

UNION WATCHWORD

Laborers together with God—I Corinthians 3:9

Watchword for 1922-23

God is able.—II Corinthians 9:8

Royal Service

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State Mission Hymn

(Tune: "We're Marching to Zion")



beauteous land, oh, Lord,
Is this our native heath;
And, as Thou'st taught us in Thy Word,
Rich praise to Thee we would accord
That this Thou didst bequeath.

Chorus: Then off'rings and praises,
Off'rings and praises we bring,
Our praises for the home-land,
Aye, praises for our King.

O'er mountain, hill and plain
The sunshine of Thy love
Gleams forth in fields of golden grain
And snowy fleece and fruitful train
And smiles in charms above.

Then for this gracious gift
Of our loved commonwealth
Our hearts in gratitude we lift,
While hast'ning with glad hands and swift
To share with all Thy wealth.

Margaret McRae Lackey, Miss.

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EDITORIAL

EVERY ONE WIN ONE

The night lies dark upon the earth—
And we have light;
So many have to grope their way—
And we have sight!"

YOU will note in your state denominational papers and in the August number of ROYAL SERVICE that the Conservation Commission voted to co-operate in promoting a southwide, simultaneous, co-ordinate effort for evangelism and enlistment, giving special emphasis to the country churches during the summer and to the city churches in the fall and spring. The Commission urges all who will to co-operate with this effort to pray for, to work and expect the salvation of many hundreds of thousands of souls within the Southern Baptist Convention during the present conventional year, and that we reaffirm our motto "Every One Win One".

The state denominational papers were requested to give large space to this effort and consequently some very fine articles have been appearing from time to time in different state papers. Since "Soul Winning and Enlistment" are two of the very definite aims of the Woman's Missionary Union and all our women should be keenly alive to this movement and eager to have a large part in this campaign and, since no one of our papers goes into all the homes of the readers of ROYAL SERVICE, we are selecting extracts from some that seem helpful that our readers may get from them the inspiration that will help in the winning of souls.

"Evangelism is the native breath of the churches. Evangelism is the first business of the churches. Southern Baptists are what they are in numbers and spirit because they have been evangelistic. From the countryside to the great city church the torch of evangelism has been held high. We have had city-wide, associational-wide and state-wide evangelistic campaigns. Has not the time arrived for a southwide, simultaneous, unified evangelistic campaign? Should not these torches, held up here and there at intervals and individually, now flare forth in one consuming fire?"

"Now is the time of all times", says Dr. Dodd, "for southern Baptists to go forth unitedly to gather the golden grain into the garner of God".

In my opinion, nothing is more vital to our work than the continuation of evangelistic efforts. I am writing this brief appeal to pastors and churches throughout the Convention territory with a view to stressing the importance of continuing the great movement. The following reasons occur to me for intensive evangelistic effort during the current Convention year. It keeps alive the fires of consecration. Nothing calls for self-dedication more completely than the task of winning men, women and children to Jesus Christ. Prayer is absolutely essential. Christian living is a prime condition. The man or woman who is genuinely alive to the needs of the lost and actively devoted to their interests will inevitably live close to Christ, and this will, of course, react upon the entire spiritual life. It fulfills the conditions of power in the life of the individual and in the life of the churches. Paul has declared that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation of every one that believeth. The meaning is that the power of God comes into preaching and Christian activity whenever these are directed towards the salvation of men. We desire power for all

departments of our work—for the tithing campaign and for the enlistment of all the unenlisted in the 75 Million Campaign. Evangelism will go a long way toward bringing about this result. It brings divine power into action in the lives of God's people. Evangelistic effort inevitably leads to increased giving. Self-giving precedes the giving of money and the giving of time and the giving of everything else. Nothing is more logical than that the young convert should be asked to pledge himself to give liberally to the cause of Christ. Every candidate for baptism should be appealed to in behalf of the kingdom interests upon admission into the church. Evangelistic effort is always in order. It is a mistake to imagine that God will bestow His blessing only at fixed or set times. Some people have an idea that it is not in order to pray for a revival of religion except when the conditions are favorable; but all conditions are favorable under the operation of the divine power. There is no variation in God's desire to give salvation. The only variation is in the attitude of His people. Our faith may fail, but God's willingness and desire to bless never fail. Evangelistic effort may be individual or co-operative. Of course, the whole church ought to engage together in evangelistic effort. But evangelistic effort should not be confined to the two or three weeks when an evangelist is present and when there is daily preaching in the church. Thousands upon thousands of men and women are turned to Christ through the efforts of individual workers between times. Often the individual waits for a larger group to begin evangelistic efforts. This is a mistake. Anybody can begin the work of soul-winning at any time. A zealous fisherman can cut a hole in the ice and fish through the hole. So, if a church is frozen in worldliness, a zealous soul-winner can "cut a hole through the ice", as it were, and, using a hook baited with the gospel, win men to Christ. Nothing calls for prayer—intense, prolonged and believing—like the task of winning souls. It is a most auspicious time to renew our efforts in these directions. Southern Baptists ought, in every part of their territory, unitedly to pray that God will pour out upon our churches during the Convention year now begun showers of blessings. If we continue steadfastly in our prayer for evangelistic power and for the salvation of individuals throughout the year and if our effort corresponds, He will bless us abundantly in our 75 Million collections. Our enlistment work ought to go on side by side with the evangelistic work, and next May when the Convention reconvenes we shall have a great and glorious report to make of the victories of God's grace through His people.—Dr. E. Y. Mullins in Religious Herald

That is an interesting and instructive story told of the nobly gifted preacher, Dr. O. P. Gifford, who preached one morning to his congregation, making the insistence that it is the business, primary and fundamental, of Christ's people to go out constantly and win others to the knowledge of the Saviour. As he brought to bear his message upon his waiting auditors, with words that breathed and thoughts that burned, the minister went on to say: "Every Christian can win somebody to Christ". When the sermon was done and the people were sent away, there tarried behind one of his humblest auditors—probably the humblest, with reference to this world's goods, for she was a poor seamstress. She tarried behind to make her plea to the preacher that his sermon was overstressed. Greatly moved she was, the preacher stated, as looking him in the face she said: "Pastor, this is the first time that I ever heard you when you seemed to be unfair". "Pray, wherein was I unfair?" he asked. Then she said: "You kept crowding the truth down upon us that every Christian could win somebody to Christ. Now, you did not make any exceptions, and surely I am an exception. Pray, tell me what could I do? I am but a poor seamstress, and I sew early and late to get enough to keep the wolf from the door for my fatherless children, and I have no education and no opportunity, and yet your statement was so sweeping that even I was included, and in that", she said, "I think you are unfair—the first time I ever knew you to be so". Then, when she

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BIBLE STUDY



TOPIC—The Ministry of Obedience

What doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and all thy soul?—Deuteronomy 10:12

I. Obedience is the best preparation for service, Lk. 14:26,27. It must be: (1) Active, Col. 3:8-17; only by realizing our right relation in Christ can we obey the commands; (2) Personal, Rom. 7:22-25; (3) Sincere, Ps. 51:6; I Tim. 1:5; (4) Affectionate, springing from love, I John 5:2,3; 2:5; (5) Diligent, not slothful, Gal. 1:16; Ps. 18:44; Rom. 12:11; (6) Conspicuous, Phil. 2:1-16; Matt. 5:16; (7) Universal, all duties must be performed at all times, places and occasions, Rom. 2:7-11; Gal. 6:9,10. Obedience to God consists in a belief of the Gospel, of the holiness and equity of its precepts, of the truth of its promises and a true repentance of all our sins. The obligation to obedience arises from the relation we bear to God as His creation, Ps. 95:6,7; from the law revealed, Ps. 119:1-8; from the blessings of providence we are constantly receiving, Acts 14:17; Ps. 145; from the love and goodness of God in the work of redemption, I Cor. 6:20.

II. *The Advantages of Obedience.* It adorns the Gospel, Titus 2:9,10; is an evidence of grace, II Cor. 5:17; rejoices the hearts of the people of God, II John 2:4; affords peace, Ps. 25:12,13; recommends the Christian example, Col. 1:10-14; is the forerunner and evidence of eternal glory, Rom. 6:22; Rev. 22:14. Obeying the truth will bring forth the fruit of unselfish, pure and fervent love for others, John 14:21. Let no command lie unfulfilled in some dusty corner of the soul. As the Lord Jesus sought constantly to do the will of the Father so should we seek to follow Him.

III. *The Wise and Foolish*, Matt. 7:24. Christ recognizes in human life only two classes of people, Matt. 25:14-30. There is diversity between individuals in the matter of opportunity of service, this is set forth in the parable of the talents. In bestowing spiritual opportunities of service Christ has regard to the natural abilities and providential surroundings of each person; new opportunities come to us with our improvement of those which we have already shown ability to use. He who lays at the feet of the Master five talents increased to ten or two talents increased to four receives the wonderful reward of wider sphere of service and has fuller fellowship in the joy which Christ has in doing the Father's will. Obedience is a blessed service with the joy of the Lord in the heart.

IV. *The Reward of Obedience*, a peculiar treasure, Ps. 132:11-18. Often the processes of spiritual education and spiritual chastisement are long and almost hopeless. Christ underwent preparation for His work for 30 years when He was practically silent and unknown, Lk. 3:23. He was being set apart and in the end He brought all the completeness of His strength to bear in redeeming tenderness upon the awful situation of the world, Lk. 4:18,19. God is a loving Father if men will only let Him love them. Through faith in the sacrifice on Calvary we accept God as our Father, John 3:16. We shall offer the homage of our hearts with Paul, "the love of Christ constraineth us", II Cor. 5:14,15. The talent was taken from the unprofitable servant and a curse was pronounced on the barren fig-tree and eternal withering shall fall upon the soul which does nothing with opportunities given.—*Mrs. James Pollard*

Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists September, 1922

"Was it by chance that when the moment fell
For His departing, o'er each waiting head,
He lifted up in blessing and farewell
Those hands of flesh and bone? O Hands outspread,
That all men, gazing, might be comforted!
Your red wounds are the seal that God hath set
On that humanity Christ keepeth yet!"

Topic: Growth of State and Associational Missions

1—FRIDAY

For all state organizations engaged in the "Master's business"
Thy blessing is upon Thy people.—Psalm 3:8

2—SATURDAY

For Misses May Hine and *Mary Alexander, Bible and personal work classes, Canton, China
Be Thou my strong habitation.—Psalm 71:3

3—SUNDAY

That Christians carefully nurture and instruct new converts
Feed the church of God . . . purchased with His own blood.—Acts 20:28

4—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Rex Ray and Rev. and Mrs. Ullin Leavell, Wuchow, China
Grant unto Thy servants that with all boldness they may speak Thy word.—Acts 4:29

5—TUESDAY

That each state experience the joy of meeting Campaign pledges
"Prayer is the Christian's safety device for pledge-keeping."

6—WEDNESDAY

That God abundantly bless the ministry of Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Bagby, Santos, Brazil
I will go in the strength of the Lord God.—Psalm 71:16

7—THURSDAY

For state enlistment workers
Your zeal hath provoked (stirred up) very many.—2 Corinthians 9:2

8—FRIDAY

For continued favor upon the work of Misses Sallie Priest and *Mary N. Lyne, Shanghai, China
I have graven thee upon the palms of My hands.—Isaiah 49:16

9—SATURDAY

That enlarged state mission work result from associational meetings
He increaseth strength.—Isaiah 40:29

10—SUNDAY

For the conservation of the true Christian Sunday
Blessings shall come upon thee . . . if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.—Deuteronomy 28:2

11—MONDAY

For the growing church in Tsinan, China, and for Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Lowe
Thou shalt not be forgotten of Me.—Isaiah 44:21

12—TUESDAY

That relief administered by our missionaries lead famine sufferers to seek the Bread of Life
A great door and effectual is opened.—1 Corinthians 16:9

13—WEDNESDAY

That we do not separate ourselves from God by indifference to our Campaign pledges
Walk worthy of God, who hath called you.—1 Thessalonians 2:12

14—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Dawes and their daughter, Martha Dawes, in their new field, Tsinan, China
Commit thy works unto the Lord.—Proverbs 16:3

15—FRIDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. W. H. Carson and Mr. Hugh P. McCormick in their difficult field, Saki, Africa
More than conquerors through Him that loved us.—Romans 8:37

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Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists September, 1922

"I know not by what methods rare,
But this I know, God answers prayer.
I know that He has given His word,
Which tells me prayer is always heard
And will be answered, soon or late;
And so I pray and calmly wait."

Topic: Growth of State and Associational Missions

16—SATURDAY

For state W.M.U. officers
Faithful is He that calleth you.
—1 Thessalonians 5:24

17—SUNDAY

That our churches be spirit-
ually enriched by loyalty to
Christ
Christ is the head of the church.
—Ephesians 5:23

18—MONDAY

That Rev. and *Mrs. A. R. Phil-
lips have great joy in their new
work (Boys' Academy) Buenos
Aires, Argentina
Called of Jesus Christ—Romans 1:6

19—TUESDAY

Praise God that we are not
fighting a losing battle in our
75 Million Campaign
God is the Lord, which hath shewed us
light.—Psalm 118:27

20—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. S. E. Ste-
phens and Rev. and Mrs. E. L.
Morgan, Tsintau, China
Jesus went with them.—Luke 7:6

21—THURSDAY

Praise God for the awakening
interest in salvation under the
ministry of Rev. and Mrs. R. C.
Moore, Concepcion, Chile
Believers were . . . added to the
Lord.—Acts 5:14

22—FRIDAY

That Baptist young peoples'
state organizations make a
great missionary future possi-
ble
Through wisdom an house is builded.
—Proverbs 24:3

23—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Davis,
superintending missions in Mex-
ico from El Paso, Texas
If God be for us, who can be against
us?—Romans 8:31

24—SUNDAY

That the Spirit of God guide
all preparations for state meet-
ings
Prepared unto every good work
—2 Timothy 2:21

25—MONDAY

Ask God's blessing upon the
work of Rev. and *Mrs. I. V.
Larson, Laiyang, China
The Lord working with them
—Mark 16:20

26—TUESDAY

Pray earnestly for presidents
of our 10,677 missionary socie-
ties
I am among you as he that serveth.
—Luke 22:27

27—WEDNESDAY

For our work and workers in
Fukuoka, Japan, Rev. and Mrs.
J. G. Chapman and *Miss Sa-
rah Frances Fulghum
I am set for the defence of the Gos-
pel.—Philippians 1:17

28—THURSDAY

Thanksgiving for work of evan-
gelists resulting in 30,000 con-
versions last year
They took knowledge of them that they
had been with Jesus.—Acts 4:3

29—FRIDAY

Gratitude to God for growing
work at Mendoza, Argentina,
under Rev. and Mrs. F. J. Fow-
ler
That ye might be filled with all the
fulness of God—Ephesians 3:19

30—SATURDAY

Pray that a great revival of
the Spirit visit our churches
Times of refreshing shall come from
the presence of the Lord.—Acts 3:19

*W.M.U. Training School Alumna

PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER

The programs given month by month present the present-day conditions in our home and foreign mission fields. Societies just beginning mission study or those wishing to review past history of any subject treated will find what they desire in the mission study books, a list of which will be furnished, on request, by Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. For a few cents leaflets suggested in this number can be obtained from W.M.U. Literature Department, 1111 Jefferson Co. Bank Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

GROWTH OF STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

Hymn—Walk in the Light

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Hymn—Lord, Give Us Light to Do Thy Work

Prayer—For Southern Baptist Convention States

Personal Service Period

Hymn—O Lord and Master of Us All

Gems for His Crown (See par. 1)

Alphabetical Roll Call of States

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Florida, Georgia, Illinois (See pars. 5, 6, 7)

Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland (See pars. 8, 9, 10)

Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico (See pars. 11, 12, 13)

North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina (See pars. 14, 15, 16)

Tennessee, Texas, Virginia (See pars. 17, 18, 19)

Complete in Him (See par. 20)

Hymn—Come Ye Thankful People

Prayer—(Six sentence prayers naming states as grouped in roll call)

Dismissal—Blest Be the Tie That Binds (One verse, those nearest joining hands)

Two women stood at the jeweler's counter admiring an array of neck-
laces. The salesman held them up, one by one, showing the beautiful
effect of light through the gems. With admiring eyes and caressing
fingers they laid the jewels against their gowns, commenting, advis-
ing, hesitating. "Let me show you another," said the salesman, opening a hand-
some case. "This is one of the loveliest bead ropes we have in our stock. It is
strung with pure crystals and beads of fine gold. The eighteen crystals are excep-
tionally clear and the twelve golden beads between the crystals are without alloy.
The crystals have twelve facets and the gold is well burnished." "Oh, how beauti-
ful," breathed the two friends. "I want you," continued the salesman, "to examine
this chain carefully. Look into the crystals and tell me what you see." After a
moment one of the friends said, "I see a tiny reflection of the gold beads in each
facet and the effect is very lovely." Then the other, "As I look into the heart of the
crystal I seem to see a warm white glow. I also see the golden points in each
facet." "The white glow you see," explained the salesman, "is the silver cord on
which the beads are strung, you could not see this were not the crystals so pure."
"It is a necklace to dream about," sighed one woman. "But not to buy," said her
friend. They turned regretfully away. The exquisite rope of beads was too expen-
sive for them but it had banished their desire to look further. The incident closed
but its lesson of desire for the brightest and best remained.

How many things in life and nature are compared to and measured by precious

stones. Job exclaimed that the price of wisdom was above rubies; that "the gold and crystal cannot equal it". We say of the sky that it is star-gemmed; of the dewy fields that they are jewel-strewn. We speak of the gates of pearl and of golden sunsets. And may we not add an imaginary comparison and liken our southern state Unions with their story of the past year to the necklace of crystal and gold? Letting the state Unions be as crystals and the twelve golden months of service be as the golden beads reflected in the crystal facets. As we look into the hearts of our Unions surely we may see the warm glow of the silver cord of unity which binds each to the other. Not as crystal gazers of old do we seek to divine the future but in mutual interest seek to read the present, living story of constant effort for the growth of the kingdom of our Father and Lord.

ALABAMA

2. "Lightened to Lighten"

The stewardship of life has been the keynote of the Alabama W.M.U. during the past year. The deepened conviction that we have been "lightened to lighten" and are stewards of that which He has committed to us has been the high motive of our missionary societies and mission study classes. The result has been an increase in A-1 societies, a threefold increase in mission study classes, a new spirit in our two hundred and forty quarterly meetings and in district and state conventions, the conversion of one thousand and thirty-nine precious souls through the personal service department, the sacrificial giving of many of our women and a greater interest in young people's organizations.

Apart from Campaign gifts of last year we contributed over \$3000 as a memorial scholarship in memory of our dearly beloved young people's leader, Mrs. Clyde Metcalfe-Stamps, who entered into eternal rest September, 1921. This year we will furnish the nurses' dormitory in the Baptist hospital and the linens for the new orphanage at Troy.—*Mary Northington, Corresponding Secretary*

ARKANSAS

3. Lifting Up the Light in Arkansas

A wonderful spirit of cooperation pervades the whole state. Mission study classes multiply rapidly, twice the number of certificates and three times as many seals have been issued this year than last. A district and associational standard of excellence has stimulated leaders in all lines of W.M.U. service, especially in rallies, conferences and other meetings. At these meetings the young people are always given a place on the programs. Our women are more and more comprehending the privileges of personal service and are stressing soul winning and spiritual uplift. The W.M.U. is a large factor in the 75 Million Campaign and in the evangelistic Campaign. Notwithstanding financial depression our state paid \$319,000 on Campaign pledges in the past year, which substantially reduced our indebtedness. Because "He is able" we thank God and take courage.—*Mrs. J. G. Jackson, Corresponding Secretary*

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

4. Reflecting the Vision

There has been steady growth in interest and work with a marked advance in the young people's and children's work. In May the Atlantic District of the Northern Convention met with us celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of their woman's work. We glory in the vision of all who have given themselves for the world-wide cause. We are proud of the encouraging messages we receive from our girls who have gone out to give themselves to mission work on the foreign field. Our goals for the coming year are: Intercession, Stewardship, Life Enlistment, Education and Soul Winning. We live in strenuous times but we are hoping, through the prayers of all our people, to spread His gospel unto the uttermost parts of the earth.—*Mrs. W. E. Mooney*

FLORIDA

5. High Lights in Florida

Florida has a bright future but the religious task is difficult. Rapid growth, tourist population, climate and resources adapted to pleasure win people from spiritual influences. Florida's population is cosmopolitan, not homogeneous. From 1910 to 1920 its per cent. of increase exceeded that of any state east of the Rocky Mountains. Forty-three per cent. of the entire population are Baptist or under Baptist training. Unless the churches provide an educated ministry and adequate Sunday school equipment both they and the W.M.U. will lose many of our young people.

Our State Convention was organized in 1854 with about 50 churches having a membership of less than 2000. In 1921 71 churches were reported with a membership of over 72,000. In these churches we have 826 W.M.U. organizations. The better organized associations with their all day rallies promote both efficiency and fellowship. Two assemblies are held each year, one at Palmer College, De Funiak Springs, and the other at Stetson University, Deland. Florida's quota to the 75 Million Campaign is paid to date, the W.M.U. quota of the pledge was exceeded by over \$10,000. Relieved from financial stress the W.M.U. has given more attention to prayer, spiritual development, personal service and study.—*Mrs. H. C. Peelman, Corresponding Secretary*

GEORGIA

6. God's Light House in Georgia

Prayer has been emphasized in every appeal and program throughout the year. It has solved our W.M.U. problems. The special seasons of prayer have never been so generally observed nor so signally blessed in spiritual and missionary fruitage. The North Central Division has been created, making the seventh state division. Annual missionary institutes were held during April in each division including a one-day conference of associational officers and vice presidents. Personal service department has specialized on classes among illiterates, using an especially prepared handbook for this work. With 3000 earnest hearted tithers we confidently expect to meet Campaign obligations. Whatever the final record may be as to new organizations, number of mission study classes and tithers and the amount of money gifts, there is in our hearts an assurance that the Georgia W.M.U. has, in spite of many "contrary winds", gone forward and won many victories through Christ who gave the strength.—*Mrs. W. J. Neel, Vice President*

ILLINOIS

7. Trimming the Lamps in Illinois

Although stress has been laid on standardizing our present organizations rather than creating new ones, growth in W.M.U. work in our state is steadily increasing. Mission study has been more and more emphasized. We find the W.M.U. organizations the first to respond in the "Tithing Campaign". A renewed effort is being put forth to arouse every member of every organization to meet their obligation in the 75 Million Campaign. Our faith is in Him.—*Mrs. L. C. Biggs, Vice President*

KENTUCKY

8. Keeping the Home Fires Burning

During the absence of our beloved and much-missed corresponding secretary, Mrs. Janie Cree Bose, our state officers, leaders of departments and splendid number of associational superintendents have doubled their efforts in the work and have been most zealous to preserve W.M.U. ideals. Associational conferences have been well attended and undeveloped associations nurtured with gratifying results. Many superintendents are also working in undeveloped territory.

A deeper interest in mission study has brought about the awarding of a much larger number of seals than in any previous year. Our assemblies are having separate study classes for young women.

There was some increase in new societies and in personal service reports but the greatest advance has been made in the growth of young people's societies. Our new young people's leader, Miss Jennie Graham Bright, a Training School graduate, will have a hopeful field in which to work.

Our women have contributed \$924,000 during the three Campaign years and have full faith that the fourth year will bring better proportionate results. We face the future with faith in God who is able to lead us to victory.—*May Gardner, Acting Corresponding Secretary*

LOUISIANA

9. Christ the Light We are deeply grateful for the progress of the work in Louisiana. Mission study continues with unabated interest. Twenty-five women in a strictly rural society were issued seals for the study of seventy-five books during the past year. A mission study class in every church in the association has been the plan of one superintendent for two years. A student of the Baptist Bible Institute taught our W.M.U. Manual to a class of colored women in New Orleans, not being able to finish the book before school closed they paid her expenses to remain until the book was completed. Eight women took the examination and were awarded certificates. Prejudice against reporting personal service is being broken down and this phase of work is gaining ground. The crowning of all personal service work by our societies is that souls are being won to Christ. Associational and group meetings are rapidly coming into favor. These furnish the very best opportunity for presenting plans and methods of work. To show the growth by comparison, ten years ago fourteen superintendents reported fifteen associational meetings, this past year twenty-three reported sixty such meetings. The "fellowship of kindred minds" is a thing not to be lightly considered. While our state work has suffered greatly from lack of funds, our Union has the spirit to go "out, upward, forward".—*Georgia Barnette, Corresponding Secretary*

MARYLAND

10. Golden Lights in Maryland The "Golden Jubilee" year in Maryland has been one of gratitude, growth and gifts. Gratitude that our women and young people are realizing anew our privilege and opportunity for service; that our mission study work is growing rapidly, this better information resulting in enthusiasm and efficiency in W.M.U. affairs; that personal service grips the hearts of our women and girls, shown in our Good Will Center activities and by the supplies sent to our needy brethren in Russia; that we were able to send gifts of supplies and money to the Pingtu Hospital and that through our "Golden Jubilee" love gift of \$1000 we lightened the hearts of Dr. and Mrs. P.S. Evans in their relief work in Tsinan, China. We expect a great blessing in the Braddock Heights Assembly and in the inspirational rallies in each of our three state districts. With joy and courage we move on in His name.—*Mrs. Samuel R. Barnes, Corresponding Secretary*

MISSISSIPPI

11. The Glow of Faith The women of Mississippi love their commonwealth. One result of this devotion was shown in the giving of the entire Week of Prayer to "State Missions". Nearly every society and auxiliary claimed a part in this program. A desire to know naturally follows prayer. Never before has mission study been so enthusiastically carried on, this fact being evidenced at Jacksonville when Mississippi stood first in mission study. Greater and more definite attention is being devoted to our young people. The entire state W.M.U. program of the annual convention was given to discussion of their plans and problems. Every association will continue to hold special rallies for auxiliary organizations. Both summer encampments stressed this feature of W.M.U. responsibility.

Even in September we cannot well forecast the financial outlook in a state subject to overflows and boll weevil but faith looms large and the W.M.U. goes forward in the glad knowledge that "God is able".—*Margaret McRae Lackey, Corresponding Secretary*

MISSOURI

12. Lights and Shadows in Missouri The year's work in our state has had its joys and disappointments. Fruit crops of last year were so injured by cold weather that it crippled for a time the ingathering of as much money as we had hoped to report. Notwithstanding, we have paid in full last year's deficit and this year's apportionment to the W.M.U. Training School and are confidently hopeful that we will be able to meet all other obligations. As an indication of increased interest in mission study one of our field workers tells us she could not keep seals and certificates enough on hand to supply the classes. Definite periods in our summer assemblies were given to mission study and stories for children. In the fourteen institutes and training schools for associational presidents mission study classes were conducted. The united and efficient efforts of our state officers and field workers contribute much to the hopeful outlook.—*Mrs. C. E. Graham, Vice President*

NEW MEXICO

13. Glowing and Growing in New Mexico The door of Baptist opportunity so wide open in New Mexico reveals to our state W.M.U. tremendous responsibilities, that our women are measuring up most loyally is shown in the earnest way they are laying hold of their opportunities. Out of our 63 W.M.S. 46 have held mission study classes, while in the 54 junior organizations 41 held study classes. Every one of the eight associations have an organized W.M.U. In six of these associations rallies were held during the year. The two summer assemblies were each a great success, women from every association attending either one of these and entering the mission study classes. Fine work was done for the children in the story hour at both assemblies. New Mexico, being a health resort, offers splendid opportunity for personal service in visiting and ministering to the vast number of invalids who seek restoration here. Supplies are being sent to Russia and to a hospital in China, also to our orphans' home in Mexico. To Montezuma College we are sending bedding for use in guest and faculty rooms.

The financial outlook is growing brighter. The tithing plan is being adopted whereby our W.M.U. may render service commensurate with their ability.—*Lilian May, Corresponding Secretary*

NORTH CAROLINA

14. Shining for His Glory Those who attended our W.M.U. state meeting in Charlotte caught a vision of privilege and opportunity and returned home filled with enthusiasm and optimism. Personal service reports were very gratifying but we desire to be more and more used in leading the lost to our heavenly Father. Three things are being emphasized in our work: mission study, standard organizations and the conservation of our Campaign pledges. In our sixty-six associations we have sixty-one associational W.M.U. organizations, fifty-five superintendents and five vice presidents. There is nothing to indicate that our Campaign pledges will not be met by December 1924. The eight Training School girls under the State Board are doing W.M.U. work and sending in splendid reports.

Through our prayer life and the giving of ourselves in service we strive to exemplify our motto: "For ye serve the Lord Jesus".—*Mary Warren, Corresponding Secretary*

OKLAHOMA

15. Increasing Light

The women of the W.M.U. of Oklahoma are more and more co-operating with the plans of the general Union. This means progress on almost all lines of missionary work in our state. The outstanding features of the year are: first, a growing number of new young people's organizations and a sustained interest in those already formed; second, mission study, the reports for the year recording 553 certificates, 1395 small seals, 45 gold official and 24 blue official seals and 11 honor certificates. The Extension Department of the Oklahoma Baptist University awarded certificates to 125 women in the Bible study classes, 186 classes are now being conducted giving promise of a larger distribution of certificates next year. A six weeks course in mission study was given to colored women in Oklahoma City, six of the women receiving the first official seal; third, the vital importance and potent influence of our district meetings which will be felt to the uttermost parts of our great state, the presidents of these ten districts, according to the revised constitution, will become vice presidents of the state Union, by this method our work will go forward in a better organized way; fourth, personal service, in which there has been marvelous development. Encouraged by this progress we have every reason to hope, under God, for richer, fuller service in the coming year.—*Berta K. Spooner, Corresponding Secretary*

SOUTH CAROLINA

16. "He Made the the Candlestick"

The spirit of the W.M.U. work in South Carolina is fine! 954 mission study classes were held last year including all grades. Over 3000 small seals, 219 official, 19 honor and 3 second honor seals were awarded. Our 36 associations hold their annual meetings from June into October bringing together large groups of interested women and young people. A most important milestone in our year is the summer assembly at Furman University, June 30 to August 11. The usual program of W.M.U. conferences, mission study and story hour are joyfully participated in. An encampment for R.A.'s. is a feature of this delightful occasion. All S.B.C. financial interests find loyal response from the South Carolina Union. 5000 tithers in our ranks are accepting stewardship as God's plan for His children. With courage we face the coming year and through prayer and gifts hope to meet our obligations in the 75 Million Campaign.—*Mrs. J. D. Chapman, Vice President*

TENNESSEE

17. Abiding Light in Tennessee

The Volunteer State boasts of no spectacular performance but she steadily advances in several phases of our beloved W.M.U. work. The spirit of our women and young people is undaunted. Tennessee was one of the two states that reached the half-way mark at the close of the third year of the Campaign, the W.M.U. organizations reporting nearly one-third of the state's receipts for the three years. Mission study classes have multiplied. Quarterly meetings of associational Unions bring our workers together for fellowship, information and inspiration, as do the divisional meetings in April. During the summer we hold a state encampment in the middle division and Bible conferences in the east and west divisions. The W.M.U. has a place in each. Good Will Centers have been opened in Nashville and Chattanooga. Memphis and Knoxville we hope will soon follow.

Our financial aim for the current year is the largest we have had, taking one-half of our unpaid pledge. The desire for which we pray is one more active missionary organization in each church. "Our God is able" to bring even this to pass.—*Margaret Buchanan, Corresponding Secretary*

TEXAS

18. Following the Star in Texas

Texas women have been busy during this year working for our state objects as well as making gifts to south-wide objects. Actual figures show that 2167 souls were led to Christ and 17,061 religious services held by members of the W.M.U. organizations during the year. Dear to the hearts of Texas Baptist women and young people is the Buckner Orphans Home. It has been their joy to send large gifts to this institution which cares for more than 700 children and old people. The support and upkeep of this home is not provided for by the 75 Million Campaign. Mission study has become a vital part of our work. Reports show 1,300 classes in which were awarded 10,270 small seals, 426 first official seals, 41 second official seals, 63 large blue seals and 30 honor certificates. Good work is being done for Mexican and negro women throughout the state.

We thank God for His guidance and pray for its continuance in the work of all our departments.—*Mrs. A. F. Beddos, Corresponding Secretary*

VIRGINIA

19. The Heart of Virginia

The work of state missions in Virginia shows steady and encouraging growth. The State Board was this year enlarged and reorganized to constitute a general board. To it was committed the general management of all the missionary, educational and benevolent work of the General Association and cooperative work of the S.B.C. and its several boards. It also has charge of the conservation plans of the 75 Million Campaign.

Every one of 29 district associations held its annual meeting and every one had its W.M.U. annual meeting. In 27 of the associations there are missionary pastors. The State Board employs eight evangelists.

One hundred and eighteen men and twenty-five women were assisted in attending educational institutions, seventeen of the latter being Training School girls. Two state mission mountain schools, Buchanan and Blue Ridge, have been enlarged and given better equipment. In the training schools for Sunday school work normal and mission study classes under auspices of W.M.U. were taught. The record for mission study has been exceptionally fine this year.

The Chautauqua at Virginia Beach and Bristol were most successful. The camps for R.A.'s. and G.A.'s. being notable features at the former.

Additions to the churches this year total 23,832. We thank God and take courage.—*Mrs. J. P. Thomas for Miss Lizzie Savage, Corresponding Secretary*

20. Complete in Him

What has our look into the heart of each state Union revealed? Have we not seen the warm white light of the triple chain of Christ's love for us, our love for Him and our God-given love for a lost world burning in the heart of each state Union? Reflecting the light of this love and held together by the power of a strong organization each state becomes a part of the great Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention. Shall we not lay, as a tribute and not as a burden, this shining chain lightly around the shoulders of her who has led the Union through the year and who has borne it upon her heart and in her prayers to Him who has said "They shall be mine, in that day when I make up My jewels"? Uniting with her let us come as those

" . . . Knowing God, lift hands of prayer
Both for themselves and those who call them friend.
For so the whole round earth is every way
Bound by golden chains about the feet of God."

—*Alfred Tennyson*



Y. W. A. PROGRAMS



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FIRST MEETING

Topic—The State for Christ

Praise Service

Demonstration—The Hope of Virginia

NOTE: Substitute the name of *your own state* in the title and throughout the demonstration wherever the name Virginia appears. Adapt in any way that may be found necessary to conditions in your state. The play is suggested by "Others", a pageant by Mrs. George M. Thomas published in the January, 1922, issue of *Missions*. The speeches of the Messengers of Christianity are adapted from Part II of the *Southern Baptist Handbook*, 1922. Appropriate costumes would, of course, add effectiveness, Christianity and Her Messengers being dressed in white robes and the Enemies of the State wearing black robes and high black witches' hats.

The Hope of Virginia

VIRGINIA (*Entering*)—Oh, I am afraid! I shudder with fear! Oh, to think that I, Virginia, am so menaced! (*Looks fearfully about.*) Their black shadows are everywhere. My fair domains are being despoiled, desolated. (*Goes to window.*) There is Ignorance. And near her hideous Crime! (*Hurries to another window.*) Disease and Destitution are stalking there. Is that the dark form of Anarchy in the distance? (*As the door opens she turns wildly from the window and covers in the background. Ignorance and Destitution enter.*)

IGNORANCE (*Menacingly*)—Ah, Virginia, you do well to cower in my presence for I am Ignorance and in my train are many black forms more hideous than I. I shut up in darkness many of the inhabitants of your realm so that they cannot see its beauty, its greatness, so that they cannot see the things of God. (*Virginia hides her face in fright.*)

DESTITUTION—I am gaunt Destitution. I smile because you have in your land fatherless children that go hungry and cold, I laugh in glee because you have gray-headed men who are sick at heart from the oppression of Poverty.

CRIME (*Entering*)—Do you think to shut me out, O Virginia? I, brutal Crime, will continue to traverse the length and breadth of your loved land, in city and country making war on Peace and Goodness, blackening men's characters, breaking women's hearts, crushing little children. (*Virginia sinks to the floor.*)

DISEASE (*Who has entered during the last speech*)—I am Disease, following in the wake of Ignorance and Crime with my sister Death. We prey upon your men when they fall victim to Vice and Dissipation; we do not spare their little children, my sister Death and I.

ANARCHY (*Appearing at window*)—Fear me, Anarchy, O Virginia, for I must follow where Ignorance and Destitution and Crime lead. My hand is against every man's hand and every man's hand is against mine. I will rage through your domain with fire and sword. I will make endless war on Righteousness and the things of God. I will yet enter here, as I have entered elsewhere. (*Virginia falls prone on the floor.*)

CRIME (*Clasping hands with Ignorance and Destitution*)—Come, my sisters, haste. Let us continue on our mission. (*They go out, followed by Disease who casts a contemptuous glance backward upon Virginia.*)

VIRGINIA (*Rising slowly to her feet*)—Alas! I am undone! What shall I do? (*Hurries to window.*) Ah, the hideous black forms are at their work. To whom shall I turn for protection? Who will save my people?

(*Christianity is heard singing off stage the first stanza of "Jesus Saves".*)

VIRGINIA—Ah, I had almost forgotten Christianity! (*Christianity sings third stanza, "Sing above the battle's strife".*) I had almost forgotten Him! (*Christianity sings fourth stanza, "Give the winds a mighty voice".*)

VIRGINIA (*Starting towards voice*)—Oh, Christianity! (*As Christianity enters Virginia seizes her robe appealingly.*) I have no one to whom I can go but to you, Christianity, to drive out from my realm my terrible enemies, Crime and her sisters. Oh, Christianity, you have always made war on Crime and Anarchy. You will not fail me! Law and Force have done their utmost—it is to you, you, who are the hope of Virginia!

CHRISTIANITY (*With her arm about Virginia sings with great feeling*)
"We may not climb the heavenly steep
To bring the Lord Christ down;
In vain we search the lowest deep
For Him no depths can drown."

"But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
A present help is He;
And faith has still its Olivet
And love its Galilee."

"The healing of the seamless dress
Is by our beds of pain;
We touch Him in life's throng and press
And we are whole again."

VIRGINIA—Ah, Christianity, already my heart beats with high hope! (*She now perceives the Messengers of Christianity who have entered severally during the hymn and who stand about Christianity.*) But who are these with you? I seem to know them dimly as your beautiful Messengers but I cannot recall their names.

EVANGELISM—I am Evangelism. My work is not new; it is as old as Christianity. My theme is not new; it has been and is now and ever shall be the wonderful story of the Cross. My power is not new; it is the power that has broken rebellious hearts and regenerated the lost from the day of Pentecost until now. At the bidding of Christianity, O Virginia, I go forth with my message through your cities and towns and farmlands. I speak to your people in their homes and in their schools. I plant churches. I do all this that the bodies

and minds and souls of your people may be delivered from the power of Satan and his exissaries. I bear to your people the inspired Word of God with its lofty ideals of character. Crime is afraid of my voice. Anarchy vanishes at my approach.

(*Christianity sings third stanza of "Speed Away".*)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (*Holding the hand of Evangelism*)—I, Christian Education, go hand-in-hand with Evangelism, her chosen companion. My work is to follow Evangelism into the dark corners of your realm and there plant Christian schools whose light shall cause Ignorance and her dark sisters, Superstition and Prejudice, to flee away. My light shines upon the aliens who come to your doors seeking a haven in your fair realm; I cause it to shine into the hearts of their little ones, your adopted children. It shall shine, too, more and more brightly upon that other adopted race here in our southland; it shall light them to a finer freedom than they have yet known.

THE MINISTRY OF HEALING—I am sent forth by Christianity to battle with Disease and her children, Pain and Weakness. I am the Ministry of Healing. I carry help and comfort to the broken, suffering bodies and minds of your people, fair Virginia. Do you not remember that the credentials of the Master Himself were that the blind were made to see, the lame were caused to walk, the lepers were cleansed, the deaf were made to hear, the dead were raised and the poor had the Gospel preached to them? In His name I set up Christian hospitals wherein Christ may, through the service of Christian physicians and nurses, "set at liberty them that are bruised".

ORPHANAGE WORK—I am sent forth by Christianity to fight the battles of childhood for I am Orphanage Work. As long as

"A child is crying beyond our door,
In the cold and the wind and the wild downpour"

as long as

"A child is crying outside our gate,
Starving and stark and desolate"

so long must I carry on my sacred task of protecting even the "least of these"

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G. A. PROGRAMS



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FIRST MEETING

Topic—Saving Our State

Hymn—O Zion Haste

Prayer

Watchword—Daniel 12:3

Hymn—The Son of God Goes Forth to War

Bible Study—We are commanded to obey (1) Parents—Col. 3:20; (2) Masters—Col. 3:22; (3) Rulers—Heb. 13:17; (4) God rather than men—Acts 5:29

Prayer—That We May Be Obedient in All Things

Hymn—Where He Leads Me I Will Follow

Talk—Growth of State Missions in This State

Special Music—State Song

Talk—Special Needs in Our State

Prayer for State Missions and Mission Workers

Questionnaire—State Missions

Hymn—Work for the Night Is Coming

Business

Mizpah

Growth of State Missions in This State

From minutes of your State Convention for the years 1919 and 1921 (or 1922 if the state meeting has been held) make a comparison of the work along various lines in your own state. Let the girls work out before the meeting a series of posters illustrating these comparisons. For instance two bags of money in proportionate size might illustrate the increase in gifts, the amounts being printed on the bags or below them. Orphans cared for may be shown by larger and smaller groups of children; hospitals by bottles of medicine or pictures of doctors or nurses; schools by buildings; conversions by thermometers showing the spiritual temperature etc. Assign one comparison to each girl and get up some competition as to the best poster. Let each show and explain briefly her own poster. Have three older women as judges.

Questionnaire—State Missions

1. How is our State Mission Board made up?

2. Who is its president?

3. Where does it meet next? When?

4. Who is our State Mission Secretary?

5. Where are his headquarters?

6. What kinds of work are fostered by our State Board?

7. What special workers are employed by it? Name them.

8. Locate Baptist schools in the state.

9. Locate Baptist hospitals.

10. Locate any other Baptist institutions in state.

11. Where is the next state W.M.U. convention?

12. Who is the president?

13. Who is the corresponding secretary?

14. What other workers has your state in W.M.U.?

15. Where are its headquarters?

SECOND MEETING

Topic—Among the States

Song—Help Somebody Today

Song—Count Your Blessings

Sentence Prayers for the Work in Our State and Association

Bible Study—Obedience (1) Brings Blessing—Deut. 11:26-28; (2) Shows Love—John 14:15

Hymn—He Leadeth Me

State Mission Work in This Association

Prayer for the Work Here at Home

Quartette—Trust and Obey

State Mission Demonstration

Prayer for All State Mission Work

Business

Hymn—O Zion Haste

Mizpah

State Mission Demonstration

Part 1—What Some People Think

Enter a Woman-Who-Is-Uninformed and consequently much behind the times

in every way and a Woman-Who-Is-Prejudiced, the very lines of whose face are "set" and "tight". They sit the one with folded hands, the other ostentatiously busy with her knitting. Enter a charming Woman of W.M.U.

W.M.U.—I am glad to find you together this afternoon for I have wanted to ask both of you to come to our missionary meeting next Monday. We are to study state missions and I know you cannot help being interested in all the good reports we have to bring of the work of our State Board this year and the plans they are making for the future. We meet at three o'clock and I do so want you to come.

Uninformed—I am much obliged for your invitation and, if I have nothing else to do, I may drop in though I am not much interested in missions.

Prejudiced (bruskly)—Thank you. I don't think I care to come. I am not in sympathy with missions and I don't mind saying so.

W.M.U.—I am sorry to hear you say that; I hope you will change your mind and come and see what our Board is doing. Then I am sure you cannot help being interested. (Exit)

Uninformed—I never was so tired of hearing missions; missions, missions! It is all our preacher knows how to preach. And where does all the money go? Into nice fat salaries for men who never could make a living any other way and to help folks who are better off than I am. Mighty little of it ever gets to the poor little orphan and the folks whom it is meant for, I am thinking.

Prejudiced—I haven't got any faith in none of 'em. If I had any money to be spending on other folks it sure wouldn't be going for none of these foreigners and a lot of poor trash. And I wouldn't hand it over to one of these state secretaries, either. Why onst when I was a young woman one of them was here and I gave him a dollar that I had saved out of my egg money and he just said "thank you" and slipped it in his pocket just as easy as that. I got to thinking that nobody knew I gave that dollar and that just as like as not when it came out of his pocket it was for something he wanted instead of for missions. I wouldn't risk it again. We have plenty of churches. If folks want

the Gospel, let 'em get it, same as I do.

Part 2—Things As They Are

Enter State Mission Board Secretary—(Walks up and down with head bowed and hands clasped behind, in deep thought. Occasionally lips move as if in prayer.)

Enter a Country Woman—Sir, we have a little country church that is almost one hundred years old. We used to have a good strong church but our young folks have mostly moved away and we have been going from bad to worse. For several years now we have only had preaching once a month but now we can't even have that unless you can help us pay a man. We have done the best we could but the times seem against us. It is not enough and we can't do more.

Enter a Small-Town Woman—I have come to ask you to help us with our new church building. We have had to tear our old one down because it was dangerous to worship in. We got together and started a new one. But it seems like we just can't get enough money to finish it and unless you can help us some it will just have to stand there and rot unfinished for we can't borrow the money anywhere.

Enter a Woman from a Mining Camp—Over at the mining camp there is not a single church. We are decent folks right here from our own country places and we want to raise our children right but what chance have we when there is no church, no Sunday school, nothing to teach them righteousness and everything to pull them the other way? There are a lot of foreigners and negroes there too. They are worse off, even, than we are and don't know any better. If you will just send us a man we will fix up a place for him to preach. We have got to have somebody.

Telephone Rings—"This is the Baptist hospital. We have a pitiful appeal from a woman who needs an operation and has no money. Are there any funds available so that we may take her free? We have investigated and she is worthy and her case is urgent." Secretary—I am sorry. There are no funds.

Enter B.Y.P.U. Secretary—Good morning, Chief. Anything come in? What are we to do? I simply must have funds to pay expenses. The young folks (Concluded on Page 28)



R. A. PROGRAMS



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FIRST MEETING

Your State in Question

State Song
Devotional Moments, 2 Chron. 29:1-10; 30:5-9
Business Session
Ritual and Awarding of Degrees
Royal Ambassador Hymn
Read Greetings in General Program from Native State of Each R.A. Present
Question Contest
Reading Leaflet "Dent and Wallace, Agents" (For price see page 3.)
Song—Oh, Beautiful for Spacious Skies
Prayer for State Work and Workers
Recreation

To the Chief Counselor

SEPTEMBER and school begins! Whet the minds of your R.A.'s. and get them in good trim for study by this question contest on state missions. Be sure that each R.A. has access to the questions at least two weeks before the meeting. Let three captains be chosen who will in turn choose until three groups are formed. They will line up around the chief counselor who from the center of the triangle so formed may quickly give the questions to one group and another. When a boy misses he is to go to the foot of his line, when he misses again he shall step out. He may be reinstated by answering first a question missed by one in another group. Naturally the group which has most in line at the end of the questioning wins. Let the W.M.S. give a supper-time spread for her sons. Fathers might be invited too. A decorated cake of many layers with the state and winners outlined in the frosting would be reward for that alert group.

Some State Questions

SIZE in square miles? Population?
Resources? Chief businesses?
Waterways? Miles railroad? Automo-

bile roads? Number of Baptists? Gifts of past year? Gifts per capita? How many Baptist churches? How many no church house? Number of pastors? Number of Sunday schools? Number Women's Missionary Societies? Number R.A. Chapters? Number of conversions in state last year? Number in your church? How old is your church? Oldest in state? Gifts to Campaign last year? Is chapter paid up on its pledges? Who is your church treasurer? Name your deacons. To what association do you belong? Name other churches in it? How many associations in your state? Moderator of your association? Who is state mission secretary? W.M.U. corresponding secretary? Young people's leader? What schools of higher learning in your state? Which are Baptist institutions? What is illiteracy percentage in your state? Why so great? What particularly needy places? How many state missionaries? Name state paper? Circulation? Circulation should have? Have you a state Baptist hospital? Where? Number beds? Is it adequate? Number orphanages in your state? Baptist orphanage? Where? Number of children? Equipment needed for it? Other questions may be added easily by chief counselor. The minutes of your state meeting and the statistical tables in the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention will give answers; write your State Mission Board for further information.

SECOND MEETING

What One State Convention Did

Song—The Son of God Goes Forth to War
Scripture Lesson, Heb. 11:32-12:2
Prayer that R.A.'s. Be Conscious of and True to Their Heritage of Faith
Song—How Firm a Foundation
Talks by R.A.'s.
Song—Faith of Our Fathers

Prayer that R.A.'s. Be as True Ambassadors for Christ as Their Forefathers

Talks by R.A.'s.

(1) *Laws That Bound*—It is strange that those who crossed the ocean to find liberty of conscience for themselves should deny it to others. By their charter the Episcopal Church was the established religion of the colony of Va. In 1611, Governor Dale ordered every man to come to the minister to be questioned as to his religious belief. The penalty for the first refusal was whipping; for the second, a double flogging and a confession of the fault on Sabbath day before the congregation; and for the third offense whipping daily until pardon was asked and the law complied with. It was unlawful and punishable as a crime to neglect or oppose the existing church of England; to set up worship in opposition to it; to refuse to be taxed for the support of its ministry; to build houses of worship for dissenting churches. Everybody was required to attend church or be heavily fined, and no one could sell his tobacco till his tax for the support of the Episcopal minister was paid.

(2) *Some Results*—The colony of Massachusetts persecuted the Baptists with great severity and large numbers suffered from fines, imprisonment, whipping or banishment. One of the most remarkable cases was that of Obadiah Holmes. He was sentenced to be whipped in Boston in September 1651, and so barbarously was the sentence executed that for days and weeks he "could take no rest but as he lay upon his knees and elbows, not being able to suffer any part of his body to touch the bed whereon he lay". As he was led to the place of punishment he said to the crowds of people who were assembled to witness the scene: "That for which I am to suffer is the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ". An Episcopal historian says: "Cruelty taxed its ingenuity to devise new modes of punishment and annoyance". Our ministers were fined, pelted, beaten, imprisoned, poisoned and hunted with dogs; their congregations were assaulted and dispersed; the solemn ordinance of baptism was rudely interrupted, both administrators and candidates being plunged beneath the water and held till nearly dead.

Further Results—Virginia associations had grouped themselves together into a state organization in 1771. In 1775 they determined to petition the political convention for the overthrow of the state church and to circulate petitions asking for equality before the law of all denominations. In May, 1776 their petition was presented. This Convention framed the famous Bill of Rights, the 16th article of which secures religious freedom. When George Mason wrote in the Bill of Rights that all men should enjoy the fullest toleration in the exercise of religion, Madison said: "No! Write, instead: all men are entitled to the free exercise of their religion, according to the dictates of their consciences". And so it was written. "What prompted one of the youngest members of that assembly to insist upon the change of a word? Where did he get his views? He did not find them in his books. His friends, the Baptists, taught them." At the first republican legislature of Virginia meeting in Oct. 1776, an act was passed exempting dissenters from contributing to the support of the established church and removing restraints of worship. In 1784 efforts were made to restore the old established church by an assessment bill permitting the taxation of the people for the support of religion, the tax to be distributed among the different denominations. The Baptists were the only ones who plainly remonstrated. Papers of petition against the bill were circulated everywhere. "When the assembly met, the table almost sunk under the weight of the accumulated copies of the memorial sent from the different counties. The fate of the assessment was sealed." James Madison had drawn up the memorial and remonstrance against the assessment.

(4) *Baptists and the Federal Constitution*—Baptists have the honor more than any others through their influence of having saved the federal constitution to the state and the country at large. John Leland, a Baptist minister, chosen a candidate to the Convention that met in 1788 to ratify or reject the federal constitution withdrew in James Madison's favor; Madison was sent to the convention. There Patrick Henry was opposed to the new constitution and but for the powerful influence of Madison (Concluded on Page 25)



SUNBEAM PROGRAMS



Material found in the general program on pages 9-15 as well as other items in this issue will be quite helpful to supplement the following programs. It is hoped it will be freely used in this supplemental way. The leaflets suggested on page 8 will also prove attractive additions.

FIRST MEETING

Topic—Our Own State

Welcome Song

Song—Praise Him, Praise Him

Prayer Service

Song—Bring Them In

Bible Story—How Samuel Obeyed God

Song—Jesus Loves Me

Giving Service

Story—Our Own Dear State

Hand Work Period

Song—Help Somebody Today

Roll Call

Business

Sunbeam Song

Closing Prayer

Our Own Dear State

Was there ever a time when you were not living? Yes, and many strange and wonderful things happened in those days before God made you and put you into this beautiful world to live. Was there ever a time when there wasn't any world for folks to live in? Yes, and the Bible tells us just how the world began to be. Who made it? Yes, God made the world, too, just as He made you and me. Was there ever a time when we did not have this country to live in? Yes, there was that, too, and God gave us our country. First He sent Columbus to find it and then He sent many people from many lands to live in it. You know the story about how the Pilgrims came that they might worship God. And then God sent George Washington to make us free. But still we did not have all our states. Ever since then more and more new states have been added to our country. How many were there in the beginning? Was this state one of them? How many are there now? The way all our states were made was like this. Once upon a time our own dear state was just a great big forest with trees and trees and trees. In the forests lived only birds and animals and a few

tribes of Indians. The Indians, as you know, had never heard of God but worshipped what they called the "Great Spirit". They thought that the Great Spirit made them and sent them their good gifts and punished them when they were bad and took them at last to their happy hunting ground, if they had been good Indians, when they died. But the land in our state was rich. And as white men came up the rivers to trade with the Indians they saw what a good country it was and thought that they would like some day to come and live here. When they went back home they told of the things they had seen and what a nice place it was and some of their neighbors came here to make their homes. They settled down by the banks of the rivers so that they could float their supplies down the river and would not have the trouble to haul them across the mountains on the rough roads. They lived very close together so that they would not be afraid of the Indians. They planted their fields and took their guns in their hands in the mornings when they went out to work them. Sometimes the Indians were friendly and sometimes they were not. Then the white people would have to be very careful to see that there were none hiding around in the bushes and behind the trees to kill them or set fire to their houses. More and more people came, until soon the land began to be settled so thickly that the Indians moved off further and further into the woods where there was nobody to bother them. But the folks in our state were Christians and wanted their children to be. So they had preachers who came to preach to them every once in a while. They did not know when the preacher would get there but just as soon as he came, everybody began to send word to all the neighbors. Then no matter what they were doing they stopped work and went to the church, where the preacher preached to them for hours at

a time. Sometimes, if they knew in time, the women fixed nice lunches and when twelve o'clock came they spread it on the ground just like a picnic; and then after dinner went in again to hear the word of God as the preacher read and talked and prayed. At night the preacher would go home with one of the families and they were always glad when it was their time to have him, I can tell you. The next morning he would get up and ride away to some other place to preach again. He also preached to the Indians whenever he got a chance for he knew that God loved the Indians, too, and wanted them to know about Him. Our state kept on getting fuller and fuller of people who worked hard and it kept getting richer and richer. The people built large towns and good schools and nice churches. At last it was big enough and strong enough to be a state all by itself and the people chose for its name just what we call it today. God was with our state and blessed it and made it great. But all the people in our state do not know and love Jesus yet. They are the ones whom Jesus wants us to teach about Him. So we have state missionaries who go about right here in our own dear state telling of Jesus, just as the old preacher used to do, so long ago. And we build Sunday schools and churches and hospitals and orphanages and Good Will Centers and all sorts of places to help the people know that God does truly love them and that He sent His Son to die for them.

Hand Work Period

Provide for each child a cardboard on which a large map of the state has been drawn and let him cut it out. Ask that the children bring old magazines from home and from these cut small pictures of church buildings, schools, children, nurses etc. illustrating the work of state missions. Paste these on the map, teaching as the work is done.

SECOND MEETING

Topic—Here at Home

Song—Happy Welcome

Prayer Song

Song—Brighten the Corner

Song—How Strong and Sweet My Father's Care

Sentence Prayers for Our Missionaries

Bible Story—Brave Men Who Obeyed God

Song—Our Body House (Primary Plans and Programs)

Song—I Love to Tell the Story
State Mission Demonstration (Adapt from G.A. program, part 2.)

Hand Work Period—Finish work begun last week.

Song—Help Somebody Today

Lesson—Here at Home

Prayer for Those at Home Who Need Jesus

Roll Call

Business

Sunbeam Song

Closing Prayer

Brave Men Who Obeyed God

I wonder if we have any brave boys and girls in our Sunbeam Band? What are you brave enough to do? These are all very brave things and I am sure it is fine that you will do them. But now tell me truly, is there any boy in my band who is brave enough to do right even if the other boys laugh at him and call him "Sissy"? That takes more courage and is braver than going somewhere in the dark or killing snakes or anything! I once knew a boy named Ben who was brave enough for that. His friends wanted him to help them steal some apples and he would not; they called him "Fraid-cat" and "Sissy" but still he would not do it. And those boys said, "Ben sure is a good boy. He would not steal those apples even if we did make fun of him". They were just as proud of him as I was. Folks are always proud of those who are brave enough to do right, no matter how hard it is. Don't you remember how proud the old king was of Daniel when he would not quit praying to God even if he was put in the lion's den? The king made Daniel the chief ruler under him, he was so proud of him.

Today I am going to tell you about some other men who were brave enough to obey God even when the preacher told them to do something which they knew was wrong. In the country of Israel, long before Jesus came into the world, there was a man named Johnadab, whose father was Rechab. These men with their children lived in tents and moved about from place to place. And as Johnadab looked about him, he noticed that the men who drank wine

were not big and strong and healthy as those who did not. He also saw that they did many wrong things when they had drunk wine. So he called his boys together and told them that they must never drink any wine or strong drink as long as they lived and that they must teach their children not to drink, that they might be a race of strong, good men. He knew that if they had any wine some of them might not be brave enough to let it alone, so he told them not to build any houses and settle down and plant vineyards and raise grapes to make wine but to let it strictly alone. And they promised that they would do as he had said. They were brave enough to keep their promise, too. I am sure our Father in heaven was proud of them for one day when He wanted to teach His people a lesson He told the preacher, whose name was Jeremiah, to send for the Rechabites, the sons of Johnadab, and take them into the temple and offer them wine to drink. Jeremiah did just as he was told. He sent for the Rechabites to come to the temple. And when they came he set bowls of wine before them and told them to drink. Now, I believe that if a preacher were to tell most folks to do something, especially right in the church, they would do it even if they did think it was wrong. But these men were brave to obey God rather than any man. And they said, "No. We have promised our father, Johnadab, that we will drink no wine, we nor our children forever. We will drink no wine". How proud the old preacher must have been of them then because they had been brave to say "No" and do right! For of course he did not want them to do wrong, he was only testing them to show how brave they were and to teach his people a lesson. The Bible tells us that we ought to obey God rather than men. When we are brave to do right, we are obeying God.

Here at Home

What is a missionary? How many kinds of missionaries have we? What is a foreign missionary? A home missionary? What do we call the people who tell of Jesus right here in our own state? There are so many kinds of work God has for His people here in the world to do. Some of it they are to do for the people far away, but more of it they are to do right here at home. Now

let us stop and think of all the different kinds of people we know that live here in our own state. Of course there are the white people, just like we are. We know that God loves all of them. But all of them do not love God. There are some of them who live in big cities where there are lots and lots of churches, yet they never hear of Jesus. I suppose they think they are too bad to go to church. And some of them are very poor and have no nice clothes to wear and hate to go to church for that reason. If they are ever to love Jesus we must send missionaries to hunt them up and visit in their homes and teach them of Him. And some of them live in mining camps and the men go way down under the ground to dig coal or iron. And some live in big lumber camps where they cut down the trees to make lumber to build our houses of. These are all nice folks, just like we are. They want to hear about Jesus and worship Him but they haven't any nice churches and we must help to build churches for them. And there are a lot of folks who live way out in the country and way up in the mountains, whom Jesus wants to know of His love. They live too far to go to church very often, but sometimes one of our missionaries who sells books and Bibles goes to their door and talks with them. How glad they are and what eager ears they have to listen to his words! All these are some of the things God wants us to do for our own people right here at home. And we know that He wants us to do the very same things for the little foreign children who live here among us. Who can tell me some of the things we learned about these foreign children last month? And then there are ever so many negroes here in our state? Does God love negroes? He surely does and negroes love God, too, when white folks tell them of Him. They have their own churches and preachers and you just ought to hear them sing! We must always be nice to the negroes and be kind to them and help them to learn not to steal and tell stories but be just like Jesus wants them to. When I was a little girl we used to have a little negro in our Sunbeam Band! Her mother died when she was a tiny baby and gave the little girl to her white mistress to raise for her. And the mistress was the leader of our band

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TRAINING SCHOOL



PROGRAMS IN PAGEANTS

THE value of dramatizing religious truths is being increasingly recognized by Christian workers. Never can I forget the tremendous effect upon my own heart and life produced by the first missionary pageant I ever witnessed, for thus a new vista of missionary interest was opened. It was in Cincinnati during the presentation of the Missionary World that the "Pageant of Darkness and Light" was given and it was my privilege to be one of that great audience which sat spellbound under its influence. Four strong episodes were given portraying missionary needs in North America, India, Hawaii and Africa and I saw strong men stirred to their depths and women overcome with emotion as the pageant with all the power of suitable text, forceful music and beauty of costume proceeded.

Since that time our students in W.M.U. Training School have done much original work in playlet and pageantry, often dramatizing the topic for the monthly program furnished by W.M.U. Most effective have been these productions under such titles as Enlistment, The Cry of Southern Europe etc. and well may they be, for each rehearsal is opened with prayer and the pageant is approached with earnestness and reverence. Each circle of the Y.W.A. of the Training School has charge of one program each year. The leader decides on the general idea of presentation of the topic, the planning of costumes, stage setting etc. being given to various members of the circle. The costumes are of the simplest; some cheese cloth, an old portiere or table cover, a bright colored blanket, some cardboard, a bit of gold paint, some odds and ends of sashes, ribbons, beads etc. making up the materials while the taste and ingenuity are supplied by the workers. When the characters are assigned, each girl gathers all material, much of which is found in ROYAL SERVICE programs, for her part and writes her own lines, making every effort to make these lines true to the historical setting as well as carry

an appeal to the audience. A striking poster advertises the pageant and always a large audience greets the performance. Such work is quite within the ability of the girls of the Y.W.A. of the south, and I commend it to them.

Three times within the past few years our students have presented "Ann of Ava" with marvelous results. A reader gave excerpts from the book, soft incidental music was played, while on the platform scenes from Ann's life were charmingly given. As the beauty and the tragedy of the life of the high-spirited Ann Hasseltine were thus made real a hush fell upon the audience for the power of the Spirit was there. Very surely He spoke to some in that company and young hands were nerved to pick up the torch laid down by this great missionary heroine.

In my judgment as a wonderful avenue of self-expression, as a powerful means of disseminating missionary information and as a real factor in religious education, pageantry is marvelous. At Chautauqua Lake, N. Y., where I am spending a part of my vacation, I find that one of the most interesting classes in the curriculum is that in Church Pageantry, this class also including the dramatization of Bible stories.—
Maud Reynolds McLure

R.A. PROGRAMS

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son would have defeated it. If Madison had not been in the Virginia convention the constitution would not have been ratified and, as the approval of nine states was necessary and as Virginia was the ninth state if it had been rejected by her, the constitution would have failed and it was through Elder Leland's influence that Madison was elected.

Note: Cook's "The Story of the Baptists" has been the source of quotations and information for this program.



FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



"THE MORNING LIGHT IS BREAKING"

LAST month a lovely surprise came to me in the form of an invitation from the four women's societies of Rosario, asking me to come to Rosario and give a series of lectures to the Baptist women and girls there. Needless to say, I at once availed myself of what I regarded as a great opportunity to hasten the forming of an Argentine W.M.U., an ideal which we missionaries have ever before us, but which has seemed to be in danger of late, owing to the mistaken ideas and writings of a few (very few, fortunately) who do not understand the missionaries' attitude toward the groups of women in the churches nor how we wish only to help them to help themselves. So with an humble joy in my heart, I packed my suitcase and made arrangements for a few days' absence from home. During the seven hours' trip by rail I planned my talks, having in mind separate meetings for women and for girls.

I was met at the station at Rosario by Mrs. Hosford, who with her husband is such a good friend of our southern Baptist cause here, and taken to her pleasant home where everything possible was done for my comfort. The *senoras* had planned a simple reception for the first afternoon at the "Willingham Institute". Here we became acquainted with each other and my hostesses soon made me feel that they welcomed me from their hearts and were eager to listen to my message. During the meetings practical topics were discussed such as Child Training in the Home, the Mother's First and Greatest Duty; How a Woman May Do Church and Missionary Work; The Young Girl and Her Duty to Herself; The Girl and Her Opportunities for Usefulness. There was also appropriate music which added much to the effectiveness of the meetings. At the last meeting an opportunity was given for expressions of opinion as to the meetings and the subjects discussed. It was as refreshing as a pool of clear water to a traveler to listen to the simple, truly concerted and faithful women and earnest, intelligent girls as they ex-

pressed in terms of sincerest personal sympathy and good will their appreciation of the meetings. Some spoke of the girls' school which our Board is planning to place in Rosario; some hoped to be able henceforth to place more emphasis upon making companions of their children and teaching them; the girls seemed especially impressed with the importance of not marrying unbelievers, a temptation so often yielded to in these countries and with such dire results to the work. Dear friends, you who are doing so much for these women and girls, it would have given you new courage to see their attractive faces in such numbers and to hear their words as well as the messages they herein send to you—a message of gratitude for what you are doing for them.

Nearly a month after this visit we received, as a family, an invitation to spend a part of our summer in Cordoba with Mr. and Mrs. Blair and help in some tent meetings they were planning. So here we are, and with us one of the Seminary young men, an enthusiastic boy who has proved very attractive as a speaker. Mrs. Blair has kindly given me several opportunities to speak to the women here. She herself is doing her work in the right way and is an honor to the Training School at Louisville. Her women and girls are really learning Scripture and are learning to take part in their meetings intelligently and well. Here in this stronghold of Rome (for Cordoba is the most Catholic city in this country) Mrs. Blair has in a few months gathered about her a goodly number of loyal, enthusiastic girls and women who have imbibed something of her own spirit of service and consecration.

I have not yet visited the other side of the city where Mr. and Mrs. Osterman work but hope soon to do so.

It now remains to be seen what action will be taken regarding a general organization for women at our next Argentine Convention. We ask your prayers that the attitude of the people may be favorable.—*Ermine B. Sowell, Argentina*



SOCIETY METHODS



A VISITATION METHOD USED IN OKLAHOMA

THE Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, this year employed a new method for developing the church work which has proved eminently successful. This method was founded on the circle plan and throughout the experiment the ten circles composing the society formed the basis of operation. Ten lists of names with addresses and telephone numbers were compiled, each list containing not only the names of actual church members in the circle's territory but also names of unenlisted and prospective church and Sunday school members. The pastor, the president of the Woman's Missionary Society and the circle leader each took a duplicate list when visitation in a circle was planned. The pastor, after having made arrangements with the president and circle leader, announced from the pulpit that during the following week he would call on every church member in a certain circle, stating names of streets bounding this circle's territory. Furthermore he informed them that the visitation would head up in a community evening party to which all families residing in that district were cordially invited. The circle leader took charge of this evening meeting which was held in some member's home.

During the visitation time set, the pastor called at every home comforting, cheering and encouraging his flock. The society president and the circle leader made up another party visiting likewise but with no regard to the pastor's itinerary. Another volunteer committee looked up the unenlisted, shut-ins and new church members. Thus the unenlisted oftentimes received as many as three calls from church people in the time devoted to their territory. Every department of the church work was carried to the people. The callers urged church and prayer meeting attendance, sought new members for the church and Woman's Society, invited the children to Sunday school and B.Y.P.U., spoke a word for the graded W.M.U. organizations and on leaving issued an invitation

to the circle party to be held at close of the visitation.

The parties were real community gatherings with singing, readings, games which varied according to the circle committee in charge but which always culminated in a short, well adapted talk concerning church life by the pastor, followed by some information about the Woman's Society from the president and other departments of the church from representatives of those phases of church work. The circle members served light refreshments as a close to a delightful evening—and how the men did enjoy those parties! So much that in some instances they requested a repetition!

Every "visitation period" resulted in accessions to the church from which the Woman's Society drew new members while the Sunday school, especially the Home Department, received great benefit. Interest and church fellowship were quickened and deepened through the visits, a wonderful amount of information was added to the card index and the parties serving as a climax gave opportunity for people to talk over the mighty affairs of our Lord's kingdom and at the same time to gratify in a refined way the strong social instinct.—*Mrs. Berta K. Spooner*

ASSOCIATIONAL METHODS

PERHAPS the progressive methods used in Shelby County Associational Union will be suggestive to some superintendent. The association is divided into four districts each with a capable leader. These four leaders with the officers of the Associational Union form the Executive Committee holding quarterly executive sessions, and each leader holds workers' conferences at stated periods, calling the officers of local organizations together. In the quarterly meetings of the Association, the district leaders call the roll of their organizations. A count is made and two reports are given—one a personal service report, the other a report on mis-

sions. A count is made and the district having the largest number present is awarded a pennant, likewise the district having the largest number of reports. One of the winners furnishes the program for the next meeting, the other is hostess, furnishing the lunch. Two good things are accomplished by this friendly rivalry: a good attendance and a prompt regular report habit. The district leader winning attendance at the annual meeting had 20 representatives from eight churches. Some drove ten miles in a bus chartered for the occasion. Where there is a will to win, there is a way.—Margaret Buchanan, Tenn.

Y.W.A. PROGRAMS (Concluded from Page 17)

from the ravages of Destitution and Disease and Crime. In the name of Christ I go forth with my sisters, O Virginia. Christianity bids us deliver your loved realm from these terrible enemies that threaten it. We go to fight the battles of Christianity. (*The Messengers of Christianity go off.*)

VIRGINIA (*Emphatically and with deep joy*)—The hope of Virginia! (*The curtain falls. The voice of Christianity is heard singing the first and third stanzas of "The Son of God Goes Forth to War".*)

SECOND MEETING

Topic — The Southern States: A W.M.U. Geography Lesson
Devotional Exercises
Business
The W.M.U. Geography Lesson
Hymn—Fling Out the Banner
Closing Prayer

NOTE: The "teacher" makes free use, in question and lecture, of an enlarged map of Southern Baptist Convention territory. (See cover of Southern Baptist Handbook, 1922, published by Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.; also page 36 this issue of Royal Service.) She conducts a vigorous quiz upon the facts of W.M.U. work as gleaned from the General Program, pages 9-15, the subject having been assigned for study at the preceding meeting. She hears "reports" on special topics, previously assigned, connected with Y.W.A. work in the given state.

G.A. PROGRAMS (Concluded from Page 19)

are clamoring for more schools. They are the hope of the future. We can't neglect them.

Enter Sunday School Secretary—Good morning. I came to ask if we dared hope to enlarge a little this month. The calls are so urgent. But I see from your face that the case is hopeless. Why won't the people see and pay their pledges?

Enter W.M.U. Secretary—I just ran across to give you a word of encouragement. The women in almost every one of our associations are putting on a Week of Prayer for State Missions next week and will take a special offering then. I just feel sure that things will begin to pick up then and that the money will come in.

State Board—I thank you, my friend. Here are folks I ought to help. I have here in my pocket a half dozen letters that came in the morning mail each one bringing a need and I am helpless. All our funds will scarce suffice for the sums already appropriated. What shall I do with these new calls?

W.M.U.—"God is able." We will send out a call to our women to pray more, love more, give more and so tide us over this trying time.

Echo—Soft voices sing Consecration Hymn.

"Your flag and my flag, and how it flies today

In your land and my land and half a world away;

Rose-red and blood-red, its stripes forever gleam,

Snow-white and soul-white, the good forefather's dream;

Sky-blue and true-blue, with stars that gleam aright,

The gloried guerdon of the day, a shelter through the night.

Your flag and my flag and oh, how much it holds

Your land and my land secure beneath its folds;

Your heart and my heart beat quicker at the sight,

Sun-kissed and wind-tossed, the red and blue and white."

UNION NOTES

ROUND TABLE

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to Me.—Hos. 4:6

CHILDREN are the joy and pride of their parents. Naturally, therefore, the mother-heart of ROYAL SERVICE pulses with delight over the coming of the new quarterly for the Sunbeams, Royal Ambassadors and Girls' Auxiliaries. This child of many prayers and high hopes will make its bow to the public with the October issue. To introduce it to the leaders of the various organizations, the October issue will be sent complimentary to each Sunbeam Band, Royal Ambassador Chapter and Girls' Auxiliary. In that copy clear directions will be given as to the price for the year's subscription and just when and how the subscriptions should be forwarded. As a part of the mother-spirit of ROYAL SERVICE all ROYAL SERVICE subscribers are urged to seek subscriptions to the new quarterly on the part of the young people and their leaders. In like manner all of these leaders will continue to find ROYAL SERVICE indispensable to their work with the young people. In other words, the new quarterly does not take the place of ROYAL SERVICE but is only a supplement to the Sunbeam, Royal Ambassador and Girls' Auxiliary departments. For further information concerning the new quarterly see page 35.

The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of knowledge; but the foolish despise wisdom and instruction.—Prov. 1:7

SHOULD your copy of October ROYAL SERVICE reach you a little late please be patient. A fire in the establishment which prints the magazine made the publishing of the August and September numbers very irregular but it is hoped that before October everything will be shipshape. In case of delay, greater promptness than usual will be necessary in ordering the desired leaflets as advertised on page 3.

One of the most important features of the BAPTIST 75 MILLION CAMPAIGN is the increasing of subscriptions to the various denominational periodicals.

PALACIOS-BY-THE-SEA is indeed an ideal place for the summer assembly of Texas Baptists. It was the great joy of the W.M.U. corresponding secretary to attend the assembly this year, Mrs. A. F. Beddoe, the secretary, and the many other friends watching out for every necessity and well-nigh numberless recreations such as sailings on Palacios Bay and a visit to the wonderful sea-wall at Galveston. The classes taught at Palacios used "The Wandering Jew in Brazil" and "The Manual of W.M.U. Methods". The kind of study done was very gratifying, every one passing who took the examination.

No W.M.S. or Y.W.A. can be A-1 which does not see to it that one of the denominational periodicals is in at least one-half of the homes represented in its membership.

PRAYER in W.M.U. organizations will henceforth have added emphasis placed upon it by the fact that at Jacksonville a new mission study certificate was authorized calling for two books, one of which shall be a recommended book on prayer. The recommended books on prayer are "The Meaning of Prayer" by Fosdick and "Intercessory Prayer, a Mighty Means of Usefulness" by James G. K. McClure. The price of the first named is \$1.15 and of the latter is 60c. Order from Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. The Union was indeed fortunate in securing the reprint of Dr. McClure's book and it is believed that it will be "a mighty means of usefulness" in encouraging intercessory prayer. The other book called for on the new certificate is "The Current Year's S.B.C. and W.M.U. Reports". The price of this book is not yet known, but order it from the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

These reports are pulsating with the latest information from the various fields of denominational activity. Miss Heck used to say of such reports that they were a mine of information into which she continually delved throughout the current year.

The W.M.U. organizations cannot afford to be without many copies of ROYAL SERVICE for their officers and members. "Then hand us over your fifty cents!"

BLUE RIDGE, N. C., has been and is a blessing to many Union workers. At the summer conference there of the Missionary Education Movement the Union was represented by Mrs. R. L. Harris of Knoxville, Tenn. In sincere gratitude she writes as follows: Ten days filled to overflowing with missionary messages, Bible and mission study! Fellowship with hearts filled with the same desire: "The World for Christ"! All delegates keep morning watch in denominational groups. Bible study "Marks of a 'World Christian'" made one ask am I a "World Christian"? Mission study "Trend of the Race" furnished matter for prayerful consideration. Direct messages were heard from China, Japan, India, Africa, Armenia, Paraguay and mountain schools. The one predominating thought was service, responsibility of the mountain top experiences to those remaining in valley, information and inspiration being useless unless translated into service. "Expect great things from God—Attempt great things for God." "God is able."

See that your young people's organizations subscribe for "World Comrades".

MISS MATHER sends the following: With the last of June I was off for summer assemblies. To Florida I went first, to her splendid West Florida Assembly at DeFuniak Springs. Her beautiful springs, brilliant flowers and luscious figs are enticing but the joy of seeing friends of last year's week of study, the delight in noting how missionary interest had grown during the year, the blessing of sharing in the gracious spirit of devotion quite surpassed the "by the way" pleasures that hospitable friends planned. The Y.W.A. mission study certificate made its "debut" there with a class of over 40 studying Mrs. Robertson's "The Ministry of

Women"—the required Bible study book of the course.

Not to be outdone in first things, Kentucky Y.W.A.'s, 52 of them, studied "Southern Baptists and Their Far Eastern Missions" and first received the new Y.W.A. certificate with a seal for a foreign mission book. Particularly precious at the Georgetown Assembly were the sunrise prayer services with a group of girls anticipating some day the blessed experiences of chapel at House Beautiful at a like early hour. Mrs. Bose and Miss Morton were greatly missed particularly at the consecration meetings which follow the evening sermon. This seems a feature of assemblies unique in Kentucky, but in these hours battles of surrender were fought and won, perhaps in answer to the prayers of those absent interested ones as much as of those who were present.

At West Florida, Kentucky and Virginia Assemblies all grades of W.M.U. work were well represented in mission study classes. Va. Beach is outstanding for the splendid camps for G.A.'s. and R.A.'s.; 87 G.A.'s. occupied the new G.A. camp building and 71 R.A.'s. enjoyed camp life in a large house on the seashore, looking forward to having a real building all their own next year. Y.W.A.'s. came together for morning mission study, using "Training for Leadership" and in the evening for conference discussing Y.W.A. aims and ideals and methods to help in reaching them so Virginia received the new Y.W.A. certificate first with seal for the methods study.

Add to the pleasures of fellowship and service in these assemblies the joy of reading the interesting material coming in for the first issue of "World Comrades" and you can guess what a delightful summer this second one is proving to be for your young people's secretary. "World Comrades" to develop world Christians by bringing world news of world children will appear early in September with stories and programs, and letters from G.A.'s., R.A.'s. and Sunbeams the world around. W. M.U.'s. mother heart has arranged to send her "new child" free for the first issue to each R.A., G.A. and Sunbeam leader. Be sure to give that leader time to display the magazine at the W.M.S. meeting and after you have "oh'd" and "ah'd" don't forget that you can have a

copy in your home too by subscribing thereto!

Southern Baptist mothers will do well to subscribe for "World Comrades" for their sons and daughters.

THE third week in July it was granted to the W.M.U. corresponding secretary to attend the Tennessee summer assembly, which was held at Tennessee Woman's College in Murfreesboro. The classes met in the excellent class rooms of the college, while the vesper services were held on the front verandah steps, after which there was the evening program under the tent on the cool campus. Here under this tent on assembly Sunday a most impressive service took place when the college bonds for \$55,000.00 were all burned, greatly delighting President Burnett and the many friends of the college. The W.M.U. classes at the assembly studied "Southern Baptists and Their Far Eastern Missions" as taught by the state secretary Miss Margaret Buchanan and "Bible Evangelism".

Many churches have put the state denominational paper into their church budget. Your W.M.S. might urge such a policy in your church.

THE price of "Bible Evangelism" by Dr. W. W. Hamilton has been reduced to 60 cents for the cloth-bound copy and 30 cents for the paper-bound copy. Order from Home Mission Board, 1004 Healey Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

It is said that at least 500,000 southern Baptist homes do not receive any Baptist periodical. Will you not place a subscription to ROYAL SERVICE in one such home?

REMEMBER that September 3 is BAPTIST BUNDLE DAY FOR EUROPE. If your society has not already done so it may secure from your state W.M.U. headquarters the mailing tags for the bundles which will be sent from your church. Try to interest all the men, women and children in this kindly effort. All the bundles should reach Brooklyn as early in September as possible.

Turn with pride to page 36. Determine now to have your state win this second quarter.

OCTOBER 1-7 has been set aside as "State Mission and Campaign Prayer Week", during which time daily prayer will be made for state missions and for the BAPTIST 75 MILLION CAMPAIGN. It is earnestly hoped that many pastors will preach that Sunday from the text "God is able" and that the regular midweek prayer service will be devoted to a prayerful program about missions. It is needless to say that in proportion as the pastor and the W.M.S. promote the observance of this week will it be vital for the church as a whole. "Freely ye have received, freely give" of your knowledge of and prayer for missions.

"Reading maketh a full man." Would that southern Baptists would thereby become "full" of missionary information!

THE "State Mission Hymn" on page 1 was kindly composed by Miss M. M. Lackey, of Mississippi. The suggestion is made that it be copied on the blackboard in the room where the prayer services for state missions are held and that it be sung at each session.

"Seeing is believing." Therefore southern Baptists should read their denominational papers!

THE victorious announcement on page 36 could easily have been twice as great had each state sent in its full quota for the three months. There was not a single state which did so, however well many of them may have done. Each state is asked to apportion its quota among the many associations and then to assist each association in securing its part of the subscriptions and renewals. Any one desiring to give the ROYAL SERVICE DEMONSTRATION may secure full instructions from the state W. M. U. headquarters. From them also may be secured the advertisement folders. "Subscribe, my lady, subscribe!"

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As laborers in the sun;
Grant us the shining of Thy light
Until the task be done."

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SUNBEAM PROGRAMS

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and brought Phoebe with her every Sunday to sit on a back seat and learn of Jesus along with the little white children. And Phoebe could say as many Bible verses as anybody and was as polite as she could be. Sometimes the boys would forget and tease her but she always was kind to them. She said when she got big enough she was going to be a missionary and go tell her own people about Jesus. But God loved Phoebe and took her to the heavenly home before she was big enough to go and tell the negroes of Jesus who died to save them. Wouldn't you like to tell some of them, in her place?

EDITORIAL

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had finished her vehement protest, he looked down at her in all her agitation and said to her: "Does anybody ever come to your house?" She said: "Why, certainly, a few people come there". Waiting a moment, he said: "Does the milkman ever come?" "To be sure", she said, "very morning he comes". "Does the breadman come?" "Every day he comes." "Does the meatman come?" "Every day he comes to my cottage." Then, waiting a moment for his questions to have their due effect, looking down earnestly at her, he said: "A word to the wise is sufficient", and he turned upon his heel, abruptly leaving her. She went her way, and the night came and she went to her bed to ponder late and long the searching message she had heard that morning. Why, she had not even tried to win somebody to Christ. She had never made the effort. She claimed to be Christ's friend and yet had never opened her lips for Him at all. She will try, and she will begin with her first opportunity to-morrow, even with the coming of the milkman. Accordingly she was up before the daylight came, there waiting, if haply she might speak to him some word concerning personal religion. When he greeted her he made the remark that he had never seen her up quite so early before, and she stammered out some embarrassing reply, not saying what she came to say, and now he had left her, and the gate clicked behind him. Then she summoned her strength and called him back. "Wait a minute", she pleaded, "I did have something to say to you". When he tarried to hear it, she poured out her heart to him in the query: "Do you know Christ? Are you a Christian? Are you the friend and follower of the glorious Saviour who came down from heaven and died, that you might not forever die?" Fairly dropping his milk-pails he looked into her face with anguish in his own, as he said to her: "Little woman, what on earth provoked you to talk to me like this? Here for two nights, madam, I have been unable to sleep, and the burden of it all is that I am not a Christian, and I am in the darkness. If you know how to find the light, you are the one I need, and you should tell me". In a few brief minutes of conversation she told him how she had found the light, and he walked in that simple path she indicated for him. Dr. Gifford goes on to tell us that before that year was out that same little seamstress had won seven adults to Christ, not only to the open confession of Christ as their Saviour but to take their places promptly in His church. You can win somebody to Christ.—Dr. George W. Truett in *Watchman Examiner*

HOME DEPARTMENT

BETWEEN THE YEARS

YOUNG Mrs. Dean came into her husband's study and almost fell into a chair. Leaning back with her hands, palms upward, in her lap she gave a weary sigh. The Rev. John Dean, pastor of the Mayport church, laid aside his book and waited to give the sympathy his wife had come to claim.

"Well, dear, what is it?"

"It is the same old story, I am tired of telling it and you, poor thing, are tired of hearing it."

"Oh yes, this is your missionary meeting day. Was the usual program carried out?"

"It seemed worse than usual. I arrived early but no one was there except old Mrs. Hill, who is always ahead of time. Soon after came Miss Ada Bains, who is always on time. We waited for a few minutes but no one else came. I could not open with singing for neither of them can sing and it would have been a solo executed by me, on the verge of tears. We chatted for a while then two more came in, Mrs. Gordon bringing her little daughter and Mrs. Boyd with that noisy boy of hers. Then we sang "There is a green hill far away", you know that is familiar and not too high. While we were singing three more came in all talking together, they kept it up all through the hymn and after. By that time the boy was playing with the chairs and hymn books. I can't ask the women not to bring the children as they cannot come without them, so I try to make the Bible lesson and the prayer suitable to their understanding. As usual Mrs. Key came in late and began to tell us all what had kept her, beginning with the moment she got out of bed in the morning. At last we got to the topic but there was no especial interest shown. You see it is the same old story. I am discouraged and feel that I am doing nothing for the cause to which we are pledged." Then regardless of the pretty hat and well arranged hair Mrs. Dean's head went down on the table and tears fell on John's book.

"I know," said her husband, "how you long to interest these women and surely you are doing it better than shows upon

the surface. Let us pray about it." Hand in hand they comforted their hearts at the source of all comfort.

The years passed. The pastor was called to another charge and finally to the foreign field where he and his wife had longed to be and where they were doing successful service. The missionary society at Mayport struggled on under various and oft discouraged leaders, but it did not disband. Suddenly a new interest came into the meetings through the return from college of Janet Gordon, whose heart was filled with desire to serve Christ and His kingdom. Bringing her zeal, knowledge and winning personality into this service she touched into new life the languishing interest of the women's missionary society of Mayport church. She conducted a mission study class, awarded seals and certificates, induced the women to search for mission data and introduced sentence prayers and hearty singing.

One evening the women's society met with the laymen's missionary organization of the church for conference and testimony. The sequel of this sketch will be found in the following testimonies: "My first interest in soul winning," said Janet Gordon, "came when as a little girl my mother took me to the missionary meetings because she had no one with whom to leave me. I heard Mrs. Dean, a former pastor's wife, tell of Jesus as the first missionary and of His command that we follow Him and of His promise to be with us. I remember that in one prayer she said, 'Jesus, make these little children soul winners.' I am an answer to that prayer." A young man, the leader of the laymen's organization, immediately rose and said, "That prayer had two answers and I am one of them. My mother took me to the same meeting and for the same reason. I was a noisy fellow but Mrs. Dean was very patient and one day in the Bible lesson she told us that Jesus understood boys and needed them to tell the story of salvation. My desire to serve Him came through Mrs. Dean. May God bless her work on the foreign field!"



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