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That in all things He might have the preëminence—
Colossians 1:18

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Sing, O my heart!

Sing thou in rapture this dear morn

Whereon the blessed Christ is born!

And as thy songs shall be of love,

So let thy deeds be charity—

By the dear Lord that reigns above,

By Him that died upon the tree,

By this fair morn

Whereon is born

The Christ that saveth all and me.

—Eugene Field

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EDITORIAL



"WHO NOT HAVING SEEN, YET SERVE"

IT has been our pleasure to spend the month of October in the great city of New York. The weather has been ideal, this, coupled with the fact that we have been in the home of friends closely associated with religious organizations having their headquarters in New York, made it possible for us to see much of the city as well as to have the opportunity of sitting as a visitor in the councils with some who are trying to solve the problems of this truly cosmopolitan city in the light of Christ's love.

No one can spend even a very short time in New York without being brought face to face with the fact that here representatives of all the nations of the earth are gathered. In our brief visits of former days and under different circumstances it was never brought home to us as on this occasion. We would have you go with us into one of those marvelous underground arteries of traffic, the subway. Ask a guard a question and you find that in nine cases out of ten unless you listen most carefully it will be exceedingly difficult to understand him because of his foreign accent. Notwithstanding the fact that so large a percentage of the police officers of the city are of such nationality that they speak English well you will frequently find a traffic officer whose English is scarcely intelligible.

One of the most intensely interesting sights in New York City is to be seen as you stand at the intersection of Broadway and Fifth Avenue at the noon hour when the garment-makers pour out of their places of work near the point mentioned and make their way down Fifth Avenue as they go to lunch. They will fill the entire pavement for more than two blocks and, if you are going in the opposite direction, you will have to force your way through this well-nigh unyielding mass of humanity or step off the curb and make your way in the street. They are all men of foreign birth or breeding, the majority having the dark heavily bearded faces of the Russian or kindred people. They move as it were in some great solemn procession, talking quietly but earnestly and intensely. It is a sight to stir one's fear because of the possible menace to our country; on the other hand it awakens in one a desire to win for Jesus Christ and the cause of the Kingdom the power for good latent in these people.

Turn aside with us in front of some building—you will find groups of foreigners of a more excitable nature than the phlegmatic ones you have just seen. These will be gathered together talking and gesticulating in a most excited manner. More often than not, if you glance up, you will see in gold lettering on a window of some building near—"Headquarters of such and such a Union". Stop near the stand of a sight-seeing automobile and listen to the man trying to gather a crowd for a trip. You will hear him offering as one of the chief attractions a trip through Chinatown, that place of mystery, crime and possibility. Go to upper Broadway, drop into one of the restaurants for an evening meal, particularly near Columbia University. It is most probable that you will be served by a Greek, a student in the university. Glance about you and at a table near you may see a Japanese boy or girl, probably several Japanese or Chinese students having their evening meal together. Stop at some fruit stand for the fruit to take to your room and you will be served by an Italian or perhaps a Syrian. Would you have your suit pressed you may have trouble in making the man or woman in the shop understand just what you want or you may find they will become a bit impatient because you do not readily understand their "perfectly good" English. Go to a concert, the pianist, the singer, the violinist each will have some foreign name.

When we think of the superstition, the ignorance of American ideals and ignorance in general, the various disturbing religious beliefs in the minds and hearts of many of these people, we are appalled and are inclined to think this a dark hour for our country and the cause of Christ in the world. But when we think of the mother and father love in the

hearts of the parents, of the traditions of the lands from which they come, of the ambitions, aspirations and ideals, of the trust and serious purpose which brought these people to our shores, we take courage and begin to look about us to see what is being done here to cast out the undesirable traits and impulses by implanting the high ideals and beliefs that will make them good citizens of the nation and true followers of Jesus Christ.

It has been our privilege while here to meet and talk with the superintendent of the woman's department of the Baptist City Mission Work and learn from her some of the ways in which Baptists are trying to meet the problems of this cosmopolitan life. It was our privilege as well to attend an associational meeting where we learned of the perplexing problems and loving service and of the means being used for possible solution. An invitation to attend the board meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Northern Baptist Convention was gladly accepted. Here we found the same earnest discussion of ways and means for making Christ pre-eminent in the home land.

A conference for recruiting workers from the colleges and schools for both home and foreign service, on the part of representatives from the educational boards of the various denominations, the Home Council, the Student Volunteer Movement, the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A., showed how keenly alive the workers of these organizations are to the vast needs in home and foreign lands. But all of those conferring together and working together for the various needs seemed so few in comparison to the vast numbers in New York City alone who need the Christ, to say nothing of the multitudes all over our land and the native lands of the foreigners who have come to us. Again one felt appalled. But a medical missionary from the Congo, speaking to the women's society in a small church in Brooklyn, brought to us a comforting message. Calling to mind the words of John in his first epistle: "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, cannot love God whom he hath not seen", and of Peter in his first epistle: "Whom not having seen, ye love." He said the greatest encouragement from a human standpoint that the missionaries had on the foreign field was the knowledge of the loving and, in many cases, sacrificial service of the women in the missionary societies in the home land. "Those," said he, "who not having seen, yet serve." At once our thoughts sped away to the hundreds and thousands of women and young people in southern Baptist territory alone who, in the remote country districts, in the small towns, the cities, love and serve their brother and sister at home and their brother and sister in foreign lands because they love God and are constantly seeking to enlist others in His cause.

What of the multitudes? What of the problems? Those "who not having seen, yet serve" do so because of a love inspired by the love of God. Work on, dear friend, the reward has been promised you in the following: "Fear not, little flock, it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom."

"Our Father, God, not face to face,
May mortal sense commune with Thee,
Nor lift the curtains of that place
Where dwells Thy secret majesty;
Yet where-so-e'er our spirits blend
In reverent faith and humble prayer,
Thy promised blessing will descend,
And we shall find Thy spirit there.
Here may desponding care look up,
And sorrow lay its burden down,
Or learn to drink the cup,
To bear the cross and wear the crown.
And may we learn while here apart
From the world's passion and its strife,
That Thy true shrine's a loving heart,
And Thy best praise a holy life."



BIBLE STUDY



THE MACEDONIAN CALL

"They call us to deliver their land from error's chain."

I. *The Call of the Gentile World:* Acts 16:9, 10. The apostle lived under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and in the spirit of prayer so that at once he understood the vision. The world without God is without hope. Eph. 2:11, 12. The nations have no help from their dumb idols, which neither see nor hear the cry of the despairing heart, Ps. 115:4-8. (1) They call for light. Jesus came "to give light to them that sit in darkness", Luke 1:79; He is the sun rising for salvation, Mal. 4:2; Luke 2:30-32; Acts 13:47, 48. In Him is no darkness at all, Isa. 49:6; I John 1:5. The Gospel Paul preached was a message of light and life, Heb. 1:2; John 1:3-5. Paul recognized Jesus as Lord when he was overcome by the wondrous light, Acts 9:3-6; he understood what he was to do, Acts 26:18, and from that time he preached under the influence of that vision. (2) They call for life. Paul gave the Gospel of life, I Thess. 1:5-10, which is the power of God unto salvation, I Cor. 1:18; II Cor. 2:14-17; 1:19, 21. The appalling ruin and defilement of mankind is a call for life to those who have the eternal life in Christ Jesus, John 17:3; John 20:31; Acts 2:28; we by nature the children of wrath, of corruption, and all abominations can be washed clean in the blood of Jesus from blasphemy, adultery, slander, perjury, theft, murder. We must proclaim the Gospel with a confidence born of experimental fellowship with our Lord and with an own trembling assurance that the crown of life can be for the worst besotted, and the pure white robe for the most defiled. Does the cry of the world's need pierce your heart and ring even in your dreams? "Why do you wish to return?" was asked of a missionary. "Because I can't sleep for thinking of them." Many of us sleep because we do not think of them.

II. *The Call for Fellowship with Christ in Ministry to the World:* Col. 1:24-29; Phil. 3:10. Reconciliation has been made complete, "Jesus paid it all" and yet there is need of a herald to proclaim the work of Calvary. The atoning Saviour must be expressed by His messenger in the life of sacrifice and devotion; we must bleed if we would be ministers of the saving blood. True intercession is a ministry of sacrifice, a perpetuation of Calvary, a filling up of the sufferings of Christ, Rom. 8:15-19; Col. 1:24. "It is better to be lost than to be saved alone." (Amiel) The full result of the Gospel is to make sons of God who must proclaim redemption by blood and by power, Ex. 14:30.

III. *The Call of the Age:* Acts 15:14-18 shows the divine purpose for this age—the called-out assembly. This age is calling for the Good Tidings, for those who can preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. As men are finding out the instability and the unsatisfying portion of worldly wealth "without God and without hope" they are seeking some firm foundation on which to build their hopes, Luke 6:47-49. None but he who has the grace of Christ can give the message. The world is feverish with sin, "they that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick"; under such a realization of sin the work of Jesus Christ is seen in its true light as the Holy Spirit reveals to us in John 16:8-11.

IV. *The Call to Prayer:* Luke 11:1, 9. Prayer must be definite, importunate and undismayed by delayed answers, Luke 18:1-14. Jesus commands "Pray ye," Matt. 9:37, 38. We need to be with Christ; we need the stimulating consciousness of a great and ever-present companionship, John 17:18-26. How fine when the heart of the busy worker is that of the restful lover, S. of Sol. 1:7; 5:16. As we witness of the loveliness of our Lord a desire is awakened in others to seek Him; Acts 16:13-15; John 6:44; II Cor. 4:6. Small groups of believers here and there are giving themselves to prayer, but what of the whole church of God? Her duty is to "prepare the way of the Lord", her one mission to declare the Gospel. The opportunity is great for the entrance to the human heart was never easier than just now. Have we the real spirit of prayer, content with nothing less than spiritual and eternal results of service?—Mrs. James Pollard

Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists

December, 1920

"In the secret of His presence how my soul delights to hide;
Oh how precious are the lessons which I learn at Jesus' side,
Earthly cares can never vex me, neither trials lay me low,
For when Satan comes to tempt me, to the secret place I go."

Topic: China

1—WEDNESDAY

For our faithful missionaries, Mrs. R. H. Graves and Mrs. G. W. Green, Canton, China
The joy of Jehovah is your strength.
—Nehemiah 8:10

2—THURSDAY

For the publication and Bible work of Rev. R. E. Chambers and for Mrs. Chambers, Canton, China
With Him is strength and wisdom.
—Job 12:16

3—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. John Lake in their evangelistic and personal service work among the lepers around Canton, China
Thou shalt be secure . . . thou shalt take thy rest in safety.—Job 11:18

4—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Anderson and Miss Mary Anderson, educational work, Canton, China
Be strong and of good courage . . . for the Lord thy God is with thee.
—Joshua 1:9

5—SUNDAY

Ask for God's continued blessing upon the work of the Bible women in China
Let . . . Jehovah be magnified.
—Psalm 40:16

6—MONDAY

Thanksgiving for the good report of China Baptist Publication Society, Canton
I will proclaim the name of Jehovah.
—Deuteronomy 32:3

7—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Williams, evangelistic and kindergarten work, Canton, China
I have proclaimed glad tidings of righteousness in the great assembly.
—Psalm 40:9

8—WEDNESDAY

That Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Saunders may have a restful vacation in the homeland
I delight to do thy will . . . thy law is written within my heart.—Psalm 40:8

9—THURSDAY

For the school and evangelistic work of Misses May Hines and Flora Dodson, Canton, China
None of them that take refuge in Him shall be condemned.—Psalm 34:22

10—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. D. King, Canton, China, evangelistic and personal service work
There is no want to them that fear Him.
—Psalm 34:9

11—SATURDAY

For Rev. Victor V. McGuire, Canton, China
My tongue shall talk of thy righteousness.—Psalm 35:28

12—SUNDAY

Pray for many native preachers as the result of class work in Graves Theological Seminary, Canton, China
Desire earnestly the greater gifts.
—I Corinthians 12:31

13—MONDAY

For Misses H. F. North and Margie Shumate, school and evangelistic work, Shui Hing, China
Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.—Psalm 90:1

14—TUESDAY

For Misses A. M. Sandlin and Grace T. Elliott, Ying Tak, China, that they be greatly blessed in their school work
Not I, but the grace of God which was with me.—I Corinthians 15:10

15—WEDNESDAY

For the educational and evangelistic work of Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Gallimore, Ying Tak, China
My people shall never be put to shame.
—Joel 2:27

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"Would you like to know the sweetness of the secret of the Lord?
Go and hide beneath His shadow, this shall then be your reward;
And when e'er you leave the silence of that happy meeting place,
You must mind and bear the image of the Master in your face."

Topic: China—Continued

16—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Ben Rowland,
Ying Tak, China
They shall know that I am Jehovah.
—Ezekiel 29:9

17—FRIDAY

For the continued success of the
evangelistic work of Rev. and Mrs.
J. L. Galloway, Macao, China
They shall be mine, saith Jehovah of
hosts, even mine own possession.
—Malachi 3:17

18—SATURDAY

For all mission schools and teachers
in our S.B.C. stations in China
I will instruct thee and teach thee
I will counsel thee.—Psalm 32:8

19—SUNDAY

That this week may be entered
upon with true Christmas spirit
In quietness and confidence shall be your
strength.—Isaiah 30:15

20—MONDAY

Praise God for the sacrificial giving
of Chinese Christians in the Baptist
75 Million Campaign
The ministration of this service
fillet up the measure of the wants of the
saints.—2 Corinthians 9:12

21—TUESDAY

For the educational and evangelistic
work of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Tip-
ton, Wuchow, China
The people that know their God shall be
strong and do exploits.—Daniel 11:32

22—WEDNESDAY

For Miss E. E. Rea, Wuchow,
China
They that be wise shall shine . . . they
shall turn many to righteousness.
—Daniel 12:3

23—THURSDAY

Thanksgiving for the visit in the
homeland of Dr. and Mrs. G. W.
Leavell of Wuchow, China
Behold my servant whom I uphold . . .
I have put my spirit upon him.
—Isaiah 42:1

24—FRIDAY

For Misses Leonora Scarlett and
Reba Stewart, Wuchow, China
Arise, shine, for thy light is come.
—Isaiah 60:1

25—SATURDAY

For unto us a child is born, unto us a
Son is given; and the government shall be
upon His shoulder; and His name shall
be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty
God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
—Isaiah 9:6

26—SUNDAY

That the prayers of our missionaries
for help and equipment be answered
of God through us
God gave the increase.
—1 Corinthians 3:6

27—MONDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Beddoe,
medical and evangelistic work, Wu-
chow, China
The righteous shall live by faith.
—Galatians 3:11

28—TUESDAY

For Misses Lora Clement and Sarah
Funderburke, Kong Moon, China
I will meditate also upon all thy work.
—Psalm 77:12

29—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Lowe and
Dr. and Mrs. R. E. L. Mewshaw,
Kwei Lin, China
The Lord direct your hearts into the love
of God and into the patience of Christ.
—2 Thessalonians 3:5

30—THURSDAY

For Miss Hattie Stallings, Kwei
Lin, China
Here am I, send me.—Isaiah 6:8

31—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. John Sundstrum,
Kong Moon, China
The God of peace . . . make you per-
fect in every good thing to do His will.
—Hebrews 13:20, 21



PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER



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.

CHINA

SINGING—Christmas Hymn

BIBLE STUDY (See page 6)

PRAYER—That Our Giving Be an Act of Worship

READING—(par. 9)

DISTRIBUTION OF LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES. OTHER BUSINESS

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CHINA'S FUTURE (par. 5)

CHINA'S NEW WOMAN (par. 6)

SOLO—Love Came Down at Christmas

OUR CHINA—(par. 7)

AN EARNEST OF CAMPAIGN RESULTS (par. 8)

CHRISTMAS GLORY—(Reading)

PRAYER—"Thanks Be to God for His Unspeakable Gift"

Note: The use of a map of China showing provinces will add much interest to the program.

CHRISTMAS HYMN

(Tune St. Ninian or Wesley)

Brightest and best of the sons of the
morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us
Thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is
laid.

Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are
shining;
Low lies His head with the beasts of
the stall;
Angels adore Him, in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

Shall we not yield Him in costly devo-
tion
Odors of Edom and offerings divine,
Gems of the mountain and pearls of
the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest and gold from
the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would His favor se-
cure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the
poor.—Reginald Heber

1. **China** No country on the face of the earth is an uninteresting one. For various reasons one may have more charm for the individual or group than another. Because southern Baptists have invested prayer and money more largely in the salvation of China than in any other foreign land the people and affairs of that country, past, present and future, claim their attention in the largest way.

China numbers about one-fourth of the population of the world, its natural resources are extraordinary, its people industrious and frugal. Why with such assets China is not a power among the nations is too long a story for our purpose. We can, however, name a few major reasons for this condition, namely: that in spite of Confucianism with its moral teachings the masses live in the lowest depths of spiritism; that destructive civil wars, turmoil and evil caused by dishonest officials have made the nation impotent to protect herself; that unbelievable illiteracy—only four out of every ten thousand can read or write—has retarded national growth; that the lack of a common spoken language—the different local dialects are as a foreign tongue to one living in another province—has caused distrust between these provinces; that the scarcity of railroads and good highways has prevented unity of thought and action and lastly that the slavish adherence to old customs has been an enemy to progress. The greatest hindrance of all has been the lack of the knowledge of God as shown in Jesus Christ His Son. Of any country this is true. Note the progress of Christian countries as compared with non-Christian lands.

We say China needs Christ, needs our prayers. Are we doing all in our power to send Him to the Chinese? Are we praying with all our hearts for their redemption, or have these words become merely a habit of speech without expressing the deep desire of the soul? The Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists for this month is almost wholly devoted to supplications for China and our missionaries there. May every woman's and young people's missionary society devoutly use it and may thousands of homes heed its daily call. The need for prayer for China is acute and unless prayer follows and hallows our gifts for the enlarged plans of the campaign we will afford only material aid and thus miss what should be our real aim. Only through Christ can China be saved.

"We know not by what methods rare,
But this we know: God answers prayer."

(Let leader call for prayer for China.)

2. **From the Dragon to the Flag** Fifteen hundred years before Moses received the Hebrew revelation on Mt. Sinai the first emperor of China sacrificed to heaven on Mt. Tai Shan (the Great Mountain) in Shantung, China. On the banks of the Yellow River in the plains below, the Dragon appeared, rising from the waters, and imparted to the emperor the secrets of husbandry, irrigation, fishery, training animals, invention of musical (?) instruments, and finally delivered to him those mystic diagrams which have since been the foundation of Chinese philosophy. Out of gratitude to the monster the emperor adopted the dragon as the symbol of his empire and gave the title of "Dragon" to the officers of the empire. This title created nearly 5000 years ago continued down to the establishment of the republic seven years ago. At the foot of this mountain, 551 B.C., in the city of Tai-An was born Confucius, who made himself famous as a student of the ancients and became the originator of the system that bears his name.—Asia

3. The Republic of China

That the Republic of China is weak is not to be laid wholly to the charge of the Chinese people for they are truly democratic. "There has never been caste in China nor any hereditary nobility, save that the descendants of Confucius are treated with special honor. It is as possible in China as in America for the son of a laborer to rise to the highest position. A Chinese never thinks it necessary to behave rudely in order to assure you that he is as good as you, for it would never occur to him that he was not as good. There is nothing of conscious assertion of his rights. The Chinese man is the democratic man." One big obstacle to a strong Chinese Republic is because it is confronted by a waiting, restless, greedy world; another is that it is governed by a military clique.

That the younger generation in China is catching the spirit of the times is shown in the recent revolt of Chinese students against the decision of the Peace Conference at Paris—that the Japanese retain, as a prize of war from Germany, the occupation of Shantung for a stated number of years. "This decision has been roundly denounced by the students of both government and mission schools and the rights of China vigorously asserted and a system of Chinese boycott of Japanese goods inaugurated." It is good to know that the opium imported into Shantung by the Japanese and sold by them will be among the boycotted goods. Just as young America will be protected by prohibition so will young China be benefited by even the partial removal of the opium curse from their country. Although some provinces still cultivate the poppy the sentiment against it prevails and the younger men have not become victims to the habit.

As a further evidence that a new spirit will rise with the dawn of a new era in China we quote the following poem, the production of a Chinese student in America:

"Awake, my country, sweet Cathay,
Awake, here dawns a glorious day;
Awake from slumber long and deep,
Awake from soul-benumbing sleep.
Dream not of greatness past and gone,
Of peaceful conquests nobly won,
The day of greater things has come—
Duty calls thee, wilt thou be dumb?"

"Myriad foes encompass thee;
Arise, my country, and be free.
Let tyrants feel thy righteous rage,
Let foes restore thy heritage.
Awake, my country, sweet Cathay,
Rise and resume thy rightful sway.
The Prince of Peace stands over thee
He breaks the spell; lo, thou art free!"

4. Fighting the Real Dragon of China

Sweet Cathay has learned much through the late world war to awake her from her "slumber long and deep" and her "dreams of greatness past and gone". One clear call to action will be from the Chinese men who went to France as road builders and general laborers in the Allied Army and, as one of them said, "to fight the Dragon Kaiser." This young soldiery return to tell their people of new ideas and ideals. Listen to the story of one of them: "In the great war, with thousands and thousands of men, all was kept clean by fire and washing. The water we drank was pure. There are small bugs called germs in bad water, you cannot see them but they make us very sick. The western nations have studied much, they know how to drive bugs out of water and clothes and houses. China is a great country, she helped to win the war but she must learn, learn, learn. Our great Confucius gave us books of wisdom but they were not able to make our country wise. Why not? I learned the answer to that question in the big war. The Bible is God's book. He was more perfect than Confucius. He has power to help us. I was wounded by a bomb, I was of the same café as the British and Americans in the base hospital. A woman came to nurse me and told me of God's book and as I was sick a long time I learned to read a little. Some day I can read all in the Bible she gave me, for I will go to the Jesus school."—Ears of the East

Do we really comprehend the crisis in the East? God has given His children many opportunities to enter with His Word and fight the dragon of sin in China. If we had taken Japan for Christ years ago when our opportunity was so significant what might not the effect have been on the present day situation? If we fail to make China safe for Christianity at this crucial time we assume a fearful responsibility.

He sat down and taught the multitudes out of the boat. And when He had left speaking, He said unto Simon, Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answered and said, Master we toiled all night and took nothing: but at thy word I will let down the nets. And when they had done this they inclosed a great multitude of fishes and . . . he was amazed and all that were with him at the draught of fishes.—The Gospel of St. Luke, 5:3-9

Let us turn now to the direct evangelistic work. We all know that **5. China's Future** China is in a most receptive mood for the Gospel. The old mandarin self-satisfaction and disdain of all other wisdom, which was the Gibraltar of heathendom in China, has crumbled; the Confucian scholar is sitting in the dust as a pupil of the lad who has had a few years in the mission school. The appeal of Christianity comes to all with special power because of present political dangers. "Christ alone can save China" is a text that seldom fails to command a hearing. All classes are friendly to Christianity; the opportunity for direct evangelism was never greater and the only limit to missionary labor is the number and strength of the laborers. How long this will continue no man can tell. Japan lost her interest in Christianity when she felt able to stand alone, China may lose hers when she despairs of getting upon her feet. The tremendous task before the missionary just now is to place Christianity before China so clearly and fully that, if the world rulers refuse to deal justly with her, she will still cling to the Gospel because she has learned to prize it for its own sake and has grown able to distinguish between the selfishness of politicians and the Spirit of Christ.—*The Problem of China*

All well-wishers of China desire for her that her four hundred millions weld themselves into an efficient government. Christian missions will be the largest factor to this end. Would that our more than fifty mission stations could be multiplied by thousands, and that would be none too many to make the "today" of China shine far into her future with the light that the entrance of His Word alone can give.

6. China's New Woman No social change can compare in magnitude and importance with the growth of Chinese womanhood into a position of independence and influence such as was never dreamed of in China. Woman's emancipation has brought its attendant dangers, especially since the revolution. The frail bark of the new woman of China is sailing between Scylla and Charybdis; between prison bars on one side and unbridled liberty on the other, and only as she commits her life to the care of the Divine Pilot can she be sure of reaching in safety her desired haven.

A few years ago the government normal school gave a pageant representing the development of the women of China, a long procession showing women, appropriately costumed, in all ages from the most primitive times down to the present. But what held rapt attention of the audience was the presentation of the women of the future, for there were not only doctors, nurses and teachers but mail carriers, judges, editors and aviators.

Christianity, too, has its dreams and visions. Here comes another procession and the audience is the world. At the beginning are women who move with difficult steps, their shoulders bent their eyes lusterless. Some have scars and wear an expression of fright and pain. Then come those whose steps are lighter and whose faces shine with gladness. Troops of little children merrily skip beside them. The happy ones increase to a great company and among them are evangelists, doctors, nurses, teachers, writers, social workers, and mothers with babies' nestling in their arms. One in their midst holds aloft a banner on which is emblazoned a cross and as with uplifted faces they swing along we catch the words of their swelling chorus:

"Behold we come, our womanhood is waking,
Before us break and fall the rusting bars;
We stand at last where fadeless morn is breaking,
Our feet upon the stars.

"Before our eyes undreamed horizons widen,
The shadows vanish and the vapors shift;
And from the mists where we have long abided,
We Chinese women claim the Perfect Gift."

New Life Currents in China

7. Our China* Our mission work is splendidly placed in four vital areas of the Chinese Republic. The North China mission is located in Shantung Province, so recently and widely discussed in connection with the Peace Treaty. This province has a population almost as large as that of the territory covered by the Southern Baptist Convention.—*Survey of Needs*

Shantung has been called the Alsace-Lorraine of China, as in it mingle two races claiming ownership of the province. It has been some surprise to the world that the Chinese have so persistently held to the position taken by the students after German rights in Shantung were given over to Japan by the Peace Conference, this shows us that there is much national spirit left in China and that this spirit touched by the vitalizing power of Christianity will be China's salvation. There are more Baptists in Shantung than in any other province in China and these with our 60 missionaries working from nine stations will need great courage and many prayers that they may become a power in this vast territory.

In the province of Kiang-Su are the four main stations of our Central China mission work—Shanghai, Chinkiang, Soochow and Yangchow. Forty-six missionaries are preaching and teaching and healing in church, school and hospital in these four stations and twenty outstations. God is blessing this work and the expansion and better equipment granted by the Baptist 75 Million Campaign will be joyfully hailed by our faithful soldiers of Christ in Central China.

Honan and part of the province of Anhui are the fields of our missionary work in Interior China. Chengchow, Kaifeng, Poochow and Kweichow are the chief centers from which radiates the work of twenty-eight missionaries. This is a comparatively new branch of S.B.C. work in China and much praise is due those missionaries who have brought it up to the present admirable standard. The work has been mostly evangelistic and educational but the medical feature has not been neglected as is shown in the good report of the Chengchow Hospital. (See November Royal Service.) This field of wonderful possibilities must be watered by the prayers of the saints that the God-given increase may appear.

In the provinces of Kwang-Si and Kwang-Tung in South China are our newest and oldest S.B.C. stations. The latter is located in Canton one of the largest cities in the world and a great student center, where we have some of our strongest and most effective institutions. The other stations in these provinces are Shui Hing, Yingtak, Wuchow, Macao, Kong Moon and Kwei-lin and South China is asking the Foreign Mission Board to include five additional ones in their five-year program. There are more than twenty outstations. The forty-seven missionaries in these stations are doing the work of about a dozen more than that number, after the wont of missionaries. If this work is put on the basis it should be in South China, which has ever been the director of thought for the Chinese, we will exert a far-reaching influence for Christ in the up-building of the new republic.

Pakoi, Kwang-Si, South China, is our newest work and, says the Survey of Needs, should have aid as soon as possible to put it on its feet. We have two missionaries in this station. Dr. Love reminds us that if Pakoi is not put upon her feet she cannot stand and if she cannot stand she cannot walk and therefore will not get anywhere. The campaign fund will provide a school building and another missionary family. By next year we may hope to hear that Pakoi is making good progress.

* The number of missionaries given above does not include the new ones recently sent to China.

8. An Earnest of Campaign Results

Just as the twenty-four weeks of prayer and preparation in our Baptist 75 Million Campaign were crowned by that never-to-be-forgotten "Victory Week", so the weeks following the campaign, weeks of prayer and preparation by our new missionaries, were crowned when on August 17 the steamer "Empress of Japan" gracefully slipped out of Vancouver harbor into Puget Sound, bearing on its cabin list the names of nearly one hundred Baptist missionaries. This is the largest body of missionaries ever sent out by any one board on a single vessel and is but the earnest of the five hundred missionaries to be sent out in the five-year period of the campaign by the Foreign Mission Board. About forty of those sailing were new missionaries going to China, the others were missionaries returning to their fields after a vacation in the home country. There were twenty children of missionaries on board, no small asset to her merchandise of love. To the overburdened missionaries already on the field this precious cargo represents the assurance of support and strength from the home base.

A cable to the Foreign Mission Board told of the pleasant voyage, safe arrival and good health of the missionary party. May this event of southern Baptist history widen our views of duty, inspire our prayers and enlarge our gifts.

9. The Miracle of His Love

To many of our women and young women the happy habit of the "Christmas Offering" is very dear, nor is there any reason why it should be omitted. Even if this gift has been included in our campaign pledge an additional offering is the privilege of a grateful heart and can be so arranged as to be credited in the Baptist 75 Million Campaign Fund. Let us at this season, in deep gratitude for His love, remember the needs of our sisters in China; let us honor that sainted missionary who gave her life to China and for whom we have called these gifts the "Lottie Moon Christmas Offering". In this offering we also honor all missionaries who have made this sacrifice, all who have served Him in China and all those who are today witnessing for Christ in that land.

From a close student of the Bible comes this thought: "The greatest miracle of the Gospel is the fact that God loves us." Why does He love us? Why, with all our sinfulness, all our moral ugliness, our dark hours of unbelief, did He so love us that "He gave His only begotten Son" that we "should not perish but have everlasting life"? We cannot comprehend such love but we can gratefully rejoice in it and seek to bring others under its influence. God loves the people of China but thousands of them do not know it because we have lost sight of the obligations of love and so have "hindered the Gospel of Christ". What are the obligations of love? Shall we wrap the knowledge of the love of God in a napkin and carefully keep it hidden or shall we tell the world of it? As "the time draws near the birth of Christ" let us make a thankoffering to Him for His unspeakable Gift that the miracle of His love may be shed abroad in heathen hearts.

Christmas Glory

"The time draws near the birth of Christ." These coming weeks are rich in Christmas glory. The thing that makes it glorious, the only thing that can give dignity to all this annual outbreak of thankfulness and joy is that the Christmas days are full of the truth of Christ's redemption of the world. Christ's redemption of the world means, for each one who truly believes in it, just these three things: the revelation to man of his own value, and of the value of his fellow-man, and the dearness and greatness of God. To live in this world and do nothing for one's own spiritual self or for fellow-man or for God is a terrible thing. I have the right to give the less as a burnt offering to the greater. There is no happy life except in such consecration. No one shall shut me out of that privilege of my redeemed humanity. At this season we must "enter into the joy of our Lord", the joy of that Christ whose meat was to do His Father's will and who gave His life for His brethren, and whose throne was a cross.—*Phillips Brooks*

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CHRISTIAN WEDDING PARTY IN SHANGHAI, CHINA

The bride arrayed in bright red, her face hidden behind a thick silk veil of the same color, is rarely seen now in Shanghai. Instead, the bride is dressed in delicate pink silk with a veil of the same lovely shade and of cobweb texture. In the above picture the party are all Christians, the bride being the grand-daughter of one of the oldest members of North Gate Church where Dr. Matthew T. Yates lived and worked.

FIRST MEETING

Subject—Ring Out the Old, Ring In the New—in China
Hymn—It came upon the Midnight Clear
Talk—Introducing Young-Old China
Response to Roll Call—Naming missionaries who have labored in China
Prayer—Giving Thanks for the Native Christians of China
Scripture in Concert—Isaiah 55:45; 9:2
Hymn—Hail to the Brightness of Zion's Glad Morning
Presentation of Poster—Southern Baptist Open Doors in China
Offering for China
Hymn—Hark the Glad Sound!
Recitation—Sweet Cathay (see page 11)
Closing Prayer—For the Reign of the Prince of Peace in China

Introducing Young-Old China

Surprising events in modern Chinese history:
1905: Adoption of western system of education
1907: Extension of educational privileges to women
1911: Beginning of the Revolution
1912: February 12, China becomes a republic
1913: Dissection officially authorized
1917: August 14, China joins the Allies against Germany and Austria
1919: January 14, government burns \$12,000,000 worth of opium purchased from Opium Combine.
Among the striking movements in China today is "the organization of constructive social service activities". A marked change is noted in many of the industrial plants

where the employes are being provided with libraries, hospitals, and athletic fields. "Old-style prisons still exist in China, but every capital city now has its model prison."

"More than eighty years have rolled by since the advent of western medicine ushered in a new day for China's suffering millions. The work has steadily expanded till now there are 270 missionary men doctors, 81 women doctors, 162 nurses, all women, and 320 mission hospitals scattered over China; not a single province is without their beneficent influence."

Where once it was hard to get pupils for the mission schools, and some had even to be paid to attend, now there is no lack of pupils who clamor for admittance. "China's very walls are down."

(Reference: *New Life Currents in China*, by Mary Ninde Gamewell. See also *W.M.S. Program* in this issue of *Royal Service*, paragraphs 3 and 6.)

Presentation of Poster

Poster: A large outline map of China, on which have been pasted many little paper doors, all standing open. These doors represent the doors that have been opened in China by southern Baptists, and each bears the name of one of the mission stations of S.B.C.

Presentation Speech: Give a general account of the mission doors and follow this with particular accounts of several. (The mission stations may be assigned separately.) It may lend interest for an auxiliary to select stations in which its own state or section has missionaries.

(References: *W.M.S. Program*, par. 7; *Minutes of S.B.C.*, pages 237-240.)

SECOND MEETING

Subject—In Royal Service in China
Hymn—As With Gladness Men of Old
Bible Lesson—Romans 10:12-15
Prayer—For Our Beloved Missionaries
Hymn—Hail, Thou Long Expected Jesus
Demonstration—How to Live on Twenty-Four Hours a Day in a Chinese Mission Station—a pantomime presenting the doings of a day in a missionary's life:

Scene 1—The missionary at breakfast with her students: At least one square table, seating eight according to the custom; chopsticks and bowls; business of eating

Scene 2—Instructing her group of Bible Women: (*Home and Foreign Fields*, October 1920, p. 1) Business of pointing out Scriptures and showing pictures.

Scene 3—Heading her line of school-girls: (*Home and Foreign Fields*, October 1920.) Business of marching, some with cautious uncertain steps, their feet having recently been unbound

Scene 4—Teaching her class in physics; Business of conducting an experiment

Scene 5—Her kindergarten: Business of kindergarten play

Scene 6—Training her choir: Business of leading and correcting mistakes in singing by gesture

Scene 7—At recess time: (See picture, Maypole Drill, *Home and Foreign Fields*, Oct. 1920, p. 15) Business of the Maypole Drill; let some girls go haltingly.

Scene 8—Tying up an injured hand: Business of binding up a little girl's hand, while a group of interested onlookers press nearer and nearer

Scene 9—Training her class in calisthenics: Business of dumbbell or wand drill

Scene 10—Reviewing the Boy Scouts: Business of clapping hands and, waving as scouts march by

Scene 11—Telling Bible stories to street children: Business of animated gesture and display of eager interest

Scene 12—Taking a snapshot of a Chinese lady and her family: (*Home and Foreign Fields*, Oct. 1920) Business of arranging the group and photographing it

Scene 13—Visiting a convalescent girl in the hospital: Business of patient being wheeled in by Chinese nurse; the missionary presents flowers.

Scene 14—Attending a deacons' meeting: Business of bowing and smiling as the missionary greets the deacons of her church, who enter one by one

Scene 15—Teaching the Christmas story to her Bible Class of girls: Business of taking seats about table, opening books, animated gesture on part of teacher, earnest attention on part of students



COLLEGE Y. W. A. PROGRAMS



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FIRST MEETING

Topic—"New Life Currents in China"

Hymn—O Zion, Haste

Prayer—That We May Witness for Him

Bible Reading—The Prince of Peace Foretold, Is. 9:1-7

Hymn—Joy to the World

Talks—Material selected from book "New Life Currents in China" and outlined below

Hymn—Selected

Closing Prayer

Suggestion

The chairman of the committee in charge may give the five outlined talks to five members, asking each to develop her subject. The outlines are arranged from material in "New Life Currents in China". If impossible to secure book, enlarge topics by seeking help from the missionary book shelf.

New Currents

Through:

I—Share in World War

(a) Gift of laborers (page 17)

(b) Red Cross and United War Work (pages 18-19)

(c) Aroused patriotism (page 20)

(d) Realization of need for development (page 21)

*"Going into the war has made China feel that she is really a part of the world," said a gentleman from one of the highest official families in the land. (page 20)

II—Western Medicine

(a) Missionary physicians (page 29-33)

(b) Growth of hospitals and medical schools (pages 37-39, 78)

(c) National Medical Association (page 74)

(d) China Medical Board of Rockefeller Foundation (page 44)

*The work of the China Medical Board is of three kinds: medical education —; a grant-in-aid to a limited number of missionary hospitals and medical schools; and fellowships and scholarships to enable doc-

tors and nurses, foreign and Chinese, to study in America. (pages 46-47)

III—Industrial Progress

(a) Growth of mills, factories (page 125)

(b) Shipbuilding (pages 125-126)

(c) Department stores (pages 126-127)

(d) Imports—machinery, cotton cloth, sewing machines (pages 128-130)

*The country's resources are practically illimitable. She has enough wealth stored away under ground to enrich the world for a millennium. (page 130)

IV—Western Education

(a) Mission schools (pages 152-155)

(b) Government schools (pages 136-143)

(c) Splendid denominational colleges and universities (page 151-152)

(d) Union universities—two for women (page 151)

*If a law for compulsory education was enforced to-morrow, China would need at once 1,000,000 more schools and 1,500,000 additional teachers. Where would she get them? (pages 152-153)

The Greatest Life-giving Current

V—Christianity

(a) Christians are found among the statesmen, business men, editors, teachers, government officials (page 194)

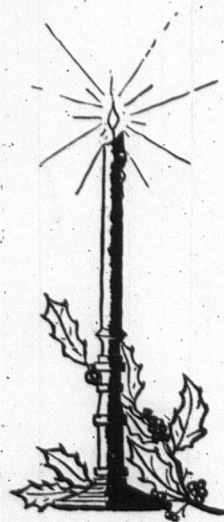
(b) Native leaders being trained (pages 199-201)

(c) Chinese Christians undertaking home mission work "The Yunnan Missionary Movement" 1918 (pages 212-214)

*The province of Yunnan in the south-western part of the country, an enormous territory without one ordained Chinese preacher or a single foreign-trained Chinese doctor—It was a work initiated by the Chinese for the Chinese and it instantly enlisted the sympathy of the Chinese everywhere. (pages 213-215)

*On Sherwood Eddy's visit to China in 1918, he said, "Never was there a time in China when things looked so dark politically or so bright religiously; so dark for the government or so bright for the Christian church." (page 194)

SECOND MEETING



Christmas Service

It Came Upon a Mid-
night Clear
O Little Town of Bethle-
hem
Hark, The Herald Angels
Sing
O, Come All Ye People

Prayer—Thanksgiving for God's
Great Gift to the World

The First [Luke 2:8-18]

Christmas—[Matt 2:1-12]

Solo—Holy Night

Prayer—For New Missionaries in
China

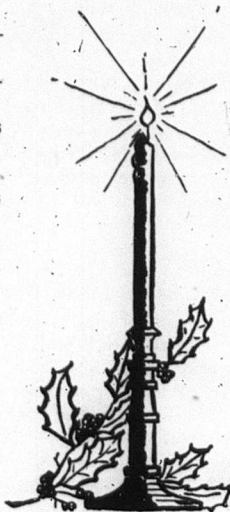
Talk—Our Gift to the East

(Lottie Moon Offering, see para-
graph 9, page 14)

As with Gladness Men of
Old

Joy to the World

Prayer



Suggestions

Try to hold service shortly before Christmas vacation. If possible decorate room with greens and Christmas candles. Invite friends from outside to sing carols if practical, perhaps girls from local church or girls from mission study school where students may teach. Have someone play softly on piano or violin while students are gathering. Make this largely a devotional and carol service. A visitor may be asked beforehand to be prepared to sing solo. It would be very impressive if two students would learn by heart the passages from Matthew and Luke, and would recite them slowly.

For the talk see "Bible and Missions" page 195, Our Bible, our Christ, our alphabet came from the Orient. Tell how we must send back the Gospel message to the East. Emphasize the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for China. This may be credited on the 75 Million Campaign pledge if desired. If Christmas envelopes are furnished your

* "New Life Currents in China." 75c Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia

auxiliary for this offering roll each one and tie with red baby ribbon. Secure a copy of September "Home and Foreign Fields" and show picture of the gift that has been lately given the East—the young lives of our new missionaries. On pages 26-29 read accounts of those who have gone from your state. If any one has gone from your college send her a cheery greeting from her Alma Mater.

TWILIGHT WATCH STUDIES

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation neither shadow that is cast by turning. James 1:17

FIRST TWILIGHT: *The Giver and His Best Gift, II Cor. 9:15*

Let us begin the month of gifts by offering our praise and gratitude for the first Christmas Gift and our Best Christmas Gift. The Gift that came down from "the Father of lights", the maker of lights. Do not our very hearts glow as we think of the reason for the gift, the motive for sending it? I John 4:9, John 3:16. A lovely Christmas card last year bore these words "How shall He not freely give us all things who on Christmas Day gave us Himself?" Romans 8:32

SECOND TWILIGHT: *The Gift of a Comforter, John 14:16, 17*

This gift was sent just when Jesus' followers needed it. It was the gift the people of Israel needed; Isaiah 40:1. It is the gift we all need. May we have it? Luke 11:13. The gift was given to the disciples, Acts 1:4-8; 2:1-4, 41. It is given to us, Acts 2:38. Its coming plants seed in our hearts. Are we cultivating the fruit? Gal. 5:22

LOVE
GOOD TEMPER
FIDELITY

JOY
KINDLINESS
GENTLENESS

PEACE
GENEROSITY
SELF-CONTROL

What would it mean if every Christian were a Spirit-filled Christian? (Write to Mr. Fred Kelker, Box 216, Harrisburg, Pa. asking for the free pamphlet "The Three-Fold Secret of the Holy Spirit".)

THIRD TWILIGHT: *God's Overflowing Grace and the Gift of Righteousness, Romans 5:17*

Jesus has said "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled." It is just a little hard for us to believe this until we look at Jeremiah 23:6 and Romans 5:18 and I Cor. 1:30. So it is never our righteousness but His righteousness, "just Himself" in us, the gift of the Father of lights.

FOURTH TWILIGHT: *The Special Gift of God, Eph. 2:8*

That you believe is not by any ability of your own; and that you are saved is not for any worth in yourselves. Unto you it is given to believe on Christ, Phil. 1:29. Who is the author of our faith? Hebrews 12:2. To whom shall we go for more faith? Luke 17:5. Jesus said "I have prayed for thee, Peter, that thy faith fail not." Someone has said, "We never work faith up we pray it down." So we are where we began: these and all our real gifts are just part of the gift that came on the first Christmas Day.

"Thou art the Christ, to Thee we owe allegiance.

May our devotion sweep from sea to sea,
Even as we the Gift from Thee receiving,
Joyfully minister that Gift for Thee."

"We follow Thee, O Christ, with reverent steps—

Follow Thee whose holy work was 'doing good';
So shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple;
Each loving life a psalm of gratitude."



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FIRST MEETING

Topic—Facing the Situation in China

Hymn—O, Zion Haste

Watchword—Daniel 12:3

Sentence Prayers for Missionaries in China

Hymn—Hail to the Brightness of Zion's Glad Morning

Scripture verses on "Joy"—Let the leader comment briefly as girls give verses
Prayer of Thanksgiving for God's Best Gift

Christmas and China—A brief review of the history of our Christmas offering for China (See "In Royal Service" page 141 and page 192.)

Campaign Echoes from China

Hymn—The Morning Light Is Breaking

*The Situation in China

Prayer for All Our Work in China

Business

Song—As a Volunteer—Mizpah

Campaign Echoes from China

As we come to the first anniversary of "Victory Week" with its marvelous forward movement for southern Baptists, let us see what the campaign meant to the Baptists of other lands, particularly of China where southern Baptists have their largest work. We are used to the thought of our own achievements now. Do the things these native Christians, in their heathen environment did, measure up to the new liberality of Christians at home? Surely we should not expect so much. Miss Hartwell of the Hwanghein field wrote shortly after the campaign: "These poor women who live from hand to mouth as it were, gave at one place an average of 54 cents each, at another of \$1.78 each and at the third an average of \$2.88 each." From the same field come these stories. One poor woman said, "I had thought

it over and decided to give a dollar for next year, but when I opened my mouth to speak it said 'two dollars!'" Another woman said, "My heart is not ten parts at peace about having subscribed only one-sixth of my year's salary. As the W.M.U. has assumed one-third of the whole, I feel perhaps I ought to give one-third of my salary. I am praying about it." In this field the gifts when put into our money average about five dollars per year for each member. From Pingtu comes the news of great giving. Dr. Sears writes about one woman who saved three dollars from her meager wages for plaiting straw braid and gave it all in the Campaign. Are not these echoes enough to show to those at home that Christianity means something to the people over there and that they have the Christian spirit in giving?

SECOND MEETING

Topic—Worshipping the King

Hymn—O Worship the King

Lord's Prayer

Hymn—Day is Dying in the West

Bible Readings—By three girls: Isaiah

40:1-5; Isaiah 52:8-10; Isaiah 53:3-6

Carol—Silent Night

The Christmas Story—Luke 2:8-16, recited or read in concert

Carol—O Little Town of Bethlehem

Prayer

Carol—Under the Stars

A Christmas Story

Carol—Joy to the World

Mizpah

Note: If at all possible let this be a twilight service. Make the room more beautiful than the girls have ever seen it. Use candles or dimmed electric lights. As the girls gather let soft music create the atmosphere of reverence and worship without which this program cannot be a success. Emphasize the triumphant, glad note throughout the service.

A Christmas Story

Her name was "Joy-of-the-Morning" and surely no sunny-hearted girl of the far away East ever deserved lovely name more than she. When the sun climbed over the great wall into the city of darkness and woke the Girls' School compound each morning he found always in her face an answering smile as bright as his own. Some days when the sun did not come, the girls forgot it because of the song that never failed as "Joy-of-the-Morning" went about her morning duties. The teacher was never found who had the heart to punish the mischievous little witch no matter to what lengths her fertile imagination led her and her faithful followers of the mat-she'd class room. For girls of China are not one bit behind their American sisters in thinking up escapades to enliven the routine of boarding school. What strange, funny, tender little tales "The Missioner" used to tell us about this child so dear to her heart as we gathered about her fire that wonderful winter when she was at home on furlough. One night as we were busy making gifts for the approaching holiday she laid aside her sewing and said, "I shall never forget Joy-of-the-Morning's first Christmas. It was my first Christmas in China, you remember, and I had been wondering just how it would be so far from America and with only our few little Christians out of all that great heathen city to keep the day. But luckily I did not have much time to dread the loneliness. We had planned a very elaborate program of celebration and it takes even more practicing in China than it does over here. Between times, whenever we could snatch a minute alone, we worked on decorations for the tree and surprises for the girls till we were all tired out. At last the day came. I am sure when we were little and lived in momentary expectation of hearing the jingle of Santa Claus' sleigh bells we were not more excited or slept half so little as those girls. Many of them had been in the school before and knew what to expect but they had only increased the curiosity of the new girls by their hints. At last the time came. The girls had learned two or three carols very well and several had pieces to say. Joy-of-the-Morning was one of these and the

child was radiant. Nothing escaped her. Even now I can see her lift up her head and sing and her solemn stateliness as she said her speech. I could hardly keep my eyes from her for I love the child as my own. When we marched in to see the tree she led the line and I have never seen such shining glory on any human face. That year one of the societies had sent us a box of lovely dolls. And the joy of an American girl over a Chinese doll is as nothing compared with that of the Chinese over one from America. When they had marched about the tree singing, the girls sat down and each received a gift. Each of the smaller ones, of course, got a doll. I myself laid Joy-of-the-Morning's in her lap. Dear, if you might have seen the face of that little child! Sometimes we say the Chinese are not expressive but Joy-of-the-Morning was transfigured. At first she let it lay as though half afraid to touch it. But at last she gathered it up, with a look of wrapt wonder, into her arms. The others marched out but I stayed behind to put out the candles and leave everything in order. A twig of the green caught fire and with the odor there came such a rush of memories that homesickness overwhelmed me. I slipped into a chair and hid my face but no tears came. Soon I heard the soft shuffle of sandals and looking up saw Joy-of-the-Morning as she came through the door. She hurried up to me and asked, "What can I give Him? I must give Him something. What can I give?" She still carried her doll in her arms but I did not understand. I questioned her as to what she meant. I do not know by what process of reasoning the doll made her sure that Jesus loved her, I only know it did and that after the Chinese fashion she wanted to give some gift worthy to show her appreciation. So I told her of the one best gift our Saviour wants every girl to make to Him. It took a long time to explain for I wanted her to be very sure just what it meant. You see she had not been with us so very long and had not had much teaching. But at last she understood and then and there she gave her heart to Christ. I wonder if even you can know the joy of my first Christmas in China and Joy-of-the-Morning's glad giving?

*See paragraph 7, page 18



R. A. PROGRAMS



Miss Mary Pressley Smith, Kentucky

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ROYAL AMBASSADOR CHAPTER, LAICHOWFU, CHINA

The characters on breast of members are "Wang Kin Day"—"Sent by the King"

FIRST MEETING

Topic—The Chinese Republic
Hymn—Go Labor On, Spend and Be Spent
Scripture—Habakkuk 2:1-4, 18-20
Prayer—For our nation that it may uphold high ideals through the lives of individuals so that the Chinese in this country may be drawn to Christ

Hymn—Onward Christian Soldiers
Talk—The Chinese Flag (by one of the boys)
Quiz—The divisions of our work in China
Tell of a missionary from your own home or state in China
Prayer—Especially for our own missionary mentioned above and for the Chinese Christians
Business
Hymn—The Son of God Goes Forth to War
Closing Prayer
Blackboard Suggestion: a Chinese flag in colors

Red—China

Yellow—Manchuria

Blue—Mongolia

White—Tibet

Black—Turkestan

*The dragon with its age-long mythological meaning has been banished from all the national flags of China. China as a nation is awakening to new ideals. We must in this transition age give to her the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only faith that has the possibility of being vital and of making of China the world force for righteousness she should become. If we do not, the last state of China will be worse than the first. (Luke 11:24-26)

THE DIVISIONS OF OUR WORK IN CHINA

Our work in China is divided into four main divisions: Central, Interior, North

*See paragraph 2, page 10

and South China Missions. Have a question box with questions marked "C" for Central, "N", North etc.; pass box with questions on one side of the room and answers on the other.

C-1: Name a city in China that was founded in the days of Nehemiah.

C-1: Soochow, in Central China, population 750,000, has an enviable reputation for culture and learning.

C-2: What has become of the Buddhist temple at King Kiang?

C-2: The people of their own accord burned the idols, tore down the heathen altars and offered the house to the mission for a church building. Windows were opened to let in the light and a bell tower was built.

N-1: What was done to the patriotic students of North China by the corrupt officials?

N-1: These young patriots have been imprisoned, beaten and, in a few instances, killed by the representatives of the government.

N-2: What is the Shangtung Evangelistic Band?

N-2: A group of young men who travel with missionary Stephens. They are especially trained and each plays some musical instrument; the music is a great feature of their work.

N-3: What is one embarrassment of missionary work in North China?

N-3: The native churches are carrying on the work of evangelism with such tremendous force we are unable to follow up the openings made by them.

N-4: How did 161 Chinese Christians near Tengchow contribute to the mission?

N-4: The Chinese Christians built a beautiful chapel costing \$1100. Some who felt too poor to give money gave time.

S-1: How has Mrs. Sun Yat Sen, wife of the first president of China, shown interest in our work?

S-1: She has turned over money to us to conduct a Christian school in their native village entirely under the direction of our mission.

S-2: What provision has been made for the thousands of outcast lepers in Kwong Tung province?

S-2: Dr. Lake has secured an island off the coast of China on which it is proposed

to make a leper colony. Truly this is a great day for these poor outcasts, not only in the comfort for their wretched bodies but, also, because they will learn of Him who cleanses the hearts of men.

SECOND MEETING

Topic—Our Boys' Schools in China
Song—Dare to be a Daniel
Bible Lesson—A Babylonian School: Daniel 1:3-16; 6:10
Sentence Prayers from the Scriptures
Hymn—The Son of God Goes Forth to War
Business—Roll Call—Offering
Leader's Talk—Daniel and Other School Boys
Boys' Exercise—Putting Our Schools on the Map
Hymn—Christ for the World We Sing
Closing Prayer

Bible Lesson—Have two boys read the Bible references given above. Leader then tells the story briefly. Tell how Israelitish boys went to boarding school in the king's palace; speak of the temptations met with: to do as their fellows, to put popularity and "standing in" with their instructors above honor and their religious duties, to eat too heartily of the good things in the palace. Show how the four boys overcame these (the only time recorded in history that school boys complained of having things too good to eat). Give briefly the latter history of Daniel. Was Daniel's manhood free from temptation to desert God? Tell of the present student movement in China, of how the students from twelve to twenty-two years of age have stood out as patriots against the corrupt Chinese officials.

THE TASK—"To educate one quarter of the human race, where at present it is estimated that only one man in twenty-seven and not one woman in a hundred can read."

Pin up a large outline map of China with the main divisions of our work indicated by dotted lines. Mark with stars places where we have a boys' school. Let the boys pin the names of the cities on the map telling significant facts.

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SUNBEAM PROGRAMS



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FIRST MEETING

TOPIC—Strange Ways in China
SONG—The World Children for Jesus
SENTENCE PRAYERS FOR MISSIONARIES
SONG—Jesus Loves Me
ROLL CALL ANSWERED BY BIBLE VERSES
SONG—Praise Him
BIBLE STORY—Jesus and a Little Foreign Girl
SONG—Jesus Loves Little Children
PRAYER
TALK—Strange Ways in China
BUSINESS
SUNBEAM SONG
CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus and a Little Foreign Girl

Once upon a time when Jesus was here on earth He took some of His friends and went on a long journey into a far country. All the people there were very strange. They did not act or talk like the people Jesus was used to and I am not sure but I do not think they dressed just alike either. But Jesus loved them for all that because you know that Jesus loves everybody. While Jesus was up in the strange country with His friends a woman of the land heard about Him. Somebody had told her about the wonderful things He could do, how He could make the sick well and the lame walk and the deaf hear and the blind see. So when she heard that He had come to her country she came right to Him and asked Him to please come and make her little girl well. Her little girl was very sick and there was no one in all that land who had been able to make her well. Now Jesus loved that little girl, of course, just as He loves you and me, but He wanted to be sure that the mother knew this. He asked the mother if she thought He would help a little girl who didn't belong to His country. He asked, too, if she did not know that He had come



MISS OO MING YUNG AND HER CHRISTIAN PARENTS

Miss Oo of Shanghai wrote the Sunbeam story for the Christmas Offering program

to save His own people. The woman did believe that Jesus would help her even though she was a foreigner so she said she knew He had come to help His own people but believed He would help her too. When Jesus saw that she really understood how He loved everybody He was very, very glad and made her little girl well, as she had asked Him to do.

Strange Ways in China

In our Bible lesson a little while ago we talked about Jesus and a little foreign girl. Who can tell me what a foreigner is? And when we send those who tell foreign people about Jesus what do we call them?

What kind of missionaries? Yes. Now who will tell me some of the people to whom we send foreign missionaries? Do all foreign children play as we do? Do they go to the same kind of schools? Do they have good doctors and nurses and nice big hospitals to go to when they are sick? Are we helping to build any hospitals for them and sending them doctors and nurses? *Tell me the name of one brave nurse we sent them who was as brave as a soldier? I wonder if you would like to know some more about the queer things these far-off foreign people do? I was reading a little book about China one day and it told so many strange ways that the people have over there. How many of you boys would like to work for less than twenty cents a day when you get big? Well that is just about what the Chinese laboring men get for a hard day's work. It would take a long time to be a millionaire in China. How would my girls like to wear pants to school and let the boys wear skirts? If you did that in China you would only be doing like all the other boys and girls! You see China is on the opposite side of the world from us and they do a great many things exactly backwards from our way. Have you ever seen a compass? Which way does the needle point? Yes, over here it points north, but in China it points south. How many of you go to school? How are your books written?

*See Royal Service, November 1920, page 23

Where do you begin to read? Over there the books are written with the words in columns like you have in your spelling lessons and instead of beginning to read at the top they begin to read at the bottom. When they meet you on the street they do not shake your hand, they shake their own. How many of you would like to shake hands with me in Chinese? Just like this. If you have soup and pie both for dinner, which do you eat first? The Chinese would eat the pie first. They begin with their dessert and finish with soup. Some of you boys would like that wouldn't you? When they have a wedding in China everybody wears black and when they have a funeral they wear white. Over here we always try to tell the truth. Over there they think that the one who can tell the most stories is the smartest and the most polite. Over here we know that there is only one God who made the heavens and the earth and that He does not want anyone to worship anything but Him. Over there they think idols of wood and stone are gods and that water and earth and air are full of spirits who will harm them unless they worship them. Over here we are not afraid. But over there everybody is afraid of everything and they are not happy at all. We do right because we love God and want to please Him. They do right because they hate their gods and are afraid of them. Our missionaries are teaching them the happier way.

SECOND MEETING

TOPIC—Christmas
SONG—Christ Was once a Little Baby
SONG—Love
PRAYER
SONG—Away in a Manger
BIBLE STORY—The Coming of the Christ Child
CAROL—Under the Stars
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
SONG—Praise Him
A CHRISTMAS STORY: Little Gretchen and the Wooden Shoe (From "Christmas Legends and Stories")
PRAYER SONG—Lord Who Lovest Little Children
CAROL—Joy to the World
OFFERING
SONG—Star, Star, Beautiful Star
BENEDICTION

The Coming of the Christ Child

A long time ago the people of the world did not know how much God loved them and how tenderly He cared for them, and so they were not good and kind and helpful as they should have been and it grieved Him greatly. As the sun shone brightly each golden ray whispered, "He loves you. God loves you." And the flowers on the green earth's breast raised their lovely heads and said, "He loves you. God loves you." And the birds as they flew through the azure sky sang as though their very throats would burst, "He loves you. God loves you." Still the people did not understand. And our Father's heart was troubled.

At last He sent His Son, His only Son. The people had not understood the birds and the flowers and the sun as they told of God's great love, but surely they would understand His Son. So He sent Him. He might have sent Him in any way that He pleased, but He wanted everybody, everywhere to love Him, so He sent Him as the dearest thing in all the world—a little bit of a baby, born in a manger.

But babies must have mothers and fathers too, to care for them and make them happy. In the little village of Nazareth there lived a gentle, kind woman named Mary, and a strong, good man named Joseph. God chose these two to make ready a place for His own Son, the Christ Child who should come. I do not know how they passed the weary days until His coming. But I think Joseph must often have whistled as he worked away at His carpenter's bench and I am sure Mary sang as she went about her daily tasks because of the joy to come.

Now it so happened after many days that Joseph had need to go on a long journey to Bethlehem of Judea, there to be numbered with all his father's people at the emperor's command. And Mary, his wife, went with him. So long was the way and so slowly did they travel that when they were come to the village no room for them could be found, neither at the inn nor in any of the houses. So Joseph made for Mary a bed of straw out in the stable where the cattle lay. And there in the stillness of the sleeptime, while the stars shone overhead, the Christ Child

came to earth. And wrapping Him in swaddling clothes they laid Him in a manger.

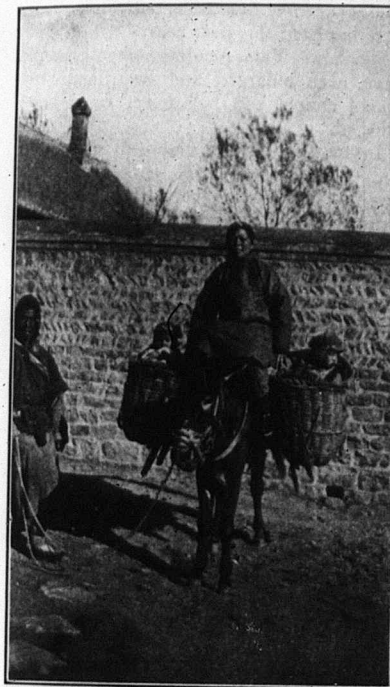
(Here read Luke 2:8-20.)

At the same time far away in the east Wise Men were watching, and as they watched, behold a wonderful star appeared, beautiful and very bright. And when they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding joy for they knew that the Christ was born. They made ready with haste for the long journey across the desert sands to the city of Jerusalem that they might see Him. Can't you just close your eyes and see them as they journeyed, each seated high on his camel's back? And can't you think what they must have said when, at evening, they camped by some desert spring and looked up at the wonderful star and talked of Him and of God's great love who gave His only Son?

And when they were come to Jerusalem they said, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." Then Herod was troubled and all Jerusalem with him, for he was king of the Jews and wanted none other to be king in his stead. So he called those who should know and asked of them where Jesus should be born and they told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written." Then Herod commanded the Wise Men that they should go to Bethlehem and find the Christ Child and when they had found Him to come again and bring him word that he might go and worship Him also. But in this Herod deceived the Wise Men for he only sought the Child to put Him to death. And the Wise Men when they heard the king, departed. And behold, the star which they had seen in the east went before them till it came and stood over the place where the young child was. And when they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house they saw the Child with Mary, His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him. And opening their treasures they offered unto Him gifts; gold and frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod in Jerusalem, they departed into their own country by another way, praising and glorifying God.



FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



CHINESE CHRISTIAN WOMAN

*Rode 15 Miles to Attend Missionary Society
and to Give her Contribution to the Five Year
Program of \$50,000 from North China
Mission*

LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE

THE annual meeting of the North China Mission has just closed and we feel that God's presence was indeed with us. Some weeks before the date set for the meeting, Miss Jane Lide sent a circular letter to all the women of our mission asking that they be much in prayer for the meeting and that the women come together in a session by themselves to formulate plans for enlarged activities of work, and for more efficient methods of work among the millions of women and

children in Shantung Province. We were asked to bring well-thought-out plans for enlarged work as we had felt the need in our own stations.

As a result of this on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock the women of our North China Mission met together in a memorable session, and of this meeting I would write. Miss Anna Hartwell and Miss Jane Lide were chosen chairman and secretary and, after asking God's very definite leading in every word that should be spoken, we were asked to state our plans of work for this new day in China. You know what it is to feel the very presence of God's Holy Spirit leading; in those moments as our women one by one stated clearly and definitely long cherished plans, each fitted in with the other enlarging and rounding out one another until there before us lay the plan, as we believe worked out by the very spirit of God, of a great center reaching out and touching the lives of all who need us. It was a wonderful hour! The long cherished plan of one is to care for the helpless little babes so often thrown out to the dogs to be torn in pieces while yet alive. The desire of another is to give some kind of industrial employment to the thousands of widows who are left for a number of years, sometimes for life, to struggle along unsupported because of their husbands going into Manchuria and other places seeking employment. This is one of the great sources of beggary, sin and suicide. Care of the blind, succor of the aged, education of the mothers in the care of their children, daily health lectures, Bible classes, kindergartens—these are some of the dreams brought into light on that day. What was it all but a plan for a "Good Will Center" in each of our stations equipped to supply that which is lacking for China's needy ones?

Oh! how we all rejoiced when it was decided to send a cablegram asking Mrs. James, Mrs. McLure and Miss Mallory to visit us and see the need for themselves. We know that then they will be able to state the needs in burning words to our

sisters at home to whom we must appeal for help. God grant that they may come.—
Evelyn Corbitt Leonard, Laichowfu, China

SOUTH CHINA W.M.U. MEETING

A most interesting looking program, all written in picturesque Chinese characters, has been received at the Baltimore office from Mrs. John Lake of Canton. Mrs. Lake wisely made notes in English on the several parts of the program. Mrs. Loo Lin, the president, gave her annual address; there were reports from 31 societies; the report of the executive committee was rendered by Mrs. Lake; pledges were taken for the support of Bible women; prayer was offered by Mrs. R. H. Graves; and the annual sermon was preached by Rev. Chung. On the program occur the names also of Mrs. W. D. King and Mrs. Yeung Oh Fong, the latter's husband a graduate of the University of Richmond, as the Committee on Decorations; of Mrs. R. E. Chambers, Miss Sarah Funderburke, Miss Sit and Mrs. Loo, the Reception Committee; and of Mrs. G. W. Greene and Mrs. J. L. Galloway, whose duties were not "translated".

A MISSIONARY HELPS THE SUNBEAMS

Rev. S. L. Ginsburg of Rio de Janeiro kindly prepared the phonetic pronunciation of the Portuguese translation of the Scripture which is suggested for the Sunbeam Christmas Offering program of the January Week of Prayer. It is believed that with this phonetic pronunciation the Sunbeam leaders can easily train the children so that this innovation in their program will be indeed impressive and will remind the children that God's Word has been translated into other than the English language. The suggestion is made that, after each verse is given in unison in Portuguese by the selected group of children, dressed in appropriate costume, the same verse be rendered in English by the rest of the Sunbeam Band. The Sunbeam Christmas Offering program also calls for the singing in Chinese by a group dressed in Chinese costumes of the well-known song, "Jesus Loves Me", after which the rest of the band will sing it in English.

R. A. PROGRAMS

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CENTRAL CHINA: Shanghai Baptist College: The first college in China to have a gymnasium, now has over three hundred students, forty-five accepted Christ and were baptized this past year.

Soochow—Yates Academy school grounds have been enlarged and beautified; the school chapel and bell tower have been finished.

INTERIOR CHINA: Pochow—Even though the Chinese look upon work with contempt, thirty boys have worked their way through school this year. The boys do well at dairying and there is a demand for the dairy and farm products.

Kaifeng—Our schools have a good reputation in the community. A science department has been added to our boys' school.

NORTH CHINA: Hwanghien—In order to make money for the Campaign the boys have done coolie and secretarial work, have sold everything from old newspapers, tin cans and bottles to Ingersoll watches and have made and sold mucilage, chalk and envelopes.

Tengchow—The outstanding feature of the year has been the organization of a R.A. chapter with an enrollment of twenty, which has contributed during the year about ten dollars. The boys conduct their own meetings, lead in prayer, manage their own business, have a circulating library of one hundred volumes and five boys were baptized last fall.

Laichowfu—All the students are Christians, three have decided to preach. There has been added recently an industrial department, all are learning to weave rugs so besides learning a trade they are earning a part of their board.

SOUTH CHINA: Kweilin—Our school has increased in "Tao Teh" or good principles. Most of the higher class are studying for the ministry; they, with the help of some Baptist boys from the government schools, have conducted a night school.

Yingtak—During the year boys have responded to our efforts to help them earn their way in school and develop themselves in self-reliance, self-control and genuine pleasure in manual work, which heretofore have been so foreign to Chinese students.



TRAINING SCHOOL



THE UPS AND DOWNS OF THE GIRLS IN "HOUSE BEAUTIFUL"

"JANGLEDY-CLANG!!". The all too discordant rising bell rings at six o'clock but it seems like midnight. For the next ten minutes you experience an agonizing struggle between the desire to snuggle into your pillow and the prod of conscience but you do get up and are all ready when the chapel bell rings at six-forty-five. Then you join the other girls in the chapel for the finest part of the whole day. You can never forget how the early sunbeams filter through those golden glass windows and how sweetly the strains of "Let Jesus Christ Be Praised" echo from the chapel gallery. At the close of the half-hour you hurry downstairs to the dining-room lest the good breakfast Miss Warren has prepared get cold, trying during the gaps in the conversation vainly to remember the last page of the chronological chart—only there usually aren't any gaps in the table talk. For those whose turn it is to wash dishes the plates and glasses slide through the electric dishwasher like magic but ere they are done the first class bell has rung and you must dash into your coat and overshoes and up Broadway to the seminary. The next moment you are walking into "Judgment Hall", one small atom of that huge Old Testament class and doubting your courage ever to recite before the formidable congregation of preachers.

On your return to the Training School you go into expression class where you struggle to make your angular arms express "fear" and "love" and "amazement". Then in the mission study class you listen to Grandmother Eager tell of the thrilling first days of W.M.U. and the "House Beautiful". There's just time before dinner to hurry in to Mrs. Smith, apologizing that you cannot play "The Fight Is On" but promising emphatically to practice more next week. At dinner you regret that you have only two ears and one tongue—there are so many items of interest to report, as for instance one of the "brethren" would insist the Queen of Sheba was Solomon's mother.

Five minutes of two! You must catch the next car! For the next hour at your club you exert every ounce of physical, mental and spiritual energy in persuading some fifteen or twenty young Americans they love each other too much to quarrel and are too ambitious to use bad English, teaching them wordwork on the side.

At home again there's just time to wash your face and hands and wish Louisville did have smoke consumers. Then, at five-thirty, you are alone in your room for the sweet quiet hour and all the stress and hurry of the day is over. You realize you haven't done much after all as you read of the busy days of the Man of Galilee. Soon the gong announces supper and again footsteps clatter down the tiled hall and you realize how hungry you are for the good things awaiting you. Evening chapel follows and then a half-hour in "gym" class makes you aware that 550 of your 600 muscles haven't moved for the past year or two.

On the way upstairs you look longingly into Mother McLure's living-room and wish you could steal a few minutes for a chat with her. Half-past seven finds you at your desk delving into "ologies" and "isms" hoping you will learn the answer to the particular question Dr. "Bob" will address to you the next morning. Study hour lasts until ten o'clock but there is a five-minute recess when you can say "hōwdy" to your next door neighbor.

"Clangedy-jangle!!" Can it be ten-thirty? Where has the day gone? "Click" goes every light switch, "creak, creak" goes every bed spring and another day of your Training School life is over.—*Gladys Parker*

"While the deepening shadows fall, heart of love enfolding all,
Gather us who seek Thy face, to the fold of Thy embrace."



PERSONAL SERVICE



THE CHILD IN INDUSTRY

Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord.—Ps. 127:3

R easons R esults	for from	CHILD LABOR
R ights R esponsibility	of the to the	CHILD

I. Causes that Led to Employment of Children

The term "Child Labor" is usually applied to children employed in industries other than agriculture; child labor came about with the industrial revival which followed the civil war and reconstruction days. Families often ignorant and untrained, largely from the mountain sections, unable to make more than a scant living, lured by the promise of good wages, moved to industrial centers. The whole family had worked at home on the little farm and so no thought was given to all working now, especially as hours of work were no longer than formerly.

From the standpoint of the factory, employment of the children furnished cheaper labor and labor that could be trained to efficiency, it was also the means of holding the family. When anyone was dropped it was usually the father, naturally the most clumsy—but had not the father in the mountain home fished and hunted while the children worked? When the family finances permitted the mother was next dropped, hence arose the "idle parents" class.

II. Industries that Employ Children

In studying child labor in the south we immediately think of the cotton factories in some of our large southern states. Census

of 1900 showed 28,000 in the cotton mills, leaving 200,000 employed elsewhere than in agriculture. The National Child Labor Committee made a recent study of welfare conditions in one state and found that of the approximately 153,000 children out of school only 4,000 were employed in cotton factories. No one could say where the other 149,000 were.

III. Class of Children Employed

In our territory almost exclusively native born white children—no negroes—are employed.

What is the age limit in your state?

What is the compulsory education school term?

IV. Results from Child Labor

Contrast the advantages and disadvantages: Humble homes, poverty, lack of social intercourse, little or no school and church privileges; owners of their poor homes, working out of doors with varied work but monotonous lives.

Rented homes, less healthful working conditions, work monotonous often causing stunted physical and mental development (not only running spindles etc. but the monotony of counting hour after hour, day after day a certain number of toothpicks into a box, making the same artificial

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UNION NOTES



ROUND TABLE

At the December meeting distribute the Christmas Offering envelopes.

Enlargement usually indicates success. Thirty-six pages, an increase of four, is the size of ROYAL SERVICE for this month. The craving for more program material has necessitated this enlargement since it was highly desirable that none of the other departments be discontinued. Few things are cause for greater delight than the desire for at least two programs each month for each grade of W.M.U. organizations. It certainly must indicate success, which ROYAL SERVICE celebrates by increasing its size to thirty-six pages. May the increase truly be "four square" in its helpfulness.

Every member of the various W.M.U. organizations should be given a Christmas Offering envelope.

The programs, free leaflets and envelopes for the Christmas Offering for the January Week of Prayer were sent from the Baltimore office in ample time so that they could be distributed by the state leaders in November to the different organizations. Thus at the first meeting in December the appeal can be read from the Foreign Mission Board, the envelopes can be distributed, the priced literature ordered and further plans made for the observance of the week in January. One member recently said that her society always waited until the last minute to order the priced leaflets from Baltimore. She has promised to "turn over a new leaf" this year. How fine it would be if the free and priced leaflets were studied hard enough for those reading them to give the text practically from memory.

Every person in the church, who will agree to use it, should be given a Christmas Offering envelope.

A valuable reprint has just been made by the W.M.U. Literature Department of the

leaflet entitled "The Romance of Our Bible" by Dr. J. M. Wilbur of Philadelphia but formerly of Baltimore. Such a leaflet is always valuable, especially in explaining to the young people how God has preserved His Book. It is particularly applicable just now when the women are studying the new book, "The Bible and Missions". It may be secured for 5 cents a copy from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 15 West Franklin Street, Baltimore, Md. From the same address may be purchased for additional help for the new book: Chinese Bible Now Complete, 1c; Some Stories of Bible Translations, 2c; How the Great Book Was Made, 2c; and The Bible, What Is It, 2c. For the small sum of 12 cents the five leaflets, including the reprint by Dr. Wilbur may be secured. The collection can but prove helpful.

"The earlier the better" is it to order the priced leaflets for the January Week of Prayer.

"The Annual Meetings of the Woman's Missionary Union of Maryland and of the Young Woman's Auxiliary were held October 25, 27, 28, 29, in the beautiful new auditorium of the Seventh Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md. The attendance was large, the reports encouraging, the messages inspiring and uplifting—all sounding forth the note of "Victory". The Personal Service Period of the program was participated in by representative women from our mothers' meetings, teachers in school for foreigners, and by other settlement workers; this reached its climax in a spontaneous offering of over \$400 which will be used to furnish our Good Will Center. The question of the removal of W.M.U. headquarters from Baltimore was acted upon by a rising vote which was unanimously in favor of retaining headquarters. Truly our meeting was a mountain top experience from which we descend to carry on the Master's work, knowing that with His blessing and help we cannot fail."

The second year of the Baptist 75 Million Campaign begins in most churches with December. Is your first year's pledge fully paid?

New Mexico was visited by the W.M.U. corresponding secretary the first part of October. The first stop was for Sunday at Raton, 6,666 feet above the sea level. The next Sunday was spent at Artesia far down in the southeast corner of the state. The intervening days were given to East Las Vegas, Albuquerque, Tucumcari, Clovis, Portales and Carlsbad. At each of these places there was the most cordial hospitality coupled with a representative attendance upon and decided interest in the meeting. Five years ago it was the pleasure of the W.M.U. corresponding secretary to visit Raton, Albuquerque, Tucumcari and Clovis. Almost without exception the W.M.U. work in these places seems to have greatly grown in the meanwhile. Mission study classes were being held, personal service was being carefully reported. Sunbeam Bands were being fostered, interesting programs being carried out and campaign pledges being redeemed. Encouraging also was the work at Portales, Artesia and Carlsbad. At Portales the personal service is very practical because the Baptist State Orphanage, which is less than a year old, is located there, with thirty boys and girls as its beneficiaries. Many W.M.U. workers in the other southern states are old enough to remember when the Baptists of their states founded their orphanages. They can, therefore, appreciate the overflowing joy and pride of New Mexico Baptists in this new avenue for loving service.

December is, because of the Great Christmas Gift, the best of months for personal service.

At Roswell the New Mexico Baptist Convention met in annual session October 11-14. Few southern towns are as lovely as Roswell. It is a veritable flower-garden in a rich fruit and truck-gardening section. The two W.M.U. sessions were held on Monday night and Tuesday afternoon, the president and acting corresponding secretary, Mrs. M. D. Schumaker of Albuquerque, presiding. Every phase of the work re-

ceived consideration, Mrs. Schumaker further emphasizing many W.M.U. ideals in her admirable address. The vice presidents reinforced her optimism by their divisional reports. As one looked out upon the well-filled Sunday school room thanks ascended for the growth since the annual meeting in Tucumcari five years ago. Practically the same staff of officers were elected, except Mrs. J. W. Bruner of Albuquerque who succeeds Mrs. T. H. Rixey as auxiliary and Royal Ambassador leader.

The Christmas Offering counts on the Baptist 75 Million Campaign.

Heartfelt enthusiasm certainly was characteristic of the Wednesday night session of the New Mexico Baptist Convention when the report of the orphanage was rendered. About twenty of the children were present with the matron, Miss Beulah Fonville. Ever so sweetly they sang their songs and recited Scripture verses. When they sat down, a Roswell merchant arose and said he would furnish the orphanage with flour for a whole year. Amid cheers such other pledges as the following, besides a goodly amount of money, were made: a Holstein cow which gives ten gallons a day; a half carload of feed; an incubator; ten hens; syrup to last for a year; ten brooms made in Roswell; and a sanitary drinking fountain.

A good "excuse" for organizing a Sunbeam Band is the rendering of their Christmas Offering program.

While at the Roswell meeting the W.M.U. corresponding secretary met many of the frontier missionaries. How the heart yearned for a box of supplies to be sent to each one of them. If they could not make ends meet in pre-war days it is inconceivable that they can do so in these days of exceedingly high if decreasing prices. Any society wishing to send a box to a frontier missionary may secure the letter by writing to the Baltimore headquarters.

No W.M.S. can make A-1 on the standard of excellence which does not foster a Sunbeam Band in its church.

Almost miraculous, almost like Minerva full grown from the brain of Jove, is the gift to New Mexico Baptists of the Montezuma Baptist College at East Las Vegas. Twenty years ago it was built as a hotel at an expense of over \$1,000,000 by the Santa Fe Railway and for ten years was highly popular but was abandoned for resorts further west. Last December the Commercial Club of Las Vegas presented it to the New Mexico Baptists with the sole condition that they would use it for a school. This they joyfully agreed to do and are planning to open the college next September. The sun is said to shine, for a while at least, almost every day in Las Vegas and the air is full of the ozone of the mountains, which are the only rivals of the majesty and beauty of the well-nigh perfectly preserved buildings. Success surely awaits the college

Order the new book, "Talks on Soul Winning", from Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. The prices are, paper binding 60c., cloth 75.

Few helps are more valuable to the Baltimore office than are the leaflets which are written by the various friends for the special seasons of prayer. Truly all W.M.U. workers thank these friends "of the ready pen" and rejoice to use their stories from year to year. The leaflets for the approaching January Week of Prayer were written by the following friends: Dr. W. J. McGlothlin, S.C.; Mrs. W. B. Bagby, Brazil; Miss Clara Keith, Africa; Mrs. E. Y. Mullins, Ky.; Miss Mary Argyle Taylor, Italy; Mrs. Norman F. Williamson, Japan; and Mrs. C. J. Lowe, Miss Sallie Priest, Miss Bertha Smith, Miss Bonnie Ray and Miss Oo Ming Yung of China.

On page 24 is given the picture of Miss Oo and her parents, Miss Oo having written the Sunbeams a charming letter for their Christmas Offering program.

Splendidly attended was the evening mass meeting of the Baptist women of Missouri on October 18 when their State Baptist Association met in St. Joseph. The state W.M.U. president, Mrs. J. G. Reynolds, presided and the devotional service was led by Mrs. Everette Gill, formerly of

Italy. A pageant, entitled "Maladies and Remedies", was impressively rendered by one of the local societies. The W.M.U. corresponding secretary made a talk as she did also before the general association at its closing session. On the opening day of the general association, when the report was rendered by the State Executive Board, Mrs. Reynolds reported for woman's work, commending most highly the district secretaries, Misses Beswick, Gates and Ginsburg.

The W.M.U. president, Mrs. W. C. James, will represent the Union this month at the Florida annual meeting.

PERSONAL SERVICE

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flower etc.). Creation of a factory class—idle parents

V. Rights of the Child

The right to play and to freedom from care

The right to an education

The right to a chance to develop individuality

The right to moral and spiritual growth

VI. Responsibility to the child

Growing public sentiment against "Child Labor"

Tendency in better factories against employing children as having less responsibility as to time and waste of material

Parents awakening to their responsibility and wanting to give their children a chance to develop

Policy of education and training in better mills

Money spent freely in establishing Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A., Welfare Clubs, building churches etc.

Cotton mills, through their associations, urge states to pass compulsory education laws

Study the new Federal Child Labor Law passed February 14, 1919

Study your state Child Labor and Education Laws, also laxity in enforcing same

Study your local conditions

Use your influence to create sentiment against "Child Labor"

Mrs. J. Clyde Turner, N.C.



HOME DEPARTMENT



LITTLE JOHN CHINAMAN

IF you wish to visit a boy in China you must take a long journey by rail to the Pacific coast and from there a still longer one across the ocean of that name. You will probably land in Shanghai. Get the map and follow the journey, counting the miles you would have to travel.

If you ask how the Chinese boy lives and what he does just think of how you live and what you do and then be sure he would do it in exactly the opposite way. So be prepared for some queer sights but remember you will seem just as queer to him. In the first place he will not have a nice name such as you have. Until he is old enough to go to school he is called by such names as Ox, Pig, Dog or Sheep. His first school teacher gives him his "book name" by which he is afterward called. It is more complimentary than the first name and may be Pure, Good or some name like that. But these are not all the names he will have. When he grows up and leaves school he receives still another name, connected in some way with his "book name". If he should not grow up but die while still a boy he would have a wonderful funeral. The Chinese love to make a display on such occasions. They employ as many priests as they can afford and there is much piping and clanging of cymbals and pounding of drums. The Chinese call this music. Then there are candles and incense sticks kept burning. In addition to all this they burn paper money and sometimes paper houses and furniture. They think that in the spirit world their departed friends will enjoy these things. Let us, however, suppose that our little boy did not die and that we give him the name of Little John Chinaman.

When we arrive at his home he is at breakfast. His father is eating alone while John takes his bowl of rice, without salt, milk or sugar, and cup of tea out of doors. John would think he was sick if he did not eat two bowls of rice every morning. His mother eats what is left after he and his

father have finished. Perhaps you are wishing already that you were at your own table with father and mother and thinking how you would enjoy the oatmeal with cream and sugar and the nice hot muffins. But if you must eat with John be thankful that it is out of doors for the house is rather dark and stuffy as the windows have no glass and cannot be opened, they are covered with paper.

John starts off to school and you go with him. Perhaps it will be more cheerful there. John is a heathen and goes to the Chinese school. Here all the pupils study aloud and the noise is very unpleasant. They are all reading from the back to the front of the book and at the right side of the page from top to bottom and not across the page as we do. The title of the book, the chapter and the page are placed at the side instead of the top. If John could only go to the mission school he could be taught in a much better way and be told of Jesus who died to save us all from our sins. Remember that when you get back home and go to your Royal Ambassador meeting to give your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering!

You now go back with John to his home and if you stay over night you will have to sleep on a hard brick bed or perhaps on the floor for John's parents are poor. There are no carpets on the floor or pictures on the wall. By this time you are quite ready to say good-bye to John, but if you do he will shake his own hand and not yours.

Does this make-believe trip to China cause you to be glad you are an American boy? Does it make you thankful that you have been taught of the love of God who gave His only begotten Son to save the world—the Gift we celebrate this month? Yes, we know you are a noble boy and are grateful for these blessings and will want to show it in your Christmas Thank Offering.



BOOK REVIEWS



NEW LIFE CURRENTS IN CHINA

IN "New Life Currents in China" Mary Ninde Gamewell, the author, states that her earnest hope and desire for the book is that "it awakens the readers' interest sufficiently to send them to the mission reports of their individual mission boards and to reference books for detailed information". Any reader of the book will be indeed indifferent who fails to ask herself at the close of her reading what her particular denominational board is doing for China. That the book covers an extensive field of Christian activity is shown in the captions of its eight chapters: 1. Coming China; 2. Triumphs of Western Medical Science; 3. Chinese Leadership in Medicine; 4. Prevention Better than Cure; 5. Economic and Industrial Changes; 6. Vitalizing Power of Christian Education; 7. Three Social Transformations; 8. The Conquering Church of China. The scope of the subjects are as vast as China itself and the incidents relating to them, their clear recital, the element of adventure in them, together with the good type and paper make these chapters the best of company as well as most usable for mission study.

Beginning with the unrest of China in the past, the birth of the republic—followed by a hectic period of many perils—chapter one goes on to speak of new life currents running through the national life of China today.

Chapters two, three and four take up medical work from the early days of ignorance and malpractice to the present efficiency of missionary hospital work done by the various mission boards, including an interesting account of the work of the China Medical Board of the Rockefeller Foundation. The brave Chinese woman doctor receives her meed of appreciation. Sanitation, the care of public health and the fight against the opium curse are given as hopeful signs of the times. These pages cover more than eighty years of Gospel healing in China.

In chapter five industrial conditions are considered. The problems presented by the devastating floods that so frequently sweep over China, poor transportation and the lack of timber growth will, the writer believes, be solved by the industry of the Chinese laborer under the intelligent supervision of American engineers and foresters. Thus will be ushered in the "dawn of a new industrial day".

The supreme position of the scholar in old China and the power of modern education fill chapter six with many incidents of fascinating interest. The influence of the mission school is emphasized and the new phonetic system of writing is hailed as an important factor in education and consequently in the evangelization of China.

Chapters seven and eight treat of social and religious conditions, the influence of Christian literature, the status of women and the mission of the Christian church. The writer demonstrates that the supreme result of missionary work in China will be the establishment of the native Christian church which in its turn will become the conquering church of China. From this church or these churches will go forth "Chinese Christians, untrammelled by our limitations and, numbering thousands where we are tens, to carry the Torch of Truth to perishing millions that we can never hope to reach".

In "New Life Currents in China" the author provides the reader with a wealth of entertainment and instruction, as well as a book worthy of study. The present crucial hour in the history of China has brought forth much literature but none in which these serious problems are considered more satisfactorily than in Mrs. Gamewell's book. The descriptions are vivid and the conversations on many pages both lighten the book and enlighten the reader. Appendices invaluable for reference close the volume. We are glad to recommend this book to our women and young women for study and for program work.

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CHRISTMAS STORY

by

MISS FANNIE E. S. HECK

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This beautiful Christmas story was one of the last gifts made to the Union by its former president, Miss Heck. Though entitled a pageant it is not in pageant form but is a story, which if read or recited, will deeply interest the audience. It is indeed appropriate for the December W.M.S. and Y.W.A. programs. College Y.W.A.'s will be delighted with it. It is attractively bound and is, therefore, also charming as a Christmas gift booklet.

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