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I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.—
Philippians 4:13

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The Good Teacher

He leadeth me in the lowly path of learning,
He prepareth a lesson for me every day,
He bringeth me to the clear fountains of instruction,
Little by little He showeth me the beauty of truth.

The Lord is my teacher,
I shall not lose the way.

The world is a great book that He hath written,
He turneth the leaves for me slowly ;
They are all inscribed with images and letters,
He poureth light on the pictures and the words.

He taketh me by the hand to the hilltop of vision,
And my soul is glad when I perceive His meaning ;
In the valley also He walketh beside me,
In the dark places He whispereth to my heart.

Even though my lesson be hard it is not hopeless,
For the Lord is patient with His slow scholar ;
He will wait a while on my weakness
And help me to read the truth through tears.

—HENRY VAN DYKE

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EDITORIAL



"KNOW YE NOT THAT A MIGHTY MAN IN ISRAEL HAS FALLEN TODAY?"

THE following are extracts culled from our denominational papers and from the different tributes in the Gambrell Memorial Number of the *Baptist Standard*. These extracts show something of the character of the man and the high estimate placed upon him by those who knew him best:

A prince of the common people, a statesman in the Kingdom of God, a captain courageous, a mighty man has been promoted and translated. Death held no dominion over James Bruton Gambrell. He came off more than conqueror and has gone to give an account to his Master of a long and fruitful stewardship.

In him God worked a miracle of consecrated manhood. Sometime ago a writer in the *Homiletic Review* said that C. H. Spurgeon was just an average good man magnified twenty times. And in Dr. Gambrell many excellent qualities were singularly blended. However viewed, that good man whom God gave the Baptists was a colossus.

As you are privileged to know some conspicuous men with increasing intimacy they do not grow larger. As you are privileged to know some others, perhaps not many, they do loom larger the more you know them.

There are many thousands—and in our heart we put ourselves in the number—to whom the loss of Dr. Gambrell is a personal loss rather than the passing of a figure to be saluted for its prominence.

Early Influences—Besides giving Dr. Gambrell a great mind and a great heart the Lord provided for him a great father and a great mother and a great church. For twenty years previous to the close of the Civil War Dr. Gambrell's father did fine work as a deacon in Pleasant Ridge Church in Tippah County, Miss.

The home surroundings of the growing boy were favorable to the development of a noble character. Each day on the plantation his father read the Scriptures and either he or an old negro would lead in prayer. His father's home was the stopping place for preachers. His mother was a devoted Christian who gave God the first place in the rearing of the children. She was a woman of remarkable piety as well as sound judgment and common sense. She was the mother of a large family, some of whom are still living, and all of the children lived active Christian lives, filling useful stations in life and are a credit to her memory.

The Soldier—Throughout the war he was one of the most daring and successful scouts in the Confederate Army. His comrade, L. R. Burress, wrote: "He was brave as the bravest, was kindly disposed, forming his purposes in right and courage".

He heard the call of his state to serve as a soldier of the Confederacy and later the call of Christ to be His soldier and ambassador. Right well as a soldier did he serve the south. Equally well and with many times the potency has he served the south as a minister and a citizen.

The Baptist Commoner—There is no doubt but that Dr. Gambrell was a Baptist. He looked like one, he talked, lived, worked like a New Testament disciple who had come with us from the baptism of John and Jesus. He was not a Baptist and a half—just a straight-up, forward-looking and living Baptist.

The greatest thing about Dr. Gambrell was his devotion to the Baptist denomination. He understood as few men do the priceless value and far-reaching implications of our principles. He saw with rare vision how necessary for the weal of the world it was to keep those principles and practices intact, unimpaired, clear and outstanding. He believed that it was our duty to get these great values into circulation throughout the world. He labored to have them incorporated into churches, into schools, into hospitals,

into books, into papers, into denominational organization, into lives. He was nobly constructive.

He read books and kept abreast of world movements. But, above all, he studied men and kept close to the great masses of the people. He was the very embodiment of Baptist democracy.

He frequently said that he had never known a body of Baptists that could not talk and pray themselves together, no matter how widely their opinions might differ at the beginning.

He believed in the Southern Baptist Convention and he believed in the organized work. When his brethren did not go with him he went with them.

He believed in free speech and a wide-open denominational press. He thought light to be the best germicide. The more publicity a measure could have the more it suited him. In his judgment issues that reached the people would eventually be settled rightly and he trusted in them infinitely more than in the chancellors of the star chamber.

One of the outstanding elements of his greatness was that he loved what the world calls the common people. His heart was among the people and his style was a sort easily understood of the people. The people never had a better friend. He is crowned justly "The Baptist Commoner".

The Christian—The dominant impulse of his life was the exaltation of Christ. I recalled almost daily an occasion when Dr. Gambrell was with me in my church. A woman with a beautiful voice and great feeling sang "Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown"? Eyes were wet with tears all over the congregation. When the song closed Dr. Gambrell arose and said, "I am not much concerned as to whether there will be any stars in my crown but I am deeply concerned as to whether I shall add any stars to my Saviour's crown".

He and Christ were friends, comrades. Oh! how his great heart reveled in the fellowship of the Father, Son and Spirit. Sometimes, late in the evening when we were left alone in the office, he would take up his Bible, which was always at hand, and read of the goodness of God and the riches of His grace as revealed by it. In these sacred hours his face would be lit up by the glory of the celestial world and his eyes filled with tears of unspeakable joy. In these moments he would be lifted above and made to forget the worry and stress of the day and in ecstasy of spirit praised God.

No matter how dark the clouds on the horizon he believed with Paul that Christ must reign until He hath put all His enemies under His feet. He said just a few hours ago, when his feet were already slipping over the brink, "I am as certain that Christ will ultimately reign in all the affairs of men unto the ends of the earth as I am that tomorrow will come". He was a man of intrepid, dauntless optimism because of his unshaken faith in Christ. What a glorious Christian he was!

Dr. Truett says: Day after day I came away from his bedside wondering how one with such a combination of sanest wisdom and wholesome wit, of growing optimism, of sparkling humor, of conquering faith, of compassionate love for mankind, of lofty vision, of wide-reaching outlook, of commanding purpose and program, could die! Nay, he is not dead but lives on now in a larger sphere than ever before.

He was the most unaffected friend, the wisest counselor and best helper of young preachers that I ever saw. In the homegoing of this great, good and grand old man, Baptist women lost one of their most enthusiastic and helpful friends. We love him and will cherish his memory, try to carry out his plans for southern Baptists, "do right and go forward", till we are all called to meet him around the altars at a haven of rest and praise.

We shall not see his like again, he has fallen and his failing hand has thrown to us the torch. Be it ours to hold it high and take up the unfinished tasks to "carry on" until we, too, join the innumerable caravan whose goal is the city not made with hands.

While Dr. Gambrell lived he was for southern Baptists a burning and a shining light and though dead the light that came from him will irradiate our thinking, our policies and our pathway for years to come.

"If some star were quenched on high,
For ages would its light,
Descending from the sky
Fall on our mortal sight.
So when a good man dies
For years beyond his ken
The light he leaves behind him
Falls across the path of men."

THE NAMELESS CHURCHES

W. W. Hamilton, Atlanta, Ga.

"What church is that we just passed?" asked the stranger who was motoring through the south. "Which one do you mean, the brick with the square tower?" "Yes", said the tourist. "That", replied the citizen, "is the Baptist church. The Baptists here are numerous". After a brief conversation as to the best road to the next town, where the night was to be spent, the stranger said, "About eight miles out in the country we passed a beautifully located frame church with white pillars and evidently designed for a departmental Sunday school. There was an old building near by and what appeared to be a parsonage." "That", said the citizen, "is the Spring Creek Baptist Church where old Parson Roach was pastor for so many years."

"Are there many Baptists down this way? We have some in our part of the country but their congregations are small." "Yes, indeed, they are numerous here. There are more than three million white Baptists in the south and almost as many negro Baptists. In some localities one in every four of the population is a member of a Baptist church."

"Is it possible! We do not seem to have passed many churches of that name on our route." "Well", said the citizen, "you must have passed them, only you did not know it." "Why don't they put the name on the building? How do you account for it? It seems to a stranger that every reason would lead so numerous a people to let visitors know who and where they are."

"Maybe the next time you come this way it will be different", said the citizen. "My wife tells me that the Woman's Missionary Union, at their meeting in Chattanooga, decided to ask the women in every Baptist church in the south to see to it that the name is placed on each house of worship and you know when these women set their hearts and heads and hands to a task it is going to be done."

How many, many nameless churches there are among us! How much it would mean for Baptists and for the truths for which they stand if the thousands of visitors from our own and from other lands were forced to consider our numerical strength! The action taken by the Woman's Missionary Union to place the name on each of our churches

(1) Will give the women's societies another way of showing their devotion to the churches of which they are so vital a part.

(2) Will place upon somebody the responsibility of taking the initiative in a matter which everybody knows should be done and done well.

(3) Will render a real service to every stranger and visitor who comes into the neighborhood and who is interested in community welfare.

(4) Will indirectly provoke a desire to have the building and its surroundings worthily represent the congregation and the denomination to which it belongs and whose name it bears.

(5) Will really and powerfully help in bringing Baptists and their great and vital principles to the attention of those who are seeking the truth and those who will appreciate anything indicating an interest in them and a welcome to the place of prayer and worship.

New Stars for the Union's Service Flag

CHINA

Miss Clifford I. Barratt, South Carolina
Miss Winnie Bennett, Mississippi
Miss Lydia Belle Brown, North Carolina
Miss Leta Denham, Texas
Miss Mina Garrett, Texas
Miss Alda Grayson, North Carolina
Miss Viola Humphreys, Texas
Miss Mary Bibb Long, Mississippi
Miss Rose Marlowe, Michigan
Miss Carrie Owen, Virginia
Miss Hannah Plowden, South Carolina
Mrs. Rex Ray, China
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JAPAN

Miss Effie Baker, Texas
Mrs. J. G. Chapman, Kentucky
Miss Florence Conrad, Missouri
Miss Ruth Espy, Georgia
Miss Leita Hill, Georgia
Mrs. W. V. Nix, North Carolina
Miss Naomi Schell, North Carolina
Mrs. Roscoe C. Smith, Kentucky

BRAZIL

Miss Edith Ayers, Arkansas
Mrs. A. R. Crabtree, Virginia
Mrs. Geo. E. Goodman, Tennessee
Miss Nora E. Hawkins, Texas
Miss Bernice Neel, Texas

ARGENTINA

Miss Lou Ellen Combs, Louisiana
Mrs. Z. Paul Freeman, Louisiana

CHILE

Miss Cornelia Brower, South Carolina

AFRICA

Miss Lucille Reagan, Texas

EUROPE

Mrs. Everett Gill, reappointed with her husband, Superintendency of our work in Europe

NEAR EAST

Mrs. W. A. Hamlett, Superintendency of our work
Appointed by Foreign Mission Board, S.B.C., June 9, 1921

TITHING CAMPAIGN PLANS

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN TITHING BANDS

"The tithe is holy unto the Lord"

Christians should be willing to adopt this minimum standard for several reasons:

First, inasmuch as God furnishes all the resources, we should not be content to make a smaller return to Him.

Second, in this day of grace it would be unreasonable to expect a lower standard than was required of the ancient Jews. We are commanded to abound in the grace of giving.

Third, the records show that those, who heartily dedicate at least a tenth to God, receive both material and spiritual blessing.

Fourth, those that observe this standard are found to grow both in the grace of giving and the grace of God.

Fifth, should all Christians observe this rule, the revenues of the Kingdom would be adequate to meet all demands.

Will you not enlist with this elect band? If so, please sign the covenant on the other side and help to induce other members of your church to do likewise.

Half a million tithers before next May was a slogan adopted at Chattanooga at the suggestion of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of which Dr. J. T. Henderson is secretary. The Convention authorized the appointment of a committee of nine to formulate plans for such a campaign. The committee accordingly met in Louisville, Ky., on June 25, with Dr. E. Y. Mullins, president of the Convention, in the chair, and with the Union represented by Mrs. W. J. Neel, Georgia, and Miss Eliza S. Broadus and Mrs. Janie Cree Bose of Kentucky.

Mrs. Neel writes: "Dr. Henderson had ready a number of recommendations formulated from answers to a questionnaire he had sent to each state chairman of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. These were discussed informally but carefully. Dr. Henderson will prepare a tract setting forth the aim and plans of the campaign. Dr. Mullins is to prepare an article for the state denominational papers which will also be put in tract form. The date set for the final round-up of the campaign is November 27-December 4".

Other decisions of the committee were as follows:

(1) It is essential to success for the state chairman of the Laymen's Missionary Movement to enlist the fullest co-operation of all the state forces.

(2) The committee in charge of the campaign in each state will consist of: the state chairman of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, the corresponding secretary of the State Mission Board, the corresponding secretary of the State Woman's Missionary Union, and enlistment man and a state B.Y.P.U. and Sunday school secretary, making a committee of five.

(3) An organization for the campaign is urged in each association.

(4) For the associational organizers laymen are desired, as laymen can do the work and as it affords a fine opportunity to develop the laymen. It would be unwise, however, to sacrifice efficiency for the sake of getting a certain layman. Use a woman or a pastor if a wide-awake layman cannot be secured.

(5) The campaign associational committee will preferably consist of a layman as organizer, a live pastor and a capable woman.

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Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists August, 1921

When first thine eyes unveil, give thy soul leave
To do the like; our bodies but forerun
The spirit's duty; true hearts spread and heave
Unto their God as flowers do to the sun.
Give Him thy first thoughts, then so shalt thou keep
Him company all the day, and in Him sleep.—Henry Vaughan

Topic: Information

1—MONDAY

Pray that we may break through
the crust of selfishness and share
with others our knowledge of
Christ's saving grace
Speak, and hold not thy peace.
Acts 18:9

2—TUESDAY

For Misses Alice Parker, M. E.
Moorman, Hazel Andrews and
Mary C. Demarest, Yang Chow,
China
Of Him and through Him and unto Him
are all things.—Romans 11:36

3—WEDNESDAY

For Dr. W. C. James and all publi-
cations of Education Board
He is the saving strength of His anointed.
—Psalm 28:8

4—THURSDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. R. V. Taylor,
Dr. Carl F. Jordan and Rev. and
Mrs. L. W. Pierce, medical and
evangelistic work, Yang Chow,
China
We are God's fellow workers.
1 Corinthians 3:9

5—FRIDAY

That the working of His Spirit in
our hearts bring overflowing gifts
to Baptist 75 Million Fund
God hath given riches and wealth
this is the gift of God.—Ecclesiastes 5:19

6—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. M. G. White
and Rev. W. B. Sherwood, that
rich harvest follow their labors in
Bahia, Brazil
God gave the increase.
—1 Corinthians 3:6

7—SUNDAY

The cup of blessing which we bless,
is it not the communion of the
blood of Christ? The bread which
we break, is it not the communion
of the body of Christ?—1 Corin-
thians 10:16
This do in remembrance of Me.
—Luke 22:19

8—MONDAY

For the presence of the Spirit with
Rev. and Mrs. John Mein, Maceio,
Brazil
Ye also shall continue in the Son and in
the Father.—1 John 2:24

9—TUESDAY

That the publications of the Sunday
School Board lead thousands to
study God's Word
That the communication of thy faith
may become effectual.—Philemon 6

10—WEDNESDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Ayers,
Miss Anna B. Hartwell and Mr. C.
N. Hartwell, medical, evangelistic
and teaching work, Hwang Hien,
China
I am set for the defence of the Gospel.
—Philippians 1:17

11—THURSDAY

Pray that the Baptist 75 Million
Campaign accomplish its holy
mission; let us give as we pray
That God in all things may be glorified.
—1 Peter 4:11

12—FRIDAY

That the Spirit find expression in
Home and Foreign Fields, Royal
Service and all S. B. C. and W.M.
U. publications
That in all things He might have the
pre-eminence.—Colossians 1:18

13—SATURDAY

For the evangelistic and pastoral
work of Rev. and Mrs. T. F. Mc-
Crea, Tengchow, China
Doing service as to the Lord.
Ephesians 6:7

14—SUNDAY

That the Christian church be mind-
ful of its commission to disciple all
nations
I have set before thee an open door.
—Revelation 3:8

15—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. E. O. Mills
and native pastor at Nagasaki,
Japan
We have found Him . . . Come and
see.—John 1:45, 46

16—TUESDAY

For publication work in China,
Japan and Italy
His Word runneth very swiftly.
Psalm 147:15

Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists August, 1921

*Walk with thy fellow creatures; note the rush
And whisperings amongst them. Not a spring
Or leaf but hath his morning hymn; each bush
And oak doth know I AM. Canst thou not sing?
O leave thy cares and follies! Go this way
And thou art sure to prosper all the day.—Henry Vaughan*

Topic: Information—Continued

17—WEDNESDAY

Pray for the medical and evangelistic work of Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Lockett, Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Sadler and Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Powell at Oyo, Africa
He performeth the thing that is appointed for me.—*Job 23:14*

18—THURSDAY

That the starving multitudes of China and Europe have daily bread even though it be taken from us who have and to spare
Thou shalt not . . . shut thine hand from thy poor brother.—*Deuteronomy 15:7*

19—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Sidney J. Townshend, evangelistic and class work, Kweiteh, China
The Lord knoweth them that are His.—*2 Timothy 2:19*

20—SATURDAY

Pray, remembering that our five-year program is God's program for southern Baptists
That they be rich in good works.—*1 Timothy 6:18*

21—SUNDAY

Pray for the fullest and highest realization of Christ's power in the church
Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.—*1 Corinthians 1:24*

22—MONDAY

For Misses Mary D. Willeford, Alice Huey and Bertha Smith and the large work in Laichowfu, China
In righteousness shalt thou be established.—*Isaiah 54:14*

23—TUESDAY

For our publishing house in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and for all who labor there
Their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.—*Isaiah 54:17*

24—WEDNESDAY

Thanksgiving for the evangelistic and medical work of Misses C. A. Miller, Doris Knight and Dr. Jeanette E. Beall in Laichowfu, China
All things are possible to him that believeth.—*Mark 9:23*

25—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Newton, Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Stout and Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Glass and the great forward movement in work at Hwang Hien, China
Gather the wheat into my barn.—*Matthew 13:20*

26—FRIDAY

That we may be enriched by sacrificial gifts to Baptist 75 Million Campaign
The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich.—*Proverbs 10:22*

27—SATURDAY

That the joy of fruitful labor comfort the hearts of Misses Clifford Hunter, Blanche Bradley, J. W. Lide and Lila F. Watson, Hwang Hien, China
Kept by the power of God through faith.—*1 Peter 1:5*

28—SUNDAY

"That we so live tomorrow that others may be conscious where we have lingered today"
Be ye doers of the Word.—*James 1:22*

29—MONDAY

Ask for blessing upon educational work of Misses Ida Taylor, Florence Lide and Ada Bell, Tengchow, China
So must thou bear witness also.—*Acts 23:11*

30—TUESDAY

For Mrs. C. T. Willingham and for early reinforcement in church and school work at Kokura, Japan
With God is wisdom and strength.—*Job 12:13*

31—WEDNESDAY

That the world's atmosphere be made purer by able Christian literature
Then will I turn to the peoples a pure language that they may call upon the name of Jehovah.—*Zephaniah 3:9*



BIBLE STUDY



TOPIC—The Power of the Tongue

I. *Inspiration*: Prov. 16:1. Whenever the heart is purged of selfishness and generous with the love of God we find a miracle of the Holy Ghost. When the tongue is under the control of a purified heart its words will flow as from a fountain of wisdom. Who can control the heart? "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God." Here is a doctrine of inspiration. The heart is deceitful above all things, it requires cleansing, purifying, ennobling—when the heart is prepared the tongue is likewise qualified to play its part in the ministry of life. Commit thy works unto the Lord, Prov. 16:3, yield thyself and all thy purposes to Him, ask Him about everything and the eloquence of the tongue will be limpid, honest. We must have wisdom in speaking, James 1:19, 26.

II. *Language or Speech*: Gen. 1:26, 27; 2:7, 19-23. This faculty must have been given by divine revelation otherwise Adam and Eve could not have conversed with God or with each other. Language is one of the greatest blessings given mankind, bestowed by a wise creator for intellectual intercourse with each other and for devotional intercourse with God. Paul declares God made of one blood every nation of men, Acts 17:26. The exercise of speech is connected with reflection and with the relationship between the inner act of the man and the outward expression. The unity of speech was found with Noah and his descendants, Gen. 11:1, until the confusion at Babel, Gen. 11:5-9. The gift of tongues at Pentecost, Acts 2:4, seems the antithesis of Babel, the witness of a restored unity. This endowment of the gift of tongues to Paul was vouchsafed in a liberal degree, 1 Cor. 14:18.

III. *The Messenger*: Ex. 4:12. Moses had a deeply solemn message, of death and judgment to Pharaoh, at the same time to Israel a message of life and salvation. Our relationship to Christ is founded on blood and the manifestation of the power of that relationship will necessarily involve death to nature. We must be divinely gifted, divinely taught, divinely sent. When one is enabled to view himself simply as a messenger of God, he may feel quite at ease as to the reception of his message, remembering whose message he bears. When Gabriel spoke to Zacharias, Luke 1:18, 19, he showed a keen and exquisite sense of the dignity of his message for he was a messenger from the very presence chamber of the majesty of heaven. Thus in his measure should every messenger of God go forth and in this spirit deliver the message. When we go forth with the Lord our very deficiencies and infirmities become an occasion for the display of His all-sufficient grace, II Cor. 12:9, 10. The Maker of man's mouth can fill the mouth with most commanding eloquence.

IV. *The Gift of Tongues*: I Cor. 13:1. Though I speak with the eloquence so much admired, Acts 18:24; Rom. 1:12; 3:21, 22, and with the command of various languages and have not love (which is connected especially with the Holy Spirit who is the bond of loving unity between Christians, Rom. 15:30; Col. 1:8) I am nothing. The one who tells in the languages of today what was written by the Lord as from eternal ages, I Cor. 14:18, 19, will be recognized as from the inner sanctuary with the simple message delivered from the Holy of Holies. Better companionship with such preachers who have seen the devil and wrestled with him and thrown the inkhorn at him than with men who have not yet settled the question whether there is a personal enemy or simply a malignant and diffused influence. If our preachers are not sure as to the destiny of the wicked what effect can their preaching have in winning souls to the cross of Christ?

Some of the duties of the tongue are: 1. Glorify God by magnifying His name; 2. Sing His praise; 3. Declare His goodness; 4. Pray to Him for what we want; 5. Make confession; 6. Preach the truth; 7. Confess our sins; 8. Bear witness of His truth.—*Mrs. James Pollard*



PROGRAM FOR AUGUST



INFORMATION

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BOOK HOUSES

I always think the cover of A book is like a door Which opens into someone's house Where I've not been before.	And when I find a house that's dull I do not often stay. But when I find one full of friends I'm apt to spend the day.
A pirate or a fairy queen May lift the latch for me; I always wonder when I knock What welcome there will be.	I never know what sort of folks Will be within, you see; And that's why reading always is So interesting to me.—

Annie Fellows Johnston

"The principles of the Bible are the groundwork of true liberty."

And books we know
 Are a substantial world, both pure and good,
 Round these, with tendrils strong as flesh and blood,
 Our pastime and happiness will grow.—*Wordsworth*

"Missionary inspiration and missionary information go together. The way to fill missionary treasuries is to fill missionary heads."

1. The Democracy of Literature It is a great pity when all of us are reading so much of the time and when, as some one has put it, "life is a blur of printed paper," there are not more who make it a religious duty to acquaint themselves with the great dynamic literature of the spiritual life.

When one considers how much we do read, how reading creeps in at all the cracks and crannies of our lives, how our ideas are shaped and our views of life suggested by our reading, how the possibilities that lie in books to ruin or exalt our lives are open for a few pennies to all of us, one must agree that few questions are more important to the culture of the spiritual life than a question of a man and his books.

Great books are the finest of all democrats. They come to us all alike on equal terms. If St. Augustine or Wesley or Phillips Brooks were alive only a few of us could see them and hardly any of us could have private interviews with them. But this is not true of their books. Though we are so poor that we must buy them in paper covers, they will repeat their message again and again. If we forget their truth we can come back the next evening and they will tell it to us once more.

If kings and queens were waiting to talk with us, if noblemen and princes were holding audience until we come, how long would we stop to barter gossip with the corner loafers? And we do just that when we read the cheap and temporary trash of superficial minds while all the while the great books of the spirit are waiting for us. "Do you know," cried Ruskin, "that if you read *this* you cannot read *that*?"

Some people read to get information about their business. They use their books as Pharaoh used his slaves—menial drudges to help build the pyramids of their success. Some people read to keep abreast of the times. It is a hurrying age in which we are kept panting, out of breath, in our endeavor to keep up the pace. Books, like wings on the heels of Mercury, marvelously increase our ability to keep abreast of our swiftly moving time and not to be utterly belated in the rush of movements and events.

Some people read because they are expected to and because a stigma attaches to those who have not read the famous or the latest books. There are few clubs by the duress of which we are more driven than that appalling question "Have you read——?" But while such motives as this lie behind the reading of multitudes of people there are some folks still left who look to books as one of the great sources of enrichment to their spiritual life.

Books are the open avenues down which, like kings coming to be crowned, great ideas and inspirations move to the abbey of man's soul. There are some folks still left who would understand perfectly what Fenelon meant when he said, "If the crowns of all the kingdoms of the empire were laid down at my feet in exchange for my books and my love of reading I would spurn them all."—*Harry Emerson Fosdick*

2. The Master Book The patriarch Job who is supposed to have lived about 2000 years B. C. exclaimed: "Oh that my words were now written! Oh that they were printed in a book; that with an iron pen and lead they were graven in the rock forever!" Stung with the unjust accusation of his friends he longed for future generations to read his words that they might see the justice of his reasoning. Job was not a character in a dramatic poem, he was a real dweller in the land of Uz whose experiences are set forth in perhaps the oldest book of the Bible. In passionate words he gives his conception of God and yearns to have it printed in a book that others might know of his integrity toward a true and just God. The inspiration of the Holy Spirit working through the slow evolution of the book has given us the Book of Books. That which Job longed for has come to pass "exceeding abundantly" above all that he could "ask or think" and from his beautiful "I know that my Redeemer liveth" down to Kipling's "Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet" the printed page has sung to us of the might and the power and the justice of God; of the fall of man and the redemptive act of Christ; of great Christ men; of great missionary journeyings and great missionary deeds. The book of God is the foundation of knowledge and the inspiration of all lives and deeds through which the world has been lifted up to Him. It can now be read by 713 different nations in their own language. "Great things doeth He which we cannot comprehend."

3. The Children of the Book "The Bible is a book-making Book. It is the literature which provokes literature. It creates book hunger." And furthermore the Preacher tells us that "of making many books there is no end." The supply overmeets the demand for never was the world so flooded with literature, good and bad, as now. It is left for us to choose, and the wise Preacher admonishes to select those writings which give knowledge and are "upright, even the words of truth".

Says President Tenny: "There is no point of difference between Christian and non-Christian literature more notable than that relating to the popularization of books. The scant libraries in heathen countries would have millions of books if their faith were as good a popular educator by books as Christianity is in the United States. Christianity is a reading religion. *Strong and valiant books are in demand throughout Christendom. The mighty men of valor are the men with ideas.*" Hundreds of these men and women of valor have written missionary biographies, missionary travels, mission study books, pamphlets and leaflets, many of which may be found in our city libraries. "The Missionary Review of the World" in Best Methods pages suggests that if these books are not in your local library the missionary leaders present a list of them to the library authorities. Missionary people are sure to get all the public recognition they want if they are in earnest. Smaller communities without a public library might start a missionary library or reading room.* Let us spend some money on our missionary education.

4. Mission Study For twenty-one years mission study books have been issued for use in missionary societies of all grades. The Central Committee for the United Study Missions, the Council of Women for Home Missions and the Missionary Education Movement are the largest factors in the preparation of these books. But in recent years not a few have been written by our own southern Baptist men and women.† These have been welcomed as especially valuable in that they present topics from a familiar viewpoint and conserve the ideals for which we stand. The latest of these have been reviewed in recent issues of ROYAL SERVICE.

The Study Class:

"In the study of God's Word, of home and foreign missions, of the great issues of the day, of normal work in these and other lines, the women are brought nearer to the great truths of God and to a personal knowledge of Him. The attractiveness and joy of service are compelling appeals, the force of which we have scarcely yet comprehended."

In our W.M.U. work at least one mission study class during the year will give the missionary society one point on the Standard of Excellence.‡ The class may start out with this laudable purpose in view but it is "clean forgot" in the deep interest of the study topic in a well taught class. Like other virtues it is its own reward. After an unusually interesting hour in her mission study class one earnest woman remarked, "If I had to miss either my literary club or mission study class I would surely choose to come to the class." She was captured by the big world interests which she could never have visioned at a distance. Her study brought them so near that at first hand she could see the ignorance and sorrow of heathen womanhood; she was shown how she could help; her map had unrolled and she saw the real size of the world and her woman's share in its redemption. The training of her school and college years and the culture of her literary club were stepping stones into larger places where her own womanhood expressed itself in the highest terms—the sacrifice of self and self interests.

"The place you fill is small, my child,
There is a larger room, come in
Where pictured walls and crowded books
Invite to larger joy.
Kneeling here your soul can breathe
A purer air—
The room is called the 'World'."

From resolutions adopted at Chattanooga W.M.U. meeting we quote the following:
"That societies and individuals pursue systematic Bible and mission study, Women's

* Those who are contemplating a missionary library or reading room can purchase, at greatly reduced rates, a number of the earlier mission study books from W. H. Leavis, West Medford, Mass.
† Send for catalog, Educational Department, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.
‡ See Year Book, 1922.

Missionary Societies and Young Woman's Auxiliaries following the courses outlined at the 1918, 1919 and 1920 W.M.U. annual meetings, striving to secure the prescribed mission study certificates with all of the seals. Realizing that one of the chief aims of mission study is to fit the student to teach missions to others, it is recommended that an honor certificate be awarded to each one who leads a mission study class during this S. B. C. year, provided that person holds the two large official gilt seals of the Union and also the Union's large blue seal and provided the class taught is not for some organization entirely distinct from W.M.U.* That for additional Bible study they use books published by the Sunday School Board and those further recommended by their W.M.U. state Executive Committee, no seals however being awarded for such study."

The Correspondence Course:

To those who are willing to become leaders of young people's organizations or for those leaders already in the work but longing to serve more efficiently the Woman's Missionary Union offers training through a correspondence course of twelve lessons. These lessons deal with such vital subjects as child-study, story telling, program making, prayer, music, etc. One leader, enthusiastic over the help received from the course, wrote recently that she had told every missionary worker she met about the course. Another says that having the text books brought to her attention was worth the price of the course even had she not had the lessons sent her. Full information can be obtained from W.M.U. Headquarters. Certificates are awarded to those completing the course.

5. The Magazine In spite of the high cost of printing our tables are strewn with more magazines than we have time to read, yet we would scarcely know how to live in a magazineless world. Within their familiar covers we find articles on everything in the earth, on the earth and under the earth. It is largely reserved for the missionary magazine to point to things above and beyond the earth. Now what shall we read? If you are a doctor you will read the *Lancet*; if you are a lawyer you will read the *Green Bag*; if you are an engineer you will read the *Engineer News and Mining Journal*. The worldling reads the *Smart Set*; the thinker reads serious journals according to his special predilection; the Christian reads of the great Christian world movements in whatsoever magazine they are found but most interesting to him will be his own denominational magazine. The words "missions" and "missionary" are not the mooted terms they used to be. The secular press has fallen into the habit of using them because they must publish the big events of the world. The missionary magazine introduces to us the great Christian leaders in the world's work. It acquaints us with both the beautiful and discordant features of foreign lands and shows us the strong and weak places in our work in the homeland and the strength and movements of Christ's army the world over. We can pray through it, thanking God for the victories and interceding for every need reported on its pages. Our Children should become familiar with it. One small tot on being shown the picture of Christ blessing the little children which appeared on the cover of ROYAL SERVICE said, "Oh yes, that is mother's magazine." Mother and the missionary magazine have called out, under God, more than one missionary. David Livingstone was one of the many missionaries who attributed to his home reading a large share in influencing his missionary determination, and this at a time when it was not easy to find interesting missionary reading for the young people. Now we have a wide choice for them. Cyrus Hamelin, the founder of Robert College, told of himself in later years that when as a boy he had dropped into the contribution box the seven cents he had intended to spend for gingerbread he felt he had dropped himself into that box, and he further added that he was led into missionary service through reading of the boys and girls in non-Christian lands in the two missionary magazines on his mother's table. Great souls such as these are not produced by yellow literature.

* See Year Book, 1922.

To the little folks who cannot read tell the stories gleaned from the missionary magazines, show the pictures. They will listen and look eagerly and there will be requests for more. Home training is character training.

Fifteen years ago, 1906, the Woman's Missionary Union launched a quarterly magazine, "Our Mission Fields". On the prow of this little boat was broken the censer of prayer and its initiatory cargo was sent out in His Name. That He blessed the venture is shown in the growth of the magazine which later, 1914, became a monthly publication, our present ROYAL SERVICE. The quarterly was sent free to each leader of a society or band but there was also a subscription list. When this reached the 10,000 mark the Union "prayed and took courage". Now that the subscription list of ROYAL SERVICE is over 44,000 we are sure that God has led us all the way. The various departments of the magazine are well sustained and it has become so close a feature of the Union that one suggests the other. A "Royal Sisterhood" and ROYAL SERVICE are as nearly related as are the craftsman and his chisel. But the craftsman must keep his tool keen with constant use and care. Our subscription list must be large enough to keep the magazine up to the standard and this is the responsibility of the sisterhood, whose loyalty has made our present success possible.

How to serve ROYAL SERVICE: Make yourself a subscription agent and secure as many subscriptions as possible.

Wise people subscribe to two copies, one to file and one to lend, the latter in the hope of interesting the borrower to the point of subscribing.

Others just as sagacious present a year's subscription to friends. Who knows what missionary awakening may follow this gift!

Make bridal presents of a year's subscription to every bride who comes into the church or congregation. Help her to start right.

Place ROYAL SERVICE in public libraries, in the reading rooms of colleges, of Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A. and hotels.

Sunday school teachers should have the information in the junior programs; perhaps your school will subscribe for a few copies for this purpose.

Send a subscription to at least one of the mountain schools in your state where the magazine does not go.

Serve with your prayers, your suggestions and your loyal support!

It would be hard to find a denominational magazine more helpful to its constituency than is the *Home and Foreign Fields*, the missionary journal of the Southern Baptist Convention.* Every phase of mission work carried out under the five boards of the Convention is ably presented through its editorials, contributed articles, news items, missionary correspondence and its departmental pages. There are always good illustrations and a full list of names and addresses of missionaries as well as officers and members of the various boards. The suggestions given above for enlarging the subscription list of ROYAL SERVICE are equally adaptable to *Home and Foreign Fields*. These two magazines should be filed side by side for reference and will in the future furnish information that otherwise would take much time to procure.

"As Baptists we have always asserted that our primary business is evangelization but to evangelize we must know what has been done, what is being done and what must be done. Only in our missionary magazines can we find this in trustworthy form."

Missionary books and magazines are field glasses which give us a wide range view of Kingdom affairs and thereby broaden our intelligence. But a trip abroad should not give us a distaste for the view from our window. Our denominational state paper is neighborly and brings a nearness of proceedings, a something which we can personally investigate because on our own premises. It is a part of the whole plan for missionary

* From Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. Price \$1.00 per year.

education and an invaluable channel for the publicity committee. Associations, conferences, meetings and church news told in its columns bring united interest and denominational strength. The following statement is quoted from a recent missionary publication: "The secular press with increasing frequency stresses the spiritual side of life and we must stress it still more in our religious papers. Not long since in one of the great daily papers was an editorial containing this sentence: 'All will not be right with the world until men are dominated and motivated by the spirit that means religion'." We can increase this bent in the public press by using it for religious notices, reports of meetings held and work accomplished. The church of Christ can shape the world's life if she is true to her Lord.

The baby of the family is the smallest member but by no means the most unimportant. He rather dominates the situation. So in our information family we look upon the little leaflet as an influential member and are not satisfied until we have it in our hands. The leaflet has many biographies. There is the story of Dr. Scudder, the first medical missionary to India, aroused to this purpose by a leaflet; there is the story of the young French soldier who, through the message in a leaflet, became leader of the Reformation in France; there is the story of the leaflet that led Richard Baxter to Christ and any number of other stories of missions accomplished by the convincing little leaflet.

How to Use Leaflets:

Read them and have other people read them.

Slip a good missionary leaflet into the letters you are mailing to your friends.

Send an appropriate one with a gift, politeness will insure its being read.

There are good Christmas stories in leaflets, send one with your Christmas card.

If you are too timid to speak in a missionary meeting select a leaflet on a preferred topic and present one to each member of the society.

Use them as place cards at a missionary or church luncheon.

Prepare a scrap book of your favorite leaflets and lend it, add new leaflets and re-lend.

Forget one or two when you leave your seat in the train or public building, there may happen along a Richard Baxter.

Give them to friends as they are boarding the train, they will have no place to put them so may read them and perhaps leave them on the seat—for who knows whom!

If we were a part of an army that had been ordered to advance into a great fight where great issues were at stake and the future of the nation depended upon our response to the orders of the commander, how should we feel if we went into the battle without ammunition and could not do our part to save the day? We are a part of the army of the Lord and our literature is our ammunition. It must be good and abundant with plenty of snap and fashioned to reach its aim and we must be quick to use it. The world, because of its recent bitter experience, seems to recognize a new responsibility on all lines of endeavor. Better schools, better public service, better child labor laws and better religious methods are being asked for; that we do not always get them does not change the fact of the desire. It is the demand that counts. And, too, a spirit of "I want to know" is abroad in the land and if the craving is not for the best knowledge we may find a way to create it by using the abundant missionary literature at our hand. One little hand printing press in Porto Rico used its small missionary magazine in the fight for prohibition and was an acknowledged help in winning the victory. What could we not do with the big presses at our command?

God's Holy Word and all writings flowing from its inspiration are the answers to Job's cry for expression. Bewildered by advice and suffering in body yet he acknowledged God as the source and end of wisdom for he says: "Where shall wisdom be found? Where is the place of understanding? . . . God understandeth the way . . . Behold the fear of the Lord is wisdom." And later on, "I know thou canst do all things." Trusting in the power and wisdom of God let us use that which He has so graciously placed in our hands to His honor and glory.



Y. W. A. PROGRAMS



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FIRST MEETING

Topic—Missionary Education
Hymn—I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord
Sentence Prayers—For a Widespread Interest in the Things of the Kingdom.
Scripture—Psalm 119:33-40
Hymn—Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult
Talk—The Story of a Mission Study Class.
Talk—The Correspondence Course (par. 4, page 14)
Magazine Reviews
Hymn—Send the Light
Open Forum—How Shall We Equip Our Y.W.A. Missionary Library

Suggestions

Talk: The Story of a Mission Study Class

Have some one sketch a mission study course that she has taken (not one studied by your auxiliary) and point out just what the course has meant to her by way of broadening influence.

Magazine Reviews

Have two members present in an enthusiastic manner the aims and general plans of *Home and Foreign Fields* and *ROYAL SERVICE* and review the last issue of each. Other missionary magazines may be reviewed similarly.

Open Forum

Discuss books, periodicals and leaflets that should have a place in the library, giving reasons for your selections.

SECOND MEETING

Topic—A Missionary Library
Invocation
Hymn—Holy! Holy! Holy!
Scripture—Guarding the Trust: II Tim. 1:3-14
Demonstration—The Enchanted Library

The Enchanted Library

Scene—A college Y.W.A. missionary library. Books on shelves and tables. Magazines and leaflets scattered about. A couch and chairs.

Time—The present

Characters—College Girls and Dream Spirits

Girls: Janice, Alice and Florrie; Magazine Spirits: *ROYAL SERVICE*, *Home and Foreign Fields*, *Missionary Review of the World*, *Religious Herald* (or any other state organ of the Baptist denomination) etc.; Book Spirits: *A Crusade of Compassion*, *The Bible and Missions*, *New Life Currents in China*, *Western Women in Eastern Lands*, *Ann of Ava*, *Ministers of Mercy*, etc.; Leaflet Spirits: *Dorothy's Secret*, *Margy's Holy Grail*, *How Katherine Got Her Wish*, *Pink Girl and Little White Box*, etc.

(The spirits may dress in flowing robes of white or in simple white dresses. Each spirit wears across her breast a broad band on which is inscribed the name of the book, magazine or leaflet which she typifies. The list here given is merely suggestive.)

Alice (off stage)—No use to resist, Janice! You've got to see it! (A sound of scuffling is heard off stage and Alice appears, pulling after her Janice, who is pushed by Florrie upon the stage.)

Florrie—Behold!

Alice—Look about you! (indicating with a sweep of her arm the contents of the rooms) And don't let us ever again hear you boast that you had never, never seen a missionary library! (Unceremoniously they pull the weakly-resisting Janice about the room for a fuller view.)

Janice—O girls, have a heart! I was almost dead for sleep, after that trig test.

Florrie (reproachfully)—Two whole months in college and not a sight of our Y.W.A. library! Isn't it beautiful!

Janice—Oh, I know all you Y.W.A. girls are perfectly daffy about it. You're forever poking around these dry old magazines.

Alice—Have you read 'em? (Picks up *ROYAL SERVICE* from table.)

Janice—Always poring over tiresome mission study books—

Florrie—How do you know? (Holds up *Ann of Ava*.)

(Together they push Janice upon the couch)

Alice (with mock severity)—Now stay here until you see the error of your way.

Florrie—And the beauty of our missionary library.

Alice—We're going to lock the door and the windows are too high— (She and Florrie run out laughing and lock the door carefully. Janice hastily tries door then glances ruefully towards windows.)

Janice—Those sillies! (laughs ruefully) Well, I guess I'll have to stand the gaff. (With great indifference and the appearance of being very bored she moves about the room picking up various missionary books, etc., and reading aloud the titles. The titles selected should be the same as those which are later in the scene to be personified by the spirits. She yawns several times and reads the titles in a more and more bored tone. At length she sinks wearily on the couch and soon falls asleep. Two stanzas of "O Zion, Haste" are sung softly off stage and then from places of concealment behind curtains and drapery the spirits steal forth still singing softly. Each in turn addresses herself with sweetness and gentleness to the sleeping girl. The following speeches are only fragmentary and are intended to serve merely as a guide in preparing additional "lines".)

The Spirit of *ROYAL SERVICE*—I am the spirit of *ROYAL SERVICE*. Every month I go out in the service of the King. I carry to all the women and boys and girls of the Woman's Missionary Union programs to guide them in missionary meetings. I spread abroad the words of missionaries. I tell of personal service methods. I bear with me always the Union watchword, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me".

The Spirit of *Home and Foreign Fields*—Mine it is to bring to the people of this land greetings from afar for I am the spirit of the missionary journal of

southern Baptists. No tales are more thrilling than the true stories I bring from mission fields. No romances are more fascinating than those I record of the heroism of missionaries and native Christians in far away heathen lands. Yet with me there is no far and near for I am an expression of the great discovery of the twentieth century—that the whole round world is bound close, close together, one common throb of happiness, one common heartache.

(Other spirits representing missionary magazines and Christian periodicals speak their respective aims and characteristics.)

The Spirit of "Ann of Ava"—I bear the name of the beautiful young girl whose love story and whose life story I tell. She was no older than you, fair sleeper, when she met Judson, etc. (She sketches briefly several thrilling experiences of the heroine.)

(Other book spirits speak.)

The Leaflet Spirits—It is my work to speed away with a brief little message for whosoever will hear it. I am only a leaflet, I am called—

(At the sound of approaching footsteps off stage the Dream Spirits move out of view, singing very softly the third stanza and chorus of "O Zion, Haste". As the door is opened from without with considerable noise, Janice awakens and starts up staring about her confusedly.)

Alice and Florrie (rushing in)—Well! How do you like our library?

Janice (dazed)—Where are they? (She looks about searchingly.)

Alice and Florrie—Who?

Janice (bewildered)—The spirits! The beautiful dream spirits! The beautiful books!

Alice and Florrie—Are we dreaming?

Janice (eagerly)—Oh! I see it now. No, girls, you've been awake all the time and I am awake now. The dream spirits have awakened me.

Alice and Florrie (in surprise)—The dream spirits have awakened you?

Janice—To the beauty of your missionary library! (She examines with eager interest several books and magazines.) I just love it now, girls! Come and I'll tell you all about it (putting an arm about each). And after supper I'm coming back here and read and read. (They go gaily off.)



G. A. PROGRAMS



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FIRST MEETING

Topic—Information
Hymn—O Zion, Haste
The Lord's Prayer in Concert
Hymn—Come Thou Almighty King
Bible Study—The Power of the Tongue
For Good—Prov. 12:18; 21:23; 15:4
For Evil—James 3:2-11
Prayer
Hymn—My Soul Be on Thy Guard
Discussion—Book Friends
Reading—Book Houses (page 12)
Talk—The Best Book and How to Use It
Hymn—Holy Bible, Book Divine
Demonstration—Old Acquaintances
Roll Call—Answered with Some Missionary Fact Gained from Reading
Prayer for Missionaries
Business. Mizpah

BOOK FRIENDS

I wonder how many of you have book friends? Aren't there some girls in books whom you just love and whom consciously you try to be like? Perhaps you will tell me something about the book friends you love. What books do you like most to read? Who is your favorite character? Why do you like her? What sort of books do you like best? Books are often the best sort of friends yet, like all other friends, we must choose them well. A friend once gave me this test for friendship: "Hold as your friends only those who make it easier for you to do right, who help you to want to be good. Shun those who hold lightly the right, who think some temptations are not much harm, with whom, in short, you are not your best self". This advice has often helped me and I pass it on to you as a test for your friendships among book and people.

The Best Book and How to Use It
What is the best book? Of course, the

Bible. It is best for many reasons. To begin with it is the best seller among all the books published by man. It has run through the greatest number of editions, has been printed in more different languages, has been read and studied by more different people than any other book. Bibles have been given away by the score or have been sold by our missionaries for less than one cent a copy yet there are Bibles in existence today which could not be bought for thousands of dollars. No other book is printed with such absolute accuracy as the Bible. Have you ever seen a Bible with a printer's error in it? Why do people take such care? Why do so many people value it and read it? It is because the Bible is no ordinary book but is a book inspired of God, written for the people of all times and races.

The Bible has a wonderful history. From first to last it was at least two thousand years in the writing. It was written by many different men. At various times men have tried to get rid of the Bible but people have risked their lives to save it and it has been handed down to us through their faithfulness. Critics have arisen from time to time who have insisted that some parts of the Bible are not true but these men have never been able to agree among themselves as to which parts are to be doubted. Every effort to discredit the Bible has failed, the men who have made them have failed, but the Bible has lived on and has had a greater influence on the world than any other single force. This is because it is the Word of God and "the power of God unto salvation".

About this wonderful Book nobody can afford to be ignorant. Yet it seems to be a fact that many people, especially young people, fail to find the joy in Bible reading and Bible study that they should. A great preacher has made these suggestions. First, everybody should read the whole

Bible, all the way through, at least one time. A good way to do this is to get some good outline of the contents of the books of the Bible and read with these outlines as guides. Next, for the young reader, would probably come a study of the stories of the Bible. A book of Bible stories will help in this. Choose one which gives the Bible references and takes up the stories chronologically or topically. Read one story each day, reading it in the story book and then in the Bible, comparing the two carefully to see just what parts are in the Bible and what details were added by the story-teller. Another way to learn to love the Bible is to study in it some topic in which you are interested. There is scarcely a topic that can be thought of for which there is not a good book to use as guide and a concordance ought to be on every girl's table with her Bible and she should early learn to make use of it if she is to know her Bible. Make a list of the passages you like most and set yourself to learn one passage between the meetings of your auxiliary. If all learn the same one, use it as part of the program. Mark in your own Bible those parts which mean most to you and learn where they are that you may find them readily. Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ". Do not be ashamed of your Bible. Read it, study it, talk about it, get other girls interested in it. It is worth your while. In Washington today there is a Bible-reading class made up of the wives of some of the greatest men in our country which has grown so large that one of the largest auditoriums in the city has to be used for their weekly meeting. These women, social leaders, rich, prominent, whatever they are, are not ashamed of their interest in the best Book.

Old Acquaintances

Last year in our program on publications we had girls dressed to represent the magazines, ROYAL SERVICE, Home and Foreign Fields, your state papers and tracts. Have these girls again this year letting them make brief speeches from paragraphs 8 and 9, page 17.

SECOND MEETING

Topic—Mission Study
Song—Count Your Blessings

Song—Help Somebody Today
Prayer
Song—Whosoever Will
Talk—The Value of Mission Study (par. 4, page 14.)
Bible Study Slogan—II Tim. 2:15, in Concert.
Book Reviews
Song—Loyalty
Mission Study Plans
Hymn—Day Is Dying in the West
Sunset Devotional—Psalm 19
Hymn—Now the Day Is Over
Closing Prayer

Suggestions

Let this be your annual outdoor meeting in some quiet place not too far from the girls' homes to return after sunset. Like all outdoor meetings it should be informal. Give out the parts far enough ahead for the girls to be entirely familiar with them. Assign two or three mission study books which you think would be suitable for your auxiliary to your best story-tellers that they may read them and be prepared to tell the stories to the girls. Choose one of these books for the mission study class in your own group and plan the class carefully at the designated time. Discuss time, place, teacher, books, special features, posters for advertising, enlistment of other girls in the class, programs and every detail which will help to make the class seem worthwhile and help it to be a success. Pray and study to make your sunset devotional hour one to be remembered by all the girls. Recently a leader reported that in "talking it over" the girl from whom she least expected such a statement said the thing she liked best about their meeting was the late afternoon devotional period and that she would never forget it.

"The world stands out on either side
No wider than the heart is wide;

Above the world is stretched the sky
No higher than the soul is high.

The heart can push the sea and land
Farther away on either hand;

The soul can split the sky in two,
And let the face of God shine through."



R. A. PROGRAMS



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FIRST MEETING

Topic—Knowing Over Here
 Song—True-hearted, Whole-hearted
 Scripture—A Wisdom Proverb Recited by Each R.A.
 Prayer—By Leader for True Wisdom
 Talks by Three Royal Ambassadors
 1. Paul's Ideal of Knowing
 2. Shall This Ideal Be Ours?
 3. How Make It Ours
 Song—I Know Whom I Have Believed
 Talks by Two Royal Ambassadors
 4. Shall We Know also about the Kingdom Growth?
 5. How May We Know?
 Announcements—Knowledge Pile for Next Meeting
 Business
 Song—Ambassadors Today Are We
 Prayer—Psalm 90:12

Suggestions for Talks

1. Philippians 3:8 and II Tim. 1:12 show that Paul's ideal of knowing was the knowledge of Jesus Christ whom he had come to know as his Saviour and to own as his Master and Lord. Point out instances which show Paul's friendship with Jesus because he had learned to know Him so well.

2. Jesus wanted us to know God above all other knowledge, too, John 8:19; 14:6-11. It is the Truth which is God's salvation to us that will make us free, John 8:32. Jesus asked us to "hunger and thirst after righteousness". There are four names given to Christians in the New Testament: saints, for their holiness; believers, for their faith; brethren, for their love; disciples, for their knowledge. Jesus asked us to "come unto Me" and to "learn of Me".

3. We can learn of Him through our Bible reading. See page 13, paragraphs 1 and 2, and page 13, "The Best Book and How to Use It".

4. As ambassadors we must know about

the progress of the King's dominion on earth. During the war we knew about the position of our soldiers. What do we know about the front line trenches of mission fields? How many soldiers in khaki did we know? How many soldiers of the Cross do we know? Alvin York captured 90 prisoners of war and was a hero, what about our missionaries winning thousands to life in Christ Jesus?

5. See general program, paragraphs 5-10, for sources of learning about our heroes and their work.

The Knowledge Pile

The knowledge pile will be conducted by each ambassador telling the most interesting fact or incident regarding missions which he can find in magazines before next meeting. This can take the place of the roll call.

SECOND MEETING

Topic—Knowing Over There
 Song—I Love to Tell the Story
 Prayer—That R. A.'s Be Faithful in Knowing and Telling
 Knowledge Pile—All Taking Part
 Song—We've a Story to Tell to the Nations
 Scripture—Romans 10:13-15
 Leader's Talk—The Power of God's Book
 Talks by Ambassadors

1. Putting God's Word into Other Tongues

2. Rapid Work in News Carrying
 Discussion—Resolved, That we help by praying, giving and knowing more about the carrying of the Good News through a summer mission reading club

Song—Sing It, Tell It

Prayer—For Those Who Now "Carry On" and That Others May Follow

The Power of God's Book

An example of the power of the Bible in spreading the Good News is found in the

way the Gospel came to a town in the state of Rio. One night in Campos after the missionary had finished his sermon a young woman approached him and said, "My father has been teaching us out of that same book you read. Would you not like to go out in the country to visit him?" Then in answer to the missionary's questions the girl explained how the Bible came to her community. One night a colporteur was granted lodging in her home and he used his opportunity to present the Gospel to that household. Her father was impressed and accepted the Bible which the colporteur offered to him when leaving. The book became a great light for Mr. Vidal (for that was the farmer's name); he read it and taught it to his family and neighbors. His home became a place of prayer and teaching and when a few years later Missionary Ginsburg went there he found a whole company ready to follow Christ. The light spread until it shed its blessings upon a whole county and the unknown colporteur little knew how mightily he had been used.

In the state of Sao Paulo there was a boy who was the only one in a large connection who had been taught to read. A believer in the market town twenty miles from Ramiro's home where the boy had gone to sell some farm produce gave him a copy of the Bible. The little fellow, then about ten years' old, trudged home joyously and showed the priceless present to his parents. His father set the boy to deciphering some of its pages. The Holy Spirit led Ramiro to the New Testament and curiously the neighbors and his parents would listen to the boy spell out sentence after sentence. After this reading had gone on for nearly three years Missionary J. J. Taylor went into that district and found twelve people ready to follow in the Lord's ordinance. How great must be the might of the Word of God which can convert to salvation strong men through the faltering lips of a child!

—Adapted from "Brazilian Sketches" by T. B. Ray

Suggestions for Talks

1. Borrow your mother's "The Bible and Missions" and read the interesting chapter about translating the Bible and be

ready to tell that order "A Novel Life Preserver".

2. You remember how fast the Boy Scouts carried the message from the Mayor of New York to the Mayor of Chicago in 1908 (A Thousand Miles With the Message). Would you like to have helped in that relay? You can help now in carrying a bigger message. The Mexican Indians know a cure for rattlesnake bite which they keep a secret. What do we think of them for such selfish keeping of news of healing and life? What then may heathen nations think of the slowness of Christian nations in telling them of life? See Matthew 10:42. Over the post office door in Hong Kong is this couplet from the book of Proverbs:

As a cup of cold water to a thirsting one
 So is good news from a far country.

Shall we not help to carry the cup of good news and give them to drink of the water of life?

Suggestions

Certainly some of the summer programs should be given around the R. A. camp-fire at the summer assembly or at the end of an afternoon hike or perhaps during the rest hour after dinner before swimming. Things need not lag in the summer but receive new interest from outdoor variations and stunts.

Hard Jobs

Boys like hard jobs, jobs that take time and work. Easy "snaps" are not worth doing. It is not easy

To apologize,
 To begin over,
 To be unselfish,
 To take advice,
 To admit error,
 To face a sneer,
 To be charitable,
 To keep on trying,
 To be considerate,
 To endure success,
 To profit by mistakes,
 To think and then act,
 To forgive and forget,
 To make the best of little,
 To subdue an unruly temper,
 To maintain a high standard,
 To shoulder a deserved blame,
 To recognize the silver lining—
 But it always pays.

—Ohio Educational Monthly



SUNBEAM PROGRAMS



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SUNBEAMS OF GREENSBORO, GEORGIA

The leader, Mrs. T. B. Rice, is a daughter of J. T. Bowen, one of our first missionaries to Africa

FIRST MEETING

TOPIC—The Best Kind of Stories

WELCOME SONG

PRAYER SONG—Dear Jesus We Before Thee Bow

SONG—Praise Him, Praise Him

BIBLE LESSON—God's Book of Stories

PRAYER OF THANKS FOR THE BIBLE

SONG—The Bible

READING—"The Land of Story Books", Robert Louis Stevenson

SONG—I Think When I Read That Sweet Story of Old

GIVING SERVICE

DRAMATIZE THE FAVORITE MISSIONARY STORY OF THE BAND

SONG—Jesus Loves Me

ROLL CALL—Answered with Names of Missionaries

SENTENCE PRAYERS FOR MISSIONARIES

BUSINESS

SONG—I Want to Be a Sunbeam

CLOSING PRAYER

SUNBEAM RALLY CRY

God's Book of Stories

What is the best book in all the world? Yes, the Bible is God's Book and the best Book. God's Book is many different kinds of a Book. It is a song book. Did you know that? You know one of the songs in it. It begins, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want". Can you say it with me? A long time ago the people sang that song when they went to church just as we sing our songs today. God's Book is a picture book. Shut your eyes and let me see if I can make you see a picture out of God's Book. Are all eyes shut? Well listen carefully and see if you can see. Once upon a time there were some big green hills with grass and a few trees growing all over them. And on these hills were lying some nice woolly white sheep. By the sheep were some shepherds sitting on a rock. Now can you see that picture? Isn't it beautiful? God's Book is full of beautiful pictures of all kinds and we can find them if we look for them. God's Book is a lesson book, too. Who can tell me a lesson that we have learned from God's Book? That is right! Another? Another? Oh, so many lessons we have learned from the Bible! and there are many, many more for us to learn. But God's book is another sort of book and that is the very best kind of all. It is a story book! Today instead of telling you a new Bible story I am going to let you tell me some of the stories out of God's Book which you love best. Who wants to begin?

The Giving Service

Too many teachers and leaders of little children are still "taking up a collection" instead of teaching the children to worship the Lord with their gifts. Since one of the aims of Sunbeam work is the development of missionary givers the giving service should receive careful thought and preparation always. The children should be taught the principles of stewardship that from the beginning Bible plans of giving may be firmly implanted. Giving should be placed on the high plane of duty and love and never lowered to that of expediency. The word "raising" as applied to the Lord's money should be omitted from the child's vocabulary. It is commendable for

the children to make the money which they give by their own efforts as individuals but making it as bands, instead of giving it, should be an unknown possibility to them. The giving service should include giving songs, Bible verses on giving, short stories of the fields showing in a concrete way the needs and careful and repeated teaching of the principles of giving. Many helpful suggestions may be gotten from the "Teachers' Book" and "Superintendent's Manual" for Graded Sunday school lessons, published by our Sunday School Board and from the many books written for primary workers. A suggestive program is given below.

Song: "We bring now our gifts to the Master,
Although they are small they'll be blest,
He knows we are just little children
But He loves us as well as the rest."

Supt.—Who owns us and all we have?

Children—"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, The world and they that dwell therein."

Supt.—Who owns all the things in the world?

Girls—"For every beast of the forest is Mine, and the cattle upon a thousand Hills."

Boys—"The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith Jehovah of hosts."

Supt.—From whom do all our good gifts come?

Children—"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above coming down from the Father."

Supt.—What are some of God's good gifts to us?

Children name all God's gifts of which they can think.

Supt.—What was God's best gift to us?

Children—"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son."

Supt.—How should we give to God?

Children—"Freely ye have received, freely give."

Supt.—What kind of giver does God love?

Children—"God loveth a cheerful giver."

Supt.—How can we give our gifts to God?

Children—By giving to His children here in the world who are in need.

Supt.—What did Jesus say about giving to others and helping others?

Children—"Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto me."

Supt.—Name some of the children of Jesus to whom He wants us to send missionaries with our money.

Children name the various fields fostered by Protestant denominations of which they have heard.

Supt.—Let everyone who has brought a love gift for Jesus put it in the basket while we sing "Love Gifts".

"Love gifts, little love gifts,
Gladly now we bring,
While our happy voices
Praises to Him sing.

"Giving, giving, giving,
Little gifts of love,
Jesus now we pray Thee,
Bless our gifts of love."

SECOND MEETING

TOPIC—Story Hour Program

SONGS—The Birdies' Song
Happy Little Children

GAMES—Here Goes a Bluebird Through the Window
Old Grey Cat

OBSERVATION GAME—Show pictures of children of the nations for a moment, hide and ask who it was, what she wore, etc.

PRAYER

SONGS—Love
Selected

THE BEST KIND OF STORIES

BIBLE STORY—The Boy Whose Mother Told Him Stories

GAME—This is the way the children do in far-away Japan, China, India, Africa, etc.

ROLL CALL

OFFERING

BUSINESS

CLOSING SONG AND PRAYER

The Best Kind of Stories

I love fairy stories but I know a kind of story that I like even better and that is true stories. I think true stories are the very best sort of stories in all the world. Of all the true stories I think those about heroes are the best. Who can tell me who a hero is? A hero is somebody who does brave things, isn't it? And do you know the very bravest stories of all that I have ever heard are the stories of our brave missionaries who have gone to tell the story of Jesus to those who have never heard. Why I read in a book one time about a missionary who the heathen people hated so much that one day all the men of the village came with arrows and knives and spears to find him and put him to death. And when they found him he was working in his garden and they drew their spears back and lifted up their knives

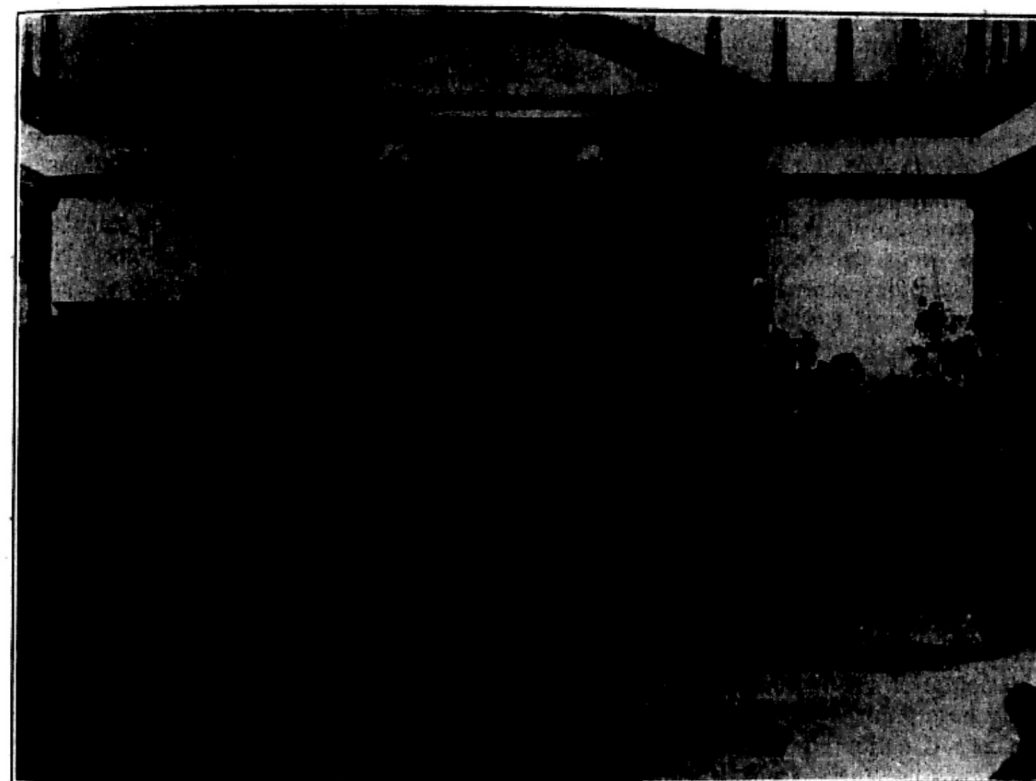
and fitted the arrows to their bows and were just ready to kill him when he began to pray and to talk to God right out loud, just as we do in our meetings sometimes. And do you know when those poor heathen people heard him talking to somebody who was there and whom they could not see, they were so scared that they went away and left him and did him no harm. Don't you think that was a brave thing for a man to do?

In another book I read about a man who heard that in a certain place in Africa you could stand and see the smoke from a thousand villages where the story of Jesus had never been heard, so this man said he would go and tell them. And he did go. But often the people did not understand and tried to put him to death. And sometimes as he was going through

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FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF W.M.U. OF JAPAN

FUKUOKA, NOVEMBER, 1920

RESULTS AND PROSPECTS IN CHILE

OUR work in Chile is yet in its pioneer stage, especially in all phases except the evangelistic. This latter Wm. MacDonald has given practically fifteen years of his life to developing and before he began the regular evangelistic work he gave about fifteen other years to school work in state schools, colportage and other religious work not under our Board. He has always been a Baptist but our Board has been supporting his work fully for just a few years, about six or seven. As a consequence of all these handicaps he could not do more than go about from town to town or from one country station to another telling the story, but to me it is marvelous what God has done in Chile through this one man. We now have 1670 native Christians with about 25 churches

and as many native pastors. Only one of these pastors has had any seminary training at all; this he received in our Seminary in Rio, Brazil, his tuition being paid by Chilean Baptists. All of these other pastors have had only personal instruction from their tireless leader, our great old Elijah, as I like to call him. Since Mr. Davidson has been here we have been having a three months' winter institute for training the men who are already pastors. This substitute for a seminary is, however, very inadequate and we are praying that God will choose men for this great work and that they will hear this call and come to this very needy field.

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, the first missionaries sent out by our Board, have been here just four years. They have begun a very great work in Santiago, the capital

and largest city of Chile, with a population of 500,000. We have two chapels here with two fine native pastors and one young woman who is now conducting a primary school in one of the chapels. All three of these are taking regular Bible courses and other foundation school subjects with Mr. Davidson who works constantly with the leader, and with other native Christians in the effort to develop them.

We have, as yet, not begun the woman's work in Santiago but I feel that the time is now ripe for it. A few Sundays ago I had the great privilege of being in the woman's Sunday school class, as a substitute teacher and I was filled with joy at the ability of these women, none of them very old in the Christian faith, "to give a reason for the hope that is in them" as they explained the simple truths of our Gospel to an inquiring woman who was persuaded to come and sit in our class from among the curious crowd that always gathers around the chapel doors at each service. Women who could so clearly explain the Way to this inquiring soul and who could so earnestly pray for her salvation after she had left the class should surely be organized for better work in the Master's Kingdom. I feel sure that soon the women in Santiago will have an organization.

In Concepcion, Mrs. Moore had made a beginning with the women in our church there but she and her husband were forced to return home on account of the ill health of both, hence our central Chilean station is left with no missionary in charge. I feel sure the woman's society has not been able to continue as the women are not yet capable of independent leadership.

I believe we have a woman's society in one of the churches in the south. But Chile, as yet, has no W.M.U. organization. We are hoping that within a year or so, when some new recruits come to us, that we shall be able to open all of our schools, the Girls' School in Temuco, which I am planning now to open in March, 1922, the Boys' School and Seminary and, too, that we shall be able to have all the W.M.U. organizations in our churches. Our field is still the baby of the southern Baptist missions and will be until we open fields in southern Europe and Russia. We need

your prayers.—*Agnes Graham, Temuco, Chile*

A GOOD WILL CENTER IN SHANTUNG

It seems that we are to have the honor of being the first of our North China stations to open a Good Will Center. Our ladies went up to the mission meeting to suggest this work at every station; they had prayed and prayed and their proposal was carried through not only unanimously but enthusiastically. I had known nothing of their hopes when the same burden was laid on me for Tsinan last winter. Now the native association is sending each station \$190.00 towards a Good Will Center. Our place for it is rented and includes a court for men and women with a room that can be used as a dispensary accessible to each. Whitewashing is being done and we hope to start immediately after China New Year. We are planning classes in reading Chinese characters and also in the new phonetic script, Bible classes and sewing classes—or rather the machine will be there for the neighborhood women to use when they like under an instructress. One "jan" or set of two rooms is for the kiddies too young for school. They will have some kindergarten work while their mothers sew or study. Miss Ramsbottom will also teach the women and children to sing hymns. We expect to put in games and papers and books for the men. Please pray that from the beginning men and women may be saved to changed lives through finding Christ.—*Mary Levering Evans, Tsinan, Shantung*

W.M.U. Headquarters

Removal of W.M.U. headquarters from Baltimore will not be effected until some time in the coming fall. In due time notice will be given of the new address. In the meanwhile all orders for ROYAL SERVICE and priced literature should be sent to the regular address:

**W.M.U. Literature Department
15 W. Franklin St., Baltimore, Md.**



HOME DEPARTMENT



THE APOSTLE TO THE CREEKS

A LONG time ago when the whole Creek tribe lived in one of our southern states a young boy of that tribe was sent into the village from the camp to make some purchases. As he walked along the street some white boys set upon him with taunting remarks. How do you think a young savage who had been taught from his infancy to be revengeful would take teasing? Out came his scalping knife and he would have used it, too, only that a firm hand was laid upon his arm. The boys, who were not young braves, ran away and the young Indian looked up to see who had kept him from wounding his tormentors. It was the minister of a Christian church who looked kindly down upon him and began a friendly conversation. This good man frequently visited the Indian village and had talked with the young Indian about Jesus and often begged him to seek the Saviour as some of his tribe had already done. Joseph Islands, for this was the Indian boy's name, was much impressed and accepted a Bible from his friend who taught him to read it. Some months later he with most of his tribe moved to the far northwest. The Bible was forgotten as Joseph grew to be a young "brave". His behavior, however, was not at all brave at this time for he drank whiskey and was continually quarreling. One night in a brawl his dearest friend was killed and an old negro who was a Christian was ordered to dig the grave. Good old uncle Billy talked to Joseph as he turned up the sod. He talked about death; about Jesus and the resurrection. Joseph listened and the Holy Spirit convicted him of sin and falling upon his face he prayed to God for forgiveness and was converted. He remembered his long forgotten Bible, brought it out and read it to uncle Billy, who explained it as well as he was able.

There was a law among the Creeks forbidding the worship of the Christian's God. Joseph felt that he could not keep the "good news" to himself so he and uncle

Billy held secret prayer meetings at which one after another of the Creeks was converted until there were thirty names on the list. One night the alarm was given and they were hunted down. The penalty was heavy. To every one found worshipping the white man's God thirty-nine lashes were given, and lashes from an Indian whip with many leather thongs meant almost death. They all escaped that night. Another night a spy followed some of them to their hidden place of prayer and listened to make sure they were holding a "Jesus meeting". The spy heard Joseph praying for his people and especially for the spies who were dogging their trail. He heard his own name called in prayer and felt guilt heavy upon his heart. At their next meeting he came boldly in, told his story and found peace with God. After this, in answer to prayer, so many of the chief men of the tribe were converted that there were not enough left to enforce the law against the Christian Indians.

It is good to know that from this time forward Joseph walked with strong, straight steps in the middle of the Jesus road and became one of the most stalwart and dependable Christians among the Creek Indians. He gave his new house to be used as a place of worship and was ever after called the Apostle to the Creeks.

A missionary has told us that when you go into an Indian prayer meeting you will notice that there are no embarrassing pauses such as we sometimes have in our meetings. Those who are Christians seem anxious to talk to the Great Spirit in prayer. What an addition Joseph Islands must have been to this band of Christian Indians!

It is hard to believe that after all the years since the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers there are still many Indians who do not know of Joseph's Saviour, but it is quite true. Oh for the time to come when the Indians

"Shall know as the white men know."

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your prayers.—*Agnes Graham, Temuco, Chile*

A GOOD WILL CENTER IN SHANTUNG

It seems that we are to have the honor of being the first of our North China stations to open a Good Will Center. Our ladies went up to the mission meeting to suggest this work at every station; they had prayed and prayed and their proposal was carried through not only unanimously but enthusiastically. I had known nothing of their hopes when the same burden was laid on me for Tsinan last winter. Now the native association is sending each station \$190.00 towards a Good Will Center. Our place for it is rented and includes a court for men and women with a room that can be used as a dispensary accessible to each. Whitewashing is being done and we hope to start immediately after China New Year. We are planning classes in reading Chinese characters and also in the new phonetic script, Bible classes and sewing classes—or rather the machine will be there for the neighborhood women to use when they like under an instructress. One "jan" or set of two rooms is for the kiddies too young for school. They will have some kindergarten work while their mothers sew or study. Miss Ramsbottom will also teach the women and children to sing hymns. We expect to put in games and papers and books for the men. Please pray that from the beginning men and women may be saved to changed lives through finding Christ.—*Mary Levering Evans, Tsinan, Shantung*

W.M.U. Headquarters

Removal of W.M.U. headquarters from Baltimore will not be effected until some time in the coming fall. In due time notice will be given of the new address. In the meanwhile all orders for ROYAL SERVICE and priced literature should be sent to the regular address:

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HOME DEPARTMENT



THE APOSTLE TO THE CREEKS

A LONG time ago when the whole Creek tribe lived in one of our southern states a young boy of that tribe was sent into the village from the camp to make some purchases. As he walked along the street some white boys set upon him with taunting remarks. How do you think a young savage who had been taught from his infancy to be revengeful would take teasing? Out came his scalping knife and he would have used it, too, only that a firm hand was laid upon his arm. The boys, who were *not* young braves, ran away and the young Indian looked up to see who had kept him from wounding his tormentors. It was the minister of a Christian church who looked kindly down upon him and began a friendly conversation. This good man frequently visited the Indian village and had talked with the young Indian about Jesus and often begged him to seek the Saviour as some of his tribe had already done. Joseph Islands, for this was the Indian boy's name, was much impressed and accepted a Bible from his friend who taught him to read it. Some months later he with most of his tribe moved to the far northwest. The Bible was forgotten as Joseph grew to be a young "brave". His behavior, however, was not at all brave at this time for he drank whiskey and was continually quarreling. One night in a brawl his dearest friend was killed and an old negro who was a Christian was ordered to dig the grave. Good old uncle Billy talked to Joseph as he turned up the sod. He talked about death; about Jesus and the resurrection. Joseph listened and the Holy Spirit convicted him of sin and falling upon his face he prayed to God for forgiveness and was converted. He remembered his long forgotten Bible, brought it out and read it to uncle Billy, who explained it as well as he was able.

There was a law among the Creeks forbidding the worship of the Christian's God. Joseph felt that he could not keep the "good news" to himself so he and uncle

Billy held secret prayer meetings at which one after another of the Creeks was converted until there were thirty names on the list. One night the alarm was given and they were hunted down. The penalty was heavy. To every one found worshipping the white man's God thirty-nine lashes were given, and lashes from an Indian whip with many leather thongs meant almost death. They all escaped that night. Another night a spy followed some of them to their hidden place of prayer and listened to make sure they were holding a "Jesus meeting". The spy heard Joseph praying for his people and especially for the spies who were dogging their trail. He heard his own name called in prayer and felt guilt heavy upon his heart. At their next meeting he came boldly in, told his story and found peace with God. After this, in answer to prayer, so many of the chief men of the tribe were converted that there were not enough left to enforce the law against the Christian Indians.

It is good to know that from this time forward Joseph walked with strong, straight steps in the middle of the Jesus road and became one of the most stalwart and dependable Christians among the Creek Indians. He gave his new house to be used as a place of worship and was ever after called the Apostle to the Creeks.

A missionary has told us that when you go into an Indian prayer meeting you will notice that there are no embarrassing pauses such as we sometimes have in our meetings. Those who are Christians seem anxious to talk to the Great Spirit in prayer. What an addition Joseph Islands must have been to this band of Christian Indians!

It is hard to believe that after all the years since the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers there are still many Indians who do not know of Joseph's Saviour, but it is quite true. Oh for the time to come when the Indians

"Shall know as the white men know."



CURRENT EVENTS



THE Church Census for 1920 shows some interesting and helpful figures. Of the total population of the United States 41,926,854 are church members. During 1920 the church made a net gain of 667,000 new members, a marked increase over 1919 when only 44,000 additions were reported. Baptists gained 129,283. The total number of Baptists in this country is 7,504,447 and approaches 9,000,000 in the world.

The northern Baptist women celebrate the Golden Jubilee of their foreign mission work this year. In 1871 they began with nine workers scattered among twelve stations in four fields. In 1921 they have 252 missionaries in 112 stations in eleven fields.

"Let us establish people's institutes throughout Mexico to teach good government. Let us spread good literature broadcast and, especially, let us establish in Mexico a strong evangelical church." A missionary to Mexico made this statement of the way of peace by which we could bring help to our sister country. The money which was spent a few years ago for the way of war when our country had to keep a strong guard on the border was more than enough to establish a college, a community center, a hospital and a church in every town in Mexico of over 5000 people.

Japanese residents of New York have recently contributed \$42,000 to the Y.W.C.A. in their native country for the construction of a model dormitory for working girls in Osaka.

The average daily wage of the Porto Rican Christian is 75 cents yet the evangelical churches have just raised \$3500 towards the new tuberculosis hospital over and above their regular church offering. The Baptist churches in 1920, the first year of the New World Campaign,

gave in six months \$8728, more than twice the amount of their offerings for the entire year before.

Not long ago the pupils in the Lebanon boys' school in Syria heard how the Chinese were suffering from famine. These boys knew from experience what that meant and they felt a great longing to help their faroff brothers. By earnest toil and sacrifice the boys and their teachers raised nearly \$50. The members of a neighboring church added \$13 and the staff and students of another school added \$73. The money was sent to a missionary in China to administer. "Their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality."

At Cawnpore, in the North India mission of the Presbyterian church, there are many cotton mills. Two modern settlements for the mill employees have been opened and one of the English firms requested the mission to put a missionary in charge of its settlement. The mission questioned whether there would be opportunity for preaching the Gospel or whether the work was to be wholly along lines of social service. The reply was that the entire settlement could be turned into a Bible class if the missionary so desired.

The commencement exercises of the Baptist Seminary at Saltillo, Mexico, were held a few weeks ago. Of the nine students who graduated six have received appointments to Baptist work in their country. This school is conducted by the northern and southern boards co-operating with each other.

The new National Chinese Home Missionary Society recently held its second annual meeting. After the more than one hundred years of foreign missionary work in China the Chinese themselves are starting their own missionary endeavors in a dignified, prayerful way.



SOCIETY METHODS



DEFINITIONS OF ACTIVE SOCIETY MEMBER

CLAUSE 9 of the uniform standard of excellence reads: "An average attendance of at least one-half of the active membership at the twelve meetings". To the Baltimore office many queries have come as to what is meant by "an active member". In turn the Baltimore office asked the question of the state W. M. U. corresponding secretaries, from whom the following illuminating answers have been received. Though the answers differ in words, there is unanimity in declaring that active is to be taken at its face value so far as attendance, gifts and general interest are concerned:

In response to your request for a statement of what is meant by an active member of a missionary society, I submit the following:—An active member of a missionary society is one who contributes at least some of her time and money to the interests fostered by the society and evidences her sympathy with the work by reading the literature and attending the meetings as often as possible.—*Mrs. J. G. Jackson, Ark.*

Mr. Webster says, active means, "Lively, Quick, Energetic and Industrious", so an active member of a W. M. S. should be one who attends regularly because she loves to go, is industrious in helping to the best of her ability in the programs, social gatherings, gifts, prayers and services. One who is willing to study, give, pray, serve and enlist.—*Miss Maud Powell, Ga.*

Now in reply to your letter desiring us to give our definition of an active member of a missionary society, will say that we interpret an active member to be a woman who attends the meetings of the society when possible and contributes to the objects fostered by the society, as she feels led by God's Spirit.—*Miss Georgia Barnette, La.*

She is an active member of a missionary society who STUDIES to know Him; who realizes her STEWARDSHIP unto Him; who gives her SERVICE in a very personal way to Him; whose SUPPLICATION, daily, hourly, is that she may be a SOUL-WINNER for Him.—*Miss M. M. Lackey, Miss.*

An active member of a missionary society is one who attends all meetings unless hindered by reasons approved by a good conscience, takes part in the programs, mission study and other activities and gives regularly to all causes fostered by the W. M. U.—*Miss Lilian May, N. M.*

An active member of a missionary society is one who, as fully as uncontrollable circumstances permit, lends herself personally to the promotion of the varied activities outlined in the ever-broadening W. M. U. program.—*Mrs. W. H. Reddish, N. C.*

An active member of a missionary society is one who attends the meetings regularly taking part on the program when asked and giving loyal service in promoting Bible and mission study.—*Mrs. Berta K. Spooner, Okla.*

An active member is one who has voluntarily identified herself with W. M. U. work and who attends the missionary meetings and contributes to missions. Perhaps it might be well to say attends the meetings more or less regularly, for I think that we should count every woman as active who comes at all. If she is irregular in her attendance, we should work to increase her interest.—*Mrs. J. R. Fizer, S. C.*

An active member is one who attends regularly the meetings of the society, has a share in all its activities, programs, gifts and personal service.—*Miss Margaret Buchanan, Tenn.*

An active member is one who takes part in all the activities of the society, even if not able to attend very often; one who responds to requests made by the president as to gifts, etc.—*Mrs. A. F. Beddoe, Tex.*

An active member is one who can attend the regular meetings of the society and can give regularly and systematically to the objects fostered by the society.—*Miss Lizzie Savage, Va.*



PERSONAL SERVICE



PERSONAL SERVICE IN RURAL FIELDS

By a Pastor's Wife

1. Never let up in enlistment until every member of the society has signed a pledge of hearty co-operation in every practical attempt to render personal service. Stimulate the keeping of the pledge by commendatory reports of the number of personal workers.
 2. Devote a few minutes of each monthly meeting to special prayer for the pastor and to pleasant comments upon his last sermon and to telling pleasant things heard about him during the month. This will be easily done if the meeting is opened by reading the text last used in the pastor's service.
 3. Appoint a hospitality committee to welcome visitors to each service, to see that no one leaves without an invitation to some home, etc.
 4. Give one day every three months to a meeting to sew for those who need to catch up with their sewing. Let each member carry to these sewing circles the pattern she has found most servicable and leave a duplicate pattern with the one at whose house the meeting is held. Do not limit these meetings to the homes of the members of the W.M.S. but extend them to every home in the pastorate, always giving preference to the most needy homes.
 5. Appoint annually, a special committee to ascertain the needs and desires of the sick and to gratify them as far as possible. Authorize this committee to collect from each member of the society one chicken a year to be appropriated to the needs of the sick of the rural fields. Let this committee divide the pastorate into four districts (north, east, south and west) and appoint groups in each district to sit up with the sick and the bereaved when needed.
 6. Appoint a Floral Committee to see that every grave made in the pastorate is made fragrant by floral offerings and that every sick-room has its share of flowers.
 7. Secure as many homes as possible where weekly meetings of the children may assemble to be taught the Bible and missionary lesson. Let these meetings be in each of the four districts of the pastorate each week if expedient or, if better, in two districts. Have one social entertainment every three months for the children. Let all the members furnish the materials for the refreshments.
 8. Entertain the old folks once a year in the pleasantest way possible.
 9. Discourage all unkind criticism of your public school and its teachers.
 10. Keep the woman posted to the best of your ability on kinds of books and tracts that are hurtful to the cause of Christ as well as on those that are helpful.
 11. Appoint a standing committee each year to search for new channels of service and let every member report to this committee every practical channel she can discover.
 12. Instead of destroying your magazines and denominational papers, bring them to church once a month and distribute them among those who cannot afford to subscribe for them.
 13. Copy your best recipe once a year and give it to some one who does not know it.
 14. Co-operate with pastor and your best physician in sending to the nearest hospital anyone who is too poor to pay her expenses in one.
- "Whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are of good report", practice these things in personal service in rural fields and the Golden Age will return to earth again and the common people will hear the Gospel gladly and it will be said of each worker, as it was said of Dorcas, "this woman was full of almsdeeds which she did". Twelve years' experience as the wife of a country pastor enables me to know that there is much to be done in personal service in rural fields.



UNION NOTES



ROUND TABLE

IT WILL be recalled that at the Chattanooga meeting a purse of \$114.50 was presented by the W.M.U. delegates and visitors to the Union's retiring recording secretary, Mrs. A. C. Johnson, to be used by her in purchasing a watch as an expression of appreciation for her years of service. In a recent letter Mrs. Johnson writes: I feel very humble and undeserving of so much love as the Union has always shown me. The watch given me at Chattanooga will be my most cherished possession. I wish I could tell the Union what a beauty it is—a full jewelled Gruen green gold wrist watch on black ribbon and engraved as follows: "Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to S.B.C., to Mrs. A. C. Johnson in Appreciation; Recording Secretary, 1905-1921". I wish every member of the W.M.U. might see it and know how much I appreciate the love that prompted the gift.

"Little Louisiana" in the lead! The first state to win any of the new Honor Mission Certificates is Louisiana. Four ladies, all from Bogalusa, having previously won all three of the Union's official seals, have since the May meeting in Chattanooga taught mission study classes for organizations allied with the W.M.U. Their names are as follows: Mrs. J. K. Johnson, Mrs. W. E. Crain, Mrs. D. E. Magee and Miss Beulah Collins. The Honor Mission Certificate, which has been awarded to them, is of white paper, 7 by 9 inches and is printed in dark olive green ink. The seal used is a large red one. Who will be the next to win such distinction?

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains whence cometh my strength"—with such promise the Blue Ridge Y.W.C.A. Student Conference opened on May 3rd. Throughout the delightful ten days the theme of the conference: "The whole Gospel for the whole individual for the

whole world" deepened in meaning to each girl and as the last vesper service closed on Sunday evening with an earnest message that challenged each heart to "fight the good fight" more worthily each knew that the strength of the mountain-top vision would accompany her into the valley. Of the more than 550 girls from over a hundred colleges 150 were Baptists and met together the first Sunday afternoon for a profitable denominational meeting. Dr. Horne of New York University, and Miss Helen Crane, sister of Miss Edith Crane of W.M.U. interest and representative of the Student Volunteer Movement, being the only other Baptists among the conference leaders spoke briefly. Three-quarters of an hour is a very little time to tell of the work of W.M.U. and yet it was sufficient to let the girls know the Union offered channels of both service and blessing to them during the summer months and then when college reopened in the fall so that during the ten days the W.M.U. representative enjoyed many heart heart to talks, many discussions of "how" and "what" regarding W.M.U. work with girls from over the southland east of the Mississippi. The second Sunday just before supper there was an informal discussion and prayer time to which many of the girls came. It was significant that at the close of the Sunday morning service the W.M.U. hymn for 1921-1922 was sung. It was good to come down from the mountains to the gentle hills and broad fields of Kentucky and from the busy "doing" Y.W.C.A. atmosphere to the calm "being" spirit of the Russellville assembly. There were over 60 women in the W.M.U. class which began with the nine o'clock prayer hour so dear to W.M.U. hearts. I appreciated gratefully the cordial welcome of Kentucky women as I presented the W.M.U. work among our young people. The interest manifested, with the leadership of Miss Sallie Morton and the wise

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TITHING CAMPAIGN PLANS

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(6) It is hoped that such a committee will plan to have the campaign for tithers effectively presented at every associational and district meeting.

(7) A uniform card will be recommended. On one side of the card is the Stewardship Covenant which reads, with space at the close for the signer's name: "I hereby promise, as an acknowledgment of my stewardship and as an expression of my love to God, to lay aside until further notice, at least one-tenth of my income for the support of His cause". On the reverse side are the statements as shown above.

SUNBEAM PROGRAMS

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the forests wild beasts would almost kill him. Yet he was never afraid and never turned back.

Again I read of a woman who was the only white woman in a whole big heathen country and she went to tell the folks about Jesus. Her husband was put in prison and thought that he was to be killed and begged her to flee for her life but she stayed right there and lived among those poor, ignorant, cruel heathen and did what she could for them and for her husband in prison until at last she died there without ever seeing her home and loved ones again. I think she was a brave woman, don't you? Missionary books are just full of the bravest sort of stories and I like them very much and hope you will soon grow old enough to read them for yourselves.

Once upon a time in the far-away country where Jesus used to live there was a boy named Timothy. Now I am sure that you love your country and your flag and like to hear the stories about its heroes, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln and Robert E. Lee. But you could not like these stories any more than Timothy liked to hear about the great heroes of his country and people. So Timothy's mother, whose name was Eunice and his grandmother, Lois, took the little boy up close to them and told him the many wonderful stories of how God had blessed the people of Israel and given them a country and of all the brave great deeds of Abraham and Moses and David and the other Bible stories that we love so much. For Timothy was a Jew and these stories were the history of his mother's people. Can't you just imagine the little Timothy climbing up in his mother's lap and begging her to tell him about the baby Moses or the child

Samuel? And later the big boy would draw his seat up close to his grandmother and ask her to tell him again about the giant that King David killed or about Gideon and his band who ran the Philistines out of the land. By and by he came to know these stories as well as anybody but I am sure that even then he never grew tired of hearing them over and over again and when at last he became a man God chose him to be a preacher and go about with Paul, the great missionary, and tell the story of Jesus. Timothy remembered the stories of his childhood and they helped him to be brave and true and to love God and serve Him faithfully in many hard places.

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counsel of Mrs. Bose, speaks auspiciously for the progress of W.M.U. among Kentucky's young people. In the spiritual atmosphere generated by the messages of different pastors, in the beautiful vesper services at the thoughtful sunset time, in the life influence of the dear Kentucky leaders there was a clear call to everyone present for fuller consecration and more complete service—*Miss Juliette Mather*

Dr. T. W. Ayers of Hwanghien, China, writes: The help which southern Baptist women have given to our hospitals has enabled us to do a work which we could not have done as efficiently without the supplies they have sent us. I hope every woman who has had a part in this White Cross work will realize that she has a share in alleviating the sufferings of our patients. May the Lord bless and prosper them and continue to use them in doing the work of a Good Samaritan. I do not see how our Hwanghien hospitals could have gotten along without the help they have given us.

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May your birthday candles gleam afar	
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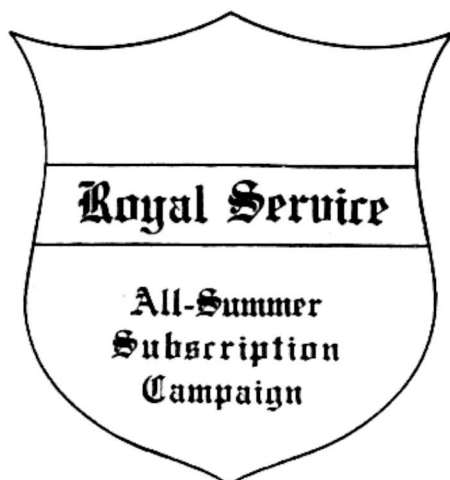
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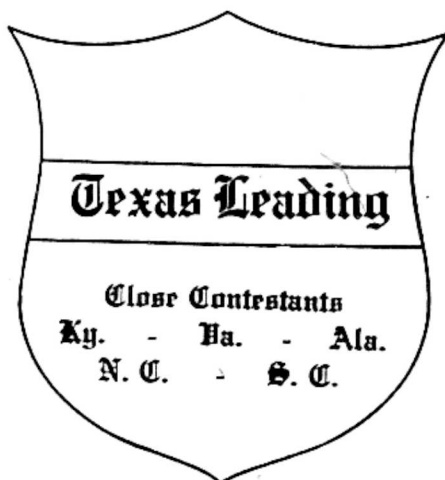
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