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Laborers together with God—I Corinthians 3:9

Watchword for 1922-23

God is able.—II Corinthians 9:8

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Paths of Peace



LEAD us, O Father, in the paths of peace;
 Without Thy guiding hand we go
 astray,
 And doubts appall, and sorrows still
 increase;
 Lead us through Christ, the true and
 and living Way.

Lead us, O Father, in the paths of truth;
 Unhelped by Thee, in error's maze we grope,
 While passion stains and folly dims our youth,
 And age comes on uncheered by faith and hope.

Lead us, O Father, in the paths of right;
 Blindly we stumble when we walk alone,
 Involved in shadows of a darksome night:
 Only with Thee we journey safely on.

Lead us, O Father, to the heavenly rest,
 However rough and steep the path may be,
 Through joy or sorrow, as Thou deemest best,
 Until our lives are perfected in Thee.

—William H. Burleigh

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EDITORIAL

"TRY TO GIVE OR GET \$24"

GIVING and getting mutually include each other. If we give, another gets; if we get, then another gives! Thus the spring slogan of the W.M.U. will be two-fold in its beneficence whether one gives or gets. This slogan is "TRY TO GIVE OR GET \$24" before May first. "What is the idea?" you ask. Well, about as follows. During the past three years about half a million new members have been added to southern Baptist churches. It is easy to believe that at least one-half of them, say 250,000, are women and young people. When 250,000 is multiplied by \$24 it equals \$6,000,000.

Alas, \$6,000,000 is very little more than the amount which at the beginning of the second half of this S.B.C. year faced the Woman's Missionary Union as the unpaid part of its year's apportionment of \$6,719,934. In other words, the Union raised during the first half of this S.B.C. year less than one-eighth of its proportionate part for those six months. The amount thus committed to the generosity of the second half of the year is \$5,959,408, which is alarmingly near \$6,000,000.

Of course much of this amount will be raised by the regular payments of the women and young people who belong to W.M.U. organizations but past experience does not justify the Union in believing that these payments will by May first total anything like \$6,000,000. Herein lies one reason for the slogan: "TRY TO GIVE OR GET \$24". By "giving \$24" is meant the plan for each woman or young person who pledged to the Baptist 75 Million Campaign to give before May first at least \$24 more than her regular payments to the Campaign require. Of course the \$24 will count on her pledge and will lessen by that much the amount which will be due from her before the Campaign closes in 1924. Each one who can thus "advance" to the Campaign will have the joy not only of seeing her money immediately operative in the foreign and home interests represented by the Campaign but she will also feel that in this way she is "filling up" for some unenlisted woman or young people what is not yet being "rendered unto the Lord" by them.

By "getting \$24" is meant the tact, information, patience and prayer which will persuade one of the 250,000 new women and young people to contribute before May 1st at least \$24 to the Campaign. Most of these persons have never pledged anything to the Campaign but many of them will gladly do so if they are properly approached. If the month's programs as developed in this magazine are faithfully and attractively presented it is easy to believe that many will give: because during this month of February they desire to see trained and sent forth into the home and foreign fields the many young people who are saying "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go"; because during March they learn new reasons why they themselves should say "Such as I Have, Give I"; and because during April they see what has been and will be "Christianity's Influence upon Educational Ideals" and with this new vision they desire to have their part in exerting this influence.

Any one who has learned to wear bi-focal eye-glasses knows how "hardly" the lesson was learned. "Look through the lower part to see objects below your eyes and through the upper part for those beyond and above you", said your experienced oculist. Try as you would at first you did the wrong thing in going downstairs and failed to do the right thing in trying to ascend them. The result was that you and often the glasses tumbled both times. But tumbles soon came to be only stumbles and then one wonderful day you suddenly realized that the bi-focals and you understood each other so perfectly that habit could take care of the whole matter.

And so it is with those who are learning to give to others rather than to themselves, with those who must learn to wear the bi-focals of home and foreign mission interests. The Baptist 75 Million Campaign stands for seven such interests, six of which are intimately connected with the life in the south. They are concerned with helping little orphan children in the 19 orphanages of the Southern Baptist Convention territory, with keeping faith with the aged Baptist ministers, with caring for the sick in the 19 hospitals owned by southern Baptists, with maintaining the highest possible efficiency in the 119 southern Baptist academies and colleges, in promoting all forms of state missions and in being Christian Americans through the many agencies of the Home Mission Board. These six causes lie close at the feet of these 250,000 unenlisted women and young people. Try to teach them to see them again and again until it becomes perfectly natural for them to look for them and to plan to give of themselves and their substance in helpfulness to them. At the same time, for in learning to wear bi-focals you certainly learn at the same time to use both parts, teach them to "lift up" their eyes and look "far hence" where the Foreign Mission Board is caring for orphans, aged ministers, hospitals, schools, state and home work just as eagerly and earnestly as ever it is done in the southland. Show this to them so often and so lovingly that it will become perfectly natural for them to see the fields "white already unto harvest". Thus seeing they will not only pray but they will give so that the Lord of the harvest may "send forth laborers into His harvest". Therefore, before May 1st

"TRY TO GIVE OR GET \$24"

THE THIRTY-FIFTH YEAR

THIRTY-FIVE years old will the Woman's Missionary Union be when it meets in annual session in Kansas City, Missouri, in May. Recently a family was discussing how it might best memorialize the "Golden Wedding Anniversary" of its father and mother. As first one and then another costly memorial was suggested the group unanimously agreed that at best such memorials would represent far less of their time and money than they would have expended had the dear parents lived to celebrate their fiftieth anniversary. Fortunately the Woman's Missionary Union has lived to celebrate its thirty-fifth anniversary and certainly the celebration thereof should be worthy of its long and illustrious history. Another family group was recently given the joy of actually celebrating the "Golden Wedding Anniversary" of its parents. One of the outstanding features was to have the celebration as much as possible like the original wedding day, so there was the same large Bible open at the same precious verses and beside it was the same graceful candle-stick.

Similarly would this thirty-fifth anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Union call to mind the principles on which it was originally founded. One of these principles was certainly that of "self-denial". The very words of this principle were in 1895 incorporated into the title "Week of Self-Denial for Home Missions". Year after year each March this week has been observed but somehow the word self-denial is seldom used now in connection with the week. Of this Miss Heck speaks thus in the Union's history, In Royal Service: "Older workers still call it the Week of Self-Denial for Home Missions. The title slipped out of use from very shame, for giving up dessert once a week, putting a yard less ribbon on the spring hat or deferring the purchase of a dress that you can get all the same a little later do not seem worthy of so large a name". Will not Union members, during this thirty-fifth anniversary, reinstate with a true meaning as of yore the words of "self-denial"?

Last year the offering during the March Week of Prayer was \$18,129. What self-denial will be necessary to make it \$35,000 this 35th year? Perhaps some can through self-denial give to it twice as much as they gave last year, thus doing their

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BIBLE STUDY



TOPIC—Readiness

"Come up in the morning and present thyself unto Me in the top of the mount."

I. *Communion*: Ex. 34:2. God wishes me to be alone with Him. Morning on the mount! God asks me to meet Him in the top of the mount, as far away from the world as I can get. Blessed is the day whose morning is sanctified. On my part there is to be preparation. Alas, what making ready I require! My thoughts are so worldly, my plans are so mean, my motives so selfish, my affections are entwined around unworthy objects. "Oh! wretched man that I am who shall deliver me?" God Himself must make me ready, Phil. 3:10-14. The preparation of the heart is from heaven, Prov. 16:1; Isa. 61:10. Truly all is of the Lord: my awaking and my preparation, my desire to go and my ability to move. "Come up in the morning." It is to Calvary He calls me, it is to the holy, tender, mighty cross. All my salvation is there. I will meet Him there and speak of my guilt and confess my sinfulness and my Saviour's blood shall cleanse my secret thoughts from all sin, I John 1:7. My weakness will be turned to strength, Isa. 40:29; 52:7. Blessed are they that breathe this mountain air! I would climb the mount every morning that I may return to my work on earth as a citizen of Mt. Zion. "Ready in the morning!"

II. *Readiness in God's Service*: Ex. 35:20-29; I Chron. 29:9-21. God wants nothing from a reluctant heart. Readiness implies self-denial. The tabernacle in the desert was a symbol of life, of that nobler tabernacle, human life, spirit, character that will take eternity to make perfect. "Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" Here is heaven's appeal for service, for sacrifice, inspired by the very philosophy of spiritual education. David and the people were conscious that they had done nothing of themselves. Our hearts seem to be liberated and enlarged when we give to God what we have in our lives of talent or ability in the kingdom; we find our small offering multiplied into enough and to spare for the multitude waiting our ministry, Matt. 14:16-21.

III. *The Threefold Enemy*: I John 2:15-17. Life is fought out upon a battle field, life is no luxury, no day-dream, Eph. 6:12. The tumult is often fierce but whosoever is born of God overcometh, I John 5:4,5, and our Overcomer will always help, Heb. 4:14-16. He has provided the armor that we may be able to stand in the evil day, Eph. 6:10-20. If we fight bravely, strike strongly, we shall find in the end by the gracious help of our God we have trodden down all our spiritual foes, Heb. 7:25; 12:3,4; I Cor. 10:13. "Our feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace" signifies that we are ready for any work or duty to which we may be called.

IV. *The Divine Assurance*: Matt. 28:18-20. Consider the power of a divine command; the power which makes us ready to suffer and to know Him in the power of His resurrection, which implies the death of self, the power of self-emptying and the unresisting of suffering for His sake, the power of the Gospel itself unto salvation to every one that believeth, Phil. 3:10-14. The power of prayer is very much the gauge of our power to do God's work successfully anywhere and under any circumstances. We may well thank God that He has not left us a difficult service without providing abundant power and resources for its discharge for all time. When Christ bids us go, we wish to go; this love of Christ is not simply our love to Christ or His love to us but rather His love in us—His love overflowing our souls and manifesting itself in us who are joined to Him, partaking of His life. The word "Go" is only the echo of the word the Father spoke to Him and He sends forth only as He was sent forth by the Father, John 17:18.—Mrs. James Pollard

Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists

February, 1923

*"From whence this fear and unbelief?
Hast Thou, O Father, put to grief
Thy spotless Son for me?
And will the righteous Judge of men
Condemn me for that debt of sin
Which, Lord, was laid on Thee?"*

Topic: Where You Want Me to Go

1—THURSDAY

That the appeal of the non-Christian world arouse an overwhelming response from our country

Shew mercy and compassion every man to his brother.—Zechariah 7:9

2—FRIDAY

Thank God for the blessed service of Mrs. R. H. Graves and Mrs. G. W. Green in Canton, China

Light is sown for the righteous. Psalm 97:11

3—SATURDAY

For Misses †Margie Shumate and Mollie McMinn, Shui Hing, China

I will joy in the God of my salvation. Habakkuk 3:18

4—SUNDAY

That the church take a new grasp on the great Christian truths, that it faint not

Repent and do the first works. Revelation 2:5

5—MONDAY

That the great Teacher uphold Misses Willie Kelly, H. F. Sallee and †Pearl Johnson, Shanghai, China

We speak . . . which the Holy Ghost teacheth.—1 Corinthians 2:13

6—TUESDAY

For Baptist 75 Million Re-inforcement Campaign

"Out of his infinite riches in Jesus He giveth and giveth and giveth again!"

7—WEDNESDAY

For the prosperity of the work done in Teng Chow, China, and for Rev. and Mrs. T. F. McCrea and Misses †Ada Bell and †Florence Lide

That we lose not those things which we have wrought.—2 John:8

8—THURSDAY

Ask God's blessing on the work of Rev. and Mrs. S. E. Stephens, Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Morgan and native pastor, Tsingtao, China That I might preach Him among the heathen—Galatians 1:16

9—FRIDAY

Pray for fully enlisted lives to be used for His glory

Sanctified, meet for the Master's use 2 Timothy 2:21

10—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. D. G. Whittinghill, Rome, Italy, and for the printed message

In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves—2 Timothy 2:25

11—SUNDAY

Pray for the Bread of Life for which the world is starving

The Bread of Life is He which cometh down from heaven and giveth His life for the world.—John 6:33

12—MONDAY

That southern Baptist home life be "according to the faith"

Ruling their children and their own homes well—1 Timothy 3:12

13—TUESDAY

Pray for the three stations, Kumamoto, Kagoshima and Omuta, Japan, under the care of Rev. and †Mrs. H. F. Williamson

Of the Lord ye shall receive the reward.—Colossians 3:24

14—WEDNESDAY

Thanksgiving for the twelve new missionaries to Japan, 1921-22, made possible by the 75 Million Campaign

Filled with the knowledge of His will Colossians 1:9

†W.M.U. Training School Alumna

Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists

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"Turn then, my soul, unto thy rest;
The merits of thy great High Priest
Speak peace and liberty;
Trust in His efficacious blood
Nor fear thy banishment from God
Since Jesus died for thee."

Topic: Where You Want Me to Go

15—THURSDAY

That we live near enough to
Christ to hear and obey His call
If a man love Me he will keep My
words.—John 14:23

16—FRIDAY

Pray for evangelistic and educa-
tional service of Misses †Olive
Edens, †Cora Caudle and †Susan
Anderson, Abeokuta, Africa
In due season we shall reap.
Galatians 6:9

17—SATURDAY

For progress in church and
school work, Saltillo, Mexico,
under Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Lacy
He counted me faithful.—1 Timothy 1:12

18—SUNDAY

That the church within the
church leaven the whole body
Walk in wisdom toward them that are
without.—Colossians 4:5

19—MONDAY

That continued blessing follow
the work of Rev. and Mrs. S. M.
Sowell, Buenos Aires, Argen-
tina
Great is your reward in heaven.
Matthew 5:12

20—TUESDAY

Grateful prayer for the work of
Rev. and Mrs. H. H. McMillan
in evangelistic movement, Soo-
chow, China
I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who hath
enabled me.—1 Timothy 1:12

21—WEDNESDAY

That the 75 Million Campaign
may not carry on its records the
sad account of lost opportunities
As we have therefore opportunity let
us do good.—Galatians 6:10

22—THURSDAY

Pray earnestly for evangelistic
work and Bible institute at
Kweiteh, China, conducted by
Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Townsend
and for Miss Attie Bostick
Your faith to God-ward is spread
abroad.—1 Thessalonians 1:8

23—FRIDAY

For publication houses on the
home and foreign fields
My word . . . shall not return unto
Me void.—Isaiah 55:11

24—SATURDAY

Praise God for His wonderful
work at Corrente, Brazil, under
Rev. and †Mrs. A. J. Terry
Thy blessing is upon Thy people.
Psalm 3:8

25—SUNDAY

For Sunday school teachers in
their important work for young
people
The truth of the Gospel . . . bringeth
forth fruit.—Colossians 1:5,6

26—MONDAY

That the evangelistic and school
work of Rev. and †Mrs. M. G.
White and Rev. and Mrs. Fran-
cis W. Taylor, Bahia, Brazil,
have great reward
Herein is My Father glorified.
John 15:8

27—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Elder
and the churches under their su-
pervision, Buenos Aires, Argen-
tina
I will dwell in them and walk in them.
2 Corinthians 6:16

28—WEDNESDAY

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the har-
vest that He will send forth laborers
into His harvest.—Matthew 9:38
†W.M.U. Training School Alumna

Publicity Pointers

Frank E. Burkhalter

THE GOSPEL OF THE DINNER PLATE

(A suggested letter to unenlisted women of the congregation)

HE did not make speeches in public; you did not hear his name mentioned as one of the leading contributors of the church (though he gave according to his means); and he shrank from the limelight, this modest layman who lived what his friends came to call "The gospel of the dinner plate".

He had a fondness for young men and found his highest joy and greatest service in inviting young men who visited his congregation on Sunday mornings to his home for dinner. And after dinner he had a personal conference with them on their spir-
itual welfare. He specialized on invitations to strangers and young men who were unsaved, and it was seldom that a young man left his home in the afternoon until he had become a Christian. In the course of years the good man went home to be with God and the younger men whom he had won to Christ and a higher life alone formed a large funeral procession.

The Woman's Missionary Society is this month striving to lead the women of our congregation to that point in spiritual development where they will be willing to go where Christ wants them to go and be what Christ wants them to be. The society will help you to become a soul winner as was this good layman.

Will you not identify yourself with one of our circles and join in this study with us? In so doing, we can assure you, you will both give and receive a blessing.

WHERE DO OUR MISSIONARIES AND PREACHERS COME FROM?

(Suggested news item for church bulletin or for talking point before society)

DID you ever consider, women of the congregation, where our denomination gets its missionaries, preachers and other special workers? A recent survey on the matter shows that almost without exception these workers come from homes of prayer and consecration, where the parents are both willing that their children shall give themselves to Christian service as a life work and give them such preparation for that work as is possible through providing a proper spiritual environ-
ment for their development and a foundation training for their life work.

There is no monopoly in spirituality any more than there is in culture. All of us can have spiritual homes and have God honor us by calling our children into some special form of Christian service if we are willing to pay the price.

Wouldn't it be glorious if God should call from our congregation min-
isters, missionaries and other special workers? What say the members of our congregation?

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

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part toward doubling last year's offering. Perhaps others can give more than twice as much, while others may not be able to give even as much, practice self-denial as they may. Perhaps many can in the spirit of the foregoing article "TRY TO GET OR GIVE \$24" as their own or another's offering during the Week of Prayer. Re-
member that it all counts on the Baptist 75 Million Campaign, that it comes during the week of March 4-10 and that just in proportion as it represents self-denial through gratitude for God's "unspeakable Gift" will it be a worthy part of the cele-
bration of the Union's thirty-fifth year.



PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY



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.

"WHERE YOU WANT ME TO GO"

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The Word of the Lord . . . arise . . . go . . . cry!—Jonah 1:2

Christ never asked anyone to become an average Christian. We have entirely too many of them now! No one has done his duty till he has done his best.—J. Campbell White

1. Singing with the Understanding "I will go where you want me to go, dear Lord" we sing and if we sing truly it would seem that God did not want some of us to go anywhere. Surely His desire is that we go after souls; after His discouraged and indifferent children; after His little ones. It makes us gasp a little to think that we are responsible, answerable, for the truth of our declaration to go where He wants us to go. In the parable of the two sons, Matthew 21:28-32, we read that the first one said "I will not (go)", but afterwards he repented and went". The second said "I go" and went not. Which of them twain did the will of the father?" Let us sing carefully, prayerfully and go forth into His vineyard seeking the lost, recuperating those who have fainted by the way, restoring the joy of salvation to the discouraged and bringing refreshment to our own souls as well. What an awakening there would be in our missionary society if even half of its membership would do so; and if every member entered

*See Enlistment W.M.S. program in ROYAL SERVICE, November 1921, also Christian Education W.M.S. program in ROYAL SERVICE, June 1922.

into such a vineyard service the following story would be repeated many times: "One Sunday morning when new members were being received into the church one woman turned to her friend with tears of happiness rolling down her cheeks. 'Do you see that fine fellow standing by my son? He is the first soul I have ever brought to my Lord though I have been a Christian for many years. When I began to look for some one I could bring I thought of him. He was not in any church and was drifting. I invited him to my home and to come with my boy and study for himself God's way of salvation. I am so happy that he is confessing Christ today'. This young man is now a religious leader whose powerful influence over boys cannot be estimated". At such a time as this the joy of the angels over one repentant sinner overflows into the earth "And heaven comes down our souls to greet". This joy can be yours and mine if we win it by winning souls, if we go where He wants us to go. In personal conversation with friends and neighbors there may come a suitable time to say what He wants us to say. There may be some rebuffs but it is more sure that many will be pleased by this loving concern for their soul's welfare. Unless we truly dedicate ourselves, through love for Christ and the world, to "arise" and "go" and "cry" when and where and what He directs we will sing these words to the accompaniment of "sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal".

Yes, there are some Baptist women who are really missing. 2. Missing—Some Baptist Women They are not lost from the family of God nor have they wandered beyond His love and care. These missing ones are often women of piety and ability and are of vital importance to the future of our denomination and to the work of the kingdom. Then why missing? Because they do not appear at the women's prayer and missionary meetings. They are missing from the woman's part in the church program. Where are they and where are we to look for them? Perhaps you will find some of them in the church services, certainly in their homes. If in the church service pray for a tactful approach and lovingly invite her to the next women's meeting—call for her if desirable. If you seek her in the home find a time convenient to her and make it very plain that she is needed in the women's work in the church. If we really desire to go where He wants us to go He will give us a message.

It is said that in a well organized drive for enlistment "a woman, a layman, a young person and a pastor with a vision of the world's needs can make any church a telling force in the denominational program". Our woman's part lies in reaching the missing women and in directing some young women in seeking to enlist young women and girls. Of course there must be the inevitable survey and the reports of the committees on membership. This is the necessary machinery and we cannot do constructive work without it, but let us be careful to soften the rattle and to keep the sensitive ones from too plainly "seeing the wheels go round". Love, vision and a supreme desire to serve Christ must be the driving power. The whole machinery of nature is put to work in creating a new springtime, but it is its enticing beauty which calls us out into love and worship to God for His handiwork. Let us go where He wants us to go but let us also go how He wants us to go. Perhaps a little story might illustrate this: A young bride recently established in her small apartment in a strange city sought her denominational church. Her husband seldom accompanied her, as his business frequently called him away. For several Sundays she came and went unnoticed except by one good woman who informed her that she was the chairman of the committee on strangers and that she was glad to see her. Finally she said to herself "If no one except the chairman speaks to me this Sunday I will not go again. I feel so lonely among them". Again there was but the one greeting. Almost in tears she stood on the pavement waiting for the street car to take her home. Suddenly a young woman came to her side and said brightly, "I almost missed you. Where do you live? May I come to see you?" "Yes", was the

half indignant reply, "you almost missed me. I was not coming any more. You all made me feel so lonesome, especially the chairman of the committee on strangers". "Oh", gasped the new friend, "how awful! I am going to ride with you so I will know where you live. You shall never be lonely among us again". Love screened the machinery and a lifelong career of loyal devotion was won for the Master.

It is supposed that every woman who is a member of the church has heard the call to come, the command to tarry for enduement of the Spirit and the commission to go. If any are taking their ease in Zion; if any should fail; if any should miss the purpose and blessing of Christian service, who is responsible? Themselves? Yes, but would those who are deeply concerned for the things of the kingdom be worthy to be called faithful if they allowed their sisters to miss the joy of serving Christ with all their powers? "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor." In love let us call them into the noontide of the world's great need. Every Christian at his post doing his utmost for Christ will save it from its present awful peril—and nothing else will save it. From bended knee let us go upon the quest for a fully enlisted W.M.U. Let us keep secure the interest of our young people. With all units enlisted the Union will become a mighty power for God.

"Trumpeter, sound the great recall!
Trumpeter, rally us, rally us, rally us;
Sound for the last crusade!"

3. The Feet of the Children

Mr. Herbert Hoover says: "The race marches forward upon the feet of the children". Before these little feet are set upon the road they patter around our homes. The home training sets the pace for the road. The character of the mother, her ideals and ambitions are the directing power of the young life entrusted to her guidance.

Her influence will never die, it is for time and eternity. After the little lad, Abraham Lincoln, had seen his mother laid away under the pile of stones that marked her resting place on the lonely hillside he lingered for months by the spot, thinking over what she had told him about God and heaven, for she was his only pastor and teacher. To the infrequent passer-by the little Lincoln would put this question: "Be you a preacher-man?" When some kindly soul inquired of him, "Why do you ask me this, my boy?" he would say, "Because my mother is dead". She had led him God-ward, he wanted some one to lead him further on the road upon which she had planted his feet. Were the ambitions and ideals of this humble mother fulfilled in her great son?

The south is a land of homes and southern Baptists have faith in our little children. It is the business, therefore, of the Christian home, working jointly with the church and the school, to send forth men and women who will in their turn establish Christian homes, preach the Gospel and conduct schools. It is a high task to plant the feet of the children upon the road that will lead to the highest welfare of the world.

"A child I am. Yet in me lies
Part of the future of the race,
A child in whom the good and ill
Of ages past have left their trace.

"Protect me—ye of larger growth,
Hear my appeal: please take my hand
And lead me safely on the road
Of childhood into Grown-up Land."

4. A Contrast

Some years ago there appeared a remarkable book written by women missionary teachers, physicians and evangelists. Each wrote a chapter on conditions among women as she knew them. These testimonies came from seventeen different heathen countries. The facts set forth in the book were appalling and made evident that conditions of womanhood in these seventeen non-Christian lands were about the same. What ambitions and ideals can a heathen mother have for her children when she herself is a slave, forced into a child marriage, suffering physical ills unknown in Christian lands? Her life is often over in more senses than one before she is twenty. Suicide among Chinese wives and daughters is very common, the reasons given are the unhappy status of the women in married life and the choice of death rather than marriage among the daughters. Of the condition of children in pagan and savage homes it is unnecessary to speak. Many and harrowing are the tales we have heard; these tales are alas too true. Heathen scriptures in every instance teach the degradation of women and the "ages past have left their trace" on the children. It is with joy we turn to our own Bible, the Word of God, to see the sharp contrast in the position of women and the prominence given them in the service of God. What a noble company it is: Rebecca, Rachel, Miriam, Deborah, Hannah, Hulda, Naomi, Ruth, the widow of Zarepath, the Shunamite, Vashti, Esther, the three Marys, Elizabeth, Anna, Dorcas, Lydia, Priscilla, Phoebe, Lois, Eunice, the Elect Lady. Meek wives and loving mothers are there; but there are also prophets, seers, judges, queens, deliverers and poets. A roll call of devoted and honorable women to whom the Lord gave the Word and "great was the company of those that published it". No study ought to waken greater loyalty in the hearts of Christian women than these sketches of the lives of Bible women, they cannot be surpassed for tenderness and beauty. How can we accept the blessings that come to us this day and not go with our prayers and our money into the dark heathen homes that better mothers and children and homes and ambitions and ideals may follow our well kept obligations; that the great Emancipator of women and children may be made known in every dim corner of the earth?—
Culled from Western Women in Eastern Lands

5. Daughters of the Union

In the hasty and almost universally unkind criticism of the "flapper" we are in danger of undervaluing the wealth of possibilities that lie in the young life about us. "Flapperism" is a temporary disease, the real girl will survive if we can reach her with the right treatment. The wholesome Y.W.A. and G. A. atmosphere is beneficial to any girl. Through these organizations the Union seeks to lead our young people "gently into places of joyous responsibility". In securing new members and enlisting those already in the societies and bands these organizations can do much. But the home can do more. Said one old-fashioned girl (they are coming into fashion again): "Any one who could see my mother go through one day with all of us bothering her for something and she trying to make ends meet would certainly believe in Christianity. Why, she just prays those ends together". Such mothers do not hinder son or daughter from missionary service when the call comes. While her own call to service may begin in the home and its chief duties lie there it is too wide and compelling to remain there, her heart will yearn over the sons and daughters of the world. How poor the world would be without such homes and mothers and how much poorer if from the young life of the new generation could not be secured the recruits to fill the places these mothers must some day leave vacant! It is a sad thing when the home hinders the cause of Christ.

6. Sons of the Denomination

At least five of the chosen disciples of Jesus were young men and He himself walked this earth in His early manhood. "Every present day call to Christian service at home and on the farther fields is a call to youth." This does not mean that the present

generation of Christian workers are unnecessary or that they are no longer "called". But it does mean that the time must come when these witnesses will have fallen asleep—and His work must go on.

In some Christian homes there is an awful silence about God. We can do our boys no greater service than to speak of God with gratitude and reverence; of Christ as Redeemer and Friend and of the Holy Spirit as our Guide and Comfort. Above all must be prayer if the influence of the home is to count for good. "Augustine, the great scholar and bishop, was the especial subject of his mother's prayers. From his nineteenth to his twenty-eighth year he was living in worldly sin. In his twenty-ninth year Monica, his mother, was still praying. He left her and went to Rome; bitterly she felt the separation, yet she prayed. At length the long prayed-for time arrived. He wrote of his conversion and the mother's joy was complete." Prayer, home training and the best education we can give the boy will prepare him to make his own choice of life service, and if it be for the ministry, college and the seminary should fully equip him for his high calling.

For the most part it is not wise to urge boys and young men to hasty decisions in regard to the ministry or service on mission fields. The noise of our insistent advice might hinder the real call from being heard. There was once an old Scotch sermon-taster who, after hearing her nephew's first sermon, said to him, "Are you sure, sonny, that it was not some ither noise you heard?" Do not hinder the Spirit by over anxiety or even by unworldly ambition for the young lad.

7. Plants and Cornerstones

"That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as cornerstones polished after the similitude of a palace." Plants must be watered, fertilized and pruned. Cornerstones must be chiseled, carved and rightly placed. The beautiful imagery of David presents these obligations to youth. There is no escape from them unless we think our own generation is the only one that matters at all. While it is true that the work of the world is practically done by those on the far and near outskirts of youth, the constantly rising generation must flow into this constantly decreasing force with powers trained to meet both the new and old needs of the world. Of late years our thoughts on Christian training have broadened and deepened and we are able to recognize our obligations for the future. We must evangelize youth, enlist youth for Christian service and train youth for this service. Southern Baptists are reasonably proud of their five principal training schools and eagerly choose from their graduates workers for the home and foreign fields. These schools are the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, La.; the Woman's Missionary Union Training School, Louisville, Ky.; the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; and the Southwestern Training School, Fort Worth, Texas. Other institutes and training courses contribute to training for Christian service but these are too numerous to mention. Especially valuable are the W.M.U. mission study courses, the Teacher Training and B.Y.P.U. courses for Sunday school and organization work conducted by the Sunday School Board. Says Dr. Van Ness of these courses: "They develop the missionary spirit and the sense of loyalty to our denominational enterprises".

While all mission schools on the foreign field are in a sense Christian training schools there are a few which specialize on preparation of the native student for evangelists, pastors and teachers. The Shanghai Baptist College and Seminary of China conducts workers' training classes. Other parts of China report two women's training schools and at least five training schools for Bible women and several industrial schools. One Chinese young woman is now a student in the Woman's Missionary Training School in Louisville "making good" in her examinations.

And so we plant and water and polish that our sons and daughters may take the

torch from tired hands, knowing that He will give the increase and the shining of His face forevermore.

8. His-Story

The history of the life of Jesus can never be finished until the end of time. He still lives and His story goes on and is being written daily in the fleshy tables of Christian hearts. Out of the fulness of the heart the wonderful story must go into the ends of the earth. Where the voice cannot go the printed page becomes the medium. For every religious book, magazine, paper and leaflet telling the story of His love for man and His sacrifice to save him from sin we crave a wide circulation. But each individual should loyally support the publications of his own denomination. Southern Baptists believe in publicity and are demonstrating this belief through the offices of its boards. The exceedingly good literature, prepared for the most part by our own writers, carries the message of Christ far beyond our denominational bounds.

Home and Foreign Fields, the graded Sunday school and B.Y.P.U. quarterlies, mission study and other books of a spiritual nature are the most excellent publications of our Sunday School Board.

The Educational Department of the Foreign Mission Board is one of our oldest sources of information. From this board we can order and send out free leaflets on all phases of our foreign work as well as purchase the current religious and mission study books at publishers' prices.

The Education Board presents the needs of Christian education through the Education Bulletin, published each month, and through its teachers' bureau, newspaper articles, public addresses and thousands of leaflets.

From the Home Mission Board can be secured an abundance of literature on every branch of home mission work.

Among this goodly array of Christian literature the publications of the Woman's Missionary Union take their own place. ROYAL SERVICE, the beloved organ of our workers, goes into more than 50,000 homes, while our new and beautiful children's magazine, WORLD COMRADES, is winning its way and should be in every Baptist home that boasts a child member. These, together with the programs and leaflets for the January and March Weeks of Prayer, the Year Book and leaflets on personal service and other missionary topics, are as bells calling us to service and as channels for sending the joyful sound around the world.

In 1894 the United States sent a greeting for the new year to the other nations of the world. That message traveled 1,180,000 miles in ten seconds. How slowly have we sent the message of John 3:16! It has lagged on slow sailing vessels, on the backs of animals, over lonely trails, on wheelbarrows and later on faster sailing vessels. Oh, that we could flash it around the world as other messages go! *His Word would not return void!*

9. With Other Tongues

Outside of the home limit we have other large printing houses devoted to the Gospel message: The Carroll Memorial Publishing House at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, through its Bibles and Testaments, Sunday school literature and monthly and weekly periodicals has won many souls to Christ; farther away in Rome, Italy, we have a remarkable printing plant; of this our missionary editor, Dr. D. G. Whittinghill, says: "Our two reviews and two newspapers are read by thousands in this country not to mention readers in every country in Europe except Russia. All this going out to evangelize Europe in spite of the ban placed upon two of the periodicals, Bilychnis and Il Testimonio, by Pope Benedict". The China Baptist Publication House at Canton, South China, is doing for China what other printing houses are doing for their sections of influence in the way of Sunday school literature, which includes two papers, Kind Words and True Light. The North China Baptist pub-

lished at Tsingtao is a new and growing monthly for the use of Mandarin Baptists in North China.

These large publishing houses and many smaller ones are telling the story of the cross to thousands. Some one has called the missionary magazine the fifth Gospel, in any case it is the exponent of the four Gospels and may He whose life story is told therein bless the Good News to His honor and glory!

QUESTIONS FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. What is the compelling force back of a promise?
2. Does God want us to go to the missionary meetings? Why?
3. What is our mission to the unreached women of the church?
4. To what extent is your society meeting its responsibility to "Arise", "Go", "Cry"?
5. What is the difference between training our children for themselves and for ourselves?
6. How can we put a window in the dark heathen home? A light in the heathen mother's heart?
7. Why are we less willing for our daughters to go to the foreign field than for our sons to go into the ministry?
8. Have the telegraph, cable and radio systems been used for the glory of God? Give instances.
9. Southern Baptists have perhaps 25 per cent of their women in the missionary societies; what should the percentage be?
10. Would you mind being asked publicly whether you had a denominational magazine or paper coming regularly to your home?
11. How many ways of sending the Gospel are suggested in this program?
12. If you were a member of any one of our boards how would you answer an appeal for enlarging our mission work? What relation has the Baptist 75 Million Campaign to this appeal?

PRICED LEAFLETS FOR MARCH WEEK OF PRAYER

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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.



"THE GOLDEN STAIRS"

"Whither goest thou", oh Y.W.A.?

SUGGESTIONS: If it is possible, obtain one copy or more of W. E. Doughty's little book, THE CALL OF THE WORLD, upon which the program outlines are based, and use it and

its diagrams in preparing the talks. Unfortunately the book is out of print but perhaps your pastor or the church library has a copy. Both programs can be readily worked out, however, without periodicals and mission study books. You will be amply repaid for putting much study into these two World Call Programs. If you can hold only one meeting during the month, arrange a combination of the two programs.

FIRST MEETING

Topic—Hearing the World Call

Hymn—When Morning Gilds the Skies
Prayer

The Call Heard—In Jesus' Life and Teaching (Memory Verse Chain and Reading)

Solo—I Can Hear the Saviour Calling
The Call Heard—I. In Favorable World Conditions; II. In Multiplying Agencies of the Kingdom; III. In Signs of World-Wide Victory (Three talks based on chapter I of "The Call of the World")

Prayer of Thanksgiving for God-Given Opportunities of Service

Hymn—Onward Christian Soldiers

The Call Heard—In the World's Need (Talk based on chapter II of "The Call of the World")

Hymn—From Greenland's Icy Mountains

The Call Heard—In America's Vantage Point of Leadership (Talk based on chapter III of "The Call of the World")

Hymn—Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult
Closing Prayer

SECOND MEETING

Topic—Heeding the World Call

Hymn—Day Is Dying in the West

Prayer for Fuller Consecration to God's Service

Scripture—Luke 18:18-30

Solo—Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

The Call Heeded—I'll Go Where You

Want Me to Go (Sung with bowed heads)

The Call Heeded—I. Through Widening Horizon; II. Through Unwithholding Consecration; III. Through Unending Prayer (Three talks based on chapter IV of "The Call of the World")

The Call Heeded—Why I Decided to Give My Life to Definite Christian Work
Closing Prayer for the Leadership of the Spirit of God

The Program in Detail

THE CALL HEARD: *In Jesus' Life and Teachings*

QUOTE Jesus' missionary sayings and then read the following: The personal ministry of the Master was manifold, but all of it converged upon one objective—"For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost". Every parable and every miracle, every conversation and every sermon, every journey and every stop by the wayside was prompted, animated by one purpose, evangelism. "It is enough for the disciple that he be as his Teacher and the servant as his Lord." The greatest saints have followed Him most closely. Paul "became all things to all men, that he might by all means save some". To learn how to lead men to Christ is the chief item in my education; to practice the art is the crowning work of my life.—*Call of the World*

The church of Christ and every activity of the church, local and general, national and international, is appointed primarily and supremely for soul-saving. Evangelism is not one of the activities of the church; it is the church's chief business.

I came that they may have life and may have it abundantly—John 10:10

There is a tragical tendency to forget this. Most of the energy of most congregations is devoted to self-preservation. The minister and other workers devote their attention mostly to the members, to keep them interested, to hold them to the church. The divine plan is that every Christian should be so earnestly engaged in bringing others to Christ that his own standing and growth will take care of themselves automatically. . . . There are gratifying signs of the restoration of the church's proper function. The Sunday school is increasingly bringing its members to Christ and training them

to bring others. . . . There are training classes for personal workers, there are congregations athrob with evangelistic fervor fifty-two weeks a year and not merely the latter two weeks of a month's revival. What has been realized in these few cases must be made universal.—*Call of the World*

Key Sentences for the Talks of Both Meetings

THE CALL HEARD

In Favorable World Conditions

"The nations of our day are plastic to a degree never before witnessed. . . . The significant thing is that while nations are in a plastic state, they offer special opportunity to put the stamp of Christianity on them before they harden again and to determine the direction their civilization shall take by building into them the principles of Christian civilization and the Christian faith."

In Multiplying Agencies of the Kingdom

"Not only does the expanding spirit of conquest express itself in organizations to extend Christianity but also in the increasing number of lives that are dedicated to this service. (Illustrate from the lives of many missionaries). . . . In 1800 the Scriptures were translated into 66 languages; today the Scriptures in part or in whole are available in more than 500 languages and dialects."

In Signs of World-Victory

Robert E. Speer says: "Christianity is moving out over the earth with ever-enlarging agencies, with ever-increasing success and with open and undiscouraged purpose to win the world". (Mention some inspiring instances of victory.)

In the World's Need

"Wherever there are belated countries and races or religions that do not meet the deepest needs of mankind, wherever there is no adequate opportunity to enjoy the deliverance from sin, the freedom, the intelligence, the purity, the safety, the justice and equality, the rewards of honest labor which the gospel of Christ brings, it is the duty of those who possess all these to pass them on to others." (Illustrate from your reading about heathen countries.)

In America's Vantage Point of Leadership

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COLLEGE Y. W. A.



VALENTINE VARIETIES AND VERITIES

WITH February already here, the months left to serve our college girls are more than numbered; they are almost passed for really only March is left, since April and May will be crowded with preparations for commencement and final examinations. February then is most appropriate for a concerted attempt to reach the Baptist young women students in your college town. Of especial interest should be the young women in normal schools and state institutions. They are the ones with whom it is most difficult to come into real association in a denominational way, yet they are the ones who need most that emphasis lest they return to their homes with only an inter- or undenominational knowledge of Kingdom work. Many will be teachers in rural communities next year, places rich in opportunity for leading in our W.M.U. organizations, for spreading exact information about southern Baptist activities. If they are to see the opportunities they must have eyes bright with desire to pass on the knowledge which has broadened their horizon. Today teachers are increasingly interested in community activities, often organizing girls' and boys' clubs. How better could one of our Baptist teachers use her desire to so lead than by becoming councilor for Y.W. or Girls' Auxiliary, a Royal Ambassador Chapter or by acting as leader of a Sunbeam Band? Our teachers of tomorrow must know of the noble purposes and high ideals of such organizations, must be informed of their wide scope of activity and must be alert to use the programs and suggestions offered for such organizations. This can be the case only when the Woman's Missionary Society of the normal or university town fully does its duty to these students-of-today.

February offers delightful schemes for showing W.M.U. interest in our student friends which will give opportunity and entre to the information we would like to give. Valentine's Day suggests the possibility of saying "We love you" and a choice afternoon could be planned with a Valentine box, delivering to each guest a message of greeting from one of our foreign fields or a department of home mission work or a word of appreciation for our graded union from members of each organization. Such an arrangement would show the wide reach of southern Baptist forces in a way that would give a proud challenge to know more of what we are doing and to participate in that doing so evidently worth while.

Since February is also famous for its birthdays of national heroes and the story of George Washington's cherry tree is one common to all, a clever afternoon of fun and instruction could be planned around the famous fruit. A general announcement from the church or chapel platform usually goes almost unheeded by the girl quite uninterested and because she is the one who certainly needs to be among those present on such an occasion, it will be worth while for the social committee to send an invitation to each Baptist student. The registrar of the institution will gladly arrange for obtaining such a list from his file of enrollment cards. Y.W.A. members will cheerfully assist anywhere in the plans and their execution and will joy in fashioning dainty invitation cards bearing some such message as

Woman's Missionary Society of _____ Church
Is making a magic pie
All full of cherries bright and juicy
Which we want you to try.

So won't you come next Friday
At four when class is done
Oh hasten then and find the way
To Mrs. _____ home.

The cherries bright and juicy will be baked under a brown paper crust, luscious red bits of cardboard bearing facts of marked missionary interest that will really be pleasant to the taste and facts of W.M.U. history and present wide activities which will give an appetite for enjoying its privileges more. It is surprising how ignorant our young people in college are regarding the manner in which southern Baptists work, so let some cherries be choice fruits of the efforts of our various Boards, not failing to give the secretaries even in picture and their respective headquarters. Symbolic of the fruit which will be gathered in the years to come will be items of interest and information about our 10,878 young people's organizations. These bits of knowledge can be juggled into jingles if the member who delights in social affairs but seems somewhat indifferent to real missionary work becomes interested in this "pie", so use her until she finds she is needed and interest awakes and at the same time enlist the college girls. Thus the old adage of "two birds with one stone" will prove true even with a cherry stone.

Follow this joint frolic of cutting the pie and eating it by "taking in" the bits of information as they are read with cordial invitations to the W.M.S. meetings. Use the young women where possible, particularly in the March Week of Prayer programs. Perhaps explanation of that prayer part of our plans would create a small prayer group among the girls at school. ROYAL SERVICE Prayer Calendar could be used to extend the circle on through the year and so a small beginning would be made which might lead to a College Y.W.A. To see the splendid programs and wide awake interest of some of our college students in Y.W.A. work is to long that all may be speedily enlisted. This cannot be done by college correspondent alone; it requires the active thought of the local society. Give it in February.

VESPER STUDIES AND DAILY THOUGHTS The Mountain of Sacrifice

First Twilight—Sacrifice of a Son, Gen. 22:1-19. "Take now thine only son and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains". Review the birth of Isaac, Gen. 18:1-15; 21:1-8. Picture the beauty of the mountain country as father and son climb to the altar point. Obedience is blessed. Abraham was willing and God accepted the evidence of his complete willingness for the deed. Never fear to follow His leading even though He leads your own life to the altar of surrender. John 3:16, God so loved that He gave His only begotten Son. Close with the thought that the greatest mountain experiences of sacrifice came in the life of Jesus; 'twas on a hill shaped like a skull that He died for us.

Daily Thoughts—Rom. 1:7-17: If not ashamed then our faith should make us dare to do right though we may be considered queer by some.

Rom. 5:1-11: God loved us while we

were sinners; it is easy to love the good, but—?

Rom. 6:1-11: Baptism is a beautiful picture of death to sin and the resurrection of a new creature in Christ.

Rom. 6:12-23: Contrasts, Christians have eternal life, sinners, death.

Rom. 8:1-11: Worldliness cannot please God.

Rom. 8:12-25: Isn't it a wonderful privilege to be a member of the heavenly family, "joint heirs"?

Rom. 8:26-39: Take these mighty thoughts with you and conquer in His strength.

Second Twilight—The Sacrifice of Self Even as Abraham climbed the mountain of sacrifice, so we too must rise and lay ourselves on His altar, Rom. 12:1. Our great example, Mt. 20:28; Mt. 26:29; John 19:17,18. In the life of Paul, Phil. 2:17. Moses, Heb. 11:24,25. Our lives placed at His service are not lost but

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G.A'S. IN THE VALENTINE MONTH

THE G.A. programs in WORLD COMRADES are so interesting for February with cherry pies to cut and hearts to place that every Auxiliary will have two splendid programs and be glad that Mrs. Storer planned so well for our Girls Alert. A Valentine Party will be very nice for a meeting in the third week. G.A's. should have unusual affairs so this should be a Valentine giving rather than receiving party. To meet and make some dainty Valentines with real love verses from God's Word and send them to a missionary would be a splendid plan. Or sending a friendly love message to some of our dear partners - over - there themselves would prove that they were not forgotten. Nearer home are the children in the Baptist hospital and orphanage in your state and they would like Valentines too. Someone is continually entertaining G.A's. and decorations for the table as well as the delicious refreshments sometimes cost quite a sum of money. Why couldn't the G.A's. do without a George Washington party for themselves but make the decorations and send a nice desert to the orphans who seldom have the "extras" which have become so frequent that they are almost "usuals" for Auxiliaries? By giving even in this small way G.A's. would be "going" to make people glad for Jesus' sake.

When you finish the cherry pie program perhaps you would enjoy a cherry tree program, going back to the tree on which the cherries grew for more fruits. A small tree would grow in the corner of the G.A. meeting place overnight with the aid of the program committee. Its fruit would be a number of cardboard cherries telling of the real fruits of foreign mission enterprises which show how southern Baptists have gone with the Gospel. These may be culled from current or back numbers of ROYAL SERVICE, Home and Foreign Fields, WORLD COMRADES and your state papers. Each G.A. will pluck her cherries, one at a time and eat them according to the Chinese theory which makes a stomach

full of knowledge. Add a bit of spice to the program by circling around the magic cherry tree, singing to the old "Here we go round the mulberry bush" tune:

"Oh, we like our mission tree, our mission tree, our mission tree,

Oh, we like our mission tree, for the facts in fruits it gives us".

A suitable Scripture reading would be the parable of the barren fruit tree as given in Mt. 21:18-22 or Luke 13:6-9, bringing out the thought that southern Baptist work must keep up to its past fruitfulness in proportion to its enlarging opportunities.

A variation from the usual program would be afforded by letting certain members be ready to speak for our "iron missionaries", the valuable printing presses by which we can "go" so effectively on all our foreign fields. Paragraph 8 of the general program in this ROYAL SERVICE tells in brief summary of our activities by way of the printed page. Other material may be obtained by observant eyes as they glance through such study books as "Southern Baptists and Their Far Eastern Missions", Mrs. Montgomery's "Bible and Missions" or other sketches which show how whole villages have often been opened to the Gospel message by some portion of the Word of God, a simple tract or a few pages from a Christian book. The iron missionaries could tell how tired they grow, how sometimes severe injuries occur in broken parts which make them useless in telling until they have recuperated. Attention should be called to the fact that some of these iron missionaries are quite aged and old-fashioned and younger up-to-date presses would contrast favorably in the number of pages produced in a given time. The publication departments of our foreign mission work constantly increase in importance and more and more there will be need for missionaries devoting time to this phase of going; so inform the G.A's. carefully that they may be well alert to the work and its promise of opportunities.

GETTING AHEAD FOR MARCH

WITH the March Home Mission Week of Prayer coming next month and girls planning spring garments and buying new hats, be sure to present the crucial needs of our southern Baptist forces in so appealing a way that G.A.'s. will enter into the glorious avenue of going by denying themselves some bits of cherished finery to add to their Thank Offering amounts. Tell the girls how the Home Mission Week of Prayer was formerly accompanied by the truthfully named *Self-Denial* Offering and help them to want to make it really such again. Our almost two thousand Girls' Auxiliaries could do wonderful deeds in giving if they just would so let us give ample opportunity for them to save and be ready to give. G.A. should stand for *Giving Abundantly* this year in the ingathering time for home missions; then they will really be *Going Afar*.

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"America can retain her place in the Kingdom of God only by developing vision and consecration adequate to her task."

THE CALL HEEDED

Through Widening Horizon Study

"The hour in which we live makes it imperative that men study world conditions." (See paragraphs 7, 8 and 9 of general program.)

In this connection apply the following test to your church:

What Constitutes a Missionary Church?

1. It should have a program of missionary education.
2. It should have a Missionary Committee or Department.
3. It should be interested in the entire Kingdom.
4. It should have a missionary pastor.
5. It should practice the habit of praying for missionaries.
6. It should encourage visits of missionaries.
7. It should have a missionary budget.
8. It should have missionary education in the Sunday school.
9. It should have missionary education in the Young People's Society.
10. It should have missionary education for boys and girls.

11. It should have study classes for all church departments.

12. It should have missionary reading courses for all grades.

13. It should have a missionary library.

14. It should have a missionary magazine table.

15. It should have missionary programs.

16. It should have a mission magazine club.

17. It should have missionary dramatics.

18. It should give a stereopticon missionary lecture.

19. It should have a missionary room.

20. It should send delegates to summer conferences or assemblies.

21. It should hold life service meetings.—*Adapted from Missions*

Through Unwithholding Consecration—Money and Service

"Give, give, be always giving,

Who gives not is not living.

The more you give

The more you live.

Give strength, give thought, give deeds, give self,

Give love, give tears and give thyself.

Give, give, be always giving.

Who gives not is not living.

The more you give, the more you live."

Through Unending Prayer—Intercession

J. Campbell White says: "Prayer is the first and chief method of solving the missionary problem".

Why I Decided to Give My Life to Definite Christian Work

A young girl wrote last week from college: "There are eight of us here who have decided to do definite Christian work, here or abroad; so we have organized ourselves into a Volunteer Band, and we certainly do get a lot of help and inspiration from the meetings which we have Sunday afternoons. If any of your Y.W.'s. have heard and heeded a call to definite Christian work their testimony will be helpful and inspiring in this round table part of the program. Perhaps, too, some Christian worker, maybe a missionary on furlough, might tell the story of how she decided to give her life to definite Christian work". *Perhaps some young woman may be led in this sacred hour of testimony to offer her life for definite service to the King!*



R. A. DEPARTMENT



READILY ACTIVES IN FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY brings several days which in most states are observed as legal holidays. "No school" on the birthday anniversaries of Washington and Lincoln will give occasion for some good times as well as additional programs besides those so well planned in **WORLD COMRADES**. No plan is quite so effective for cozy chummy chats as around a campfire in the fading after glow, so why not a hike and out-door supper on one of these holidays for our Readily Active R.A.'s.? And around the fire what a rosy opportunity to talk of the stuff that makes heroes! R.A.'s. are fast forming for future years their hero ideals and those ideals may be very low, very high or mediocre according to the picture which is held up as example worthy and challenging one to follow. The February campfire means talk of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, of the things they did, of the caliber of men they were. The R.A.'s. should contribute bits of interesting incident in the life histories of our great national heroes and, encouraged by the night, the presence of the fire and its genial atmosphere of friendliness, will go on to point out characteristics that made them great. The counselor will be ready with many stories and sketches to stir their thinking and what discussion of truthfulness, generosity, courtesy, manliness, faith, courage for right and so on and on, may not follow. See paragraph 3 of the general program for a rather unusual story from Lincoln's early life. Looking to their own manhood and their relationships to our country, Ambassadors are already choosing political parties and noting elections eagerly, so the wise counselor will make occasion to point out in conversations the continued hard fight of anti-prohibitionists, the responsibility of careful voting to settle that and other national problems. Older R.A.'s. may be led to some consideration of our southern race problem which with nine million negroes in our midst faces us with perplexity. From Lincoln it is but a short step to that theme. Such a discussion

will require most careful direction lest it run into radical or un-Christian remarks, the imminent danger of such proving the need for facing the problem squarely. The position of America in her relationship to world affairs will grow from a talk about Washington, and the value of the foreign missionary can be presented from another angle. In the European Blue Books, missionaries are valued at \$50,000 each. In the recent Peace Conference at Washington, Dr. Walne, one of our pioneer and present missionaries to Japan, was asked for his opinion on Japanese relationships to our own country. A realization of the effect that missionaries and their message have on countries in political as well as commercial ways will take from R.A.'s. the idea that it is a task of little consequence.

The general program for February, centering around the Great Commission with its admonition to "go", takes its subject from a song often used. A frank discussion of the right to sing songs without meaning the words would be interesting as introductory to the song "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go". Scripture reading suited to the theme of the program would be in the first twenty-three verses of Exodus 32 with its warnings to those who stop in their going at the near places instead of reaching on across to farther away regions. After the devotional, sing a verse of the song and pause to consider where the Master would have R.A.'s. go. "The Greatheart of the South" (See page 63 of W.M.U. Year Book) will show how going may indeed be done daily right around one's ordinary sphere of life. This is good opportunity for the membership committee to name some of the boys in the community to whom R.A.'s. might go, asking them to join the Chapter and share in its privileges and benefits. After the second verse a talk on words will be quite fitting since reference has been sung to the "words, which Jesus would have me speak". So many useless slang expressions try to creep into common usage from some hidden source that the slight

lowering of the bars seems to result in admission to an alarmingly increasing number of words barred by Exodus 20:7. Many of the songs which are scattered broadcast and sung widely today are immodest, almost indecent and it is not amiss to suggest that R.A's., as loyal Ambassadors, may be discriminating in what they sing. There are always supplies of coarse jokes circulating among school boys and R.A's. can learn at least not to promote such vulgarity themselves. Set the boys to looking up Scripture references regarding words which we are to speak and they will doubtless be surprised and impressed as they find the many such verses listed in a full concordance. A natural timidity at speaking of Christ to other boys seems to abide in the heart of a teen aged lad but encouragement and impressing his duty may help overcome that reluctance and the earlier one becomes a real messenger for Christ, the easier the joyous task and the more joy in the easier task. The third verse brings out the more distinctly foreign missionary aspects of our going. R.A's. will probably be greatly interested in the publication work of our home agencies and of our Foreign Mission Board, so refer to paragraph 9 of the general program. See also the suggestions made in the G.A. Department regarding this phase of our work.

The giving side of our going should certainly receive great emphasis in these coming spring days. Already looking toward the March Week of Prayer, be urging some real giving. Show how "ambassadors" in our foreign fields and those in the homeland are hampered by the tight financial limits which are placed about them through the indifferent giving of R.A's. and other local church members. To come up to the March Week of Prayer with its Thank Offering without preparation means that there will not be the large ingathering which is wished by all in the 75 Million Campaign, but to begin early to particularly emphasize saving to give may mean a great ingathering which shall greatly rejoice all who eagerly wait for funds to make possible a more rapid and far-reaching spread of our Gospel-carrying forces. Make R.A's. see the value of their gifts no matter how comparatively small the amount as it grows by gather-

ing together from all the chapters in our southland.

VESPER STUDIES (Continued from Page 20)

revealed, Mt. 10:39. We can make our lives acceptable sacrifices, first, by accepting God's sacrifice, Jesus Christ, as our Saviour; second, by giving Him the first place in our lives and others second, then there will be no time for self.

Daily Thoughts—Rom. 9:1-5: Paul would have given his life to save the lost and we are often unwilling to give our prayers and money.

Rom. 10:1-11: How simple is the way to salvation!

Rom. 10:12-21: We have heard, how can we help others to hear?

Rom. 12:1-9: A "living sacrifice" means in action—not dead sacrifices for a living God.

Rom. 12:10-21: If we could but live verses 14 and 20 we could bring great joy to others.

Rom. 13:1-10: "Love worketh no evil", love is God-given and sacred.

Rom. 13:11-14: "The day is at hand" is a true picture of the open way for service today.

Third Twilight—The Sacrifice for Atonement. The children of Israel had to make certain sacrifices for the forgiveness of sin. Review these: the meat offering, Lev. 5:11-13; the jewels, Num. 31:50; money, Ex. 30:12-16; animals, Lev. 1:4; 4:13-21. Forgiveness through these, Lev. 5:10; 19:22. Jesus made atonement for all, Heb. 7:27; 9:24; through His blood, Luke 22:20, for reconciliation, Rom. 5:1-21, for remission of sins, Mt. 26:28. In many lands still the instinct to atone makes heathen peoples sacrifice their children because they have not heard that Jesus made the atonement once for all. Pray for them, give to send to them and heed God's call to go and tell.

Daily Thoughts—Rom. 14:1-9: The Lord's ownership of us is complete; we are the Lord's in life and death.

Rom. 15:10-23: Try always to walk in the way that will not offend, doing only that which will edify.

Rom. 15:1-9: Paul would have us glorify God first, serve others second and truly forget self.

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SUNBEAM DEPARTMENT



SHINING IN THE SHORTEST MONTH

TO encourage our Sunbeams in helpfulness and real "Shining for Jesus", let each Sunbeam choose a Valentine to keep until Washington's birthday, planning to do something helpful each day to prove his love for the Valentine. Mother would be a splendid one to choose. Of course the choice should be a secret known only to each Sunbeam and the leader until the close of the month had almost come. There are many stories of the beginning of the Valentine customs about Good Sir Valentine and his kind deeds to poor people, children and animals, and the wise leader will look up some of these stories in the public library.

TEN LITTLE SUNBEAMS

One little Sunbeam with a purpose true
Invited another and then there were two.

Two little Sunbeams said "We can
plainly see,
That if Mary Jane will join us
Then there will be three".

Three little Sunbeams working more and
more

Persuaded Sam to help them
And then there were four.

Four little Sunbeams, one and all alive,
Visited a new girl
And then there were five.

Five little Sunbeams began to plan and
fix,
Bill was thus attracted;
Then there were six.

Six little Sunbeams touched with life
from Heaven
Kindled a spark in Dorothy
And then there were seven.

Seven little Sunbeams working for the
state
Called to James to help them
And then there were eight.

Eight little Sunbeams learning how to
shine
Cast a ray on Katherine
And then there were nine.

Nine little Sunbeams came and came
again

Until Louise enlisted
And then there were ten.

Ten times ten's a hundred
That now as Sunbeams shine
To praise the name of Jesus
And sing of love divine.

—Mrs. J. R. Sams, Ky.

Mrs. Sams is passing on in most generous way some of the exercises and programs for her own Sunbeams in connection with the regular programs suggested in *WORLD COMRADES*. This exercise can be an incentive for bringing new members and lends itself easily to use by ten children, each saying one of the verses and bringing in the new child referred to in the verse.

ONCE UPON A TIME, AND NOW

Song—Jesus Loves the Little Children
Bible Verses
Prayer that Preachers May Be Sent
Sunbeam Rally Cry
Business—Minutes, Reports, Plans for
Personal Service

Program as Follows

(The words China, Japan, Africa, Europe, South America, Mexico, are each printed on two slips of paper in large letters. As the children come pin one on each of twelve of the number.)

Leader: Children, you all love stories beginning "Once upon a time". Now this afternoon I am going to have a "Once upon a time" corner and a 1923 corner. (Send one set of the children to one corner and the other six to another, arranging them in a consecutive order alike in each corner so that they can read in order the slips of paper later handed to them. Have ready these additional slips with interesting items for them to read. An older girl can help in the reading.) Now I want my first "Once upon a time" to come forward.

China 1—The first missionary to China was Robert Morrison, who went there in 1807. The first Baptist missionary was John Lewis Shuck, who sailed for China in 1835. (Sunbeams repeat this

and each time after child finishes reading.)

China 2—Now today the southern Baptists have in China over 250 missionaries and over 500 native helpers.

Africa 1—Our first missionary to Africa was J. T. Bowen who landed there in 1849.

Africa 2—In 1922 there were 27 missionaries in Africa and about 65 native workers.

Europe 1—In 1870 one missionary was sent to Italy.

Europe 2—Today Baptist work is not very strong in Italy but it is growing in power and we are beginning work in most of the southern countries of Europe.

Mexico 1—Baptist work was begun in Mexico in 1880. The first missionary was murdered.

Mexico 2—Now there are 18 missionaries at work among the Mexicans with about 55 native helpers.

South America 1—In 1881 we had two missionaries only in the whole continent of South America.

South America 2—Today we have almost one hundred missionaries in Brazil, about 27 in Argentina and ten in Chili.

Japan 1—Until 1850 no one who was not a native Japanese was allowed in Japan; therefore no missionaries could be there.

Japan 2—Now Japan is one of the five great nations of the world. Southern Baptists have about 28 missionaries there.

Leader—So we see that between "Once upon a time" and "now" we have grown a great deal in the amount of "going" that we are doing for the Master. Sunbeams have helped a great deal in all of this by their gifts and prayers and even by going themselves, for many Sunbeams have grown up and gone to these very countries to make the numbers which we have just learned of there. Sunbeams today must keep on giving and praying and going for Jesus.

Sentence prayers for missionaries in any of these countries

Love-Gifts Gathered

Dismissal

The above program was prepared by Mrs. W. B. Rodman of Charleston, South Carolina, in connection with the twelfth lesson of the Correspondence Course for Sunbeam Leaders which is conducted by

the young people's committee of W.M.U. A SHORT STORY ABOUT ONE WHO IS GOING

Pearl was a little brown-eyed girl with curly hair and a sweet happy face. She had smiles and pleasant words for everyone, so all who knew her loved her. Because she was small for her age, her teachers and classmates called her "Our Little Pearl". So little trouble did she give either at home or at school that she often heard someone say, "Pearl is such a good child". At length she grew to think she must be very good indeed. But when she was ten years old the Holy Spirit began to teach her how far from good she was after all. She could think of many bad deeds she had done and many evil thoughts she had had until she was quite troubled about it all.

One day she tried saying the two commandments which Jesus gave but before she finished the first one she stopped. "I do not keep even the first one", she said. Slowly she repeated it, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind and with all thy strength". Hanging her head she said out loud to herself, "I do not do that. I hardly ever think of God except when I'm sick or afraid of the thunder. It must be that I don't love Him. Since I've thought about it I believe I try to be good just to get people to praise me and not to please God. Surely I do not love Him after all". The more she studied about it the plainer she saw that her heart was all wrong and the more troubled she grew.

Pearl's mother often talked to her about the dear Saviour and how He could cleanse our hearts from all sin. One day she read the story of the woman of Canaan to Pearl as it is told in the fifteenth chapter of Matthew. Pearl heard how earnest this woman was in begging Jesus to cure her daughter who was so always in the wrong and heard how the woman just kept following Jesus saying, "Lord, help me". She was glad that Jesus turned, saw how earnest she was, saw how much faith she had in Him and said to her, "O, woman great is thy faith, be it unto thee even as thou wilt". But how happy she was when her mother read that the daughter was cured from that hour. Pearl thought it

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PERSONAL SERVICE



PREPARATION FOR SERVICE THROUGH INTERCESSION

A PROGRAM

1 Timothy 2:1	} The Command	Ephesians 2:18	} Access to the Father
1 Peter 2:5		Hebrews 4:16	
		Matthew 18:19	} Agreement in Prayer
		Acts 1:13-14	

POEM

"There is no holy service
But hath its secret bliss
Yet of all blessed ministries
Is one so dear as this?
The ministry that cannot be a wondering seraph's dower,
Enduing mortal weakness with more than angel power,
The ministry of purest love uncrossed by any fear,
That bids us meet at the Master's feet and keeps us very near."

PRAY FOR

Wisdom: James 1:5-7—Silent prayer for wisdom
Patience: 2 Timothy 2:24-25—Silent prayer for patience
Perseverance: Gal. 6:9; Col. 1:10—Silent prayer for perseverance
Power: Luke 11:13; 12:12—Silent prayer for power
Trust: John 15:16; 16:24—Silent prayer for fruit

READING

DESIRE is the secret power that moves the whole world of living men and directs the course of each; so *desire* is the soul of prayer and the cause of unsuccessful prayer is in the lack or feebleness of *desire*. "Whatsoever things ye *desire*, when ye pray, believe that ye have received them and ye shall have them".—Mark 11:24

PROMISES

Jeremiah 33:3—1 John 3:22—James 5:20—Luke 24:49—Acts 2:4

EXTRACT

WHAT is the limit of our prayer? "Not my will but Thine be done". Is that a limit? It is a glorious liberty. "Not my will but Thine"—not a little will but a great will! Not my thought but Thine, not my love but Thine! Is that a limit? It is the lark rising from its field nest into the boundless liberty of the firmament. God inspires the prayer; then answers it. We know not the destinies that are involved in prayer. Petition is often but the echo of a higher voice. Herein is the mystery of prayer.

—Call for requests for prayer.

PRAYER

When to Pray

At Family Altar—At Regular Services—At Special Seasons—Without Ceasing
IN conducting this prayer service assign Scripture to various ones and ask others to emphasize in two-minute talks the four points outlined above. Urge that all make prayer lists of requests and pray daily for them, adding to lists such needs or persons as are presented from time to time. The result of such a service will be marked by quickened interest along the lines of personal work. It will probably show in the starting of prayer meetings in jails, prison camps and county homes, in cottage services and at the bedside of ill and shut-in ones. After such a season of intercession and study, *believing* ye have received there is then only one thing to do and that is: "GO TELL!"



TRAINING SCHOOL



THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

“**A**VOID the Christmas rush and send your gifts early” is the plea of Uncle Sam and the decision of every wise giver. Our great and kind Sunday School Board followed this plan, sending us our first Christmas gift for 1922. What do you suppose this magnificent gift could have been? It was not something to eat, although it was tempting enough. It wasn't something to wear, although it was beautiful enough. It was not something breakable, for it will always last. You may say, then, that it was not real. But, yes, it was real and each day it grows more wonderful in its reality in our hearts and in the hearts of the people with whom we come in contact. Now, I'll just tell you since you cannot guess. Our first Christmas gift at House Beautiful was Miss Annie L. Williams, who brought to us her wonderful message of the “Art of Story Telling”.

My! it was a wonderful gift, which brought us much joy and a great deal of pleasure, too. It was one of those the fruits of which will last forever and yield a harvest of a hundred fold. It arrived early because they wanted to avoid the Christmas rush. They marked it “Do not open until Christmas” but they didn't mean it, because they knew that one hundred and thirty girls would die of curiosity if they didn't know what their beautiful package contained. On Monday night, December 4, we carefully and quietly and as still as mice peeped into our marvelous gift. The first peep was so delightful that we each eagerly and anxiously awaited every opportunity of peeping again. Our dear Mother McLure was indeed lovely to us by arranging our classes to let us peep ten times at our gift. It grew more wonderful and valuable each time.

Our Sunday School Board Santa Claus has always sent us the very best gifts, not only at Christmas, but at other times, and each year we feel that it couldn't possibly give us anything better or more earnestly desired, but this year it sur-

passed all of our hopes and expectations. We are so glad it sent our gift early.

The lectures grew steadily more interesting. By her marvelously attractive personality Miss Williams presented the methods of story telling so plainly and artistically that we not only enjoyed the lecture hour but found them so beneficial that we desired to have more. We realize that the power and scope of a good story are immeasurable. The story is the best method of presenting truths to all ages of people. It arouses curiosity, it awakens interest and provokes enthusiasm. It is recreation for the tired. It is comfort for the weary. A truth presented in a well written and artistically told story will take root and bountifully produce fruits in due season.

Miss Williams' message was one that called us to duty and awakened our love for the beautiful. At the close of each lecture by the stories that she told she made us long to tell stories to the world. Skillfully she charmed her audience by the depth of her message, by the seriousness of her purpose, and as a living example of truth, love and beauty. As she talked, we lived again in the fairyland of our childhood. Our rich and glorious youth bloomed anew. Our dreamy days of yore returned to us once again. Our imagination brought us to see age in its fellowship with our Father and its service of love and duty to man. Fresh from a life that has served her Master came these messages that stirred our souls. We have always loved Miss Williams. Her bright smile and lovely manner won our hearts.

To our beloved and noble Sunday School Board we are truly grateful for the wonderful and precious Christmas gift that it bestowed upon us. Each year it deserves a deeper portion of our love. It is, therefore, with the most sincere appreciation and the deepest love that the faculty and student body of the W.M.U. Training School thank the Sunday School Board for the delightful visit of Miss Williams.—Margaret E. Hooker



HOME DEPARTMENT



WORSHIP IN THE HOME

THOSE who have read The Ministry of Women quickly discovered that Mrs. Ella Broadus Robertson had the valuable gift of presenting information with both a winning and a profitable pen. This method has been continued in her booklet, Worship in the Home. Just as the first named book was an illuminated guide post for Christian service among women and girls so Worship in the Home will point out to fathers and mothers many pleasant methods of giving the service of prayer a place in the home, thus setting forth ideals to the children which will become hallowed memories when they have gone into the world service or are making homes for themselves.

It has been intimated that the children of this generation need a new set of parents, but it is more true that there are some parents who only need to be renewed in the spirit of their minds. To such fathers and mothers and to the indifferent as well we commend Worship in the Home as a most suggestive and practical home handbook.

The book, which contains but twenty-five pages, opens with a pen picture of the family altar in “The Cotter's Saturday Night”, followed by topical points such as: causes of decline in the custom of family prayer, signs of improvement, what family worship means to children, training children (with caution) to lead in family prayer, to ask the blessing at table and in habits of private devotion, closing with a few practical hints to those who have no family altar on how to begin. The value of this helpful little book is increased by giving lists of books for family worship and on child nurture. Poems and verses, quoted and original, intersperse the clear prose matter which gives the book a singing quality. Southern Baptist fathers and mothers, do not pass it by!

Price, paper, 15 cents from Educational Dept., Foreign Mission Board, S. B. C., Richmond, Va.

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all a wonderful story and she felt that she wanted to pray that same prayer. When she and her mother finished reading Pearl hurried into her room and knelt down by her bed all alone. Some way she felt that only Jesus could help her heart and all its badness too. She bowed her head, folded her hands and prayed with all her heart, “Lord, help me”. Pretty soon her heart became light and happy. She rose with a glad feeling instead of a sad one and she smiled as she said her troublesome Commandment all the way through—she did love God now.

Before long Pearl found that she needed the little prayer very often. She needed it when her mother called her from her play to help with the house work. She needed it when baby brother cried and she had to quiet him. She

needed it when her girl friends were cross. She needed it when they wanted her to do things she knew were not right. In fact she found that she needed it every day and often each day for she always felt better after praying that little prayer, “Lord, help me”.

As Pearl grew up she thought about other girls who did not know the little prayer because they had not heard of God or of Jesus Christ the Saviour. She grew to be a noble Christian young woman who really lived up to that commandment and loved God with all her soul, her heart, her mind and her strength and now she is in China doing all she can to teach the Chinese how to love Jesus and to pray, “Lord, help me”.

You can find Pearl's last name by looking at the inside back page of WORLD COMRADES in the list of those Chosen to Win Comrades in China. She will be the second Pearl in that list.



UNION NOTES



ROUND TABLE

THE week-end following the Altus convention was spent by the W.M.U. corresponding secretary at Oklahoma City. A luncheon with the presidents of the societies and the pastors' wives, a visit to the remarkably useful Good Will Center, a service at Olivet Church, a district all-day rally at First Church and a visit to the cherished orphanage were some of the many pleasures and privileges of that week-end. Mrs. J. W. Barron, the associational superintendent, ably presided over the large gathering at First Church. Frequently during the day minds and hearts recalled the occasion ten years ago when the Southern Baptist Convention met in Oklahoma City. Even as the S.B.C. membership and interests have increased so have those of the Baptists of Oklahoma City.

BOGALUSA, "the city of families and factories", was certainly friendly and efficient in caring early in December for the annual meeting of the Louisiana Baptists. The W.M.U. sessions, conducted by Mrs. T. E. Stephenson, president, and Miss Georgia Barnette, corresponding secretary, were attended by nearly 300 delegates and visitors from many parts of the state. At least four of the pennants awarded by the state Union went to the "parish" in which Bogalusa is located. Henceforth, the W.M.U. annual meeting will be held at a separate time and place from that of the Louisiana State Baptist Convention, a plan which has proved successful in most of the states.

PLEASE turn to page 9. There you will find decidedly helpful suggestions from Mr. Frank E. Burkhalter, publicity secretary for the Baptist 75 Million Campaign. Try to carry out many of these ideas in your society and church. Please turn also to page 32. See if the news there "From Our Missionaries" will not enhance interest in your circle or society meeting. Please now turn to page 29. Surely the "Home Department" is not prepared simply for the "fireside" but will add a glowing fervor

to the regular program of your society and circle. Please then read all of this page and page 31. Carry from them to your circle and society all that you think will help them to be well informed on the latest "Union Notes". Please link with them pages 4 and 5, for in the "Editorial Department" the emphasis is laid upon one or more of the month's chief aims. Please turn also to page 6 and pages 7 and 8 and urge the program committees to make faithful use of the "Bible Study" and "Calendar of Prayer" in connection with the meetings. Please turn now to page 3 and then to page 36 to see the leaflets which will enliven your programs and will present arguments why ROYAL SERVICE should truly be a monthly Valentine into every home in your church and society. Thus you will see that every page of the magazine, month by month, is built around the month's program. Please, therefore, pass its many items on to your society and circle.

FEBRUARY 6-8 inclusive has been chosen as the time for the mid-winter meeting in Birmingham of the W.M.U. Executive Committee. This committee consists of twenty-five officers, fifteen local and two honorary members. Eighteen of the officers are the vice presidents from the eighteen states. It is especially hoped that each state will be represented by its vice president but, if she cannot possibly come, her duly appointed substitute will be cordially welcomed. As in former years, the meeting is highly important and, therefore, the prayers of W.M.U. members are earnestly requested as the meeting convenes and proceeds with its deliberations.

WITH deep regret the following will be read from Mrs. Maud R. McLure, principal of W.M.U. Training School: "The thrill of the wonderful plan of the W.M.U. Training School Alumnae Association for giving me the trip to China and Japan was so great that for a while I was overwhelmed and easily lured into the belief that I might

go. Time and careful thought have brought me to a different conclusion and, deeply as I appreciate this great honor, I must decline it. God bless with abundant blessing the alumnae of our dear school for so generously offering the trip to me. My girls have ever held my heart and now it is a heart filled with a rare and unspeakable gratitude". Perhaps no one's disappointment in this decision can be keener than that of the W.M.U. corresponding secretary since Mrs. McLure and she were going together. However, the secretary will proceed with her plans, hoping to sail not later than July. Though the W.M.U. Executive Committee would gladly have had it otherwise, the secretary has asked that her salary stop during the leave of absence. The money thus saved can be used for extra office help in Birmingham and for additional Union representatives' travelling expenses, so that Miss Winfield in the office and Miss Mather and Miss White out on the field may not be unnecessarily burdened.

WHO is entitled to wear the W.M.U. pin? Why, any one who belongs to any one of the various W.M.U. organizations whether for women or young people. Must one be an officer of one of these organizations to wear the pin? Why, no, indeed! The pin is for the rank and file of the members just as for the officers. Thus even the tiniest Sunbeam may rightly wear the W.M.U. pin as well as the oldest and most honored member of the Woman's Missionary Society. However, since each grade of the young people's organizations has its distinctive pin, the W.M.U. pin is usually worn only by W.M.S. members. It is a cherished desire of the Union that all of its women members may loyally wear this pin. It will make a lovely Valentine for some friend of yours! For details as to prices and how to order see page 35.

MRS. GEORGE B. EAGER, chairman of the Local Board of the W.M.U. Training School, writes: The hearts of the Training School girls, as well as the managers, are overflowing with thanks to the many generous friends who remembered them with Thanksgiving and Christmas cheer. We wish we could give expression to the great appreciation that

we feel for all the thoughtfulness that our women are constantly showing for their school. As far as possible every barrel and box has been acknowledged by a personal note. We are sorry to say that in many cases there is no identification as to the donors, so should any one fail to have a response let it be understood that this is the reason. May we suggest that a card, indicating to whom acknowledgment should be sent, will be carefully put on or in every box or barrel? The Training School sends heartiest greetings and all good wishes to those who constantly make such a joyous time for them.

WHEN an all-day meeting is held by your church or association, why not have in display on the wall of the assembly room the various mission study certificates and reading cards which are owned by the members of the church or association? If they are framed and hung around the gallery railing they are especially attractive. The real purpose of such "attraction" is of course to persuade others to "go and do likewise" in the way of study and reading. Please display them in your church and associational rallies.

MARCH is distinguished for southern Baptist women and young people by the observance of the Self-Denial and Thank Offering Week of Prayer for Home Missions. The literature and envelopes for use therein will be sent by the state W.M.U. leaders early this month to each organization. Once in the hands of the local leaders, the envelopes should be distributed as directed in the programs and the programs should be carefully anticipated. On page 16 will be found the list of priced leaflets to be used with the programs. Please order early so that for sure you may receive in good time just what you need.

PERFORATION is a helpful innovation on page 7. More easily, therefore, can this page be removed from the magazine and put with one's Bible or in some other place where one is wont to make use of the Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists. If you have not formed the habit of detaching this page, try it for thereby you will be apt to use it more "when you kneel to pray". Re-

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FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



SUMMER SCHOOL IN KAIFENG

TWO happenings of last summer gave us new visions of what our W. M. U. organized work may accomplish and have greatly repaid us for the effort already put forth. Before school closed it came to the mind of one of the missionaries that it would be interesting to have all of the young people in our W. M. U. organizations meet in our large city church and have a joint program with representatives from each society and have each give its motto and song and also sing songs which were favorites with all the organizations. It was well planned with each society given its place and each one with its own flag. In Kaifeng there are five Sunbeam Bands, four G. A.'s., four R. A.'s. and so on through the entire W. M. U. graded system. It was an inspiring sight to look over that big church and see all those fine young people numbering between eight and nine hundred, see their banners flying, to hear them tell in short addresses for what each organization stood, see the proud missionary "sitting on pins" beside her band of children lest hers should fail (but none did) and most of all was it inspiring to think of the task given into our hands to train them for the Savior. A beautiful satin banner was presented to the young people and a "City Union" was formed that afternoon to meet once each term. The possibilities are far-reaching.

Each summer for a number of years we have had a summer class for the women church members and inquirers but they came from only our Kaifeng field. This year it seemed good to try having women church members from our entire field: Pochow, Kweiteh, Chengchow and the country stations. We had a little ready money on hand, which it seemed good to use in helping these women with their railroad fare but they had to buy their own food. Only the most encouraging ones were selected by the missionaries but still they came in large numbers. There were dear old women who had never seen a train before their experience of that trip to the capital. When their tickets were given to them they

seized them as if they had been tickets of admission into Heaven and held tenaciously to them lest the anticipated joy be lost. While in Kaifeng they stayed in our new girls' school building. It is lovely and there was every appointment to make it comfortable for them. Instead of going to the bathroom some of them found a water bucket, took it to their bedroom and washed together—"friends forever" idea, I suppose—sitting right in the middle of the room. They were not sent to the bathroom, either! When they come from their homes to a new place some of the old ladies will sit all night on the side of the bed and talk. So every night I went to the dormitories and tried to "tuck them in" figuratively speaking. I put my head in one room and before saying good night I thought I would say a little "polite talk", knowing that it was not true from my standpoint but was true from theirs. I said: "It is bad to leave your homes and come here and suffer all this inconvenience but you will have to excuse it and put up with a little bitterness". Of course I expected them to say it was fine and for me not to worry. Instead of that one old woman came over to me and said, "What does it matter: we have not yet suffered the bitterness that our Savior suffered". In our lovely new building and saying that! I said good night and told them not to talk any more but to go to sleep!

We had also some inquirers from Kaifeng but the majority of the women were church members. There were one hundred and forty who took their meals in the dining hall and fifty or more who came from their homes each day. They were divided into study classes according to their ability. One of the most interesting classes was one for the Bible women and Christian workers which Miss Walker had. There was another class whose members were rather advanced in their study so Miss Savage taught them one of the Epistles. I had fourteen who were ready for the Old Testament. It was wonderful to try to lead them out into the mysteries of faith

and help them to see what God can and will do for those who simply trust. Mrs. Townshend had sixty in a class studying Mark's gospel and Miss Hare had a full room of those church members who were just beginning to learn to read, while Miss Cox had the inquirers. There was one hour a day when either Mr. Sallee or Mr. Harris preached on some phase of the Christian life. Mrs. Poteat had a class for the mothers in which she discussed with them baby problems and washed a little baby during the class. It was a clean little baby, who had already had his nice bath that day. Of course it might have done injury to one who was not used to so much water!

One period was given daily for repeating what the women had learned here or what they had learned at home in the regular course of study which we have for Christians and inquirers. Mrs. Townshend was conducting the class one day and asked all who could repeat the 23rd Psalm to come up to the front. She was sure that they misunderstood her for the house seemed to move forward but we had to wait only a minute to realize that they did understand her and that they knew the Psalm. They repeated also 1 Cor. 13 and many songs.

We put on a model W. M. S. program (as model as we could with our material), the Chinese sisters carrying out all the items of the program. We also had a Sunbeam demonstration which was much enjoyed.

Altogether it was the best summer meeting we have ever had and we hope it was a mere foretaste of what our women are going to accomplish in their W. M. U. activities. Many spoke of the help they had received in the week's time and we believe that many got a new impetus to learn to read God's Word which will tell in quickened lives and renewed consecration.—Mrs. W. Eugene Sallee, Kaifeng, China

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member that at the May meeting in Jacksonville this Calendar of Prayer was earnestly commended for use at the Family Altar. Do you have family prayers in your home? If not, see page 29.

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VESPER STUDIES

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1 Cor. 4:1-7: Men should recognize us who are Christians as stewards of God.

1 Cor. 4:8-21: Paul writes in a fatherly way. Have we ever gone hungry, been persecuted or ridiculed for Christ?

1 Cor. 13: All gifts and talents however excellent are worth nothing without love.

1 Cor. 15:12-28: Christ will overcome the world.

Fourth Twilight—The Sacrifice of Money. To many this is the hardest climb of all. Many Christians are holding fast to the dollars even though they have accepted God's great sacrifice. After the early Christians gave themselves they brought their gifts. Some rules for giving: without ostentation, Mt. 6:1-4; regularly, 1 Cor. 16:2; liberally, 2 Cor. 9:6-15; cheerfully, 2 Cor. 8:11,12. Some examples of liberality, Jacob giving the tenth, Gen. 28:22; the Israelites, Ex. 35:21-28; the good Samaritan, Luke 10:33-35; the poor widow, Luke 21:2-4; early Christians—at Jerusalem, Acts 2:44,45, at Antioch, Acts 11:29, at Philippi, Phil. 4:14-18, at Corinth, 2 Cor. 8:19; Dorcas, Acts 9:36

Daily Thoughts—1 Cor. 15:35-58: We are victors even over death through Christ.

1 Cor. 16:2,13,14: We are treasurers for God. Let us be careful not to spend that which is laid aside for Him.

2 Cor. 5:11-21: The love of Christ should be the constraining and impelling force in our lives.

Phil. 1:1-20: We should be grateful for the fellowship which is ours with other Christians; it should help us to more beautiful living.

Phil. 1:21-30: Is verse 21 true in your life?

Phil. 2:1-11: Even Christ was humble and obedient to death, yet every knee shall bow before Him.

Phil. 2:12-18: Do we let God work in us to do His own pleasure?

Phil. 3:1-11: No knowledge is so priceless as that of our Master.

Phil. 3:12-21: Let us also seek to know that which God has planned for our lives.



BOOK REVIEWS



COMBINED BOARD REPORTS, 1922

THE reports of the five Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention and the W.M.U. Annual Meeting Reports and Addresses for the year 1922 have been reprinted under one cover for the use of the Woman's Missionary Union. These reports omit the proceedings of the meetings and therefore the book is not awkwardly large to handle and will be found most convenient for reference and study. The opening pages give definite instructions for its use in the mission study class, designating the pages to be studied for examination and giving a list of questions to be answered by members of the class. "When the study of the book is completed each member may be granted a week's time for the answering of the questions. A grade of seventy or above will entitle the one making it to the seal on the certificate for this book. The state W.M.U. headquarters will arrange for grading the answers to questions submitted by any one not able to be in the mission study class."

It will be readily seen that the study of these reports will make the class familiar with the technical side of W.M.U. work and the work of the five other Boards as well as getting inspiration from the great accomplishments of the past year—a great year for southern Baptists. Some of our schools issue an annual list of questions to their pupils; these have proved very fascinating and informing. There is no doubt that W.M.U. workers will be equally fascinated and informed by the fine list of thirty-three questions given in the Combined Board Reports. Let us try it!

Price 75 cents, from Sunday School Board, S.B.C., Nashville, Tenn.

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MISS MATHER writes: Visiting Missouri colleges for the month preceding Christmas was a real joy to W.M.U. young people's secretary. The students kept seriously at work with a remarkable spirit of zeal and interest,

with "going home" thoughts carefully relegated to the background. A few days in Springfield were followed by a pleasant visit at Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, for Thanksgiving. Here and at LaGrange and in Will Mayfield College also is a fine group of volunteers for ministerial and missionary service. The young women students in William Jewell cooperate with the Liberty girls in their Y.W.A. work and with a splendid counselor are doing much. They anticipate enjoying our annual meeting in May at Kansas City and having a part in giving pleasure to others on young people's night. Maryville Teachers' College has no dormitory so a Y.W.A. in the local church was organized to include college girls enthusiastic about the work. Stephens College, rejoicing in the return of Miss Jessie Burrall after absence on account of illness, was expecting to organize for real Y.W.A. work at once after the holidays. Hardin College made progress over last year by deciding to have a real Y.W.A. meeting regularly apart from the Sunday school class. LaGrange College Y.W.A. was on the Honor Roll last May and judging by the splendid work going on now will be there again this year. At Will Mayfield the College Y.W.A. is limited in number because of small dormitory space and its distance from the girls who must board in the town but the Auxiliary led by a consecrated teacher is meaning much to the girls there. Between colleges there were several interesting city engagements. At Clinton between trains the W.M.S. arranged a delightful luncheon for the young women with an opportunity for a message from our Union; at Sedalia an afternoon meeting of the city's Y.W.A.'s and the unique Young Men's Auxiliary was called; in Fulton there was a supper with G.A.'s, R.A.'s and Y.W.A.'s present, affording Miss Gates and your secretary the pleasure of speaking to quite a W.M.U. family. In St. Louis we gladly met with both city Young Woman's Missionary Union at its quarterly supper and with the Woman's Missionary and Benevolent Union in an all-day session.

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