSHIP PRINCIPLES—Blackboard Poster

HYMN—When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

PRAYER—That There Be No Discrepancy between Our Pledging and Our Praying

"Give of 'thine own' to bear the message glorious;
Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way
Pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious,
And all thou spendest Jesus will repay."

What do you believe about money—not about money in general but about your own in particular? Can you subscribe to the following articles of financial faith and adopt them as your own?

I. My Money Creed I. My money is mine only in trust. It belongs to God just as I do.
 II. This money is not filthy lucre. It is not the devil's coin. It is stored up human power. It is so much of myself which I can set at work in China or India or New York or Colorado.

III. God is counting upon this money for His work. It is to build His churches and preach His Gospel, train His workers and send them out, teach and heal and save His children and help bring in a new kingdom of righteousness and brotherhood and peace.

IV. To spend my income rightly is one of my first tasks as a Christian. Until I settle this my prayers and confessions will be like saying, "Lord, Lord" and not doing the will of my Father.

V. I should set aside a definite proportion of my income for the church and the service of others. I do this in acknowledgment of God's sovereignty over *all* of my material possessions. I do this to guard against my own selfishness. I do this because it is business-like. Giving by impulse and without system does not accord with the importance of this work.

VI. The proportion to be set aside for these purposes should not be less than one-tenth of my income. The Old Testament enjoined the tithe in ancient Israel, and surely I am receiving far more from God than did the men of any former generation. Nevertheless, one-tenth is not to be the limit of my giving. I should not begin with less than one-tenth. I ought to give more if I am able.

VII. I should invest this money for God as carefully as in my temporal business and keep strict account of this fund. I should study my church and its work that I may give wisely. I should give systematically. I should pray with my giving.—*Vail*

If this were really the money creed of every Christian the matter of financing missions would be reduced to a simple business proposition.

If every Christian would answer the following questions as God's Word answers them, financing missions would cease to be a problem:

To whom does it belong?—this money I have inherited, this salary I am earning, this house I am building, these savings I have in the bank?
2. Whose Is It? I say my house, my bank account, my property, my salary, my clothes, my books, my education; but is it really mine? Who owns it—this wealth; this power, this influence?

"You do, of course", laughs the world.

"God does", asserts the Bible.

It's queer, isn't it, that after all the centuries of reading the Bible the church has made so little of property as a religious question, for the Bible is full of it? Story and proverb and poem, legislation and parable and exhortation, all unite to emphasize God's sole ownership of earth and heaven. Through long centuries of painful training the children of Israel were taught to take the first fruit from the garden, the choicest lamb from the flock, the tenth of all the increase as a token that they and all theirs belonged alike to God, the giver and owner of all. The tithe, the free will offerings, the gift at feast day and fast day were only so many reminders of funds held in trust.

The New Testament is not less startling in its emphasis of man's stewardship and God's ownership. Jesus' parable of the talents and His picture of the judgment agree in this, that they weigh the questions of acquisition and expenditure with the issues of life and death.

Whose is it? If it is mine, I may use it to please myself and it is nobody's business but my own; but if it is God's, I must give an account for every penny to the Owner.

Aladdin's lamp never was half so mysterious nor so powerful as these shining bits of nickel and silver and copper that slip through our fingers in an unceasing stream. There are some servants of ours who can speak but one language, but these are the polyglots of the universe. A grain of corn talks bread and only bread; a violet breathes of violet; but a nickle will speak whatever you will, facile slave that he is. To one he says beer, to another bread. He turns himself into a trolley ride or puffs himself out in smoke. To the

child he whispers ever of goodies; to the student, of books and papers; to the artist, of brush and pencil; to the schoolgirl, of flowers and ribbons. Yet that same little coin may take the wings of the morning and preach the everlasting Gospel to the ends of the earth, if you will it so, or it may minister to the whim of some fleeting moment.

Were they God's—those billion, billion nickels that were drowned in drink last year while His world lay groaning in darkness? Were they God's coins that built those mountains of candy and volcanoes of smoke and piled those pleasant palaces of pleasure while His world was ignorant and cold and hungry and wicked? Was it God's money that was frittered and fluttered and flaunted and danced and whistled into eternity while His kingdom waited? If it were, shall we not meet its record some day when the books are opened?

Whose is it, anyway, mine or God's? There is not a profounder question for Christian men and women to settle. It ought to be settled.—*Helen Barrett Montgomery*

Here we are in this day of our Lord with a sin within our church that is condemned more violently in Scripture than any other.

3. The Sin We Are Afraid to Mention Its common name and also its aristocratic, its historical and its Scriptural name is COVETOUSNESS. Oh, well, that isn't so bad, you say; that is a pretty white sort of sin; in fact almost a virtue, for it is just saving, isn't it?

Well, let us see what Paul thinks about it. Here is what he says: "For this ye know of a surety, that no fornicator nor unclean person nor COVETOUS man, who is an idolator, hath any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and God".

Now this is *awful*. Surely, Paul was excited when speaking thus to the Ephesians. Surely he did not mean that the one who simply hangs on to this world's goods should be classified in such frightful company as that. Surely he has referred to it somewhere else in more tender terms. What did he say to the Colossians? "Put to death therefore your members which are upon the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desires and COVETOUSNESS, which is idolatry."

Let us not take snap judgment; let us be fair to Paul. Let us see what he said to the Romans, in writing of those who were without God: "Being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, COVETOUSNESS, maliciousness". Indeed, we may as well stop. Paul writes to the Thessalonians and to the Hebrews about this sin, and these references are just as bad and, in fact, his remarks keep getting worse and worse, so we will have to conclude that he must have been turned down pretty hard by some people from whom he wanted to gather a collection to endow some school in Asia Minor and that he was just a little bitter. Let us turn to some mild soul, like Jeremiah for instance. As we read through the fourth and fifth chapters we are wondering what he means by this unfaithfulness of Israel, and what it is they have done that he speaks of in such harsh terms. Finally, in the thirteenth and fourteenth verses of the sixth chapter he reveals it all: "For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them, every one is given to COVETOUSNESS".

Think of it! Every one of the sins mentioned is recognized and abhorred today. Every one except COVETOUSNESS we fight with system and determination. We have a society especially organized to fight nearly every sin. *Why do we skip covetousness?*

COVETOUSNESS is not a sin that grips the rich alone; it has worked as a gangrene into the whole fabric of Christian society, with the poor as well as the rich. *Covetousness is quite fashionable, quite respectable; we have made it so, but we have no authority to do it. It is a style that will not be approved when our wardrobes are checked through the last custom-house.*—*From Centenary Leaflet*

If we would qualify as potential citizens of the New Jerusalem we must be on the right side of giving to the Lord. It is of vital importance in the extension of God's Kingdom.

4. The Right Side of Giving One of the first duties of a Christian is the plan of giving—regularly—a portion of one's income to the Lord. It is good business for the church and the giver. In these days of efficiency we hear so much of the budget system. It would not

be a bad plan for each of us to have a Christian's budget for our time; talents and money, remembering that God is the owner of all things and we are His stewards. A haphazard method of giving to and serving the Lord—just as the impulse seizes us—does not accord with the importance of the work.

There is too often a discrepancy between our so-called Christian *living* and *giving*. We should be willing to "give away the gold and keep the cross".

It seems to me our spirit in giving to the Lord is a very accurate thermometer of our spiritual condition. When it is spasmodic it registers above normal, then drops to the sub-normal, but the pulse to be satisfactory must beat regularly and steadily.

Deep down in our hearts many of us are saying, "Lord thou knowest I love Thee, but the present 'High Cost of Living' leaves me so little margin—it takes so much to live—I must have a new suit this year". But for the garments of righteousness ought we not to be willing to pay the higher price?

The helmet of salvation is worth infinitely more than the new spring hat, and to be shod with the Gospel of peace—haven't they a wearing quality that endures to eternity?—While the temporal shoes that we buy only make "footprints on the sands of time". Let us read the "High Cost of Living" in terms of *Higher Consecrated Living*.

We all know that a habit becomes a part of us and we ought to resolve not to give unto the Lord—only that which costs us nothing. Jesus gave us an example of service and sacrifice. Let us then be up and doing with a heart filled with the love of God and giving will become a precious privilege instead of merely a duty.

We ought not to give to the Lord on the principle of an endowment insurance policy but, remembering the gift of God to us, come into our inheritance and enrich our lives by being cheerful and systematic givers—"For God loveth a cheerful giver". If we think we cannot do this—let us stretch our frame of mind, go through some brisk mental and spiritual exercises—then take a cold plunge into the clear sparkling possibilities of the joy of a consecrated life.

Put on the robe of faith and the mantle of charity, slip into the shoes of prayer, not forgetting to lace them up with determination. We can then enter the service of giving to our Lord and Master with a closer and more intimate knowledge that it is "more blessed to give than to receive"—and laying our gifts on His altar we can say, "Take this tithe and let it be consecrated Lord to thee".—*Women's Missionary Magazine*

5. Example of Chinese Stewardship "Elder Yuan, of China, and his wife had five daughters, when at length in answer to their prayer they were given a son, whom they named Tien Si, 'Heaven's Gift'. Their gratitude was expressed in more zealous service for Christ and in yet more generous giving. At their own expense they opened Christian schools and helped worthy pupils through village school, high school, college and theological seminary. They were as ministering angels to the poor. Once, when some of their neighbors were in specially deep straits, the elder, not having ready money available, had a pig hauled away squealing to the market to be sold, and the need was relieved. When the war broke out he opened a new line of business including the manufacture of aniline dyes, which he called 'The United with Heaven Business'. It was to be conducted in partnership with the Lord and the following principles were laid down as the basis:

1. One-tenth of all the profits to be devoted to extending the Kingdom of God
2. The whole of Elder Yuan's share to be thus devoted
3. No drinking or gambling to be permitted on the premises
4. A Gospel Meeting to be held every evening
5. No business to be done on the Sabbath
6. Only earnest Christians to be employed

The business prospered to such an extent as to excite the envy of the heathen round about.

Can you cite a parallel to this in American business life?"

6. The H.C. of L. in Mission Lands If we have not hitherto been brave enough to figure out what the increased cost of living must mean on our mission fields, we should give the more earnest heed to the following:

Here are parallel "columns" from the mission finance accounts at Nana Kru, Liberia, Africa.

Cost of supporting one student for one year:

	1914	1919
3 bags rice.....	\$11.52	\$54.00
2 bags salt.....	.60	1.92
1 tin kerosene.....	1.50	5.04
4 shirts.....	1.84	9.60
1 pair khaki trousers.....	1.32	1.92
	\$16.78	\$72.48

"The present cost of exchange makes missionary finance unusually difficult. The Church Missionary Society states that in China alone it could support nine additional missionaries with the amount of income lost in exchange."

The high cost of living has hit mission lands, especially Japan, as severely as it has America, and the rise of silver has reduced salaries most sadly. Many of our missionaries are feeling the pinch sharply, and reports come that the pressure of high prices is forcing them to use up scanty savings they had been accumulating against old age. Whatever else our boards do or omit, they must and will make a decided advance in missionary salaries.

Moreover the material equipment of a missionary must be of the very best since that makes for efficiency. For example, in India Ford autos cost about twice as much as here; rubber tires melt away under a blazing sun, and gasoline is—I dare not say how much a gallon. It does seem almost an extravagance to furnish a missionary with an auto. Yet when I saw two missionaries start out from the same compound—one after the old time fashion in a cart drawn by two patient bullocks, who had to be prodded into making a couple of miles an hour, and the other in a Ford with a good road before him and no traffic rules, there was no question as to which was the more economical. Anything which saves time and strength increases the working power of the missionary and he should have it.—*Missionary Review of the World*

7. What Is Our Attitude toward Missionary Finance? Southern Baptist women, ask yourselves this question: "What shall I render unto the Lord For all His benefits toward me?" We have had the blessing and benefit of the great campaign. Our pledges are stacked up mountain high in the treasuries of this south-land. Now it is ours to answer the question of the Psalmist in his

own words:

"I will pay my vows unto the Lord,
Yea, in the presence of all His people".

It is ours now to prove that the campaign was not a mere flash of eloquence and a flush of victory, but an entire readjustment of the mine-and-thine of Christianity. Our liberal pledging must be followed up by prompt and systematic paying if we would preserve our integrity and prove the faithfulness of our stewardship. Upon our paying, too, depends the success of this entire forward movement. Is there one of us who would dare to block the wheels of missionary progress even to the small degree of withholding the payment of her own little pledge?

8. What We With-hold

Protestant church members number one-fourth of the entire population of the United States. Their proportionate part of the annual income of the nation is over ten billion dollars.

As a matter of fact, their actual income must be much larger, as they include a large proportion of American-born, highly-educated, sober, efficient and well-to-do men and women. Let it go at ten billion dollars, call that the annual income of protestant church members.

If, in acknowledgment of their stewardship to God for every penny, all these church members tithed, the annual gifts for purposes of the Kingdom of God would be one billion dollars. Protestants now give for church support and the various missionary causes less than one-third of this amount.

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. How have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings."—*Selected*.

1. God loves a cheerful (liberal) giver (II Cor. 9:7).
2. It is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).
3. The liberal soul shall be made fat (Prov. 11:25).
4. Let every one of you lay by in store as God has prospered him (I Cor. 16:2).
5. Will a man rob God?—Ye have robbed me in tithes and offerings (Mal. 3:8).
6. Bring all the tithes into the store house and I will pour you out a blessing (Mal. 3:8-10).

Three Questions

1. What are you worth to God without your money?
2. What would your money be worth to God without you?
3. What are you and your money together worth to God?

Three Serious Reflections

1. Make your gifts according to your income or God may make your income according to your gifts.
2. Make a worthy investment for God now while you live and enjoy your spiritual dividends before you die.
3. Christ calls you to bless the world through your money proportionate to His blessings on you.—*Selected*.

STEWARDSHIP PRINCIPLES

(Blackboard Poster)

GOD	Sovereign Owner Supreme Judge	AUTHORITY	God's Word in the Old and New Testament
MAN	Steward Accountant		
METHOD	System Separate Portion Act of Worship Honest Rendering	REWARD	Genesis: 5:1 Deuteronomy: 16:20 Malachi: 3:10 Luke: 3:38 Revelation: 22:12

Y. W. A. PROGRAM

Topic—Financing Missions

Hymn—Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Psalm 2 (read in unison)

Hymn—Lead on, O King Eternal

Scripture Lesson—Luke 19:12-26; Mal.

3:10; I Cor. 16:2

Prayer—Gratitude That We May Share

in His Work

Talk—"Either-Or"

Debate: Can mission work be success-

fully conducted on the large gifts of the few?

Sentence Prayers

Hymn—O Zion, Haste

Mizpah benediction

ON WHICH SIDE IS YOUR BALANCE?

THIS SIDE FOR
OURSELVES

THIS SIDE FOR
OUR FOREIGN
MISSION WORK

FIVE CENTS WILL BUY

EITHER

1 Moving Picture

Ticket.

A Nickel's Worth of

Candy.

OR

2 New Testaments.

100 Christian Leaf-

lets.

TEN CENTS WILL FURNISH

EITHER

1 Ice Cream Soda

for you.

Another for Your

Friend.

OR

Half Penny Gospels

for 20 Inquirers.

Sunday School Cards

for 200 Boys and

Girls.

TWENTY-FIVE CENTS PLACES

EITHER

A New Trinket in

Your Home.

A Half Dozen Car-

nations on Your

Table.

OR

A Bible in the Hands

of a Student.

A Bible Woman at

Work One Day.

FIFTY CENTS PAYS FOR

EITHER

A Piece of Lace.

A Piece of Cheap

Jewelry.

OR

A Child in a Chris-

tian Kindergarten

One Month.

A Native Evangelist

One Day in Japan,

Four Days in In-

dia.

FIVE DOLLARS

EITHER

Gets Two Seats at

the Opera.

Buys a New Chair

for Your Home.

OR

Rents Chapel or

Preaching Place

One Month.

Pays Tuition of Stu-

dent One Month

in Japan, Two

Months in India.

Consider whether you could not safely transfer some of your expenditures from the "either" to the "or" column. If you cannot wisely effect any transfers, can you not, when you put your money in the "eithers," put also at least an equal amount in the "ors"?

Suggestion for meeting: The president might find suggestion in the above table of comparison "Either-Or" put out by the Lutheran Literature committee. Under the "Either" column on the blackboard, one member may write down items, under the "Or" column another member write items. At the present high cost of living it might be advisable to advance the money amount; the balance in the column would no doubt remain the same.

Financing Missions

The financing of missions, as far as the raising of money is concerned, should never be a difficult or serious problem for any denomination. Wherever a church has to implore its members to give to missions, we have a languishing church and a people without a vision. "Where there is no vision the people perish." On the other hand, the people with a vision are bound to accomplish results. Listen to Nehemiah "So built we the wall . . . for the people had a mind to work"; and again to Moses, "And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the Lord's offering to the work of the tabernacle . . . and for all his service. And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted." The fol-

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G. A. PROGRAM



Topic—Financing Missions

Hymn—Oh Zion, Haste

Prayer

Scripture—2 Cor. 9:6-9

Hymn—Take My Life and Let It Be

Debate Resolved that the H.C.L. does not furnish a reasonable excuse for giving less than one-tenth of one's income to God

Prayer—That at Any Cost We Do Our Duty in Giving

Demonstration—How a Missionary Dollar Is Spent by Southern Baptists

Talk—A Call to Service

Hymn—Where He Leads I Will Follow

Business. Refreshments. Adjournment.

How a Missionary Dollar Is Spent by Southern Baptists

Get from your bank one hundred pennies. Have seven girls come to the platform each wearing a sash indicating the seven objects of the Baptist 75 Million Campaign: Christian Education, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Ministerial Relief, Orphanages, Hospitals. Let your treasurer count aloud and give to each one the proportionate number of pennies which has been appropriated to her special object. As in some cases fractions are involved the amounts can only be approximate but are sufficiently accurate for our purpose. Count out twenty-seven cents for "Foreign Missions". Call attention to the fact that this is all that goes out of our country; that all of the other seventy-three cents are spent in America, as well as all that is given for church support, personal service, etc. Let "Foreign Missions" stand entirely apart. Apportion the remaining pennies as follows: "Christian Education", twenty-seven cents; "Home Missions", sixteen cents; "State Missions", fourteen cents; "Orphanages", six cents; "Ministerial Relief", six cents; "Hospitals", three cents. There will be one penny left. Call a girl with sash marked "Expenses" to the platform to claim this for advertising, collecting, postage, etc.

A Call to Service

For many years southern Baptists have had more young people volunteer for service on the foreign field than they have given money for their support. But in the larger financing of missions brought about by the Baptist 75 Million Campaign need has arisen for more workers than are ready to volunteer on short notice. From the "Survey" we learn of the need for one hundred and thirteen unmarried women, very few of whom have been supplied up to this time. These volunteers are needed for three kinds of work: medical, evangelistic, educational. If a girl wants to study medicine she can find a place, after graduation, in China where there is a call for women doctors. If one is a trained nurse there are openings both in China and Africa—ten are needed at once in China and three in Africa. In evangelistic and general mission work the needs are listed as follows: Argentina, 1; Brazil, 1; Japan, 2; Africa, 3; China, 29. Surely any girl who longs to tell the story of Jesus to those who have never heard it may find her place in filling one of these needs. Under educational work come kindergarten teachers, primary workers, teachers for boys' schools and girls' schools, high school and college teachers. In Africa only one is needed; in Argentina and Chile two each are called for; Brazil and Japan ask for four each; China pleads for forty-eight. Why teach at home where there are so many others to do this? If you are free to go your work will count for a hundred-fold more. These needs are urgent, immediate. What can a G.A. girl do about them? She can realize that the great campaign is but the beginning of a new day in the financing of missions for southern Baptists and that from this time forward there will probably be money to send every volunteer whom God shall call to the foreign field; she can resolve in her heart that she will be one of those who will go; she can determine to take the best possible care of her health that she may be physically fit for so great a

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R. A. PROGRAMS



Topic—Bonds and Liberty

Hymn—Am I a Soldier of the Cross?

Bible Lesson—Eph. 6:20; Gal. 5:1

Sentence Prayers

Song Service—Selected

Stewardship—Talk by Chief Counsellor

Bible Drill—Why Should I Tithe?

Recitation—The Law of a King

Hymn—We Give Thee but Thine Own

Business. Closing Prayer

Thought for Bible Lesson: Being in bonds as an ambassador of Christ really means freedom in Him. A man bound in service to a beloved and revered king has a larger freedom to serve because he wears the symbols and bears the banner of his king. The passport of the king makes him the custodian of the liberty he has received. He becomes responsible for the freedom of others and marches forth to liberate those still in bondage. Whose name and sign do we bear? From what bondage are we pledged to free others? How only can we be found to be faithful stewards?

Stewardship

In a recent mission study book is cited a glorious demonstration of the freedom in bondage of a band of converted Madagascans. This band refused to worship idols and boldly confessed Christ and as a consequence were sold as slaves and forced to toil in chains. All the Bibles except those hidden in hollow trees, caves and in the rafters of the houses were burned. Nobles saw their families scattered and reduced to slavery. When driven out there were fifteen hundred Christians. When, after twenty-six years of torture, they were allowed to return there were seven thousand. These years of faithful stewardship of all that had been entrusted to them brought freedom of the soul. Do you think they had been niggardly toward God in using what means they had to bring their brethren to Christ? The same Gospel has been committed to us. Cannot we be as faithful as these converted savages? If not we are not true "soldiers of the cross".

We are all boys here together, now let us ask ourselves about this stewardship. Do we return a tenth of what is so freely given to us to God? Do we dedicate a tenth of our influence, our personality, our talents, our money to Him? Are we tithers? If not what are we going to do about it? Here are some reasons why we should become tithers, they are from God's own Word. (Read reasons and call for references.)

Why Should I Tithe?

Because a tenth belongs to God: Gen 28:22; Lev. 27:32

Because it is dishonest to keep His tenth: Mal. 3:8

Because I want the joy of giving to Christ: Acts 20:35

Because it helps to prove my gratitude unto God: Ps. 96:8

Because I appreciate my blessings: Ps. 116:12

Because I want to show Him I do not trust in riches: Prov. 19:17

Because of His mercies to me: Lam. 22:23

Because it helps me to pray: Acts 10:4

Because it helps me to trust: Matt. 6:21

Because it brings me nearer to Him: 2

Cor. 9:7

Because it leads me to greater giving:

2 Chron. 29:31

Because of the reward: Romans 8:28

The Law of a King

"The Law of a king is service,
And the kingliest serve the most.
Then, ye who are sons of promise
And would loyal lineage boast,

"Get under the common burden,
Go, brother the brotherless sons
And win the royal guerdon,
The thanks of comforted ones.

"For suffering is numberless,
The sorrowing are a host,
The law of a king is service,
And the kingliest serve the most."



SUNBEAM PROGRAMS



A FEW SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND PUPILS WORKING WITH MISS LYNE
IN SHANGHAI

FIRST MEETING

TOPIC—Our Money

HYMN—Father, Hear Thy Children

BIBLE LESSON—Exodus 35:29

PRAYER—For Generous Hearts toward God

HYMN—Can a Little Child like Me

LEADER'S TALK—Our Money

BLACKBOARD LESSON

HYMN—How Sweet and Strong Our Father's Care

RECITATION—What Is a Thank-offering?

OFFERING. ROLL CALL. PRAYER

Thought for Bible Lesson: Why did these Israelites give so willingly? Because Moses lived so close to God and talked with Him so often that God told Moses all about building a tabernacle in which the children of Israel might worship. Moses told them God wanted them to make offerings for this building, so all who were wise-hearted obeyed and brought willing gifts and God blessed them for it. His blessing always follows obedience. Let us bring willing gifts to God and ask Him to bless them to those who do not know about Him.

Blackboard Lesson

What	Money	How	Willingly
	Work		Freely
We	Smiles	We	Joyfully
	Helpful acts		Generously
Can	Love	Can	Wisely
	Gratitude		Gratefully
Give	Ourselves	Give	Exodus 35:29

When Should We Give { Now
When needed
All the time

To Whom We	The LORD	Missions	Children at home and abroad
Should Give		Church	The Sunday school
		The poor	Wherever we find them

Note: After writing in the queries allow the children to suggest replies, guiding them to answers written in brackets. Comment on each object and field indicated on board. Tell story contained in Exodus 35:21-29. Go carefully over the lesson and ask children to name some of the things brought as gifts for the building of the tabernacle.

Our Money

It is often true that children do not have much money to spend but still they do have some, and even if it is a small amount a share of it belongs to God. If you put His part aside for a missionary offering you will be surprised at how happy you will feel that you have not left God out, and how much more you will enjoy your own part. He only asks for a small portion, one tenth, because that really belongs to Him. After you pay to God His part then you can make Him a present and that will be your real thank-offering. If you have ten cents, remember that one cent belongs to Him. You pay Him this one cent and you will have nine cents left. What part of the nine cents you want to give to Him you can decide for yourself. Just try to think how much God has given to you. Think of the best gift of all, His dear Son, Jesus Christ, who died for our sins. How many of you can repeat John 3:16? Oh, how can we ever thank Him enough for this gift!

There was once a little girl who earned a few cents each day for rubbing the knives for her mother. She gave them all for missions because she said she had so many

blessings she could not count them, so she let God do the counting and hoped that she did not owe Him very much. Do you think she owed Him very much money? No, but she could praise Him for a thankful heart. Let me read you what Jesus said about the poor woman who gave all her living (read Mark 12:41-44). Jesus sees what we do with our money and knows whether our hearts are generous toward Him. He gives us much better things than we could get for ourselves—what are some of these things?

What is a Thank-offering

"Is it when you pay a debt?
No, you haven't got it yet.
You're just honest when you pay
What you've owed for many a day.
Then you think of things you've had—
Lots of things to make you glad,
And you think and think and say,
'What can I for a blessing pay?'
Generous giving you'll conclude
Is the rule for gratitude,
And then such loving gifts you bring—
That's a real thank-offering!"

SECOND MEETING

TOPIC—"Suffering the Children"
 HYMN—Lord, This Day Thy Children Meet
 THE LORD'S PRAYER
 BIBLE LESSON—Hebrews 10:34, 36
 SOLO—I Gave My Life for Thee
 EXERCISE—"Suffer the Children"
 HYMN—Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam
 BUSINESS. ROLL CALL. OFFERING.
 CLOSING PRAYER—Psalm 67:1, 2 (in unison)

Thought for Bible Lesson: These two verses seem hard for Sunbeams to understand but they mean just this: The apostle Paul reminded his followers that after they became the children of God they were very happy, but that they must not forget those who did not yet love Him. So they joyfully gave even those things which they needed for themselves. They knew that they had better things to think of than just money. They could think of all God's promises to those who love Him; of the joy that came to them from doing His will and of some day going to live with Him forever. Is not that better than holding on to money when it is needed to tell others of our loving Saviour?

"Suffer the Children"

GROUP OF AMERICAN CHILDREN SING:

"I think when I read that sweet story of old,
 When Jesus was here among men,
 How He called little children like lambs
 to His fold,
 I should like to have been with them then.

"I wish that His hands had been placed on
 my head,
 That His arms had been thrown around
 me;
 And that I might have seen His kind look
 when He said,
 'Let the little ones come unto Me.'"

During the singing of these verses a group of immigrant children enter slowly.

SECOND GROUP: Who is this, of whom
 you sing, who calls the little children?

FIRST GROUP: Why, our Jesus; don't
 you know Him?

SECOND GROUP: No, who is He?

FIRST GROUP: He is the Son of God who
 came from heaven to save us from our sins.

SECOND GROUP: We never heard of Him.

FIRST GROUP: Don't you read the Bible?

SECOND GROUP: What is the Bible?

FIRST GROUP: It is the book where we
 learn about God. Has no one told you

about God since you have been in this
 country?

SECOND GROUP: Not yet, can you tell
 us? Is He for us too?

FIRST GROUP: Yes, He is for you too.
 Listen: (They sing)

"Yet still to His footstool in prayer we may
 go
 And ask for a share of His love;
 And if I now earnestly seek Him below,
 I shall see Him and hear Him above."

SECOND GROUP: We wish we could hear
 Him. Where does He live?

FIRST GROUP SING: (Pointing upward)

"In that beautiful land He has gone to pre-
 pare
 For all who are washed and forgiven;
 And many dear children are gathering there,
 'For of such is the Kingdom of heaven.'"

SECOND GROUP: We would like to go
 there too. Will you show us the way?

FIRST GROUP: Yes, we will.

*They go to meet them each taking a hand of
 one of the immigrant children and sing:*

"Come to the Saviour, make no delay!
 Here in His Word He shows you the way;
 Here in our midst He's standing today,
 Tenderly saying, 'Come.'
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FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



JOY AND HOPE IN CAMPAIGN PLEDGES



MISS LYNE AND MISS SALLEE ATTIRED IN
 "WEDDING FINERY" OF MISS LYNE'S
 TEACHER

WE are certainly rejoicing over the
 wonderful success of the glorious
 campaign and can hardly wait for
 that great "Baptist ship" to arrive in Aug-
 ust. I am hoping to have a music teacher
 for our Cantonese school in the number and
 one or two workers for the Eliza Yates
 School which we hope soon will become a
 junior college. We are building a combina-
 tion school and church building—the church
 auditorium upstairs over the school chapel
 and gymnasium and classrooms that will be
 used for both. We hope to have it all fin-

ished in a month or so and we certainly feel
 proud of it; it is the first building we have
 ever had of our very own. We have been
 renting a house for the school and borrowing a
 church ever since our work here was started.
 Our Sunday school has increased more than
 a hundred since we moved into this building
 and our school numbers 140 pupils which is
 much larger than the enrollment of any
 previous term.

In the picture Miss Sallee and I are
 dressed in some of the wedding finery of my
 language teacher who was recently married.
 "My" coat is of handsome heavy brown
 brocaded silk trimmed in light blue and
 lined with lovely brown fox fur. The skirt
 is black brocaded satin and the shoes, which
 got cut off in the picture, the fanciest you
 ever saw. Miss Sallee has on an outside
 coat of the same material as "my" short
 one and it is lined with grey fox fur.—*Mary
 Nelle Lyne, Shanghai, China*

I am so happy in my work with my heathen
 children. God truly fulfills His promise to
 be with those who go in His name. Your
 joy over the great victory is no greater than
 ours as we are learning of all the good news.
 The thing I prayed for most was the conse-
 cration of our people, and lo! today's mail
 brings papers from home that tell of hun-
 dreds dedicating their lives to God's serv-
 ice. My own dear little school now has the
 evangelistic spirit; I do pray that it remain
 with us at all times. If the Chinese women
 and girls once realize that they too are God's
 servants there will be a work done that can
 be accomplished in no other way. I thank
 God for our head teacher—her heart is all
 the Lord's. My older girls are being trained
 for service just as the girls in our blessed
 Training School at home are trained. They
 love it. God is wonderfully blessing our
 work here.—*Hattie Stallings, Kwei Lin,
 China*

I am in one of our country stations now. I
 have been here about ten days and will stay
 on for a few days longer. It is cold and I am

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SOCIETY METHODS



UNION HELPS IN FINANCING MISSIONS

STEWARDSHIP COVENANT

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

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

Signed by

(Name)

(Address)

INDIVIDUAL TITHING RECORD CARD

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June
Income						
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Paid						
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Income						
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Paid						

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CURRENT EVENTS



THE WORLD FIELD

DR. ZWEMER, the great missionary to the Mohammedans says: "The great Mohammedan world needs a broad Christian literature. All the books that the Beirut press and the Nile Mission press have prepared for the pastors and leaders of Syria and the Nile Valley could be put in a three foot shelf. We have absolutely stunted and starved this department of Christian work. Oh, the poverty of the intellectual supply of Moslems! Oh, the poverty of that which we provide for the millions of readers that the new education is raising up in every land!"

The South India United Church representing nearly 200,000 members recently sent a resolution to the government of India asking that, in view of the great movements against the use of intoxicants in various countries, the government of India should place a restriction upon the manufacture and sale of intoxicants.

The churches of Scotland are going to honor the Scotch boys who gave their lives to free the Holy Land by building a memorial in Jerusalem which is to be an Institute for Biblical Research and a church to be known as the Scots Kirk and College in Jerusalem.

In the past three years there has been in America an increase of 6400 churches, 4000 ministers and 3,000,000 members. The grand totals of some recently gathered statistics aggregate 44,788,036 persons associated with Protestant, Jewish and Roman Catholic bodies. This is a long way from a really Christian America.

Employer and employee in China are gradually learning that the Christian missionary is to be trusted. An association of business men, eager to rid China of diseased silk worms, were unable to get their propaganda accepted by the workers, who are suspicious of anything new, until they

secured the services of the Christian missionary who, armed with microscope and specimens of diseased and healthy eggs, was able to convince the suspicious workers that the association was seeking only the good of the industry. That the missionary is not a self-seeker is a fact soon recognized by all classes.

Mr. Suzuki, the Samuel Gompers of Japan, is an earnest Christian as is also the chief engineer cooperating with the Americans in operating the Siberian railway. The influence of such men in interpreting the spirit and meaning of Christianity is felt in many quarters and means much to the cause of Christ in the Sunrise Kingdom.

A large shoe manufactory concern in Cawnpore, India, has agreed to station a missionary and his wife in the factory that they may work to better the conditions among the 4000 workers most of whom are illiterate and ignorant.

It is a surprise to many to find that in Kaifeng, China, there is a colony of Chinese Jews, descendants evidently of Jewish immigrants who settled there years ago and have intermarried with the native stock. Most of their Jewish customs and beliefs have been dropped, but the Kaifeng church has begun a series of meetings among them to win them back to a sense of being of "the chosen people", that they may once more follow the one true God, and eventually know the saving power of Jesus Christ.

"A Sunday school fleet of steamers to the Orient will carry delegates to the Convention of the World's Sunday School Association, which will be held in Tokyo in October, 1920. The entire passenger capacity of these steamers will be reserved for these Sunday school pilgrims."

TRAINING SCHOOL

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

On entering the W.M.U. Training School, one is struck with the fact that it is one of the best governed institutions but with the least sign of government. This ideal condition has come as a result of student government. Early in the history of the school the students realized the need of this form of government and were readily granted the privilege of making the experiment. If it could succeed in any school, surely it should in one where the student body is made up of young women set apart for the Master's service and preparing for places of leadership in His kingdom. From the first it was a success but, as the school has grown student government has increased in dignity and importance. The beautiful buildings, the spiritual atmosphere and countless prayers have all contributed to the success of the plan.

The student committee consists of five members: a chairman of general culture, of athletics, a social and a religious chairman and a general chairman. For days before the election of this committee special prayers are offered that the election may be entirely according to God's will. The meeting for the election is one of the most spiritual of all the meetings held during the year. Those chosen in this manner can but feel that God has chosen them and that they must to the extent of their ability do the work so as to please Him. The responsibility of this committee is great, but there is always the wise counsel of Mrs. McLure upon which to depend, and she is consulted in all matters of importance.

The young women of the Training School are true democrats. They appreciate the privilege of having a voice in the government of the school and feel keenly the responsibility which the privilege brings. They are loyal in every way and cooperate splendidly with the student committee.—*A Training School Student*

NEW PLANS OF W.M.U. TRAINING SCHOOL

The following recommendations were adopted by the Woman's Missionary Union at its May meeting in Washington. Any one desiring to apply for entrance, as referred to in recommendation 4, should write to her state trustee of the school. The twelfth session of the school opens September 21, 1920. The faculty has been carefully selected from earnest and consecrated teachers, several of whom are the professors in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. No tuition is charged. A matriculation fee of \$2 is charged. This entitles the student to medical attention for the session. Board, furnished room, light, heat, baths are given for \$3 a week. A limited amount of laundry is done at reasonable rates. Books and incidentals vary with the courses taken. It is estimated that \$200 a session will meet all expenses except clothing and travel.

1. We recommend that the W.M.U. enter the work of training a body of young women who are ready to give their lives to the service of humanity and to serve Christ by the method of religious nursing. That they will train themselves as religious workers and as nurses and will endeavor to serve their King in both capacities. That they take one year of religious training in the W.M.U. Training School and three years of nurses' training in a recognized Baptist Hospital. That they be known as W.M.U. Nurses

2. That the minimum age limit for entrance to the W.M.U. Training School be 21 years

3. That for the future the enrollment for each year, when enlargement is completed, be 250, and this present year the number be limited to 117, the full capacity of our present building

4. That all applications and references be in the hands of the trustees and the principal before August 15th.

PERSONAL SERVICE

SAFEGUARDS FOR YOUTH

(For the Blackboard)

RECREATION

WHY PLAY?

It is a natural instinct
It develops character
It promotes health
It teaches sportsmanship
It cultivates alertness and dexterity

HOW PLAY?

Take time for it
Provide best possible conditions
Choose games of activity
Encourage organized team work
Direct it carefully

See that your recreation RECREATES

"Play is the most serious activity in which the child engages. It corresponds to the work of the adult. There is little difference between work and play excepting the spirit in which each is done. Play is its own reward. It is an activity carried on for its sake without any ulterior aim. Perhaps the greatest service that play has to render life is to give it the play spirit in which to do the work of life. Work that has in it no play will quickly become a curse. Play shows itself in many different forms, games are the most highly organized form of play. If play is to develop the body there must be spaces large enough to run in, organization to make the play interesting and games that will use trunk and arms as well as the legs. There is to be found in play: First—the pleasure of achievement, the joy of having contested with others and come out successfully. Second—Development in mental, moral and physical strength: mental, setting or equipment for play and the care necessary for this; moral, giving up and yielding to leadership of others and admiration for their attainments; physical, tests of endurance, activity, agility and muscular development."

Recreation comes from the Latin *creo*—

to create and re—again—from this it is seen that recreation is intended to be a building-up process. "The more we do the more capacity we have for doing." Because play is a natural instinct every community should see that its young people have opportunity for its expression. The following of evil ways and habits is but a perversion of this strong and natural desire for amusement and relaxation for mind and body. That character building may proceed unhampered in any community, youth must be given freedom in play with direction from older heads. Each community should have its recreation ground for basket ball, baseball, festivals, and when the community should come together for holidays and Get-together Days. The recreation of a community is as important as the development of its natural resources, the improvement of its farming and the building of its homes. It should stand side by side with all improvements and progress with the purpose to build up in the coming generation honesty, unselfishness, purity, comradeship, and loyalty to home and home interests.

"Give them a place to play"



UNION NOTES



ROUND TABLE

WHEN this August issue reaches most of its readers July will still be here. It is therefore pardonable to speak of something which will be occurring at that time. Reference is had to the W.M.U. Week at the Southern Baptist Assembly in Ridgecrest, N.C., July 25-31. The headquarters hotel is Pritchelle Hall. The speaker for Sunday and Monday, July 25-26, is Miss Jessie Burrall, the teacher of the Sunday school class which has an enrollment of 1400 young women in the Calvary Baptist Church in Washington. The speaker for the next two days is Mrs. R. A. Henderson, a teacher in Buchanan Mountain School in Virginia. The pageant as given in May at the Washington meeting is the attraction for Friday night with Miss Lillian Williams of Virginia as director. Personal service is under the direction of Mrs. H. M. Wharton of Baltimore, assisted by Miss Mary Livermore of North Carolina to show how rural personal service has been successfully done, by Mrs. S. B. Witt of Virginia to tell of definite results through Homemakers' Clubs and by Miss Nannie West to show how the House of Happiness is indeed a Good Will Center in Richmond, Va. The Sunbeam and R.A. work is under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Briggs of North Carolina. Miss Susan B. Tyler of Baltimore is the teacher for the Y.W.A. and G.A. study classes, while the W.M.S. class, using "The Bible and Missions", is led by the W.M.U. corresponding secretary. It is an occasion worthy of one's presence and prayers.

Especial attention is called to the "bargain in leaflets" as advertised on page 32. The twenty-five leaflets offered there for just 25 cents will be especially helpful to the W.M.S. and Y.W.A. members for their programs in August, September and October. The leaflets recommended on page 3 are the best the W.M.U. Literature Department has to offer for August for the women and

young people. Send in your orders early to the address given on page 32.

The new Union Year Book was shipped from the Baltimore office the last of June to the state W.M.U. headquarters. Each organization for the women and young people has doubtless received its copy by now but if not its president may do so by writing to the state W.M.U. headquarters. Any organization or individual wishing an extra copy may secure it for 10 cents from the address given on page 32.

The campaign for renewals and new subscriptions for ROYAL SERVICE is progressing well. Order blanks and advertisement slips may be secured free from the state W.M.U. headquarters. The subscription price is now fifty cents a year with no club rates. Every society should set a good example to its members by being a subscriber. It is characteristic of southern families for the members to enjoy doing what the "family" approves! How helpfully "southern" it would be if every member of a society was a subscriber and reader of ROYAL SERVICE! Many societies have already attained to this excellent standard. Has yours? If not, will you make it possible? Thank you!

Mrs. R. B. Jones writes as follows: "The Woman's Missionary Society of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is composed of the wives of the married students of the Seminary. For several years the society has been a standard society. During the past year there have been four mission study classes. These classes have been taken in addition to the work the women try to do in the Training School and the Seminary. The society pledged \$8,000 to the 75 Million Campaign. The personal service report for the year is as follows: meetings taken part in 708; Sunday school classes taught 870; visits made

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HOME DEPARTMENT



NANCY

THE curtains hung very straight and prim over the shining windows of Miss Augusta Strong's small cottage. The walk leading from the gate to the covered porch seemed to be always newly swept. The perfectly clipped hedge on each side stiffly held back the larkspur, sweet William and pinks from intruding, after the flowery manner of their kind, upon the walk. No rioting here, if you please, and as few footsteps as possible. The front door had no "come in" expression on its dustless panels, it was a door made to be closed and not to be opened. The real entrance was at the side of the cottage. Diana Ray said that Miss Augusta's house made her think of the folded hands of a wax doll. As we wish to see Miss Augusta we will go around to the side entrance.

Once within the cottage the same impression of still life oppresses you. At the breakfast table sat Miss Augusta, frigid and rather awful, opposite to her sat the one live thing in the room, Nancy. The psychology weather man would have said the signs were unfavorable for clearing. Nancy's cheeks were flushed and she was evidently striving to keep the tears from her eyes.

"I can't see," said Miss Augusta apparently continuing previous remarks, "what your mother was thinking of to raise you so carelessly. I have told you more than once that the curtains must not be disturbed, and when I go to call you I find them pinned back and the window wide open to catch the dust of the street. Don't ever dare do it again." As there was no reply the aunt spoke again, "Do you hear me?"

"Yes, aunt, but my mother always opened the window at night, she wished me to sleep with fresh air in the room. I always pin the curtains back very carefully. Mother knew—" something in Nancy's throat jerked and she could not speak further.

"Don't be impudent, that is another thing I am surprised at—why your mother

allowed you to answer back to your elders." Miss Augusta ignored the fact that she had demanded a reply. "Rest assured I shall not do so. Bring the Bible."

"Aunt, you asked me—"

"Be silent. Get the Bible," commanded Miss Augusta.

The custom of family devotions was an inheritance rather than a privilege, and having so far degenerated it was sometimes used as an opportunity to complain to the Lord of the shortcomings of others and especially of Nancy's. After the usual number of verses the aunt prayed for "those who made the lives of their relatives miserable by their ingratitude and carelessness"; she prayed that "such wicked ones might look into their hearts and behold how deceitful they were; that they might repent before they were utterly lost". And now happened a dreadful thing. Nancy rocked back on her knees and burst forth, "I wasn't impudent, I am not deceitful, I won't look into my heart. Oh mother!" Down went the curly head in quick humiliation.

Aunt prayed on, telling the Lord He could see for Himself what her trials were. When both arose the aunt said, "Go to your room and stay there until you come to your senses, you wicked girl."

"But school, aunt," sobbed Nancy.

"You cannot go to school today. You are not fit to be with other girls until you have repented."

Slowly Nancy went up to her room. Poor unhappy, rebellious, repentant Nancy! Only a few months ago she had lost her gentle, widowed mother and had come to live with the only relative she had, Miss Augusta Strong, her father's sister. They were rapidly becoming a trial to each other. Miss Augusta was a good woman but an intolerant one and abnormally neat, demanding that every one should live up to her standard or be considered slothful and wicked. Young girls she did not understand.

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BOOK REVIEWS



THE BIBLE AND MISSIONS

THE book that will probably be more widely used in study classes than any other secular text book is the Bible and Missions by Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery. We agree with the writer of the foreword that at this time "it is important that we come back to the authority in the Word of God for our great missionary enterprise. Plans of men, however wise, change with the changing years and with crises in history, but the plan of God is eternal". We are glad the author bases this year's study "on His own missionary message. The year 1920 has been appointed by Bible societies in Great Britain and America as Bible Year, which gives an added reason for a careful study of this subject and a wide effort to secure a more general use of the Bible throughout the world, especially in lands and among peoples who have never had the opportunity to read the Word of God". It is a book not for the year, but for the years; a book we will turn to again and again for reference and for help in Bible and mission study.

Mrs. Montgomery has divided the work into two parts. The first part has two wonderfully fine and strong chapters; The Missionary Message of the Old Testament and the Missionary Message of the New Testament. The aim of the first chapter is to "show that the Bible is God's missionary text-book; that the missionary message, although more clearly revealed in the New Testament, is woven into the fabric of the Old Testament and definitely proclaimed in its every part". She works out her aim through the major headings: (1) "The missionary character of the Bible is seen in its essence and substance" and (2) "The missionary character of the Bible is seen in its positive teachings". Under the first heading she takes up "its topics; its style, its reticence, its literary greatness, its doctrine of God" etc. Under the second heading she brings out the "missionary elements" as found in the Law and in the Historic Books and in the Poetical

Books and those of the Prophets.

The aim of the second chapter is to "show that the missionary principles laid down in the Old Testament are fully revealed in the New in the fundamental teachings of Jesus; in His life; in His commands to His disciples, and that these principles are exemplified in the life of the Apostolic Church. The author points out in her major headings that the missionary message of the New Testament is found (1) "In the fundamental revelations of Jesus"; (2) "in the life and direct commands of Jesus" and (3) "in the apostolic teachings and life of the church".

The second part with its four shorter chapters is full of thought and of great interest. Chapter three, Every Man in His Own Tongue, tells of early translations of the Bible; its use among the early Christians, of its translations in the "modern missionary movement". Mrs. Montgomery writes most interestingly of many pioneer missionaries who have given this priceless gift to the nations they served: of Carey with his thirty-six translations for India; of Judson and his manuscript for Burma; of Robert Morrison and his obstacles in China; of John Williams and John G. Paton and their labors for the Islanders.

Chapter four takes up The Travels of the Book and shows "how the work of the National Bible Societies has powerfully furthered the missionary movement by financing translations and publishing and distributing Bibles.

Chapter five, the Influence of the Bible on Civilization, shows that nations are held accountable for national sins; that the Bible conceptions lie at the bottom of all that is best in the laws and ideals of modern Christian nations, that in the non-Christian nations the influence of the Bible is clearly seen".

The last chapter, The Leaves of the Tree, tells of some influences of the Book in Christian countries and some results of its intro-

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BIBLE STUDY

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"Stewardship embraces life, influence, time, talents, as well as our money. These all belong to God and must be divided not as I may prefer, but as He shall indicate. This conception of stewardship transforms, vitalizes and glorifies all human life and action." Like the Samaritan woman we must be eager to bring others to Jesus. John 4:39-42—out of heart-knowledge and of personal intimacy with Christ will come the choicest service and the most fruitful testimony. "Let me see Thy countenance, let me hear Thy voice, for sweet is Thy voice and Thy countenance is comely."—Mrs. James Pollard

Y. W. A. PROGRAM

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lowing extract from an article entitled "What Tithing Does" by Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery shows what is possible, in financing missions in our day and generation: "The annual report of the Seventh Day Adventists shows what are the results when the practice of tithing is general. This small denomination, made up for the most part of humble Christians, had made tithing obligatory on its entire membership, numbering 92,750. Their contributions through the tithe amounted to \$2,582,325.55 in 1918, an amount greater than that received on apportionment from all the churches of the Northern Baptist Convention in 1913. It is fair to compare their receipts from tithes with our own apportionment, since in addition to the tithe they have free-will offerings for home and foreign missions that entirely eclipse our 'specifics' and various 'drives' and 'personal gifts'. Their free-will offerings for foreign missions alone equal \$13.32 per member, while our gifts for foreign missions from all sources have never equalled two dollars per member. The gifts from the churches, young people and Sunday schools, for both the general and the women's foreign mission societies, equalled \$726,315.08 in 1917-1918, a per capita gift of about fifty cents per member per year. The question of financing missions is really only a by-product, a side-issue of Christianity. What we need today is a Christian constituency at home and abroad, with a vision, with a passion to follow out Christ's great command. When the Christians take their religion seriously and apply Christ's teachings to their daily lives the questions of financing missions will be solved. In that day, the mission boards will be among the richest organizations of the world."

Suggestion: Have a bulletin board made and placed in the Y.W.A. room. Each month post items of need of our different fields and current events of our mission stations.

G. A. PROGRAM

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service; she can begin at once to get the best well-rounded education attainable, for there is nothing from washing dishes to building houses or teaching Greek that it will not be well for her to know. She can pray daily that even though God shall not choose her for this special service, He may choose at least one from her own auxiliary to become a missionary.

I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, Here am I; send me.—Isaiah 6:8

SUNBEAM PROGRAMS

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Chorus Sung by All:

"Joyful, joyful will the meeting be,
When from sin and sorrow we are free,
And we shall gather, Saviour, with Thee
In our eternal home.

"Suffer the children' oh, hear His voice!
Let every heart leap forth and rejoice,
And let us freely make Him our choice,
Do not delay, but come!

"Think once again, He's with us today;
Heed now His blest commands and obey;
Hear now His accents tenderly say,
'Will you, my children, come?'"

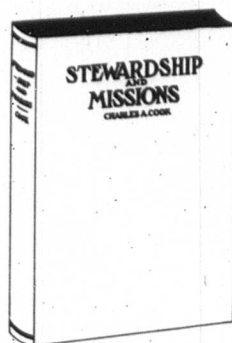
—Adapted from W.F.M.S. of
Presbyterian Church

Note: Any number of children can take part in exercise but five or six can be heard better than a larger number.

SOCIETY METHODS

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THE two cards shown (page 22), Stewardship Covenant Card and Individual Tithing Record Card, which are $3\frac{1}{4} \times 5\frac{1}{4}$ inches may be obtained free upon application to your state W.M.U. headquarters. They are gladly furnished to any member of the several W.M.U. organizations who agrees to tithe and wishes to keep the record. Tithing grows on one! Secure these two cards and put the matter to a test. You and missions will never regret it.



The book, Stewardship and Missions, which is here pictured, is one of the six books which are studied for the Union's official seal on the mission study certificate. It is readable and simple in style but truly convincing in its arguments. It influenced many to pledge liberally in the Baptist 75 Million Campaign and will likewise confirm others in their purpose to redeem their pledges. The book may be secured for 40c postpaid from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia.

FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

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having a time keeping warm, the Chinese have no fires and I just have to do as they do when I am living among them—that is, put on more clothes—but adding to my clothing does not always keep me warm in

damp, chilly weather. The Chinese have quilted garments padded with cotton, at least those who can afford them do. Of course we are all as happy as can be over the outcome of the great campaign. It certainly was wonderful. Truly all the praise belongs to God. May He help us missionaries, into whose hands a good deal of this money will be entrusted, to use it wisely and in such a way as will most glorify His name.—*Margie Shumate, Shui Hing, China*

UNION NOTES

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4216; visits to sick 315; baskets distributed 128; floral offerings 75; persons dealt with 135; gifts to charity 31; new work begun 94; garments distributed 260; addresses delivered 11; mission study classes 24. This year a very splendid course of lectures has been given for the benefit of the married ladies. This year there have been forty-two women taking regular work in the Seminary. Those who were not able to take regular work took advantage of this series of lectures given especially for them. Their children were taken care of. A nursery is to be provided for the children of the married students next year which will enable a greater number of the married women to take work in the Seminary and Training School. Of the one hundred women enrolled this year, forty-nine are college women and twenty are high school graduates. The efficiency of this society serves to increase the number of W.M.U. workers throughout the south because they go out from here as prepared or unprepared pastors' wives to do their part in the bringing in of the Kingdom.

BOOK REVIEWS

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duction in the far East. It gives accounts of tract societies and tells of the need of Christian literature in non-Christian lands.

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