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Laborers together with God—I Corinthians 3:9

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God is able.—II Corinthians 9:8

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## EDITORIAL

### THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION 1888-1892

**I**N 1872 Dr. H. A. Tupper succeeded Dr. Jas. B. Taylor, who since the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845 had been the wise and greatly loved corresponding secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

In Dr. Tupper's first report (1872) occurs this reference of the woman's societies: "The sisterhood of our southern Zion", he writes, "should be aroused to the grand mission of redeeming their sister women from the degrading and destroying influence of paganism".

Central committees were, as we know, first appointed by the Foreign Mission Board. Later a second committee was appointed by the Home Board. These dual committees were still recommended by the Foreign Board. With one exception the two committees in one state worked confusion. There was a growing desire that the committees should be appointed each by its own state convention. Though before proposed, it was passed in 1885 "that the central committees be established and fostered by the state convention with the cooperation of the boards of the general convention", . . . "the

funds to be credited to the state conventions". This transfer worked for good in every way.

The first vague hint of a general woman's organization came from an early committee on woman's work appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention in

1879, which ventured to suggest that the time might have come when it would be well to have a central committee of the central committees "to combine their efforts, stimulate the work and to give permanent record to their successes". This was too bold a thought for even the Foreign Board to endorse so the matter was dropped for several years.

At a meeting of women in Baltimore in 1884 the matter of woman's work took more definite shape and this meeting is counted the first regular meeting of southern Baptist women. Some

form of organization was in the air and the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved that the societies here represented make the Union meeting permanent to meet annually during the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, the central committee of the state in which the Convention is held having

#### IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. T. P. Bell  
Nee Miss M. E. McIntosh

October 14, 1922

Whereas, Our beloved friend and first president of Woman's Missionary Union has finished her earthly task and responded to the call of our Heavenly Father;

Whereas, She labored faithfully and did well her part in the laying of the foundation for our woman's work, be it

Resolved: That we the Local Executive Committee desire to place on record our deep sorrow at the loss by death of this pioneer

Resolved: That we express our sincere appreciation of her saintly example and her service in the early days of our work, with little encouragement and few co-workers. May all who follow in her train catch her vision of courageous service.

"E'en down to old age all My people shall prove My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love".

charge of the meeting that year". In the brief account of the annual meeting in Louisville in 1887 appear the names of Miss M. E. McIntosh of S. C. (later Mrs. T. P. Bell of Atlanta) and Miss Annie W. Armstrong of Baltimore, soon to become familiar to all southern Baptist women. At this time Miss M. E. McIntosh had been president of the central committee of S. C. for thirteen years and under her wise management it had become the chief mission contributor among southern Baptist women. Miss McIntosh and Miss Armstrong believed that an organization in order to receive the sanction of the Southern Baptist Convention ought to be effected by duly accredited delegates from each state. This opinion finally prevailed and the resolutions which were to shape the future of woman's work were "adopted amid much rejoicing". Accordingly thirty-two delegates gathered in Richmond in the Sunday school room of the Broad Street Methodist Church, Friday, May 11, 1888. On the second general session Monday morning hinged the long debated question of general organization but the question was decided, southern Baptist women were to unite for mission work. The new organization was known as the Executive Committee of the Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Executive Committee chosen to begin the conduct of the work, whose future growth even the most hopeful could but vaguely foresee, were Miss M. E. McIntosh, S. C., president, Miss Annie W. Armstrong, Md., corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. F. Pullen, Md., treasurer, Mrs. James Pollard, recording secretary, with a vice president from the ten states uniting and a local committee of nine. Never was an organization more fortunate in its leaders; Miss McIntosh, gentle, wise, prayerful, untiring, hopeful; Miss Armstrong, energetic, resourceful, persevering, trained in the management of large affairs, of masterly mind and a born leader.

Miss McIntosh during her term as president of the Union was unrelenting in her work as president of the Central Committee of S. C. Before resigning the latter office after nearly twenty years of service she visited every association

in the state, urging the organization of societies. Any one who has partly undertaken such a journey knows something of its hardships—long journeys by rail and over mountain roads, continual dinners on the grounds, no quiet, no rest, no relaxation day after day and week after week. There is little surprise, therefore, that S. C. led the states for years. Another mountain journey made in another state is recalled—this time into a mountain section so scourged with typhoid fever that almost every house had its victims. Miles of hub-deep mud to meet a handful of women was far too common an occurrence to remember. A journey through a flooded section to find the church door locked was only one incident of a tour of incidents.

While infinite pains were being taken to rally the women to the centennial call the need for prayer was keenly felt. Each year since the first when Miss Moon's letter and Miss McIntosh's appeal had brought the first Christmas Offering, Christmas had been similarly observed with increasing gifts. Now the need for greater than women's help resulted in coupling with this offering a Week of Prayer for World Wide Missions. Since then the first week of January has been invariably set aside for this purpose. How deep its influence in the lives of the ever-widening circle who observe it and what its influence on the moving Hand that moved the world none can ever know. The Union's year would seem to begin awry and to be robbed of one of its best weeks were anything to interfere with the Week of Prayer in January.—Selected from "In Royal Service", Fannie E. S. Heck

"For all the saints who from their labors rest,

Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,

Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

O blest communion, fellowship divine!

We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;

Yet all are one in Thee for all are Thine."





## BIBLE STUDY



### TOPIC—Love and Service

I. *Divine Love*: John 3:16; Heb. 2:9; I John 2:2. This is divine love for the world of lost men. Interest in lost men is realized in a Christian heart when there is a right relation to the Spirit of God. All Christian love is distinctly a manifestation of divine love through the human heart and is the only acceptable motive of service, Rom. 5:5; II Cor. 5:14; John 21:15-17. It is the realization of the prayer of our Lord, John 17:26. It is God's love working in and through the believer and by this divine compassion proves his reality before the world, I John 4:12; John 13:34, 35. Such divine love is the test of our brotherhood in Christ, I John 3:14, 16, 17. This love is sacrificial, II Cor. 8:9. In order to save souls we must be willing sometimes to suffer misunderstanding, John 3:16, 17; Rom. 9:1-3. Sacrificial does not mean painful, it is simply doing another's will. Every child of God must definitely yield to the will of God as an abiding attitude toward God.

II. *Christian Service*: John 7:38, 39. Such service is the direct exercise of the Spirit through the believer. The very service of the Christian, like his salvation, has been designed in the eternal plan and purpose of God, Eph. 2:10. According to this God hath ordained a very special service for each individual to perform and the doing of these particular ministries constitute "good works". Any other service than that preordained may be valuable yet cannot be called "good works" because these are not the personal outworking of the will of God. Those who have presented their bodies a living sacrifice, who are not conformed to this world but are transformed by the renewing of their minds, such present acceptable sacrifice, Rom. 12:12. Christian service is to be rendered by all for all have the gift of the Spirit more or less developed, Eph. 4:7. Acceptable service consists in doing that which each child of God has been enabled to do through the Spirit, the object of which is the "out-calling" of the church and the edifying of the body of Christ, Eph. 4:12-16. Illustrations of the superhuman character of the present rule of life for a child of God under grace, John 14:34; 15:12; Eph. 4:1-4, 30; 5:20; I Pet. 2:9; I Thess. 5:16, 17; these are impossibilities upon human resources but God stands ready by His Spirit to supply all He demands, Phil. 2:13.

III. *The Gifts*: I Cor. 12:4-11; Eph. 4:7-16. This is the manifestation of the Spirit in and through the believer for a definite purpose and is for every member of the body of Christ. The work of the Lord is often seen in the exercise of a gift through a yielded life; often we are doing the will of God when resting, ill or infirm as truly as when in active service. No real believer is destitute of gifts, I Cor. 12:7, 11, 27, but to each is given a spiritual enablement for specific service.

IV. *Intercession, Praise, Thanksgiving*: I Tim. 2:1-8; Col. 4:12; I Pet. 2:9, this is a birthright, access to God in the holiest, Heb. 10:19-22. The Christian offers his own living body, Rom. 12:1, Phil. 2:17; II Tim. 4:6; I John 3:16. He offers praise to God, Heb. 13:15; Ex. 25:22. He offers his substance, Rom. 12:13; Gal. 6:6; III John 5:8. Like Paul we may be intercessors, Rom. 8:26, 27; Phil. 4:6, 7. Praise and thanksgiving, Eph. 5:19, 20, for "all things are working together for good" to the Christian and he should be giving thanks always for all things. Intercession in behalf of others is doubtless the greatest service committed to the child of God and a service for which he is least prepared within himself. The field of intercession is new, unknown and few Christians have entered this boundless ministry in the power of the Holy Spirit; all may enter in for in them the interceding Spirit dwells, Rom. 8:28.—*Mrs. James Pollard*

## Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists December, 1922

*Wherever one repenting soul  
Prays, in its agonies of pain,  
By God's sweet grace to be made whole—  
There, Christ is born again.*

*Wherever vision of the Light  
Disturbs the sleeping souls of men,  
Night trails away its shadowy flight—  
And Christ is born again.—John Oxenham*

### Topic: Fulfilling the Royal Law

#### 1—FRIDAY

That the great unfinished task  
of the whitening harvest call us  
to unceasing labor  
There remaineth yet much land to be  
possessed.—Joshua 13:1

#### 2—SATURDAY

For God's blessing on work of  
Rev. and \*Mrs. W. D. King and  
Rev. Victor McGuire, Canton,  
China  
Ye are My disciples.—John 13:35

#### 3—SUNDAY

That this day our souls be fed  
of the Spirit  
The Bread of God . . . giveth life.  
—John 6:33

#### 4—MONDAY

That remembrance of the Great  
Gift enlarge our offerings to  
Baptist 75 Million Campaign  
He gave His only begotten Son.  
—John 3:16

#### 5—TUESDAY

For Rev. and \*Mrs. G. W.  
Greene and Rev. and \*Mrs. M.  
T. Rankin, Canton, China  
I have called thee . . . thou art Mine  
—Isaiah 43:1

#### 6—WEDNESDAY

That remembrance of past mer-  
cies keep our country loyal to  
Christ  
Lest thou forget—Deuteronomy 4:9

#### 7—THURSDAY

For great spiritual ingathering  
from work of Rev. and \*Mrs. A.  
R. Gallimore and Rev. and Mrs.  
M. J. Scott, Yingtak, China  
He tarried with them.—John 8:22

#### 8—FRIDAY

Pray that the Golden Rule  
glorify all activities of our  
Good Will Centers  
If God so loved us we ought also to  
love one another.—I John 4:11

#### 9—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. D. F. Cros-  
land, Rev. and \*Mrs. J. R. Allen  
and Rev. and Mrs. F. A. R. Mor-  
gan, Bello Horizonte, Brazil  
Who teacheth like Him?—Job 36:22

#### 10—SUNDAY

That contributions to Campaign  
fund for this month exceed all  
other monthly offerings  
The Gift . . . Jesus Christ hath  
abounded unto many.—Romans 5:15

#### 11—MONDAY

For the growth of individual  
personal service among W. M.  
U. workers  
I have given you an example.  
—John 13:15

#### 12—TUESDAY

That blessed results reward the  
work of Rev. and Mrs. E. A.  
Nelson, Manaus, Brazil  
For His Name's sake they went forth.  
—3 John 7

#### 13—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Muir-  
head, Rev. and Mrs. D. L. Ham-  
ilton and Rev. and Mrs. E. G.  
Wilcox, Pernambuco, Brazil  
Strong in faith, giving glory to God  
—Romans 4:20

#### 14—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Britton,  
Rev. and Mrs. C. G. McDaniel  
and \*Miss Sophie Lanneau  
Ye shall be witnesses unto Me.  
—Acts 1:8

#### 15—FRIDAY

That racial relations be adjusted  
through the "royal law"  
If ye fulfill the royal law . . . ye  
do well.—James 2:8

\*W.M.U. Training School Alumna



## Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists

### December, 1922

Wherever soul in travail turns  
And climbs the barriers that constrain,  
With steady cheer Hope's sweet lamp burns—  
And Christ is born again.

Where one foul thing is purged away,  
And life delivered of one stain,  
Love rims with gold the coming day—  
And Christ is born again.—John Ozenham

### Topic: Fulfilling the Royal Law

- 16—SATURDAY  
For Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Steele  
and Rev. and \*Mrs. E. Whisen-  
hunt, Shanghai, China  
Believing, ye shall receive.  
—Matthew 21:22
- 17—SUNDAY  
That our new missionaries go  
forth to happy, fruitful service  
That thou . . . mightest war a good  
warfare—1 Timothy 1:18
- 18—MONDAY  
For Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Taylor,  
Rev. and Ms. F. M. Edwards  
and Miss Ara Dell Fitzgerald,  
Sao Paulo, Brazil  
Ye shall receive power.—Acts 1:8
- 19—TUESDAY  
That each W.M.S. strive to ful-  
fil Campaign obligations  
So that ye come behind in no gift  
—1 Corinthians 1:7
- 20—WEDNESDAY  
Pray for the work of Dr. and  
Mrs. E. G. MacLean, Ogbomoso,  
and Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Patter-  
son, Saki, Africa  
Complete in all the will of God  
—Colossians 4:12
- 21—THURSDAY  
For our missionaries at Kuma-  
moto, Japan, Rev. and \*Mrs.  
Norman F. Williamson  
Fellowworkers unto the kingdom of  
God—Colossians 4:11
- 22—FRIDAY  
For Rev. and \*Mrs. P. W. Ham-  
let and Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Mc-  
Millan, Soochow, China  
I will put my trust in Him.  
—Hebrews 2:13
- 23—SATURDAY  
For Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Glass  
and Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Pruitt,  
Hwanghsien, China  
God understandeth.—Job 23:23
- 24—SUNDAY  
That our pulpits sound forth the

truth as it is in Christ Jesus  
Let Thy priests be clothed with  
righteousness.—Psalm 132:9

- 25—MONDAY  
Unto you is born this day in the city of  
David a Saviour which is Christ the  
Lord—Luke 2:11  
His name shall be called Wonderful,  
Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Ever-  
lasting Father, The Prince of Peace.  
—Isaiah 9:6

- 26—TUESDAY  
For Rev. C. N. Hartwell, Rev.  
and \*Mrs. W. W. Stout and  
Rev. and Mrs. Frank P. Lide,  
Hwanghsien, China  
Thou art the glory of their strength.  
—Psalm 89:17

- 27—WEDNESDAY  
Remember the stranger within  
our gates and make Campaign  
gifts sufficient for their needs  
Open thine hand.—Deuteronomy 15:8

- 28—THURSDAY  
For Rev. and \*Mrs. C. A. Leon-  
ard and Rev. and \*Mrs. R. A.  
Jacob, Laichowfu, China  
In Thy name shall they rejoice.  
—Psalm 89:16

- 29—FRIDAY  
For Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Petti-  
grew and Rev. and Mrs. A. B.  
Deter, Curityba, Parana, Brazil  
God . . . doeth great things.—Job 5:8, 9

- 30—SATURDAY  
For foundation work in Tsinan,  
China, under \*Miss Ethel Rams-  
bottom  
Abide in Me.—John 15:4

- 31—SUNDAY  
That the church of God be en-  
riched with consecrated men,  
women and money  
Pure religion and undefiled  
—James 1:27

\*W.M.U. Training School Alumna

## Publicity Pointers

Frank E. Burkhalter

(Suggested poster for church lobby, advertising December's meeting of society)  
**IF THIS GIRL WERE YOURS**

(Illustration—handdrawn or from magazine—or tired factory girl in teen age)  
You'd appreciate it if some good and more fortunate woman extended her a  
helping hand. But what are you doing to help other people's needy girls and  
mothers of your community?

Attend the December meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society and learn  
more about personal service or

**"FULFILLING THE ROYAL LAW"**

\* \* \* \* \*

(Suggested handprinted poster for church walls)  
**HOW TO BE HAPPY AT CHRISTMAS**

The finest happiness that Christmas can bring will come from a sense of duty  
well performed in ministering to others in the name of Him who set us the great  
example for life in that "He went about doing good".

If you have not already ministered to those about you in need

**DO IT NOW**

\* \* \* \* \*

(Insert this item in church calendar if you have one. Considerable publicity  
could be obtained in the secular papers if the W. M. S. would adopt resolutions  
protesting against the omission of the name of Christ or any distinctively Christian  
message in the commercialized Christmas cards. The explanation, of course, is  
that the cards are manufactured purely as a commercial proposition and are made  
colorless in this respect in the hope they will offend no one.)

### CHRISTLESS CHRISTMAS CARDS

What kind of Christmas cards are you sending this year? A commercialized  
card with a syndicated sentiment and decorated with a bit of evergreen, bright  
flower or a winter or fireside scene? But if Christmas is truly the anniversary  
of the birth of our Lord and Master, what does He think of His children when  
we ignore Him in our messages to friends at His natal season? Let's not leave  
Christ out of our holiday messages and ministries this year.

(This message is submitted by the Woman's Missionary Society for the con-  
sideration of all the members of the congregation.)

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(Note: News item on personal service work of W. M. S. is good material for  
church calendar and for secular papers as well. Such an item will be gladly  
welcomed by society editors of local newspapers, especially if given in connection  
with plans for holiday service to the needy. A suggested news story is given  
below.)

### BAPTIST WOMEN DO LARGE PERSONAL SERVICE

When the Woman's Missionary Society of — Baptist church assembled  
Thursday afternoon for the purpose of formulating plans to insure no needy  
family for whom the women of the congregation feel responsible being overlooked  
in the distribution of Christmas supplies, it was brought out in the report of  
Mrs. —, personal service chairman, that the women have been very active in  
this work throughout the year. Included in the activities of the women of the  
congregation were 1,000 visits to the sick, 75 packages of clothing delivered, twelve  
girls equipped for day and Sunday school, 6 boys given clothes that enabled them  
to hold positions to aid in the support of widowed mothers, 150 religious services

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## PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER

The programs given month by month present the present-day conditions in our home and foreign mission fields. Societies just beginning mission study or those wishing to review past history of any subject treated will find what they desire in the mission study books, a list of which will be furnished, on request, by 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.

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 Child Labor Facts (See par. 6.)  
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 Distribution of Lottie Moon Christmas Envelopes  
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*"Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these, ye did it unto Me."*

I cried aloud, "There is no Christ  
 In all this world unparadised!  
 No Christ to go into my need—  
 No Christ to comfort me and feed!  
 He passed in glory out of sight,  
 The angels drew Him into light;  
 Now in the lonesome earth and air  
 I cannot find Him anywhere.  
 Would God that heaven were not so far  
 And I were where the white ones are!"

Then from the gray stones of a street  
 Where goes an ocean drift of feet,  
 I heard a child's cry tremble up,  
 And turned to share my scanty cup.  
 When lo, the Christ I thought was dead  
 Was in the little one I fed!

At this I drew my aching eyes  
 From the far watching of the skies;  
 And now whichever way I turn  
 I see my Lord's white halo burn!  
 Where ever now a sorrow stands,  
 'Tis mine to heal His nail-torn hands;  
 In every lonely lane and street,  
 'Tis mine to wash His wounded feet—  
 'Tis mine to roll away the stone  
 And warm His heart against my own.

Here, here, on earth I find it all—  
 The young archangels white and tall,  
 The golden city and the doors  
 And all the shining of the floors!

—Edward Markham

Jesus said . . . Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.—Matthew 19:19  
 If ye fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well.—James 2:8

The law is fulfilled in one word, even this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.—Galatians 5:14

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind and with all thy strength . . . Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.—Mark 12:30, 31

To have our hearts filled with the love of God and to love our neighbor as ourselves is to fulfill the royal law. Humanly speaking we cannot love our neighbor as ourselves but with our hearts and souls and minds strengthened by the love of God, these greatest of all commandments can be obeyed. Jesus meant to teach us that in order to love our neighbor as ourselves the larger love of God must first fill our hearts—then it is possible to meet the hard task of loving another as ourselves. How do we love ourselves? We are redeemed by the blood of Christ and this great change brings into our being a new personality which we must respect and love in a noble way, because it is of God. It is right that we desire the best for our souls and with this new personality and larger love we desire the same blessing for the soul of our neighbor. Who is our neighbor? Jesus answered this question in the parable of the good Samaritan, Luke 10:29-37. The little child who was asked how she could love her neighbor as herself said, "Be good and kind". This is the one word which fulfills the law—goodness and kindness.

Christianity stands for charity, relief and mercy. The Christianity that is not interested in serving others is not bearing witness for Him who went about doing good. Everywhere there are people who are standing in hard places in life. If you were in their place what estimate would you put on the Christianity that does not try to get under the burden and so fulfill the law of the Christ—the King? Let us put Christ, His Spirit and His example into our lives, then love to our neighbor will come easy.

"Not I but Christ, be honored, loved, exalted;  
 Not I but Christ, be seen, be known, be heard;  
 Not I but Christ, in every look and action;  
 Not I but Christ, in every thought and word."

"Never were the fields more white to the spiritual harvest than those that stretch the world around today. Never was there greater need, in our own heart and in the hearts of those who know not what they seek or where, for the compelling love of God. Let us follow Christ's program for the reaping and so fulfill the royal law."

No doubt some of us have said since the close of the great war, "What is the use of all these conferences between nations? They seem to have done little for the good of the world". However, a study of these meetings will show that the royal law is at work among the nations. At least four disputes between countries over boundary lines and territorial possessions have been settled without war, where war was threatened. A peaceful understanding was brought about by the Court of International Justice. This court, an outcome of these postwar conferences, is composed of eleven judges of the highest professional standing and of various nationalities, one of them being an American. Aside from the real service done by these parleys it is good just to know that men representing from thirty-five to forty nationalities are sitting around a table discussing methods of avoiding wars, increasing trade, giving aid to science and invention and guiding the health and morals for the mutual benefit of these countries. At Geneva last year thirty nations conferred on methods of preventing the traffic in women and girls. Every Christian woman will thank God for that meeting. Perhaps you will say that these movements are moral but not Christian. This may be true but some of these



delegates to the conferences are men of Christ and bring Him into their councils. To be sure these men cannot bring in the millenium but they can go far toward checking great evils. God rules His world and can overrule men. The royal law will work through the prayers of God's people. This is where we become members of world conferences. As we read of the recent war clouds in the Near East and of the conference to avert it, let us breathe a prayer that Christ may sit with this family of nations, guiding them to plans that will bring peace and order and neighborly love to the world for which He died.

Mr. Herbert Hoover, chairman of American Relief Administration, has reported that "loss of life directly due to starvation has ceased some time ago, although many in the world are still hungry. The food supplies now on hand are sufficient to carry through until the harvest and leave a surplus for the support of the waif and destitute children after it is gathered". That America has done what has been spoken of as "the most stupendous act of mercy ever undertaken and accomplished, an act that has stemmed one of the greatest catastrophies the world has ever known", makes us proud to be Americans. Even those of us who are not guilty of over-loving our neighbor and who did not give a cent toward this act of mercy extol it as a great national exploit. But it was more than an exploit inasmuch as thousands of the donors gave that they might fulfill the royal law. It was the act of a Christian country toward its needy neighbors. Christian citizens put Christ into this glorious act and God will honor His own. "Every man and woman who believes in America and who seeks to set forward her interests is solemnly called to regard their obligations as a citizen of a Christian country." The American woman can put her influence and her vote, if she so desire, on the side of righteousness and strive and pray with all her might to keep our dear land Christian. The followers of Christ are the leaven of the nation but the leaven must be strong enough to move the mass. Oh that the quiet leaven of a revival among the churches would follow the restlessness of the recent years and that it would bring a strong determination to walk closer with God and win others to Him! Then indeed would national acts of mercy be altogether royal because done at the King's command!

3. The City and the Royal Law Long before organized work for the uplift of humanity was thought of there were thousands of individual acts of mercy, most of them to be recorded only in heaven. The earliest organized personal service work was inspired by one individual, Arnold Toynbee, an Oxford (England) student. Some of the students of this university, in 1884, hired a house in the industrial quarter of London where groups of them went to live for long or short periods that they might learn to "sup sorrow with the poor" and sweeten the cup with understanding sympathy. The house was called Toynbee Hall. An American student, Stanton Coit, took his turn at Toynbee Hall and out of this experiment grew the first social settlement in America, the "Neighborhood Guild", founded in 1887. Later the name was changed to "University Settlement", located in the lower "East Side" of New York City. Within two years other settlement houses were opened in that city. About this time also there was opened in Chicago what was destined to become probably the most famous social settlement in America, the "Hull House", established by Miss Jane Addams. From this time on the settlement movement in America was no longer an experiment. All the principal cities of the country are now conducting houses for social service.

Life among the poor of American cities has been so written up that it is needless to present another picture of its sad features. What we read of such conditions last year are worse this year because of the lack of employment, the scarcity of fuel and the continued high cost of living. All cities have their "Black Belt",

their "Chinatown" and their Italian, Polish and Yiddish colonies just as they had last year, but the need is greater and each group brings anew its problems to the Christian people of the city. As far as the institutions for the betterment of the poor are man-made they are great and worthy benevolences but "The love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind" and to reach their highest purpose they must preach the Gospel of salvation as well as the gospel of soap and sanitation. In the thirty-four years since the founding of the first settlement work in America hundreds of denominational community houses are lifting this work from mere benevolence into the more spiritual service of soul seeking and soul saving. Says Robert E. Speer, "Saving men and serving men have always been inseparable".

4. Community Rallies In communities where the population is scattered it is difficult to plan for organized social service work, yet much can be done by a few earnest souls to unify and benefit the whole community. The expanding system of good roads, automobiles and bus lines can overcome many obstacles and the meeting of a few interested people in one room may bring forth a community spirit undreamed of that will do untold good. In these days everything is started with a survey. Get this started and find out who is who within the radius of action. Bring those who are not who into the sisterhood of the who's. Perhaps a whole week could be given to an introductory program. If this plan is followed have one meeting for women; one for girls; one for women and girls, with some Christian woman to speak on home, social and Americanization topics. Other meetings could be for men, boys, boys and their fathers with men speakers on social hygiene, schools, agriculture, civic righteousness, prohibition and other subjects of community interest. The closing meeting might be for the general public with a musical and dramatic program. Refreshments or a simple supper will increase the social spirit. Out of such a beginning will come neighborly acts unthought of before. A sick neighbor may be directed to the best hospital in the nearest city and if necessary taken to the train; ideas on farming and dairy work exchanged; books and literature loaned and a thousand courtesies exchanged because the need is known.

After a survey in one country community five crippled children were brought to a city hospital, cures were effected and the children saved from being life-long burdens to themselves and their families. This one instance was worth all the trouble of a community rally. The bands of brotherhood and sisterhood are real when people are bound together by common environment and common experiences and trials, and they are never severed when knit together by Christian love.—  
*Culled from Actual Experience*

5. The Individual and the Golden Rule The lawyer who heard Jesus define the second great commandment (Mark 12:30,31) did not believe that it was possible to keep it. That we cannot love our neighbor as ourselves is not that she is unlovely or unlovable. The difficulty lies deeper than that. The Christian woman must change her thinking. She cannot love anyone very truly while entirely occupied in loving herself. Self must move out and then neighbor love will have room to grow. A deeper concern for the sorrows of others will make us into that most lovable thing—an unselfish woman. It will be a help to us to remember that Jesus did not tell us to love our neighbor as ourselves until after He had comforted us with the assurance that our heavenly Father, who noted the sparrow's fall, could make us free from anxiety about our own concerns such as safety, food and raiment. His promise to do this clears us from individual worry and makes us free to forget ourselves and think



of the worries of others. He gives us

"A heart at leisure from ourselves  
To soothe and sympathize".

Here is a lonely sick girl, she is a member of our church. She does not need money but she does need friends. Will you call up some one authorized by the church to look after the shut-ins or will you go yourself? The best Samaritan the world ever knew went Himself to bind up the broken hearted. He went Himself to visit those in trouble. He has, by His love and care, made us free from the need of ministry that we might minister. "Nothing but the Golden Rule of the Carpenter of Nazareth will ever make our lives rich in deeds of love and good will."

Here is our Good Will Center, open every day to those who need sympathy and help. Some who seek its aid are broken in body and soul, often they are the very wreckage of humanity. Will you say, "Let those go who are accustomed to settlement work". Isn't it more sensible to have some unaccustomed visitor bring in fresh impressions that will brighten the classes and cheer the staff of steady workers? Spend two hours every week in personal service in your Good Will Center or in some community service and watch your neighbor love grow and self love diminish.

"Love took up the harp of Life and smote on all the chords with might;  
Smote the chord of Self that, trembling, past in music out of sight."

It is said of Tennyson, who wrote these beautiful lines, that every time his poems were printed an extra supply of "l" and "v" had to be procured because the poet used the word "love" so often. It is also said of a certain divine that he had his sermon returned to him by the printer because a sufficient number of the capital "I" could not be procured to publish it. Fewer of the capital "I" and more love will bring the royal law into our daily lives and so bless the lives of our neighbors.

#### 6. Child Labor Facts

Since the Supreme Court of the United States (May 1922) decided that the child labor act was not constitutional and since the laws in each state are not uniform it means that in some states children of fourteen, or under, may work ten hours a day (fifty-four a week) instead of eight. In one of our southern states a child of the above age may work eleven hours a day (sixty a week). A large number of states have good and effective laws for child protection; some others have laws that go part of the way, but alas there are a few states in which still lingers the shadow of the middle ages; in six of these, three of them southern states, mines and quarries may employ child labor. According to a census bureau report, August 11, there are over one million and sixty thousand American children between ten and fifteen years of age at work in mines, quarries, factories and other occupations. Furthermore the U. S. Bureau of Education reports that a little over 17 per cent. of the children of school age in the United States are not enrolled in any school. Can we wonder that there are over five million and five hundred thousand children and adults who cannot read or write, fifty per cent. of them white and twenty-eight per cent. white native born? These young American victims of self seeking employers are kept from school and so swell the army of illiterates. Our Good Will Centers do what they can for the working boy and girl in their night schools and evening lectures but the large need for protection which leads to education must be met through Christian citizenship. Let us seek

to know the child labor laws of our own state and in the name of righteousness claim full protection for our little citizens and, pushing the matter beyond our boundaries, seek national protection for our working girls and boys. Mr. Herbert Hoover, who has so recently fed the children of other lands, is not unmindful of those in his own country and earnestly pleads that: "The waste of child life should cease, which in its measure is a blight more deplorable than war".

"I am the child. Shall labor fetter me  
Forever thus to factory wheels and tools?  
Deny me to the last true charity—  
Unhindered play and picture books and schools?  
For song of bird, the whistles shrieking tune;  
For sunlit cloud, the smoke in dusty coil;  
For liberty, the straggling line at noon  
Returning to the weary grind of toil?"

At this season when the star of the Christ Child brightens the sky of our world can we be indifferent to the child in our midst? Christ took upon Himself the form of a child; He blessed the children and made them an example of purity and fitness. He exalted childhood and shall we exploit it? Let us learn of Him and throw the arms of protection around the children of America that they may grow up to know our beloved land as a nation whose God is the Lord and whose laws are based upon His "Royal Law".

Who so able to speak to us of the activities and purposes of the  
7. Fulfillment W.M.U. Personal Service Department as Mrs. H. M. Wharton,  
W.M.U. recording secretary and for some years chairman of Personal Service Committee. Mrs. Wharton has made a study of every branch of personal service and to her unceasing interest and to the literature she has prepared the Union is indebted for much of its rapid growth in organized personal service. Of this growth Mrs. Wharton writes: "The Woman's Missionary Union reached a place of vision about twelve years ago and comprehended as never before the responsibility at home because it saw that not one half of the population of any one state were church members; that child labor in the midst, racial prejudice strong, oppression through industry a lamentable condition, poverty and disease in many sections, illiteracy widespread and preventable disease were incapacitating many. Turning away from a sight so distressing, the knowledge of its own strength with its thousands of devoted, praying, sacrificing members came with the comforting assurance of alleviation and cure at hand. Why not bring this great organization to bear on the distressing situation that again might be fulfilled the prophecy 'Great was the company of women that published the glad tidings'? Thus was inaugurated the W.M.U. Personal Department; its motto '*Each society a center of usefulness and power in its own community*'. Since that day thousands of lives have been kindled with new hope and purpose; many hands have opened the Book with an humble desire to learn God's will; little children have raised their voices in the praise of God; the sick bed has been smoothed and the 'light of the knowledge of God in the face of Jesus Christ' has shined into many a darkened heart."

The program has been built up with care and prayer, embodying those gentle ministries to which women have always given themselves and which include a large field of usefulness, such as clubs and 'Centers'. To reach the unconverted there have been the Sunday schools, the teaching of the Bible, the distribution of thousands of Bibles and tracts. To help oppressed childhood and poor mothers there have been organized the Homemakers' Club, the industrial school, the work-



shop and Americanization class. To help to change race prejudice into Christian sisterliness definite plans have been adopted by the Union for creating such a sentiment and extending acceptable helpfulness. (See Personal Service Report for 1921.) To afford relief for those bowed down by poverty there is the system of distributing clothing and food. To combat disease there is the plan of providing physicians, nurses, linen for the sick, guiding mothers through clinics and day nurseries in order that they shall give the best care to their children. To reduce the illiteracy have been planned Star Classes where the uneducated adult shall find the handicap of ignorance lifted through the earnest efforts of Christian teachers".

8. **Hidden Measures:** Figures that do not represent dollars and cents are quite as truthful as the monetary ones and often mean more than their face value. But figures cannot tell everything. "This do ye" is equally a command with "Honor the Lord with thy substance". Obedience to the first command cannot always be reported in figures. As far as is thus measurable the W.M.U. Personal Service Department reports for the past year "1,000,000 Christian visits, 33,000 religious services and more than 6,000 conversions reported by 5,931 organizations. The White Cross work, making bandages, gauzes, towels and other articles for the hospitals, shows quite an increase. In one Baptist hospital so aided there were nearly 400 patients during the year who accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. Many boxes were packed and sent to the frontier and to the needy Baptists of Russia".

In 1909 when personal service became a part of the Union's call to southern Baptist women and young people Miss Heck said of it: "Our personal service is a great engine of power to be attached to the nearest need". The Union is still sounding the call

"And if it be in thy heart  
To bind thy brother's wound  
Thou shalt have aid of Him who made  
Such mercy to abound:  
For 'tis a heavenly art  
To heal the broken heart."

#### Questions for Study and Discussion

1. In what way does the selfishness of Christians affect national life?
2. To what uses should the abandoned down town churches of the city be devoted?
3. If a missionary society is doing nothing for community uplift does it make the community better or worse? Why?
4. Is your community better because you live in it? Why?
5. Does trust in God help us to fulfill the royal law? In what way?
6. Do the laws of your state sufficiently protect the children of school age? If not who is responsible?
7. What are the greatest motives and purposes of personal service? How can these purposes be carried out in your state, city, town or community?
8. What is the greatest act of love the world has ever known? What does this supreme sacrifice mean to your missionary society and to you individually?
9. What Scripture tells us where the laws of God should be written? Who is to witness the keeping of these laws?



## Y. W. A. PROGRAMS



Material found in the general program on pages 10-16 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 Personal Service Department

Invocation

Hymn—Holy Ghost, with Light Divine  
Scripture—Luke 6:27-38

Prayer—That Our Auxiliary May Be Led by the Holy Spirit in Doing Service for the King

Hymn—I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go

Response to Roll Call—Personal Service Thoughts (Selected from quotations given below and from other sources)

Talk—The Place of Personal Service in Christian Activity.

Report—Personal Service Work of Our Auxiliary: Detailed Report by Chairman of Personal Service

Hymn—More Holiness Give Me (Sung with bowed heads)

A Message from the W.M.U. Personal Service Director (General Program, Par. 7.)

Poster Conference—New Fields of Personal Service for Our Auxiliary

Closing Prayer

### SECOND MEETING

Topic—Our Personal Service Department: Two Weeks Later

Hymn—Hark! the Herald Angels Sing  
Prayer—Giving Thanks for the Gift of God's Son

Scripture—John 1:1-18

Hymn—It Came upon the Midnight Clear

Personal Service Round Table—An Experience Meeting

Prayer—That Our Auxiliary May Win Many to Christ

Hymn—Lead on, O King Eternal

Closing Prayer

Suggestions for the Two Meetings

The first meeting, held before Christmas, starts things going which reach a distinctly advanced point of progress by the time of the second meeting, which is

held after Christmas. Between these two meetings new lines of personal service, definitely outlined and planned for at the "Poster Conference" of the first meeting, have been tried out.

Material for the short introductory talk on "The Place of Personal Service in Christian Activity" may be found in the general program and in Mrs. Wharton's leaflet, For Others. "It is the very heart of the matter", Mrs. Wharton points out, "this seeking personally to win all those to Christ whom our lives are touching day by day. . . . Social service is the principles of Christianity applied to every day needs. . . . It is no new thing in Christian teaching". (See Luke 3:11-14 and John 13:3-17.)

The report of the Personal Service Chairman should give accurately and in detail the work accomplished along the several lines of personal service, for the past month (or year, if preferred). If the work has been carried on by sub-committees the report may be divided among several speakers.

At the Poster Conference attractive and striking posters are given a conspicuous place, each presenting a form of personal service which the auxiliary is not doing. As a member presents a poster she describes the form of personal service it represents, telling the need of it in the community and describing its importance as an opportunity for the auxiliary.

Example: Sewing for children of unfortunate homes; collecting and distributing books, pictures, and playthings for such children; sending gifts to orphanages; securing attendance of children at Sunday school by providing clothing; holding song services at hospitals; assisting with a church nursery; assisting in a mission Sunday school; reading to the sick, aged and blind; assisting in a Good Will Center or Home-maker's Club. (See General Program



and Handbook of Personal Service for other fields of work.)

Before the close of the Poster Conference, decide upon the new lines of work to be undertaken during the month and reported upon at the second meeting.

The Personal Service Round Table, which is the event of the second meeting, should be a truly interesting occasion. The Personal Service Chairman conducts it. The experiences gathered in the Christmas visits to the needy and the sick, incidents and stories and impressions—have them all told! Describe the dear old lady, shut-in with a broken hip, and the little boy so interested in the Bible story book. In the revelation of needs, newer and yet wider fields will open up in Service for the Master.

#### Personal Service Thoughts

"I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good thing that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow-creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

"Christ has no hands but our hands  
To do His work today;  
He has no feet but our feet  
To lead men in His way;  
He has no tongues but our tongues  
To tell men how He died;  
He has no help but our help  
To bring them to His side."

Have a heart that never hardens, a temper that never tires, and a touch that never hurts.—*Charles Dickens*

She doeth little kindnesses,  
Which most leave undone, or despise;  
For naught that sets one heart at ease,  
And giveth happiness or peace,  
Is low-esteemed in her eyes.

—*James Russell Lowell*

For this is peace,—to lose the lonely note  
Of Self in love's celestial ordered strain;  
And this is joy,—to find one's self again  
In Him whose harmonies forever float  
Through all the spheres of song, below,  
above,—

For God is music, even as God is love.

—*Henry Van Dyke*

Suppose the blossoms heaped upon men's  
biers

Were strewn along the highways of  
their life;

Suppose the praises chanted in dead ears  
Were whispered tenderly in hours of  
strife,

Suppose the hearts, that pour their bit-  
ter tears

Upon our graves, had lent their strength  
in years

When just one heart could turn a losing  
fight,

And make us strong by Love's supernal  
might;

Suppose! Only suppose!

—*Walter Kelly Morley*

Not what we give, but what we share,—  
For the gift without the giver is bare.

—*James Russell Lowell*

The glory of life is to love, not to be  
loved; to give, not to get; to serve, not  
to be served.—*Hugh Black*

#### PUBLICITY POINTERS

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held in homes, 250 programs or services conducted at Good Will Centers, etc. etc.

Indicating the vast extent of the social service activities of the organized Baptist women of the South, it was reported that for the past year the Woman's Missionary Union for the Southern Baptist Convention was able to report more than 1,000,000 Christian visits, 33,000 religious services held, and more than 6,000 persons converted in these ministries. A total of 5,931 local organizations made this report possible. A large White Cross work was done in connection with the foreign hospitals, such as the making of bandages, gauzes, towels and other personal articles, and at one of the hospitals where such cooperation was given nearly 400 patients accepted Christ as their Saviour during the year.



## COLLEGE Y. W. A.



### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS NOTES

**D**R. J. H. RUSHBROOKE, Baptist Commissioner to Europe, sends the following plea to college students: "I venture to suggest that some portion of any consignment of clothing forwarded to Russia should be allotted for students and distributed by or in conjunction with the representatives of our churches in the various educational centers; that the students and staffs of our colleges and seminaries throughout the world should be asked to assist in the collection of suitable books to be sent to universities". This call directly to our College Y.W.A's. will be answered with hearty response following the generous example of their W.M.U. mothers in Baptist Bundle Day. The college hostess committee, however, will be invaluable in helping the college auxiliary arrange for sending their gifts of warm clothing. The matter should receive much publicity at once, bearing in mind that January 14th will be especially Relief Sunday. This will be immediately after the young women have returned from the Christmas holidays and they must plan ahead in order to have their gifts ready. The new Christmas dress will leave the old one at home unused unless the Y.W.A. member realizes what good it would do in Russia. New coats release old ones not worn out yet but having served their time here; new furs offer woolen knitted scarfs ready to put around someone else's shoulders. If Y.W.A's. will be alert to the situation much comfort can be sent in bundles to Russia. Not often is there opportunity like this for denial in the matter of clothes but here is the chance to send garments to Russia and keep someone warm who else would really suffer. Let's do it generously and beautifully.

The College Y.W.A. Bulletin carries for November-December a delightful demonstration of Baptist participation in the development of the modern Sunday school. The December program in this series of Baptist influence on world history which is being prepared by Mrs. I. E. Enlow of Kentucky, offers brief sketches of Baptist hymn writers. Our College Y.W.A. girls are gaining much information in attractive and highly interesting form. There is also a special Christmas play and as always, methods of instruction for committees. The new magazine published by the Inter-Board Student Activities Commission will be known as *The Baptist Student*. It is interesting with editorials and helpful articles and campus notes but will not contain programs in full, simply suggestions which take for granted that the Bulletin is accessible. The college hostess therefore should be sure that the Y.W.A. sends its one dollar for each copy of the Bulletin needed for effective work. The local W.M.S. may subscribe in behalf of the college if the Auxiliary is newly organized and not yet on an independent financial basis.

College Y.W.A's. will be glad to know of the progress of the local auxiliaries pursuing the Y.W.A. mission study course. Mississippi awarded the first official seal to Miss Horne of Jackson, Oklahoma was next. Then Arkansas cut in with a class of fifteen; Louisiana holds one official seal, Oklahoma has increased to two and Virginia has four so the total is twenty-three. What college will be the first to report a group ready to join the ranks of the "distinguished twenty-three" holders of the new Y.W.A. mission study course official seal? At Ouachita Baptist College the Y.W.A. study circles had had two meetings before October eighth so they are well at work, planning to finish the full course of five books. The college hostess may well advise with the mission study committee in her special Y.W.A. and encourage a like splendid interest.



## VESPER STUDIES AND DAILY THOUGHTS

### The Mountain of Laws

**First Twilight:** The Law—Made to obey, Luke 20:22-25; divine authority for, Ex. 19:16-24; given at Sinai to Moses, Deut. 1:1; 4:10-36; engraved on a stone, Ex. 24:12; holy, Rom. 7:12; perfect, Ps. 19:7-9; spiritual, Rom. 7:14; fulfilled by Jesus, Matt. 5:17-45; is of God, Ps. 119:1-8. The Ten Commandments are our pattern, Ex. 20:3-17. Is your character cut and designed by God's pattern?

**Daily Thoughts:** Phil. 1:1-12, Paul loved the Philippians. A prayer worthy to remember is Paul's in verses 9 and 10.

Phil. 1:12-27; Memorize verse 21. Paul looked forward to death when he would live with Jesus but was willing to live for His sake that others might hear the Gospel.

Phil. 2:1-12: Unity in thought would bring unity in action; one mind and that a mind humble like Christ's. Key verse, 10.

Phil. 2:13-18: We are lights in world of darkness and point the way to the narrow path.

Phil. 3:1-12: Why should we be faithful servants? Paul says "That I may know Him".

Phil. 3:13-21: We must be ever pressing toward the mark.

Phil. 4:1-10: Rejoice; be thankful; think.

**Second Twilight:** God's Law—Moses went up into the mountain and received the Ten Commandments which were written by God, Ex. 24:12. The first three deal directly with God; in first and second idolatry is forbidden, Ex. 20:3-6. See also Deut. 8:2; 5:7; I Sam. 15:23; Deut. 5:8-10. God is jealous, Gen. 2:2. The consequences of sin entailed upon children, Rom. 5:12; Mark 10:14. A blessing comes with obedience, Deut. 11:26. Keeping God's law is a test of love, John 14:15. The third tells us that God's name must be held in reverence, Ex. 20:7; also Deut. 8:2; 5:11; II Sam. 12:14; Lev. 22:32.

**Daily Thoughts:** Phil. 4:10-20, study key verse 13.

Eph. 1:3-12: We have redemption, forgiveness and adoption as a free gift from God.

Eph. 1:13-23: We need a fuller knowledge of the exalted Christ.

Eph. 2:1-12: How are we saved?

Eph. 2:13-22: Do you feel strange in God's family?

Eph. 3:1-12: Our task is the same as Paul's, verse 9.

Eph. 3:13-21: Many of us do not know the full love of Christ.

Eph. 4:1-16: Unity is a key word with Paul.

**Third Twilight:** "Remember" and "honor" are key words in fourth and fifth commandments. Some of us remember the Sabbath day because of the rest from usual duties but forget to keep it holy. See Deut. 8:2; 5:12-14; Ex. 16:23. Labor is commanded for six days, idle hours sinful but rest is enjoined, Ex. 23:12; for employer, Deut. 24:14; for servant, Deut. 5:14. How many plan for their servant to have rest?

**Daily Thoughts:** Eph. 4:19-32: When Jesus comes into our lives we are "brand new".

Eph. 5:1-10: Walk as a "child of the King".

Eph. 5:11-17: Walk as wise, redeeming the time.

Eph. 5:18-33: Marriage founded on pure love is compared with the church and Christ. It is sacred and beautiful.

Eph. 6:1-9: Honor and obedience go hand and hand; even by obedience we can never repay our parents in full.

Eph. 6:10-24: Are you protected because you wear the armor of God?

Col. 1:3-17: Note verse 17.

**Fourth Twilight:** Thou shalt not, Ex. 20:13-17. The last five commandments kept would make this world a place of joy. Things forbidden: Murder, Deut. 8:2; 5:17; adultery, Lev. 20:10; theft, Mk. 7:22; false witness, Deut. 5:20; Matt. 19:18; covetousness, Isa. 57:17; Deut. 5:21; II Peter 1:4. Our lives will be happier if we keep God's laws.

**Daily Thoughts:** Col. 1:18-29: Who has preeminence in your life?

Col. 2:1-7: Have you the power one truly "rooted in Him" possesses?

Col. 2:8-15: The Christian life is complete in Jesus. Do not let any turn you aside from Him.

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## G. A. DEPARTMENT



### G. A'S. AT CHRISTMAS

**W**OULDN'T it be a fine thing for G.A's. and R.A's. to have a party, a real Christmas party with Christmas tree and Santa Claus and all such finishings, and then make it a "turn-about" party by sending the gifts to the Baptist Orphanage of the state? The Christmas tree decorations would help so much to make those youngsters feel happy and, without their own mothers and fathers to draw the living room doors tight shut and arrange everything, you know they need all the happiness they can possibly have from others. Each R.A. and G.A. could bring for another a toy or book, wrapped and tied so that it could be carefully opened and enjoyed, then tied up again. Santa could pack them away in his pack or put them right into a box to be expressed to the orphans' home! What joy it would mean there! That would be putting the Royal Law of love into practice too.

Two splendid programs for this month are in World Comrades and there is adequate material in this ROYAL SERVICE for two more. The playlet in the Sunbeam Department can be easily adapted for G.A's. by keeping the general idea and letting each character make her own remarks in a more grown-up way. Turning to the general program there are interesting girl items too. The poem by Edwin Markham could be read following the well selected scripture verses suggested. Paragraph 2 brings remarks about women and nations and shows again that needy world on the other side where girlhood and womanhood is unhonored. Announcements about Relief Sunday, January 14, and plans for giving warm clothes would be fitting after the poverty suggestions in paragraph 2. The College Y.W.A. Department shows the plea which Dr. Rushbrooke, our Baptist Commissioner to Europe, makes to our college students. G.A's. know that there are young girls as well as students cold and nearly naked, and so will want a share in January 14 giving. Dr. Rushbrooke's statement includes this: "Clothing and prac-

tically all possessions have been bartered for food and the people will be for years burdened with a legacy of poverty". G.A's. will be glad to pray for and give to these hungry, shivering sisters.

Mention of Jane Addams in paragraph 3 gives opportunity for a survey of her life and activities which will illustrate the working of the Royal Law. Nor should paragraph 5, revealing the secret of our inability to love, be omitted. Jane Addams shows love in action; selfishness accounts for love in bondage.

Plans should be carefully made in December for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering and the week of prayer. Miss Broadus of Kentucky has revised her leaflet giving a sketch of Miss Moon, and it with account in "In Royal Service" will challenge G.A's. to sacrificial giving. Girls talk about giving many times and don't, but let us make this Christmas offering a real occasion for knowing the enlarged joy of giving up. The offering may be counted as part of the fund in point 3 on the Standard of Excellence.

#### The What Next Box

Did you ever pack a "What Next Box?" Would you like to? Over in South Carolina the chorus came "Yes", and the question was "What do you want us to bring?" This particular box was for two young women in the Tuberculosis Sanatorium, so the gifts must be things they could enjoy. Considerate thought provided boudoir caps, gowns, towels, clothes, soap, tooth paste, books, pencils, post cards, stamps, nuts, candy and long red peppermint sticks. Each gift was wrapped by itself, marked gaily with the name of the recipient and sent with a little message to provoke fun and laughter; for instance, on the peanuts was "All monkeys like peanuts"; and on the candy, "Sweets to the sweet". And the fun the patients had! Not just two but all in the ward, for joy always spreads. Smiling faces gathered around the bed of the one who could not be up and cries of delight were punctuated by "What next?" exclamations. Pack a "What Next Box" sometime.





## R. A. DEPARTMENT



### PERSONAL SERVICE FOR R. A'S

**I**N this article I will use the term Knightly Deeds for the term is more appropriate for boys and is the one used in the revised R. A. manual. Can anything strike our hearts more deeply, stir our hearts more tenderly than knightly deeds for our Master? "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me". Every normal boy is going to be busy at something all the time he is awake whether that "something" is right or wrong so if we truly love the cause we will be missionaries at home and aid in carrying the gospel to every nook and corner of the world by interesting our boys in others. In our gifts to Christ we must be mindful that giving includes more than our money, our time, our talent and our life; here Knightly Deeds have their place.

Someone has said, "Kindness is greatness". In days "when knighthood was in flower", the knights sought for deeds of valor which they could do. The boy of today has the same desires and we must teach him that when he serves humanity, he serves his Master if "it is done with the thought of Him". A survey of our vicinity will surprise us with the wealth of opportunity for Knightly Deeds. There will always be innumerable errands to run, wood to chop for old Mrs. Jones, a package to carry each week for Mrs. Smith, church yard to keep in order, things to do at the instruction of the pastor. Christmas gives unusual opportunities for R.A's. to help in delivering dinners, trees and gifts from the W.M.S. or auxiliaries or from the R.A. Chapter to those who else would be sorely disappointed without Santa Claus. Then there is the decorating to be done at the church and R.A's. can help excellently there. The chief counselor and the Knightly Deeds embassy will have no difficulty finding things to do.

Knightly deeds are more effective if an organized plan is followed although the success depends upon each member doing his share, and a little more, to offset for the fellow who may fail to do

his part. Appoint a bright boy with a pleasant personality as the envoy of your Knightly Deeds Embassy and let him select four or six boys as members of this embassy. These boys should live in different sections of the city and each suggest methods which will suit best in his neighborhood, giving a full outline of what is to be done to the Chapter. Every member should then cooperate, reporting at the next meeting when time is given for this. The boy can and will do many deeds if only he is reminded and as he develops through each small service, he gains a vision of greater opportunities coming along through life. A group of Royal Ambassadors with an active Knightly Deeds Embassy is a helpful asset to the community and shows that the churches of Jesus Christ are alive to the needs of the people and trying to bring into their lives the things that are highest and best.—Mrs. J. R. Arnold, Chief Counselor of Royal Ambassadors, Jacksonville, Ala.

Mrs. Arnold's R.A's. have sent a letter for the next number of World Comrades. Is your subscription in so you will receive it with all its good things?

Miami, Florida, Royal Ambassador Chapter in monthly report sets this pace for other chapters:

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#### Additional Program Suggestions

For a study of the Royal Law of Love no parable of the Master's could be more fitting than that of the Good Samaritan. An excellent and "different" way of presenting it will be to have the R.A's. act it out. Careful consideration with the program embassy will show how effectively this may be done. There will be the "certain man" going along the road from Jerusalem to Jericho (a splendid

chance for some map study) when he is suddenly beset by thieves. Be careful that the boys keep the costumes of that long ago day and so teach them in an intimate way habits then which will make certain figures of speech or allusions elsewhere in the scriptures more easily understood. When the thieves have robbed their victim and gone on their way leaving him "wounded, half dead", the priest in characteristic long robe will enter, see and pass by on the other side. Presently the Levite will come and "likewise look on him and pass by". The Samaritan will come next, not walking, but on his "beast". Touched by the helplessness of the traveler he will care for him gently as indicated in Luke 10:34. The inn can well be arranged along the road with chairs set in a square, the inn-keeper busy in his rooms. At the discretion of the counselor the good Samaritan may make up the words of explanation which would have been necessary or the action may continue in silence. Other people may be stopping at the same inn and so more of the boys participate in the dramatization. Night will come and go and the next morning the Samaritan must go on his way, leaving payment for the inn-keeper's service with the promise of refunding any additional expense for the comfort of the unfortunate traveler.

A new sense of the reality of the incidents given in God's Word is gained when they are dramatized and so really seen by the boys. This may be done frequently with many of the parables; that of the Prodigal Son, the Parable of the Sower, the Parable of the Unjust Steward, all lend themselves with particular readiness to such treatment. Stories of the Old Testament likewise may be handled from time to time—Jacob and Esau in the selling the birthright scenes, Gideon testing God's call, and of course David and Goliath, or David and Jonathan parting.

The boys' interest in world affairs would make worth while a debate as to the relative effectiveness of arbitration and Christian conference or war and force in bringing settled world peace. Ambassadors must be good citizens of their country first if they are to be representatives from the King's court. The very obvious connection between missionary expansion and civilized, well-de-

veloped, peaceable nations will give added interest in missions and will show R.A's. that it really is a man's job, not a thing to play with. Splendid work could be done by both negatives and affirmatives on "Resolved that obeying the royal law of love will bring peace sooner than war can enforce it".

Note in Par. 3 of the general program that it was young men who started settlement work. This could be worked into an interesting item for the Knightly Deeds Embassy.

Following the dramatization of the Parable of the Good Samaritan a discussion of Some Inches in Our Golden Rule would be suitable. Where the Law of Love reigns the Golden Rule is its power. The R.A's. might well think and talk of characteristics of such a country and those who would dwell there, seeing how it would work in a practical way. Truth, Generosity, Humility, Honesty, Willingness would be five "Inches" surely. Let them add others.

For a delightful story to read at an informal Christmas gathering of the R.A's. "The Miracle on Hermon", a fancied story of the Christ given to us by J. Marvin Dean, would be splendid. Doran Company publishes it. Jesus is pictured as the strong Carpenter and the gentle Healer in a way sure to interest boys. The book will be a splendid Christmas gift for any boy of R.A. age.

I saw a lad—a beautiful lad—

With a far-off look in his eye,  
Who smiled not on the battle flag

When the cavalry troop marched by,  
And sorely vexed, I asked the lad

Where might his country be,

Who cared not for his country's flag,

And the brave from oversea.

"O, my country is the Land of Love"—

Thus did the lady reply—

"My country is the Land of Love,

And a patriot there am I".

"And who is your king, my patriot boy,  
Whom loyally you obey?"

"O, my king is Freedom", quoth the lad,  
"And he never said me nay".

"Then you do as you like in your Land of  
Love,

Where every man is free?"

"Nay, we do as we love", replied the lad,  
And his smile fell full on me.

—Ernest Crosby





## SUNBEAM DEPARTMENT



### A CHRISTMAS DREAM

*(Sunbeam stands looking at daintily tied gifts)*

'Tis the night before Christmas  
And my gifts for the day  
Are all wrapped and tied  
In the bright Christmas way,  
So now goodnight to you,  
And sweet happy dreams  
And glad, merry Christmas  
To all dear Sunbeams.

*(Lies down to sleep. Chen Ling, Chinese girl comes in.)*

While passing your window  
I happened to see  
Your gayly wrapped bundles  
And pretty green tree.  
You can't need them all!  
And I thought, "Now maybe  
You would like to give one little bundle  
to me".

*(Sunbeam speaks)*

Why, Chen Ling, these are Christmas  
gifts for my own friends,  
And they will bring gifts to me.  
I haven't a gift for you, Chen Ling  
For I didn't think, you see.  
*(Enter Japanese girl, Tin San)*

And I have come in from the Isles of  
Japan

Your beautiful things to see  
My name is Tin San and  
I hope you will give  
Just one little package to me.

*(Enter African boy, A-boo)*

Your African brothers love pretty  
bright things,

And I only ask one—just to see  
The kind of things you have in this  
land

For what you call a Christmas tree.

*(Chen Ling speaks)*

Is Christmas just for Melican folks  
And not for little Chinese?

I wish you would tell me, this right  
now

And what it is for if you please.

*(Sunbeam speaks)*

Oh dear little Chen Ling, Tin San and  
A-boo,

Did nobody ever come and tell you  
About Jesus' birthday, the first Christ-  
mas time

How the angels sang and the night was  
sublime?

'Tis the Christ-child's own birthday we  
celebrate here,

And Christmas is filled with the spirit  
of cheer

And love and peace and good will to  
men

As we sing His praises again and  
again.

*(Tin San speaks)*

If all that you tell us of Jesus is true  
You must have a beautiful gift for  
Him too.

If you bring Him no gift for His birth-  
day we know

It will grieve Him to think you've for-  
gotten Him so.

*(Sunbeam speaks)*

Oh! dear little comrades from over the  
sea,

I am glad you have come in the dream-  
land to me

To show me how selfish I have been  
always

With no gift for my Saviour—even on  
His birthday

I must now tell my dream to our own  
Sunbeam Band

For a Christmas offering will surely  
be planned

And we'll send to Chen Ling, Tin San  
and A-boo

The glad gospel story—so old yet so  
new.

—Mrs. J. R. Sams, Kentucky

Distribute Christmas offering enve-  
lopes.

### The Call

They are calling in the darkness  
Send! Oh send the gospel light!  
Shall we still refuse to help them  
Leave them groping in the night.

Will we say "We cannot help them  
There's so much at home to do"?  
Jesus whispers, "Child, remember  
I have left my home for you".

Jesus says "A child shall lead them",  
And we hope our words today  
Will arouse some waiting laborers  
Who will go without delay.

For the fields are white for harvest  
We must send the reapers on,

Give our tithes and pay our pledges  
Till the Master's work is done.

—Mrs. J. R. Sams, Kentucky

### The Little Girl That Santa Claus Missed

Kathleen was a precious, chubby little  
blue-eyed girl living in a poor home. Her  
little brother, Jamie, had been in the  
hospital for nearly three months and doc-  
tors' bills are high. Her family had  
moved a day or two before Christmas  
and when Santa was leaving the good  
things from his pack, he must have for-  
gotten about the moving for he left Kath-  
leen not even so much as a red apple.  
The Johnston, S. C., Sunbeams heard  
about it, heard that Kathleen had never  
had a doll in her life and that she had  
been saying for weeks "I want Santa  
Claus to bring me a doll". The Sun-  
beams not only heard but talked and at  
their next Sunday afternoon meeting de-  
cided to pack a box for her the very next  
day. Their leader told them to divide  
what they had for Santa had brought  
them many nice things and the Sun-  
beams had made such good Campaign  
gifts that she didn't want them to feel  
they were burdened about gifts but just  
going to "divide" with the little girl.

It was hardly early school time the  
next morning when the leader's door bell  
began ringing. First there was John  
with a brand-new doll for Kathleen.  
When the leader said, "Why, I thought  
we were going to divide what we had and  
not buy new things", he looked into her  
eyes as he said, "Well, my sister and I  
wanted to give her her doll, and sister  
did not have one that would do, so Daddy  
gave us this one from his store; it won't  
break him". All the morning little feet  
came passing by and generous hands left  
gifts until there were dolls, story books,  
a ball, a string of beads, a box of sea  
shells, toys, fruit and some clothes be-  
cause some way those Sunbeams guessed  
that that was why Kathleen did not come  
to the Sunbeam Band too. In the after-  
noon the leader carried the box to Kath-  
leen's house. The Sunbeams might have  
gone too but there was sickness in the  
home and so it was no place for little  
folks. Two members of the W.M.S. did  
go with the leader and they read the  
Bible, sang a hymn and had prayer with



the family. Then the things were given to Kathleen and her little brother, just a few at a time. The first, of course, was the box with several dolls. The leader put it right in the mother's lap and when Kathleen lifted the lid her eyes were wide open with wonder but she didn't touch the dolls, only said "What is it, Ma?" and then "Ma, what is it?" She put out her chubby hand as if to touch them and then drew back again, saying "What is it?" Happily the mother said, "It's dolls". But Kathleen couldn't really believe it and again she said "What is it?" Then the mother once more assured her they were dolls, "Don't you know you have been wanting a doll baby?" With this Kathleen stopped her questioning, gently patted each one beginning at its feet and slowly patting all the way to its head. She looked long, she sighed, then sat and smiled and smiled, she really had a doll at last.

After a little while another package was put into the mother's lap, this time the box of sea shells. Kathleen was perfectly delighted and had more joy pouring them back and forth from one hand to the other, perhaps she liked them next best to the dolls, surely so unless she liked better a string of beads which she immediately put on and jumped up and down in her glee. The story books were new to her too and she was happy with them, wanting her mother to tell her about the horse and the daisies in the first picture. Last of all she sat on the floor and into her little lap went the big bundle of lovely little dresses, a warm cloak, a warm knitted cap, warm underwear—just all that a little girl needs. It was pathetic to see her pat them all and hug them to her heart as she kept saying over and over again in that joyous sad way, "my little clothes, my little clothes". That grateful voice and radiant face will always last now for she is a happy Sunbeam and her Sunbeam friends are glad they made her so.—Mrs. W. J. Hatcher, South Carolina

HAVE YOU SUBSCRIBED TO WORLD COMRADES?

### One Way Sunbeams May Do Personal Work

We ask some of the W.M.S. members to come with their cars and take us to call on some dear shut-in friends and to the Old Ladies' Home. There we have prayer, recite scripture verses, sing some of our songs and give recitations or tell stories. We always close with sentence prayers because that makes the listeners know it was their service too. The children do everything and as leader I only help by letting them do it all. At the next Sunbeam Band meeting one of them makes the report in the regular way. I tell them that I am depending on them to keep on doing that sort of thing for Jesus' sake and ask them to keep in touch and tell us all of any who are sick in the community or of any who are needy. Some are very faithful to look out and tell me of such cases and all the Sunbeams love to take flowers to those who are sick. There is no reason why children must wait until grown up to learn habits of helpfulness, Sunbeams learn them easily that they may "shine".—Mrs. T. B. Atwell, Georgia

### VESPER STUDIES

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Col. 2:16-23: He enables us to exercise self-control.

Col. 3:1-8: We are still to love the beautiful on earth but we are to have a deeper love for "things that are above".

Col. 3:9-14: And above all wear the robe of charity (love).

Col. 3:15-17: Read these verses twice. Live them daily.

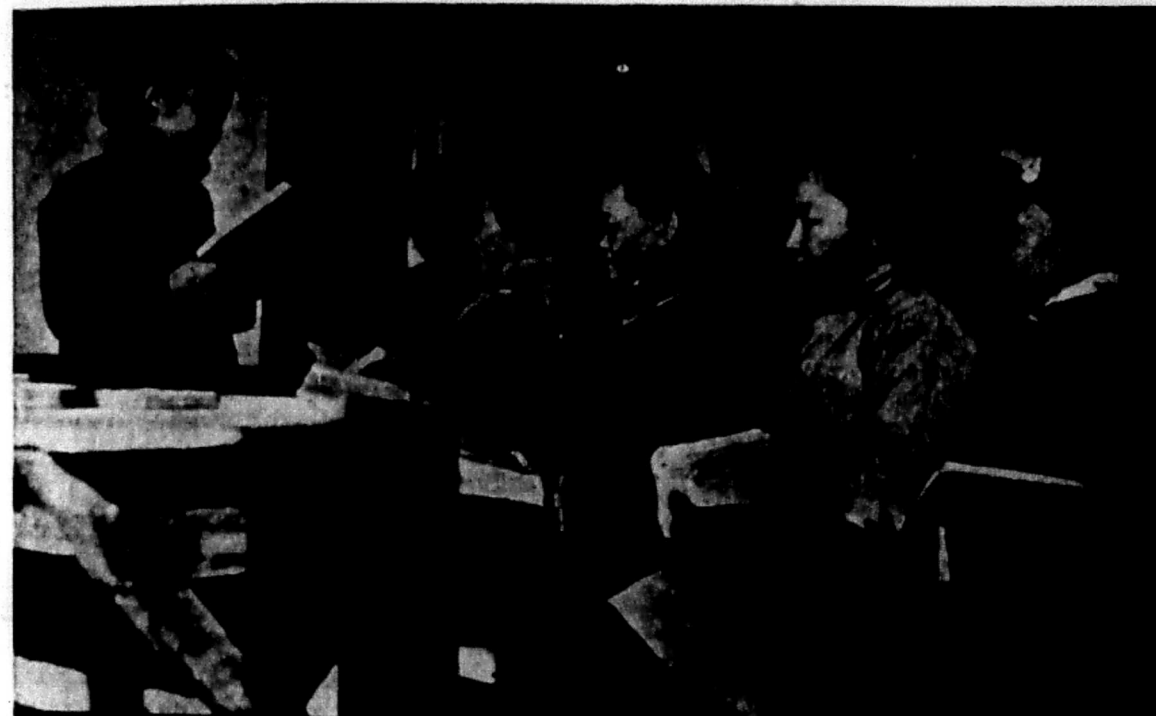
Col. 3:18-25: Rules for "home-making". Note also verses 23, 24.

Col. 4:1-6: Continue in prayer; walk in wisdom; speak with grace.

*Note: This month's study is indeed important. Have a school honor roll for students memorizing the Ten Commandments. Repeat them in concert at all your meetings this month. Have as your goal every girl knowing and keeping God's commandments upon which all laws are founded.*



## FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



### MRS. TIAN, A SOUL WINNER

MRS. Tian (indicated by X in the picture), of whom I wish to write, with a number of others, finished the course of the Woman's Bible Training School this year. From the first day she entered school she impressed all of us as being an unusual woman. Soon after becoming a Christian she felt impelled to offer herself for special service, yet how could she, then past forty years old and had never been to school a day in her life? Added to this she was the mother of three and her husband was a day laborer. Yet he was willing his wife should heed the call; so for a year Mrs. Tian attended a day school for small children where she learned to read, meanwhile attending to all her household duties. After her husband died, a heart less brave, a mind less determined might have given up to sorrow and despair—not she. A sympathizing missionary friend who knew her worth and desire to enter the Training School became responsible for the oldest child, a lad of fourteen, giving him chores to do and allowing him to continue in school. So Mrs. Tian put aside her

grief, shut up her little home and came a long journey to spend three years in hard study. She brought with her the two younger children as had been provided for by other kind friends and could stay in school with their mother. From the first she showed herself to be a woman of refinement and to have a wonderfully bright mind: these coupled with industry, perseverance and good cheer have carried her over many rough places, her greatest trial being, perhaps, her very weak physical condition and more than once how she was tempted to give up and return home. In Mrs. Tian's class were young women and also women who had attended school in their girlhood days, yet not one could grasp not only spiritual things but intellectual as well so quickly as this frail woman could, so this made her easily the first in her class as well as a leader and example for all the other students. She left us in January and is now witnessing for Christ in one of our women's hospitals, where she tells the "old, old story" many times over each day at the bedside of sad, suffering patients, who



came thinking only of freedom from physical pain.

Will you not pray that not only this Bible woman but all who go out from our school may become great soul winners, for there are so many still who have not heard?—*Mary D. Willeford, Laichowfu, China*

#### GRATITUDE FOR MARGARET FUND

**A**LMOST two years have passed since I left the United States to return to Brazil and I am now a missionary. I can never forget nor express my gratitude to the W. M. U. for the help it gave me as a Margaret Fund student while I was in college, preparing myself for work in the Master's vineyard. Now I must thank you all again for helping my brother and sister. It meant so much to me, as I am sure it does to them, to know that not only was the W. M. U. helping me financially but that the members were praying for me constantly.

I love my work here more and more every day. There are so many ways to serve Christ. This state of Rio Grande do Sul (Great River of the South) has a population of two million, three hundred and seventy-nine thousand, four hundred and twelve, all but a small percentage of which is either Catholic or Spiritualist! I was in Porto Alegre, the capital of the state, until four months ago when my father and I moved to Pelotas, a city of about sixty thousand inhabitants, to begin new work. It is a very pretty city, as is seen by its being called the "Princess of the South". It is also said to be the most progressive city in Brazil.

Our work so far shows very encouraging prospects. We are building a small church. I was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to do educational work, but for the present I must do evangelistic work as we cannot establish a school here until we get more missionaries to help us. It is hard for me to wait for a school because it is so sad to see the low standard of education, especially for girls, which exists in this city. Then general idea is that if a girl can read and write, speak French and play the piano a little, she is well educated. The few public schools in the city are taught by incompetent teachers, who know little more than their pupils. Not long ago I heard of a boy who has been

in school seven years and can scarcely read yet. I hope and pray daily that God will send new missionaries to Pelotas soon. I consider it a great and glorious privilege to be called to work in this field, a calling for which I am so unworthy. The W. M. U. will always have my deepest gratitude, not only for helping me so many years, thus making it possible for me to respond to my "call", but also for the help it is giving my brother and sister.—*Pearl Dunstan, Pelotas, Brazil*

#### A GOOD WORD FROM AFRICA

**W**E have a woman's society in each of the three churches in Abeokuta. It is my part to work most with the Ago Owu women. I believe many of them are really trying to live the Christian life. We have some very good meetings and I am sure their prayers and interest prove that progress is being made. Last year I had four girls in my home whom I was endeavoring to train but two of them were married at Christmas time and the other two are now attending the Abeokuta Girls' School. The two married ones are living in Abeokuta. One of them accompanies me when I visit amongst the women, the other is a great help in the day school and the women's work at our Saje station. She is a true helpmeet to her husband and we are looking for great things in the work there. While we haven't any special incidents to write about we are still "carrying on" and striving to do our part in giving the good news to these people. Sometimes it is just teaching the women a-b-c's; again, it is teaching the wee tots in the Sunday school or sewing for and helping the boys in our home. My greatest joy is to be working for Him in however small a way.—*Mrs. S. G. Pinnock, Nigeria*

"We followed the star as it shone  
Clear in the midnight skies,  
And down in the manger upon the hay  
We have found where the Young Child  
lies.

And around us is all the woe  
Of the lepers and blind and dumb  
And of those who are hungry and those  
who faint

While they wait for the Christ to come.  
But above in the radiant sky  
The hosts of the angels sing,  
And ours it is to bear with delight  
The 'tidings of joy' for our King."



## PERSONAL SERVICE



### THE INTER-RACIAL WORK OF THE W. M. U.

**W**ORK for and with the negro has been part of the personal service program and, in line with our aim as a missionary organization, we are seeing the establishing and fostering of societies among negro women and girls and the supplying of large quantities of literature for the conduct of these organizations. Two W.M.U. women went at the request of some interested colored women and assisted in organizing a society. Twenty-seven years afterwards one of these women, a guest in the home of a friend, met a trusted servant who exclaimed "Bless your heart, honey! Do you remember the society you organized for us so long ago? It has not missed meeting a single time in all these years and we certainly do thank you for showing us how". Twelve states reported this last year some work for the negro through the work of thirty-one societies. Five states are offering courses in mission study for colored women and last year awarded sixty-one certificates. In Missouri at the state college for colored women the W.M.U. state secretary conducted for a class of fifty a course in parliamentary usage. The classes in Oklahoma City were notable, being held from five to six weeks at a time, were largely attended and a different book was taken up each week. The appreciation on the part of the colored women was marked. Two other cities in that state asked for similar classes and these were conducted. At the annual session of Oklahoma two W.M.U. members were appointed as members of the state Inter-Racial Commission. South Carolina supports a domestic science teacher in Morris College and sends a committee bearing greetings to the annual meeting of the negro women's convention and to the summer school of the state college for colored people. In Missouri W.M.U. work is taught in the institute conducted yearly in Jackson College. At a recent meeting in that state five negro women were the guests and one of them wrote the following note of appreciation:

"Dear Madam—I wish to write you personally and thank you for your invitation to your meeting yesterday. I could not sleep last night for praying, thinking and thanking God for being in that meeting. You cannot see nor even imagine the good of it to our people as I can. What a help it will mean to our negro women in every way! I want to see you and get help before our meeting on June 22 as I will have such a good chance to get it before so many of my women who will carry it back into their homes, churches and Sunday schools. I hope I am not selfish but as president of Bolivar County Negro Baptist Women's Association I want Bolivar to lead in mission study. And I pray God it may spread over the state among us. May I come and see you Saturday, the 17th, if you are not too busy and let you teach me how and what to do as I want to know before our meeting?

Yours in Christ,  
(Mrs.) Minnie E. Williams

Texas invites negro leaders to attend the state convention, asks the corresponding secretary to speak and makes contributions to the work of the negro Training School and Orphan's Home. Virginia has communicated with every society in the state and asked that effort be made by such groups to promote good feeling between the races and has called on prominent persons to speak on the subject whenever advisable. "This difficult and delicate though very practical work" merits our warmest and most thorough cooperation.



## TRAINING SCHOOL

### WORKING WITH A VISION

**I**N complying with Mrs. McLure's request to write something about the Training School from a board member's standpoint, it occurred to the writer that an account of a real board meeting would be of interest to those who cannot be there and whose interests we strive to serve. In spite of lowering skies and cold winds, a goodly number gathered in response to the summons to the first board meeting of the year. We all felt that it was good to be together again to rejoice in the splendid achievements and glorious promise of this work, so dear to our hearts and so blessed of our Father. It was interesting to note the presence of four members who have served on the Board from the beginning; they were Mrs. S. E. Woody, who rendered invaluable assistance as our first president; Miss Fanny Moses, for all these years our faithful and efficient secretary; Mrs. T. H. Whayne, first chairman of house committee, and Mrs. Geo. B. Eager, whose untiring devotion and service is known to all, and whom we delight to honor as our president. After the reading of scripture by Mrs. Eager, a prayer was offered, of thanksgiving for the many blessings, of supplication for strength and wisdom to carry forward the work for the year.

Mrs. Eager told of the request of the Training School Alumnae that Mrs. McLure spend a part of her year's leave of absence as their guest in visiting former students stationed in China and Japan—a lovely and gracious thing, which will be of immense value and help to those visited.

Mrs. Eager reported insurance must be renewed and it was decided to take insurance for three years. She also reported receipt of check for the purchase of the lot adjoining Good Will Center, a much needed addition for growth of work there.

Miss Warren reported many calls from societies for empty jars to fill with fruit and vegetables. Last year the gifts of this nature with boxes of provisions, chickens, etc. were of material help in reducing table expenses. Miss Warren also reported her inability to secure a satisfactory cook without an increase in wages. This was authorized by the Board as it is imperative to have a capable, reliable person for the healthful feeding of so large a household.

Miss Coombs, the nurse, reported quite an activity in the infirmary for the two weeks in September, and this should emphasize the great responsibility resting upon our able trustees and those who send girls to the school, to see that they are physically fit for the work. It is not fair to the school or to others who wish to come to send girls who must spend a large part of the time in bed doctoring a frail body.

Mrs. McLure reported present in our student body four graduate nurses, these marking the beginning of our W.M.U. nurses. She also spoke of the action of W.M.U. at Jacksonville in placing state and associational scholarships on a loan basis, ample time being granted for repayment to student's own state.

A course of lectures on story telling will be given in December by Miss Annie Williams, this being the gracious gift of our Sunday School Board, to whom we owe so much already.

Business being disposed of it is our custom to hear the experiences of a number of our girls. As we listen to their stories of conviction, consecration, struggle and surrender, with the overcoming of seemingly insurmountable obstacles, all so

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## HOME DEPARTMENT

### THE CHRISTMAS STAR

**T**HE twilight of Christmas Eve crept slowly over the city. A spirit of sweet mystery breathed "peace and good will" to all.

In the corner window of an attic chamber stood a child. Her eyes eagerly searched the heavens as she softly sang:

"Oh, little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie;  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by."

Darkness fell and lights began to appear, dancing here and there like will-o'-the-wisps. The child left her post and, climbing on a stool reached her well-worn hat and coat from the high hook on the closet door. Once more she returned to the window. Just above the horizon gleamed a single star of wondrous brilliancy. Enraptured by its beauty she forgot that she must get bread for the evening meal. The room was flooded with a soft, shimmering light and, as far as she could see, the same silvery radiance flooded the sky. A joyful sob escaped the child's lips as she realized that the star moved. "The star of Bethlehem! I must follow it like the three wise men!" she whispered.

Frail of body but gifted with a vivid imagination the child flew down the flight of steps, her only thought to follow the star. It moved on unflinching. Beyond the boundary of the city, over frozen roads and snow whitened fields the little feet hastened on.

Music suddenly filled the air. Carried beyond the things of time and sense she seemed to be surrounded by beings of indescribable beauty who bore her swiftly along in the wake of the star. The great soul within the tiny frame almost burst its earthly bonds as a heavenly carol seemed to awake the silent night. The clear notes of her voice rang out with the song of the angels: "Fear not: for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. . . . Glory to God in the highest

and on earth peace, good will toward men".

Now they were going to the stable where they would find the baby King. She remembered that she had no gift to offer. In her pocket lay her most precious possession, a little bead purse. The baby King would like its bright colors. She drew it forth and went on her way rejoicing that she would not arrive emptyhanded. On, on they sped—the angelic choir and the earth child—led by the star. Finally the singing seemed to cease. The dream passed and the child stood alone in the cold and asked "O where is the King?" The star hung motionless over a tiny house almost hidden by fir trees. Paths of golden light streamed from the windows inviting the child to warmth and comfort. She did not pause to knock but lifted the latch and entered. A glowing log fire glorified the homely room. Seated before the fire was a lovely young mother with a baby in her arms. The father was in a far corner trimming a Christmas tree.

"Come in, child", he urged as the little stranger hesitated. She moved eagerly forward. "Have I found the King?" she asked. "The king?" questioned the mother. "Yes, we think baby is a king." She placed the soft, pink face against that of the child who reverently kissed its cheek. "I have brought Him a gift", she whispered, shyly offering the bead purse. "See him reach for it!" the mother said and pressed the tiny gift-bearer close to her side. The chubby fingers of the baby tried to grasp the bright gift. The little girl was very happy.

"You have given him his first Christmas gift", said the father. "Draw near the fire while I get you a bowl of bread and milk". The child seated herself on the hearth stool and was soon enjoying the food.

"We are so far from the city, how did you find us, dear child?" the mother asked. "I followed the star", she answered simply.

Do you think she was ever cold and hungry again?—Dorothea Dixon





## UNION NOTES



### ROUND TABLE



**CHRISTMAS** is December's chief reason for being on the year's calendar. The month's program, under the title "Fulfilling the Royal Law", seeks to lay especial and practical emphasis upon the Christmas principle of neighborly kindness. In addition there is the interest centering around the plans for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for China in connection with the January Week of Prayer for World Wide Missions. It is hoped that an offering envelope will be given to every woman and young person in the church so that before they purchase their Christmas presents they will lay aside their Christmas offering. If the envelope is carefully marked by the donor the offering will be counted on that person's pledge to the Baptist 75 Million Campaign. Try also to get those who did not pledge to the Campaign to make an offering in this way. Plan in December also for the January Week of Prayer services. If possible observe the entire week, December 31-January 6, day by day, thus "continuing steadfastly in prayer". Why not entrust Sunday's program to all in the society whose birthday during the year will come on a Sunday; Monday's program to all whose birthday will come on a Monday; and so on, the hope being that because of their part on the program they will more intimately associate prayer with the new year and with their own natal new year? Try to get your pastor to usher in the Week of Prayer by preaching from the text: "Golden bowls of incense, which are the prayers of the saints".—Revelation 5:8

**CONTRIBUTORS** of articles to be used as leaflets by the women during the January Week of Prayer are as follows: Mrs. John Lake and Miss Lila F. Watson of China; Miss Naomi E. Schell of Japan; Mrs. W. H. Carson of Africa; Mrs. Geo. H. Lacy of Mexico; and Donna (Mrs.) Maria Daltro Santos of Brazil.

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The last named writer furnished the article upon the request of Mrs. W. E. Allen of Rio de Janeiro. Certainly the Union is deeply grateful to these ladies, each of whom will feel amply repaid if the leaflets are faithfully used in connection with the programs on foreign missions in behalf of which these writers are giving their lives.

**CARDS** are as numerous at Christmas time as ever they were to Alice awakening from Wonderland and certainly they call to memory as many dear friends and interests as ever hers did. The Union would take advantage of this popular expression of friendliness by issuing Christmas cards in connection with its two magazines, ROYAL SERVICE and WORLD COMRADES. The plan is as follows: if any one wishes to subscribe for either or both of these magazines as a Christmas or New Year gift to a friend all that will be necessary to do in sending in the subscription is to say that the subscription is to be a gift. The Birmingham office will forthwith, in acknowledging the subscription, enclose to the subscriber the Christmas-New Year card so that the person subscribing may herself send the card on to her friend at the proper time. Among the "friends" to whom either or both of these magazines might well be sent with the season's greetings are your pastor, your society, your less fortunate friend, your non-missionary friend, your own home.

**CONVENTIONS** make December, like the fall months, very "Baptistic"! Many associations have their annual gatherings during its early weeks and during them also the state W.M.U. annual meetings are held in Florida and Louisiana. The Union will be represented at the former by its field worker, Miss Blanche Sydnor White, and at the latter by its corresponding secretary. In a real sense both of these states are distinct home mission territory. W.M.U. workers should earnestly pray that their meetings shall be guided and blessed by God.

**CONSECUTIVE** study is an outstanding W.M.U. policy. No society can attain to the standard of excellence which does not observe at least twelve missionary programs, preferably one each month. The monthly topics for 1923 are given on page 3. It will there be seen that the study will be even more consecutive than usual since three months will be given to that many aspects of "The Spread of the Kingdom", the next three to "Educational Ideals", the next three to the different phases of "Evangelism" and the last three to "Medical Missions". Begin right now to keep four large envelopes, marking them by the subjects for the four quarters and putting in them clippings on the given subject. It is surprising how every magazine and paper which you read will henceforth "flash" such items before your interested eyes and clipping scissors!

**COMBINATIONS** of the right sort are taught in actual life as well as in higher algebra. Mrs. W. P. McAdory of the South Side Church in Birmingham, Alabama, has made the following charming combinations in promoting mission study in her church: she chose as many "Captains of Mission Study" as there are letters in the alphabet. Then the "captain" whose name began with "A" was given the list of all the women in the church whose names began with the same fortunate letter; the "captain" whose name began with "B" was given the list of all the women whose names began with "B"; and so on. Each captain gave her solemn promise to Mrs. McAdory that she would personally and promptly see every woman on her list and invite her to join one of the mission study classes conducted in the circles of the W.M.S., the one that is held an hour before the regular society meeting each Monday afternoon or that which is conducted at the Wednesday night prayer meeting by the pastor, Dr. J. E. Dillard. It is easy to believe that by these capital combinations the whole "alphabet" will be included in mission study!

**CONTINUING** into October the pleasant trip in Alabama with Miss Reynolds, your young people's secretary visited with her seven schools and colleges encouraging or organizing a college Y.W.A. in each case. Alabama leads in number of college Y.W.A.'s in state insti-

tutions yet the work in our own schools is flourishing also. Arkansas, omitted last year in the college work, was promised early visits this session but before starting west there was the joy of reading the interesting articles for the January Week of Prayer leaflets. These were kindly contributed by the following missionaries: Miss Doris Knight, China, for Y.W.A.'s., Mrs. C. K. Dozier, Japan, for R.A.'s., Miss Agnes Graham, Chile, for G.A.'s. and Miss Neale Young, Africa, for Sunbeams. The leaflets are particularly attractive and present real calls to prayer also. College Y.W.A. work in Arkansas is on a higher plane than ever before with 5 Y.W.A.'s. insisting they are going to be A-1 this year. Some new auxiliaries were organized, the University of Arkansas Y.W.A. particularly rejoicing our hearts. It was good to be journeying in my home state.

**CHRYSANTHEMUMS** were just coming into their glory when the Missouri Baptist Convention met in Kansas City. The autumn days were golden, the attendance was large and state-wide and the interest was sustained throughout the four days, no matter how prolonged the sessions. The opening day, afternoon and evening, was devoted to the ministers' conference and the woman's work. In the latter was included all phases of W.M.U. work, the crowning event being a missionary pageant of singular impressiveness. The formal report of woman's work was presented to the Convention by the secretary, Mrs. J. G. Reynolds, the W.M.U. corresponding secretary speaking to the report.

**CAMPAIGNS** for ROYAL SERVICE subscriptions and renewals are a definite W.M.U. policy but not until this year has the campaign been made an annual one. During the first quarter 8285 subscriptions and renewals were sent in, Virginia and New Mexico leading the other states in their proportionate number. During the second quarter, the total was 15,094 with Kentucky standing first in number sent in but with New Mexico again leading in the proportionate number. The aim for the year is 60,000 subscriptions and renewals. The total for the first and second quarters is 23,379. Will your state do its full part toward reaching the goal before next May?

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**C**ONCERNING her October work, Miss White, W.M.U. field worker, writes: The light is breaking in Louisiana and the Baptist horizon is widening, as Louisiana College is strengthened, Arcadia Academy ministers to the religious and educational life of the French section and the Baptist Bible Institute sends out its students all over New Orleans and out into the state. I have visited these three schools, attended gatherings of our women in thirteen centers, heard from "Miss Georgia", as the state W.M.U. secretary is lovingly called, something of conditions in Louisiana twenty years ago; fellowshipped with the splendid women who are bearing the burdens and sharing the joys of Baptist work in Louisiana and I exclaim with them "What hath God wrought!"

**C**ONSTANT is the love which the W.M.U. Training School alumnae feel toward Mrs. Maud R. McLure. This was especially manifested at the annual meeting of their association last May in Jacksonville when they announced to Mrs. McLure that they wished to give her a trip to China and Japan, when she had her year's leave of absence in 1923-24. It is cause for great joy to the W.M.U. corresponding secretary that the W.M.U. Executive Committee has granted her leave of absence to go with Mrs. McLure, the expense being personally borne by the secretary. It is hoped that the trip can be so arranged as to begin with the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in Stockholm next July.

**C**OINCIDENT with attendance upon the fall meeting in Memphis, Tenn., of the S.B.C. Committee on Student Religious Activities there was for the W.M.U. corresponding secretary the opportunity of meeting two groups of Baptist women of the First Church of Mem-

phis. The spirit of their pastor, Dr. A. U. Boone, was reflected in the enthusiastic remarks of one of the women: "I just love the very name of W.M.U." At the committee meeting the secretary, Mr. Frank H. Leavell, displayed the initial copies of the monthly magazine "The Baptist Student". It is hoped that this magazine will receive a hearty welcome in the academies and colleges and that it will prove a genuine help in the religious life of the Baptist students. The price is 75 cents from Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. One of its regular contributors is Miss Juliette Mather, the W.M.U. young people's secretary. As an additional aid to the College Y.W.A. Miss Mather also edits the College Bulletin, price \$1.00 the school year from W.M.U. Headquarters, 1111 Jeff. Co. Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

**C**ONVICTION as to the need of more specific foreign mission information can but come during the observance of the January Week of Prayer for World Wide Missions. Convinced of this fact, the Union recommended at Jacksonville last May that the week be followed by the study of a foreign mission book and that the March Week of Prayer be followed by one on home missions. On pages 62-64 of the W.M.U. Year Book will be found a comprehensive list of study books. If your society has not already studied it, it would be an excellent plan to follow your January Week of Prayer with the study of "Southern Baptists and Their Far Eastern Missions". In cities where there are several Baptist churches the leaders of their study classes might well gather together for an intensive study of this book during the second week in January and, thus equipped, begin at once the teaching of the book in their churches.

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simply told, our hearts are both humbled and uplifted; humbled that we should ever count anything we do a sacrifice; uplifted that we have a part in making their work possible, thus sharing in their reward. After partaking of a delightful lunch, Mrs. McLure requested a story from one of the members, who responded with that wonderful story "The Vision of Anton", based on the legend "Where there is no Vision the people perish". Surely no more fitting story could have been told, for our own House Beautiful stands as a fulfillment of a vision caught in far away China, a vision of all the peoples of the earth brought to know Him to whom to know is life eternal.—Mrs. Trevor H. Whayne

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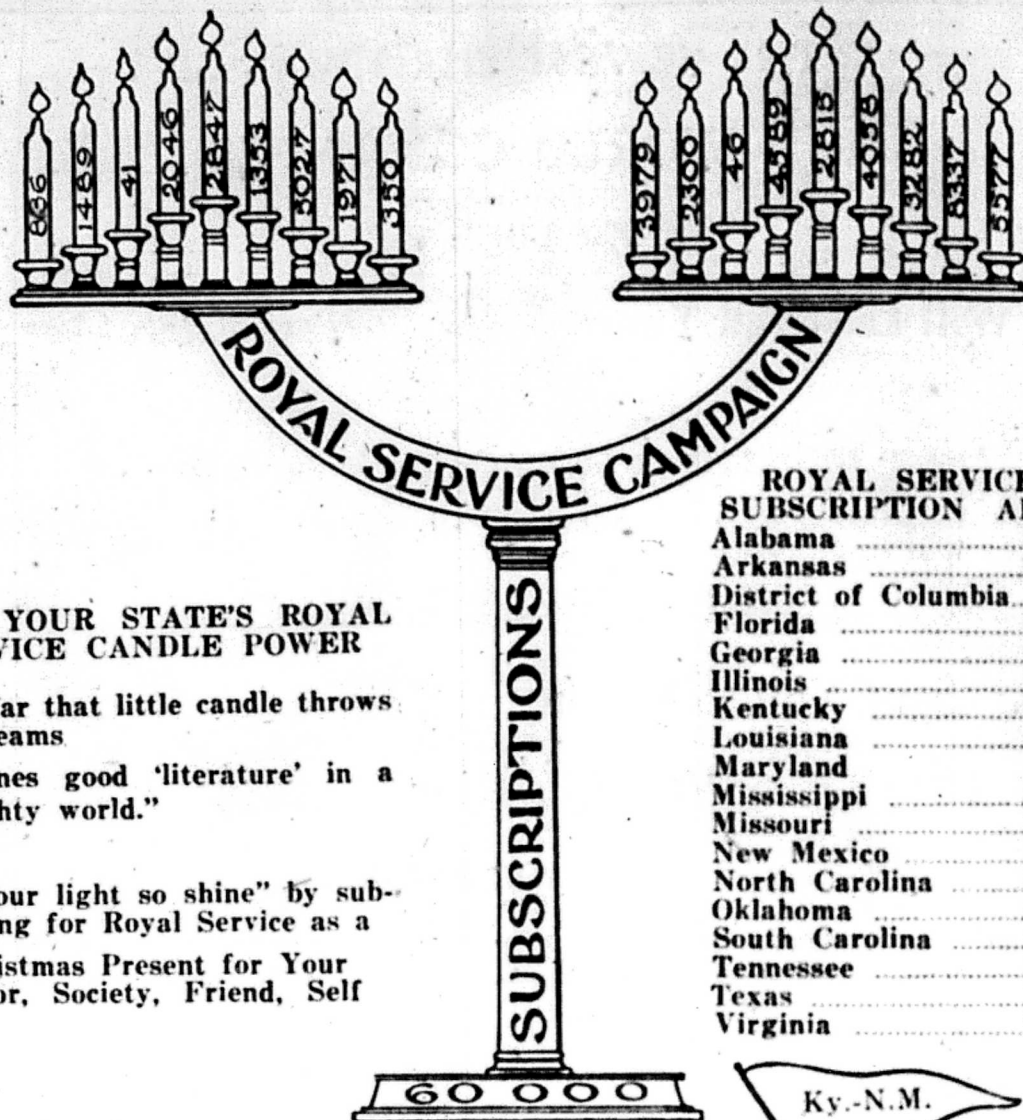
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