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EDITORIAL

W.M.U. WEEK AT THE BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

NEW ORLEANS is "different". In location, history, population, places to see, things to do and food that may be had it is unique among the cities of America. If it is peculiar in these respects it is no less unusual in the opportunity it offers for faithful presentation of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. This fact has been realized by Baptists for many years but circumstances made it too difficult to "buy up the opportunity" until about five years ago when the Baptist Bible Institute was founded and opened in the excellent buildings secured from Sophie Newcomb College. The establishment of such an institution in such a location gave a prestige to evangelical denominations and an impetus to efforts of southern Baptists that had not been known before in the city.

The opportunity which came to the writer in January, during W.M.U. Week at the Institute, to visit this unique city and this growing institution as a member of the W.M.U. Advisory Committee of the Baptist Bible Institute was eagerly welcomed. In the catalogue we find this expression of the purpose of the committee: They are to interpret the Baptist Bible Institute to the W.M.U. and interpret the W.M.U. to the Baptist Bible Institute and by cooperation enable the Institute to achieve its highest ideals. Two out-of-town members of the committee (there are three members who reside in New Orleans and four from states other than Louisiana with the president of W.M.U. as an ex-officio member) were entertained in the Woman's Building and thus came into close touch with the young women students. Much might be said here of the charming hospitality and thoughtful courtesies shown the visitors by Miss Mary Cason, the superintendent of women, and by the students but we can only record our deep appreciation of them. There was opportunity to sit in a few of the classes and thus gain some insight into the school life even as the stay in the Woman's Building helped us to know the fine spirit of the home life there. The students showed an earnest, purposeful attitude as the professor unfolded to them the "mysteries" of the subject in hand. The lectures listened to were of such high order that one longed to follow the study of which they gave a glimpse.

It may interest you to know some of the things said to the committee as Dr. B. H. DeMent, the president of the Institute, sought to help in the "interpretation" of B.B.I. to W.M.U. We were reminded that the property secured from Sophie Newcomb College comprised one city block containing four buildings and the woman's building across the street; the Institute now owns 18 buildings, several of which are residences for professors and married students. Experience has proven that the wise course for the Institute is to own apartments which may be rented to the married students for a nominal sum. Faculty and students alike agree that the most urgent need is an up-to-date library building in which to protect the 35,000 and more volumes now in a building barely semi-fireproof. The enrollment is now 231, nearly half (104) being women. At least eight foreign countries have contributed to the student body and Mississippi with 48 representatives leads in the enrollment by states. An agreement has recently been reached with Tulane University by which credit is given by the university for 42 hours per week of the institute's work. A new feature is seen in the night classes which cover 28 weeks and in which 61 students are now enrolled.

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"GIVING THANKS ALWAYS"

FROM Voronesh, Russia, have been received through the Foreign Mission Board the following expressions of gratitude from the pastor of the Baptist Church at that place:

The gifts of American food packages and clothing were distributed, first of all, among those who called themselves "Evangelical Christians" and, secondly, among the Baptist brothers and sisters living in Voronesh and its vicinity. Most special attention was paid to the poorest members of the church, workers in God's field, and then to the rest among the other brothers of the church and those who were turning towards it. Ten percent of the whole was distributed among other Christians not belonging to the Baptist and Evangelical Church. You Americans, beloved brothers and sisters in our Lord, who have not experienced the terrific calamity which has befallen our much tried fatherland, literally bled to death, cannot imagine the great joy your gifts have caused. They have called forth lavish praise to our Saviour and God and much gratitude to you for your sympathy in our great indescribable need.

In consequence of the famine in our government more than one case of cannibalism has been registered. Food is obtained with the greatest difficulty, especially in wintertime. The chief evil and our special misery were the constant confiscations of what we had got with such unspeakable difficulties. Coming to the railway station from the different villages, we had to hide in nooks and corners, in fear of the requisitional detachments which were everywhere about, among them being many spoilers who had assumed official callings that they might dispoil us of that which we had gathered with such great difficulties. It often happened that, notwithstanding all the precaution taken, sometimes making a circuit of several versts so as to avoid the most dangerous places in that respect, the goods were after all confiscated and the dispoiled traveller either returned to his starving family with empty hands or died of misery and hunger at the station, where his corps lay about till the hungry dogs began gnawing at it. In passing, I saw many corpses lying about and wept much over the people who had been visited by such a calamity. Many a time did our prayers save us from the robbers who swarm in our fatherland. During this epoch of great wonders we have often seen miracles performed by our Lord and His saving Hand. We have often rejoiced and prayed much; our present life is a constant prayer, for God alone could bring relief; men were helpless. The bitterness of our misery is not yet over. Though our fields are pretty to look at and are covered with grain, yet only a small portion of the land has been sown; each peasant sowed only so much as he and his family required, for fear the surplus would be requisitioned, as the experience had taught them. Therefore the peasants will be comparatively better off but the inhabitants in the towns, who possess no land, will experience great want until the country may be again in the normal conditions.

And during these awful times you, brothers and sisters, moved by compassion and by love of our Lord Jesus Christ have most generously opened your hearts and have fed and clothed us. You have filled the Lord's command to clothe the naked and feed the hungry, and you did so at the moment when we were at the end of our strength. The day your gifts were received, I had nothing at home except some flour which my wife had brought from Konotop (400 versts from Voronesh)—I had nothing else. I always feel especially sad when the brethren visit me coming on business to Voronesh, as I live near the railway station of Voronesh which is on the south-west line, and I cannot feed them as I used to before. All that which is sent reached its destination. St. Paul says that to those who love Christ, everything works together towards good; we believe that the calamity, which has befallen our country is also conducive to good. The Lord must have heard during this time many sincere prayers.



BIBLE STUDY



TOPIC—Our Message to the World

I. *Jesus Christ*: The Son of God, the Messiah and Saviour of the world, the first and principal object of the prophecies, prefigured and promised in the Old Testament, the hope of the Gentiles, the glory, salvation and consolation of Christians, Jesus Saviour who saves from sin and hell. He was received as Messiah by His disciples and by all Christians ever since, John 6:68, 69; Lk. 9:20. Messiah's coming was predicted, Gen. 49:10; Mal. 3:1. His poverty and obscurity, Isa. 53:2; 49:7. His riding in humility into Jerusalem, His betrayal, the scourging, the piercing of His hands and feet, the vinegar and the gall, the parting of His raiment, the casting lots upon His vesture, the manner of His death and burial, His rising again without seeing corruption, were all expressly predicted and literally fulfilled, Zech. 9: 9; 11: 12; Isa. 1:16; Ps. 22:16; 69:21; 22:18; Isa. 53:9. The humiliation, the trials, the agonies which were to precede the triumphs of the Redeemer of the world were all foretold, Isa. 52:13-53; 12. He is the light of the Gentiles, the salvation of God to the ends of the earth, Isa. 42:10; 49:6.

II. *Jesus, the Son of God*: Matt. 3:17; Lk. 9:35; Eph. 1:5-7. Witness borne by Scripture: The Word was God; God was manifested in the flesh; the Jews crucified the Lord of Glory; Christ is over all, God blessed forever; by Him were all things created; the Christian is kept in perfect rest by mercy and grace through the Son of God. Salvation is a work of God; Jesus Christ is the Saviour of all who believe, John 4:42; Heb. 5:9. Forgiveness is a work of God, Matt. 9:6-8; Acts 13:38; Isa. 55:7. Jesus invited the sorrowing, the sinning and the weary in the name of His Father, Matt. 11:27-30. Every trembling prodigal returning to his Father is received by Jesus Christ who brings hope and cleansing to the sinsick soul.

III. *Jesus Christ and Him Crucified*: I Cor. 2:2. Jesus Christ is the living Saviour of the world and the grace of God is given us by Him, I Cor. 1:4. Every need is filled through Him; I Cor. 1:30. See word upon word to express the fullness of the provision which is made in Christ for the education, the progress and the sanctification of the human heart. Do you want wisdom? It is in Christ. Righteousness? It is in Christ. Sanctification? It is in Christ. Redemption, full, complete, involving the overthrow of the last enemy and the inheritance of immortality? It is in Christ. Why should we roam in search of true riches? Here they are at the cross. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added." The kingdom of God is entered only by the new birth, John 3:3, 5-7. "We preach Christ crucified"; redemption is grounded in the eternal purpose of God's grace, Eph. 2:4-8. This large conception of redemption makes it the ground-plan of the universe. Our God is a redeeming God, expressing Himself in Christ, His Son, who has made atonement for the whole world.

IV. *The Supreme Purpose of Life for Those Who Give the Message of Salvation*: Gal. 6:14. "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ." "I count not my life dear unto myself." Paul held not his life of any account as unto himself in comparison with accomplishing the ministry which had been committed to him. A supreme purpose of this kind always ennobles character. He who has Christ living in him lives an uplifted, elevated life. We must preach Jesus Christ on the cross, Christ crucified, Christ giving His life to redeem men that they may not die eternally. This is our message to the world.—Mrs. James Pollard

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Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists

March, 1923

"Lord, grant us eyes to see and ears to hear,
And souls to love and minds to understand,
And steadfast faces toward the Holy Land,
And confidence of hope and filial fear.—Christina Rossetti

Topic: "Such as I Have, Give I"

1—THURSDAY

That God's ownership and man's stewardship become a working principle in our lives
Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God in not keeping His commandments.—Deuteronomy 8:11

2—FRIDAY

That God impart strength and courage to Dr. B. D. Gray, corresponding secretary, Home Mission Board, for his great duties
With favor wilt Thou compass him as with a shield.—Psalm 5:12

3—SATURDAY

For our missions among the Indians
What doth the Lord require of thee? —Micah 6:8

4—SUNDAY

That we labor together in prayer for home missions
Behold, we come unto Thee. —Jeremiah 3:22

5—MONDAY

That our Home Mission Board have the prayers and support of Southern Baptists
They strengthened their hands for this good work.—Nehemiah 2:18

6—TUESDAY

Pray that home missions be not hindered by failure in campaign returns
The righteous showeth mercy and giveth.—Psalm 37:21

7—WEDNESDAY

For Dr. O. E. Bryan, evangelistic superintendent, and for state enlistment workers
Every word shall be established. —2 Corinthians 13:1

8—THURSDAY

For state and local members of Home Mission Board
The very God of peace sanctify you. —1 Thessalonians 5:23

9—FRIDAY

That thank-offerings for home missions be abundantly adequate
Incense shall be offered unto My name. —Malachi 1:11

10—SATURDAY

For Rev. M. N. McCall, superintendent of missions in Cuba
His compassions fail not. —Lamentations 3:22

11—SUNDAY

That our pulpits give out an authoritative message on Christian stewardship
Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.—Luke 11:28

12—MONDAY

Praise God for the blessed service of Miss Emma Leachman, Home Board field worker
Fervent in spirit; serving the Lord. —Romans 12:11

13—TUESDAY

For the cooperative work of Home Mission Board
By love serve one another. —Galatians 5:13

14—WEDNESDAY

For student missionaries, Baptist College, Havana, Cuba
Let him that is taught . . . communicate.—Galatians 6:6

15—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. V. B. Clark and native pastors and their wives, Havana, Cuba
Followers of God as dear children —Ephesians 5:1

16—FRIDAY

Thanksgiving for good report of work among seamen and soldiers
Put on the whole armor. —Ephesians 6:11

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Grant citizenship where Thy saints appear
Before Thee heart in heart and hand to hand,
And alleluias where their chanting band
As waters and as thunders fill the sphere.—Christina Rossetti

Topic: "Such as I Have, Give I"

17—SATURDAY

For Rev. and † Mrs. W. B. Miller, Cuban American College, Havana, Cuba
Light dwelleth with Him.—Daniel 2:22

18—SUNDAY

Give glory to God for successful work of Dr. Austin Crouch in Church Building Loan Fund
Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it.—Ephesians 5:25

19—MONDAY

Pray for Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus as he preaches Christ to Jewish people of the south
I will in no wise fail thee.—Hebrews 13:5

20—TUESDAY

That God's spirit work mightily through Home Board evangelistic staff
The Holy Ghost is also a witness.—Hebrews 10:15

21—WEDNESDAY

for Misses † Kathryn Sewell and † Christine Garnett, school work, Santa Clara, Cuba
He is faithful.—Hebrews 10:23

22—THURSDAY

For Dr. B. C. Hening, superintendent of work among foreigners, Indians and negroes
Abide in Him.—1 John 2:28

23—FRIDAY

For work among Italians, West Tampa, Florida, conducted by Misses † F. H. Taylor, † M. A. Dabney, † Kate McLure and † Mary Hunter
He leadeth me.—Psalm 23:3

24—SATURDAY

That Rev. J. G. Chastain have great spiritual power in preaching Christ to Cubans, Tampa, Florida
Be not Thou far from me.—Psalm 22:19

25—SUNDAY

Let us unite our prayers for the salvation of the foreigner in our midst
That I may be their God.—Leviticus 26:45

26—MONDAY

For negro evangelists and all efforts in behalf of the southern negro
Let us exalt His name together.—Psalm 34:3

27—TUESDAY

That Rev. M. F. Roberts, superintendent of missions in Canal Zone, Panama, have spiritual power for his task
Thou, Lord, hast made me glad through Thy work.—Psalm 92:4

28—WEDNESDAY

Ask that God guide deliberations in annual meeting of W. M. U. of North Carolina
God . . . worketh all in all.—1 Corinthians 12:6

29—THURSDAY

That Christian stewardship render unnecessary great campaigns to support kingdom work
Increase the fruits of your righteousness.—2 Corinthians 9:10

30—FRIDAY

For Mesdames B. H. Mitchell, Emily Black, J. M. Mabrey and Miss † B. L. Clark, workers among Cubans, Tampa, Florida
He hath committed unto us the Word.—2 Corinthians 5:19

31—SATURDAY

That results of 75 Million Campaign send thousands of laborers into the home mission field
He laid down His life for us.—1 John 3:16

† W. M. U. Training School Alumna

Publicity Pointers

BAPTISTS ALONE COULD WIN THE WORLD TO CHRIST

DID it ever occur to you that southern Baptists alone, unaided by any other body of Christian people, could win the world to Christ in fifty years if each of their more than 3,000,000 members would each year win one other soul to the Master and then employ in their lives the New Testament standard of stewardship of time, talents, means and service?

Southern Baptists today have an annual income of \$1,000,000,000. If only one-tenth of that amount were given to God (and who will say we have any right to give less?) our denominational treasury would have at its command each year \$100,000,000 with which to extend the Kingdom of God in the homeland and out to the ends of the earth.

If you are a woman attending this congregation and would like to make your life count more in the Master's service will you not come to the monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society? You'll be helped by coming.

(The above item can be used in the church bulletin on the Sunday preceding the monthly session of the society, employed in an announcement before the congregation in the event there is no bulletin or used by a speaker as an illustration of the possibilities of stewardship in an address before the society.)

HOW JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER BEGAN

(Human interest story for church bulletin for illustration or for basis of letter to members in interest of stewardship)

"AREN'T you awfully happy?" inquired an enthusiastic young pastor of a rather crusty-hearted deacon and chairman of the finance committee one morning many years ago when at the conclusion of the morning service eight fine young boys, about twelve years of age, presented themselves for church membership upon a confession of faith in Christ.

"Happy over what?" inquired the deacon.

"All those fine boys coming out for Christ and uniting with the church this morning", the pastor explained.

"None of them has added anything to the collection plate", sourly rejoined the deacon.

But this is not all of the story.

One of those eight boys was John D. Rockefeller, Sr., and, tho' he was earning only \$2.50 per week then, he overheard the conversation between pastor and deacon (he was waiting for a word with the pastor about his duty to the church) and his young heart resented the attitude of the deacon.

"I can't put much into the collection plate now, pastor", the lad confided when he had an opportunity, "but I'm going to put in what I can now and as I grow older and God prospers me I will put in more".

Then the pastor suggested that the youth begin tithing immediately. The suggestion was adopted, Rockefeller kept his vow to increase his gifts as his income grew, and a short while ago he wrote a check for \$50,000,000 for benevolences at one time.

The deacon lost his guess. Not all of us can be Rockefellers but all of us can be just as faithful stewards as this man of many millions is.

Help to make the SELF-DENIAL OFFERING at least \$35,000 by doubling your own offering.

PROGRAM FOR MARCH

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.

"SUCH AS I HAVE, GIVE I"

Hymn—Take My Life and Let It Be

Prayer—That We Minister Our Gifts as Faithful Stewards

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Hymn—I Gave My Life for Thee

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"Why Call Ye Me, Lord?" (See par. 7.)

Ingathering of Home Mission Offering

Hymn—Saviour, Thy Dying Love (First and Fourth Stanzas)

Silent Thanksgiving Prayer

Note: In this program are presented the thoughts of noted Christian leaders on giving and stewardship as related to the life of the believer. This study prayerfully undertaken and the information contained in the program on stewardship in ROYAL SERVICE, April, 1921, will be helpful and interesting at this time when serious obligations are resting on our Boards. Information on results from 75 Million Reinforcement and Tithing Campaigns can be obtained from your state W.M.U. headquarters.

1. Stewardship and Redemption

Jesus Christ is our example of perfect trusteeship. To Him God committed the redemption of the world. He faithfully performed the whole stupendous task through which we have been redeemed. To us our Redeemer has said, "All things that I have heard from my Father I have made known unto you". When we received this trust from Him it included the stewardship of the knowledge of redemption of our souls, our bodies and our whole life with all its powers and possessions. Accordingly it is to the redeemed that stewardship, in the New Testament meaning of the word, is wholly congenial. They are ready; they quickly acknowledge its sway in all their life. My life, my health, my intelligence, my character, my truth, my children, my time, my property—all these have been redeemed in the precious blood of Christ and they are mine only as a trust from God and are to be administered in His will for the benefit of every member of the race. The redeemed alone can be relied upon as true stewards of the manifold grace of God; that is for *disinterested service* on the behalf of all mankind. Unless we ground our teachings of stewardship on the fact of redemption we shall build on sand; and we are sure to see

our house tumble about our heads when the floods break loose. The Apostle Paul would have considered himself an embezzler if he had withheld his knowledge of Christ's finished work, so much so that he wrote to Timothy: "I thank Him that enabled me, even Christ Jesus our Lord, for that He counted me faithful, appointing me to His service". We came to Christ as spiritual paupers; we are pensioners on His bounty; we are trustees of that bounty whether it be spiritual, personal or material. As faithful servants we should pray "O God help me to share this bounty according to Thy will".—Dr. E. M. Poteat in *The Withered Fig Tree*

2. The Stewardship of Life

When we first met life it came from God. He gave it. All that belongs to life is held by the individual in trust for God the Owner. A life lived apart from God cannot remove His ownership or control, however much the individual may deny the fact. While life is *one* big thing it has *two* manifestations: personality and possessions. Personality is something in our character that is a part of our life, was born with us; possessions became attached to life after birth. This can be illustrated by our brains and our money: the first were born with us, the latter came to us later. Personality works through such things as time, energy, talents, the presence, the ego—the real self. Have you not heard it said "Every thing seems different when *she* comes into the house". Her personality worked either weal or woe. These precious gifts, personality and possessions, are entrusted to us to be used for God the Owner. God has combined in one life personality and possessions that He may work out His will in that life. However it is not God's wish to control by force but by love. Love is the greatest motive power in life and it is upon this love God relies to make us good stewards of the life He gave. In the ranks of professing Christians we find the best talents to be found anywhere in the world. These talents are being used more and more for the Christian enterprise, and in the teaching of stewardship of life the church will find a new born sense of power for the great tasks to be done.—Dr. F. A. Agar

"It is not the deed that we do,
Tho' the deed be never so fair,
But the love that the dear Lord looketh for,
Hidden with lovely care
In the heart of the deed so fair.

"Yes, love is the priceless thing,
The treasure, our treasure must hold,
Or ever the Master receives the gift
Or tells the weight of the gold,
By the love which cannot be told."

Personality: This personality which is born with us is a gift through which we can do for God what no other person in the world can do. It works through the talents He has given us and we have no more right to allow them to rust than if they were silver or gold. We can only succeed in being honest stewards of our personality by keeping our gifts bright by using them, and if we are Christians we must use them in the best way for God the Owner.

"Is it with rusted gifts we are going to face the Master? Do we wish to say of the gift of song, "Lord, behold here is Thy gift all rusted, for I never used it for Thee"; of our talent for social ease and graciousness, "Lord, here is Thy pound, covered with rust, but carefully kept, laid by in a napkin; I never used it in Thy church nor in the Sunday school nor in the missionary meeting"; or of the power to execute, to speak or write, "Lord, here is Thy pound; I was timid, so I hid Thy talent in the earth; lo, it is cankered with rust"; or, "Lord, here is my college education, it was a delightful experience for me but I never put it at usury for Thee; I could

have used it in the social settlement, in the mission study class but I did not, and it rusted beyond recognition; now I give it back to Thee"? What shall the Master answer? "Out of your own mouths I judge you unprofitable servants, the rust is a testimony against you."—*Re-quoted from Royal Service, April, 1921*

Oh, women and young women of the south with so many graces of heart and mind, put your personality on the market for God! Rust eats to the heart. Keep your talents so bright that the Master will see His own personality reflected in you. Earn the "Well done".

Possessions: Possessions are a heavenly trust and the stewardship of possessions lies very close to the heart of all Christ's teaching. "Will a man rob God?" was the flaming challenge of the last prophet. "Thou shalt not covet" still stands as one of the eternal laws of the kingdom. This was the sin of Laban the deceiver; of Balaam the time server; of Achan the thief; of Saul the backslider; of Ahab the idolater; of Gehazi the grafter; of Judas the betrayer; of Ananias and Sapphira the liars; of Felix the prostitute of justice; of Simon the sorcerer and of a host of modern men and women. "It walks our streets with head up; it suns itself in our social circles; it comes into the sanctuary of the Lord and sits in the pew and on the official board with complacency and pride." Who then is the faithful and wise steward?—*G. N. Brink*

Who, then, is the faithful and wise steward? We ourselves belong to God and the Christian obligation requires that we shall give to Him whatever He requires of us in the material good things He has bestowed upon us. One tenth of the annual income, therefore, does not exhaust our Christian obligation so far as the ownership of property is concerned. Our obligation to God extends to the utmost limit of our possessions. Christian stewardship means that all we have is held at the disposal of our Lord and Master.—*E. Y. Mullins, D. D.*

Down at the bottom of this question is the matter of keeping faith with God. Being a faithful steward means putting God first and trusting Him to keep His promises: "Bring ye the whole tithe into the storehouse that there may be food in My house, and prove Me now herewith, saith Jehovah of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it".

Do you wish to have overflowing blessings from heaven, to be completely crowded around with them? If you do

"Give as you would if an angel
Awaited your gift at the door.
Give as you would if tomorrow
Found you where giving is o'er.
Give as you would to the Master
If you met His searching look.
Give as you would of your substance
If His hand your offering took."

3. The Stewardship of Prayer

A long time ago a great emergency brought out the truth of the large significance of prayer. The story is to be found in the fourth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles where the early Christians came face to face with the greatness of their task. Peter and John are back from their arraignment before the high priest. Their lives have been threatened. They have been warned not to preach any more. And they are only two of many who are suffering persecution. Many have lost possessions and the source of their incomes. Others have been disowned by their relatives and forced to seek shelter elsewhere and, yet, pressing upon them as never before is the sense of responsibility for carrying out the great commission which a risen Lord commanded.

What would they do in this hour of crisis when the state officials have publicly declared that the apostles must discontinue their preaching? The answer was a prayer meeting. The Holy Spirit shook the place. Then the purpose of the Lord grew clearer than ever. The revival fires burned more intensely than before, and in the heat of those fires came faith, the clear diamond truth which God had been trying to fix in the minds and hearts of men since the days of Adam. The apostles were good stewards of the privilege of prayer.—*Ralph S. Cushman*

How far we have drifted from the methods of the church of those early days! How much we need to re-study the plan and program of our Lord! If prayer was such a mighty force in the lives of the early Christians and if such wonderful things were accomplished by them through its use are we not guilty of neglecting to use this power for the advancement of Christ's kingdom in this present day? Has not our Lord placed in our hands a talent we have failed to use? Will we not be held responsible for our neglect? How powerless is money when compared with this power! God help us to repent of our sinful misuse of this power and lead us in the use of prayer as a means to meet the needs of the world.—*Frederick E. Taylor, D. D.*

Jesus said, "When ye pray, say, 'Our Father' ". When we speak of this prayer we wrongly call it the "Lord's prayer". It is really our prayer, the one given to us as a guide. Jesus had no need to say, "forgive us our sins". Says Dr. Emory Hunt: "A thoughtful reader of the seventeenth chapter of John will find in it a notable illustration of prayer as the expression of fellowship with the Father. This is the real 'Lord's prayer'. There is in it scarcely a single request, only that His followers should be kept from the evil, but it is a marvelous illustration of real fellowship and a full acceptance of the Father's will. In the presence of this thought we cannot think of prayer as simply a scheme to secure the gratification of our own wishes. We appreciate something of why we are taught to pray 'in the name of Jesus'. Prayer in His name cannot be a selfish prayer. Faithful stewardship cannot include selfishness".

"Prayer is both a privilege and a responsibility; it is not only a delightful communion but an exalted stewardship."

"Two women in England began to pray for a revival in their country. They waited on God for a long time and then one of them read of the great work of D. L. Moody in America. She began to pray that he might be led to come to England but she did not tell her sister of her prayer. Then the Spirit of God moved upon Mr. Moody and gave him a desire to go to England. There were many obstacles but they were all overcome and he went. On his very first Sunday he was invited to preach in the church of which these two sisters were members. Only one of the sisters was present and when she came home she said to her sister, 'Whom do you think I heard preach this morning?' Her sister said, 'I do not know'. 'Why I heard Mr. D. L. Moody of America.' 'Praise the Lord!' cried the other sister and then she told how she had been praying that God might send this special man to England. Then began the revival of those wonderful days in England and Scotland. Such as they had they gave and through using their gift they were responsible for a mighty harvest of souls."

Instances like this would fill a mighty book. Let us add our chapter to it by using the privilege we have of coming before the King who can give things to us and do things through us.

(1) There is a Chinese widow in the capital of an interior province who has lately come out of darkness into a marvelous light, out of the fetid air of her bedroom where she lay smoking opium all day into the clear atmosphere of heaven. The story of her conversion will some day be told to the inspiration of thousands, but that is not the

point of the present paragraph. She is rich. She has a new attitude toward her fortune of perhaps two million dollars. Sitting in the home of the missionary the other evening she said, "I know what it is to be rich and miserable. Money has made me a slave. I thought I would be 'on top'—to use a quaint Chinese phrase, 'but I am on the bottom'—using another. I found a verse in the Psalms which fits my case exactly". Here she quoted: "He hath heaped up riches and knoweth not who shall gather them (she is without heirs). And now Lord what do we wait for? My hope is in Thee". Then she quoted: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus". She isn't stopping at the tenth. Probably she never even heard of giving a tenth. She is proposing to make God her steward for a large fortune. All the interest she asks from her executor is plain clothing and simple food. And are not the ravens fed and the lilies clothed?

(2) "My father was a Baptist preacher and my mother a preacher's wife with but little to give except devotion, sacrifice, sympathy and affection; these they gave to their community and friends. I used to wonder whether they had not given too much. But I kept hearing from men and women whose lives they had enobled and now I realize that they bequeathed me a legacy far greater than money. I knew they could have done much more in some ways had they had the money and I resolved that if the Lord prospered me I would tithe my income. He did prosper me far beyond my deserts. And now I cannot be contented with the tithe but rejoice to go far beyond it. It is fun to give, the best fun I have and I plan to develop the habit more and more as the years go on."

(3) "After what I supposed a life-long separation from friends and native land these were given back to me. When the Lord called me to service He sent me to my own country. But He has given me all lands—for my prayer parish. For years I worked with no visible support. His supply met my needs and was sufficient to sustain a small mission work. Later came a day when wealth poured into the hands of some of the Lord's own, near and dear to me and ever generous. They gave into the Lord's treasury many thousands of dollars for the cause I loved".

Faithful stewardship in the work given into his hands by the Master had its full reward—not in money for self but for his Lord.—*Collected by Dr. E. M. Potcat*

5. **Limousines and Jewels** (1) Sarah Hosmer, a poor working woman of Lowell, Mass., earning small wages in a factory, saving her pennies, five times gave fifty dollars and so supported five students in a seminary that they might go as native pastors to Persia. After she had passed sixty years the appetite for doing good was still keen and, though living in an attic, she took in sewing until she saved enough to put one more preacher in the field. Her money was no unused motor. It carried six missionaries of the cross into Persia.

(2) Princess Eugenie of Sweden sacrificed the crown jewels which fell to her share to build a hospital upon an island off the coast, where poor cripples might be nursed and healed. Her brother, the king, thought her crazy. Eugenie received her reward, even in this life, when she sat by the bedside of a dying woman who wept tears of joy for the Christ she had found through Eugenie's personal pleading. "Bless God for sending you to this lonely island, lovely princess! But for you I should never have loved Jesus and my soul would have been lost!" So saying she passed into heaven.

Upon the princess's hand lay the tears of the dying woman and looking up to heaven she said, "Lord Jesus, I sold my jewels for Thee. In these tears I have them back, and oh how much more beautiful than those I formerly possessed".—*Told by Dr. Arthur T. Pierson*

6. Stewardship and the Individual

The population of the world is divided into races, sub-divisions of races, groups of mixed races, communities, churches and families; then comes the individual who is indivisible—cannot be divided. It is with the individual we have to do in the matter of stewardship—"each one of you". Let us make some inquiries of ourselves and see where we stand in our account with God. "Have I brought the whole tithe into His storehouse, not only of my money but of prayer, personality, talents, education, time, energy, that there might be food for hungry souls? Will I have any part in calling down the promised outpour of blessings when the windows of heaven are opened? We hear a good deal along the line that when the church becomes more spiritual the money will take care of itself. But how can the church become more spiritual unless the individual members are Spirit-filled, honest stewards of all God has entrusted to them? It is estimated that only ten per cent of Baptist church members practice tithing and that only fifteen per cent are interested in missions. With this state of things how long must we wait for the church to become more spiritual in order that the money may take care of itself? Aeons would not do it."

Bishop Thoburn in painting a word-picture of the Great Refusal said: "The great, glaring denial of faith and duty which stands out before the world today, so clearly that it cannot be concealed, is the refusal of those who bear the name of Christ to execute the great commission their Master has given them. Christianity is thus made to testify against herself. A thousand Ingersolls in every country under the sun would not do so much to create disbelief of the truth among men as this spectacle of a church inheriting promises, which she seems unable to believe, and receiving commandments which she seems unwilling to execute".

We face the tragedy of a dying world. We do not have to save the world. Only One was good enough for that. But we are called of God to tell the world that only through the precious blood of Christ can it be saved. Every power within us and all we own should be used in answering this high call. Through the obedience of the individual the heaven works upward through the family, the church, the community and to the uttermost parts of the world.

"By the obedience of one shall many be made righteous."

"A revival of Christian stewardship will bring every blessing needed in the church."

7. **"Why Call Ye Me, Lord?"** Just a few weeks ago we read in the Literary Digest that five thousand banks throughout the country turned over \$190,000,000 to 5,000,000 members of the Christmas saving clubs who had deposited this amount, mostly in small sums, for Christmas spending money. Here is an interesting calculation that it might be well to place on the blackboard at our missionary meeting: If 5,000,000 people saved \$190,000,000 in one year how much should it be possible for 3,000,000 southern Baptists to give in five years? But Dr. Alldredge, our able secretary of information, tells us that "less than one-fourth of our 3,000,000 are staggering under the load of the 75 Million Campaign, while three-fourths or more of our people are unawakened and unenlisted and lifting not a pound of the load—all because we have not yet taught our people the fundamentals of New Testament stewardship". This complicates our calculation and makes more difficult the solution.

Alas, that we who claim the Bible as our rule of living should not be trained in its most pronounced teachings; and, alas, that we should call a burden that which could be so easily and joyfully carried to an abundant completion had we been so trained! May God the Owner of all things forgive us! "Why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

QUESTIONS ON PROGRAM TOPIC FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. When did our stewardship begin?
2. What did Paul mean by saying he was a trustee for the Gospel?
3. What are we to do with our knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ?
4. What does stewardship of life include?
5. Does God ever need our money and not our personality? Give reasons for your opinion.
6. What is the danger of partial stewardship?
7. Would you vote for a candidate for public office who did not acknowledge his indebtedness to God?
8. What are your reasons for believing such a man would not be faithful to a public trust?
9. How far can you use the hope of reward (heaven) and the fear of punishment (hell) as a ground for appeal to stewardship?
10. Under what circumstances can wealth make you a better woman?
11. Has your pocket book been baptized?
12. If God can finance His kingdom work without help from man why does He ask this help?
13. What would you do today if you knew you were to be called tonight to give account of your stewardship?

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

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In the effort to forward the other side of the "interpretation" the Manual of W.M.U. Methods was taught by Mrs. J. G. Jackson of Arkansas to a class of 108 students and 14 women from outside the school. Recommendations were submitted by the Advisory Committee which it is hoped will also further the end in view in the appointment of the committee. Social delights were not lacking during the days in New Orleans, the climax of these being the charming tea given at the Woman's Building and the delightful banquet at one of the hotels. Nothing that could help the work of the committee or add to their pleasure was left undone by Dr. DeMent and other members of the faculty and each of them is held in grateful remembrance.—
Ethel Winfield

W. M. U. WATCHWORDS SINCE 1917

- 1918-1919: That I may know Him—Phillippians 3:10
 1920: That in all things He might have the pre-eminence—Col. 1:18
 1921: I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.—Phil. 4:13
 1922: God is able.—II Corinthians 9:8

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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.

FIRST MEETING

Topic—"What Hast Thou in Thine Hand?"

Processional—Let Jesus Christ be Praised

Invocation

Hymn—There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (Sing to the tune of "In the Secret of His Presence")

Dialogue—What Shall I Render

Solo and Chorus—All to Jesus I Surrender

The Might Box

Prayer (Sung)—Take My Life and Let It Be

Benediction

The Program in Detail

Dialogue—What Shall I Render?

(Given with great earnestness)

Leader—The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, saith the Lord of hosts. Every beast of the forest is Mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. What hast thou that thou didst not receive?

First Girl—We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out of it.

Leader—Beware lest thou forget the Lord, thy God, and thou say in thine heart, my power and the might of mine hand have gotten me this wealth. Remember the Lord thy God, for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth.

Second Girl—Will a man rob God?

Third Girl—All the tithe of the lands or the fruit of the tree is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord.

Fourth Girl—And concerning the tithe of the herd or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord.

Leader—Let every one of you lay by him in store on the first day of the week, as God has prospered him.

Second Girl—Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God, which He hath given thee.

Third Girl—It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful.

First Girl—Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his Lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?

Leader—Prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to contain it. Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

Fourth Girl—There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet but tendeth to poverty.

Leader—Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over, shall men give into your bosom.

Third Girl—For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Leader—Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through nor steal.

First Girl—(more slowly and emphatically than before)—We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out of it.

Fourth Girl—Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of Lights.

First Girl—What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?

Second Girl—Ye know the grace of our

Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might become rich.

Leader—I have showed you all things, how that . . . ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, *It is more blessed to give than to receive.*

First Girl—(Softly and very reverently)—He loved me and gave Himself for me.

Leader—God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

The Might Box

"My Might Box—" writes Alice B. Coleman in *Missions*, "the words have a familiar sound, but the eyes refuse to recognize them. What is this new thing? Nay, it is not a new thing but an old, familiar friend under a new name". And the writer goes on to rejoice that the old-fashioned "mite-box" of forty years ago, having been brought up to the standards and possibilities of giving of this day, has been transformed into the MIGHT BOX.

On the blackboard write:

Contents of My Might Box

As the contents are described by the several Y.W.A.'s, who come forward in turn, they are listed on the board. Since we are "stewards" of our bodies, of our minds, of our wills, of our possessions, "of the manifold grace of God", here are some of the things that may be listed among the contents of the "might box":

HANDS AND FEET FOR SERVICE; GIFT OF SONG; INTELLECT; LOVE; SYMPATHY; PERSONALITY; POSSESSIONS; PRAYER; ABILITY TO TELL THE OLD, OLD STORY

What else should be named among the offerings to the Might Box and consecrated to the Master?

Have a little talk given about each of the "offerings". You will find striking quotations and interesting illustrations in the general program in this issue. And other sources for these talks are several delightful leaflets and magazine

If you pray "believing" you will want to give a real Self-Denial Offering. Jesus said: "Pray ye, give ye".

and book references named on the third page.

SECOND MEETING

Topic—Our Seventy-five Million Campaign around the World

Devotional Exercises—Subject: "The Rich Young Man Who Counted the Cost": Luke 14:25-35

Current Events Round Table—The Missionary Outlook To-Day

Hymn—Conquering Now and Still to Conquer —Closing Prayer

Suggestions

Current Events Round Table: Assign in advance to every member a topic—a missionary, a section of a foreign country, a school or a hospital on the mission field, a native worker—and have her tell about some outstanding results of the Seventy-Five Million Campaign as they are related to her topic. Search the newest missionary periodicals and books for the newest news about Europe's missionary possibilities and promise and Asia and Africa.

COUNTED FAITHFUL

OUR three oldest women have been called home to heaven in this year. One died very suddenly, and we know not what her last thoughts were. It was my privilege to be with the other two during their last hours. Their hope was clear, and when they were too weak to speak above a whisper, they pointed upward.

Upon returning to China I found that our only other elderly sister had been confined to her bed for nine months. She is improving and can get about her room with the help of a cane and a chair. She is very heavy, and I don't see how she manages it. Her husband is old and feeble, and there is no one to wait on them, but they don't complain. I have never found Mrs. Nyien downhearted: she is always cheerful and is interested in all that goes on in the church. She is not dependent upon the missionaries or the church for help: her son-in-law supports her. She is a daily witness to the power of the gospel to save and to keep happy.—Mrs. Chas. G. McDaniel, China



COLLEGE Y. W. A.



COLLEGE GIRLS IN YOUR WEEK OF PRAYER

IF your Woman's Missionary Society is in a college town there is in your midst a group of girls enrolled in the college, who came from villages, rural sections, towns or cities where the W.M.S. has not yet fully seen a world vision, when it holds back from mission study and observance of the Week of Prayer, clinging rather to the Ladies' Aid idea of limited breadth in service. What an opportunity to show these students the real spiritual and kingdom values of mission study and prayer for missions that, going home for vacation, returning home when graduation joys have come and gone, they may lead their mothers into far visions of world service which add impetus to the personal service activities immediately at hand! The College Y.W.A. has been demonstrating the keen needs of missions to many W.M.U.'s. grown-up daughters but in the March Week of Prayer is excellent opportunity to show how the W.M.S. too should function in this far-reaching way. Cordial and urgent invitation to come to the meetings of the week, request for a solo message, a quartet with missionary theme, a short play or demonstration, a talk on one of the suggested subjects will bring some of the young people to the prayer services. They might repeat from their own program for January the demonstration "Prayer at the Court of the World". College days are so full that minutes are carefully counted for recitations, study, club meetings, social activities, yet they will happily arrange their schedule to attend the meetings if they know they can help, for college girls love to serve.

Their very presence will help your meetings, for the young life buoyant and eager will put new zest and fresh zeal into the very atmosphere. Their prayers will be fervent and definite, uttered in simple faith, assured of answer. Recently a visitor to a certain college met with a group of girls, forming a special committee, immediately after the supper hour; following the adjournment the visitor suggested attendance at the usual local church prayer meeting. Some of the girls accompanied her, so that several couples followed on the side walk, too narrow for all to walk abreast. Almost to the church the visitor caught the remark, "I hope this won't be a dreadful let-down after our committee meeting". The answer was equally audible in the night air: "I have come when it was sadly below our prayer meetings". If the girls are going to take home to their mothers glowing reports of what Women's Missionary Societies do elsewhere, be sure your prayer meetings measure up to this in live interest and down to theirs in spiritual depth.

The College Correspondent of each state is eager for every College Y.W.A. to observe for itself the Home Mission Week of Prayer program for the value and power of the prayers pre-eminently but also that this point may not be overlooked and bar the college from the Honor Roll of A-1 Auxiliaries. College observance may be in a single day as for the other young people's organizations of W.M.U. or may be day by day through the week. A bit of encouragement from the W.M.S. will help the students make time for the prayer season even with mid-term examinations just out of the way. W.M.S. may continue to show her desire to know the visiting daughters and be of any assistance to them by attending the daily prayer-meeting if it comes, as frequently it does, just after the evening meal, or by definitely planning a joint meeting of the W.M.S. and the College Y.W.A. for one afternoon or evening, to be lead largely by the college girls.

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VESPER STUDIES AND DAILY THOUGHTS

First Twilight: Have you thought of your life in comparison to the life described in God's Word? Jesus said, "The thief cometh not but for to steal and to kill and to destroy. I am come that they might have life and that more abundantly." Jno. 10:10. (1) Its Definition Jno. 17:3. Knowledge of Jesus is life. (2) Its Source. Jno. 1:4. Life comes through Jesus. (3) Its channel, Jno. 6:63. (4) Its reception, Jno. 5:24. Life everlasting comes when we hear, when we believe. (5) Life Made Manifest 2 Cor. 4:10. (6) Life's Record, Phil. 4:3. Is your name written there? (7) Life's Assurance. I Jno. 5:13. Study these figures of life in Rev. 2:7—Rev. 2:10—Rev. 3:5—Rev. 21:6—Ps. 16:1.

Daily Thoughts: Jesus requests us to pray for laborers, Luke 10:1-7.

Luke 10:17-24: Jesus gives power to His servants.

Luke 10:25-37: Our neighbor is the one who needs our help and sympathy.

Luke 10:38-42: Are you a Mary, sitting at the feet of Jesus, or Martha worried over little things in life?

Luke 11:1-13: Is not the fatherhood of God life's greatest blessing?

Luke 11:14-28: Read verse 23 again.

Luke 11:29-36: Does your light lead the way to Jesus?

Second Twilight: Repentance. To make the best of life and to have the assurance of everlasting life, there must come a time when each soul shall repent. (1) Some instances of repentance: The Jews—Matt. 3:6: the woman with oil—Luke 7:37-48; the Prodigal Son—Luke 15:17-21; the Publican—Luke 18:13; Peter—Matt. 26:75. (2) Repentance is a condition of forgiveness, Matt. 5:4; Lk. 13:1-5. (3) Repentance brings joy in Heaven: Lk. 15:1-10. (4) Repentance was preached by John the Baptist: Matt. 3:2, 7, 8; by Jesus: Mark 1:15; by Peter: Acts 2:38, 40; by Paul: Acts 17:30.

Daily Thoughts: Luke 11:37-48. Jesus denounces the ways of the Pharisees.

Luke 12:1-12: Our souls are valuable—confession is necessary. Verse 10: the unpardonable sin.

Luke 12:13-32: Treasures laid up for self make us poor toward God.

Luke 12:33-48: There is a blessing

for those who watch.

Luke 12:49-59: Not all accept Jesus, so there is a division.

Luke 13:1-9: Christians must bear fruit. Is your fruit visible?

Luke 13:10-22: Verse 19: a beautiful picture of the Kingdom of Heaven

Third Twilight: After repentance in life, we need to have faith; for by faith we: (1) Live: Rom. 1:17. (2) By faith we stand: Rom. 11:20. (3) "For we walk by faith, not by sight": 2 Cor. 5:7. (4) We fight: I Tim. 6:12. (5) We are justified by faith: Rom. 5:1. (6) We are sanctified: Acts 26:18. (7) We have boldness and access by faith: Eph. 3:12. (8) Faith in Jesus brings salvation: Jno. 3:16. Isn't it sweet to have the wonderful peace of mind which faith brings? Some examples of faith: Abraham: Gen. 22:1-10, Heb. 11:17-19; David: I Sam. 17:37, 45-47; Daniel: Dan. 6; Mary Lk. 1:38; Paul: Rom. 8:18, 28

Daily Thoughts: Luke 13:23-35. Strive to enter the straight gate while it is open.

Luke 14:1-11: Chief places are not to be chosen but given to the humble.

Luke 14:12-24: Kindness and its reward: Verses 13, 14

Luke 15:1-10: There is joy in Heaven over one saved soul. How many times have you rung the joy bells?

Luke 15:11-32: It is never too late to repent—and God welcomes every prodigal.

Luke 16:1-12: Even so is our stewardship regarded in God's sight.

Luke 16:13-31: Verse 17 tells us how firm are God's laws.

Fourth Twilight: Is this life of ours after we have repented and believed, there is a reward for: (1) being kind. Matt. 10:42; (2) for being faithful to all, Col. 3:23-24; (3) for suffering persecution, Matt. 5:12; (4) laboring in the Gospel, I Cor. 3:8; (5) seeking Him, Heb. 11:6; (6) fearing His name, Rev. 11:18; (7) a reward for service, Rev. 22:12.

Daily Thoughts: Luke 17:1-10: Forgiveness toward our brothers and sisters is unbounded.

Luke 17:11-19: Many Christians today are numbered with the nine ungrateful lepers.

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G. A. DEPARTMENT



GOING AHEAD

LOOKING at the report for three months as given by Mrs. Lowndes, our treasurer, in the January ROYAL SERVICE a Girls' Auxiliary counsellor will learn many surprising things, some rather sad ones. Notice how the G.A. gifts of your state compare with those in other states. The question immediately comes to mind—are G.A.'s going to fall behind in their giving this year or are they going ahead in a splendid triumphant way? Last year our total G.A. gifts were \$32,831.87 and this year with our ten per cent increase as a minimum G.A.'s surely must total far more than that. The Thank-Offering last March was \$313.88. Someway that doesn't seem big enough to deserve the name Thank-Offering does it? G.A.'s, girls alert, can surely see more reasons for giving thanks than that would indicate. There were 1788 Girls' Auxiliaries reported last year so the thank offering averages less than twenty-five cents for each auxiliary and that means there were many G.A.'s. which had no March Week of Prayer for Home Missions, for certainly a whole auxiliary of girls is more than a quarter thankful. W.M.U. formerly called this Thank-Offering in Home Mission Week, the Self-Denial Offering. Last year we could not have used the name at all; it simply would not fit. Shall G.A.'s. lose the beautiful name so suggestive of selflessness or shall G.A.'s. begin this very March of 1923 to develop knowledge of the real joy of giving up as they grow up into Y.W.A. and W.M.S. members? G.A. counsellors must answer the question and train carefully in the matter of stewardship and tithing. "Giving's loving, and loving's living." Let each member of a G.A. in this thirty-fifth year of the existence of Woman's Missionary Union give at least thirty-five cents as her thank-you offering and what a fine showing our gratitude will make then.

In the general program are several paragraphs which will be especially of interest to G.A.'s., particularly the remarks about "Possessions and Personality" in paragraph 2 and the illustrations in paragraphs 4 and 5. With such passages of Scripture as Acts 20:35, 2 Cor. 9:7; Mt. 10:8; Deut. 16:10, 17; Gen. 28:22 as a basis, go thoroughly into the subject of tithing and bring your girls all to the promise and practice of tithing—so shall G.A.'s. truly be "going ahead".

MISSION STUDY PLUS POSTERS

IN making plans for a mission study class select the most interesting topic for the age of the girls with whom you are working. A great deal lies with the leader, who should be thoroughly informed on this subject and be able to give a synopsis of each chapter. The wise plan for an examination is to allow it to come a few questions at a time after each chapter studied, thus avoiding the tiresomeness (and terror) of the whole set of questions.

A poster or if necessary more than one to cover the chapter should be made and brought to the meeting so as to give the main facts of each chapter in condensed form. It is wise to cover only one chapter at a lesson, the questions having been given out at the previous meeting so that attentive study will be made. At the close of the course, plan a lively review day with each poster in its place, using the posters rather than the book. In reviewing urge the mothers of the girls to accompany their daughters, having as nearly as possible a mother and daughter meeting, which will show the mothers what their G.A. daughters have been doing and will perhaps inspire them to more real study too.

—Mrs. I. W. Newman, Ga.

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R. A. DEPARTMENT



FORWARD IN MARCH

WITH the March program on stewardship and giving under its caption of "Such as I Have, Give I", there is excellent opportunity for the real drill which the grown-up boys who do not tithe today missed through failure to have an R.A. Chapter for just such teaching. Reference to the general program will show that paragraphs 3, 6 and 7 contain material particularly adaptable for our boys. In the paragraph titled *Possessions* ¶ No. 2 is a series of Old and New Testament characters; look up the story suggested for each one and use as Scripture lesson for a third program. The March Home Mission Week of Prayer program, the two splendid ones in **WORLD COMRADES** and such a program from the page of **ROYAL SERVICE** will provide the four needed for the month. Looking up the Scripture stories will give room for some ten ambassadors to be used on the program and will help them learn how to use the concordance for reference work. Have a debate on some such proposition as: "Resolved that Christians today should tithe as systematically as Jews in the Old Testament times" or: "Resolved that Christian stewardship begins with the tithe". When the R.A.'s. have such a debate well in hand invite the fathers to hear them. The lack of funds for His work, the urgent pleading to pay up Campaign pledges, the frequent sermons on stewardship and tithing are proof that southern Baptist men are not performing their stewardship duties. A discussion in debate might not only prove the point to the R.A.'s. but to their fathers also. We could spare ourselves the necessity for almost nagging people into giving by teaching the boys now growing up to be tithers. Charles Kingsley as a young man prayed "Lord, give me a hand to earn and a heart to give" and over half a million dollars poured into the treasury of the church through him. The R.A. Manual brings a strong paragraph on stewardship which will be helpful in the discussion. If some business man, popular with the boys, can be

secured invite him to come giving his experience in tithing. Boys respect the opinion of men of some measure of attainment of wealth in such matters. Urge upon the R.A.'s. the necessity for care and precision in keeping accounts of even small sums of money and so forming splendid habits of Christian stewardship.

For R.A.'s. as well as G.A.'s. it will be an excellent plan to notice the quarterly report of Mrs. Lowndes in the January **ROYAL SERVICE**, checking up on the R.A. gifts from your state to receive impetus from your low amount or from your comparative leadership in giving. Last year the March Thank-Offering was only \$184.97 for the R.A.'s.—certainly that was not much of a "thank you" for all our rich blessings. R.A.'s. can do far better this year if every R.A. gives something. In a certain army camp in Texas it became necessary to move a building a distance of some half a mile. The floors were taken up, 600 men placed along the joists, 200 men around the building outside and with every man in place, the command was given. 800 men lifted all together and the building was lifted off from its foundation. At the second command, "Forward March", the building started toward its new location. There was no strain on any one man; no one lifted more than fifty pounds but everybody lifted. So every R.A. can give and move our Thank-Offering up to a splendid amount.

MISSION STUDY EXAMINATIONS

AS leaders we must ever keep the aim of our organization before our young people. One of the most important aims is mission study. In introducing a book for mission study tell some interesting things about the book and the benefit boys would receive in many ways from study of the same. They should be stirred to enthusiastic consent to study the book. At the beginning of the class explain plans clearly and announce about the examination which will complete the study. At first the R.A.'s. as well as the mothers in

W.M.S. will think they cannot take the examination but convince them that they truly can do it. Many boys have done it and what others have done, they can do also.

There are many reasons for real study which may be presented. If they will not respond for the help in increasing their knowledge of kingdom work and their spiritual lives, insist that they study to help raise the standard of their chapter. If that reason does not appeal, ask them to do it for the sake of the teacher. Suggest about the examination that it is humiliating for a teacher to say, "I taught a mission study class of ten and only three took the examination". The first step must be taken in some way for no method is more stimulating to further mission study than to be the owner of a mission study certificate with one seal. One class managed and com-

pleted with examination you will hear R.A.'s. saying "That wasn't so hard; what shall we take next?" and the dread of mission study has vanished.

As you teach, pray that God will send some laborers out of your class into His harvest where the ripened sheaves wait gleaning.—Mrs. E. V. Rawlings, Arkansas

COLLEGE Y.W.A. DEPARTMENT (Concluded from Page 20)

Luke 17:20-37: Did you lose your life that it might be preserved?

Luke 18:1-14: Every sinner must humble himself like the Publican and pray his prayer.

Luke 18:15-33: Our faith must be as a little child's.

Luke 18:34-43: The compassion of Jesus was unlimited.

Luke 19:1-10: Key verse: 10

COLLEGE Y.W.A. DEPARTMENT (Concluded from Page 19)

Yet another door opens for W.M.S. cooperation in College Y.W.A. activities. The Inter-Board Student Activities Commission is arranging for three regional meetings for college students: March 30 to April 1 at Shreveport, La., April 13 to 15 at Chattanooga, Tenn., and April 27 to 29 at Greensboro, N. C. It will mean much to a Y.W.A. to have a representative at the meeting to which the college is entitled to send a delegation—but railroad fare! Couldn't the W.M.S. help the Y.W.A. on that? "Many a mickle means a muckle" and a wee bit from each member could cover many miles of the distance. How far will your W.M.S. travel with your Y.W.A.? Naturally in the three chosen cities the W.M.S. will be busy in hospitable entertaining but if special courtesies could be shown our own W.M.U. daughters what an increasing knowledge of the extent of W.M.U. work they would carry home to their companions. Girls like to participate in large undertakings, far-reaching organizations. None could be more wide-spread in its tasks, none more effectual in its methods than W.M.U.: prove it to our College Y.W.A. girls by knowing them in the midst of others and showing them every consideration.

READ THE MESSAGE FROM DR. MULLINS World Comrades, Vol. 1, No. 3

"The only crown I ask, dear Lord, to wear
Is this—that I may help a little child.
I do not ask that I should ever stand
Among the wise, the worthy or the great;
I only ask that softly, hand in hand,
A child and I may enter at Thy gate."

"Subscribe, My Lady, Subscribe" to
ROYAL SERVICE! See page 36.



SUNBEAM DEPARTMENT



OUR SUNBEAMS GIVING

WITH W.M.U. hoping, praying and giving toward a gift of \$35000 at the ingathering of thank-offering during the March Week of Prayer for Home Missions, why not include the W.M.U. children in the birthday celebration? Sunbeams would "adore" a birthday cake with thirty-five candles. Instead of being an ordinary cake all bright at its first appearance let the candles be lighted one by one as the slogan or watchword for each of the past years is given by a Sunbeam previously prepared for the quotation. One Sunbeam with lavender streamers on a white dress and the letters W.M.U. of gold paper on a white background for a forehead decoration or crown could call for the years in succession. For the yearly watchwords through 1917 see pages 44-45 of Manual of W.M.U. Methods. For those of the past five years see page 16. When all the candles are lighted let the Sunbeams stand and sing the W.M.U. hymn for this year, "How Firm a Foundation". No, it is not too heavy for them; notice the children join in on Sunday morning when the old hymns are sung at the church service and see how much they do like to sing them. The older Sunbeams will know the words for several verses probably without reference to their books, while a little repetition will give them to all the children. It is far better to store their minds with stalwart messages in song than mere jingles and tripping words. The cake may well be an inverted pan covered with white paper with candles affixed; in this case put inside and under the pan the "money" needed in giving the programs outlined below. It was selected from a set of programs prepared by Mrs. E. H. Rodman of North Carolina in answer to the twelfth and last lesson of the correspondence course for Sunbeam Band leaders.

Subject—Giving

Song—I Gave My Life for Thee

Prayer—That the children may learn to give sincerely and not that they may be praised by others

Bible Verse—Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Song—Jesus Bids Us Shine

Business, Minutes, Reports, Personal Service Plans

PROGRAM

CUT from magazines pictures of boxes of candy, chewing-gum, toys, ice-cream, raisins, also pictures of schools, hospitals, missionaries. On a table at one side of the room arrange the first set of pictures. Select a child to stand behind the table selling her wares. At another table show the other set of pictures with another child to urge her wares too. On round pieces of paper have printed PENNY, NICKEL, DIME. On ten children pin pennies; have the ten come in front and face the other children; here have the children count them. The leader will then question, "Did you ever have ten pennies?" After giving chance for expression, put another question, "Did they all belong to you?" Put one of the penny children aside and try to impress on them that one penny out of ten absolutely belongs to God, they cannot give it to Him because it is already His and does not really belong to them after all. For instance, when buying a dime's worth of ice-cream you should not say you were giving the man a dime when you paid for your cream. He gave you the ice-cream and the dime is his. God gives us everything we have. Here let the Sunbeams express in detail God's gifts to us until they really see that it is God who gives us everything. Then they will understand that the tithe is a very small part which He commands in return. To continue the lesson pin dimes and nickels in turn over the pennies and repeat the exercise, setting aside one dime or one nickel. If desired use a new group of ten children instead of pinning the dime and nickel above the penny. The repetition will teach that God expects one out of ten of all our money. Continue the exercise in this fashion: "After one nickel has been

taken from ten, you children who are good at arithmetic tell me how much money will be left". "Forty-five cents." "All right; now let us spend it. First let us change some of it so that we can divide our purchases if we wish to do so." Put a dime on three children, a nickel on two and a penny on five. Give one child permission to spend this money just as she wishes at either table. If she pays a dime for a toy leave a dime child at the toy table. If she spends a dime for doctors to China leave the dime at the mission table; money so left will be the money given to God, for the tithe is already and always His. When the money is all spent, ask the dime at the toy table or the nickel left for chewing gum, how they preferred being spent, and so on with all the "money" at both tables. The game of spending the money may be repeated several times, as often as time permits and the children seem interested. At a Sunbeam Band meeting children may do as they think they are expected to do and will leave most of their money at the mission table, so when they are through with the game impress on them the fact that perhaps during the week when they see real ice-cream and candy they may forget about the hospitals and schools where their money was so much needed and they must be careful to think how much God's work needs money and how much Jesus has done for them.

Sing softly again "I Gave My Life for Thee"

Sentence Prayers

Offering March

Dismission

It will be an innovation to have the thirty-five Sunbeams repeat the watchwords as a demonstration from the Sunbeam Band some W.M.S. meeting this year. Whenever in some such way, the W.M.S. may be made more conscious of her "fostering" duties seize the occasion.

THE following enthusiastic letter from South Carolina comes also from the leaves of the correspondence course:

My dear Sunbeam Leader:

We used to think that to even mention mission study to our Sunbeams would mean a burial at once. That day has

passed and we are using mission study as a means of enlisting new members instead.

The forty-four children of my Sunbeam Band were as enthusiastic over their class as they would have been over a costumed Hallowe'en party. Now if you say you doubt it just use Miss Compere's "Going Somewhere" and the pamphlet of "Suggestions to Accompany 'Going Somewhere'", which was prepared by Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence and try it. You will have to make your middle name "work" but it will be worth it all at the end when you have your special meeting to give out the certificates. I divided my Sunbeam Band into six classes, taught five of them and enlisted a mother to teach the class in her community. We not only enlisted more children but through it enlisted that mother in active W.M.S. work. When we start another book we shall enlist more mothers as teachers. There were only a very few children of our church who were not enlisted in this class. Our goal was every child of the Sunbeam age in the church in the study class; we shall reach that next time.

You need a mission study library. A Sunbeam leader without this is like a carpenter without tools. If you cannot supply the need yourself, ask the W.M.S. which should be fostering the Sunbeam Band you are leading for them, to give you money for the books needed. These little children are our leaders of tomorrow and we must see that their hearts and minds are turned the right way in interest.

Yours in His service

MRS. W. A. STRICKLAND

IN preparation for the Thank-Offering in connection with the Sunbeam program in the March Week of Prayer for Home Missions prepare a can of some kind for the collection basket. Have it in a conspicuous place before the ingathering meeting and hang on it a sign reading

**SUNBEAMS CAN
FILL THE CAN**

Last year the Sunbeam gifts at the Thank-Offering were \$1,187.79. Let our Sunbeams greatly increase their gifts for this year of great need.



TRAINING SCHOOL



REACHING BY RADIO

WHEN we W.M.U. women have done our best in preparation we are quite happy to have twenty-five people listen to our message. Indeed, we are greatly elated if by chance fifty people lend us their ears. Not so our daughters—thousands now listen to their messages! Thus does the radio multiply one's audience and one's power.

Recently in the Old Testament class at the Southern Baptist Seminary all students were asked to write stories, using the characters in the Old Testament, the stories being handed in to the professor in charge. From this number ten were chosen to be used at the broadcasting station in Louisville—four from the young ministers, two from the married women and four from the W.M.U. Training School students in the class. More than thirty thousand people will hear these stories and the following is the first one to be told by a Training School student:

ADAM AND EVE

THE crowning work of creation was on the sixth day. "God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness, and let them have dominion over every living thing, and over all the earth. And God created man in His own image."—(Genesis 1:26-27) The formation of man was the ultimate object of the Creator. He was created in the image of God, which probably points to the Divine pattern after which man's intelligent nature was formed, reason, understanding and imagination being attributes of God. Man was created to reflect God's righteousness and truth and love, capable of holding communion with Him.

After God had created the first man, Adam, He said, "It is not good that the man should be alone, I will make a helpmeet for him". Therefore "Jehovah God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh thereof, and the rib which He had taken from the man, made He a woman and brought her unto the man".—(Genesis 2:18-22) And Adam called his wife Eve.

God had provided a beautiful home for Adam and Eve and placed them in a garden rich in earth's choicest fruits. He gave Adam employment, free from anxiety and toil, in caring for the garden. They were very happy and innocent in the beautiful home provided by the loving God. They were allowed to eat of the fruit of every tree in the garden, except the one called the "Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil". No doubt they were faithful and obedient to this command for some time. But Satan came in to destroy this happy home, and the woman, who was given to Adam, was beguiled into a violation of the one command which had been imposed upon them. She took of the fruit of the forbidden tree and ate, then she also gave of the fruit to her husband. After they had eaten of the fruit, the result was an evil conscience. They were ashamed in the presence of one another and frightened when God appeared. Adam was very cowardly and attempted to clear himself by putting most of the blame on Eve and on God for having given to him a woman whose example had led him into transgression. Eve lays the blame on the crafty serpent. As a punishment, God says the woman must suffer and serve and the man must toil and sweat. The guilty pair are expelled from the garden, and "death rules over them as the penalty of transgression".

There is one great ray of hope that pierces the darkness. We have the promise of a Saviour in Genesis 3:15: "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; he shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel".—Lula G. McGee, N. C.



PERSONAL SERVICE



"INASMUCH"

"TRUE charity not only covers a multitude of sins but reveals a multitude of virtues, such as forgiveness, liberal construction, gentleness and mercy to the faults of others and the remembrance of our own imperfections and advantages. Do not inquire too closely into errors of the poor but first relieve and then endeavor to reclaim them." *Charles Dickens*—Charity or relief is a form of personal service firmly embedded in the program.

It expresses Christian sympathy—To deal out thy bread to the hungry, to cover the naked, to shelter the poor, bring the blessings of guidance, health and answered prayer, the prophet said long ago—Isaiah 58. In the days of the early church distribution was made as every one had need and Stephen, that great man of God, was appointed chairman of a committee to look after this work that no one be neglected. Out of full and grateful hearts overflowing with thankfulness for God's love to a lost world, these early Christians distributed bounty to the poor and needy that they might feel the throb of Christian fellowship and partake of generous provision. John the Baptist told the people that fruit worthy of repentance was sharing the blessings of life. "He that hath two coats let him impart to him that hath none and he that hath meat let him do likewise."—Luke 3:11. Jesus went further when he pronounced the Golden Rule and declared "*Love your enemies and do good*".—Luke 6:35. From the apostle there comes the statement "pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unspotted from the world".—James 1:27

It relieves distress—In these days of reconstruction it is no unusual experience to discover want where comfort existed at one time, to find unemployment where formerly the industrious man of the family was constantly at work. To prevent complete misfortune to such worthy ones by timely aid is most necessary. Not only at Thanksgiving and at Christmas but all the hard dark days may be brightened by the help of Christian friends. To the sick bed flowers carry a blessed message and delicate food from the home of another tempts many a failing appetite. In commending His followers the King from the throne of His glory surrounded by all of His holy angels calls into complete and glorious fellowship those who have fed the hungry, sheltered the homeless, clothed the naked and visited the sick among the least and poorest with these blessed words "Ye have done it unto Me".—Matt. 5:31. Very often a family may be established in thrift and comfort through assistance that will tide over a hard and complex situation with which they cannot cope without some loving hands "to help lighten the load".

It builds character—The cause of distress should be sought and removed if possible through legislation, enforcement of laws or creation of public sentiment. It is of paramount importance that relief be so administered as not to pauperize. It is better to find employment for the head of a family than to supply them with food and garments for a season. It should be the aim to develop independence and self-reliance and when those fine qualities are present, so to approach and offer aid as not to offend or humiliate. To see that children are kept at school until equipped for work, to find employment, to secure medical treatment for sick or handicapped, to safeguard the integrity and sanctity of the home, to bind all up with church and Sunday school is to build character and home life in the best way. It has been well

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UNION NOTES

ROUND TABLE

A happy example of successful tithing is furnished by a member of our church who began to give a tenth of her money in childhood, increased it to a fifth when she became a business woman and now, in middle life, is getting real joy from giving to her church and missions all but bare living expenses. Her church work is noticeably prosperous: Sunday school classes which have been failures take on new life when promoted to her grade; in W.M.U. and B.Y.P.U. work she is equally successful.—Kentucky

PRAYER should certainly be the dominant note of all W.M.U. activities during the month of March, not only because it is ushered in by the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial Offering for Home Missions but also because the subject for the month's study is one which must be "fought out on one's knees". Naturally the week of prayer will be effectual in proportion as the emphasis is laid on prayer. The largest as well as the very smallest societies will do well to plan so that the pivotal points of each day's program shall be dependant upon prayer—silent, spontaneous, prepared, pleading prayer. Likewise if the month's program is to open the hearts of mothers to give of their sons and daughters "to bear the message glorious", if as a program it is to be the means of many young men and women honestly saying of their future lives: "Such as I have, give I", then as a program it must be bound to the throne of God by chords of prayer. If through the month's study tithers and faithful stewards are to be developed, then the "inner chamber" must be often sought. The demon of self-centered bank-accounts, the demon of fear for the morrow, the demon of avarice—"this kind can come out by nothing, save by prayer"! Remember that, when Peter uttered the words which are the subject for the month's program, he "and John were going up into the temple at the hour of prayer".

If my husband had no sympathy with my desire to tithe I would do the four following things. (1) I would pray. "Nothing lies beyond the power of prayer that does not lie beyond the will of God." We know that God can change the heart of the most obstinate person in the world. (2) I would speak. I would speak tenderly, persuasively, yet boldly of my convictions, giving the Biblical authority for the convictions. (3) I would read. I would try to interest the family in hearing read aloud "The Deacon's Daughter" by Dr. F. M. McConnell. (4) I would never give up. Without nagging I would try to keep tithing before the minds of the family by stories, illustrations and personal experiences, praying unceasingly that right would prevail.—Oklahoma

PERSONS to whom the Union is indebted for the preparation of the leaflets to be used during the March Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Home Missions are as follows: Dr. Austin Crouch and Dr. O. E. Bryan of the Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Ga.; Miss Reitha Hight of Cuba; Miss Jewelle Grimes of Oklahoma; Miss Orrie Moody of Alabama; Mrs. F. W. Withoft of Georgia; Mrs. R. S. C. Berry of Tennessee; and Miss Elizabeth Watkins of Virginia. These leaflets and the corresponding programs are to be secured from the state W.M.U. headquarters if the society's supply has not been received. With them will be sent the appeal from Dr. B. D. Gray on behalf of the Home Mission Board. It should be most prayerfully studied if the appeal is to be answered through faithful gifts. Remember that the goal set for the offering is \$35,000. Try to give to it twice as much as you gave to the offering last March or try to get another person to double your gift by hers.

There is no reason whatever why every normal Christian woman should not tithe. Some money for some purpose must pass through her hands and, no matter for

what purpose it is given her or how small the amount, it is the Lord's money. Immediately upon receipt of the same, one-tenth should be laid aside for the Lord's use. There need never be any fear of the family's going hungry!—Maryland

PREPARATION for talks and discussions during the March Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Home Missions will be less difficult if use is made of the new study book by Miss M. M. Lackey of Mississippi. This book deals with S.B.C. home mission work, its title being "From Strength to Strength". It may be secured from the Baptist Home Mission Board, 1004 Healey Bldg., Atlanta, Ga., the postpaid price being 30c in paper binding and 60c in cloth. The success of several of the programs will be seen to depend largely upon the contents of this new book or upon other equally up-to-date data. See page 35.

In the campaign for tithers it was astonishing how many really good women gave as a reason for not signing the pledge cards that they did not get a definite income or salary. I think the best answer I have heard to this excuse was given recently by a returned missionary. "Suppose", said she, "that the government should offer a ten per cent increase to all citizens sending in a definite statement of money received during the year. We would certainly immediately become a nation of bookkeepers! Is it not strange that we would do more for a few paltry dollars than for the cause we profess to love?"—Kentucky

PRAYER was the subject of a mission study demonstration which was given at the January quarterly associational rally in Birmingham, Alabama, the demonstration being arranged by Mrs. W. P. McAdory of that city. The large South Side Church was well filled with "willing-hearted women" whose interest during the entire morning program was heightened by certain placards on the platform. These placards were made of white card-board, shaped like shields and fastened just above the backs of the chairs. They were bordered in lavender, the same color of ink being used for the words which each bore. These words were: Naturalness, Individual Care, Hindrances, Unanswered, Battlefield,

Unselfishness, Dominant Desire, Reign of Law, Goodness of God, Communion. At the noon hour, the softest of music was played and on the platform came one by one ten women dressed in lavender or white Greek robes. The first of these bore in her hand a long scroll from which she read the names of all the women in the hostess church who had successfully studied and passed the examination on the book, "The Meaning of Prayer". For each of them she had the Union's new certificate which calls for the study of a book on prayer. Then the president of the large class asked if prayer was natural and a member explained that it was, taking her seat in the chair bearing the placard entitled "Naturalness". Thus the meaning of each placard was made clear. Then the great audience rose and began singing "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and, still singing, filed quietly out of the church.

As a farmer's wife I find it hard to keep an accurate account of all that is made on the farm but I can get a fairly correct estimate of what I receive for the chickens, eggs, butter and vegetables. I have found that to give the Sunday eggs is an excellent plan. I have long ago learned that nine-tenths with God goes further than ten-tenths without Him.—S. C.

PERHAPS in the fact that the society meetings are not always held in the same room at the church may be found the reason for the rather conspicuous non-display of the W.M.U. Standard of Excellence chart. Last year nearly 7,000 societies among the women and young people attained at least four points of the uniform W.M.U. Standard of Excellence. Have you ever noticed how attractive is one of these charts with the colored seals marking just four points? Over 2,000 societies reached all points, representing ten points for the women. Decorative indeed is the chart when all of the points are marked with the varicolored seals. How "radiant" would have been at least 7,000 churches if last year the standard societies had displayed their charts. Try it this year and see! From your state W.M.U. headquarters or from the Birmingham office the charts may be ordered. The price is 35 cents (Concluded on Page 33)

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SMART mission study students sometimes wonder just where in their certificates to affix the six small post-graduate seals and the second large official seal. Accordingly on this page a small cut is shown of the certificate. There it will be seen that the three red seals, which are for the study of the three post-graduate foreign mission books, are to be affixed in the upper right hand corner. The three blue seals, which are for the study of the three post-graduate home mission books, are to be placed just opposite in the left hand corner. The second large official seal is then secured and put right above the first official seal which rests just to the left of the signature of Mrs. W. C. James.

HELPS FROM LOUISIANA

ONE society greatly enjoyed studying Synthesis—the Bible by Books—a subject in the Correspondence Course of the Baptist Bible Institute. The leader

only sends in her papers to the Institute for correction and credit, the other members in turn handing their papers to the leader for correction. The society pays the price of the course, which is \$8.00 from Baptist Bible Institute, 1220 Washington Ave., New Orleans, La. See page 34.

Elect circle leaders every two months, with the thought of developing more leaders. That the programs may be more interesting and comprehensive, one society found it very helpful to provide questions on the subject matter of ROYAL SERVICE programs, and the women were required to answer the questions rather than read the material as given. See questions on page 16.

A Sunbeam leader turned over a plot of ground adjoining her home to the band for the purpose of raising flowers and vegetables, the proceeds to be given to missions. Potted plants are also kept ready by this band to be given to the sick.—Georgia Barnette

FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

GOOD WILL CENTER AT PINGTU

SINCE the women's decision to undertake Good Will Center work out here, our station has been given \$1000 Mex. for building and equipment and our Native Association has voted us \$200 a year for current expenses. Upon our return Misses Caldwell and Ray asked how I would like to undertake the job. I was delighted to take it and am laying plans and starting out to obtain equipment &c. There are several very fine Chinese Christian women in Pingtu and in closely adjacent villages, so I plan to have an advisory board. I have already secured a Bible woman, who has done local work here for something over a year, and have secured a gatekeeper who is a woman too old to get around enough for country evangelistic work but plenty "spry" and a good personal worker and thus well fitted for my needs. The Chinese are hunting a location for us, and prospects seem good for a place in the east suburb, where we have no Christian work, a thickly populated residence section. We plan to have a mothers' club, where women shall be taught the new rapid system of reading and writing, sanitation lectures and demonstrations given, sewing machine taught and work given and a market supplied for their products, so that they can afford the time which they spend under our influence. We will of course have advantages for children, hoping to open a day school as soon as possible.

The minute we told the women out here about this line of work they were delighted—saw the vast practicability of it and the warm Christian spirit of it (those two phrases should certainly be reversed in their order). In our "Campaign" out here it was a telling item on the program. They gave their money and were eager to see something under way. Heretofore our evangelistic work has been largely in the surrounding country, and the city has not been adequately attacked. From now on it seems desirable to give more attention to the

city, and I shall be glad to have my part. I am not much good as a salesman and shall lean on Miss Ray for that, finding market &c., and it may be that they will find that my forte lies rather in the line of letting somebody else do the work pretty generally. I hope not, but my brain has not worked so well since I have had to look in three directions at the same time and hear three sets of remarks beside the one to which I was supposed to be listening. I will have to take the baby whenever I go to the "Center", and probably most of the sanitation demonstrations will have her for an object.

I don't know whether or not you heard the story of the student in our school who was too poor to buy his English text book. He borrowed mine each day after class for several days. Soon I noticed that he had a book of his own, and upon investigation it developed that he had taken mine and copied it word for word, the whole book. At the time he wasn't a Christian. None of his people and none of his village were Christians. Before we left last year he was baptized. He is teaching in one of the country schools now, and during the conference, which he attended, he came in to see us. We asked of course about his people, and he says every member of his family is a Christian and many many of the villagers. We asked if it was the result of his personal work, and he merely tucked down his head. Let me here remark that not all Chinese are so humble.

My heart glows as I think over the various bodies of southern Baptist women before whom I stood while in America: their interest, their responsiveness, the wisdom of their counselings together, the power that was theirs, proven by years of vast accomplishment, the absolutely mother attitude of the W.M.U. toward the younger organizations to which in a perfectly normal functioning she had given birth. There remains the clinging touch of a mother's embrace after each one of these contacts, to warm and hearten. I just loved to talk to them.—Mrs. David Bryan, China



HOME DEPARTMENT



"GOD SEND SHIPS"

THE heart of the whole world has been wrung by the atrocities of the Near East, especially by the burning of the Christian quarter of the city of Smyrna. More than half a million men, women and little children are being driven to starvation, insanity and suicide because of this terrible holocaust. Up to October 10 about 300,000 refugees had been driven from Smyrna, most of them crowding into other ports of Asia and into near-by islands where either a final rescue or death awaits them.

Very few missionaries are now within the territory governed by Mustapha Kemal Pasha, leader of the Nationalist Turks. The few who remain are unable to carry on direct missionary work and are bravely taking up relief work. About fifty American missionaries have been deported. The ruins of Christian churches and schools seem to be all that is left of the hundred years of Christian progress in Turkey.

With no desire to dwell upon the detail of unspeakable horrors we must admit that it is necessary for us to know the general situation as well as many sad incidents in order that our prayers be instant and our compassion take quick action. One incident recited by a returned relief worker which gripped the heart of a body of listeners is as follows: An American woman staying in the unburned district of Smyrna came home weary from her day of toil among the homeless and hungry refugees, both Jewish and Christian. On opening her window she was arrested by the strangest sound she had ever heard. An unceasing murmur, rising and falling like a sobbing moan, came over the darkness of the night. What could it be? Was there some new disaster? Again and again she went to the window; the moaning wave of sound continued. Still puzzled she called to the Armenian maid for whom she was caring and asked, "Do you hear that sound? What can it be?" The young girl replied, "It is the Christians down by the water-side, praying". Thousands of voices in prayer! No wonder

the sound was an unknown one to the American woman. In her peaceful and prosperous land no moaning of voices in united prayer were needed. Turning to the young girl she inquired, "Do you know what they are saying?" "Yes", was the answer, "they are saying 'God send ships! God send ships!' They will pray all night and so will I". Falling on her knees she cried out "God send ships! God send ships!" The American woman kept the vigil and prayed with them "God send ships!"

The dawn came up over the thousands of prostrate forms and with it there sailed into the Smyrna harbor nineteen American rescue ships. God had sent the ships.

"O-God, send ships!"
Through parched lips
The cry reached Love divine.
All through the night
Faith prayed with might,
'O God, the ships are Thine'.

"O'er the ocean's brim
The dawn came dim.
Look up! The Light must win!
Dull eyes grew bright,
For with the light
The ships of God came in."

"JOHN THREE-SIXTEEN"

PERHAPS you think "John Three-sixteen" rather a funny name for a little girl. That may be. But if you look up John 3:16 you will see that it really does just as well for girls as for boys. But if I tell you how she came by this name I think you will be interested. She lives in an Indian mountain town in Peru, South America. She is not an Indian but a little Peruvian and her father is the tax gatherer in this village. That is why "John Three-Sixteen" lives there. Well, her father had kept writing and writing for the missionaries to go and preach in this village and at last we came. We soon began to like little "John Three-Sixteen" because she was so bright in helping her mother. I wish you could

have seen her tripping backwards and forwards to the table with plates and dishes. There were five of us and they gave us four or five courses but that was nothing to the little barefooted maid. She attended all the meetings, and just before we left you should have seen her cuddle the little brother to keep him from crying.

We went home and I must confess that I forgot all about the dear little girl. About two months after our visit a knock came on our door. We opened it and there stood the pretty little girl and her mother. She was dressed in a white lace frock with a pink collar and cuffs and a pink silk hat to match. They came in and we chatted for a while and we all the time were thinking how different the child looked in her finery than she did in her old clothes running across the yard one way while the pig ran the other. But we got accustomed to the change and talked and talked.

But we have not come to the name yet. Well, I went out of the room for something and stayed quite a while. My wife came to me and said, "Do come back. Why! She is saying texts right off, saying them beautifully!" And sure enough when I came into the room the first text I heard her say was "*Porque tanto amo Dios al mundo*"; but there, I must stop for you will not understand Spanish for John 3:16. She did say it so prettily and her mother says she is very fond of this verse and is always talking of the meetings we held in her village. She is just learning to read although she is only four years old. So instead of calling her by her Spanish name we speak of her as "John Three-Sixteen". We are expecting her to become a useful Christian and even as a child she may do great things for the God who so loved the world. Remember the little Syrian maid who waited on Naaman's wife and pray for "John Three-Sixteen".

Can you tell what the little Syrian maid did for Naaman? Can you name a tax gatherer in the New Testament? Can you repeat John 3:16?—*South American Magazine*

"God so loved—O love divine—
He gave His Son—the Gift is thine—
His only Son—the Gift is mine—
The world to save!"

"LADY, TELL ME ABOUT GOD"

AT last I may tell you about my first trip to the little city of Lien. For three years I had prayed to get into that very city and Miss Cox, the Bible woman and I on one glad day actually swept through the three city gates (the wind was determined to get us in) and on to our rented house before the people had time to say bad words if they wanted to. Soon they got on good terms with us and came day by day to hear the gospel. This was in the bandit district but we saw nothing of them. To reach this city we traveled in carts which were drawn by two mules, not abreast but one before the other. The front mule to my cart fell down on the way, too sick to go any further. The carter merely tied him to the back of the cart and made the second mule draw all of the load. The second mule pretty soon fell with exhaustion and could not be made to move on. The other two carts, not knowing the difficulty, had left us far behind. It wasn't desirable at all for one woman to be traveling alone on a public highway but there was not the least show of unkindness. One big hearted farmer Chinaman came along in due time and, seeing the trouble, offered to unload his coal and take me to the next stopping place, all without extra pay. He thought I was an old lady because of my white hair and so wanted to be kind to me. The Chinese usually have beautiful respect for old people. He walked along and drove the mules and as we went I told him of how God had answered prayer and had kept my heart from being distressed when the mules could go no further by His providing a way for me to reach the stopping place by night. He then said, "Lady, tell me about God", and he listened a long time. We caught up with the other carts by sundown and I came to know again that "Lo, I am with you always" is every syllable true.—*Blanche Rose Walker, China*

UNION NOTES DEPARTMENT

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