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Colossians 1:18

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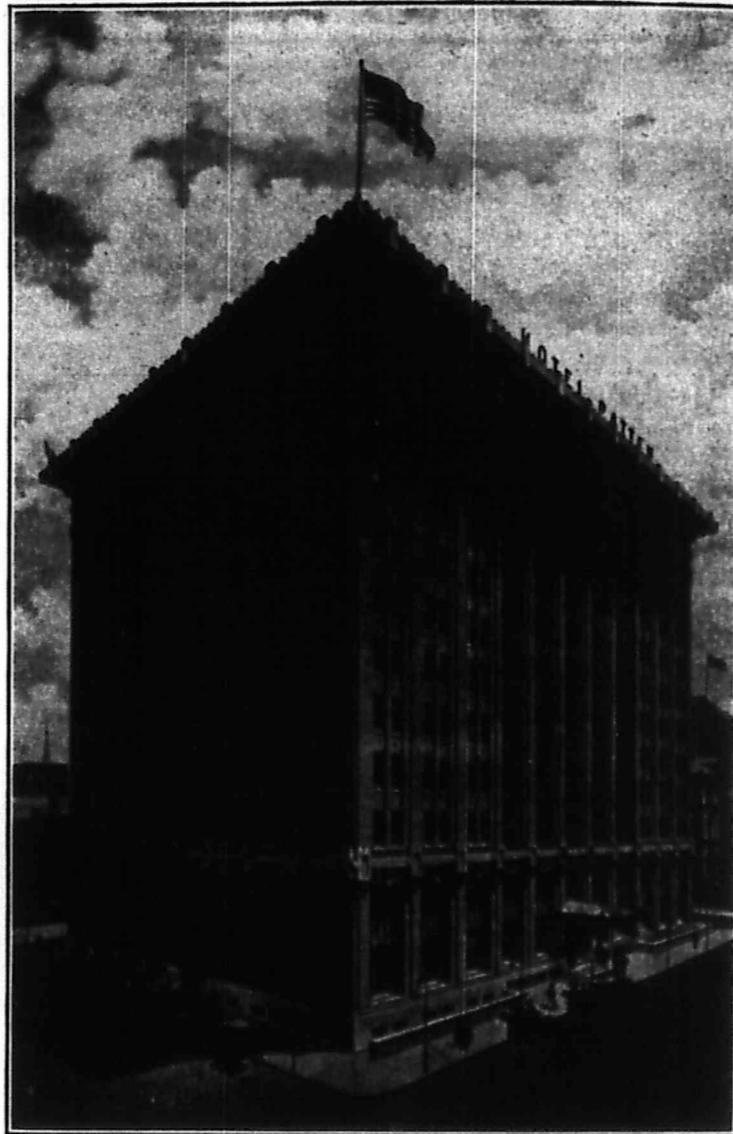
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Headquarters, Southern Baptist Convention, May 11-17, 1921

TENTATIVE PROGRAM
FOR
W.M.U. ANNUAL MEETING
First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.
May 11-16, 1921

Committee Meetings

Wednesday, 9 A.M.—Margaret Fund Committee
Wednesday, 11 A.M.—General Board of W.M.U. Training School
Wednesday, 2.30 P.M.—W.M.U. Executive Committee

Thursday Morning Session

- 9:30—Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign"
Reading of Twenty-third Psalm—In Unison
Prayer
Organization
Words of Welcome
- 10:00—Recognition of Our Women Missionaries and Other Distinguished Visitors
Presentation of Greetings from Our Mission Fields
Report of W.M.U. Corresponding Secretary
Presentation of W.M.U. Loving Cup
Presentation of W.M.U. Banner
Report of W.M.U. Treasurer
- 11:00—Address of W.M.U. President
Outlook of W.M.U. Vice Presidents
- 12:20—Report of Committee on Memorial to Southern Baptist Convention
Appointment of Committees
Election of Nominating Committee
- 12:40—Period of Intercession
1:00—Adjournment

Thursday Afternoon Session

- 2:30—The Woman's Hymn: "Come Women, Wide Proclaim"
That in all things He might have the preëminence—Col. 1:18—In Unison
Prayer
Reading of Minutes
Report of Board of Managers of W.M.U.
Report of Commission on Student Y.W.A. Work
- 3:15—Report of W.M.U. Training School
- 4:00—Report of Margaret Fund Committee
Presentation of W.M.U. Resolutions
- 4:20—Report of Personal Service Department
Period of Intercession
- 5:00—Adjournment

Thursday Evening Session

- 8:00—Foreign Missions and Our Women Foreign Missionaries

Friday Morning Session

- 9:30—Suggested Hymn for the New Year: "The Son of God Goes Forth to War"
I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.—Phil. 4:13—In Unison
Prayer
Reading of Minutes
Miscellaneous Items
- 10:00—Race Relationships
Negro Baptist Theological Seminary
Plans of Inter-Racial Conference
- 10:20—Home Missions of Southern Baptist Convention
10:50—Work of Sunday School Board of S.B.C.
11:10—Board of Ministerial Relief and Annuities of S.B.C.

- 11:30—Work of Education Board of S.B.C.
 Report from Baptist Bible Institute
 Report from Fort Worth Training School
 Miscellaneous Items
 12:10—Period of Intercession
 12:30—Adjournment

Friday Afternoon Session

- 2:00—Hymn
 Prayer
 2:10—Report of Committee on Removal of W.M.U. Headquarters
 Adoption of W.M.U. Resolutions
 Committee Reports
 Nominate Boards
 Apportionment
 Press
 Resolutions
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 4:00—Election of Officers
 Reading of Minutes
 4:30—Address: "The Womanhood and Childhood of Europe"—Dr. E. Y. Mullins
 5:00—Adjournment

*Friday Evening
 Young People's Session*

- 7:45—Hymn
 Devotional Service
 Hymn
 W.M.U. Organizations Reviewed and Presentation of Banners
 Hymn
 Report of Committee on Young People's Organizations
 Inspirational Address
 Demonstration by W.M.U. Training School Students
 Prayer

Committee Meetings

- Saturday, 9:00 A.M.—Margaret Fund Committee
 Saturday, 9:30 A.M.—General Board of W.M.U. Training School
 Saturday, 10:30 A.M.—W.M.U. Executive Committee

Sunday, 11 A.M.

W.M.U. Sermon by Dr. M. E. Dodd

Monday, All Day Session

W.M.U. Secretaries' and Field Workers' Council

**Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists
 May, 1921**

*Hallowed be Thy name—Hallelujah!
 Infinite Ideality!
 Immeasurable Reality!
 Infinite Personality!
 Hallowed be Thy name—Hallelujah!—Alfred Tennyson*

Topic: Prayer

1—SUNDAY

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways . . . Mine eyes shall be open and mine ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this place.
 —2 Chronicles 7:14, 15

2—MONDAY

That the manifest spirit of Christ in all preparations for W.M.U. Annual Meeting be also the outstanding feature of its sessions
 Seek the Lord and His strength.
 —Psalm 105:4

3—TUESDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. C. K. Dozier, Fukuoka, and for the Woman's Missionary Union of Japan, that increasing witness be theirs
 The Spirit is life.—Romans 8:10

4—WEDNESDAY

For the leaders of Loyalty Campaign, that they work courageously, unitedly and wisely for Campaign Fund
 Behold my servants shall sing for joy of heart.—Isaiah 65:14

5—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Sowell, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Logan and Mrs. Thomas Spight, Buenos Aires, Argentina
 Trust in Him at all times.—Psalm 62:8

6—FRIDAY

That we may learn through practice the secret power found in communion with God
 Desire earnestly the greater gifts.
 —1 Corinthians 12:31

7—SATURDAY

That Rev. and Mrs. Martin S. Blair unfold the truth with great joy in their new work in Cordoba, Argentina
 The desire of our soul is to thy name.
 —Isaiah 26:8

8—SUNDAY

That our patient Father in heaven forgive His children for the neglected privilege of prayer
 What will ye? . . . Lord, that our eyes may be opened.—Matthew 20:32, 33

9—MONDAY

Ask of God that the financial needs of our five Boards be prayerfully met through Campaign Fund
 Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness!—Psalm 107:8

10—TUESDAY

That God may comfort the hearts and bless the lives of Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Beddoe, Wuchow, China
 As always, so now also Christ shall be magnified.—Philippians 1:20

11—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Bouldin, Fukuoka, Japan, that their health be established by their stay in the homeland
 The Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.—Joshua 1:9

12—THURSDAY

That all delegates to S.B.C. Convention and W.M.U. Annual Meeting may sit in council as statesmen in the kingdom of God
 The vision . . . though it tarry, wait for it.—Habakkuk 2:3

13—FRIDAY

For the spirit of prayer among members of W.M.U. in annual session and that they may be used to the fullest extent of their ability
 Pray every where.—1 Timothy 2:8
 The Lord shall answer.—Isaiah 58:9

14—SATURDAY

Let us remember before God the great sorrows of the world and ask that our lives be at His service
 Wherefore should they say . . . Where is their God?—Joel 2:17

15—SUNDAY

Pray that the stewardship of the grace of God entrusted to us through regeneration be used to bring many souls to Christ
 Lovest thou me? . . . Feed my sheep.
 —John 21:17

16—MONDAY

That more time be given to intercession in our missionary meetings
 Ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.—John 16:24

Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists May, 1921

*We feel we are nothing—for all is Thou and in Thee;
We feel we are something—that also has come from Thee;
We know we are nothing—but Thou will help us to be.
Hallowed by Thy name—Hallelujah!—Alfred Tennyson*

Topic: Prayer—Continued

17—TUESDAY

For all missionaries new and old as they go out this month to represent southern Baptists on mission fields Laborers together with God.
—1 Corinthians 3:9

18—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. E. N. Walne, Miss Florence Walne and Miss Cecile Lancaster, Shimonoseki, Japan
Preach the kingdom of God.—Luke 9:60

19—THURSDAY

Pray that our love to God be demonstrated to the world through abundant gifts to Baptist 75 Million Campaign Fund
God, the faithful God, who keepeth covenant . . . with them that love Him.
—Deuteronomy 7:9

20—FRIDAY

Thanksgiving for the souls won for the Master through the labors of Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Quarles, Montevideo, Uruguay
With joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.—Isaiah 12:3

21—SATURDAY

For the evangelistic work of Rev. and Mrs. S. E. Stephens and Rev. and Mrs. Edgar L. Morgan in Tsintau, China
The Lord God is my strength.
—Habakkuk 3:19

22—SUNDAY

"Make us to know that more can be done by prayer than by any other way. Whoever prays most, helps most."
Men ought always to pray and not to faint.—Luke 18:1

23—MONDAY

For Mrs. P. P. Medling and that the much needed help be sent to Kagoshima, Japan
Even so must the Son of man be lifted up.
—John 3:14

24—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Frank P. Lide and their future work in Hwang-Hien, China
Faithful is He that calleth you.
—1 Thessalonians 5:24

25—WEDNESDAY

Pray for the work for Cubans, Tampa, Florida, being done by Mesdames Bettie Hoke Mitchell, Emily Black, J. M. Mabry and Miss Rowena Williams
The parched ground shall become a pool.
—Isaiah 35:7

26—THURSDAY

Pray fervently that no part be omitted from the five year program of our Baptist 75 Million Campaign
The Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.—Romans 8:26

27—FRIDAY

For the special workers under the Home Mission Board
Praise the Lord, call upon His name, declare His doings among the people.
—Isaiah 12:4

28—SATURDAY

That the Spirit abide with Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Lowe and Mrs. P. S. Evans, Tsinan, China, as they seek to help the famine sufferers of North China
The Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you.
—Romans 8:11

29—SUNDAY

For more understanding of and greater sympathy for the unsaved and suffering and for a spirit of liberality
Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.—Proverbs 3:27

30—MONDAY

For Mr. Hugh P. McCormick and Misses Ruth M. Kersey and Neale C. Young, new missionaries to Africa
The Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings.—Isaiah 61:1

31—TUESDAY

That we may realize that He sent us to reap His ripened harvest
Ye say there are four months . . . I say the fields are white already.
—John 4:35



BIBLE STUDY



TOPIC—The Spirit of Intercession

The Spirit Himself maketh intercession for us . . . He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.—Romans 8:26, 27

I. *Prayer in Christ:* John 15:7; 16:23. This is to pray in the mind and spirit and will of Christ. To attain to that holy abiding in which there is perfect community of life with our Vine is to reach the highest ideal of discipleship. Yet on nothing short of this perfect union with our Lord has He predicted unrestricted access to the treasures of divine blessing. *If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it,* John 14:14. This is a promise wonderful in its breadth and if one is the perfect servant of Christ's will he will be the perfect master of prayer, John 11:42. If the impulse proceed from our own will the prayer is not in the name of Christ but when it is an inward divine operation it is truly of the Lord and must have its answer. "Ask and ye shall receive", is no less a command than "submit yourselves therefore to God". We may come with the utmost boldness to the throne of grace as being in Him who "ever liveth to make intercession for us" but we shall also come with entire self-surrender as being in Him "that liveth and was dead". We must bring a crucified will. Saving faith is at once a surrender of self and an appropriation of Jesus Christ. Interceding faith is a yielding up of the will to God while laying hold of His perfect will, I John 5:14. "When we offer our prayers through His mediation it is He that prays, His love that intercedes, His blood that pleads, it is He who obtains all from His Father."

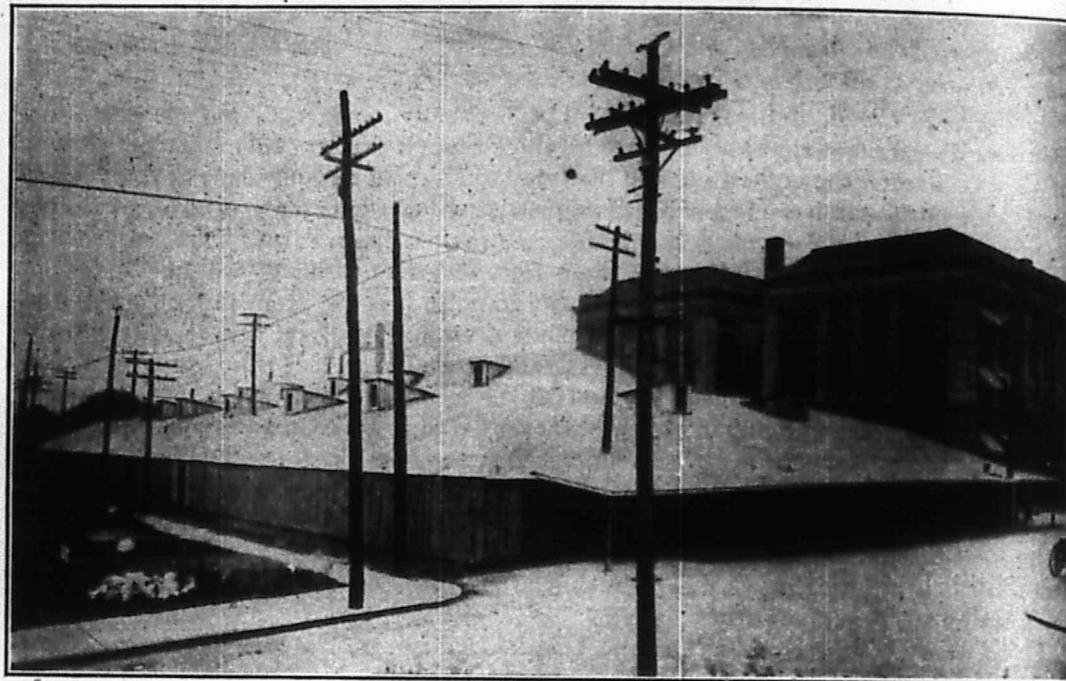
II. *A Model of Intercession:* Luke 11:5-8; Isa. 62:6, 7. 1. *The urgent need:* the friend came at midnight, he was hungry and could not buy bread. If we are to pray aright we must open eye and heart to the need around us. 2. *The willing love:* the friend sacrificed his night's rest, his comfort to find the needed bread; "love seeketh not her own", I Cor. 13:5. 3. *The sense of impotence:* "I have nothing to set before him". It is this sense of impotence that is the very strength of the life of intercession. As this consciousness takes possession of the missionary, prayer is the only hope and refuge. 4. *The faith in prayer:* what he has not, another can supply. It is this simple, confident faith in God that will give what we need to help us. This friend is none other than our God. Let us learn that at midnight, at the most unexpected time and in greatest need our God and Father will supply all our needs, Phil. 4:19.

III. *Prayer in the Holy Spirit:* Eph. 6:18. In answer to prayer the Spirit was poured out at Pentecost as they were all "with one accord", Acts 1:14. It was intense, continued prayer that prepared the disciples' hearts for the blessing, that opened the windows of heaven, that brought the promised gift, Acts 1:5, 8. In the outpouring of the Spirit in the household of Cornelius we have a wondrous display of the action of prayer, Acts 10:34-48. Another instance of the power of prayer is when Peter was in prison, Acts 12:5-12. Stone walls, double chains, soldiers, keepers and the iron gate, all gave way before the power from heaven.

IV. *According to the Will of God:* John 16:27. One with Jesus the Mediator and endeared to the Father's heart by all that makes Him dear, we come no longer as beggars asking alms but as sons seeking an inheritance, John 17:22. We cannot be afraid before Him now for our Beloved has said "Thou hast loved them as Thou hast loved me", John 17:23. Blessed are they who know their privilege in Him, "putting on the royal apparel and standing in the inner court of the King's house", assured of the outstretched sceptre and the gracious promise "What is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request?—it shall be performed". So let us enter into the fullness of our blessing in Christ, let us seek to learn the highest use of that divine name by entering into the deepest communion with our divine Lord.—Mrs. James Pollard



PROGRAM FOR MAY



BILLY SUNDAY TABERNACLE, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.
S.B.C. Meeting Place, May 12-17, 1921

PRAYER

OPENING PRAYER SERVICE
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While Thee I Seek

“While Thee I seek, protecting Power,
 Be my vain wishes stilled;
 And may this consecrated hour
 With better hopes be filled.

“In each event of life how clear
 Thy ruling hand I see!
 Each blessing to my soul more dear
 Because conferred by Thee!

Thy love the power of thought bestowed;
 To Thee my thoughts would soar:
 Thy mercy o'er my life has flowed;
 That mercy I adore.

In every joy that crowns my days,
 In every pain I bear,
 My heart shall find delight in praise
 Or seek relief in prayer.”

Opening Prayer Service

President: O God we would acknowledge thee
 Members: Our Father who art in heaven
 President: And reverence thee
 Members: Hallowed be thy name
 President: Let us know thy rule over us
 Members: Thy kingdom come
 President: And thy universal sway
 Members: Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven
 President: We pray for temporal needs
 Members: Give us this day our daily bread
 President: And for cleansing
 Members: Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors
 President: We pray for guidance
 Members: And lead us not into temptation
 President: Free us from wrong
 Members: Deliver us from evil
 All: For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

1. “Pray Ye” Jesus saw in the religious worker of His day abundant reason for the inner equipment of prayer. There was a considerable company of them, among whom were the scribes and Pharisees, who went through the motions of religious service—a service that never saved a soul nor really advanced the kingdom, nor ever will. How sorely we Christians of the early twentieth century need to pray to be delivered from mere mechanical business. Not that we are to abandon our machinery, give up our organization, stop asking for money, or sit idly by while the opportunity of centuries passes. Rather that the sense of the crisis through which our world is passing shall drive us not so much to hysterical, and therefore spasmodic, activity but to our knees for a deeper understanding of God's great purposes and our part in them. Prayer in this spirit will not dispense with work or organization but will vitalize them. One thing we modern American Christians need to be very sure of is that our prayer is really a preparation for our planning and our working and not simply an afterthought. Never were fields more white to the spiritual harvest than those that stretch the world around today. Never was there greater need, in our own hearts or in the hearts of hungry men who know not what they seek or where, that we should follow Christ's program for the reaping: “The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few; PRAY YE.”—*Charles W. Gilkey*

An English farmer placed upon the weathervane of his barn the words “God is love”. When asked why he did so he replied, “I wanted to be reminded that, whether the wind blows north, south, east or west, ‘God is love.’” So whether the time be today or in the days when Jesus walked among the harvest fields of Galilee we are reminded that the “love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind”; that it controls direction, time and space; that it awaits our demands upon it. Let the world winds blow from where they will; let the day be yesterday, today or tomorrow, His love is always available and cannot be overdrawn. Who would not seek such a God in prayer?

2. Prayer and the Present Crisis

From a human standpoint men believe in prayer. We ask guidance of officials or of strangers on the street; we ask protection from the police; we seek favors from politicians; we inquire for information from libraries and public bureaus; we petition the government; we

look for replies and plan to make use of the answers. But how seldom, comparatively, do our petitions to God make any material difference in our plans or methods of life?

We know, when we stop to think, that there is a tremendous need for all the help that God can give us in answer to prayer. The lack of wisdom in personal, social and political life; the lack of power to solve problems of home and state and church; our failure to educate children aright, to evangelize the foreigners in our midst and to purify social, commercial and political life is proof positive that more than human wisdom and power are needed to achieve success. We hear about and sometimes experience the practical results of prayer. Sick are healed, daily bread is supplied, life is protected, doors are opened, purse strings are unloosed, hard hearts are softened, guidance is given, consolation is granted—many marvels are achieved in answer to prayer. Read the lives of Paul, of Luther, of Wesley, of John G. Paton, of Livingstone, of George Müller, of D. L. Moody, and of countless other men and women and see the wonders wrought through prayer.

It is fitting in these days of unrest and uncertainty when men's hearts are failing them for fear, that we turn our thoughts to Him who alone is steadfast and unchanging. But there are other things to do besides offering prayer to God if conditions are to be remedied. Men must be brought into harmony with God's ideals and plans and must be ready to make any sacrifice or render any service that will help to make God's will operative. There is need for sincere humiliation, confession and reformation. Men did not learn the lessons God would teach through the world war and now it may be that we must learn them through social and financial troubles. Governments and individuals disregard the laws of God while professing to believe in Him. Now radicals are blatantly atheistic or agnostic. Will a period of open Godlessness teach us what was not learned in the period of disregard for the God we profess to worship? God is not to be trifled with. If men will not have God to reign over them they must experience the disasters of Satanic control. "No man can serve two masters" but he must serve *one* master—he is not independent. It is time to pray and to co-operate with God to bring His will to pass in harmony with our petitions.—*Missionary Review of the World*

3. **Answered Prayer** "Foremost among prayer-souled men of missions stands David Brainerd. In his diary he writes: 'God enabled me so to agonize in prayer that I was quite wet with perspiration, though in the shade in the cool wind. My soul was drawn out very much from the world for multitudes of souls.' In 1747 he left a dying injunction to his beloved Christian Indians, who were living answers to his prayers, that they should pray for the conversion of the world." He flung the torch to them and thousands of them are bearing it forward.

"Adoniram Judson whose testimony after a long life of deep experience was: 'I never was deeply interested in any object, I never prayed sincerely and earnestly for anything but it came at some time—no matter how distant the day, somehow, in some shape, probably the last I should devise—it came.'"

"It was by prayer that John Paton was led into missionary service; by prayer he won the hearts of degraded men; by prayer he dug wells and found fresh water where others found none or salt; by prayer he checked the hand of the assassin; by prayer he locked the jaws of violence; we may be sure that he fell asleep in the hush of prayer."

"Mackay's prayer was very childlike, full of simple trust and supplication. A cloud of witnesses on earth and in heaven attest to the answer of these humble petitions."

"All the Christian world now knows of the wonderful prayer diary of David Livingstone. He wrote prayers on his birthdays. On the 19th of March, 1872, the next to the last of his birthdays he wrote: 'My Jesus, my King, my Life, my All, accept me and grant, oh gracious Father, that ere this year is gone I may finish my task! In Jesus' name I ask it. Amen. So let it be.' And on the last birthday of all: 'Let not Satan prevail over me, oh my good Lord Jesus!' His prayer was answered, he took up the ministry of praise in the land where His servants serve Him."

In 1784 at a periodical meeting of the Northamptonshire Association of Baptist ministers, on motion of John Sutcliff, a plan drawn up by John Ryland Jr. was addressed to the

churches which urged, among other things, the following: "Let the whole interest of the Redeemer be affectionately remembered, and the spread of the Gospel to the most distant parts of the habitable globe, be the objects of your most fervent requests." On this occasion Andrew Fuller preached his first sermon on "Working by Faith". Two years afterwards William Carey was baptized in the Nen by the same John Ryland and ordained by Andrew Fuller to the ministry of Moulton village. It was out of this prayer and revival that Carey and his little band of Baptist ministers addressed themselves to the task of evangelizing the world. Furthermore the London Missionary Society was the direct result of the work of Carey.

In 1732, as a result of four years' prayer the first Moravian missionaries went out from Herrnhut. These are only two instances of what the world owes to prayer. Not only has prayer played the supreme part in the formation of missionary agencies but it has been at the bottom of all revivals in missionary work.—*Robert E. Speer*

4. **Unanswered Prayer** Is the repeated denial of our requests baffling to our faith? In *The Meaning of Prayer*, Harry Emerson Fosdick claims at least three reasons for denied requests: "The ignorance of our asking; our use of prayer in fields where it does not belong and the unreadiness of our own lives to receive the good we ask."

"*The Ignorance of Our Asking*

Piety is no guarantee of wisdom. Instead of calling our prayers unanswered, it is far truer to recognize that 'No' is as real an answer as 'Yes' and often far more kind. When one considers the narrowness of our outlook, our little skill in tracing the consequences of our desires one understands how often God must speak to us as Jesus did to the ambitious woman, 'Ye know not what ye ask.' A Bengali poet was stating a profound human experience when he wrote: 'My desires are many and my cry is pitiful, but ever didst thou save me by hard refusals; and this strong mercy has been wrought into my life through and through.'

Monica, the mother of St. Augustine, prayed all one night that God would not let her son sail for Italy. She wanted him to be a Christian and she feared that far away from her influence in a land of licentiousness and splendor and of manifold temptations he might never find his Saviour. Even while she prayed her son sailed, by the grace of God, to Italy, where he was led to God and became a Christian in the very place from which his mother's prayers would have kept him. It would be a sorry world for us if our unwise petitions did not often have 'No' for an answer.

"*Use of Prayer in Fields Where It Does not Belong*

There are prayers which attempt to achieve by supplication what can be achieved only by thought and work. Consider what this world would become if everything could be accomplished by prayer. If men could sail their ships, if engineers could swing their bridges as well by prayer alone as by the knowledge of navigation and the laws of engineering they would never use their intelligence at all. If life is to mean development and discipline some things must be impossible until men think, no matter how hard they pray. If a boy asks his father to work out his arithmetic lesson because he wishes to play, will the father do it? He loves the boy and could work out the lesson, but he must not. He may encourage him, assist him and stand by him, but must not do for him what the boy can possibly do for himself. Harsh though at times it must seem God surely must require us as individuals and as a race to endure discipline rather than find an easy relief by asking. 'Pray to God,' said Spurgeon, 'but keep the hammer going.'

"*Unreadiness of Our Lives to Receive the Good We Ask*

Any one who has serious business will wait for an answer to his summons and if need be will ring again. The patient waiting, the reiterated demand are an expression and a test of our earnestness. When we said that both 'No' and 'Yes' were real answers to prayers we did not exhaust the possibilities. There is another answer which God continually gives us—'Wait.' Since Jesus taught them first to pray 'Thy kingdom come'

His disciples have lifted their supplication century after century; and 'Lo; thy church is praying yet, a thousand years the same'. 'Easiness of desire,' says Jeremy Taylor, 'is a great enemy to the success of a good man's prayer. It must be an intent, zealous, busy, operative prayer. Our prayers upbraid our spirits when we beg tamely for those things for which we ought to die.' Some things God cannot give to a man until the man has prepared and proved his spirit by persistent waiting on God. Such praying cleans the house, cleanses the windows, hangs the curtains, sets the table, opens the door, until God says, 'Lo! The house is ready. Now may the guest come in.'

And thus looking within and around me, I ever renew
(With that stoop of the soul which in bending upraises it too)
The submission of man's nothing—perfect to God's all-complete,
As by each new obeisance in spirit, I climb to His feet.—*Robert Browning*

5. The Family Bethel "The history of missions is the history of the family altar." Thousands of missionaries and missionary supporters are answers to the prayers of fathers and mothers at the family altar. They have been prayed into the vineyard. Their young souls have expanded in the atmosphere of home prayers and Christian living. The school of mother's knee has been the kindergarten of their missionary education. Hear the testimony of some of our great ones:

John G. Paton, the hero of the New Hebrides, said: "Even as an old man I can recall the earnest fervor of the prayers of my father and mother for those who had never heard the message of a Saviour's love and for the young people who might go as messengers."

Through the prayers and personal influence of the mother of Jacob Chamberlain thirteen of her family went to the mission field.

Dr. and Mrs. John Scudder prayed in their home in India for their children: "Not Christians only, dear Lord, but missionaries everyone if it be thy will." All of their children save one who died while in college went to the mission field.

Back of Bartholmew Ziegenbalg, the first Protestant missionary to India, and back of St. Augustine were praying mothers. These are but a few of the multitudes of instances. On the fathers and mothers of America, and especially the latter, rests the responsibility of a prayerless home. Has the hurry of the world swept away the family Bethel? Have we ceased to build an altar to the Lord in our homes? What of the children. We think of their education, of their associates, of their health, of their clothes; but what of the education for eternity, the preparation for companionship with Christ, the spiritual health, the being "clothed upon"? Whatever the method of training may be it is for eternity as well as for time.

6. Prayer in the Missionary Meeting Missionary work as a rule has been least fruitful in results where prayer is not poured out for it by the church and missionary society. How often have our women missionaries told and written us of their dependence on our prayers and what place more fit for united prayer for them than the missionary meeting? Rev. Burnette Hillman Streeter, M.A., in his book *Concerning Prayer* has given the following helpful suggestions:

"The person who leads the meeting or conducts the service, selecting first one particular element of worship, for example, confession, will invite those present to join in this act by some such formula as this: 'Let us confess our sins before Almighty God—each one of us in silence acknowledging those sins of which her own conscience is afraid.' Then after a short pause the leader may say, 'Let us confess the sins of the flesh; sins of pride; of negligence; of ignorance; national sins, etc., etc.,' with intervals of silence between each. After this a short audible prayer by the leader summing up the general confession. The whole act of confession is thus made intensely real and personal to each individual and at the same time has the added intensity of an act by the whole gathering. Thanksgiving, intercession, praise may be dealt with in a similar way. This method allows room for that silent waiting on God which we know is so necessary an element in group worship. But we must never forget that the most perfect machinery cannot create life. Unless

there exists in the group, or at least in a considerable number of it, real religious conviction and a real feeling of spiritual fellowship no order of service will suffice to open up to it the full meanings and possibilities of united prayer."

Special appeals, following each other quickly but with deep reverence, can be made by the leader. Especially during the period of ingathering from our Baptist 75 Million Campaign should earnest petitions be made for a deeper sense of the privilege of intercession; for larger enlistment for service; for new pledges to Campaign Fund; for loyalty to those already made and for a childlike belief in the power of prayer. Each missionary society will know its own needs as well as the larger ones in which the whole Woman's Missionary Union is interested. "Whoever prays most helps most."

Thoughts on Prayer

"Lord, Teach Us to Pray:"

We need to be more constant in prayer—in the language of Paul—"continuing instant in prayer". James tells us "the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." We know how God honored the prayers of many of His faithful servants in ancient times. Just as marvelous have been some of the direct answers to prayer in modern times as were ever vouchsafed to Elijah or Hezekiah. Today we have the promise that if two or three agree as touching anything and ask for it shall be done. Would God's kingdom on earth be hastened if all Woman's Missionary Union workers would unite in fervent, unceasing prayer to this end? Prayer should be ever tempered, however, with submission—always there should be—"Thy will be done". "Lord, teach us to pray!"—*Fannie E. S. Heck*

"If Ye Abide in Me . . . Ask"

In the 15th chapter of John Jesus says: "If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever you will and it shall be done unto you." This is as comprehensive a statement of the meaning of prayer as any to be found in the Bible. There are three statements about prayer in this saying of Jesus which I would emphasize: The first is that Jesus' promise gives unlimited privilege to the Christian in the exercise of prayer, really He places a crown of sovereignty on the believer's brow. He says, in effect, whatsoever ye will shall be done. He attaches conditions but nevertheless He makes the clear statement. The condition which He imposes is that we *ask* for what we wish. I am deeply persuaded that we can secure results in the world by prayer which would not have been realized otherwise. Prayer is, in a sense, a creative force because it enlists God. We bring to pass new things on earth by prayer. If we remain passive and refuse to ask, God does not give those things. God's spiritual power in redeeming the world is not active save through the energetic praying of believers.

But there is a second condition which shows how prayer becomes powerful. It is found in the words: "If you abide in me and my words abide in you." Prayer is powerful only when the man who prays is in fellowship with Christ. To abide in Christ is to share His Spirit, His purpose for the world, His plan. His plan for the world is the bringing of the Gospel to the whole world and the salvation of men. To abide in Christ, therefore, is to be filled with the passion for souls, and this passion is the condition of successful prayer.

I may sum up these words of Jesus in the following statement: (1) The Christian's privilege is stated in terms of sovereignty; (2) This sovereignty is exercised through prayer and (3) Prayer becomes effective through fellowship with Christ.—*Dr. E. Y. Mullins, President Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.*

"Thy Kingdom Come"

With the world open and men offering and treasuries depleted, the missionary agents of the church may sometimes feel that the great need is a consecration of wealth to the world-wide service of Christ; and surely He still does plead that the tithes be brought

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Y. W. A. PROGRAMS



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FIRST MEETING

Topic—"Pray Ye"
Hymn—Holy! Holy! Holy!
Bible Reading—A Prayer of David—
Psalm 138
Prayer—Oh, For a Closer Walk with God
Reading—"The Lost Word" (Henry Van Dyke)
Presentation of Poster—The Model Prayer
Responsive Prayer Service—(See W.M.S. program, page 11)
Talk—Christ's Call to Prayer
Hymn—More Holiness Give Me
Closing Prayer

Suggestions

Reading—"The Lost Word": Have this beautiful story of Dr. Henry Van Dyke's read by a girl of deep spiritual perception. It should be read with great naturalness, simplicity and sympathy. It is the story of a man who did not pray. It may be found in the collection entitled "The Blue Flower" or it may be secured in a separate binding.

Presentation of Poster: As a preparation for the responsive Prayer Service present a poster setting forth the following outline of Jesus' model prayer recorded in Matt. 6:9-13:

The Model Prayer—*expressive of*
Filial Love
Reverence
Loyalty
Submission
Physical Dependence
Penitence
Conscious Weakness
Spiritual Dependence

Talk—Christ's Call To Prayer

(1) By His example: twenty-five instances are given in the Gospels. Find these with aid of concordance. Comment upon His prayer life.

(2) By answering prayer: select examples from the many recorded instances in the Gospels.
(3) By direct teaching: comment upon His invitations to prayer, such as those found in Matt. 7:7-11; Mark 11:22-24; John 14:13, 14; John 16:23, 24.
"The daily habit of having a life in God, above the trials and occupations of the world, is all sufficient proof of immortality." To the Christian it is

"Enough that He who made can fill the soul
Here and hereafter till its deeps o'er
flow;
Enough that love and tenderness control
Our fate where'er in joy or doubt we go."

SECOND MEETING

Topic—Prayer and Missions
Invocation—Psalms 95:1-7a
Hymn—From Every Stormy Wind That Blows
Prayer—For All Those Who Have Not "a Life Hid with Christ in God"
Bible Reading—Calls to Intercessory Prayer; Numbers 6:22-27; I Timothy 2:1-8; James 5:15-18
Hymn—Saints of God, the Dawn is Brightening
A Roll Call of Faith
Prayer—In Behalf of Christian Missionaries
Hymn—Thou Whose Almighty Word
Talk—Our Greatest Gift to Missions
Prayer—That Y.W.A.'s May Not Withhold This Greatest Gift

Suggestions

Bible Study—Intercessory Prayers of the Bible: Selections may be made from the following instances of answered intercessory prayer: Abraham, Gen. 17:18-20; 18:23-32; 20:7, 17, 18; Moses, Samuel, Elijah; Isaiah, Peter, Paul. (See concordance)

A Roll Call of Faith: In this every one present has a part. Have ready a large and attractively decorated blackboard or poster arranged with column left blank for names. Have each Y.W.A. in turn write on the blackboard or poster, a name (previously assigned her) in the list of great men and women of modern times who have been persons of prayer. Each girl may relate an incident from the prayer life of the character assigned her. Select instances in the lives of John and Charles Wesley, Spurgeon, George Müller, D. L. Moody and others. If possible have access to Dr. Fosdick's little book, "The Meaning of Prayer". For instances of answered prayer, see W.M.S. program, par. 3, page 12 and par. 5, page 14. The leader may introduce the roll call by the following introductory words:

"More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of . . .
. . . What are men better than sheep
or goats,
That nourish a blind life within the
brain,
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of
prayer,
Both for themselves and those who call
them friend?"

Must not God wonder at the lack of intercessors in view of the fact that His mightiest works are manifested only in the pathway of unselfish and persevering intercession? The history of the church and Christian experience shows conclusively that the workers and leaders who have accomplished most in extending and building up the Kingdom of God have been those who gave to prayer for others and for interests outside their own lives the foremost place in the use of their time and strength.
—John R. Mott

Our Greatest Gift to Missions

"We ask something better than your money, something it will be harder for you to give than your money. We want you to pray for our work. . . . Prayer is our great gift to missions." Dr. T. B. Ray of the Foreign Mission Board in his very suggestive leaflet called "The Prayer Gift" points out two ways in which we can help foreign missions by prayer: first, prayer for

missionaries, as commanded by Christ in the words, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He thrust forth laborers into His harvest"; second, prayer on behalf of missionaries, such intercession as that great missionary Paul felt the need of when he wrote to his brethren, "I beseech you, by our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me".

A noble Christian woman spoke these stirring and practical words to a Sunday school class: "Those whom we cannot reach in any other way our prayers can reach. 'Prayer has called forth and energized all the great spiritual and missionary movements of all times.' In our country the three great missionary movements of our time were born in the prayer-meeting, the Student Volunteer Movement, the Missionary Education Movement and the Laymen's Missionary Movement. Not only in the prayer meeting but in the privacy of our own homes our hearts should be uplifted in prayer for the salvation of the world. Jesus teaches us this in His model prayer—"Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven'. . . . We feel no desire to pray for those things that we know nothing about. If we study the subject, learn the religious conditions, our hearts will be awakened to a desire to do all we can to extend the privileges of the Gospel. . . . Today is a great religious crisis."

As to the 75 Million Campaign, born out of that "religious crisis", let us not forget that it is as true today as it was in September 1919 that "Prayer is the key to the success of the Campaign. It is its first need, its constant need, its indispensable need".

"Read the following questions slowly and thoughtfully, then answer to yourself:

Does my life please God?
Am I studying my Bible daily?
Am I enjoying my Christian life?
Have I ever won a soul to Christ?
How much time do I spend in prayer?
Is there anything I cannot give up for Christ?
How does my life look to those who are not Christians?
Is the world better by my living in it?
Is Christian service my chief joy?"



COLLEGE Y. W. A. PROGRAMS



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FIRST MEETING

Topic—Serving Through Prayer
Hymn—More Love to Thee, O Christ
Bible Reading—II Kings 19:14-20, 32-36
Prayer—That We May Realize More Fully the Influence of Prayer
Hymn—Break Thou the Bread of Life
Talks { Serving Through Prayer
Ministry of Mothers' Prayers (W.M.S. Program, Par. 5)
Some Answered Prayers (W.M.S. Program, Par. 3)
Solo—In the Secret of His Presence
Closing Prayer

Serving Through Prayer

In our Bible lesson today we read that when Hezekiah received the threatening and blasphemous letter from the Assyrian king, "he spread it before the Lord" and prayed. In a pamphlet,* "The Life of Prayer, Indispensable to World Winners" by Mr. W. E. Doughty we read that "in 1851 Mohammed the Sultan issued a decree ordering all missionaries out of the empire; Dr. Hamlin said to Goodell, his fellow missionary, 'Goodell, our life work is a failure at the very start for both British and American consuls say the edict of expulsion must prevail and we must go at once'. Goodell replied, 'Hamlin, the Sultan of Heaven can change this; let us appeal to Him in prayer'. They opened the edict, spread it before God and began to pray; midnight came and they prayed on. The day broke while the two men remained in prayer that the calamity might be averted. The edict was never enforced. The destiny of multitudes was powerfully influenced by that night of prayer. The two who met in His name found a Third added to their little company. The Sultan of Heaven was there!" In the same pamphlet Mr. Doughty tells of a young woman Mary Ashton, who offered herself for foreign missionary work. She was not strong enough physically to be accepted. Following this disappointment a severe accident injured her so that she was never able to walk again. "Her place of suffering was a prayer room, indeed. She began to make bookmarks and fancy boxes of note paper for sale. In answer to prayer she found purchasers. The money went to support a native worker or two. These were prayed for day by day. The business grew; more workers were engaged. The prayer life widened to take in more workers and more unreached men and women in foreign lands and more customers for her handiwork at home. In a single year she had earned nearly \$2,500 and when she died after seven years of pain which were also seven years of widening access to hearts, her pastor reported that she had earned \$12,500 every dollar of which went out on its ministry of blessing to many lands."

SECOND MEETING

Hymn—O Zion, Haste
Prayer
Hymn—He Leadeth Me

* Joint Centenary Committee, 111 Fifth Ave., New York City; price 5c

Bible Reading—Jesus Chooses Some Disciples, Mark 1:16-20; 2, 14; John 15:16
Prayer—That Our Lives May be Fruitful
Hymn—The Son of God Goes Forth to War
Business
Debate—Resolved: That a woman's life today will count for greater good to mankind if given to political life and social reform than it will if devoted to missionary work.
Closing Prayer

Suggestion

In the debate the affirmative may bring out the fact that, by the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution, a woman may take any place in politics that a man holds. She is eligible to serve on a jury, to become a member of the House or Senate, to be governor or president of the nation. The negative will have wonderful examples of great lives of women missionaries whose influence will never die.

TWILIGHT WATCH STUDIES

FIRST TWILIGHT: *And He wondered that there was no intercessor*, Isaiah 59:16

God seeks intercessors, Isaiah 64:7; Ezekiel 22:30. Tell the story of Abraham's intercession, Genesis 18:16-33, or of Moses', Exodus 32:7-13. A model of intercession was given by Jesus in Luke 11:5-8.

SECOND TWILIGHT: *And while they are yet speaking I will hear*, Isaiah 65:24

God did just this thing for Abraham's servant, Genesis 24:12-15; and for Elijah, I Kings 18:20-40, and for Daniel, Dan 9:23.

THIRD TWILIGHT: *If ye abide in me . . . ask what ye will*, John 15:7

What does God ask of those who are called "the Lord's remembrancers" (Isaiah 62:6, 7)? That they do the things that please Him, I John 3:21, 22; that they ask "believing", Matthew 21:22; that His word should abide in them, John 15:7. "It is as men live that they pray. It is the life that, with whole-hearted devotion, gives up all for God and to God that can claim all from God."

FOURTH TWILIGHT: *Pray ye therefore*, Matthew 9:38

Jesus' last command was "Go ye therefore" but to those who cannot go He gives this other command. S. D. Gordon prays around the world every week: "Beginning at Jerusalem" on Sunday he prays for Syria, Turkey, Arabia, and Persia. On Monday he prays for India; on Tuesday, for China; on Wednesday, for Japan, Korea, Australia and the Philippines; on Thursday, for America, North and South; on Friday for Africa and on Saturday for Europe and Russia.

Especial attention is called to page 36 which tells of the proposed program for the young people at the Chattanooga meeting on the night of Friday, May 13. Every one, who can possibly do so, should attend. The young people and their leaders, especially the Sunbeams, will rejoice in the list of Sunbeam plays as given on page 35. These simple playlets and demonstrations interest the children and encourage them to study about and give to missions. Be sure to order several for your band. Send some to a struggling Sunbeam leader whom you may know.

All alumnae and students of W.M.U. Training School are asked to give heed to the following notice from Miss Maud Powell, president of the Alumnae Association: "The Training School annual meeting and banquet will be held Saturday, May 14, at 6 P.M. Members of the Association are earnestly requested to buy their tickets on May 11 and 12 at the registration desk at Hotel Patten".

"Be like a prism in a sunny window—catch all the bright rays and scatter them in beauty."



G. A. PROGRAMS



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FIRST MEETING

Topic—Helping Through Prayer

Hymn—O Zion Haste

Lord's Prayer

Watchword—Daniel 12:3

Hymn—Bring Them In

Sentence Prayers for Missionaries

Bible Study—Prayer

When I Thes. 5:17

Where John 4:21, 23

How James 5:17, 18

For Whom James 5:16

Why John 16:26, 27

Prayer

Special Music—Hear Thou My Prayer

The Story of a Friend

Hymn—Sweet Hour of Prayer

Business

Mizpah

The Story of a Friend

If I should ask you what it is that every girl in all the world longs for you would give many answers yet I am sure there is nothing a girl wants more than a friend. Today I am going to tell you the true story of a friend—a friend to girls.

A good many years ago a little girl was born into the world and her parents called her Grace. Her people were very wealthy and every luxury that heart could desire or love devise was showered on the little girl. This would have spoiled most children but it seems never to have made Grace Dodge selfish. Indeed few women in all the world have been more unselfish and more thoughtful of others than she. She was a very young woman a mere girl, in fact, when she first began to show her interest in and friendship for girls. Just out of school herself she claimed all girls for her friends.

It is hard for us to think ourselves back into the time when there were no girls' clubs, no Young Women's Christian Association, no cooking or sewing classes, no

domestic science taught in the schools, no settlement houses in factory districts—no way in which girls could learn the things they needed to know in order to be good home-makers or to take care of themselves. Yet this was the state of affairs when Grace Dodge left school. Many of her friends were girls who worked in factories and stores and who were ignorant of many of the simplest things that women should know. Now it was Miss Dodge's way to do her level best to meet a need wherever she found it and since there was nobody else to teach them she gathered a group of these girls about her each week and taught them herself—taught them "how to keep well and strong, how to use money wisely, how to dress, how to take care of sick folks, how to make friends, how to be the kind of person who is worthy of friends and how to find strength and joy in fellowship with the 'Great Friend'". She found teachers and organized classes in cooking, sewing, and millinery. Each girl who came brought others to join the ever-growing group of friends in the 'Club for Working Girls' ". The club grew so large that it had to be divided again and again and the teaching turned over to others, yet as one girl put it of these helpers, "They are jolly and fine for a good time, but if it's trouble there's only Miss Dodge!" They were sure of her understanding and sympathy, sure that no one else would ever know the secrets they confided in her, sure that no confession which they might make to her would ever cost them her love. "She was their friend and 'a friend is one who knows all about us and loves us just the same' ".

When her girls married Miss Dodge was still their friend and adviser. She formed for them "The Domestic Circle" which is now a strong independent club whose members were never to Miss Dodge mere "club members" but "friends".

It was through Miss Dodge that the

teaching of domestic science and other forms of industrial education were introduced into the schools. In order that there might be teachers trained to handle these subjects the great Teacher's College, connected with Columbia University in New York City, came into being through her efforts. In the meantime the Young Women's Christian Association had been formed and for eight years Miss Dodge was president of its National Board. Yet in spite of all these many duties she always found time for the personal touch with her countless friends—for letters and gifts and flowers and a thousand thoughtful kindnesses when they were sick or tired or discouraged or in trouble. And so it happened that when God called one day not long ago for Grace Dodge to come to Him, countless girls everywhere said, "I've lost my best friend".

Adapted, "Comrades in Service"—

Burton

SECOND MEETING

Topic—Going into all The World

Song—We've a Story to Tell to The Nations

Roll Call—Answered by Some Need on a Mission Field for Which We Should Pray

Sentence Prayers

Song—Thy Way Not Mine, O Christ

Bible Story—When God said "No" to a Missionary, Acts 16:6-12

Prayer

Hymn—O Zion, Haste

Playlet—The Little Maid Who went into all The World*

Hymn—Send the Light

Business

Mizpah

When God Said "No" to a Missionary

Sometimes in thinking of prayers we forget one very important thing and that is that although God hears and answers every real prayer, still He does not always answer "Yes". He must sometimes say "No". You remember that David wanted to build a temple for God and God had to tell him

* Order from 15 W. Franklin St., Baltimore, Md. for 5c

"No". Sometimes it is very difficult for us to see why God says "No" to some of our prayers, often we cannot understand it at all. But surely there have been enough times when God has said "No" and we have been able to see the reason for it, to make us quite willing to trust Him to do what is best for us even when we do not understand.

In our Bible Lesson today we have the story of a time when God said "No" to Paul, our first missionary, and the story what came of it. Paul had been preaching in all that country which we now call Asia Minor and had just completed the circuit of those places where he and Barnabas had preached on their first missionary journey and was ready for new fields to conquer. On one side lay a great and populous country, the Province of Asia, where the Gospel had not yet been preached. It was right there at hand. Good roads led into it. God had commanded him to go into all the world. There was good reason to suppose that the people of Asia would listen to the Gospel. Of course Paul thought God would want him to go there with the Gospel. But when he asked Him God said, "No". We can only imagine Paul's disappointment and perplexity. But there lay to the north of him the great province of Bithynia, where Jesus had not been preached so Paul proposed going there. But again God said "No". There were two great countries needing the Gospel and a trained missionary preacher right at their doors and eager to enter. Yet God had said "No". I'm sure Paul could not understand. Now there was only one way left in which to go. Leading into the northwest was a road to the little seaport town of Troas. It didn't look like a marvelous opportunity to Paul, I am sure, and he must have hated, as you and I would have done, to give up his dream yet he took the road to Troas. When he reached his journey's end God showed him the reason for His "No". He sent him not to two comparatively small provinces of Western Asia but to the whole great continent of Europe! The greatest opportunity, the greatest responsibility, the greatest privilege ever given to mortal man—that of being the first foreign missionary, was Paul's reward for his faith to go on when God answered "No" to his prayer.



R. A. PROGRAMS



Miss Juliette Mather, Ark.

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FIRST MEETING

- Topic—Corner or Closet
- Hymn—Faith Is the Victory
- Scripture—Matthew 6:6-15
- Prayer—That R.A.'s May Learn the Privilege and Power of Prayer
- Business, Roll Call
- Song—The King's Business
- Leader's Talk
- Talks by R.A.'s
- Prayer by Leader—That All R.A.'s Will Form the Habit of Going Daily to the Secret Place in Prayer
- Hymn—More about Jesus

Suggested Talk for Leader

When Paul Kanamori was travelling in the United States last year before returning to Japan to carry our message—"O, be ye reconciled"—he said in an address that he had found in his own life it was better to be a man of the closet than a man of the corner. He said that since he had learned this he had spent much time in the secret place, praying. The more time he spent in the closet praying, the more people he could win to Jesus and the better his own life was. Boys sometimes think that it is manly to hang around the corner loafing and wasting energy but true manliness comes to the boy of the closet and not to the boy of the corner. Someone has said, "You can do more than pray after you have prayed but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed". We can understand this better if we study the word "closet". It has not always meant just a convenient place in which to hang coats and hats. A long time ago it meant the apartment where the supplies were divided and apportioned. Today we will think about the closet as the supplying place of R.A. needs.

Suggestion for Talk by Three R.A.'s

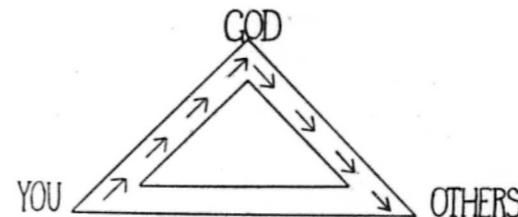
I. As Royal Ambassadors representing a King our supply house has great stores of all the things that we will need. In Deut. 33:25 there is a promise which says, "As thy days so shall thy strength be". As R.A.'s we need many kinds of strength—to be courteous, to keep promises, to be honest, to have clean hearts, to set a watch upon our lips. You can think of many more supplies that we need to be good ambassadors for Jesus. Solomon made a good choice. We find the story of it in I Kings 3:5-14. The same gift will be given to any one who asks earnestly for it. We find this promise in James 1:5. An R.A.'s greatest need is to have Jesus in his heart. Gypsy Smith said: "The first prayer that I ever prayed was 'Blessed Jesus, make my heart Thy home' and He did". And Jesus will come into every heart that asks Him.

II. Because this apartment was the place where supplies and gifts were kept to be distributed it was a secret and well-guarded place. So our place of prayer should be a secret one, apart from others, alone with Jesus, the door shut, with all thoughts but those of Him kept out. A great tree never grows without roots which go down far out of sight; so great ambassadors must have this out-of-sight part of their lives. It is well to go to the supply house early in the morning. David did this. Psalm 5:3 tells us that David kept "morning watch". In Psalm 108:2 David speaks of awaking "early" to praise the Lord. Because of these talks with God David became a hero and a wise King of Israel. Men who have been heroes in recent years have been men who prayed daily, their lives are thrilling stories of adventure for Christ. In the battles during the Great War soldiers tell of having come upon Foch praying. (For material on heroes, see W.M.S. program, par. 3)

III. It was in the closet the supply department that one met the steward or distributor. So it is there one meets the King now. We dare go to Him and talk because He is "Our Father" and because He is a "God of Love". An ambassador representing the King should know Him well. The King's Son left us word to "ask in my name" which means "as my representative". (See story of the English farmer, W.M.S. program, par. 1)

SECOND MEETING

- Topic—From the Closet around the World
- Hymn—We've a Story to Tell
- Scripture Reading—I Tim. 2:1-8
- Prayer—That R.A.'s May Be True to Requests for Prayer
- Business
- Song—I Would Be Like Jesus
- Talks—Praying for Others
 - I. Our Nation
 - II. Our Missionaries
 - III. More Missionaries
- Hymn—Jesus Calls Us



Praying for Others

I. In answer to the request of the disciples, "Lord, teach us to pray", Jesus said, "Say 'Our Father' ". Through the prayer He used the plural pronouns, as "our daily bread" and "lead us not into temptation". This shows that we must ask for blessings not just for ourselves. Paul who was an ambassador too, realized this and in the Scripture lesson today we notice that he asks that prayer be made for all men, especially for men in high places. We too ought to pray for men in authority, for our new president and for the cabinet. Prayer has always had a great part in our country's history. At Valley Forge Washington prayed for courage and success for his weary men; at the meeting of the Continental Congress Benjamin Franklin led

in prayer for our nation. What special problems has America now? Though R.A.'s cannot vote, we may have this important prayer part in the national life.

II. To pray just for our nation would be selfish. We ought to pray for all the other nations in the world, particularly for those in which our missionaries are working. In Col. 4:2, 3 we find that Paul asked prayers for himself because he was a missionary. So missionaries now ask our prayers. Carey said in answer to the question, "Who will go down into the dark well of heathenism?" "I will go but you must hold the ropes". We must hold the ropes for our missionaries by knowing them and praying for them. The above triangle shows how this may be. It has been said that "wherever you can think a thought, God can pour out a blessing". We step to the electric switch and push on the power lever and the light shines far away in the darkness, so by praying for power for our missionaries we can help them show forth the light of the Gospel. In Tennyson's story of the death of King Arthur is this passage about prayer, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of". (See page 17.)

III. Jesus once said to His disciples "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest to thrust forth laborers into the harvest". R.A.'s ought to keep this request of the One they represent. In an all-night prayer meeting two Moravians heard God's voice asking them to carry His message across the sea. Each man promised God that he would go if he could find a companion. The very next morning the two laborers met. Each telling his experience found that his prayer was fully answered in the other and soon they went forth to tell the story of Jesus in the West Indies. In 1784 in England a great call to prayer for foreign missionaries was proclaimed. Carey answered with his life for Christ in India. A call to prayer was sounded among southern Baptists and on August 17 a ship load of missionaries sailed for China and Japan, while later others went to South America and Africa. Mr. Maxie White, the first R.A. to become a foreign missionary, is now home on furlough and is asking R.A.'s and others to pray for more workers in Brazil. Let us pray as we have been asked to do and let us help answer our prayers.



SUNBEAM PROGRAMS



Material found in the general program on pages 10-15, as well as other items in this issue, will be quite helpful to supplement the following programs. It is hoped it will be freely used in this supplemental way. The leaflets suggested on page 3 will also prove attractive additions.

FIRST MEETING

TOPIC—What Prayer Can Do
 PRAYER SONG—Father, We Thank Thee
 SONG—Can a Little Child Like Me?
 BIBLE STORY—Opening Prison Doors
 PRAYER
 SONG—Little Helpers
 MISSIONARY STORY—Digging a Well for Jesus
 SONG—Jesus, Friend of Little Children
 ROLL-CALL—Answered with the Name of a Missionary for Whom You Pray.
 SENTENCE PRAYERS FOR MISSIONARIES
 BUSINESS
 SONG—L-O-V-E
 PRESENTATION OF MAY BASKETS
 CLOSING PRAYER
 SUNBEAM RALLY CRY

Opening Prison Doors

How many of you ever asked your mothers anything? Why, all of you! Well, did your mothers hear you and answer you? Do they always say "Yes" to you when you ask them to let you do things or to do things for you? Of course not! Sometimes they say "No". They always say "No" when it is best. God hears us when we talk to Him, too! The Bible tells us, "My God will hear me" and God answers us, too, when we ask Him for things but He doesn't always say "Yes" any more than our mothers do. He sometimes has to say "No" because it is best. I know some stories about when God said "Yes" and some about when he said "No" but today I am going to tell you a very wonderful one about a time when God said "Yes". It is a true story right out of the Bible.

Once upon a time just a little while after Jesus went away to the heavenly home His good friend whose name was Peter was cast into prison for preaching about Him and telling the good news of His coming to all the people. The rulers did not want the people to believe in Jesus and love Him so they commanded Peter not to tell about

Him any more. When Peter refused to obey, they put him in prison, in a great strong stone prison and bound him with chains to two soldier-watchmen, one on the right hand and one on the left. When the Christians heard about it they were so sorry that they began at once to pray to God and ask him to use His mighty power to set Peter free. And God said "Yes" to their prayer. One night while Peter's friends were gathered together in the house of one of them named Mary, praying and pleading with God to set him free and Peter was lying in prison chained to the two watchmen, God sent an angel to set him free. A light shined in the cell where Peter was and the angel waked him and said "Rise up quickly". The chain fell off and the angel told Peter to get ready quickly, so he hastened to put on his clothes and sandals and followed the angel as he led him out. The angel led him past the guards into the outer court and when they came to the big iron doors that led out from the prison into the city, what do you think happened? The doors opened of their own accord and Peter and the angel passed through. All this time Peter had thought he was dreaming but

when he went out into the cool air of the city street and saw the doors close behind him he knew that he was not dreaming but that God had answered "Yes" to the prayers of his friends and had set him free. He hastened away to Mary's house where he knew his friends were gathered to tell them the good news and rejoice with them that God had said "Yes" to their prayers.

Digging a Well for Jesus

Peter is not the only one of God's servants for whom He has done very wonderful things in answer to prayers. Many years ago God called a man named John G. Paton to go as a missionary to the islands of the sea, among some of the most wicked, cruel, ignorant heathen in all the world. I am sure Mr. Paton would never have dared to go if he had not been very, very sure that God would go with him and take care of him and help him in his work. But he was sure and so he went and whenever he got to where he could not help himself he always asked God to help him and God never failed him once.

One part of the island where Mr. Paton lived was very dry and the people suffered

greatly when the rains failed to come, so Mr. Paton decided to dig a well. Now the natives had never seen or even heard of a well, so they hooted at the idea and said that rain came only from the sky and never out of the ground. But Mr. Paton persisted and as the well sank deeper and deeper he prayed and prayed with all his heart that they might strike water and prove to the people God's power in providing water for them. At last the diggers struck an underground stream and the water filled the well, cool and fresh and sweet, so that the natives could go and draw. When these heathen people saw it they said, "Now we know that Jehovah is the only true God because He has brought rain out of the ground" and many of them gave their hearts to Him and served Him from that time forth.

May Basket

Give to each child a small cardboard May basket filled with flowers, popcorn or candy. Into each tuck a little note telling a few interesting facts about one of our missionaries and ask each child to learn what is in his basket for a missionary quiz at the next meeting.

SECOND MEETING

TOPIC—Praying for Our Missionaries
 WELCOME SONG
 PRAYER
 SONG—Help Somebody Today
 ROLL CALL—Answer with Names of People for Whom We Should Pray
 SENTENCE PRAYERS
 SONG—There's a Friend for Little Children
 BIBLE STORY—When God said "No" to a Missionary (See page 21)
 PRAYER SONG
 MISSIONARY QUIZ—Facts from May Baskets
 SONG—Whisper Song
 PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES
 OFFERING SERVICE
 BUSINESS
 SUNBEAM SONG
 CLOSING PRAYER

Praying for Our Missionaries

How many of you have heard a missionary who has come back from China or Japan or Africa or some other of our mission fields make a speech and tell about the

strange ways of the people with whom she worked? I am glad some of you have because I think there is nothing more interesting in all the world. Perhaps some of us have heard the very same missionaries tell

of their experiences while others have heard different ones, but there is one thing that I know each of the missionaries we have heard said to us—they said, "Pray for us and for our work". I have heard many, many missionaries speak and I have never yet heard one who failed to ask God's people to pray for him. You see it isn't a very easy job being a missionary, even if it is a happy one. Sometimes our missionaries are very lonely, separated as they are from most of their friends and loved ones so we can ask God to be very close to them and keep them from being lonesome. Sometimes our missionaries get sick way off in those strange lands where they have to live in strange houses and eat strange food and do not have many doctors to take care of them and make them well. So we must remember to ask God to take care of our missionaries to keep them in health and strength, to make them well when they are sick, to help them not to work too hard and wear themselves out. There is something else one of our missionaries told me once when she asked me to pray for her. She said that sometimes she was tempted to be cross when she was tired and sometimes she got angry when people did things that they should not and that often she was tempted to do many things that are not right, just as we are. But she said that if she did those things those heathen people who were watching her every minute of the day to see how Jesus wants His people to act would not understand and would not know how sorry she was in her heart and

she asked me to pray every day that she might be kept from temptation, from doing anything wrong that Jesus does not want His children to do. Wouldn't you like to ask God to help all our missionaries to be good? There is something our missionaries want even more than any of these things which I have told you—more than to be kept from being lonesome, more than not to be sick, even more than always to be good, I think, and that is to know the very best way to teach the people about Jesus so that they may believe in Him and be saved, that is the thing they want us to pray for most of all.

Now hold up four fingers everybody! We are going to put one thing to pray for on each finger so you can remember all this week what our missionaries need to have us ask God for. On the first finger we will put, "Keep them from being lonesome", say it over with me again.

Now on the second we will put, "Keep them well and strong". Let's say that over together. Now what is on the first finger? On the second? Now on the third we will put, "Keep them from temptation and sin". Now let us say them all. On our last finger we will put, "Help them to know the very best way to teach about Jesus". Let us say them all over. What is on the first finger? The last? The third? The first? The last? The second? On all of them? How many of you will try to remember to pray these four prayers for our missionaries every day? Shall we pray them now?

The Little Missionary

I NEED not go to Africa,
To China or Japan,
To work for Jesus here at home
I'll do the best I can.

I'll tell of His great love for me,
And show I love Him, too;
And better far, I'll show my love
In all that I may do.

The little water drops come down
To make the flowers grow,
The little rivulets flow on
To bless where'er they go.

The little seeds make mighty trees,
To cool us with their shade;
If little things like these do good,
To try, I'm not afraid.

I'll be a missionary now,
And work the best I may,
For if I want to work with God
There surely is a way.

I'll pray for those who cross the sea,
My offering, too, I'll send;
And do all that is in my power
This great big world to mend.

—Selected



FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



STORIES OF SOME CHINESE GODS

THE aged ex-Buddhist told us a history of the popular "Kitchen-god". (She smacked her lips and winked her eyes as if she might really enjoy telling this tale were she not now a Christian!) "When he lived on the earth", she began, "his wife displeased him and he divorced her. The gods in pity gave her great wealth while the husband was reduced to poverty. He went out to search food but, failing to find any, was nearing starvation when he reached a place where the poor were actually being fed. He drank a bowl of soup and as he drank he began thinking of his wife. He drank the second bowl and said to himself, 'This is just as delicious as my wife used to make'. Upon finishing the third bowl of soup he looked up and lo! there was his wife before his very eyes! When he realized that she was the beneficent person who had fed him and saved his life he was so ashamed that he crawled into the stove to hide. She punched him and poked him but he refused to come forth. She built a fire in the stove but still he had no face to stir, remaining in the stove till he was completely burned to death. Afterward both were changed to gods by the Lord of Heaven". On the 23rd of the twelfth month these kitchen-gods are taken from the walls of millions of homes and sent up in smoke, they tell us, to report what they have seen and heard during the year. One such god, who has been worshipped semi-monthly and has had feasts given and incense burned in his honor, will doubtless make a good report, especially if he has a sweet taste in his mouth from syrup or honey thoughtfully rubbed on by some member of the family.

The following is the current story of the "Goddess of Mercy": She was the third daughter of a certain emperor and when the time came for her betrothal she refused to marry. Instead she took the veil and went to live in a convent (Buddhist) on Fragrant Mountain. She was given menial service to perform but the beasts brought her wood

from the forest and the Dragon opened a well for her, thus rendering easy her difficult tasks. Her father, angered by her conduct, sent men to burn the nunnery but, in answer to her prayer, a rain came and extinguished the flames. She was brought back to the palace in chains and given the choice between marriage and death. She chose the latter and was strangled. A tiger carried her lifeless body off to the forest. She descended into Hades which, on her account, became a veritable paradise filled with gardens of lilies. The gods granted her a second life on earth and upon her return she heard that her father was seriously sick. Without revealing her identity she sent him word, in the name of a mere nun, to go to the Fragrant Mountain and there he would find a cure for his disease. He dispatched a servant for the remedy which proved to be medicine made from a hand and an eye of a young girl. The emperor took one dose of this marvelous potion and was instantly restored to perfect health. Grateful for his recovery, he went to the Fragrant Mountain to find and reward the girl who had sacrificed her own hand and eye for his good and, behold, it was his daughter whom he had murdered. His repentance was sincere. As a reward for her noble deed the gods gave her a thousand hands, on each hand an eye, and she became the Goddess of Mercy.

Dear friends, how would you like to know only such gods as these? There are millions here in China who know nothing of the one true God and the Saviour of men. "How can they believe in one of whom they have not heard? and how can they hear without a preacher? and how can they preach except they be sent?" And how can we, who are here as His messengers, be faithful to the trust and preach effectively except you, our co-workers, pray for us?—*Addie Estelle Cox, Kaifeng, China*

"It is not a question if the heathen can be saved without Christ. It is a question if we can be saved if we keep Him to ourselves."



CURRENT EVENTS



THE WORLD FIELD

SO successful was the intensive campaign for new ministerial recruits in China carried on through one week last May that it will probably be an annual event. A great deal of effective preparatory work was done through the distribution of literature to native pastors and to many hundred missionaries, so that a large volunteer force was secured for the campaign. Many of the strongest of the Chinese students expressed their purpose to enter the ministry when its claims were thus put before them in spite of the small salaries paid. One outgrowth of the campaign is a study of the whole salary question, with an endeavor so to standardize the salaries that they may provide an adequate living basis and compare in some degree at least to the salaries tempting these bright young men into other lines of activity.

This recent news comes from Burma: In 1883 there were just eleven Kochin Christians, no books, no schools, terrible sanitary conditions. Today there are more than 1000 Kochin Christians in the hills. Much of the Bible has been translated; they have a grammar and a dictionary and a good school. Twenty years ago there was not a Christian Lahu. Today the Lahu church has over 12,000 members and such is the vitality of their faith that recently 21 of their young people walked 300 miles to attend the yearly convention.

It is reported that about 200,000 people have turned from the Roman Catholic Church to enter the new national church of Czecho-Slovakia. Recently the martyrdom of John Huss was celebrated by holding many meetings, several were open-air meetings in Prague and many others were in halls and churches. In all of these Huss was extolled and Christ preached more or less. The old Hussite flag with the chalice upon it was carried in the procession formed by the crowd of people.

An anonymous donor in Cleveland, Ohio, is furnishing the funds for a novel use of a number of the most prominently placed bill boards in that city. Instead of the usual commercial advertisements, Gospel messages are displayed—the texts being changed every few months. These are illuminated at night, and it is estimated that a quarter of a million people see them each twenty four hours. "My word—shall not return unto me void."

In the five years from 1915 to 1920 the number of Japanese girls in business increased from 500,000 to 1,500,000 and is still increasing. To meet the desires of these girls for business training the northern Baptist women are planning to open a Christian Commercial School in Tokyo.

When the enemies of Christianity become alarmed at the progress of its influence, it is time for its friends to take courage. The China Times admits great alarm over the rapidly increasing influence of Christianity and urges that steps should be taken against missionary propaganda.

The "New Woman", the first magazine for women in Korea, has recently been started. It is edited and published by women. About 2000 copies of each issue have been sold.

The largest Baptist church in the world is the Olivet Baptist Church in Chicago, a negro church with 10,000 members. "With its two great edifices, its four simultaneous audiences and its score of paid workers, it is a marvel of varied religious and social activities." During the race riots of 1919 the church held a continuous prayer service.

It is said that the president of the Boston Chamber of Commerce who is a Jew recently remarked: "You may be astonished to hear me, a Jew, say this but in my opinion we stand before two alternatives—either anarchy or Jesus Christ".



TRAINING SCHOOL



OPPORTUNITIES FOR A COLLEGE GIRL IN HOUSE BEAUTIFUL

"O happy house! where Thou art loved the best,
Dear Friend and Savior of our race,
Where never comes such welcome, honored Guest,
Where none can ever fill Thy place;
Where every heart goes forth to meet Thee,
Where every ear attends Thy word,
Where every lip with blessings greet Thee,
Where all are waiting on their Lord.

"O happy house! and happy servitude!
Where all alike one Master own;
Where duty, in Thy strength, pursued,
Is never hard nor toilsome known;
Where each one serves Thee, meek and lowly,
Whatever Thine appointment be,
Till common tasks seem great and holy
When they are done as unto Thee.

"O happy house! where Thou art not forgotten,
Where joy is flowing full and free;
O happy house! where every wound is brought,
Physician, Comforter, to Thee.
Until at last earth's days' work ended,
All meet Thee in that home above,
From whence Thou camest, where Thou hast ascended,
Thy heaven of glory and of love."

We who live here think that there is no place in the southland where this ideal of happiness comes more nearly being fulfilled than in our House Beautiful. Although we are not free from temptation and trial we do "rejoice with a joy unspeakable" because of the privileges and blessings which are ours here.

To the college girl of the south who has heard God's call to service we send an invitation. Any girl who has dedicated her life to the Master's service will find here ample opportunity for the use and development of every talent which she possesses. The girl who desires to lend her intellectual abilities to the Lord will find, under the guidance and instruction of our seminary professors, broader fields of knowledge than she has yet dreamed of. The girl who comes with a desire to serve and a hope that after the days of training the Lord may use her will find the development she needs in the various mission fields of the city and in daily tasks at the school. She will be able to do her task better because of the new vision of the world as the broad field white unto harvest.

But the greatest opportunity which the Training School offers is for spiritual development. The aim of the school is found in the motto, "We would see Jesus". He is seen and known through faith, prayer, study and obedience to God's Word. By individual effort and by the guidance and example of the faculty, the Training School student becomes a sharer in the "unsearchable riches of Christ". Thus briefly we give you a glimpse of Training School life, a life rich in opportunities for development, joyous in present duties and happy in anticipation of future usefulness in the Master's Kingdom.

Baptist student of the south, it is for you!—*Mary Bonar, Gen. Ch. Student Government*



PERSONAL SERVICE



THE SUMMER SCHOOL AT LOUISVILLE

"Holding forth the Word of Life"

EVER since our Personal Service was inaugurated many have felt an intense desire to engage in some definite work but, conscious of the handicap that lack of experience gives, have hesitated to begin work in an untried field. The advancement of our Personal Service must depend largely upon the volunteer worker because of our aim: "Every society a center of usefulness and power in its own community". Realizing the need of equipping and encouraging the volunteer, it has been planned to conduct a summer school at the W.M.U. Training School from June 27-July 22. The delightful House Beautiful is to be open these weeks for the special benefit of Personal Service workers with Mrs. Eager as hostess and Mrs. McLure as director and lecturer. The first week the students will have the privilege of attending the Louisville Institute of the Daily Vacation Bible School in the mornings. In the afternoons a symposium on institutional and welfare work will be held by Miss Leachman followed by visits with her to various institutions and departments of welfare. The following week will be taken up by conducting a Daily Vacation Bible School at the Good Will Center in the mornings. In the afternoons the program will be varied. There will be opportunity to supervise and observe the playground and to observe the Mothers' Club in session. There will be lectures by Mrs. McLure on different phases of personal work and there will be a lecturer on rural work. The Training School is most admirably adapted for a summer course because of its airy, well-ventilated rooms and halls. The price will be astonishingly low because the building and equipment belong to the Union. Should enrollment be large enough the cost can be reduced to \$1.00 a day, without laundry. There will be some books necessary and a small sum for supplies for the Daily Vacation Bible School. The Local Board of the Training School extends through Mrs. Eager a cordial welcome to each prospective student. It is most earnestly desired that each state be represented by its Personal Service chairman or in case of her unavoidable absence by her substitute and as large a group as possible to take advantage of this comprehensive and very practical course. Such definite instruction with the practice to be had in the Vacation Bible School and the clubs at the model Good Will Center connected with the Training School combine to make a course that will appeal to the average worker and prove of great value to her. We are just now stressing the need of Vacation Bible Schools and urging the conducting of them in every state during this summer. The most important step toward this is the sending of representatives to take the course offered at Louisville that these schools may do the most efficient work possible under the direction of these representatives on their return. It is also hoped that these plans will be given wide publicity and that enrollment in each state be encouraged so that by May first, Mrs. Eager may be notified as to how many may be expected. We wish also to ask that prayer be made for blessing on these plans and for a large and representative attendance. The winning of many souls to Christ is involved, the efficiency of many activities, the joyous responsibilities of many workers. Send your name to your Personal Service chairman at once.

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PERSONAL SERVICE SUMMER SCHOOL



UNION NOTES



CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.
W.M.U. Council Meeting Place, May 16, 1921

ROUND TABLE

DR. E. Y. MULLINS, president of the S.B.C. Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., will make the inspirational address at the close of the Friday afternoon, May 13, session of the Woman's Missionary Union at Chattanooga. He will discuss childhood and womanhood as he saw it during his recent trip to Europe. Surely all hearts will glow with a burning zeal to help these conditions when Dr. Mullins explains the opportunities awaiting the Foreign Mission Board in Europe.

At the commencement of the W.M.U. Training School in Louisville, Ky., the first week in May the address will be made by

Miss Jessie Burrall, who is delightfully remembered by those who attended the W.M.U. annual meeting last May in Washington. Miss Burrall gave up her remarkable Sunday school class there and her editorial work for the National Geographic Magazine to become religious director in Stephens Junior College in Columbia, Mo. Union workers will remember her in their prayers. She has promised to attend several of the summer assemblies, notably at Greenville, S.C. and Georgetown, Ky.; and to assist in the Vocational School which the Sunday School Board will conduct in Nashville, June 6-July 5.

The W.M.U. sermon at the Chattanooga Convention will be preached at the First Baptist Church on Georgia Avenue and Oak Street on Sunday, May 15, at 11 A.M. The pastor, Rev. John W. Inzer, will preside.

Many who are interested in the religious training of Baptist girls and boys in the denominational and state institutions will remember that at the Washington Convention last May a Student Activities Committee was appointed, consisting of Dr. B. D. Gray, chairman, Dr. I. J. Van Ness, Dr. W. C. James, Dr. T. B. Ray and the W.M.U. corresponding secretary. The committee met in July, in September and again in March. It is easy to realize that the committee faced a hard problem and that it will be slow to recommend any changes in the present plans for reaching Baptist students until it feels sure that it has a really worthwhile plan to suggest. At the March meeting certain tentative policies were outlined to be presented to the four Boards represented on the committee and to the W.M.U. Executive Committee. If a consensus of opinion is thereby reached the committee may present its findings to the Chattanooga Convention. At the March meeting the committee courteously permitted the W.M.U. corresponding secretary to take with her two of the state W.M.U. college correspondents, Miss Maud Powell of Georgia and Mrs. George E. Davis of South Carolina. The W.M.U. Executive Committee at its January meeting in Nashville requested the extension of this courtesy, since the Union is not one of the several Boards of the Convention but is auxiliary to the Convention itself and is, therefore, equally interested in the work of its Boards.

On March 11 the W.M.U. corresponding secretary had the pleasure of attending a group meeting in Charlottesville, Va. The group is composed of the various missionary organizations in eight churches in Albemarle County. Not all but several of the churches were represented that day, the attendance being quite gratifying. The group leader, Mrs. H. S. Driscoll of Charlottesville, presided, the associational superintendent, Mrs. Leonora Rea, being also

present. The graded W.M.U. work for the young people was attractively presented by the young people themselves, under the direction of Mrs. Fred Spitzer of the hostess church.

The S.B.C. Committee on Woman's Work to report at the Chattanooga Convention was appointed by the president, Dr. J. B. Gambrell, as follows: Dr. C. C. Coleman, S.C., chairman, Dr. L. L. Henson, Ky., and Dr. R. G. Bowers, Texas. Into the hands of this committee the Union will place its report to the Convention and will co-operate with it in planning for an adequate presentation before the Convention of the various W.M.U. interests. Certainly Union members will remember this committee in their daily prayers.

The last of May the Union Year Book goes to the printer. This year book has as its sole purpose to help the local societies to understand and use the W.M.U. plans for the new S.B.C. year. Will every society president, who reads this item, be so good as to write before May 15 to the W.M.U. corresponding secretary, 15 West Franklin Street, Baltimore, Md., telling her what changes she would suggest in the new year book? Just suppose that even 100 society presidents would do this. It is impossible to estimate the practical, first-hand value of such suggestions. Will you be one of the 100 to write to Baltimore before May 15?

When the March woods were fragrant with pink honeysuckle and yellow jessamine Miss Georgia Barnette, the W.M.U. secretary in Louisiana, accompanied the W.M.U. corresponding secretary on a thousand-mile trip through Louisiana. The places visited were: Bogalusa, New Orleans, Lake Charles, De Quincey, Shreveport, Monroe, Pineville and Alexandria. The meetings at Bogalusa, De Quincey and Pineville were annual divisional all-day gatherings, being presided over by Mrs. R. P. Mahon of New Orleans, Mrs. W. H. Managan of Westlake and Mrs. C. Cottingham of Pineville. The other meetings, except the night prayer-meeting service at Calvary Church in Alexandria, were afternoon gatherings, to which women came from many nearby towns. In

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BOOK REVIEWS



A GREATHEART OF THE SOUTH

"TELL me a true story." The children who are continually asking for the true story have, with the wisdom of the sages, placed the right value upon the narrative. In *A Greatheart of the South*, written by Gordon Poteat, Professor of New Testament Shanghai Baptist College, this value has been enhanced by the charming style of the book in which he gives his loving recital of the life of John T. Anderson, M.D., his longtime student friend. As the story opens dear and familiar names catch the eye and insure the interest of the reader in the pages that follow. These pages tell of the Christlike life, extensive service and tragic death of Dr. Anderson and show how well the name Greatheart was suited to such a nature as that of the beloved Physician of Yangchow, China. The last act of his life proved his right to the name: "John took," says the author, "his own steamer rug and, in spite of the protests of the old Chinese servant, wrapped it around him to keep him from catching cold. Then, as his boat was struck, lifting the light high to save others John Anderson went down into the dark waters of the Yang Tze river." Another than the author has said of Dr. Anderson that "he left his impress upon every individual that he met, first among his fellow students in college and the medical school and in broader contact with students of Kentucky and the Carolinas where he was instrumental either in organizing or in reviving State Student Volunteer Unions, in his hospital work and in his work in China. Although his physical life went out so early it will continue to impress other lives for many years to come through the fine and effective biography written by Dr. Gordon Poteat."

There are many reasons why one should possess this story of a beautiful life—there is the joy and benefit of reading it and telling it to others; there is the taking of its lesson into our own heart that it may incite us to become a "Greatheart" in our own

sphere and there is the gratifying our taste for good literature.

Do you wish to recommend to your friends—young and old—the story of a true hero, one that will not only thrill the heart but influence the spirit to more unselfish service? Tell them to read *A Greatheart of the South*!

The book closes with the following beautiful lines written by John Oxenham:

Greatheart is dead, they say,—
Fighting the fight,
Holding the light,
Into the night.
But the light shall burn brighter
And the night shall be lighter
For his going:
And a rich, rich harvest for his sowing.

Price, cloth only, \$1.50 from Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

THE KING'S OWN

It is a cause for congratulation to southern Baptists that in recent months so much good missionary material has been placed between book covers by our own writers. Among this will be found *The King's Own* by Miss Una Moffitt Roberts. Miss Roberts has collected and set forth in a most readable fashion a group of stories on early southern Baptist foreign missions. These were prepared especially for juniors but will be equally interesting as well as of real historic value to older W.M.U. workers. The author has shown herself to be a true story teller of true stories, a precious gift and one which we are all glad she has not wrapped away in a napkin but placed where it will bring a harvest of early love and effort for the missionary enterprise. Dr. W. O. Carver of the Louisville Theological Seminary says of these stories that Miss Roberts has "opened a rich mine of precious value and made the product so attractive that there is sure to be a demand for much more." Our leaders of junior societies will welcome this help. Price, paper only, 50 cents postpaid from Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

PROGRAM FOR MAY

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into the storehouse and His readiness to pour out a blessing tested therewith, but money is not the greatest need. The evangelism of the world in this generation depends first of all upon a revival of prayer. Deeper than the need for men; deeper far than the need for money; aye, deep down at the bottom of our spiritless life is the need for the forgotten secret of prevailing, world-wide prayer. Of far greater service than any array of learning or gifts of eloquence, more to be desired than gold and fine gold, more to be sought than a great name or apparent opportunities for large usefulness, is the great gift—may God give it to each one of us!—the secret and sweetness of unceasing, prevailing, triumphant prayer for the coming of the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ.—*Robert E. Speer*

"Far Above Every Name that Is Named"

God is still a jealous God, but God is jealous about things and not about words and phrases and formulas. Christ was never concerned about the outward honor paid Him. He did not yearn to be admired; He yearned to be followed. He wished men to come to Him, not as a shrine but as a door; not as a goal, but as a highway; not as a memorial tablet, but as a window through which they could see God and Self and Man and Life and Opportunity.

- Does He save you from your sin? Call Him Saviour!
- Does He free you from your passions? Call Him Redeemer!
- Does He teach you as no one else has taught you? Call Him Teacher!
- Does He master and mould your life? Call Him Master!
- Does He shine upon the pathway that is dark to you? Call Him Guide!
- Does He reveal God to you? Call Him Son of God!
- Does He reveal man? Call Him Son of man!

Or, in following Him are your lips silent in your incapacity to define Him and His influence upon you? Call Him by no name but follow Him!—*Howard S. Bliss*

"Fellow-partakers of the Promise in Christ Jesus"

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father . . . that He would grant unto you, according to the riches of His glory, that ye may be strengthened with power through His spirit in the inward man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; to the end that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be strong to apprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto Him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations forever and ever. Amen.—*Paul*

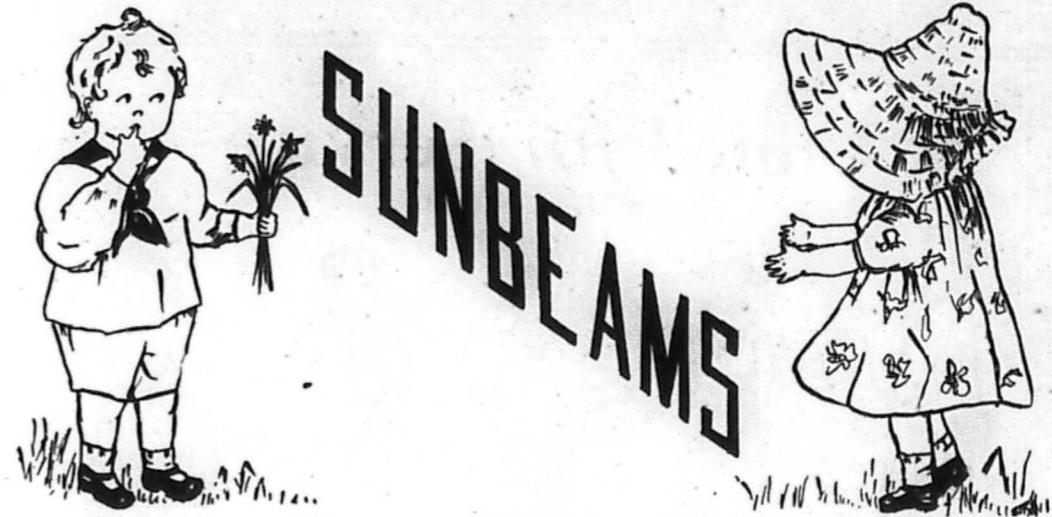
UNION NOTES

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the eight meetings 75 societies were reached through at least 1000 women and young people. At Bogalusa night meeting the Sunbeams gave a good demonstration followed by an unusually fine presentation of the pageant, "A Message for Man", by the Y.W.A. Four years ago the W.M.U. corresponding secretary made a similar trip in Louisiana. Certainly the work has grown in the meanwhile.

While in New Orleans the W.M.U. corresponding secretary was the guest of the Baptist Bible Institute, staying in the very

attractive and comfortable Woman's Building, over which Mrs. Jno. O. Gough presides. There are 51 women students under her care, 60 having been enrolled during the year. The Manual of W.M.U. Methods is taught in the Institute by Mrs. Gough, the men as well as the women studying it. The seal for such study was in March awarded to 67 students. At the January meeting of the W.M.U. Executive Committee it was decided to grant the request of the Institute that the Union appoint an advisory board of seven women, three of whom shall live in or near to New Orleans. Mrs. W. C. James will soon appoint the board.



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