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EDITORIAL



FOUR STATE W.M.U. ANNUAL MEETINGS

T has been the joyful privilege of the W.M.U. president to attend the annual W.M.U. meetings in Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia this fall.

The Illinois meeting was held on October thirty-first in Herrin with a full attendance. Mrs. Maude Wall Southall, a W.M.U. Training School girl who last June laid down the work of a home missionary in Illinois to take the work of corresponding secretary, is getting a good grasp on the work and has some progressive plans for the future. The work is going well and reports showed marked advance along all lines. The program was full of interest throughout. The women of Illinois are measuring up nobly to their opportunities and responsibilities and have a bright outlook for the future.

It had been six years since my last meeting with the Kentucky W.M.U. and I am sure I would not have had the faith at that time to predict such marvelous growth as has been theirs in the intervening years. Every feature of the program showed careful forethought and painstaking preparation. The auditorium of the beautiful Baptist church in Cynthiana was filled to overflowing at each session. Prayerful attention to the business in hand was evident throughout the meeting. As Mrs. Bose is known and loved all over our territory more especially for her work in behalf of the 75 Million Campaign I am sure all will be happy to learn that she is steadily improving in health and hopes soon to be back at her work in Kentucky as corresponding secretary.

The week following the Kentucky meeting the women in Tennessee held their annual session in the charming city of Knoxville. Here, too, as in Illinois and Kentucky your president was met with a royal welcome. The women of the states seem to delight to honor the representatives of W.M.U. auxiliary to S.B.C. Five years ago I met with the Tennessee women. Here again I found a development and growth that showed how earnestly the state leaders and the women had worked to carry out the object of W.M.U. and measure up to all its aims. The reports were cleverly given. The program was varied, interesting and full of good suggestions. The charts prepared by the corresponding secretary, Miss Buchanan, and hung where all could see showing the standing of societies and associations in certain W.M.U. endeavors struck the writer as most exceedingly helpful.

Finally the time was at hand for me to go to the Georgia meeting. Like the Illinois meeting it was a pleasure long deferred but one well worth waiting for. The Georgia W.M.U. was joyfully celebrating its fortieth aniversary in the Second Baptist Church of Atlanta where they organized a courageous band in those pioneer days of woman's work. The welcome here was gracious and abundant. Because of the extent of the work the program was very full and from it came many helpful suggestions that linger with me and I trust will bear fruit for the good of all the work. Mrs. Neel the loved president is rejoicing in her work with Miss Patrick who has come to them as corresponding secretary since their last annual meeting. Like the other three meetings the Georgia meeting was well attended.

In all four of the meetings I was impressed with the fact that the women had come full of purpose apparently saying to themselves, "This one thing I do" for these few days and with the fixed determination to seek to do the Master's work in His own way. In each state I found the women loyal to W.M.U. ideals and to their campaign obligations and with the forward look pressing on toward the goal of ultimate victory.

MARTHA McINTOSH BELL

Having been asked to write some personal recollections of my beloved friend and comrade for nearly half a century, I am but voicing the feeling of many other friends.

My father, on returning from a meeting of the South Carolina Convention, told us about two very attractive ladies, Miss Louisa and Miss M. E. McIntosh, who were seeking to organize women's societies in the state, whose immediate object was providing a home for Miss Lula Whilden. Miss Whilden was well known and loved in Greenville where she attended college and we had been trained in Sunday school to give to missions, so we entered with enthusiasm into the plans proposed in the letters of the Misses McIntosh and Greenville was one of the first four societies in South Carolina. What I learned here was a resource in Kentucky, when our Central Committee began its work in 1878, and I was ever eager for opportunities to confer with my exemplar. At our first meeting our hearts were knit together for life, with common tastes, interests, convictions and endeavors. She had a genius for friendship and we were secure in each other's love and remembrance. In our rare and precious seasons of intercourse, she would ask about the work, ever ready to sympathize and cheer with quick insight and wise counsel, wide observation and experience. One of her co-workers says, "As a leader she was gentle, wise, prayerful, untiring and hopeful". Other conspicuous qualities were beautiful taste, sound judgment and courage. Her low, sweet voice was clear and penetrating, carrying easily over a large audience room, and her gentleness was mixed with force and firmness.

Once when visiting my sister in Columbia, S. C., the opportunity to attend the State Convention at Aiken was eagerly embraced, and the woman's missionary meeting was to me a revelation and a joy. Miss McIntosh was an ideal presiding officer, and many good lessons were learned those days. A journey into Mexico, under the care of Dr. W. D. Powell and Dr. Willingham, gave a welcome occasion for long talks with my friend and renewed my admiration for her tact and charm as shown in her intercourse with fellow travelers and Mexican Christians.

Another cherished recollection is of a few days with her in Nashville, where she made a very happy home for Dr. Bell and the three children. When the older children were at school, little Ada would follow her about the house, looking up to her for never-failing smiles and caresses. Years afterwards when the young girl wanted to go to China, Mrs. Bell asked "How can you leave me, Ada?" and she replied "Who was it that taught me to love missions, who has told me stories about China ever since I was a little girl?"

At a Training School commencement I introduced some one to Mrs. Bell, saying, "Dr. Bell's daughter is graduating tonight". She instantly replied "Mrs. Bell's daughter is a graduate", and after Dr. Bell's death she followed this dear daughter to North China, just to make a pleasant home for her and her co-worker. She did not try to learn the language nor do any definite missionary work but her influence was great. She wrote me that the Chinese servants were very attentive, and the neighbors kind when she was sick, bringing her the fresh eggs that would otherwise have been sold to add to their scanty means. When she praised the barley broth, they said "We will plant more barley next year to have more broth for our foreign friends"

Dr. and Mrs. Bell had much to do with the selection and founding of Ridgecrest and visits to their Ridgecrest cottage were a delightful experience. Last August as we sat upon the porch looking at the beautiful views and the glorious sunset we little dreamed her days upon earth were so near an end. To her the promise applies: "They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever".—Eliza S. Broadus



BIBLE STUDY



TOPIC-The Challenge of the Gospel

I. The Message of the Spirit: Rev. 1:12-18; 2:7. The one essential to salvation is the revelation of Christ and the Holy Ghost alone can reveal Him. The first thing that confronts us after the record of creation is a guilty man and the Bible goes on to deal with guilt as the one great fact which needs reconciliation. Apart from the knowledge of Christ there is no salvation, Acts 4:12; II Cor. 4:6, into believing hearts God hath shined; to this we have the witness of the Spirit, Heb. 10:15. The revelation of Christ by the Spirit is what the world needs, John 16:3; we need the baptism of the Holy Ghost that we may see Christ and preach Christ and because we do not believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit we do not ask for it, Ezek. 37:9; II Cor. 3:18.

II. Mankind Needed a Divine Revelation: I John 5:19, 20; Eph. 4:17-29; Rom. 1:18-32. The great thing the apostles asserted was that Jesus was the Christ, that He was proved to be so by prophecies accomplished in Him and by miracles wrought by Him, Acts 8:37; 17:18, 24-31. It is therefore reasonable for us to receive the Gospel as a divine revelation and the main doctrines as rational, practical and sublime. Though the human heart has in it evil, the deepest thing in man is something fine and this good must be cultivated. Every one can change and conquer the evil tendencies of his nature through the Holy Spirit, John 3:5-8. The Gospel is the revelation of the grace of God to fallen man through a mediator, Acts 20:24; it is the glorious Gospel, II Cor. 4:4, and it is the everlasting Gospel, Rev. 14:6.

III. The Obligation of the Gospel: I Cor. 9:16; Gal. 1:11-24. The preaching of the Gospel was Paul's sole concern and its triumph his only reward, therefore he sacrificed his personal interests and abjured his rights. The preaching of the Gospel had been thrust upon him and he had reluctantly undertaken it as a divine stewardship, an imperious obligation. It is no sacrifice to follow the revelation of the Spirit in work for God but joy and peace, Gal. 1:15, 16. If the necessity, the pressure, the touch eternal is not felt then all your labor is a beating of the air. Only at the cross do men get the right vision of the Holy One. Let your work speak for you, the influence which tells for God is the influence derived from Christ, Gal. 2:20; 6:14. "Looking at life out of Christ it is a mystery, a tragedy, a perplexity infinite; looking at life in Christ it is a wonder, a revelation; but over it there steals with the quietness of sunrise, the blessed assurance that to be in Christ and to do Christ's work in the spirit of Christ makes life the seed whose fruit is immortality."

IV. The Preaching of the Cross: I Cor. 1:22-24. Christ crucified denotes the two leading features of the plan of redemption—the exalted nature and the deep humiliation of Christ Jesus which He came on earth to accomplish and the development of which constitutes the glorious Gospel of the blessed God. He who was in the beginning with God, John 1:1-3, who was God, by whom all things were made, Col. 1:13-19, took upon Him our nature and died for our sins, I Pet. 2:24, and by His sacrifice the obstacles to our pardon are removed. We are justified through Him, Rom. 5:1. Pardon and eternal life are freely offered to mankind, Rom. 5:21; John 3:16, and the truth was confirmed by the resurrection of Jesus and by His ascension into heaven whence He will come to judge the quick and the dead, II Tim. 4:1-2; I Pet. 4:5. I would that the banner of noble conquest might be unfurled over every nation and kindred and people and tongue! This is the desire of all who have gone forth in His name telling the Gospel of the Son of God.—Mrs. James Pollard

Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists January, 1923

Give us vision, zeal, self-forgetfulness. Grant that we may follow methods of Thy choosing, so that we may attain the ends that accord with Thy will. Let the word of deliverance through the cross of the Lord Jesus have everywhere free course and be glorified. We ask all in His name and for the sake of His kingdom. Amen.—Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke

Topic: Prayer and the Uttermost Parts

1-MONDAY

That southern Baptists more and more become a people of prayer

That the world may believe-John 17:21

2—TUESDAY

That we bring no testimony against ourselves through unkept pledges

A faithful man shall abound with blessings.—Proverbs 28:20

3-WEDNESDAY

Let us seek the blessing of God upon all Christian work the world over

The blessing of the Lord it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it. Proverbs 10:22

4—THURSDAY

That the great Burden Bearer sustain Dr. J. F. Love in his responsibilities as secretary of Foreign Mission Board

I will lift up my hands in thy name.

5-FRIDAY

That unceasing prayer quicken all departments of W.M.U. work God in able.—2 Corinthians 9:8

6—SATURDAY

For Dr.T.B.Ray and all workers and interests of Foreign Mission Board

No purpose of thine can be restrained.

7—SUNDAY

That the sanctity of the Sabbath be zealously taught to our children

I will put my laws into their hearts.

Hebrews 10:16

8-MONDAY

Thanksgiving for the loving leadership of W.M.U. president, Mrs. W. C. James

That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God.—Romans 15:32

9-TUESDAY

For W.M.U. vice presidents in their devotedness to the Master's service Pray, one for another.—James 5:16

10—WEDNESDAY

Pray that the blessedness of giving to Campaign fund increase our liberality
Remember the words of the Lord Jesus.—Acts 20:85

11—THURSDAY

For Miss Kathleen Mallory, corresponding secretary W.M.U. and *Miss Ethel Winfield, her assistant

That He would grant you . . . to be strengthened with might by His Spirit—Ephesians 3:16

12—FRIDAY

For our new missionaries on the foreign field Sent forth by the Holy Spirit

Acts 13:4

13—SATURDAY

That the power of the Spirit rest upon work of *Miss Juliette Mather, young people's secretary and college correspondent, W.M.U.

He is strong.—Isaiah 40:26

14—SUNDAY

That His house be a house of prayer
It is good for us to be here.—Mark 9:5

15-MONDAY

For Mrs. H. M. Wharton, recording secretary, and Mrs. Sumter Lea, Jr., assistant recording secretary, W.M.U. Created in Christ Jesus unto good works—Ephesians 2:10

16—TUESDAY

That the Baptist 75 Million Campaign become to us God's open door into larger service A great door and effectual is opened unto us.—1 Corinthians 16:9

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We have so often failed Thee, our God; but how vast is Thy patience with us! Our hearts are filled with gratitude and wonder as we realize how Thou hast deigned to use us in the past year in spite of our failure and sin.

Grant us, we beseech Thee, a larger sense of the preciousness of the Gospel and a deeper love for men, women and children for whom Christ died. Amen .- Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke

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17-WEDNESDAY

For Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, treasurer W.M.U.

Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel.
Psalm 73:24

18-THURSDAY

For Miss Blanche Sydner White, field secretary W.M.U.

He will direct thy paths .- Proverbs 3:6

19—FRIDAY

For the tender care of God in the service of Dr. and Mrs. S. G. Pinnock and Mrs. W. T. Lumbley, Abeokuta, Africa

Ye are Christ's and Christ is God's. 1 Corinthians 3:23

20—SATURDAY

For Royal Service, World Comrades, Boards of Editors and all who labor in their production Do all to the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

21—SUNDAY

That church services be not diverted from their real purpose Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God.

Mathew 4:10

22—MONDAY

Remember in prayer Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke in his faithful service as Baptist Commissioner to Europe

To make ready for the Lord a people prepared for Him-Luke 1:17

23—TUESDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. P. H. Anderson and *Miss Mary Anderson, Canton, China

They are the seed which the Lord has blessed.-Isaiah 61:9

24—WEDNESDAY

That individual soul seeking become an enlarged feature of W.M.U. work

The fields . . . are white.-John 4:35

25—THURSDAY

For our missionary force at Kokura, Japan, Rev. and Mis. J. H. Rowe, Rev. and Mrs. Roscoe Smith and Misses Effie Baker and Cerile Lancaster I will direct their work .- Isaiah 61:3

26-FRIDAY

Pray that Campaign gifts of 1923 prevent retrenchment in foreign missions

I have set a watchman upon thy walls.

27—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Ginsburg and Rev. W. E. Entzminger, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil Whom God hath sent speaketh words of God .- John 3:34

28—SUNDAY

That the Lord's Day Alliance receive the support of Christian churches.

Oh that my people would harken unto me.—Psalm 81:13

29-MONDAY

For our missionaries at Temuco, Chile, Rev. and Mrs. W. D. T. McDonald and *Miss Agnes Gra-

Yet will I not forget thee.

Isaiah 49:15

30—TUESDAY

For Rev. Everett Gill, superintendent of Baptist missions in Europe, and for Mrs. Gill, Lausanne, Switzerland Go forth to them that are in darkness

31-WEDNESDAY

Remember in prayer the difficult work of Rev. Hoyt E. Porter in Moscow, Russia Defend the poor and the fatherless.

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Publicity Pointers

(Suggested news items for church calendar for first Sunday in January)

HOW WOMEN MAY GIRDLE THE GLOBE

7 OULD you like to become such a factor in the world that you could girdle the globe with your power, dear women of the congregation? If so, you will be interested to learn that the local Woman's Missionary Society is preparing to undertake just such a pretentious program during the month of January when they will seek to girdle the globe with power, through prayer in behalf of the missionaries and special representatives of our southern Baptist work on every continent of the world.

We can support these missionaries with our means, it is true, but when we realize what great burdens they are carrying and what heart aches they are enduring in trying to tell 900,000,000 lost people in sixteen foreign countries of Jesus Christ and His power to save, we see the need of undergirding them with our prayers as well. It is needful that each day we pray for these missionaries by name and ask our Heavenly Father, out of the abundant riches of His grace in Christ Jesus, to supply every need.

Will you not join the Woman's Missionary Society in making January a special month of prayer for our workers on the foreign fields? If you would know of some marvelous answers to their prayers already, read the January issue of ROYAL SERVICE, and if you would keep posted on what southern Baptists in general and the women in particular are doing at home and abroad, then read ROYAL SERVICE regularly. The monthly meeting of the Missionary Society will be held in the church parlors at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. January 9. You are cordially invited to visit the Society at that time.

(Suggested news item for secular papers)

PRAYERS OF BAPTIST WOMEN SAVED LIFE OF MISSIQNARY N announcing that during the month of January the members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church will join the societies all over the South in a special season of prayer for the individual missionaries sent out to foreign fields by southern Baptists, Mrs. G. M. Blailock, president, advises that the faith of the women has been greatly strengthened through some very remarkable answers to prayer in recent months.

She relates the story of how the Rev. Solomon Ginsburg, one of the leading Baptist workers in Brazil, found himself confronted in his room one night some time ago by a man of violence. (After this introduction give the story as found in paragraph 3 of the general program.)

(Suggestion for display ad. on back page of church calendar for first Sunday in January, or for hand-drawn poster to be placed on church walls)

> Let One of Your New Year Resolutions be: "WE WILL TAKE TIME TO PRAY DURING 1923"

(Suggestion for display ad. on back page of church calendar or for hand-drawn poster for display on walls in church lobby or other conspicuous place)

> UNTOLD BLESSINGS FOR 1923 Await all who will claim God's abundant promises in prayer, for the Heavenly Father never defaults on His promises and His ability to perform is unlimited.

LET US LEARN TO PRAY



PROGRAM FOR JANUARY



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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The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous and His ears are open to their prayers.—1 Peter 3:12

It has been a long trail from the day we entered the gates of 1922 to

1. Trysting this present time when we stand at the open portals of 1923. As we by the Way look back over the three hundred and sixty-five days of renewed mercies are we quite satisfied with our individual effort in our Union work? Has the wayside been enshrined in prayer—intercessory prayer? Of course we have prayed but have our prayers been unselfish, importunate and persistent? Have we understood the real meaning of prayer as taught in the seventeenth chapter of John? Have we waited on the Lord, stayed with Him until we received the blessing, tarried until we were endued with power, prayed with such faith that His "No" was as much of an answer as His "Yes"? Moses prayed to enter the promised land but he died on Nebo's top. Yet when he came down from the mount his face so shone from his communion with God that mortal eyes could not look upon it, unveiled. Almost two thousand years after his death he was chosen to appear with Jesus on the mount of transfiguration. Did the denied prayer of Moses break his

faith? God answered the deeper desire of his heart. "If God granted the form of our petition He would deny the substance of our desire." If we have prayed with this spirit and if our communion has been so close with God that He has shone in our hearts and lives the year has been a blessed one whatever it has brought forth, and we may enter the gates of the coming one with "thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise".

As we have pressed forward on the highway of the year we have been 2. A Great jostled by the friendly elbows of the great Christian denominations of the world, holding high the evangelical torch, proclaiming to the multitudes that only through the blood of Christ can men come to salvation and life eternal with God. Most of these denominations are carrying forward campaigns, covering a five-year period, for more money for their work, just as southern Baptists are doing in their Baptist 75 Million Campaign. If these campaigns are successful there will be a total each year of \$110,000,000 to be used for the spreading of the Gospel throughout the world, twice the amount ever given by American Christians. These movements have given attention to spiritual development as well. Prayer and stewardship have been emphasized. New recruits for the ministry, foreign missions and other forms of Christian life service are some of the results of these great enlistments for God. An increase of intercessory prayer. a larger flow of money and the quickening of Christian life and effort will make for speedier world evangelization. However we differ in form and method from other Christian denominations we are marching under the same love-banner and bid them hail and Godspeed. May the united prayers of all Christian hearts bind this old world very closely to the feet of God, our Captain, King and Redeemer.

Where there are Christians there also is the Holy Spirit and He does nothing else but pray continually. For even if the mouth be not always moving and uttering words, yet the heart goes on beating unceasingly with cries like these: "Ah, dear Father, may thy name be hallowed, may thy kingdom come and thy will be done"!—

Martin Luther

The work of the Holy Spirit is twofold. When the Spirit creates in our hearts the desire He is also working in some other heart. 3. The Spirit perhaps miles away, that He may grant our prayer and work out Worketh God's eternal purpose. A vivid instance of this dual power is shown in the life of one of our own missionaries, Rev. Solomon Ginsburg of Brazil: "A bandit was hired for \$50 to waylay and kill Mr. Ginsburg and actually came into the room where he was, armed for the deed. Strengthened by prayer Mr. Ginsburg walked up to the would-be assassin and said, 'You wished to see me, what can I do for you?' 'Do you know who I am,' said the bandit, 'and why I came here?' 'Yes,' was the answer, 'you have been bought to kill me. Well, why don't you go ahead and do it?' After a long pause came this reply, 'I was present when you preached and prayed and sang and I am not going to kill a man who is doing such good work.' They spent the night together, talked and prayed until daylight. Later the man. who had killed sixty-six persons, was caught and imprisoned. He accepted Christ as his Saviour and became an earnest Christian, telling to his fellow prisoners what the Lord had done for him. Now comes a remarkable part of this narrative. On his return home Mr. Ginsburg found in his mail the following letter from the young woman's missionary society of Americus, Georgia: 'Dear Brother Ginsburg: Today is our missionary day and we have been studying about you and your work and have been offering special prayers to our heavenly Father to bless you, keep and protect you from all danger and use you mightily in His service.' The letter was dated upon the very day Mr. Ginsburg met the celebrated bandit."

"The weary ones had rest, the sad had joy, that day
And wondered how.

Some one on bended knee and far away
Prayed, 'Help them now!'"

Mr. Ginsburg is a type of the 130 missionaries we have in Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Uruguay. From each of these countries come words of praise and gratitude for the blessed fruits of the year. A description of each branch of missionary service in these countries would be delightful reading but it is good to know that all of our stations report baptisms and that the general situation is encouraging. May the Spirit move us to a very real desire to pray for our missionaries in South America and the work He has placed in their hands!

In Mexico, along with the difficulties of the general world unrest 4. Revealed by our missionaries confront those always found in Catholic countries. It is hard for the Mexican to "come out from among them the Spirit and be separate". Let us remember this and pray for those who. for Christ's sake, leave the ties of family and kin, ties which are so strong and sacred to them. The work of the Spirit in one Mexican heart will show to us the great reservoir of power upon which we may call: "A missionary passing along a mountain road heard singing in the distance. Riding in the direction of the sound he found an aged Mexican at worship, surrounded by his family. He had never seen a minister but away back in '48 a Bible and hymn book had been left behind by the American army. In some way he had learned to read the Bible and by the Spirit was taught to pray. He established a family altar and had gathered around him a small group of believers." It is for us who have been instructed in the Scriptures from our youth up to answer for our sister republic. Our oldest missionary in Mexico says that in all the time of his service he has never seen such opportunity for forward movement. Remember that "the duty is ours-the events belong to God".

In every human heart God has planted the impulse to worship and prayer. This universal cry of the heart is verified by the psalmist when he says, "O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come". In the pagan heart this impulse takes the

form of self-inflicted injuries, such as the bed of spikes; of idol worship and of hundreds of superstitions and evil practices. We have recently read of an ignorant African woman who said after hearing her first Christian sermon, "There, I always told you that there ought to be a God like that!" Her soul desire was speaking. How often our missionaries have seen heathen women pouring out their hearts before an idol or a heap of stones and have longed to point them to our prayer hearing God. But there are so many heathen women and so few missionaries. Our own missionaries in Africa see how powerless they are among the millions and the cry from their hearts is, "Send us missionaries, pastors, teachers!" There must be a lack of prayer somewhere and it is not among the missionaries. God has greatly blessed all they have been able to do. Some of our churches in Africa have become self-supporting and, through the 75 Million Campaign, our schools are better equipped and staffed. Especially is this true of our larger stations, Lagos, Abeokuta and Ogbomoso. One little sentence in the report from Africa to the Southern Baptist Convention should bring us to our knees to plead for this work, it is this: "Churches are springing up in far distant places by no effort of our own but as the result of the work and prayers of those who have gone on before, and we are not able to enter into their labors." "Surely Ethiopia is stretching out her hands unto God."

Yoruba Christians call prayer "the gift of the knees". To them it is a gift and a privilege. Even so may we exercise this precious privilege for our work in Africa.

The great revival which swept over our country in 1803 was in 6. "Revive Us Again"

The great revival which swept over our country in 1803 was in response to the united prayer of all Christian bodies. The missionary impulse followed this unprecedented awakening, but it was not until 1835 that Mrs. Henrietta Shuck, the first American

Baptist woman missionary, was sent to China. Ten years after, in 1845, the Southern Baptist Convention was formed and in 1847 we had one woman missionary to China, Mrs. Matthew T. Yates. At the present time our women missionaries to China number 160 and are being added to each year. Thus it was that through prayer we took our place in God's great program for the salvation of China. From our churches comes the report of almost 3000 baptisms during the past year, while the 560 seminaries, colleges, graded schools and kindergartens report increase of enrollment, many new buildings, repair of old ones, better equipment and a high grade of tuition. We have every reason to be thankful for our fine missionary force in China. Recent visitors to various conferences in that country bring back splendid impressions of their spirituality, personality, intelligence and courtesy.

Twenty-five years before Commodore Perry's fleet sailed into

7. Make Mention the harbor of Yeddo a little band of women met regularly to pray for Japan. The Christian development of Japan has been slow but it has far exceeded all this little prayer group could "ask or think". Japan so ready to accept anything has to some extent accepted Christianity, rather as a cult than a saving grace. But there are many strong Christians among this people. Our missionary force is small but efficient and are greatly respected among the keen-witted Japanese. The seventy-nine baptisms reported for the year bring the church membership to 1231. These Japanese Christians gave to missions last year \$11,529. Over \$9.00 per capita from members most of whom are poor. How does this compare with our own per capita giving?

It is to be desired that these Japanese Christians pray for us that we fail not at this critical time of their religious history. And may we "give Him no rest till.... He make 'Japan' a praise in the earth".

Said a little girl of Sunbeam age, "Now that the war is over I need not pray for the soldiers any more". "Well," was the wise 8. "There Was an Enlarging" comment of her small companion, "the soldiers are not all dead and even if the war is over we must pray to keep it over". So our prayer list never grows shorter no matter what be the conditions in the world. To the prayer list of Southern Baptists has been added our new fields in Europe. Russia, Siberia, Jugo-Slavia, Roumania, Hungary and Spain. These countries are alive with interest, abounding in needs and overflowing with problems. Supreme subjects for prayer. To us the great privilege has been given of feeding and clothing hundreds of these people through the American Relief Administration, of which Mr. Herbert Hoover is president. Great need still exists.* If prayer is the uplift of our real desire it will result in material help for our Baptist people in Europe. Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, Baptist Commissioner for Europe, in his appeal to southern Baptists tells us of appalling suffering through famine and the need for clothing in Russia. Many of these sufferers were obliged to sell clothing already sent to them in order to keep from starving. Dr. Hoyt E. Porter is the Foreign Mission Board representative in Russia with headquarters in Moscow. Southern Baptist women have already sent to Russia 90 tons of clothing and will continue to send until the need is over. For directions for sending money for food and clothing for the perishing write to your state W.M.U. headquarters or to the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Va. Very complete arrangements have been made for prompt shipment

^{*}See W.M.S. program in ROYAL SERVICE, February, 1922, and Home and Foreign Fields, October, 1922, page 29

of clothing and food. Get this help in before the long Russian winter is over. Pray, for our 2000 Baptist churches in Russia and their tens of thousands of members.

Dr. Everett Gill, with headquarters at Lausanne, Switzerland, represents southern Baptists on the American Relief Administration and has the oversight of all southern Baptist work in Europe. Dr. Gill has visited Russia and endorses most strongly all appeals for food and clothing for our suffering brothers and sisters in that country.

Italy is not among our new missions in Europe, having been established since 1870. Dr. D. G. Whittinghill is the efficient superintendent of our Italian missions. His long and wise administration has advanced the work both in extent and character. He says: "The world war and old age have greatly reduced our pastoral force. Will not our friends in America plead with God for men to prosecute this work more vigorously than ever before? In spite of this great need we are not discouraged. God can and will save Italy".

Let prayer be the means through which we will carry on our missionary work in Europe.

With the world open to the Gospel, young men and women offering themselves for the mission field and treasuries too depleted to send 9. "God Is them there seems to be no question as to what Christians should pray Able" for. Says Robert E. Speer: "The evangelization of the world depends first of all upon a revival of prayer. Deeper than the need of men; deeper than the need for money; aye, deep down at the bottom of our spiritless life is the need for the forgotten secret of prevailing prayer. Prayer has always played the supreme part in forming missionary agencies and has been at the bottom of all revivals in missionary work". Are we not on the eve of a prayer revival?

A good place to begin this revival in our midst will be in the Bible study classes. If in this study we seek the guidance of the Spirit it will be given us to "know of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven". "A mystery in Scripture," says the sainted Dr. C. I. Scofield, "is a hidden truth divinely revealed". To what knowledge we have more will be added. Therefore seek His word with prayer and be rewarded with blessed intimacy with Christ, whom to know is fellowship with Him in this world and "in the world to come life everlasting". An intimate life with Christ is a life of prayer.

In our mission study classes where we learn of the needs, experiences and triumphs of Christian missions we might at the same time consider our own need for the experiences and triumphs of prayer. Of course we open and close our classes with prayer but are there not moments during the lesson when we are impelled to say "Let us pray"? Two great missionaries went out to the foreign field from a group of half a dozen who met around an old tree stump for study and prayer eight years ago. Can not we pray some one into the mission field from among those in our little class room? "God is able."

At the close of a recent annual meeting of Baptists in one of our southern states the moderator spoke of the frequent and voluntary prayers of the sessions. "Let us pray" came again and again from many lips. "The best meeting we ever had," came from every side.

Oh, that these prayers may be the droppings before the shower!

10. Daily Prayer-Our Missionary Calendar of Prayer

From the early days the Union had been bound together in prayer by the Monthly Missionary Topic Card. In 1907 a closer prayer union was formed by issuing a Calendar of Prayer for southern Baptists, mentioning each missionary and field by name. This publication grew in beauty and circulation and was known and loved by thousands. In 1918 it ceased to be a yearly

publication and was incorporated month by month into ROYAL SERVICE, thus enlarging the Union prayer circle. It is a red-letter day to the missionary when his day on the calendar comes and many and precious are the testimonies of divine strength given through united prayer for definite persons and objects; we give but one: "Once a missionary lost her day. She was away on a long, hard country trip in China. She was borne down by many perplexities and the burden seemed greater than she could bear. Then when all seemed darkest there came to her a feeling of joy and lightness which she could not understand. What had seemed burdens became privileges. The inward groanings of a weary spirit became songs of joy. She questioned the reason. When she returned to her missionary home she told her co-workers of her change from weariness to gladness. They then told her it had come on her day in the calendar which she had left behind her on her journey.

> "Though sundered far by faith we meet Around one common mercy seat."

SEASONS OF PRAYER

In her book "In Royal Service" Miss Heck tells us that our 11. Week of Prayer first Christmas offering which ushered in the January for World-Wide Missions Week of Prayer for World-Wide Missions in 1888 had its beginning in a letter from Miss Lottie Moon, a beloved missionary to China. The time had come for her return home for a sorely needed rest but so great was the burden upon her heart for the women of China that she gave up the trip and wrote begging that two women be sent at once to her help. The reply was our first Christmas offering. This offering is now ingathered during the January Week of Prayer. Later, in honor of this dear missionary whose life was an inspiration and a rich blessing to many women at home and abroad, the name was changed to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for World-Wide Missions. This offering of grateful acknowledgment for the Unspeakable Gift has become a cherished institution of the Union.

12. Week of Prayer for Home Missions

Turning again to Miss Heck's book we find that the Week of Self-Denial for Home Missions was first observed in 1895. Boxes to the frontier missionaries were bringing the societies into close contact with real self-denial. It seemed fit-

ting that they should for at least one week bear some self-denial for the home missionaries whose lives were one long sacrifice. The title slipped out of use for very shame. To call giving up a dessert for one week, putting a yard less of ribbon on the spring hat or deferring a purchase that you would get all the same a little later did not seem worthy of so large a name. As the need for boxes decreased the money gifts became larger and the prayer life of the Union was made richer by this season of united prayer for missions in the homeland. May we prove more worthy of the title under which we now celebrate the March Week of Prayer and Thanksgiving for Home Missions. Rightly observed it brings us nearer the soul need of our country.

From the wider domain of prayer for world-wide missions and the 13. Prayer for more familiar one of home missions we are led to a still closer sea-State Missions son of prayer, that for state missions. One week in September is set apart for its observance. Envelopes, programs and other literature is furnished from state W.M.U. headquarters. And so from the uttermost parts into our most intimate borders the ministry of prayer in the W.M.U. flows around the world. "That thy way may be known upon the earth; thy salvation among all nations".

THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL THROUGH INFORMATION

14. Keeping Step Practical and intelligent knowledge of the great and grand work of missions is a large education in itself because it takes us all over the world; shows us its needs and inspires us to meet them. Missionary literature keeps us up to date. Because we knew things a few

years ago is no assurance that we are not back numbers today. The procession moves on. The King's business cannot wait. We must not sidestep if we want to march under His banner. To keep in line we must subscribe and keep on subscribing for our denominational magazines, ROYAL SERVICE, Home and Foreign Fields and, for the sake of the children, World Comrades, not forgetting the Baptist paper of our state. We can generally find time to do what we want to do so let us cultivate wanting to read missionary literature and get others to read it. One wise woman said, "No matter what I am doing I just must stop to read ROYAL SERVICE as soon as it comes". Such a woman is an asset to any missionary society. Do not forget to pray for the editors, contributors, solicitors and readers of these periodicals. Let us take hold of this work feeling that it is a part of our Union duty to which we are bound to give our loyalty. "Missionary information and missionary inspiration go together" and these two forces will lead us to ask great things of God for ourselves and for the enterprise in which we have invested—Christian missions.

"The work of the world is done by few, God asks that a part be done by you."

QUESTIONS ON PROGRAM FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. Should we be willing to have our prayers unanswered?

2. Can the denial of a petition be a better answer than if it were granted?

3. What effect will united intercessory prayer have upon the evangelization of the world?

4. Can God's plans be changed by prayer?

- 5. Can you give an instance of the dual work of the Holy Spirit in your own life, in the lives of others?
 - 6. Are all revivals answers to prayer? Do you know of such an instance?
 - 7. Has the observance of family prayer declined? If so can you give a reason?

8. Is all prayer, whether public or private, secret prayer?

- 9. Can we sincerely pray "Thy kingdom come" if we are not enlisted in Kingdom service? Why?
 - 10. In what way does it help us to know that others are praying for us?
 - 11. What are the W.M.U. seasons of prayer? Are they observed in your society?

12. How can we pray without ceasing?

- 13. Can we overcome our reluctance to pray in our meetings?
- 14. What is the longest prayer in the Bible? The shortest?

FOREIGN MISSIONS FACES CRISIS

Due to the fact that last year's contributions to foreign missions were about \$700,000 below those of the year before, the Foreign Mission Board is facing a genuine crisis in its work and the alternative of greatly retrenching its work unless this year's receipts shall greatly exceed those of last year. The older work on all fields was greatly strengthened and eight new fields in Europe and the Near East were entered as a result of the Campaign but, unless the receipts increase, the Board and its forces will not be able to hold the advance positions that have been occupied. Southern Baptists can prevent retrenchment anywhere along the line by increasing their gifts to the 75 Million Campaign and doing it now.



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 3 will also prove attractive additions.

FIRST MEETING

Topic—Our Missionary Calendar of Prayer

Praise Service—
Scripture—Psalm 96
Hymn—O Worship the King
Prayer—Thanksgiving for Blessings
of the Past Year

A Talk on Calendars—By the Leader (Introductory)

Some Days in Review from Our 1922 Calendar

Hymn-All the Way My Saviour Leads Me

Today in Our Calendar Closing Prayer

Suggestions

A Talk on Calendars: Put some "pep" into the brief introductory remarks on calendars, the timekeepers of the year. Show several striking varieties of calendar in the course of the remarks. Call attention to the "red letter" days. Display the January Calendar of Prayer (cut from January, 1923, ROYAL SERV-ICE and attractively mounted). Give

Miss Heck's story of the origin of our monthly missionary prayer calendar as she tells it in her book, In Royal Service (page 205). See also par. 12, General Program. In conclusion propose a review of some dates in our 1922 missionary prayer calendar to bring to mind how, through united prayer, our Union has been bound together, how our people at home have been bound to the workers on the foreign field, how we all have been bound to the feet of God.

Some Days in Review: Select several sections from the Calendar of Prayer for southern Baptists found in 1922 numbers of ROYAL SERVICE and have them reproduced on posters or blackboard. Each date chosen is then in turn given its place on the program with its appropriate biographical sketch, missionary story or incident, intercessory prayer, hymn or other feature. The following examples are intended to be merely suggestive. Very helpful material for use in connection with biographical sketches of our missionaries in China is to be found in Laborers Together by Margaret McRae Lackey.

Calendar of Prager for Southern Baptists

January, 1922

26—THURSDAY

Praise God for precious years of service of Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Ginsburg, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me.—John 4:34

Tell some of the thrilling stories from Mr. Ginsburg's autobiography, "A Wandering Jew in Brazil". See also sketch, "A Brazilian Bride for Seventy-five Cents", in Home and Foreign Fields, December 1921, pages 25-27. Prayer.

27—FRIDAY

Render thanks for long service of Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Bagby and new service of Miss Alice Bagby The generation of the upright shall be blessed.—Psalm 112:2 Relate the life-story of Anne Luther Bagby (Mrs. W. B. Bagby) as given in Miss Heck's book, *In Royal Service*, pages 282 ff. Bible verse for the day.

May, 1922

1-MONDAY

Express deep gratitude for the privilege of service granted to W.M.U. Training School

This is the Lord's doing, it is marvelous in our eyes.—Psalm 118:23

"Snap shots" of the Training School. Sentence prayers. Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

12-TUESDAY

That relief administered by our missionaries lead famine sufferers to seek the Bread of Life

A great door and effectual is opened.

A statement of the outstanding calls for help to meet physical needs that come today from the peoples of the earth. Prayer

November, 1922

3—FRIDAŸ

That God be honored in every feature of the Baptist 75 Million Campaign

Ministering the Gospel of God . . . being sanctified by the Holy Ghost
—Romans 15:16
Campaign notes. Hymn, "Loyalty"

13-MONDAY

Thanksgiving for the energy of spiritual health imparted through work of Rev. C. L. Neal and Mrs. Hallie Garrett Neal, M.D., Toluca, Mexico

He that watereth shall be watered also.
—Proverbs 11:25

Read a recent letter of Dr. Hallie Neal's found in *Home and Foreign Fields*. Recount incidents from her life (In Royal Service, pp. 315-318.) Prayer

22-WEDNESDAY

For our leper colony in the China Sea

In His love and pity He redeemed them.

—Isaiah 63:9

Reading: Jesus and the Leper. Mark 1:40-42. Bible verse for the day in concert. Prayer

30—THURSDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. George Green and for *Miss Ruth May Kersey (nurse), Ogbomoso, Africa They constrained Him . . . and He went in to tarry with them.—Luke 24:29

Give Dr. Green's account of "Visiting Ogbomoso Out-stations" (Home and Foreign Fields, April 1922, pp. 28, 29). Hymn: "From Greenland's Icy Mountains"

*W.M.U. Training School alumna

Today in Our Calendar

Refer to the January, 1923, Calendar of Prayer and after a few words concerning the person or object for the day let all join in earnest prayer.

(NOTE: For the entire program a Preview of the January, 1923, Calendar may be substituted.)

SECOND MEETING

Topic-A Missionary Prayer Meeting

Come together very reverently to pray for the spread of the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. Let the meeting be informal, intimate, with the fea-

tures of the meeting spontaneous. Read Christ's intercessory prayer, John 17 Study other intercessory prayers of the Bible. Talk about intercessory prayer. called by Dr. A. J. Gordon "the climax of prayer". Talk about answers to prayer. Sing "From Every Stormy Wind That Blows". Have a period of silent prayer. Give stories from the lives of missionaries showing the place of prayer in their lives and the results of prayer of their work. Have some one give from memory the beautiful definition of prayer by James Montgomery, repeating the entire hymn: "Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire". Join in a prayer of adoration and thanksgiving, a New Year outburst of praise. Discuss the missionary or the missionary cause named for today, throwing all the light of information upon the subject and then pray. Consider together the marvelous advance in missionary endeavor that has come in answer to prayer. "The missionary enterprise was born in prayer, every forward movement has been the result of Contrast the missionary achievements of today with those of fifty years ago in China-in Africa. Offer a prayer of gratitude. Give latest accounts of successes or special needs on the foreign field gathered from very recent letters in Home and Foreign Fields. Pray for the missionaries by name. In closing sing with bowed heads, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty".

ROYAL SERVICE SUBSCRIPTION AIMS

2026

Alabama	3836
Arkansas	
District of Columbia	41
Florida	2046
Georgia	2847
Illinois	1353
Kentucky	5027
Louisiana	1971
Maryland	350
Mississippi	3979
Missouri	2300
New Mexico	146
North Carolina	4589
Oklahoma	2815
South Carolina	4058
Tennessee	3282
Texas	8337
Virginia	5577



COLLEGE Y. W. A.



HOLIDAY W. M. U. OPPORTUNITIES

Janual Anuary and another New Year! How fast years fly for college girls particularly and what problems come with each succeeding change of annual numbers. 1923—what will its blessings, its difficulties be? One's own mother and the broad motherhood of W.M.U. can direct the answer to that question in an effective way during the Christmas holidays. When daughter comes home from college there will be good times and happy frolics but will there not be too the times when mother and daughter talk about their W.M.U. activities? If daughter has the privilege of belonging to a Y.W.A. in her college or university—and our hearts rejoice that most of our own institutions and many state schools now offer that opportunity—talk of its benefits and fields for service and study. Sometimes we see just the one organization to which we belong and so miss the enthusiastic impulses of one who sees W.M.U. in all her varied life and splendid graded system. The blessing of realizing the value of W.M.U. to Y.W.A. and vice versa will be a real one to members of each organization.

During the vacation days wouldn't it be an excellent plan for the W.M.S. to recognize in some real way her daughters home for the short time? A part on the program of the W.M.S. meeting with opportunity to tell of the religious life at school, especially the Y.W.A., would be a benefit to W.M.S. and students too. College days are such overwhelmingly busy ones that unless the proper emphasis and encouragement is given to the spiritual development of our young people it is liable to sad limitations through omission. Much talk of insidious teachings has consumed our time in late years while perhaps more of it would better have been spent in preventive measures. Today with our girls treading the way of missionary interest which leads to "paths of joyous responsibility" even before college years arrive, W.M.U. is seeing in the college Y.W.A. not only a blossoming of the seed sown in Sunbeam Band, Girls' Auxiliary and the local church Y.W.A. but is promoting a spiritual force on the campus which will at least in part counteract the destructive theories of un-Christian teachers. A sense of real interest on the part of the home women will make the student more keenly awake to the helpfulness of the Y.W.A. in such times of real stress and turmoil. A practical bond of interest is seen in the study of the same missionary subject. A word or two from mother at home in the W.M.S. to daughter in school will keep that unity by letter when it has been once established by comparison of subjects at vacation time. Praying for the objects as suggested on our Royal Service prayer calendar or following together although apart the reading suggested in the Daily Thoughts are also tangible ties of interest. A competitive striving to be first in reaching A-1 on the Standard of Excellence would be an impetus to W.M.S. and Y.W.A. connected by mother and daughter memberships. These points may well be brought out in the monthly meeting of your organization. Girls appreciate having grown-ups deeply concerned about them. They may not act grateful but in their hearts they are and the memories of W.M.U. courtesies and attentions will linger in their hearts far into the new year with quickening power for interest in His work.

Quite definitely the question of the monthly allowance will be discussed during the at-home days for proverbial to the point of triteness is the school-girl's state of pennilessness. Have you ever suggested that daughter tithe her allowance? Aren't you a tither? Then let her learn no later than 1923; for the habit is a good one for allowance money as well as for all other money. Daughter's health will be better,

consequently grades will improve, if not too many trips are made to the little store. Her money? Of course as much and no more than all money is our very own. To shield her for selfishness as a college girl is to make it hard to tithe in the school-teaching, or business days after graduation, or in the home over which she will preside some day. The new year with its inevitable self-examinations and account-taking times will be a mile stone of abundant joy if tithing begins with the very first month. In these and other ways which God will open let the W.M.S. foster the College Y.W.A. in which daughters participate for two-thirds of the year as well as the local young people's organizations.

VESPER STUDIES AND DAILY THOUGHTS

Mountain Scenes

First Twilight: Jesus Prays in the Mountain—Do you see Jesus after a hard day's work? He had healed the sick, comforted the sorrowful, turned sinners to repentance, fed the multitude and now, tired and longing for quiet, He climbs the mountain to pray and was there alone with His Father.

Before Jesus chooses the twelve apostles He goes into the mountain and prays all night, Lk. 6:12. How long do we pray? Before the great hour of trial Jesus goes to the Mount of Olives and prays, Lk. 22:39-46. Jesus prays on Calvary, Lk. 23:34, 46.

Daily Thoughts Lk. 1:5-22: A Child is to be born, one who shall bring gladness.

Lk. 1:26-38: The world's greatest announcement.

Lk. 1:39-56: Mary's words are indeed inspiring. There's a special word for us in verse 50.

Lk. 1:57-80: A father's prophecy

Lk. 2:1-14: The most beautiful anthem ever sung, verse 14

Lk. 2:15-20: A gift for the King

Lk. 2:21-40: Every child's right is to grow as Jesus did.

Second Twilight: The Mount of Glory, Lk. 9:28-35. Peter, James and John beheld His glory. Jesus was revealed to the beloved disciples; also at His baptism, Lk. 3:22, Matt. 3:17. He was revealed by the disciples, Matt. 14:33; by unclean spirits, Matt. 8:29; by Mark, Mark 1:1; by John the Baptist, John 1:34; by John the apostle, John 1:14, 18; by Nathanael, John 1:49; by Martha, John 11:27; by Peter, Acts 3:13; by Paul, Rom. 1:3, 4, 9

Daily Thoughts: Luke 2:41-52: Christ's first trip to the city

Lk. 3:2-22: Picture John coming out of the wilderness, verses 4-6 especially

First Twilight: Jesus Prays in the strong. God's public recognition of puntain—Do you see Jesus after a Jesus, verse 23

Lk. 4:I-13: A lesson in overcoming temptation

Lk. 5:1-10: God needs fishers of men today

Lk. 5:27-39: A friend to all sinners, verse 32

Lk. 6:12-23: Today's sorrows shall be tomorrow's joys for the Christian

Lk. 6:27-36: The Christian's rule, verse 31

Third Twilight: The Mountain of Temptation, Matt. 4:1-11. Jesus was taken up into an exceeding high mountain and tempted. When we are tempted we usually are on a high mountain from which we see only worldly joys. Temptation is called "the snares of death". Prov. 13:14. Sources of temptation: Cherishing pleasure, Matt. 5:29, 30: evil company, Prov. 2:10-16; riches, Matt. 19:16-24; The way of escape: A daily prayer, "lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil"; Christ is our helper, Heb. 2:18; the Lord will deliver us, II Pet. 2:9. There is reward for those who resist, James 1:12.

Daily Thoughts Lk. 6:37-49: Are you known as a Christian by the fruit you bring forth?

Lk. 7:24-30: A testimony concerning John

Lk. 7:31:50: Through humble service we may anoint the feet of Jesus today

Lk. 8:4-15: Where does the seed you sow fall?

Lk. 8:16-25: "Even the winds obey Him". Why should not man?

Lk. 8:40-56: Many Chri tians are sleeping today. Jesus says to you "Maiden, arise, there is work for you".

Lk. 9:1-10: Verses 4 and 5, a word about care of preachers

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G. A. DEPARTMENT



GIRLS AND THE NEW YEAR

G.A's. than those published in World Comrades for the first three months of 1923. Mrs. J. W. Storer, one of the best G.A. counselors in Mississippi, prepared them for all G.A's. to enjoy and profit by. They will bring new zest into your organization for its work in the New Year. For those fortunate and wise auxiliaries that meet every week instead of twice a month the following suggestions will be helpful.

At the year's passing the usual glances either way may be effectively presented in three talks under the subject title "As the Swift Seasons Roll". Invite someone who was previously a G.A. and now has been promoted to Y.W.A. or W.M.S. to talk about our G.A. Yesterdays. One of the members will follow with our G.A. Todays and perhaps the W.M.S. president could speak in a helpfully stirring way of our G.A. Tomorrow, suggesting what W.M.U. hoped to have her daughters become as Christian young women.

The W.M.S. program contains several incidents interesting to girls bearing on the monthly subject, Prayer and the Uttermost Parts. These may be used as illustrative matter in connection with the programs outlined in World Comrades or may make a separate program. See especially paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 7. An attractive program might be presented in a demonstration form by letting some of the girls take parts of Doubt, Sin, Disbelief, Indifference, and so on, with World as judge and Prayer on trial proving her value to those who have neglected her. Various witnesses may be summoned whose prayers have been answered conspicuously. From the mission study reading instances of more recent years are readily recalled and J. Hudson Taylor of China, Adoniram Judson, Dr. Ginsburg and others may pass in review telling

O programs could be better for G.A's. than those published in World Comrades for the first months of 1923. Mrs. J. W. Storer, determined to pray more.

G.A's. should customarily not be out too late at night but New Year's evening is a bit different and a watch party may mean much to girls of the teen age. Perhaps it can be a spend-the-night affair so the girls will not have to go out at the earliest morning hour; if not plans should be made for seeing each girl safely to her home. Variety will be the key to success in the evening's program for in the several hours which must pass there is time for many things, songs and stories and games. Naturally the midnight hour will be one of a devotional nature so a program could well begin in time to close impressively then in a song of prayer. The blowing of whistles and festive revelries of people in the cities might be too noisy for a spoken prayer just at that time so a prayer-song will be wiser. "More Love to Thee" would be a splendid thought with which to enter the New Year, or "Have Thine Own Way, Lord", or perhaps "Take Time to be Holy". This plan will throw the good times to the earliest part of the evening and it should be a really glad occasion with happy frolic and refreshments. Here the social committee can do its best for an important date like this should be remembered long for its joy and inspiration. One of the Vesper studies may be selected as the devotional theme. Go over the G.A. ideals with the counselor pointing out the high Christ-like standards which they set for each girl's attainment.

Going at Mission Study

Do not begin with a book that seems difficult or uninteresting. As useful as it is no young person should take as a first book "Aliens or Americans" for example. Where such books are used the

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result is an indifference to missionary literature hard to overcome. Biography of live thrilling interest as is found in "Ann of Ava" or "Mary Slessor of Calabar" will leave G.A's. asking "What book shall we take next?" In planning programs make reference work which will necessitate the use of missionary books. In a program on prayer excellent incidents may be used from the life of Paul Harrison, or Arnot or Livingstone; for a program on personal service a day from the record of Mary Slessor or Fidelia Fiske or Dr. Hallie G. Neal will show much of kindly ministry for Jesus' sake. Sometimes it is well to make a list of all available missionary books and ask the G.A's, to pledge themselves to read a certain number in a given time-one a month or two. Or if interest seems to run low give an equal number of books to each circle to be read in a given time, the circle securing the greatest number of readers to be honor guests at the next social meeting. It is well to make brief book reviews of the new books calling attention to their most attractive features; again a summary of some desirable book may be made a part of the program. World Comrades' "News of New Books" will aid in this phase greatly. We have a suggestion from one who knows, as follows: "Have a bold placard staring people in the face in a prominent place, bearing these words, 'Have you read "The Cobra's Den"?' or whatever book it is desired to push at the time. The simple question is quite effective. May we not sometimes have a mirth provoking program in which such readings as The Korean Boy from Korean Sketches or Nelwang's Elopement from the Story of Paton are given funny stories from the lives of such men as Burleson Gambrell and Yates told? Again some fine programs result from asking five persons to read five biographies and give the strongest lessons to be learned from them, thus provoking others to read for themselves. The 'Unanimous Library' scheme is good. The idea is for the Auxiliary to buy a book with the understanding that it is to be read by every member of the organization. In order to make it unanimous some will read who would not otherwise do so. Through a love for the beautiful some may be won and the following suggestion is from Mrs. Smith of Ruston, La. In a "Convention of Foreign Workers" which meets in Tokyo, Japan, the ceiling is strung with wires, twined with bamboo vines brightened with artificial blossoms making a beautiful pagoda. All convention ceremonies are observed and registering is not forgotten for the sake of following up and enlisting permanently in missions. The hostess in costume welcomes the delegates who represent missionaries from the countries in which southern Baptists have workers. The "Reports" of work done will make up the program. Refreshments are served in a Japanese way".

Demonstrations and pageants always arouse interest. A bit of trouble, an amount of prayer and the G.A. not interested in missions is rare.—Mrs. A. S. Victory, Conroe, Texas

VESPER STUDIES

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Fourth Twilight: The Mount of Ascension, Matt. 28:16-17; Acts 1:1-12. Jesus led the disciples out past Gethsemane, up towards the beloved Bethany to the Mount of Olives from which they could see the Jordan, the Dead Sea, Mt. Nebo, Jerusalem, the Mediterranean and there they "looked up" and Jesus gave them a parting blessing. Jesus spoke of His going in John 14:2, 3. It was foretold, Ps. 68:18; Lk. 24:26, 50; John 6:62; 7:33; 14:12, 28; 17:13; 20:17. The ascension of Jesus is our hope for as He went, so will He come again.

Daily Thoughts Lk. 9:11-17: Like the disciples of old we say "Send the multitude away". Jesus says "Give ye them to eat".

Lk. 9:18-27: Verses 23, 24, Have you found your life?

Lk. 9:28-36: Christ was revealed to the three disciples.

Lk. 9:37-45: Christ foretells His death. Lk. 9:46-50: A lesson in humility

Lk. 9:51-62: Verse 58, the loneliness of Jesus

Lk. 10:1-11: Verse 2, a daily prayer for us to pray

Lk. 10:12-16: "To whom much is given of him much shall be required."

Lk. 10:17-24: The power He gives will surprise us if we use that power for His glory.

Lk. 10:25-37: Verse 27, the measure of love that will please Him.



R. A. DEPARTMENT





R. A'S. RENEWING ALLEGIANCE

→ HE second number of World Comrades brings six programs for the first quarter of 1923 prepared by Miss Willie Jean Stewart. January's boy may drag off the Christmas tree in the monthly heading there but the spirit of Christmas will abide in R.A. hearts if these splendid programs are carried out. If the Woman's Missionary Societies will awake to their privileges and duties as leaders of boys we shall have more men of the caliber of George Washington whose silhouette marks February's programs, while all our youths will be ready as soldiers to Forward March as the third month suggests. At New Year's time so proverbially does everyone make good resolutions that Royal Ambassadors must not be behind in this. From Dr. George Truett, one of our truly great ambassadors, we have this prayer, "If this is to be my last year. O our God, I would dedicate myself to make it better than any previous year, to help more people, to gladden and bless more lives, to hearten souls, God helping me!" Let us encourage R.A's, to stop and think over for themselves new high ambitions of mind and heart. New Year's night is the best time for this and a rousing R.A. meeting will prevent the boys from going to some undesirable festivity of the season. If there are new members ready, have this an initiation night, the chief counselor urging each old member to consider carefully and pledge himself anew as the new member takes his place in R.A. ranks. The R.A. initiation may be secured by request from the state headquarters, don't fail to have it. Since the program will be a long one if the meeting lasts until midnight there will be ample time for examination for higher degrees also. Perhaps the chief counselor can lead out in a frank discussion of failures and successes during 1922 on the part of the chapter as a whole and as individuals with the members talking too of how to impreve in

1923. Interest will lag and the meeting grow dull if there are not some live moments of fun along the hours so have the Embassy of Sports and Good Times plan for these. Following the advice of our best psychologists and religious educators we find that noble resolves burn deeper in the hearts of both boys and girls when they are meeting separately so the devotional period of twelve o'clock should find G.A.'s and R.A's. in different meeting places. In the course of the evening, however, it might add to their pleasure to have the W.M.S. serve refreshments to them all together. Accordingly R.A's. might call on the G.A's. for a social hour and a half or two and then leave.

As in the case of the G.A.s., the R.A's. will not want to miss the very fine incidents in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of the general program in this ROYAL SERV-ICE. Counselors should always refer to this for the additions which may be made to the young people's program by information given in this way. The entire W.M.S. program would give suggestions for talks by R.A's. for such an outline as Marching in 1923. One member could use the first and fifth paragraphs in talking on Getting Ready. Paragraph 2 would tell Who's Going, paragraphs 6 and 7 would indicate Our Starting Place. Carry On would be the message from paragraphs nine to twelve and Keeping Step would do well as advice to R.A's. R.A. Booster Song (Tune: Bonnie Blue

Flag)
We are a band of R.A. boys and love our chapter dear,

So may we help to make it grow throughout each passing year

We'll be on hand when R.A. meets, each lesson well we'll learn,

We'll strive our leaders e'er to please and every honor earn.

Hurrah! Hurrah! For R.A. work, Hurrah!

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Have You Begun the New Year Right?



SUNBEAM DEPARTMENT



SUNBEAMS AT THE NEW YEAR

Right up to the minute are the programs which Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence of Arkansas has prepared for the first quarter's Sunbeam Band meetings. She has used the project work plans and has arranged for the two grades or circles of work which grow more and more necessary in order to do efficient missionary training. Often the helpers needed for the divided Sunbeam Bands can be secured from among the girls and young women of the church Y.W.A., who though not feeling able to take the full responsibility for the Sunbeam Band will be co-workers and assistants telling the stories and conducting the sand-table work for the smaller Sunbeams when it is all so beautifully planned in World Comrades.

For the Sunbeam Bands which wisely meet four times a month the two programs in World Comrades can be supplemented by the mission study meetings and particularly in this month of January by the meeting for the Sunbeam day of prayer in accordance with Woman's Missionary Union's plan for the January Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. This year Sunbeams as well as grown-ups should be greatly urged to make their Christmas offering large. Even Sunbeams may share in the burden which is ours as southern Baptists in the debts of our Home and Foreign Mission Boards. The fourth program for the month may well be a presentation of the months of the New Year with a suggestion of the delightful stories and programs which will be in store, as fol-

One Sunbeam will be the New Year wearing the pages of a large calendar such as many merchants use for advertising purposes. She comes in walking rapidly and greets the Sunbeams: Howdo-you-do, Sunbeams? I am the New Year and have come with my hands full of the good times and joys we shall have during my three hundred sixty-five days. I am glad that I am not one of the old

years that have already passed by when there were fewer Sunbeams than there are now for I enjoy being here with the really thousands of Sunbeams in our Southland. You always help me so much in being a really Happy New Year for other people. This afternoon I thought that you might like to see your friends, the months that are coming, would you?

(When the Sunbeams answer "yes" New Year goes on talking.)

Well, I will ask them then to come from their hid-away corners and let you take a peep at them. Of course they must not stay long because it is much nicer not to know everything that is going to happen; just a little suggestion or two is what makes it all nicer to think about. I'll call January first, you already know a bit about him. He is a mighty good boy and thinks up fine plans which he always hopes will last for all his brothers and sisters. Here, January, come out and speak to the Sunbeams.

January may wear bells which jingle merrily because we talk so much about ringing in the New Year and he is the first month: Yes, I always try to plan good things, people laugh about good resolutions now and I am sorry for that but keep trying to jingle them merrily and make them last through my days any way. This time my program for Sunbeams will help you all remember to pray every day for it is a program about prayer. I like to be January and have in my pocket the days that southern Baptist women use to pray especially for foreign missions. My grandfathers have told me what a lot of good that does. I'm just a young month but I'd advise Sunbeams to pray every day after their prayer programs with me.

New Year: January, you're a pretty wise little fellow after all but February's heart is almost breaking to come in and see these Sunbeams, so you run back

February wears a great red heart with

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little ones pinned on her dress: I know you love me, Sunbeams, for I bring such happy Valentine parties and nice red, white and blue patriotic ones too. I represent love indeed so am glad for my Sunbeam programs to be about going to tell all the world of God's love.

March may be dressed as St. Patrick in green tie and hat; comes in in a great hurry: My March winds just blew me in, I didn't mean to interrupt but you are a bit cut short in your days, February, so run along. Now in my thirty-one days Sunbeam programs will be about giving. I am glad for my breezes will just scatter those gifts everywhere in all the world and that will spread February's love message too. (Goes out.)

New Year: Sunbeams, I hope that you can cheer April up. You know she is always such a weepy time. Just when I get her sunny along comes a cloud and she sits down and the tears begin to fall all over again. Here she is with her umbrella.

April will wear rubbers, raincoat and umbrella: I am not crying because I feel unhappy but because I am glad. Sunbeams are going to study about southern Baptist schools during my thirty days. It is a fine plan and I hope there will be a real shower of gifts for Christian Education. When Sunbeams grow up I want them all to pack their trunks, put in their umbrellas, rubbers and raincoats for me and go to Baptist colleges. (Sees May coming and goes back to her corner.)

May dressed as Queen of the May: "April showers bring May flowers" and here I am, Queen of the May. Queens would have to have choice things and I do-the best schools in the world for Sunbeams to go to when they finish college and want to be missionaries or ministers. Some of you girls will surely want to go to the W.M.U. Training School and you boys to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary because Sunbeams are likely to hear God ask them to go for Him and you will need to learn how to teach and preach and heal for Jesus' sake. My meetings are going to tell about these nicest of all schools. (Goes out as June comes in.)

June with picnic basket and summer games: Here I am, New Year, on time. These Sunbeams like all boys and girls are glad for June with her vacation days

to come. What good times we will all have. But we won't forget how lucky we are to have schools for I am going to have some more to say about all the southern Baptist school plans. They have 121 schools you Sunbeams know. You will all come to my meetings, won't you? You will have nothing to do but play and that grows tiresome and we shall have good times together when you stop playing for the Sunbeam meetings.

New Year: That is exactly one-half of my months, aren't they nice friends to have? And the other six are just as

nice, especially July.

July comes in with our flag, whistling "My Country 'Tis of Thee". Let all rise and sing at least the first and last verses. July speaks when the song is ended: I am patriotic July and I'd just like to say that I am going to show you Sunbeams how you will have to send February's love message to let all the world know about Jesus as Saviour or else America will have a hard time keeping peace with other nations. If all were Christian nations it would be much easier to be a splendid nation ourselves. Don't forget me and just wait for all I am going to tell you. (Goes marching out.)

August is represented by a girl or boy in dress of mountain child: In the hot days of August I would like to invite you up to my cool mountains so that you could see what the Home Mission Board does by sending teachers and preachers to me and my people. We are so far away from churches and schools and the roads are mighty bad so we are glad to have the Home Board evangelists come to us. I hope you will meet me in August and let me tell you more about the Home Board work. (Goes out as September enters.)

September carries a suitcase: Now that everybody is home from vacation and ready for fall school days it is time for every church to have its revival services. Everybody should be busy always winning souls but my days are sort of special ones and I have a good deal to tell you then about the people in our 28,000 Baptist churches and all the ones in our country who don't know about Jesus yet.

October is a Hallowe'en witch and comes slipping in quietly: You'd better be a bit afraid of me for I am the Hal-

lowe'en witch of October but you could never be half as frightened and afraid of me as the children in Africa or China or Japan are of the witch doctors who come to look at them when they are sick. They do all manner of hurting things, thinking to drive out the sickness but I know they need Jesus doctors more than anything else and I am going to tell you about what we call medical missions when it comes my time to stay for thirty days with you.

New Year: Some months Sunbeams love especially and November is always one of these because we count our blessings then.

November dressed with turkeys and pumpkin pies pinned on her costume or as a Pilgrim or Puritan: After October tells about how other boys and girls are treated you'll be glad for me to come and give you a special chance to say "thank you" to God for letting you have good doctors and nurses. We will have programs in my month about the good that comes from being sick because lots of people come to know Jesus as their Saviour then, and about the kind way Baptists have of helping their sick friends by building hospitals here in our country too.

December who will be represented by Santa Claus: I just stopped by on my way home for the summer to say that I'll be with you again in a year. By that time programs will have told you more about the world and other boys and girls and you will see that the reason I can come so merrily is because Jesus Christ was born and people know about Him and love Him more and more dearly.

New Year: Now haven't I a nice set of months for you Sunbeams? I hope that each one of you will come to meet these friends and get real well acquainted during the programs they will bring to you. Happy New Year, happy New Year to you all!

Sunbeams and Mission Study

Just as one of the best ways for organizing a Sunbeam Band at all is to gather the children of the right age together for a mission study book course, it is one of the best ways to keep up interest after the work is well started. The children find an incentive in the certificates and seals and are eager for an-

other and yet another book because of the thrill of the stories which they read. Mrs. Atwell, a leader in Georgia, tella that she provides for her mission study work in this way: "All Sunbeams are not old enough to enlist so we pick out the ones that are old enough and invite them to my house. We talk over the plan and get up all the enthusiasm possible for doing the studying. We are careful to select one of the most interesting books. After the regular Sunbeam meeting is over those who are taking the course stay for about thirty minutes and we read or tell a chapter. I find that posters and pictures help in the interest and give accurate information too. It takes quite a long time to go through with a book in such short meetings but when no other plan offers this one will

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A song we'll raise of love and praise For R.A. work, Hurrah!

Teaching R.A'S. about Royal Ambassadors

To begin with I told my R.A's. about the reading stamps and mission study certificates that were awarded for the reading of mission books. Then on a certain night we planned for a "wiener" roast at which we would begin reading the Life of Yates. The night was beautiful. We went down on the river bank, built our fire, had our supper, then read by the light of the fire. We saw the moon rise on the water. From that night we met at my home every Friday evening until we finished the book which took us nearly all summer. Usually after our reading we would have a social hour of games and pleasure. I most always served a little light refreshment; the boys were just at an age to enjoy these things and everyone entered into my plans so willingly. While we vere reading Yates together, they were reading other books at home, such as Judson the Pioneer, Livingstone the Pathfinder, Uganda's White Man of Work, The Moffatts, Carey the Missionary, Love Stories of Great Missionaries, and others. They were very much interested in receiving their reading stamps. They dramatized "The Cobbler Missionary" after reading Carey. -Mrs. R. L. Little, Judsonia, Ark.



TRAINING SCHOOL



A VISIT TO HOUSE BEAUTIFUL

ARLY in November it fell to my lot to spend four happy days in the W.M.U. Training School in Louisville. There had been happiness in the anticipation and the realization began when I first caught a glimpse of Mrs. McLure as she stood outside the gates at the station looking eagerly for the visitor. Her smile and welcome were but a prophecy of the cordial welcome that awaits a sojourner within the walls of House Beautiful. As Mrs. McLure and I passed along the corridor to supper immediately after my arrival we found the students lined up on each side forming double columns between which we passed to the dining room. It was thus the girls showed to your president their honor and respect for the Union whose representative she was. I found the girls busy after supper with the mission study class they were conducting among themselves. All the students will study the six books designated on the first certificate issued by the Union; some of the books will be studied in the regular mission study course of the school and the others will be studied under student leadership.

Miss Warren, the consecrated woman who looks after the housekeeping department, was temporarily ill while I was there and was in the infirmary being well cared for by Miss Coombs, for a number of years the loved nurse in the school. The competency of our students in different lines of service was shown when one of the girls in addition to her regular work had assumed the management of the house without a ripple showing on the surface. Speaking of housekeeping, we wish everyone who has contributed one can or one jar could see the beautiful array of canned goods that adorns the many long shelves in the pantry, to say nothing of the fourteen barrels and twelve boxes in the basement yet to be unpacked. These are indeed love gifts and are greatly appreciated. We would not have anyone think the school overstocked with these good things. You will realize that is not the case when you learn that at one meal eighteen cans of any one thing are required to meet the demands of the appetites of our healthy, happy, industrious Training School girls.

May the W.M.U. president say what neither Mrs. McLure nor Mrs. Eager, our competent business manager, would say? Nor will they know that I am saying it until they read this page. It is this, friends, when you send a barrel or box of good things to the school help to reduce the current expenses a bit by not forgetting to prepay the freight or express. Miss Connor's book will show that this has been overlooked in some instances. If the treasury is low, however, but hearts are willing and the good things abundant be sure that the school will gladly pay transportation.

If you who have made these gifts or you who are giving in any way to the school could see our girls as they are happily engaged in the domestic duties that fall to the lot of any girl in the average home, if you could see them eagerly setting forth to their classes, if you could hear them relate experiences in their practical field work under the direction of Miss Littlejohn, or be with them in chapel service where they gather at the beginning of each day you would rejoice in the privilege of sharing in this beautiful work. Truly the motive power in our W.M.U. Training School seems to be expressed in the lines

"Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;
Take my voice and let me sing, always, only for my King;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise;
Take my intellect and use every power as Thou shalt choose."

—Mrs. W. C. James



PERSONAL SERVICE



MORE ABOUT INTER-RACIAL WORK

And they shall not teach every man his fellow-citizen and every man his neighbor saying, Know the Lord, for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest of them.

—Heb. 8:11

HIS blessed time is not yet, but meanwhile it is taken for granted that we are joyfully doing our duty to our neighbors and fellow-citizens. Among these are the negroes, and inter-racial work, our newest form of W.M.U. personal service, calls for every talent that we possess. Take the personal service report in the W.M.U. minutes (page 69) and read the different kinds of service suggested. How many of these do the negroes need? How many of these can we do for them?

Twenty years ago a colored school principal, Mrs. Brown, secured the cooperation of the women of Broadway Church in Louisville to start a sewing class on Saturday mornings for her girls because she was terrified for those who left school utterly unfitted to earn a living. This class led to the introduction of both sewing and cooking in the schools of Louisville, black and white.

ROYAL SERVICE for July gives in the Home Department a striking story of a timid little woman led by accident to help one Russian family, and of the Russian chapel built from that beginning. Similar opportunities followed up for helping negro families may well lead to broad intelligent work among them. A year ago we began Star classes to teach adult illiterates to read. Think of the thousands of colored women to whom we have access in our kitchens. How many have we taught to read or to read better? Do we give them Bibles and religious reading? (The Country Life Readers, by the way, published by B. F. Johnson, Atlanta, are excellent.) In ROYAL SERVICE for August we read of a Good Will Center among the Indians and its wonderful success from the start. Here is a much needed form of service among the negroes. It may be begun with a Sunday school in a neglected section or a Daily Vacation Bible School, or a Bible reading circle or missionary society, or a story hour, or that urgent need, a day nursery, where young children may be left (for ten cents a day) while their mothers are at work, and kept from dangers to body and soul. From any of these it may grow to a full-fledged "Sunshine Center", as one I know is called, with classes and clubs for all.

In this organized work the negroes welcome help and counsel from their white friends, and an inter-racial committee serving as a link between their own workers and the State Board or other contributing body gives an opportunity to become acquainted with some of the leaders among the negroes. We know scarcely anything about the educated negroes among us. Yet they have now many excellent speakers and writers and trained men and women in various professions. We need to inform ourselves, to balance ourselves, to exert ourselves in behalf of the present-day negro. R. R. Moton's book, "Finding a Way Out", I like better than Booker Washington's "Up from Slavery". "In the Vanguard of a Race" by Mrs. Hammond, tells of ten negroes who became worthy leaders. We should all read George Madden Martin's article in McClure's Magazine for October on the inter-racial work as a whole. And Mrs. Hammond's recent pamphlet, "Southern Women and Racial Adjustment" is so practical that every W.M.S. should own a copy. She shows how in each denomination we have followed our own genius, and all working together as Christians (or sometimes as club women) have reached a big open place where we are willing to work in broader ways for common justice to the negroes. For though we have often been kind to them, we have seldom been just .- Ella Broadus Robertson



BOOK REVIEWS



THE MEANING OF PRAYER

INCE Christ's disciples came to Rim with the prayer "Lord, teach us to pray", His followers have felt the need of learning that art, the art of drawing near to God in communion with Him, in intercession and in praise. But learning to pray requires earnestness of purpose and a willingness to give to it time, strength and thought. In the "Meaning of Prayer" by Harry Emerson Fordick, we have a series of studies to teach us what prayer is and to lead us and help us to pray. It is not a treatise on prayer but a real study to arouse our interest and to make us think for ourselves; it is a guide to those who wish a richer prayer life.

The book is arranged for individual or class study. There are ten chapters, each chapter representing a week's study. For each day of the week there is a Scripture quotation followed by a prayer of some great Christian. Each group of seven lessons is followed by a very thoughtful and inspiring comment which unifies the week's study and makes clear the central thought. The questions for study and discussion at the end of each chapter are invaluable to the serious student and to the busy leader.

In order that the reader may have a clear idea of what praying really means, three studies are devoted to "The Naturalness of Prayer"; "Prayer as Communion with God" and "God's Care of the Individual". When the reader studies the strong chapters on "Prayer as a Dominant Desire"; "Prayer as a Battlefield"; and "Unselfishness in Prayer" he realizes the power and strength there is to be had in prayer and is filled with the desire to learn to pray that he may make his life a force for God; that he may serve God and the world better.

Price \$1.15, from Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

I NTERCESSORY Prayer with the subtitle A Mighty Means of Usefulness, written by James G. K. McClure, Presi-

dent, McCormick Theological Seminary, is a recent publication of our Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. Throughout the eight chapters of this book the power of prayer is exalted and its place in the life of the Christian gravely and convincingly stated. The chapter titles are The Mighty Ministry of Intercession; The Talent of Intercession; For Whom Christ Asks Intercession; The Comforter Sought for Service; Special Petitions for Our Beloved; The Christian Worker's Intercession; Best Requests for Best People and Intercession for the Unsaved.

The author's ideas are based on the prayer life of Jesus; of the prophets; of the apostles and of godly men and women of more modern times. The clear presentation of these ideas and the appropriate illustrations used to develop them makes this volume a real bookfriend, one that we will desire to grow intimate with and keep near us for use in our quiet hours. The impression of even a less intimate reader will be one of a great privilege to which he is invited that he may become a co-worker with God through intercessory prayer.

Pastors, laymen, women and young people will find this book interesting and full of valuable instruction on prayer and an incentive to practice it in sincerity and with regularity. It is also adapted to use in connection with Bible and mission study classes and for reading circles.

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All along the world's highway,
Let me see your lamplight giving
Brighter luster to the day.

"Books that pour a stream of power
Down the mountains of the past,
Let me live my little hour
Where the ancient ages last!

"Books that lift the snow-white mountains

Where may climb the valiant few,
Let me plunge into your fountains;
Wash me, cleanse me, through and
through!"



SOCIETY METHODS



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NE society president attributes their generous special offerings, splendid personal service reports, the large number of women enlisted, a full graded Union and a college club under her supervision to the number enlisted in committee work of definite responsibility. She gives the following committees: Executive, Missionary, Industrial, Membership, Personal Service, Training Aged Baptists, Periodicals, Flowers for Church, College Hostess, Sunbeam, G.A., R.A. and Y.W.A. Counselors. In the "Hardin College Club" she has a chairman and ten sub-chairmen, the latter to have charge of groups of ten girls. She not only has the machinery but she keeps it well oiled by prayer and mis-

sionary information.

One R.A. Chapter started with something like twelve charter members. They had a Sunday night meeting which consisted of a business and devotional period, using the ROYAL SERVICE programs for two meetings and studies of Bible characters for the other meetings of the month. On Tuesday night once in two weeks they met at the church for athletics-westling, tumbling, boxing etc. This of course was an attraction and the rule was that no boy could attend the Tuesday night meeting without attending the Sunday night services. There is a base ball team as one phase of the athletics, also. Applications for membership began coming in, directed to the secretary; the names were referred to a special committee, which was to report the following Sunday night when the chapter would vote on the names. There are now over forty on the roll and they are live wires. Some of them are from other denominations and their ages range from eleven to sixteen. Recently the W.M.S. tendered them a banquet, the boys providing their own program of toasts and a splendid social time was enjoyed. One night the boys helped the women roll bandages for the hospital in China and had one hundred twenty-five to their credit. They are anxious to roll more and the opportunity for them to do so has been planned. The offerings at the Sunday night meetings are used to pay for the material to make hospital supplies. Members of the W.M.S. are always in their meetings and help them in any way possible with their programs. At each of their meetings the pastor or a woman or a special worker or a successful business man gives them a short talk.

During the summer months one G.A. has planned to hold its twice-a-month meetings in all-day sessions out of doors, thus combining the social and outing features with the study and devotion of the program. One meeting expressed itself in Japanese. The counselor received the members in Japanese costume and Japanese young men from the college gave information concerning their country, its customs and the need for missionary work. A Japanese exhibit and Japanese refreshments completed a most helpful and attractive program. Another day Africa was presented in a similar way: a returned missionary from Africa was present and enhanced her talk by an exhibit of native baskets, many pictures and the entire costume of an African child. When "House Beautiful" was the subject, a student was present to tell of the intimate things of the life and ideals of that school which made real and appealing all for which it stands. Needless to say that these girls are a band of workers and are reaching out for the worthwhile things of service.

A good suggestion for Bible study comes from one who led her society in a study of the life of Christ: I secured a large map of Palestine and sewed flat buttons on all the cities Christ visited, then with colored strings for His early life and for each year of His ministry followed His steps, beginning at Bethlehem. We studied each city as it was in His time and as it is today; we talked of the people, their customs and occupations, of the flowers and other like details, then studied the people He met, the teachings He gave and the "mighty works" He did in that place.—Mrs. J. G. Reunolds

UNION NOTES



ROUND TABLE

EAVES of New Year resolutions rustle in January in the best ordered lives. Unbroken for the whole year will be such a resolution if it results in a subscription or renewal to ROYAL SERVICE. Surely its leaves are worth rustling as the 8,285 subscribers for the first quarter and the 15,094 for the second quarter of this S. B. C. year will loyally testify. These 23,379 subscriptions and renewals for the first two quarters leave 36.621 of the 60,000 year's aim to be attained in the last two quarters. January is the closing month of the third quarter. Earnestly is it hoped that each state will work unusually hard during it so that the New Year will usher in the finest total thus far. Each state is urged to reach at least three-fourths of its aim (see list on page 18) before January turns into a February leaf. Will you not rustle among the members of your society and church and get them thus to resolve?

ONVENTIONS come and go but each year there is renewed interest in their "coming". Certainly this is true of Missouri Baptists as they anticipate the meeting next May of the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City. The Convention Hotel will be the Baltimore Hotel on Baltimore Avenue and 12th Street. Just across the avenue is the Muchlbach Hotel which is under the same management as the Baltimore. Both these hotels have large lobbies and as one contemplates their many stories it would seem that certainly thousands of delegates can be accommodated next May at either the headquarters hotel or at its "twin" hotel. Three short blocks southwest of these hotels is Convention Hall with its seating capacity of 15,000 and its enormous vestibule. Surely all the cordial handshaking and the friendly chatting can comfortably be done in this vestibule, thus giving the auditorium all the better chance to manifest its excellent acoustics! Unless a change is found necessary, the W.M.U. meetings will be held in the Grand Avenue Methodist Church, the reason for choosing a

church of another denomination being that there is no Baptist Church in the downtown section of the city. The Grand Avenue Methodist Church seats 1,200, is beautiful in its appointments, has a large Sunday school room for exhibits and committee meetings and is said to have the finest organ in Kansas City. It is just off the car line and is therefore spared much noise. Six blocks away is the Baltimore Hotel and three blocks further south is Convention Hall.

TIELD work is usually rich in friendly association and in wonderful scenery. Such was certainly the experience of the W.M.U. corresponding secretary in visiting late in October the following places in Missouri: Harrisonville, Liberty, St. Joseph, Maryville, Chula, Chillicothe, Higginsville, Lexington, Sedalia and Clinton. In almost every place the meeting had been advertised well in advance so that in addition to the good local attendance there was often a delegation from some nearby church. Special mention must be made of the beautiful banquet in the interest of the young people at Sedalia, the young men who were present being members of the Young Men's Missionary Society.

R NROUTE from Missouri to New Mexico the W.M.U. corresponding secretary filled two appointments in Texas. The first of these was at Denton, where the Baptist Student Union of the state was meeting in annual session, over 500 delegates being present from the Baptist and state schools. The second stop was at Dallas where the state president, Mrs. F. S. Davis, and the state secretary, Mrs. A. F. Beddoe, with the cordial cooperation of the Dallas friends tendered a beautiful eleven o'clock Hallowe'en "breakfast". Miss Blanche Sydnor White was also present. delighting everyone with her after-"breakfast" talk.

ROM Dallas the quickest possible route was taken by the W.M.U. corresponding secretary in order to fill the engagement at Clovis, N. M., on Hallowe'en Day. In daily succession came

the joy of being in Portales, Elida, Roswell, Artesia, Carlsbad and Ft. Sumner. At each place the friends were truly "given to hospitality" and there were many evidences that the Baptist work in the "Sunshine State" is being firmly established. The second week in New Mexico was spent at Tucumcari in attendance upon the state meeting. The W.M.U. sessions, presided over by Mrs. M. D. Schumaker, were well attended from the opening evening meeting for the young people throughout the following day. Woman's work was also accorded an appreciative hearing when Miss Lilian May read as secretary the W.M.U. report before the general convention. On that same day Montezuma Baptist College presented its initial report, enthusiasm running high because of its enrollment of over 80 students. The hospital at Clovis and the orphanage at Portales also have a large share in the devoted plans of New Mexico Bap-

OKLAHOMA Baptists held their annual meeting at Altus in the extreme southwestern section of the state. In spite of this fact the attendance was gratifying indeed, there being at the W.M.U. meeting 322 delegates and visitors. As in New Mexico there was only the one day for W.M.U. sessions but they! were brimful of interest, Mrs. R. T. Mansfield, president, and Mrs. Berta K. Spooner, secretary, having charge. Comparisons are often stimulating and so the assertion is made that certainly it was the best Oklahoma gathering the W.M.U. corresponding secretary has ever attended. The evening service for the young people and the hour before the general convention were highly praised by that body.

FROM Miss Blanche Sydnor White, the W.M.U. field worker, comes the following: As Texas Baptist women gathered in Waco, November 13-15, and faced the task before them in their "catch-up Campaign", one wondered if the "Texas spirit" could stand the severe test placed upon it, but after taking stock of their denominational assets and liabilities, they courageously and unanimously pledged to pray more faithfully, work more untiringly and give more sacrificially than ever before. Before attending the Convention, it was my

privilege to visit Abilene, San Marcos Academy, Baylor College, Austin, Southwestern Seminary and Baylor University.

DERRY, Lawton, Sapulpa, Tulsa, Bartlesville, Muskogee and Durant were the Oklahoma places visited by the W. M.U. corresponding secretary the last two weeks in November. The plan was for each meeting to cover more than just the hostess city and thus in several instances societies from rather distant towns were represented. Certainly one rejoices at such times in the many automobiles owned by Baptists! Perry was "distinguished" by having more than 50 out-of-town delegates, Lawton by the family banqu t at supper time so that the men and children as well as the women might attend the evening service. Sapulpa by its victory over Saturday chores. Tulsa by its goodly gathering of men and women on Sunday afternoon. Bartlesville by its crowded auditorium, Muskogee by its luncheon for 300 women and business girls and Durant by its faithful attendance just before Thanksgiving Day. In each instance the local friends were given to much hospitality, while the associational superintendents, district vice presidents and state officers were also largely responsible for the success of the meetings. Oklahoma means the "Land of the Red Man". Increasingly is it coming to mean the "Land of the W.M.U."

RATEFULLY has Dr. Rushbrooke U acknowledged receipt of thirty tons of clothing sent recently by southern Baptists for the relief of European Baptists. In that generous supply, however, there was very little clothing for children, for which there is especial Will not southern Baptist mothers, will not Royal Ambassador boys, will not G.A. members, will not Sunbeam children supply this urgent need? Such help will like mercy be twice blessed if it is rendered quickly. Send the packages, securely sewed up in stout cloth or bagging, by parcel post or prepaid express, using shipping tags which are to be secured for the asking from your state W.M.U. headquarters.

M UCH territory can be covered in a little while, even in one month. Your young people's secretary enjoyed the W.M.U. annual meetings in Maryland, Virginia and South Carolina dur-

ing November, visited four Mississippi colleges and writes these notes from the Alabama W.M.U. meeting. So new a W.M.U. worker was blessed peculiarly in attending the annual meeting of Maryland women who through the years have been the center of W.M.U. activities because of the location of headquarters in Baltimore. Our heritage of far-reaching plans and consecrated spirit is a rich one with mighty challenge to cherish and enlarge. Virginia women met in great company almost eight hundred strong at Roanoke and the prospects for the coming year with the re-election of their splendid officers are bright indeed. Before the South Carolina meeting there was a privilege in speaking to the girls of the District of Columbia at their fall rally. Y.WA's. met with members of World Wide Guild organizations of northern Baptists in happy fellowship and a pleasant social occasion followed the program. In attending the South Carolina meeting there was the joy of "going again" and so renewing acquaintances of the preceding year and of finding that the sincere, earnest spirit of devoted effort continues from one year to the next. Our four denominational

girls' schools in Mississippi gave cordial welcome to W.M.U. college correspondent with Miss Louise Foreman of the Inter-Board Student Activities Commission and either Mrs. Nelson, the state college correspondent, or Miss Traylor, state young people's leader. Never was our Y.W.A. work in better shape in the colleges of all states and Mississippi is no mean example of this fact with the well organized mission study work and the zealous personal service activities of her four A-1 College Y.W.A's.

I is in the heart of one of our W.M.U. workers to gather into a small volume letters from Miss Lottie Moon and incidents from her life that will help us to keep in remembrance this pioneer missionary and to get from her inspiration for greater endeavors in the cause she so loved. Doubtless there are those who have such letters or who can give first-hand account of some incident that will add value to the proposed book. Deep gratitude will be felt to all who can give such help if they will communicate with Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, 404 Donaghey Bldg., Little Rock, Ark.

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