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

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AN ENCOURAGING GIFT

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Yours sincerely,

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Accordingly at the time and place indicated the officers of the Union gathered to find the church filled with eager, expectant women from every church in the association. A reception committee was at the door to greet us and to show us the way to our places on the platform. There we were greeted by Mrs. B. A. Inglis, superintendent of the association, now a member of our Executive Committee and recently appointed chairman of the committee on young people's organizations. On the platform were seated Mrs. Inglis, Mr. J. A. Cook, a Birmingham pastor and assistant moderator of the Birmingham Association, Mrs. W. L. Rosamond, a member of the new Executive Committee and local chairman of the personal service committee, Miss Leachman, the new field worker of the Home Mission Board who had been invited to make the principal address of the morning, Mr. D. M. Gardner, another Birmingham pastor, Miss Mallory, Miss Winfield and the writer. Miss Mather was not there as she in her own words was "in the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia on the trail of College Y. W. A's".

The platform really presented a very beautiful appearance not so much because of the people who occupied it but because of the beautiful flowers each woman wore. The presiding officer, Mrs. Inglis, had on a corsage presented by the women of her own society as did the president of the Union who is a member of the same society. Miss Mallory wore flowers presented by the society of which she is now a member as did Mrs. Rosamond who is a member of the same society. Miss Leachman wore a corsage the gift of the women of another church and Miss Winfield flowers presented by the women of yet another church. The flowers were beautiful; they have faded, however, but the love that gave and the joy they brought to each of us will linger through the coming days.

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Childhood's memories are cherished. Two precious ones come easily to mind just now. The first centers about the departure to a distant church of the beloved pastor who had baptized me and of his daughter who was my chum. It seemed then that no one could ever take their place and no one ever has! The other memory is of the coming to our church of the new pastor with the young mother and the chubby baby whom all the church children were permitted to hold in their arms and nurse as much as they desired. It seemed that no pastor's family could ever be any dearer than that one was and so none ever has been!

In August the literature and furniture belonging to the Woman's Missionary Union were shipped from the beloved and time-honored headquarters at 15 W. Franklin Street, Baltimore, Md., to the new ones at 1111 Jefferson Co. Bank Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. It seemed then that it never could be harder to say goodbye to any place and to any people and to any headquarters than it was to leave Baltimore and the "conviction will not down". On August 25th the carload of goods reached Birmingham and on September 9th Miss Winfield and I arrived, Miss Mather having preceded us because of some assembly work near Birmingham. It seemed that September afternoon that no welcome could have been more cordial and sincere than was the one accorded us and the passing days and weeks have but added their seal of approval to the first impressions. Friends gathered to say God-speed as the train left Baltimore and the fragrance of their roses sweetened the long, hot journey. Friends gathered to welcome us in Birmingham and had made our rooms fragrant with their flowers. Surely "the twain have met"—aye better shall we not say that the same spirit has ever been in both of these two cities and what we lose in one "we find again in the heart" of the other? The Birmingham friends who met the September train constituted a committee representing the various Baptist interests of the city. They presented to us the "key" to Baptist life in Birmingham and assured us that they stood ready to assist us in every way possible. This they reiterated when the following week the very large associational delegation stood to greet us.

There was an unforeseen and unavoidable month's delay in securing the offices, during which time the bookkeeping and mail order work was conducted from the Baltimore home of the Union's treasurer, Mrs. W. C. Lowndes. Words fail me to express adequate gratitude to Mrs. Lowndes for this generous and timely help. Good indeed, also, was the office force of the S. B. C. Education Board and that of the *Alabama Baptist*.

On October 7th the offices were turned over to us and the act of moving in began. In the midst of it came the day for the meeting of the W. M. U. Executive Committee. As no room was "straight" for such an auspicious gathering, Mrs. J. T. Doster opened her beautiful home. That day came afresh the conviction that kindred interest "makes the whole world akin" for as we met a telegram was received from the Maryland women, who also sent exquisite pink roses to the "new executive". Knowing the power of friendships formed around the common board, Mrs. Doster had the entire committee as her luncheon guests, Mrs. B. A. Inglis, the superintendent of the association, inviting them to be her guests for the November meeting.

On October 13th the formal welcome to Birmingham was extended through the means of a perfectly appointed program and luncheon. Mrs. James has described the former, while the joy of telling about the latter is accorded to me. The place of meeting was the centrally located First Baptist Church, of which Dr. J. R. Hobbs is pastor. The body of the large church was well filled, while many were in the gallery. At the close of the program, these dear friends, variously estimated in number from 600 to 900, came to the front of the church and clasped our hands in hearty welcome. Then the hundreds of us went into the luncheon room. In the center was a table seating about forty. Here the guests of honor and the association's leaders were seated.

And thus have we been welcomed to Birmingham. Surely no one who ever lived with Baltimore Baptists could ever want to leave them and surely those who have come to live among Birmingham Baptists will ever want to leave them!—*Kathleen Mallory*

Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists December, 1921

'Tis Christmas night! the snow
A flock unnumbered lies:
The old Judean stars aglow,
Keep watch within the skies.

An icy stillness holds
The pulses of the night:
A deeper mystery enfolds
The wondering Hosts of Light:

Till, lo, with reverence pale
That dims each diadem,
The lordiest, earthward bending hail
The Light of Bethlehem.—John Tabb

Topic: China

1—THURSDAY

For the new missionaries to China,
that God keep them strong and
glad in Him
In Him we live and move.—Acts 17:28

2—FRIDAY

That Dr. and Mrs. David Bryan
may have blessed rest in the
homeland
Thou, Father art in me...I in them.
—Words of Jesus

3—SATURDAY

For Baptist 75 Million Campaign.
It is a covenant between me and
my God—Dr. Gambrell
Ye shall not forget.—2 Kings 17:38

4—SUNDAY

That results of Disarmament Con-
ference may better conditions in
China
The mind of the Spirit is life and peace.
—Romans 8:6

5—MONDAY

For the Gospel message of Dr.
Mary L. King through her medical
work in Pochow, China
That they may be saved.—Romans 10:1

6—TUESDAY

That the ministrations of famine
relief may prefigure the Bread of
Life.
Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of
life.—John 6:35

7—WEDNESDAY

That Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Sears
be strong to meet demands and
opportunities of work in Pingtu,
China
Fear not, I will help thee.—Isaiah 41:13

8—THURSDAY

That Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Ray be
kept in safety and rejoice the hearts
of our missionaries as they visit
them in China
Let us exalt His name together.
—Psalm 34:3

9—FRIDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Yocum and
the patients under their care,
Pingtu, China
Perfect in Christ Jesus.—Colossians 1:28

10—SATURDAY

That our Kingdom program be
gloriously sustained by Baptist 75
Million Campaign
The kingdom is the Lord's.—Psalm 22:28

11—SUNDAY

That the Christian churches in
China be Bible churches
Praise God in His sanctuary.
—Psalm 150:1

12—MONDAY

For Misses Blanche Rose Walker
and Addie Estelle Cox, Kaifeng,
China
Christ is preached; and I therein do
rejoice.—Philippians 1:18

13—TUESDAY

That the church of Christ be more
vigilant in seeking the lost
Put ye in the sickle for the harvest is
ripe.—Joel 3:13

14—WEDNESDAY

Thanksgiving for Christian Chinese
Students who will become China's
men of affairs
I will lead them in paths they have not
known.—Isaiah 42:16

15—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Eavenson
in their new work in Kaifeng, China
I am the Lord...which leadeth thee.
—Isaiah 48:17

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O Saviour! Whom this holy morn
Gave to our world below;
To mortal want and labor born,
And more than mortal woe!

If gaily clothed and proudly fed
In dangerous wealth we dwell,
Remind us of Thy manger bed
And lowly cottage cell.

If pressed by poverty severe,
In envious want we pine,
Oh may Thy Spirit whisper near,
How poor a lot was Thine.—
Reginald Heber

Topic: China—Continued

16—FRIDAY

Pray and keep fellowship with God
in our Campaign gifts.—Dr. Gam-
brell

Truly our fellowship is with the Father
—1 John 1:3

17—SATURDAY

Pray for native Chinese mission-
aries, that their number increase
He that hath mercy on them shall lead
them.—Isaiah 49:10

18—SUNDAY

This is the day which the Lord hath
made: we will rejoice and be glad
in it.—Psalm 118:24

19—MONDAY

For Misses Zemina Hare and
Louise Willis, school work, Kaifeng,
China

The God of peace sanctify you wholly.
—1 Thessalonians 5:23

20—TUESDAY

For educational and industrial
work in girls' school, Pochow, China,
in charge of Miss Olive Ridell
Abide in me.—John 15:4

21—WEDNESDAY

For the evangelistic and educa-
tional work of Rev. and Mrs.
Wade Bostick, Pochow, China
If ye shall ask anything in my name I
will do it.—John 14:14

22—THURSDAY

For our Campaign Fund and that
we do not render unto Caesar the
things that are God's
Render...tribute to whom tribute is
due.—Romans 13:7

23—FRIDAY

That Christ be not crowded out in
the joys of Christmas
Who art thou that...forgettest the Lord
thy Maker.—Isaiah 51:12, 13

24—SATURDAY

That gratitude for the "Unspeak-
able Gift" control our Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering for China

God so loved the world that He gave His
only begotten Son.—John 3:16

25—SUNDAY

Unto you is born this day in the
city of David a Saviour which is
Christ the Lord.—Luke 2:11

Hosanna in the highest.—Matthew 21:9

26—MONDAY

For all lands and peoples where
Christ has not been born

How shall they hear without a preacher.
—Romans 10:14

27—TUESDAY

That the new universal language
of China be a mighty channel for
the Gospel

Speaking boldly in the Lord.—Acts 14:3

28—WEDNESDAY

For the comfort and healing of our
sick missionaries

Let not your heart be troubled.
—John 14:27

29—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Gordon K.
Middleton, Kaifeng, China

I will put my trust in Him.
—Hebrews 2:13

30—FRIDAY

That Christian honesty be demon-
strated in campaign for 500,000
southern Baptist tithers

The tenth shall be holy unto the Lord.
—Leviticus 27:32

31—SATURDAY

That the joy and hope of Rev. and
Mrs. G. P. Bostick bear like fruit
in Pochow, China

I am the true vine.—John 15:1



BIBLE STUDY



TOPIC—The Miracle of Redemption

"Many professing Christians are ignorant of what redemption is and what it includes."

I. *The Thought of God:* I John 4:10; II Cor. 5:18-20; I Pet. 1:2. This implies the removal of God's displeasure against sin on account of the sacrifice of Jesus, John 3:16; I Pet. 1:18-21; Acts 2:22, 23; Rev. 13:8 we see the supreme purpose of God in seeking the salvation of mankind. "The precious blood of Christ that cleanseth from all sin"—we need a realising faith as well as a spiritualising power when we think of the blood that was shed for our redemption. There is nothing in the universe so holy as the blood of Christ. We cannot realise what the blood means until we realise sin, Rom. 3:23, 25, 26, which is banishment from God and that there is no remedy but in the sacrificial death of Christ, Heb. 9:26; Acts 4:12. His blood flows evermore and is the fountain of immortality, Ps. 111:9. In redemption's plan of salvation we see God's infinite love, power and wisdom as He answers the cry of the heart and reveals the cross bearing His own Son, Gal. 1:4; 4:4, 5; Rev. 5:9, 10. From the beginning to the end, from eternity to eternity God is showing His love, revealing His divine purposes of redeeming love in Jesus Christ. Throughout the entire Word of God we see "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world", John 1:29; II Cor. 5:18; Rev. 15:3, Rom. 11:33.

II. *The Cross Is the Judgment of This World:* John 12:31, 32. Jesus crucified is the true touchstone revealing what the world is, Luke 23:35. At the cross we see those who typify the condition of the world, many looked on with stolid indifference, the rulers reviled, the brutal ones mocked or railed, the conscious sinner prayed, the covetous played their game. Christ bore the sins of the world, John 5:24; Rom. 5:8, 9; 8:1. Jesus delivered up for our offenses, Rom. 4:25. The first sin wrought the moral ruin of the race. The consequence of Adam's sin was that many were made sinners, our sinful state or nature is our inheritance from Adam, Ps. 14:1-3; Mark 7:20-23; Rom. 1-20-32; 3:9-19; 7:24, 25. The subjects of redemption are sold under sin, Rom. 7:14; all the world is guilty before God, under sentence of death, Ezk. 18:4; John 3:18, 19; Gal. 3:10. The purchase price is the blood of Christ, Gal. 3:13; II Cor. 5:21; Matt. 20:28; I Pet. 1:18, 19. The cross is the fact of salvation.

III. *Redemption in God's Plan of the Ages:* Eph. 1:4-7. Redemption must have been in the mind of God before the foundation of the world, Rom. 3:22-26. God formed His own counsels of redeeming love and based them all upon the atoning blood of His own precious spotless Lamb. As we study inspiration we find that every ceremony, every rite, every ordinance and every sacrifice pointed forward to "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world". Death had to do its work in every house throughout the land of Egypt, Ex. 12:12, 13; a Lamb has been slain for us also, I Pet. 2:24, His blood has redeemed us to God. God in mercy found an unblemished substitute on which the sentence of death was executed, Heb. 9:11-15. There must be repentance and confession before a sinner is prepared to receive a crucified Christ.

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CENTRAL CHINA

In Central China the missionaries of our Foreign Mission Board are stationed in the cities of Shanghai, Soochow, Chinkiang and Yang Chow. We say they are stationed in these cities but our missionaries are never stationary, they "carry on"; they radiate their efforts from these four large stations throughout forty-two outstations.

In the great city of Shanghai we have the Shanghai Baptist College, supported by both northern and southern Baptists, as well as other schools of high grade. The churches of the city and outstations have added 106 to their membership during the year. The work in Shanghai is seventy-three years old. The property is valuable; two churches, one residence, a Bible school and a wing to the Eliza Yates School have been added to it within the last year.

†The student movement has had a marked effect on the work at Soochow, changing the local attitude toward Christianity from scorn and indifference to one in every way more favorable. The spirit and results in all branches of work make the hearts of the missionaries to sing for joy, even though they are longing for reinforcement.

In Chinkiang the evangelistic, educational and Bible training work has had a fairly prosperous year. There have been several local persecutions which have in no way affected the general attitude of outsiders to our work. The increase of the churches by baptism this year was twenty-two. Five bright young men graduated from the Bible school, the five other schools are overcrowded, a condition which will soon be somewhat relieved by new buildings now in process of erection. A new church is also being built.

Yang Chow mission follows through its churches and schools, the usual line of work for the salvation of the Chinese. The outlook, even with the present equipment, is bright but will be much brighter when the projected buildings are completed, these are: a church building, a girls' boarding school, a boys' school, four residences and a nurse's home. The great hospital plant at Yang Chow was completed last spring and is already filled to almost its full capacity.

Do we weary of hearing that there is still terrible and pressing need? As long as souls are unsaved we must hear this plea from the missionaries. It is only God who keeps them from fainting with discouragement as they look over the unharvested, withering fields.

INTERIOR CHINA

Interior China has four cities in which our missionaries are joyfully fulfilling their calling. These cities are Chengchow, Kaifeng, Pochow and Kweiteh. There are twenty-seven outstations and forty-nine native helpers. Here as in all other sections of southern Baptist occupation the missionaries visit, supervise and bear the responsibility of the outstation work. Of this field Mrs. E. M. Poteat says, "During the year our interior work has been adversely affected by famine and civil war, and our country work by brigandage. Nevertheless reports come in that, so far as efforts spent and results noted are concerned, we have had a good year, especially has the educational work been very encouraging. The number of schools has been increased from ten to twenty with an enrollment of four hundred and fifty-six. In eight of these new schools the house has been provided by the community, also every student is paying a small tuition fee. More boys have applied to work their way through school than we have been able to take in."

As this entire field borders on the famine district evangelistic work has been retarded and missionary hearts have been saddened. Notwithstanding these hindrances a profitable work in soul winning has been done, especially in the country, by both men and

*See ROYAL SERVICE December, 1920, page 13.

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women missionaries. One of the latter writes from Kaifeng: "I sit in a little two-wheeled cart drawn by two struggling mules all day long, crossing the desert to outstations, or else the Bible woman and I get down and wade through the sand while we give away hundreds of tracts to the people we meet. On one occasion the local officials sent soldiers to hurry us back to Kaifeng, fearing bandits." A missionary limousine of two-mule power getting out of the way of bandits in a sandy desert under the escort of Chinese soldiers might feature a sensational movie, but to us it features a brave woman seeking to win souls. This is typical of our women missionaries.

In spite of famine and local disturbances the year in these four large stations of Interior China has not been unprosperous. In each one the 75 Million Campaign has set the trowel and hammer to work for in each one either a new church is being built, new property acquired or new equipment added. May the joyful sound be heard all over China!

NORTH CHINA

In the Southern Baptist Convention Report Miss Alice Huey, missionary in Laichow Fu, China, invites every southern Baptist to take a trip with her through our North China mission stations. Accepting her kind invitation and personally conducted by her we first enter Chefoo where we find the Holmes Memorial Church, the Williams Memorial Girls' School and other interests which our missionaries are carrying forward in the Master's name.

In Tengchow, our next stop, we are delighted to find the old First Baptist Church alive and increasing its membership year by year. The members of the flourishing W. M. U. conduct, assisted by the Y. W. A., a mission in a distant part of the city, they also have a mothers' meeting once each month to which the non-Christian women gladly come to hear things mothers ought to know.

We cross the mountains for twenty miles and come to Hwanghsien, one of the wealthy cities of Shantung province. The missionaries proudly show the Warren Memorial Hospital, enlarged and remodeled with Campaign gifts. Soul winning, medical and educational work are splendidly conducted in this city, all lifting China to Christ.

Next comes Lyang City. In this county we have six churches, eight outstations and twenty schools. Dr. Hearn says the missionaries in this station feel that preaching the Gospel in China is the greatest work in the world. All our missionaries are just like that!

Approaching Laichow Fu we first see the tall spire of our commodious church building where our Bible women and young students from all over the mission come for instruction. Evangelistic, hospital and school work are preparing the Chinese to capture their land for our Lord.

Next we view the great work being done in Pingtu. Its churches ever growing; its hospitals newly equipped and reinforced, its large schools, educational and industrial, doing effectual work for Chinese boys and girls; its Christian Institute; its 25 churches and 128 preaching places are winning a harvest for Christ in Pingtu. "The schools", says Missionary Sears, "are for the young; the hospitals for the sick; the church for everybody."

For a number of years we have had a church at Tsingtao supervised by the Pingtu churches. This church has grown from ten members worshipping in a small room to a greatly increased congregation who are building a new church. Dr. Love tells us that "it behooves us to put a good strong force in Tsingtao."

Going by rail from Tsingtao we travel for twelve hours before arriving at Tsinan the chief city and capital of Shantung. The work in this city was prayer-born in the home of our missionaries Dr. and Mrs. P. S. Evans where the American Baptist students of the Shantung University met weekly to pray for guidance as to their duty toward the people of Tsinan. The result was the opening of a reading room for men where a free night school and preaching services were held. Thus in the home of these beloved Baltimore missionaries was begun the southern Baptist work in Tsinan. Dr. Evans still conducts Bible classes and preaching services. The first southern Baptist church in Tsinan was organized July 2, 1921. A Chinese house with large grounds was rented in the city and is being repaired for a Good Will Center. Much help was given to famine sufferers from this new station through our missionaries.

If space permitted much more could be told of this wonderful trip in North China. For full particulars see S. B. C. Report, 1921.

PAKHOI

The supervision of the work in Pakhoi is in charge of Ue Yuk Tin, a capable and consecrated Chinese pastor. He has been assisted by a band of native helpers consisting of three evangelists, one colporteur, four teachers and two assistant teachers. For many years Chinese Baptists in South China have proved their love for and ability to support and control local Baptist churches and schools, also district associations and state conventions. The written reports sent by this native pastor show that the usual activities have been sustained and the work well in hand.

SOUTH CHINA

The work in South China divides itself naturally into three sections: Hakka, Mandarin and Cantonese-speaking sections. All the missionaries in these three fields meet once a year in Canton to discuss the work.

Hakka Field

The Hakka-speaking section is under the supervision of about thirteen missionaries. Ying Tak City is the gateway to this field and is the main station. The Hakkas are an agricultural people and earn their living by hard labor like our American mountaineers. They are considered to be one-tenth of China's population. For thirty years our missionaries have been preaching and teaching the Gospel in this difficult field. They are now greatly encouraged through additional help and equipment for reaching these millions who are dying without Christ.

Mandarin Field

The entire Mandarin-speaking section is under the oversight of seven missionaries. The main station is Kwei Lin, the largest city and an educational center. There is a vast untouched region surrounding this city populated by fifty millions of people. These simple mountain folk are begging for the Gospel. Millions have never heard the name of Jesus. The Baptist 75 Million Campaign has given new hope to the missionaries and re-heartened them to press on attempting great things for God.

The Canton Field

The vast Cantonese-speaking section has a population of about twenty millions of people. The centers in which the Cantonese dialect is spoken are Canton, Shiu Hing, Wuchow, Macao and Kong Moon.

Canton, the headquarters of our South China work, is the largest heathen city in the world and is a veritable beehive of Christian missionary endeavor. Our buildings are situated in a beautiful compound in a suburb of the city. Here are the missionary residences, the Graves Theological Seminary, the kindergarten, the Mo Wong Home for Blind Girls, the Pooi To Girls' Academy, the Leung Kwong Baptist Hospital, the Leung Kwong Baptist Orphanage and the China Baptist Publication Society.

Branching out from Canton into the populous fields of Sunning, Tsungfa and Honaam goes a work that God has greatly blessed. More Chinese go to America from this section than from any other in China. Our missionary, Rev. John Lake, keeps up a large correspondence with these men in America and they show their interest by sending him frequent gifts for church building, etc. He also makes trips to the American and other gunboats in the Canton harbor telling the sailors of Jesus' love. Another work deserving honorable mention is that being done for lepers. An island has been bought and funds are being raised for establishing a colony upon it. Let us pray that this may be speedily brought to fruition for it is greatly needed.

In Shiu Hing which has eleven churches and outstations the evangelistic and school work has been hindered by the fighting between the natives of the provinces of Kwang Tung and Kwang Si but in spite of this there were seventy-three baptisms this year. The girls' school was temporarily closed on account of the fighting.

The Wuchow section has also been disturbed in its country stations by political troubles but church and school work has forged ahead and is very encouraging, while the medical work in the new hospital plant in the city of Wuchow has gone forward in a wonderful way.

Probably forty thousand people were driven away from Macao and the surrounding country on account of trouble arising from the Macao and China boundary, among these are many of our church members. Amidst these difficulties and depletions our missionaries and Bible women have wrought faithfully. They earnestly request our prayers. One very interesting item connected with the evangelistic work in Macao this year was the baptism of five members of the family of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, China's first president. One of these is the mayor of Canton and another is vice-president of the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China. Both are graduates of Columbia College.

The city of Kong Moon is the strategic center of a large field in which are twenty churches and outstations. There are many schools in this section, in these as well as in the churches, prayer meetings and homes the story of salvation has been told again and again and much interest has been shown. "Doors of opportunity are open all around us," says Missionary Lowe, "but because of the lack of Chinese as well as foreign workers it is impossible to enter"—Culled from S. B. C. Report

It might be said of the deeds of Christian missionaries as the beloved John wrote of the things which Jesus did: "If they should be written, every one, I suppose the world itself would not contain the books that should be written." We know that the deeds of the saving ministry of our missionaries in China would fill many books, the reading of which would so astonish and inspire us that our hearts would readily respond to their every need.

Some of the important and strategic points where land has been purchased, equipments added and reinforcements sent, are Soochow, China, where we have now firmly established ourselves on a spacious compound and with buildings and workers in the very heart of this honored city, have insured a large and growing influence upon this important center.

In North China we have settled policies and established our theological seminary at Hwanghsien, provided more ample facilities for education in our boys' school at Hwanghsien, erected several hospital buildings for the three hospitals in the mission and added several new stations, including the important seaport of Tsingtao.

We have planted ourselves firmly in Tsinan, the capital of Shantung Province in North China, to which city many of our 12,000 members in the province and others from other parts of China gravitate in search of educational and other advantages.

In Kaifeng in Honan Province we have enlarged the compound and strengthened our college, adding an industrial department we have erected an industrial building for women and furnished equipment for the girls' school. In the heart of Kaifeng we have in process of erection an institutional church plant by the doors of which 30,000 persons pass daily.

In Shanghai we have strengthened our Mingjang Academy for Boys, advanced the Eliza Yates Girls' School to the grade of junior college and projected a normal college which will greatly strengthen our cause, insure positions for the products of our Christian schools and thus carry Christian spirit and ideals into influential pagan circles.

In Canton we have erected new buildings and furnished equipment for Pooi To Girls' School, secured valuable land and buildings for the enlargement of our compound, on which we have already more than 1,000 students.

We have greatly increased the efficiency of all our hospitals in China by adding to the staff, erecting new buildings and putting in modern equipment.—Dr. J. F. Love

Of the many beautiful Madonnas great artists have given to the world perhaps the Sistine Madonna by Raphael, as we usually see it with only the figures of mother and child, appeals to us most.

In other Madonna pictures we see the mother closely clasping the child and looking down upon it with adoring love. But the eyes of the Sistine Madonna are deep with wonder. Is she looking out into a world awaiting the Redeemer she bears in her arms—who can say? Perhaps she understood but dimly God's plan for the salva-

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Y. W. A. PROGRAMS



FIRST MEETING

Topic—C-H-I-N-A

Invocation

Hymn—Joy to the World

Scripture—Isaiah 9:2-7

Hymn—It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Prayer—For More Zeal in Serving the King

What C-H-I-N-A spells:

C hange

H eart-break

I mmensity

N eed

A dvance

Prayer—For China

Hymn—Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning

Benediction

Suggestions

Acrostic on blackboard; five forceful talks based on wide reading of current missionary literature; illustrate with pictures from Home and Foreign Fields. Use in preparation Margaret McRae Lackey's "Laborers Together". See general program, pages 10-15, especially for discussion of Change (par. 2), Immensity (par. 3) locating our fields, and Advance (par. 4).

SECOND MEETING

Demonstration—My Partner Over There
Scene—A living room festive with Christmas decorations; Susan and Mary enter, each carrying several large, foreign looking letters.

Mary—Won't it be a lovely surprise! We've kept the secret nearly three months.

Susan (eagerly)—And just think, only you and I besides Katherine and Sarah and Bess and Leota, know a thing about it. And they don't know about Mrs. Sallee! (They embrace joyfully.) Here they come now. (Katherine, Sarah, Bess and Leota hurry in.)

Leota—The rest of the girls are on the way and they are crazy to know what the invitation means.

Katherine (to Susan and Mary)—Hurry and give us back our letters before they come.

Susan (distributing letters)—Here's yours, Leota, and yours, Bess.

Mary—Here they come. Hide the letters! (The Y. W. A's. enter in groups, chatting gaily.)

First Girl—I declare, girls, I hardly slept a wink last night puzzling over that invitation "to spend an evening with my Partner of the Foreign Branch".

Mary—You haven't read that lovely book, Laborers Together.

Second Girl—But who is my Partner of the Foreign Branch?

All the Girls (crowding around Susan)—Who is my Partner?

Susan (smiling)—Well, I'll tell you. Everybody sit down! You see it's this way girls. You are invited here tonight to meet your Partner Over There. Miss Lackey's book, Laborers Together, tells all about Her and makes you love Her a lot too. Our Partner looks after the Foreign Branch of the business while we look after that at home. "She represents every woman who has gone out under the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention." That's what the little book says. You see, we are "equal partners in a great business concern". And so tonight we'll have at our Christmas party our Partner Over There in China.

Third Girl—But how—

Susan—She will speak for Herself. First comes our Partner in South China.

(Leota reads letter from Mrs. Beddoe. See note below. Surprise and pleasure expressed by all present.)

Susan—Now a Partner in the other South China province, Kwang Tung, will speak.

Bess—She must have been very busy for she got her husband to speak for her. (Reads letter from Rev. J. R. Saunders. Pleased comments follow this as well as other letters as they are read.)

Susan—Now for Central China.

Katherine—This is a diary, girls. (Reads letter from Miss Mary Nelle Lyne.)

Susan—Our North China Partner, now. (Sarah reads letter from Miss Pearl

Caldwell or from Miss Doris Knight.)

Susan—Now for the Interior. It is said that in the interior, especially, "the minds and hearts of the women are bound up tightly like their feet".

(Mary reads letter from Mrs. Ida C. Lawton.)

Susan—The other greetings from the interior, from An Hui province, must have been delayed. (Door bell rings.)

Mary—The postman has just brought you this, Susan. (handing letter)

Susan—(looking at postmark)—It's not from An Hui province after all. It is from Hangchow! Why girls, you know we have no work at Hangchow. (Opens letter.) And it is signed "One of Your Partners of the Foreign Branch". Oh, listen! (Reads letter, see pages 76-80 of Laborers Together.)

Bess (at door)—Oh, Mrs. Sallee! How lovely! Come in. (entering with Mrs. Sallee) Girls, our Partner Over There is really here, Mrs. Sallee, all the way from the interior of China. (Girls crowd around Mrs. Sallee greeting her.)

Susan—Mrs. Sallee, please tell us about Kaifeng and the girls' school there.

(Mrs. Sallee gives animated talk and shows pictures.)

Susan—Now, girls, we'll get still better acquainted with this Partner while we go on with the party.

(A social hour with refreshments closes the evening.)

NOTE: Have the G. A's. or members of W. M. S. as your audience. The invitation may read thus:

The Young Woman's Auxiliary invites you to meet Your Partner of the Foreign Branch at a Christmas Party
December , 1921

Where personal letter from the mission fields are not available for the demonstration adapt for use letters and articles from missionaries taken from current issues of Home and Foreign Fields, ROYAL SERVICE and other recent literature. Be sure that the letters are made sufficiently brief. Give locations of missionaries carefully. Other missionaries may, of course, be substituted for those named.

Note the following sources of letters: Laborer Together—pages 42-45; pages 81-83; pages 98-103; pages 76-80; Home and Foreign Fields—March 1921, page 20; August 1921, pages 25, 30.

Note the following sources for talk by Mrs. Sallee or some other missionary now on furlough if it is impossible to have a missionary come in person; Home and Foreign Fields—Sept. 1921, pages 22-25; August 1921, page 26; ROYAL SERVICE this issue, pages 27, 28; Laborers Together—pages 103-110.

PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER

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tion of the world; knowing only that she was His handmaid, greatly blessed among women. Her attitude is that of holding forth the Christ Child to the world He came to save. Had this greatest of painters an hour of divine guidance in his conception of the Christ Child—the Gift of God? It is not given us to know this but with all our hearts we acknowledge the "Unspeakable Gift". As the time draws near the birth of Christ we should examine ourselves. Has He indeed been born in us? How shall we thank Him?

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name: bring an offering and come into His courts.—Psalm 96:8

The Woman's Missionary Union has made it easy for us to honor this beautiful season through our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering envelopes. Think of what the birth of Christ means to womanhood, especially to us who know of and have accepted this precious gift! Think of the woeful women in greatly troubled China! God gave His only begotten Son to save the whole world. The women of China are as much heirs of this salvation as we are but they cannot put in their claim for it until they know that it awaits them. Shall we keep their inheritance from them?

We know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.—John 4:42

Ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.—2 Peter 1:8



COLLEGE Y. W. A.



MESSAGE OF THE CHRISTMAS BELLS

The Christmas bells are ringing, college Y. W. A. friends, and for many of you their sound chimes in with the ringing of train bells that means going home. Yet with the joys of holidays and homegoing we do not want to forget the real meaning of our Christmas bells. Longfellow gives it to us in lines of poetry:

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

Our revised version makes clearer the thought of the angels' glorious message when we read "peace among men who please Him" for war has taught us that only unity in God brings peace. More and more, then, the pain of the world is being transformed into peace by the love that came into the world by the coming of the Christ-child long ago.

The observance of this day so happy and merry for us was at first an ordeal for the followers of Jesus Christ. His birthday was first celebrated in the second century by order of Telesphorus who a little later suffered martyrdom for his loyalty. Some two hundred years later a group of Christians, assembled in a church to hold fitting services of celebration, found doors and windows barred by their persecutors and died as the building was set on fire with torches. The story of the first Christmas tree about 800 A.D. is familiar through Van Dyke's telling of the coming of Sir Boniface to the Thunder Oak in Germany's forest with the Gospel which made the people spare the child sacrifice, "take up the living tree with no stain of blood upon it" and carry it home to keep Christmas "with laughter and song and rites of love". The story does not tell of Boniface's martyrdom at the hands of the pagan tribes of Germany, however. But the Christmas bells were set ringing by an infinitely powerful hand though tiny as any baby's and the song could not die out. In "merrie England" days the mummers went about acting out parts of the Christ-child story, the carols had their early beginnings and English gentlemen kept "open house" with a spirit of inclusive goodwill. In "Hamlet" Shakespeare quaintly tells of the Christmas spirit when "no fairy takes, no witch hath power to charm, so hallowed and so gracious is the time". So on and on the bells have rung, subdued in seasons of war and sorrow to sound more merrily by contrast in days of peace and plenty, and rich in incident is the history of our Christmas keeping because it is His story in a peculiarly personal way. As His life is born again in the hearts of more and more in the world, fairer and lovelier grows the Christmas season, more clearly sweet sound the Christmas bells.

Going home as many of you will, you can show how in your college days you really are learning of the Master Teacher how to love and be lovely. The Christmas bells will ring more merrily at your homecoming if your life reflects His love there by the fireside among the dear ones. "Love comes and grows through serving" some one wisely suggests, so let us keep the joy bells of Christmas ringing merrily by our spirit of helpfulness to every one, by entering gladly into the family plans and showing our appreciation of home as we have never shown it before. "Love stutters and stammers but never is dumb" so it undertakes expression in gifts at Christmas time. The gifts that last all through the year are dearest to us and the joyous love songs of the Christmas bells may be this lasting gift to ourselves if we unbar the door of our hearts and, swinging it wide, let His love flood in and to others as we let that love sweep out in thoughtful kindnesses of self forgetfulness.

"I wish not that your own wish come true,
It might not prove the best wish for you;
I wish you the joy that the Christmas bells will ring
If you know what their singing tells.
They may ring in December or ring in June,
If you catch their sweet song—your hearts' in tune."

More and more colleges are organizing Y. W. A.s to keep our Baptist girls in close touch with their denomination and its Kingdom work. If your college hasn't done so, begin with the New Year when holidays are ended. You are missing the "mothering" of W. M. U. and W. M. U. is missing you until you meet in Y. W. A.

Twilight Watch Studies

FIRST WEEK: *The humble birthplace and divine lineage*

The Christmas story is dear and well known but read again Luke 2:7 and feel the pathos of "there was no room for them in the inn". Recall that later Christ said "the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head", Matt. 7:20. Yet this was God's Son who had come "in the flesh" and He was treated so. How would you have welcomed Him then to your home? How do you welcome Him now to your heart? You may make your heart home the dwelling place of the King, Rev. 3:20.

SECOND WEEK: *The guests*

At the birth of Jesus came guests of several types which shows how all people may come to Him. There were the rich wise men from the east with gifts, Matt. 2:11, who travelled far following the star and rejoiced to worship the child Jesus. Wisdom never is more wise than in coming to worship the Master of men's minds and hearts and in bringing the treasures of a life time of study and effort to lay all at His feet. There were the shepherds, poor and lowly, sore affrighted by the angel chorus, yet calmed in their hearts by the message until they arose and came to the manger, to go away "glorifying and praising God". It is the proof of "whosoever will may come" that these all came to the manger bed in Bethlehem.

THIRD WEEK: *The name*

In the promise to Joseph, Matt. 1:21, the angel tells him the Child's name shall be "Jesus for He it is that shall save His people from their sins", Rom. 1:16; 3:25; Heb. 9:26-28; Phil. 2:9-11. The name Saviour includes more than the single act of salvation for it keeps us from sinning as we abide in Him and He in us through prayer. Note the passages like "whatsoever ye ask in my name"; yet "in my name" means "as my representative", it is not to be a talisman, an open sesame; it is a promise that challenges us to bear like Christ the Christ-like name of Christian.

FOURTH WEEK: *The power, Luke 1:32*

Mary did not fathom the greatness of her son, He who was the Son of the Highest, yet through life she must have watched His divine power manifest itself and pondered this with other sayings in her heart. Christ had power over disease even unto death, over demons of physical torture, mental anguish and spiritual depravity. No shallow boast was the accompanying promise of the command of the great commission, Matt. 28:18. We may trust in the promise "all things are possible" for His power was prophesied long before the time was ripe for His coming, again just before the Advent and in that future yet to be, Rev. 11:15.





G. A. PROGRAMS



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FIRST MEETING

Topic—Signs of Encouragement in China
Hymn—O Zion, Haste
Prayer
Watchword—Daniel 12:3
Hymn—Love Divine, All Love Excelling
Scripture Reading—Isaiah 53
Prayer
The Religious Outlook in China (Par. 2, Page 11)
Our Crown and Joy in China (Par. 3, Page 11)
Hymn—Bring them In
Map Study: Our Fields in China (Par. 3, Page 11)
Hymn—Take the Light
A Real Letter from a Real Missionary
Roll Call—Answered with Name of a Missionary in China
Prayer for Missionaries
Business
Mizpah

A Real Letter From A Real Missionary

My dear Friend:

I am now somewhere on the Yangste in a Japanese boat that permits foreigners to travel first class Chinese at a decidedly cheaper rate than the other fare. Mrs. D— is sitting in the upper bunk reading the last newspaper we got before leaving, L— is knitting and I have my Corona propped on my knees in an attempt to finish this letter. We have just had our afternoon coffee made on our Sterno. Don't you wish you were here? We have two whole days before us and nothing to do except as we want to! We have had a fine trip so far. L— and I walked down the mountain about six miles to a place where a motor car meets passengers and carries them ten miles across the plains to Kukiang where they take the river boat. We closed the house after getting our baggage off on the backs of coolies, ate a light lunch and

started at noon. The others had chairs but we wanted to walk. The chairs made the trip down in about two hours but we took it more slowly in order to take some pictures and enjoy the views of the wonderful mountains.

The cook was worth his weight in gold for he looked after all our baggage and that was no small matter for you can't check it at one end and telephone the transfer man at the other to bring it up. You go right with it, trunks and all. I wish you could see all of ours. Each one of us, including the servants, has a "pu-kai" or roll of bedding, a trunk, a suitcase and a bag. I have my Corona and the lunch basket is a large market affair with a net over the top. We have all the leftovers in it besides lunch for three days. We can get Chinese food but this is the season for all kinds of stomach disorders and we prefer to do our own cooking.

The rest house is kept up by the Kuling estate and gives you a room with bed chairs, hot water, etc. We had hot baths and went early to bed. We had a delightful night and were up early as the boat comes in at eight o'clock and we could not reserve berths.

It certainly is fun travelling in China if you are well and want thrills and don't mind being looked at. The Chinese pass our windows and stand gazing in all day—and all night too, I suppose. I have had a fine summer and am feeling fit for anything. I hope I am going to have a chance at the language this winter. The boat bringing new missionaries is due in a few days and I am expecting two women for the college, one to take my work in English, though the last letter from Dr. Ray said he had not found them up to that time. Language school does not open until October first but I am going back to the college to help out until the new teachers get broken in.

The college students, under the direction

of the women on the campus, have done good work among the servants and village people around us conducting night schools, clubs, day school for the children and now we have a fine kindergarten under the supervision of Miss Bryan, a fine kindergarten. This summer one of the juniors stayed as he did last summer to carry on as much of the work as he could. I have had such interesting letters from him telling of the things he has helped to do. He had a Vacation Bible School with about sixty children—there are about thirty in the regular school. He kept the Sunday school and preaching services up, had night school, did visiting, organized the men into a club to clean up and beautify the village. Having something right at hand to do gives the students an outlet for their energy for as soon as a boy becomes a Christian he wants something to do. Helping the other fellow is becoming so popular that it is not hard to get volunteers for any kind of work. Their Vacation School and social center was the best in Shanghai and it was entirely under their care, I don't believe they had a single missionary to help them. The Center is the pride of our hearts and it belongs to the college as no mission board gives a cent towards its support. The mill owners, Chinese and Japanese, have underwritten it, including a rather good hospital. They pay so much for each employee who goes to night school and for those who go to the hospital. The boys and girls in the day school pay tuition. Doctor D— has done a great deal there this year.

SECOND MEETING

Topic—The Christmas Spirit
Hymn—Joy to the World
Hymn—Hark, the Herald Angels Sing
Prayer
Roll Call—Answered with Bible Verses
Hymn—O Come, All Ye Faithful
Scripture—Isaiah 55
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Roll Call of Missionaries from your State

BIRMINGHAM'S WELCOME TO UNION OFFICERS

(Continued from page 5)

blessed day but as it was to Miss Mallory a true home coming I gladly leave to her the joy of telling of the other happy events of the day.

Prayer for Missionaries
Hymn—O Little Town of Bethlehem
The Christmas Spirit
Hymn—Silent Night
Story—The Coming of the Christ Child
(See ROYAL SERVICE, December, 1920, page 26.)

Hymn—Under the Stars. Benediction

The Christmas Spirit

The Christmas spirit—what is it? Today we went into the city and found the windows full of toys, the streets lined with wagons selling greens, venders everywhere calling their wares. There was such a bustle and stir in the air. Feet were hurrying, eyes were bright. We have been in the city before when there were fairs or circuses or other matters that brought out this same crowd but this was different. The Christmas spirit, you say. But what is this Christmas spirit? Today a woman stood by a toy counter, up came a little child entirely unknown to her and looked longingly at a simple toy among those spread out on the counter. I saw her give the clerk a dime and hand the coveted gift into the hands of the child with a "Merry Christmas". As I stepped off the street car I found myself smiling at the conductor and saying "Merry Christmas" yet I do not remember to have spoken to him at any time before. I was halted in a crowd and found myself talking animatedly with people who were in the crowd who were entire strangers. The other folks were friendly too. Why? Can this be what the angels meant when they sang "good will to men"? Are we somehow bound on this one day with the sense of brotherhood which He came to plant in the world and make manifest through all the year? I do not know what the Christmas spirit is but I know that it is a selfless thing. We play the "glad game" together and are happy in the playing. On that first Christmas day there came to us Love, made manifest. Today He takes possession of our hearts and we have a bit of heaven here on earth. Our hearts pay tribute in the Christmas Spirit.



R. A. PROGRAMS



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FIRST MEETING

Topic—China for Heathenism or Christ?
Song—Shine On, O Christmas Star
Prayer for R. A.'s Study of China at Christmas Time
Song—We Three Kings of Orient Are
Prayer for China that Soon All of Its People Keep Christmas
Scripture—Quoted by Three R. A.s
Luke 2:1-7
Luke 2:8-18
Matt. 2:1-11

As we think of the Christmas story, old yet ever new, let us think what our land would be like if we did not know it. What buildings and institutions would you remove from your city if it had never heard of Christianity? Make this an informal discussion which will help the R. A.s appreciate Christmas as something more than a time of frolicsome gift-giving.

Changing China

There is material for a talk on this subject in paragraph 1 of the W. M. S. program. These further suggestions: with all China's progress there are 1557 walled cities where the name of Jesus has never been heard, it is as if He had never been born. A great man of China said, "You have taken away from us our idols, our temples and destroyed our faith in Buddhism and Confucianism. Now the responsibility rests on you to give us a positive substitute which we must have to avoid chaos". At Christmas time home is an especially jolly place to be. The Chinese idea of home is expressed by the character for pig under the character for roof. Woman's place has always been that of semi-slave and servant; the character for peace is that for woman under that for roof. At a recent mothers' assembly in China some hundreds of women had gathered, several had walked 75 li to attend the meeting. An old Chinaman offered prayer and thanked God that so many of

these "useless creatures" had come to be instructed. The women were so accustomed to that sort of thing they did not resent it. What if your mother should be spoken of so? It is only the Christmas gift of Christ that gives her her woman's privileges. China's greater knowledge of Christ is changing the old idea until girls may go to many schools and really learn as well as boys. In South China alone there are 22 women's missionary societies and several R. A. chapters too.

Some Chinese Beliefs

Confucius taught that learning would clear the pathway to the end of life so all must learn his classics. He gave a "silver rule" not a golden rule as Christ gave. He put it negatively; "do not do to others what you would not they would do to you". He taught "love your enemy" not because it was right but because it paid to do so.

What do we believe about a future life? China's idea is that there is very close connection between this life and the next and conditions will be so similar that the departed will need money, food and clothing so these are burned that the spirits may use of them. This custom began about 729 A. D. It is believed that one may communicate with the dead easily. The dead are more powerful than living spirits and must be appeased by gifts and sacrifices. There are 18 stages through which the soul must pass in hell where there are all sorts of punishments. These are represented by models in the "Temple of Hell" to which children are taken in order to terrify them and frighten them into good behavior.

Christianity is calling China by

- (1) Giving an idea of religion as a personal experience instead of a national custom and form.
- (2) Teaching that sin is degrading in itself whether found out or not. The worst part of wrongdoing in China has always been getting caught and so "losing face".

(3) Teaching that men may improve on the past and so measure themselves by God's standard instead of man's. China has walked with her eyes backward toward her ancestors for centuries, now let us help her to look up to Christ.

(4) Showing that love is Christianity's greatest contribution to China. It is our Christmas gift and we must pass it on.

(5) Teaching that the future life has joy in seeing God and knowing Him fully as He is.

(6) Proving that the greatest power in the world is personality, not evil spirits, and that the greatest of all personalities is that of Jesus Christ. The central message of Christ to China would be "God is a loving Father and I have opened the way for close friendship with Him".

Who will present this call of Christ? How will they be sent? Remember the Lottie Moon Christmas offering and the special program to be observed during the Week of Prayer.

Prayer that R. A.s May Observe That Day and Give As They Should in Appreciation of Their Christmas Blessings.

Hymn—It Came upon the Midnight Clear

SECOND MEETING

Topic—Conquerors for Christ

Song—As with Gladness Men of Old

Scripture—Isaiah 9:1-6

Prayer for R. A.s around the World That at Christmas Christ Find Room in Their Hearts

Song—No Room in the Inn

Business Session

Suggestions

As this will be very near Christmas why not have a somewhat informal story program? Let one boy tell of Peter Parker who "opened China at the point of his lancet"; another of John Lewis Shuck, the first Baptist missionary to China, "The Boy Who Gave Himself". (See the King's Own.) The same book will give the story of Yates and the beginning of work in Shanghai. Then to bring it down to date point out our present mission stations on the map; see W. M. S. program, paragraph 2. From the current number of "Home and Foreign Fields" introduce the newly appointed missionaries to China. The editorial, "One Day Last June", by Mrs. James in September ROYAL SERVICE tells the manner of their appointing. In this way our R. A.s will know those who are telling the Christmas story to people hearing it for the first time.

Song—Joy to the World

Perhaps you are planning a Christmas party for your R. A. chapter. It would be an act of personal service and would carry real Christmas joy for them to trim a tree for some family of children who else would have none and deliver it on Christmas eve. If the W. M. S. is busy with such expressions of the Christ spirit let them use the R. A.s as their helpers.

Have a poster made for the R. A. day in the Week of Prayer for World Wide Missions and be sure to urge that the boys that attend special meeting.

Merry Christmas, Ambassadors

Order Greeting from Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

AN ENCOURAGING GIFT

(Continued from page 4)

THE COMMITTEE ACCEPTS WITH JOY

This letter was referred to the committee on Methods and Finance of Woman's Missionary Union.

The committee wrote Dr. Van Ness expressing to him and to the Sunday School Board their gratitude and appreciation for the financial benefit and for the helpful and co-operative spirit of the letter.

MRS. W. P. McADORY, *Chairman*

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SUNBEAM PROGRAMS



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FIRST MEETING

Topic—What Happened in China
 Song Service—Welcome Song
 Father, We Thank Thee
 Praise Him, Praise Him
 Roll Call—Answered with Bible Verses
 Sentence Prayers for Our Missionaries
 Bible Lesson—God's Good Gift
 Song—Love
 Exercise—What Happened in China
 Song—The World Children for Jesus
 Song—Jesus Loves Me
 Offering Service
 Prayer
 Business
 Closing Song
 Children's Benediction

God's Good Gift

HOW many of you have done things that were wrong and then been sorry? Ever since the world began and Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the garden of Eden and ate the fruit of the tree which He told them to let alone people have been doing wrong and being sorry. When we do wrong to anybody we can go to them and ask their pardon and do all we can to make it right. When we do wrong toward God we ask Him for Jesus' sake to forgive us; we know that He has promised to forgive us and to forget that we did the wrong. There was a time long, long ago when people could not do that because Jesus had not come. When they did wrong and were sorry they did not know how to show that they were sorry and ask God to forgive them so God made a way for them. He told them that if they did anything that was wrong and so broke His laws they could take a goat or a lamb out of their flock or if they were poor and could not get a goat or a lamb they might take a dove or a pigeon or some fine flour or meal

and burn it on the altar and then God would know that they were truly sorry and would forgive them. He told them that they must take one of their very best lambs or goats and not one that was old or blind or lame or halt for only the very best that we have is worthy to be our offering to God. So for many, many years that was the way people showed that they were sorry. If a man told an untruth he went out into his field and picked out his nicest lamb and took it to the priest and laid his hands on it and said that he had done wrong in telling a story and wanted God to forgive him. Then they killed the lamb and burned it on the altar. If instead of telling a story he had stolen something he gave it back or gave something that was worth as much and paid something as a fine before they killed the lamb. Although the lambs showed that the people were sorry they did not keep them from doing wrong. God did not want them just to be sorry, He wanted them not to do the things to be sorry for. So God sent Jesus, His only Son, to die in the place of all the people so He could for-

give their sins for Jesus' sake. Then they did not have to burn any more lambs to show that they were sorry when they did wrong but they had to ask God to forgive them because they believed in Jesus and loved Him. The best part about it was that when Jesus died for them people loved him so much that they did not want to do anything to grieve Him so they tried with all their might to keep from doing wrong and they asked Him to help them. Now those of us who love Jesus try to do right all the time and if we ask Him He will help us to keep ourselves from sin. Then when we do sin we can ask God to forgive us and we know that He will. That is why we call Jesus God's best gift to us. Let us say our memory verse about Him very softly, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son".

What Happened in China

Leader: We have three Sunbeam girls with us today who are playing like they have just come back from China and each one is going to tell us something that happened while they were in that strange land.

First Child: While we were in China I went to the mission school which we give our money to help support. I saw the children sitting at desks and doing just about the same things we do here at home only, of course, they looked different and wore funny clothes and I could not understand what they were saying. I asked the missionary if that was the way they did in all the schools in China and he told me he would take me to a heathen school and let me see. The next day we went and there the boys were sitting on the floor before long straight benches, each one yelling his lesson just as loud as he could. I couldn't stand the racket long and when we got out I asked the missionary why they did that way and he said they thought the one that yelled the loudest was studying the hardest. I asked him if the girls did that way in their schools and he said there were not any schools for girls for the Chinese people, like all other heathen, did not think a girl needed to know anything.

Second Child: One morning my mother took me to see an idol's temple. It was a pretty place with trees all around it and there were all sorts of queer decorations

around the walls and things I asked about but nobody could tell me what they were for. Right in the middle on a sort of platform we saw the idol. He was the scariest looking thing I ever saw. Some priests in yellow coats came in and bumped their heads on the ground and went away. Then some people did the same thing. I asked mamma if they were praying and she said they were, she thought. When we got home the missionary said they did not know anything about praying as we do and when they came to the mission schools the grown people had to be taught to pray just as if they were little children. I think China's religion is awful and I surely am glad I wasn't born in a country where they worship idols of wood and stone.

Third Child: The best time I had in China was when we went to visit some of our missionaries and stayed two weeks. They had a big place they called a compound and it had a wall around it and about half a dozen buildings inside. The missionaries had their houses and the boys had a school and there was a church too. They had a big yard and the missionaries had a tennis court and the boys played ball and all sorts of games after school and they had a fine time too. They were grinning all the time. Some of the classes met in long low sheds they called matsheds because the school was not large enough to hold them all. The missionaries were all talking about hydrants in their new houses like that was something wonderful and I found out they had not had them all the years they had been in China, it was something new for China, sure enough. The school boys would turn them on whenever they got a chance and thought it was great fun to see the water run out. They used to have to carry all their water in buckets from water venders and they say the people in some places still do that. What I didn't like about China was the way the people look at you. Sometimes when we were eating dinner we would look up and there would be three or four Chinamen looking in the windows at us. It made me feel creepy. At church it was almost like it is here at home only of course everything they said was in Chinese. Some of the hymns had the same tunes we use so I could tell what they were singing.

SECOND MEETING

Topic—The King's Birthday
 Song—Christ Was Once A Little Baby
 Prayer
 Song—Jesus Once Was a Little Child
 Roll Call—Answer with One of God's Gifts to Us
 Song—Luther's Cradle Hymn
 Story—The Coming of the Christ Child (See ROYAL SERVICE, Dec., 1920.)
 Carol—While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks
 Exercise—The Sad Dollar and the Glad Dollar
 Story—White Gifts for the King (From Christmas Legends and Stories—Curtiss)
 Offering—Birthday Gifts for the King
 Song—Star, Star, Beautiful Star. Closing Prayer

An Exercise

The children giving this exercise may hold a dollar bill in hand.

The Sad Dollar

I am just as sad as I can be.

Of course I'm nothing but a paper dollar and nobody thinks I care what becomes of me but I did have some ambitions.

I was in a boy's pocket at a missionary meeting today and I heard a lady tell about the boys and girls who live in heathen countries. They worship idols because they do not know about God. The lady said the church was sending missionaries just as fast as they could get the money to pay their way and take care of them and to build churches and schools. I was so anxious to help I could scarcely keep still. You see I am ten years old now and I never have had a chance to do much but buy candy and chewing gum and prize boxes and things like that.

Before the meeting was over they gave out some little boxes for the children to save missionary money in and I was most sure I would get to help for my little boy took one. But on the way home he spent me for a catcher's glove.

Just think of that for a dollar with missionary ambitions!

My poor little paper heart is as sad as it can be.

The Glad Dollar

I'm just as glad as I can be.

I'm going to be a missionary dollar and go into a missionary box. After a whole crowd of us get together with some five dollar and some ten dollar bills we are going across the ocean to help the heathen children to learn about Jesus. I know all about it because I went to the missionary meeting and the little girl I belong to said that was what she was going to do with me.

I am so happy over it because ever since I left the mint I have wanted to be a missionary dollar. I like to buy things for the boys and girls over here but they do not need me like the heathen children do for you see the boys and girls here have a chance to hear of the dear Saviour who loves little children while the poor little heathen children never heard of any God except their idols.

I want to tell them of that beautiful home He has gone to prepare that the children sang about at the missionary meeting.

My little paper face is just beaming and I am as glad as I can be.—Mrs. E. C. Cronk

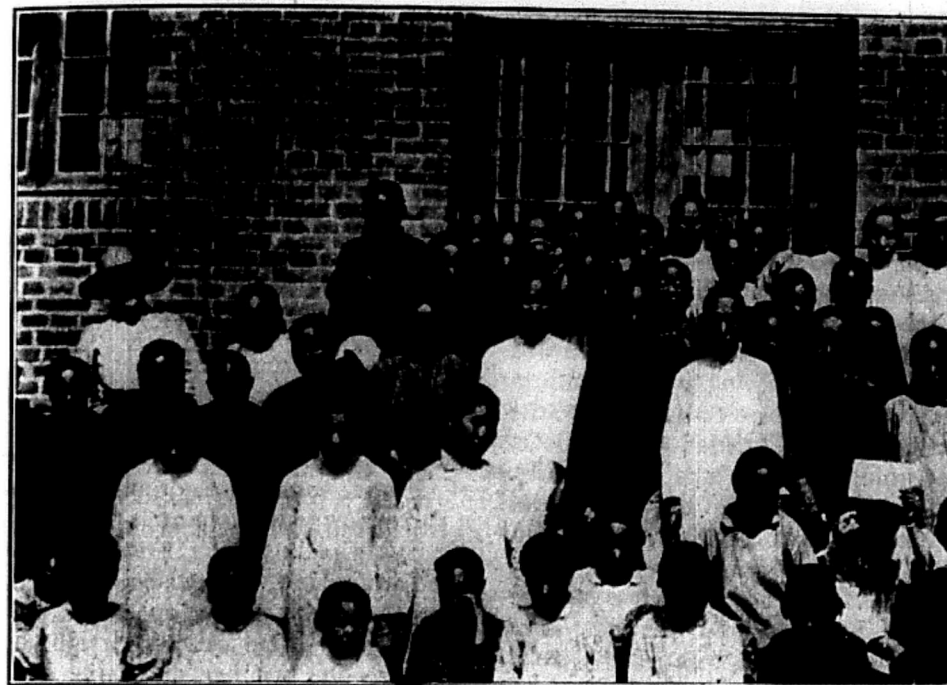
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above all, they need winning to Christ and developing in the church. If they will not come to the church start a Sunday school in one of their homes. Too often they are neglected and allowed to drift from place to place without any serious effort being made in their behalf. This winter in many places this class will really suffer as low cotton has taken their profit and left them in debt and the landlords will be unable to advance what they need on the next year's crop. Many a society can find its best personal service right here, looking up and ministering to these people. But let it be done so as to make them more independent and develop their Christian life.—Miss Mary Livermore, Tenn.



FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



THE WOMEN WHO WERE NOT AFRAID TO HAVE THEIR PICTURES TAKEN

KAIFENG SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL FOR WOMEN

PREPARATION had been going on quietly for several months to make this summer class the biggest and the best we had ever known in these parts. It is very hard for women to get away from home even if they are interested to the extent that they would be willing to leave home and undergo the trial of spending a few days at a new place, sleep on a new bed (a foreign iron bed) and eat food that had been cooked by other hands than those they had been accustomed to for a generation. Our hopes were set on one hundred and twenty women and girls for this meeting. We had never had more than sixty at a summer meeting and even then we had only one from the country. We hoped and prayed and talked and the evening before the meeting was to begin the "rickshas" came pouring in until it looked almost as if we were going to have the Southern Baptist Convention or a real summer as-

sembly. At ten o'clock I had come into the house thinking I would collect myself for our strenuous work when we heard a noise in the yard and Mr. Sallee and I went out to see what it was. There were belated travelers from the country, nine in number, piled into one cart and where they sat I do not know but we helped them to dismount and helped them find their way to the boys' school where the meetings were to be held. I was helping one old lady and as I took her arm to keep her from falling she seemed so slight that I asked how old she was and she answered "Seventy years". She had come over thirty miles in a springless cart and had traveled since daylight that morning. As soon as they reached the building they sat right down on the floor in the hall before we could get them chairs or get them into the guest room. We gave them hot tea and a warm supper and put them to bed; they were up before five the next morning to see all the new sights.

At eight-thirty the next morning we

came together for the evangelistic service which Miss Walker and I took turn about in leading. This first day Miss Walker gave the message and asked all who wanted prayer to come forward. Never shall I forget the sight of old and young kneeling there together. It reminded me of the time our Master was on earth and they brought the sick and maimed and blind to Him and as each had need He healed their diseases and forgave all their sin.

The last hour of the afternoon was always interesting. We called all together for singing and after the song service we spent some time in allowing each to tell what she had learned that day. It was interesting to hear what some had learned but it was truly gratifying to hear numbers of them quote Scripture verses and give the essential things a Christian must believe. The morning worship was led by Mr. Harris and Mr. Sallee and the sisters could always tell the main things that the brethren had said even remembering back to the first service. We had a prayer service each night but we changed the order once and asked them all over to hear the victrola. When they came in I said that I was sorry to sin against them and treat them so badly as not to have prepared seats for them to sit on but I must ask them to sit on the floor. One of the country women said, "If you would slap me I would not consider you had sinned against me". They enjoyed the foreigner singing in the box and when I put on a laughing record they were uncertain whether they should laugh or not but finally hearty laughter was provoked from the entire crowd. I was much taken aback when they called the victrola "a foreign theater"! Another diversion was to allow them to go all over our house. This may seem strange but it does help to let them see all there is to be seen. We heard that fifteen women came from one place in the country and only five had courage to come in after all the trouble and expense of coming. And this was for no other reason but that they were afraid we would take out their eyes and hearts. We went through the house at a time when all could come and how they enjoyed it! I think maybe the big plate mirror in our living room, a recent present to us, was the most admired article in the house. One

wanted to take a mirror home with her but I didn't feel called upon to part with mine.

The picture taking operation was of great interest to them. I explained that if any one was afraid she need not have her picture taken. They sometimes think a camera can spirit away their souls. One woman spoke right out in meeting and said rather coquettishly, "I am not frightened but I ain't got no style".

The five old women who had come with the ten who returned home without coming into the school were delighted with all they saw. Two of those women were vegetarians and they broke their vow while here, eating both eggs and meat.

The last meeting was a testimony meeting. It was good to see how some had found the Saviour, some seemed to know Him better, some had gotten a new view of life while some were not able to tell what it had meant to them but felt they had been greatly helped. Many prayers had centered around one woman who had wandered from the Lord; it was the hope of many that the joy of her salvation might be renewed as she saw her sins. The last one to testify was this woman. It was so hard for her to rise, she caught hold upon the seat in front of her and tried to pull up time and again. Finally she arose and with a beautiful light in her face said she had been like the prodigal, not so much suffering in body as in soul, but now she wanted to come back. Our hearts were full. We all felt satisfied with her genuine repentance. One woman testified that early in the morning before she had awakened she felt some one strike her three times and say, "Arise and pray for the woman in whom we are all so interested". She arose immediately and asked the Lord to forgive her for sleeping after five o'clock. She told this to a few of us in the church and asked us to kneel and pray with her in thanksgiving to God for His blessing.

It was a glorious experience to have thirty times as many women from the country this year as the time before. It was glorious to hear such a number of our own Baptist women singing and it was most glorious to see them drawing nigh to the throne of grace for themselves and others.
—Annie Jenkins Sallee, China



TRAINING SCHOOL



SUNDAY ACTIVITIES OF TRAINING SCHOOL STUDENTS

WOULD you like to spend a happy Sunday with us in House Beautiful? We would be glad to have you go with us as we labor, some sixty of us, in the Sunday schools of the city, in the missions, the orphanages and the Home for Incurables. You might choose to visit with those of us who go out in the morning from our "Power House of Prayer", if so you would see some of us teaching or helping as departmental superintendents. You would find some working with classes of active junior boys, others with intermediate girls who are so hard to interest and hold and still others with the beginners and primary children and even the cradle roll babies. At the Masonic Orphanage you would see some trying to teach those eager children of the heavenly Father's love for them. You would see us meeting our classes in the halls of the home, on the stairways, in the school rooms and even in the big play room where it is most difficult to create a reverent atmosphere. But God richly blesses us as we work under these handicaps and many children come to know Him as their Saviour and others pray to Him as the Giver of every good and perfect gift. To the Home for Incurables two of us go every Sunday morning to carry a ray of sunshine and a message of love from God's Word. As we teach these people who are not blessed with physical strength God helps us to give them the message they need. Last year our girls were greatly blessed in the work here when two of the nurses came to know Christ as their own personal Saviour. Your visit to this Lord's Day gathering will certainly bring you nearer to the Master.

Now in the afternoon you will indeed have a hard time deciding just where to visit for the Sunday school work we do in the afternoon is most interesting. There is our own Good Will Center Sunday school in which we are all so interested. Here we furnish all the officers and teachers and try as best we can to grade our work according to the plans of our Sunday School Board. It takes only one peep into the Beginners and Primary Department to see that the bright faced children are happy in learning songs and stories of Him. The faces of the junior boys and girls just shine as they come to accept Him as their very own Friend. The mothers who come to the Mothers' Class certainly show their eagerness to know more of Him. These people are largely Italians and so are grounded in the teaching of the Catholic church but through our Sunday school and week day activities at Good Will Center they come to know Christ as the only mediator. Then there is the work at the two negro missions of Louisville and only those who work here can tell you of their difficulties and joys. As you visit them and see one girl trying to teach thirty restless, active little negro boys while a large class of girls is being taught in the same room you would wonder that they are able to plant the seed at all. God's blessing has been and is resting upon this field of labor and when at the end of the year those black boys and girls can name to us the books of the Bible and show us rich treasures of Scripture that have been hid in the heart we thank Him for the courage He gave us to keep on patiently Sunday after Sunday. One visit to the West Side Mission where four of us work as teachers is enough to show the great opportunities that lie before us in this field. Handicapped by lack of rooms and a sufficient number of teachers we are trying to have a well graded Sunday school. There are forty children of beginners and primary age crowded every Sunday into one little room. This Sunday school has outgrown its present quarters and there are bright prospects of a new building next spring.

We would not have you think that our Sunday school work is over when our classes are taught for we visit in the homes of our pupils each week. We come to know each one personally and it is to this personal touch and to God's unfailing help and guidance that we attribute our every success in our Sunday school work while at House Beautiful.—
Sophia Berghauer, Bessie Trevett

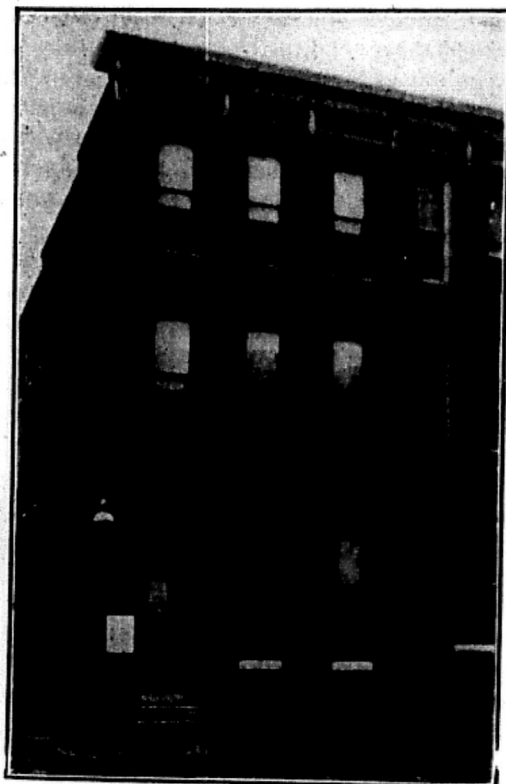


PERSONAL SERVICE



SUGGESTIONS FOR SOCIETIES

(Concluded from November Issue)



GOOD WILL CENTER, BALTIMORE, MD.

THIS has been a discussion of broad principles instead of specific enterprises as Good Will Centers, playgrounds, etc. How to conduct these and other activities of personal service is fully explained in the publications referred to. We do not wish to say that the women living in rural communities need not feel that this article is not written for them. Some of the most interesting and fruitful examples of personal service and community welfare are found in the country and the small village. Miss Dewey's book, *New Schools for Old*, tells of a famous example and would be stimulating and helpful reading for any society. Make a survey of your country neighborhood and you will be surprised at the wealth of opportunity for social service that you will find. The *Pathfinder Survey* referred to in a previous installment of this article is published in a special edition for rural neighborhoods. The Country Life Movement of the Northern Presbyterians has some very helpful literature also. Where there is so much less distraction and so much better environment than the sordid city community service for Christ has especial appeal. What is your society doing to improve the local school? Are the children there in need of a hot lunch? Playgrounds? Library? Equipment? Is the school a community center? Do the children and the young people have the recreation they need? If they are driving into town to some cheap movie or dance what are you doing about it? If your society were to plan and conduct healthful and helpful recreation every month in the year you could keep many a boy and girl on the farm and build up a happy and united community. Does your Sunday school have the variety and enthusiasm necessary to hold the young? Is the B. Y. P. U. flourishing? The Y. W. A.? If not, pray and plan a way to hold and develop your young people for God or they will leave you as, alas, too many have already done.

Another line of personal service open to rural as well as town communities is the uplift of the colored people. Do they have good schools and churches in your community? Are the homes sanitary and the living standards high? Are there any sick, blind, crippled, feeble-minded who need institutional care and are too ignorant and helpless to secure it?

Rural societies have a great opportunity with the poor farm tenant class, one of the largest, neediest and most neglected classes in the whole country. Some say they cannot be reached but that is a mistake. They can, but only by great expenditures of self and cooperation with God. Visit their homes; see that they have a fair chance. Housing, education, health, family standards, recreation, all need attention and remedy and,

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UNION NOTES



ROUND TABLE

CHRISTMAS is December's crowning day and for southern Baptist women and young people one of the choicest events of the Christmas season is their planning for the Christmas Offering which is ingathered during the January Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. To the state W. M. U. headquarters have been sent the programs, leaflets and envelopes for the various organizations. It is hoped that the envelopes will be distributed early in December and that every one who can possibly do so will "render an offering". If properly designated on the envelope the offering will count on the donor's pledge to the Baptist 75 Million Campaign. The leaflets to be used with the programs are unusually attractive this year. One of them, "A Roumanian Heroine", was written by Dr. E. Y. Mullins, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and of the S. B. Theological Seminary. He became thrilled while in Roumania in 1920 by the story of this heroic young convert. The other stories, like it, are testimonies of the missionary power of the Gospel. They were written by native Christians, the one for the Royal Ambassadors being written by a young African. It was sent by Miss Olive Edens. The one for the auxiliaries was secured through Miss Sarah Frances Fulghum and was written by three Japanese maidens. Miss Addie Cox got a Chinese girl to write one for the women, while a Brazilian girl contributed one through Miss Essie Fuller and a Japanese pastor's wife one through Miss Cecile Lancaster. Surely the women and young people will delight to use these "fresh from the fields" stories and will return hearty thanks to the writers of them. Surely they will pray all the harder for the native Christians and will continuously rejoice to send missionaries and money to their countries.

The following interesting trip notes

come from Miss Juliette Mather: After nearly a month in the office it is good to be on the field again and the joys of college visiting are certainly equal to those of summer assemblies. Following the plan of knowing your home folks first it was a pleasure to go with Miss Reynolds of Alabama to four of her schools soon after their opening. Central College welcomed us first with a small but enthusiastic group of boarding students eager to be a Y. W. A. of worthwhile activities. At the University of Alabama we were glad to group the Baptist girls in a Y. W. A. and hear them plan to be on the Honor Roll of A-1 auxiliaries at Jacksonville next May. The Y. W. C. A. at Montevallo, Alabama Technical Institute and College gives one weekly program a month to denominational meetings and then our Baptist girls will have their Y. W. A. Going to Judson College was a special treat as Judson has an A-1 college Y. W. A. and now that the organization will have two meetings a month they will accomplish more than previously. Miss Reynolds hopes that later we may visit other Alabama schools but Virginia had been promised the time from October first to eighteenth so the young people's secretary had to "hie away thither".

A rather strenuous schedule had been planned but it all worked out so beautifully and the Virginia mountains gave such a message of quiet strength that one could not but enjoy it all. Westhampton College had the Y. W. A. already organized, leading the missionary phase of school life; Farmville State Normal School elected a College Y. W. A. representative, as did Hollins College and Randolph-Macon, who will keep in touch with Miss Harris, state young people's leader and college correspondent, linking the Baptist girls with W. M. U. At Randolph-Macon there was a delightful "Baptist tea" which gave pleasant opportunity to meet the Baptist girls, their pastor and Sunday school

superintendent. Averett College will have the same sort of organization that Westhampton has for the present. Virginia Intermont a Y. W. A. with goal of A-1 in view to be realized easily by that wide awake group which took us into their school life so cordially in an evening "feast". Harrisonburg State Normal will soon have a Y. W. A. in connection with the splendid Philathea class of Baptist students. Each college was most kind in its reception of the W. M. U. workers and the pleasure of knowing faculty and student bodies was greatly appreciated.

Perhaps the mountain school visits were more exciting with horseback rides and long auto drives. At any rate Oak Hill Academy, Blue Ridge Mountain School, Lee Baptist Institute and Buchanan Mountain School have the added charm that comes with the brisk mountain breezes just at this gaudy autumn season. Each had its Y. W. A., some a complete W. M. U. graded system and each expects to be truly a Y. W. A.—Yoking, Working, Abiding.

One always regrets leaving Virginia but here in Georgia at Mary P. Willingham School there is a like spirit of earnest desire to follow W. M. U.'s plans of mission and Bible study, of giving and of prayer that forecasts well for the work in all the schools of our southland. As we emphasize our college work with our new Y. W. A. Bulletin and a more adequate program of activities, W. M. U. must count especially on the local society to act as hostess to welcome the girls, to know them personally and to truly show her "mother" spirit to these daughters away from home.

On October 19th it was the privilege of the W. M. U. corresponding secretary to be the guest of Mrs. Carter Wright of Roanoke, Alabama, Mrs. Wright being the state chairman of personal service. For luncheon that day she had as her guests all the W. M. S. and Y. W. A. officers and circle leaders in her church, twenty-six being present. The exquisite pink and white cosmos was rivalled by the delicious menu and the hearty cheer. That night at prayer meeting the pastor, Dr. W. P. Hines, gave the service over to the missionary organizations, Mrs. Wright presid-

ing. The Y. W. A.'s. excellently presented a playlet showing the value of the Standard of Excellence. After a talk on tithing by the visiting secretary, she was given the pleasure of awarding over one hundred certificates and seals. Among these were thirty-two G. A.'s. who had studied "Lamp-lighters across the Sea"; thirteen Y. W. A.'s. who had used "Brazilian Sketches"; and forty members of the W. M. S., who had studied "Talks on Soul Winning". Twenty-seven seals were awarded W. M. S. members for previous study of "In Royal Service". Thus was the interest in mission study attractively presented to the church as a whole.

On Monday the seventeenth of October it was the privilege of the W. M. U. president to meet with the women of Missouri gathered together for the Baptist Association at Moberly. We gathered together in a mass meeting the evening before the regular opening of the Convention. Mrs. C. E. Graham, both vice president of the general Union for Missouri and Training School trustee presided. There was special music provided by the Moberly society. Miss Laura Lee Patrick of St. Louis, formerly of Alabama, led the singing for the devotional service which was conducted by Miss Jessie Burrall. It was indeed a joy to meet with the women of Missouri, a pleasure that was mine for the first time, and to talk with them about the ideals and aims of the Union and what these ideals and aims should do in developing the women and young people of our Baptist churches for fuller and more efficient service in the Kingdom.

It is quite impossible in a few short sentences to give any idea of the enthusiasm and general good spirit that prevailed at the meeting of the Missouri Baptist Association. The reports of the three field secretaries and the state missionaries told of work being accomplished that will mean much to Missouri Baptists and the general cause in the future. It was really inspiring to listen to the reports of the three W. M. U. district secretaries. The writer had no idea that the work was going so well in Missouri among the women. The work of our young people's organizations and that in mission study is indeed encouraging. It was with a

feeling of genuine encouragement that I listened to the reports of Miss Beswick, Miss Gates and Miss Goodman, three splendid young women who were trained in Louisville at our own Training School. And I will pause here long enough to speak of the pleasure I had in having dinner with these three and four others of our Training School girls, who were attending the meeting, together with Mrs. Graham, the Training School trustee for Missouri.

The secretaries of all the boards of the Southern Baptist Convention were in attendance as well as Dr. J. T. Henderson of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. Drs. Hale and Powell of the Seminary in Louisville, Dr. Scarborough, chairman of the Conservation Commission and president of the Texas Seminary, Dr. DeMent of the Baptist Bible Institute, Mrs. Byars of the Ft. Worth Training School and myself representing the Woman's Missionary Union and all its interests. The program committee had set aside three quarters of an hour on one of the very best evenings of the meeting for the consideration of woman's work giving your representative the full time. I do believe that I never had better attention nor a more sympathetic audience. The woman's committee and the three women secretaries expressed their appreciation for the Union and its work with a glorious bunch of chrysanthemums presented to your representative. I am now out in the state, meeting the girls in Baptist colleges of which I hope to tell you more next month.

This particular "note" is being written as the belated train is fairly flying around the hills of north Alabama in its commendable ambition to reach Birmingham on schedule time. The trees are brilliant in their autumn foliage but the speed of the train as well as the real glory of each tree makes it utterly impossible for one to decide which tree or which autumn color is most brilliant. Even so does the visit to the state W. M. U. meeting in Maryland appeal to the W. M. U. corresponding secretary. That October week fairly flew by and its manifold joys were as multi-hued as autumn leaves. All of the meetings were held in the First Baptist Church of Baltimore. It was indeed appropriate for

the "mother" church to be the hostess this year since the Maryland Union was celebrating its 50th anniversary. On Monday night 250 Y. W. A. and G. A. members were guests for supper of the Maryland women. This was followed by the Auxiliary annual meeting, presided over by Mrs. Oscar Levy, the state leader, with Miss Lucy Cleaveland, the R. A. and Sunbeam leader, as secretary. Among the visiting speakers were Miss Emma Leachman of the Home Mission Board and Mrs. A. W. Yocum of China but formerly of Baltimore. The women's meetings, presided over by Miss C. M. Woolford, consisted of a conference on methods on Tuesday afternoon, morning sessions on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and a night session on Wednesday, the last named being the outstanding occasion of the week and a charming tribute to the work of the past fifty years. "The Golden Jubilee Pageant" was arranged by Mrs. Levy who testified that she could have accomplished little without the large cooperation given her. The pageant consisted of five episodes, each covering a period of ten years, the history of each period being most impressively read by Mrs. Eugene Levering. The initial episode represented the meeting in 1871 when Mrs. Ann Graves told a small group of Baltimore women the need for a Bible woman to assist her son, Dr. Roswell Graves of China. Mrs. James Pollard was most charming in her impersonation of Mrs. Graves, while Mrs. H. M. Wharton, her daughter, was Mrs. J. W. N. Williams, several others equally interesting in the costume and the spirit of the early 70's assisting. Original hymns for the program were written by Miss Alice Armstrong and Miss Delia Alford, both of Baltimore, Miss Armstrong's mother having ably assisted Mrs. Graves in the initial meeting in 1871. As one witnessed the triumphant progress of the pageant and as she participated in the week's meetings, it was a joy to reflect that largely because of the Baltimore women of 1871 there came to be in 1888 a southern W. M. U. and that for thirty-three years the daughters of the 1871 mothers tenderly cared for the Union's headquarters.

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In addition to the above and to the leaflets recommended on page three the Union delights to suggest to the readers of ROYAL SERVICE the beautiful Christmas story which was written by its former president, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck. It is called "The Pageant of the Golden Rule" and is appropriate for reading or telling at any missionary meeting and particularly for those near the Yuletide. It is attractively bound and thus makes a lovely Christmas gift. The price is 15c. Order it and any of the above-mentioned materials from

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CHOICE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GIFT

The above mentioned calendar has been issued by the Sunday School Board. The size is 10 x 14 inches, there being a page for each month. The cover page and the picture for each month are truly fine. The subject matter embraces among many other things: daily Bible readings, the Golden Texts and statements about the needs and growth of Southern Baptist work. Every society will do well to purchase a supply. Many members will delight to give them as Christmas and New Year presents. The wholesale prices are effective when as many as five are ordered. The price per single copy is 30 cents. Order from

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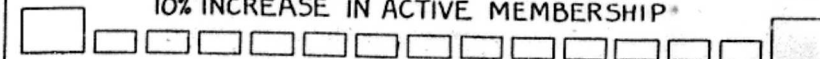
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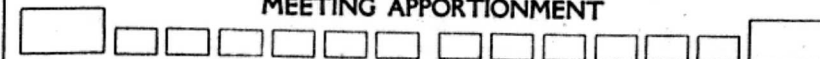
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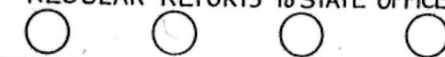
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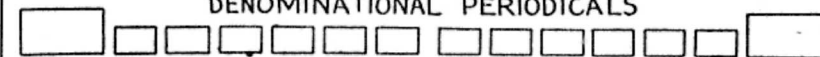
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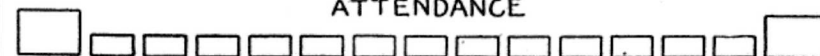
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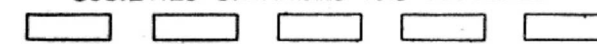
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SOCIETIES ORGANIZED AND FOSTERED



"Taking stock" is a well-known business term, especially in December and January. As missionary societies enter the new calendar year they cannot do better than to determine to "take stock" month by month. The Standard of Excellence Record Chart is an ideal help in such work. The drawing given above is a miniature of the 22 x 28 inch light cardboard chart which is used by the Women's Missionary Societies and Young Women's Auxiliaries. A slightly smaller one has been prepared for use by Girls' Auxiliaries, Royal Ambassadors, and Sunbeam Bands. The price of each is 35 cents from

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As stated in the last two issues of this magazine, the removal of W. M. U. headquarters to Birmingham has been effected. From now on, therefore, all orders for ROYAL SERVICE, priced literature and organization pins should be sent to the new address:

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CHOICE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

W. M. U. Organization Pins

Christmas always brings thoughts of gifts and with those thoughts comes the desire to give to each friend that which will afford the best pleasure and also serve the best purpose. The Woman's Missionary Union highly recommends its organization pins as such gifts, knowing that those who have them delight to wear them and that they also use them as a silent testimony to their interest in missionary work. Below are given cuts of the various pins with the price of each, postage being included. As merchants say: "Order early and avoid the rush!"



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