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Hymn for the Year

Come women, wide proclaim
Life through your Savior slain;
Sing evermore.
Christ, God's effulgence bright,
Christ, who arose in might,
Christ, who crowns you with light,
Praise and adore.

Come, clasping children's hands,
Sisters from many lands,
Teach to adore.
For the sin-sick and worn,
The weak and over-borne,
All who in darkness mourn,
Pray, work, yet more.

Work with your courage high,
Sing of the daybreak nigh,
Your love outpour.
Stars shall your brow adorn,
Your heart leap with the morn
And, by His love up-borne,
Hope and adore.

Then when the garnered field
Shall to our Master yield
A bounteous store,
Christ, hope of all the meek,
Christ, whom all earth shall seek,
Christ, your reward shall speak,
Joy evermore.—Fannie E. S. Heck

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EDITORIAL



WITH WORLD BAPTISTS

AS ROYAL SERVICE is finding its way to the homes of our readers, many southern Baptists will be on the high seas with Stockholm, Sweden, as their destination. The W.M.U. president, some of our vice presidents, some three or four state W.M.U. corresponding secretaries, several district and associational leaders and a number of other W.M.U. workers will be in the parties going over. We wish we might give you the official program of the Baptist World Alliance meeting but space forbids. However, of peculiar interest to W.M.U. members will be a part of the afternoon program for the "Reception of Women Workers and Delegates" as follows:

3 P. M.—Reception of Women Workers and Delegates, together with Officers of Baptist Unions and Boards within the Alliance, by Kind Invitation of the Baptist Women's Union of Sweden, to Be Held in Betelkapellet (First Baptist Church) Malmskillnadsgatan 48 D

Welcome by Mrs. Anna Stadling, President of the Baptist Women's Union of Sweden

Replies by Mrs. Russell James of London, Mrs. W. C. James of Birmingham, U.S.A., Mrs. F. C. Spurr of Birmingham, England, Miss Martha Wenske of Poland

Conference on Baptist Women's Work and Organization in Europe

Setting Apart of Miss Corjus for Work in Esthonia

There will be two women on the regular program—namely, Miss Lisbeth Hughes of Burma, who will speak on "Facing the Future in Baptist Foreign Missions", and Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery of Rochester, N. Y., who will speak on "The New Opportunity for Baptist Women". Dr. Truett will make one of the responses to the address of welcome and will preach the Alliance sermon. Dr. Everett Gill, European S.B.C. representative, will speak on "Roman Catholicism and Baptist Propaganda". Dr. Mullins will speak on "The Baptist Conception of Religious Liberty" and will lead in the discussion on the report of an important commission appointed to prepare a message to be issued primarily to the Baptists of the world but also to other Christians and to public men and governments of the world. Dr. VanNess is scheduled to speak on "Baptist Sunday School Work throughout the World" and Dr. Love on "Mission Boards and Home Churches Facing the Future". Dr. Whittinghill of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Rome will take part in the discussion of "Baptist Advance in Europe through Theological Training". Dr. Scarborough will speak on "Training an Evangelistic Ministry". Dr. T. Claggett Skinner of South Carolina will preach at one of the churches on Alliance Sunday.

From Stockholm Mrs. W. J. Neel of Georgia, your president and others accompanied by Dr. Everett Gill, our European representative, will visit a number of the mission stations in the Balkans. The following is the tentative itinerary: Cluj and Bucarest in Rumania, Novisad, Zemun, Belgrade, Sarajevo and Sagreb in Jugoslavia.

Just what we will have to tell you in the October issue of ROYAL SERVICE, dear reader, we cannot say but it will deal with our trip. We bespeak your interest.

FOLLOW ME

THE following is an outline of the opening devotional service at the W.M.U. annual meeting in May at Kansas City, Mo. It was led by the W.M.U. president and is published at the request of many.

And as Jesus passed by from thence He saw a man called Matthew sitting at the place of toll and He saith unto him, "Follow Me".—Matt. 9:9

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except one be born anew he cannot see the kingdom of God.—John 3:3

GUIDEPOSTS ALONG THE WAY

If we are to follow Jesus, it is important that we look for the guideposts in His life.

First Guidepost—Bethlehem, the Birthplace of Christ: Bethlehem, the Place of the New Birth of Every Christian

And He said unto all, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me".—Luke 9:23

Song (Second Stanza)—"I Gave My Life for Thee"

Second Guidepost—Nazareth, the Place of the Every Day Life

And He went down with them and came to Nazareth; and He was subject unto them. . . . And Jesus advanced in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man.—Luke 2:51-52

Song—"O, Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Third Guidepost—Jordan, the Place of Obedience

Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to the Jordan unto John to be baptized of him saying "I have need to be baptized of Thee and comest Thou to me?" But Jesus answered and said unto him, "Suffer it now for it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness".—Matt. 3:13-15

Song—"Trust and Obey"

Fourth Guidepost—The Wilderness, the Place of Temptation

Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.—Matt. 4:1. Then Jesus saith unto him, "Get thee hence, Satan; for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and Him only shalt thou serve". Then the devil leaveth Him and behold, angels came and ministered unto Him.—Matt. 4:10,11

Song—"Yield Not to Temptation"

Fifth Guidepost—The Place of Prayer

And it came to pass in these days that He went out into the mountain to pray; and He continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day He called His disciples and He chose from them twelve whom He also named apostles.—Luke 6:12,13

Song—"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Sixth Guidepost—Galilee, the Place of Service

And Jesus went about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people.—Matt. 4:23

Song—"To the Work, to the Work"

Seventh Guidepost—Gethsemane, the Place of Complete Surrender

And He went forward a little and fell on His face and prayed saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass away from Me: nevertheless, not as I will but as Thou wilt".—Matt. 26:39

Song (as a Prayer)—"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

Eighth Guidepost—Calvary

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BIBLE STUDY



TOPIC—Fruits of Righteousness

He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that bringeth forth his fruit in his season.—Ps. 1:3

I. *Christian Fruitfulness*: John 15:5. We must abide in Him by faith. The fruits of charity or love and long-suffering spring from the faith rooted deeply in Christ and entwined about the Cross from which the first fruits of divine forgiveness were gathered and from which all fruit must spring. Likeness to Christ is dependent on communion with Christ, I John 2:6. Blessed is the one who realizes by faith that he has been planted in the likeness of Christ instead of by his own efforts seeking to attain that likeness, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, Eph. 2:10. The branches are the product and the measure of the roots; the obligation is upon those who are truly rooted in Christ to reach forth their branches and cover that area of good works by their faith.

II. *Fruits of the Spirit*: Gal. 5:22,23; Phil. 4:8. The fruits of the Spirit are those gracious habits which the Holy Spirit of God produces in those in whom He dwells and works with those acts which flow from them as naturally as a tree produces its fruit. Eph. 5:9 comprehends the fruits of the sanctifying Spirit in three things—goodness, righteousness and truth. The fruits of righteousness are such good works and holy actions as spring from a renewed heart, Phil. 1:11. This fruit is the effect of faith and love, Rom. 15:25-28. This good fruit is to be understood as works of holiness and righteousness produced by the sanctifying influence of the Holy Spirit, Heb. 12:14; I Cor. 6:11. Fruitfulness in the divine life stands opposed to an empty, barren, unproductive profession, Rev. 3:1. There are warnings of the awful consequences of unfruitfulness, Ezek. 34:2-10; Lk. 13:6-9; and encouragement for faithful service, Ps. 92:12-15; Heb. 6:9-12.

III. *Things That Are Excellent*: Phil. 1:9-11; Eph. 4:24,25; Zech. 8:16,17. *Truth* in the new man in Christ Jesus, Gal. 3:27. This truth is the manifestation of the fullness and likeness of God. *Honesty*: there must be an inner reality to the outward development by which it is manifested and perfected. *Justice* in act and word, righteousness in the thought showing itself in what is just; *things lovely and of good report*; in these words we pass from truth and righteousness to love or that which deserves love. Good report is the outward expression of what is lovely, winning the acceptance which loveliness deserves. These things which are excellent necessitate growth in faith, in love and in conformity to the will of God and to His son Jesus Christ, Eph. 4:13-16.

IV. *Fruit of Intercession*: Phil. 1:9-11; Eph. 1:17-18; 3:17-19; Col. 1:9-14. "Christ actually meant prayer to be the great power by which Christians should do His work and the neglect of prayer is the great reason for the lack of power over the masses in Christian and in heathen countries." When the pressure of work for Christ is an excuse for not finding time to pray and thus seek and secure His own presence it surely proves that we have no right sense of our absolute dependence upon God or that we are only His instruments in the work of God. Intercession is the most important part of our work, Phil. 4:17. Securing God's presence and power in full measure is the essential thing, II Cor. 12:8-9; Eph. 3:13-21; Rev. 8:3-5. Prayer is a power that is taken up by God in His rule of the world. When there is united prayer by God's children the effect in the unseen world is wonderful and more than we can know.—Mrs. James Pollard



DAILY BIBLE READINGS



TOPIC—Fruits of Righteousness

Holy Bible, Book divine;
Precious treasure, thou art mine!—Cowper

Christian Fruitfulness

Wednesday, 1st

John 15:1-17; Philippians 4:13, 17, 19

Thursday, 2d

John 14:16-27; Galatians 4:4, 5

Friday, 3d

I Corinthians 3:4-11, 21, 22; 9:9-12, 16-18

Saturday, 4th

I John 2:5-8, 15-17; 3:22-24

Sunday, 5th

Ephesians 2:4-10; 2 Thessalonians 2:15-17

Monday, 6th

Ephesians 1:15-23; 1 Thessalonians 5:11-15

Tuesday, 7th

I John 2:6-8; Colossians 1:10-14

Fruits of the Spirit

Wednesday, 8th

Galatians 5:22, 23; Philippians 4:3, 7, 19; Colossians 3:12-17

Thursday, 9th

Romans 8:14-17, 26-28, 35-39

Friday, 10th

Ephesians 5:9-17; Colossians 1:9, 11-14

Saturday, 11th

Philippians 1:9-11, 20, 21, 27-29

Sunday, 12th

Romans 15:17-29; 11:33-36

Monday, 13th

Hebrews 12:12-15, 18-28; 13:15, 16

Tuesday, 14th

Ezekiel 34:2-10; Psalm 92:12-15; Hebrews 6:9-12; Luke 13:6-9

Things That Are Excellent

Wednesday, 15th

Ephesians 4:1-3, 12-25, 29-32; Zechariah 8:16, 17

Thursday, 16th

Philippians 2:12-16; Romans 10:9, 10; Micah 6:8; Psalms 119:7

Friday, 17th

Luke 6:43-49; Matthew 12:33-37

Saturday, 18th

I Corinthians 12:4-12, 21, 26, 27

Sunday, 19th

I Corinthians 2:1-8, 10-16; 12:27-31

Monday, 20th

Ephesians 4:13-16; Colossians 2:19; Psalm 1

Tuesday, 21st

I Corinthians, chapter 13; Philippians 4:8

Fruit of Intercession

Wednesday, 22d

Ephesians 6:10-18; Colossians 4:2-4

Thursday, 23d

Acts 4:23-31; Psalm 2:8

Friday, 24th

John 17:11-21; Philippians 2:9-11

Saturday, 25th

Philippians 4:6-8; Ephesians 3:14-19

Sunday, 26th

Isaiah 55:6-13; 2 Corinthians 6:1, 2

Monday, 27th

Luke 11:5-18; 18:1-8

Tuesday, 28th

Psalm 51:6-13; John 14:16; Ephesians 4:30

Wednesday, 29th

Luke 11:1-13

Thursday, 30th

Matthew 26:36-46

Friday, 31st

Psalm 27:1-14

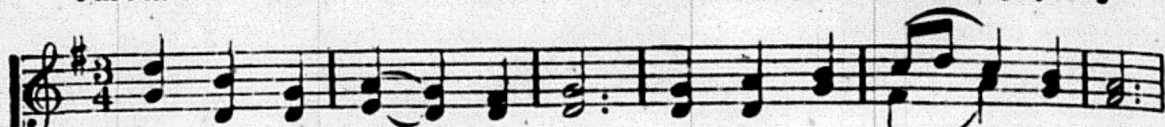
**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And light unto my path.—Psa. 119:105**

The Woman's Hymn

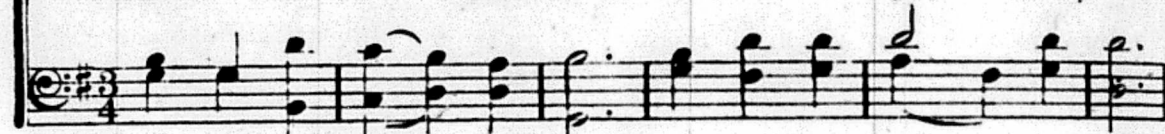
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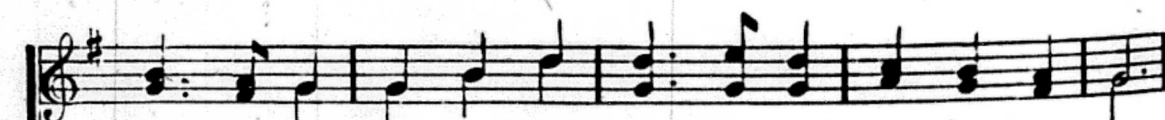
Tune: "Come, Thou Almighty King"



1. Come wo - men, wide pro - claim Life through your Sav - - lour slain;
 2. Come, clasp - ing chil - dren's hands, Sis - ters from ma - - ny lands,
 3. Work with your cour - age high, Sing of the day - - break nigh,
 4. Then when the gar - nered field Shall to our Mas - - ter yield



Sing ev - er - more. Christ, God's ef - ful - gence bright, Christ, who a
 Teach to a - dore; For the sin - sick and worn, The weak and
 Your love out - pour. Stars shall your brow a - dorn, Your heart leap
 A boun - teous store, Christ, hope of all the meek, Christ, whom all



rose in might, Christ, who crowns you with light, Praise and a - dore.
 o - ver - borne, All who in dark - ness mourn, Pray, work, yet more.
 with the morn And, by his love up - borne, Hope and a - dore.
 earth shall seek, Christ, your re - ward shall speak, Joy ev - er - more.

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Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists August, 1923

No time to pray!

No interview with Christ from day to day!
 A hurried prayer, maybe, just gabbled through;
 A random text—for any one will do.
 But yet a small Voice whispered:
 "For My sake keep tryst with Me.
 You shall accomplish more if you will shut the door
 For ten short minutes just to watch and pray."

—Homely Verse Book

Topic: Evangelistic Agencies of Home Mission Board

1—WEDNESDAY

For Christ-directed effort to lift
 debt from Home Mission Board
 Strong in faith, giving glory to God
 —Romans 4:20

2—THURSDAY

For officers, local board and
 state members of Home Mission
 Board
 Stand before Him to serve Him.
 —2 Chronicles 29:11

3—FRIDAY

That constant use of Calendar of
 Prayer enrich W.M.U. life and
 work
 As servants of Christ, doing the will of
 God—Ephesians 6:6

4—SATURDAY

For God's blessing upon Rev. B.
 Atterbery, work for Indians,
 Pawnee, Oklahoma
 In His word do I hope.—Psalm 130:5

5—SUNDAY

That the worship of this day be
 one of intercession and praise
 My house shall be called the house of
 prayer.—Matthew 21:13

6—MONDAY

For the saving message of Rev.
 J. E. Arnold to Choctaw Indians,
 Union, Mississippi
 Let Thy word be verified.
 —2 Chronicles 6:17

7—TUESDAY

Ask that a redeemed host follow
 the preaching of evangelistic
 staff of Home Mission Board.
 Who maketh His ministers . . . a
 flame of fire—Hebrews 1:7

8—WEDNESDAY

For success of Campaign plans
 presented at annual meeting of
 S.B.C.
 By works was faith made perfect.
 —James 2:22

9—THURSDAY

That thousands come to Jesus
 through ministry of Revs. R.
 Carrol, A. A. Mathis and W. M.
 Nix, negro evangelists
 I give unto them eternal life.
 —John 10:28

10—FRIDAY

That our Home Board colleges
 and schools keep the faith
 Salt is good, but if the salt have lost
 its saltiness, wherewith will ye season
 it?—Mark 9:50

11—SATURDAY

Pray for faithful labor of Pas-
 tor Pascal Arpaio among for-
 eigners, Oklahoma.
 He pleased God.—Hebrews 11:5

12—SUNDAY

For Christ-governed results from
 Baptist World Alliance meeting
 at Stockholm, Sweden
 Looking unto Jesus—Hebrews 12:2

13—MONDAY

That every worker among Mexi-
 cans in Texas win many souls
 to Christ
 Blessed are those servants.—Luke 12:37

14—TUESDAY

For a wide and effective use of
 Home Board publications
 That God in all things may be glori-
 fied—1 Peter 4:11

15—WEDNESDAY

Praise God for conversions
 among Swedes, Silver Hill, Ala-
 bama, under Rev. C. H. Ekblad.
 He worketh the work of the Lord.
 —1 Corinthians 16:10

16—THURSDAY

That missionary work in the
 homeland suffer no spiritual loss
 through Campaign retrenchment
 He bringeth them unto their desired
 haven.—Psalm 107:30

Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists August, 1923

*It is a wondrous and surprising thing
How that ten minutes take the piercing sting
From vexing circumstance and poisonous dart
Hurled by the enemy straight at my heart.
So, to the woman tempest tossed and tried
By household cares, and hosts of things beside,
With all my strength God bids me say to you:
"Dear soul, do try the daily interview!"*

—Homely Verse Book

Topic: Evangelistic Agencies of Home Mission Board

17—FRIDAY

For the New Era workers among
negroes in Virginia
Christ is all and in all.—Colossians 3:11

18—SATURDAY

That singers of evangelistic staff
"make His praise to be heard"
Praise ye the Lord.—Psalm 106:1

19—SUNDAY

Thanksgiving for wonderful
growth of Home Board mission
work in Cuba
Praise the Lord . . . for His won-
derful works.—Psalm 107:31

20—MONDAY

For State Mission Boards, state
W.M.U. officers and workers
Establish Thou the work of our hands.
—Psalm 90:17

21—TUESDAY

That our relations to Jewish
neighbors may not dishonor our
Saviour
Lest the cross of Christ should be made
of none effect.—1 Corinthians 1:17

22—WEDNESDAY

For devoted service of Rev. J. N.
Lee among Cherokee Indians,
Cherokee, North Carolina
Filled with the Holy Ghost
they spake the word of God.—Acts 4:31

23—THURSDAY

Pray for enlistment of the 2,000,-
000 southern Baptists who have
not yet made pledges to 75 Mill-
ion Campaign.
Lest Satan should get an advantage
—2 Corinthians 2:11

24—FRIDAY

For Rev. C. F. Wahlberg, soul
winning work among Swedes,
Groveland, Florida
I have declared unto them Thy name.
—John 17:26

25—SATURDAY

For our Baptist churches in Can-
nal Zone
Workers together with Him
—2 Corinthians 6:1

26—SUNDAY

For our southern Baptist pas-
tors
In trust with the Gospel . . . not
as pleasing men but God
—1 Thessalonians 2:4

27—MONDAY

For Misses Mary Kelly, Irene
Douard and Jennie Johnson,
work among foreigners, East
St. Louis, Illinois
The love of God . . . be with you
all.—2 Corinthians 13:14

28—TUESDAY

For Rev. J. W. Michaels, mis-
sionary to the deaf, Mountain-
burg, Arkansas
Ye shall receive a crown of glory.
—1 Peter 5:4

29—WEDNESDAY

For Conservation Committee in
planning for Campaign victory
That ye may know . . . the exceed-
ing greatness of His power.
—Ephesians 1:18, 19

30—THURSDAY

That God richly bless educa-
tional work of Professor and
Mrs. H. Sterling McCall, Ha-
vana, Cuba
That I should preach . . . the un-
searchable riches of Christ
—Ephesians 3:8

31—FRIDAY

Pray earnestly that God send
His evangel to every part of our
home field.
That God in all things may be glori-
fied.—1 Peter 4:11



PROGRAM FOR AUGUST



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

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1. Observe to
Do It
Deuteronomy 6:13

After the framers of the constitution of the United States had spent four weeks in fruitless debate and were about to abandon the great undertaking in despair, Benjamin Franklin made this inquiry: "How is it that we have not invoked the divine guidance of the Father of light upon our proceedings? God governs the affairs of men and, if a sparrow cannot fall without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His assistance? I move, therefore, that from henceforth we open our deliberations with prayer". From that moment they began to make progress in framing and adopting our famous constitution of which William E. Gladstone, the great English statesman and scholar, wrote: "The American constitution is, as far as I can see, the most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man". This constitution has been the basis of the constitutions of almost every republic formed since that day: If every step of government life in the United States had been so taken—under divine guidance—our great republic would now not only lead in world progress but in Christian example as well.

"God calls our nation as He called Israel to be a light to all the world, to carry His salvation to the ends of the earth. If we fail, our boasted liberty and great

wealth will be torn away as were the glories of Solomon's temple and our Babylon will fall. If we fail, our posterity will weep over the folly of their disloyal and God-defying forefathers."

It is statistically reported that the church membership of the United States is increasing faster than the population of the nation. The total number of members in all religious organizations in this country is 44,663,684. Approximately sixty per cent. of the total numerical strength is in the Protestant evangelical churches, which have a total of 27,256,001 communicants. Among the Protestant denominations there are fourteen bodies representing the Baptist faith, the membership of these bodies aggregates 8,303,824. The National Baptist Convention (colored) has the largest number of communicants, 3,426,506. Next comes the Southern Baptist Convention with a membership of 3,367,000. Last year our convention reported 236,659 baptisms. The Home Board has expended for all purposes a splendid sum during the past year, placing this as an "affectionate investment" in the work of the Kingdom.

Perhaps you will say, "What have these figures to do with the Woman's Missionary Union?" Well, we are a part of that "affectionate investment" in home missions to the amount of \$410,178.22. And then it takes imagination to make figures inspiring. We can read in these totals a good omen for the growth of Christianity in every part of the country—this is inspiring. Even where the figures of our own convention do not register as we hoped they would we have enough consecrated imagination to make them read as an inspiration in making next year—our victory year—one of surpassing triumph through intercession, evangelism, tithing and abundant thank offerings—the last named taken from the nine-tenths. *"What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?"*

During the year ending June 30, 1923, the number of immigrants admitted to the United States under the Three Per Cent Law (a temporary law in force until June 30, 1924) was over 300,000. It is expected, by those who study Americanization problems, that during the year ending June 1924 the number to enter the United States will be 357,000 or the full quota from every European country. "But European immigrants", the Saturday Evening Post informs us, "who enter the United States under the percentage law are not the only immigrants who arrive. There are those from Mexico, China, Japan, the West Indies and British North America. To these will be added at least 25,000 more immigrants who are smuggled across border or who in other ways become illegal residents; there will also be other aliens who will be allowed to enter because they belong to classes not exempted in the above law".

Whether this law has been beneficial or harmful to the country we will leave for political and business authorities to discuss; whether it has brought to us more or less desirable citizens the next few years will determine. But to the Christian people of America the spiritual needs of these new Americans must be the chief concern; this concern is ever accompanied by the giving of heart comfort and material aid as is shown in the work now being done at Ellis Island where nineteen Protestant organizations maintain workers. Before the quota law went into effect sixty out of every one hundred immigrants were Catholics, but this law favors immigration from northern Protestant countries of Europe where the quota was not filled. Therefore, larger numbers of English, Scotch and Scandinavian people are coming in. Among these Protestant immigrants Christian workers hold daily religious services; seek relief and follow-up aid for them through the churches and refer them to the care of Protestant forces in the community of their final destination.

We often hear of America's "foreign problem" but not so often of her "foreign danger". Yet a very serious danger exists in the fact that there are seventy-four Buddhist temples in the United States. California has twenty-four of these temples with a membership of 10,240. Every large city on the Pacific coast has its place of heathen worship.

Mohammedans are to be found in all of the big industrial centers of the United States, particularly in Detroit, Chicago (where a new mosque has opened on Wabash Ave.), Milwaukee and other cities of the north and west. No missionary effort of any kind is being made to give them the Gospel. They are in touch with only the worst side of American life and some of them say they find it impossible to live their religious life in such environment.

This invasion, however, is not confined to the northwestern cities. In New York, in a club on W. 58th Street, "Islamic Day" was recently celebrated. These Moslems claim three or four hundred negro converts in Illinois, Indiana and Missouri. They seem to be greatly encouraged by a newly formed "Christian Mohammedan Society" in Brooklyn.—Culled from *Current Numbers of Missionary Review of the World*

The Mormon peril is also with us. "The ninth secret temple of Mormonism is located at Mesa, Arizona. The building is valued at over half a million dollars. Other temples erected by the Mormons are located at Kirtland, Ohio; Nauvoo, Illinois; Salt Lake City, St. George, Manti and Logan, Utah; at Cardston, Alberta, Canada; and at Laie, Hawaii. These temples are not used for public services but are devoted to the secret administration of endowment rituals and celestial marriage ceremonies, with baptisms and marriages for the dead."

Our beloved America will need every Christian patriot, man and woman, with training camps for our youth, to defend our homeland from the powers of evil and hold it for Christ. We must make friends for our country of the foreigner but we must also protect him from the poison of idolatry and Mormonism.

Southern Baptists, through the Home Board, are working among Swedes in Alabama; Swedes, Italians and Spaniards in Florida; Germans in Maryland, Missouri and Texas; Italians, in Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and Virginia; French, Italian and Spanish in Louisiana and Mexicans in Texas. Evangelistic work among the last named group has been very successful. This does not mean that work among foreigners is not being done elsewhere. The Woman's Missionary Union, through its personal service department, reports 275 missionary societies engaged in work in Good Will Centers, 117 in Homemakers' Clubs and 156 are doing Americanization work. Many other societies are serving in missionary Sunday schools, holding cottage prayer meetings, conducting Cheer-All Clubs for girls and clubs for boys as well as industrial schools for both boys and girls. All these activities in some degree befriend the foreigner.

The period given to personal service in our local missionary meetings has done untold good in bringing to notice the needs in the church and community and in making a place in the program to report what has been done and plan for further service; it has opened the lips of the most timid sister and best of all has enlarged the list of W.M.U. personal workers to the inspiring number of 126,512. There is no price set on this work because it is priceless. Souls have been saved, hearts comforted and minds enlightened. A sympathetic friend asked a converted Hindu how it was possible for him to bear so much persecution at the hands of his heathen family, he replied, "Ask me rather how it is possible for me to bear all the joy I have in the service and fellowship of Christ". In serving Christ we find

Him in every soul to which we have given the "cup of cold water", and so finding Him we have the joy of fellowship with Him.

6. Evangelism and Enlistment "Evangelism is the heart of enlistment"-writes a contributor of one of our missionary magazines. Certainly we might speak of these two vital agencies as "two hearts that beat as one". The annual report says of them: "For one year these two departments have functioned under the same superintendent, Dr. O. E. Bryan, without either of them trespassing on the rights and privileges of the other. At the same time they have greatly re-enforced each other". The work of evangelism has not been confined to special periods of revival, to decision days or to times when great sorrows have made the heart tender. While not overlooking these special occasions the past year has evidently been one of perpetual revival, making stronger our denominational life by 17,452 additions to the churches and by reanimating the enlistment roll.

Every member canvasses, Bible institutes, enlistment conferences, aiding churches to collect pledges made to 75 Million Campaign and to secure new ones, organizing tithing bands, visiting and preaching are a few of the duties of the enlistment department. No wonder this work is sometimes spoken of as "Enlistment Campaigns of Evangelism". Through these campaigns there have been 8,349 baptisms and a total number of additions to the church of 10,161.

The duties of these two vital branches of home mission work did not give Dr. Bryan much time for afternoon teas, but if you invited him to launch any one of the above campaigns in your state or city you know he gladly responded. Wherever he has labored there have been "showers of blessings"—"Oh that today they might fall" upon all soul winning and soul reviving service for the Master!

7. Homeless Churches In the general work of the Home Mission Board Church Extension holds an honorable place. Last year through the efforts of Dr. L. B. Warren, who understands the needs of our more than five thousand homeless churches, the million dollar mark was reached in the Church Building Loan Fund. Dr. Warren has become totally blind and for this reason has resigned as superintendent of Church Extension Department. Dr. Austin Crouch is his successor. In his report Dr. Crouch quotes Dr. Warren as saying: "Our present Loan Fund is as inadequate as a pail of water for the irrigation of the Sahara". That the Home Board was able to help only ninety-four of these Baptist churches last year does seem almost as inadequate as that pail of water. Dear women, as you sit in your comfortable pews in your well equipped churches and hear the organ softly breathing "Blest be the tie that binds", think of those thousands of churches throughout the prosperous south, churches without any kind of houses of worship. And, not omitting the third stanza, let us put a prayer into it as we sing, "Our mutual burdens bear". Surely W.M.U. women owe it to their churchless sisters to see that their own churches are interested in the Church Building Loan Fund.

8. Mountain Schools Rich treasures of evangelism come from our thirty-eight mountain schools. The lives of the great and useful men and women among us who were mountain school pupils are proof of this statement. Many of these schools are waiting for the 75 Million Campaign to provide them better buildings and equipment.

Some one has said that home missions lack the attraction of heroism. Those seeking thrills should study our mountain schools. How about the weary, oft repeated and sometimes perilous journeys of Dr. A. E. Brown, superintendent of mountain schools? How we wish he had time to write a book! Then there are the faithful teachers whose duties are not confined to the school house. They are

evangelists, family friends, mothers' comforters and to their pupils everything. Among these pupils will be found many heroes and heroines. The story is told of one of them from Mars Hill College who, though little more than a boy, held meetings during vacation time in which 1200 people confessed faith in Christ. Unaided he purchased a tent in order to accommodate the crowds who came to hear him preach. Another instance of heroism was that of a railroad man who climbed down from his engine where he was making \$250 a month to enter school, his wife saying, "I will live on bread and water if only Harve can get an education so he can preach the Gospel". The mountains grow other things than laurel and rhododendron; heroes and heroines are mountain perennials.

9. Cuba and Panama The spirit of evangelism is the spirit of our work in Cuba and Panama. In the latter country progress is slower than in Cuba, but as the people and conditions become more settled our work will move faster. This wonderful toll gate of the world calls for prayer, missionaries and money to establish it as a station for the Gospel for all time.

"In Cuba there has been a thirteen per cent increase in membership through baptism. At their annual convention they planned to pay the salary of a general evangelist and the American congregation in Havana proposes to pay the salary of a pastor if the Home Board will furnish him with a home. The Board accepted the responsibility and a pastor will be sent October first. Of women's organized work Superintendent M. N. McCall says: "Strong women's societies, with auxiliary societies among the young people and children, have helped to increase interest and have stimulated the evangelistic spirit". Our missionaries in Cuba and Panama are preaching the life-giving, liberty-making and uplifting Gospel, the only force that can win for Christ.

10. Other Agencies *Indians:* Newspapers are commenting on the recent demand of the Sioux Indians upon the United States government to reimburse them for eight million acres of land taken from them without adequate compensation. If all tribes were recompensed for lands taken from them our government would go bankrupt. Those tribes among which our Board is doing mission work are not numerous and some of them are very rich, but they have the claim of debtors upon us. We owe them the knowledge of the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ. Under the ministrations of our thirteen missionaries this knowledge has brought one hundred and eleven to trust in Him for salvation.

Negroes: One day a negro boy of the south saw a little white girl being run down in the street. He leaped forward, saved her but was himself painfully injured. Some one asked him, "Would you rather it had been a colored than a white child you saved?" The instant and indignant reply was, "When I saw that she was going to be hurt it never made any difference about the color of her skin". If they are going to be hurt by sin does it make any difference about the color of the skin of those nine million of negroes in our midst if we really desire to save them? Says Dr. Gray of these people: "These nine millions of negroes among whom we live affect us more than any hundred millions of people elsewhere". We are thankful that southern Baptists are planning larger help for these, our friends, the black people.

In all departments of its work the Home Mission Board employs 1120 missionaries, distributed as follows: foreigners 64; Indians 13; negroes 27; evangelism 28; Panama 3; Cuba 34; army work 10; cooperative work 941. There were 38,770 baptisms by these workers and a total addition to the churches of 59,597; 2,249 pledged themselves for definite service; churches organized 176; awaiting houses to be built or improved 465, and Sunday schools organized 622.

Through its schools, hospitals, orphanages, work for soldiers and seamen, for deaf mutes and for the Jewish people the Home Mission Board proclaims the evangel of Christ, working the works of Him who sent us to this task. To this great agent of the Southern Baptist Convention we give our prayers, our loyalty and our money "for the administration of this service", seeking enlarged gifts that the heavy indebtedness which so hinders our home work may be speedily removed.

11. Christian Women in Evangelism

If we do not want to know anything about home missions we should never look out of the window, never go out unless in a limousine (we had almost said hearse) with curtains down, become quite deaf or live with mutes and never read a book, magazine or newspaper. We cannot live in the world and enjoy the senses of sight and hearing and be unaware of the great need for evangelization in our midst—home missions. The frontier has closed in upon us, the foreigner is just around the corner and the negro we have always with us. We cannot keep this close-up missionary interest out of our community life; therefore, we must Christianize, finance, educate, that the unsaved, the poor and the ignorant may be fitted to become a part of that life.

All the agencies of the Home Mission Board are evangelistic. It confidently expects the aid of the Woman's Missionary Union in this soul winning enterprise, especially among women, girls and boys. Godly women have always expressed their love for their Lord by bringing others to Him, in deepening the spiritual life of the church and in sending the Gospel to the unsaved. The united effort must begin with organizing prayer circles and personal workers' leagues in the missionary society. It is told in the Best Methods Department of Missionary Review of the World that "a certain missionary society labored under the delusion that its only obligation was to send the Gospel to those who lived far away in non-Christian lands. A new member, intensely interested in the far-away people but equally interested in those in the homeland, waked this society up, not by prodding but by quietly, tactfully and lovingly speaking of the personal responsibility and opportunity of pointing the way of salvation to those near by. The discussion was taken up with interest and three possibilities were suggested: (1) personal conversation with friends, neighbors or with any one with whom the members came in contact; (2) an effort on the part of every member to fill the vacant pews at the Sunday service by inviting unsaved friends to *come with them* to the church; (3) a search for boys and girls growing up without religious training who might be brought into young people's work and thus led to make a decision for Christ and His service. Some members of this society had never led a soul to Christ. They fairly gasped at the thought of the personal responsibility but they went to work, beginning first of all with prayer. Soon the church services began to show an increase in interest and attendance. Men and women who were not Christians responded to the loving concern of their friends. Young people were enlisted and brought other young people, some of whom went into missionary service. Thus one missionary society began to do personal soul winning work at home as well as paying dues to win souls in heathen lands". Could not your society do the same?

The Lord of the harvest has sent us forth into the vast home mission field of the south where there are yet some 23,000,000 of people, two thirds of the population, not connected with any church. The marvel is that Christian women have been willing to do so little in the way of personal evangelism. Today He calls us anew to go forth with His divine evangel to the conquest of our land and the whole world for Him. Of us may it be said:

"He is counting on you!
Oh, the wonder and the grace
To look Christ in the face
And not be ashamed,
For you gave what He claimed.
You laid down your all
For His sake—at His call—
He is counting on you—
And you failed not.
What then?"

QUESTIONS ON PROGRAM TOPIC FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. What forces have worked against America's first ideals of national life?
2. How would you answer those who asked you whether our government was under Christian control?
3. What is the numerical religious condition of the United States today?
4. Give numerical strength of southern Baptists.
5. What proportion of this number have not yet subscribed to 75 Million Campaign?
6. Which is the strongest Baptist body in America?
7. Is the negro an industrial asset in the south?
8. What do you consider the greatest peril of immigration?
9. What peculiar claim has the Indian upon our nation?
10. Is evangelism any especial concern of yours? Can you prove it by God's Word? Give reference.
11. Name departments of Home Mission Board. Is any one more important than another?
12. Does the study of home missions convince you of a personal obligation?
13. Who owes the debt on the Home Mission Board?
14. (For meditation) Will your missionary society be more interested in home missions because of you?



Mothers' Club with Miss Fulghum of Fukuoka



Y. W. A. PROGRAMS



Material found in the general program on pages 11-17 as well as other items in this issue will be quite helpful to supplement the following programs. It is hoped it will be freely used in this supplemental way. The leaflets suggested on page 8 will also prove attractive additions.

FIRST MEETING

Topic—Making the Nation a Neighborhood

Devotional—A Way of Holiness

Hymn—God of Our Fathers

The "Jesus Road"

"Over Rocky Crag" (see par. 8, general program)

Hymn—Stepping in the Light

From Distant Highways

"Ain't Goin' Study War No More"

"Up from Slavery"

Sign posts (see pars. 2 and 6)

Churches along the Way (see par. 7)

"House by the Side of the Road"

Over a Short Bridge

The Burden Carried

Hymn—"My Country 'Tis of Thee"

Devotional

RECENTLY the Chevrolet Motor Company used an advertisement with the words of our topic as slogan, "Making the Nation a Neighborhood". Cleverly the advertising manager turned back to the early colony days and spoke of George Washington's interest in binding all America with the real friendliness of knowing each other. With the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown assuring victory, the intrepid president turned to the secretary of state and suggested, "Open every means of communication that nature affords and encourage their use to the utmost". Our undefeated Commander has told us also to bring people together. Read Isa. 40: 3-5, hear a challenge of road-building until all nations, united, shall know "the way of the Lord". An American artist has sought to represent on the wall of a certain library building the spirit of America. A procession of men, women and children is shown marching together, eager expectation on their uplifted faces and a heavenly morning light shining on all. The Home Mission Board is

helping that glow to be in evidence in faces and hearts of all people in our America, we want to pray earnestly for all such efforts.

"Jesus Road"

Indian Work—This is not a vanishing race, there are 350,000 red men, of whom 90,000 are Catholic, 60,000 are evangelical Christians, but 130,000 are entirely outside the fold of Christianity, 60,000 are in tribes where Christ has never yet been proclaimed. Those who know Christ are generous givers, sometimes they "work on two roads" to provide a church for themselves and also to tell other Indians. Extracts from a letter read, "We got red Jesus barrels and we put in them some of our grass money, and when it was all counted it came to \$34.57. We send you \$17.25 and want you to send a Jesus woman to another tribe. The rest of the money \$17.31, we are going to put in the bank for our church, for we want to build it ourselves if we can. Our Jesus barrels are all empty now, but we will try and put some more in them when we get our grass money". See par. 10, general program.

From Distant Highways

Pars. 3 and 4 of general program give material for this talk. Bear in mind that $\frac{1}{4}$ of all children in U. S. are in the homes of foreign born parents. There are 100,000 Japanese in this country and in New York 10,000 Chinese with only one Christian church and that a Catholic church. Remember that in the oriental thinking love of country, devotion to one's own race and a tendency to cling to old customs and standards of living are barriers to be broken only by the spirit of real vital Christianity. Theodore Roosevelt wisely remarked, "if we do not see that the immigrant and the children of the immigrant are raised

up most assuredly the result will be that our children and our children's children are pulled down. Either they will rise or we shall sink".

"Up from Slavery"

Prefaced by singing one of the American negro spirituals, see par. 10 for this talk. There you will notice that although one in every 10 Americans has black skin, we have 27 evangelists for this great number of negroes. Yet over 3 million of them are Baptists. The foundations for both public and private negro education was laid by the church through home mission money and activity. Consider what Y.W.A's. may do to help negroes in their own communities.

"House by the Side of the Road"

A talk on Good Will Centers of course. See par. 5. Refer to Personal Service pages of several recent numbers of Royal Service and see references in Home and Foreign Fields.

Over a Short Bridge

Cuba—only 100 miles from the Florida Peninsula is bridged to our country by the keen interest of our denomination in this island dependency. United States government authorities wiped out yellow fever by abolishing unsanitary conditions there; now the Home Mission Board must wipe out immorality and irreligion. Since missionaries have been among the Cubans the number of marriages has increased 50% as evidence of improved moral and religious conditions. In 20 years illiteracy rate has dropped from 84% to 54%. See par. 9.

The Burden Carried

Other nations are watching America, judging Christianity by its effectualness in her. "If your dooryard does not look well to you it certainly does not look any better to your neighbors." Seeing these great needs on the part of home missions, Y.W.A's. will surely pray and go and give.

SECOND MEETING

A Home Mission Picnic—August is a real picnic month so why not a Home Mission Picnic. Take representatives from the different phases of the activities of your Home Mission Board with you. They may be in costume if they

choose or may wear tags with names plainly marked. Assign representation so that each can be "in character" successfully. If you wish let Dr. Gray, Miss Leachman and superintendents of the seven departments be present; certainly have a group of foreigners, enough to do the "It's Up to You" demonstration; have a negro, some from the mountains, a sailor or soldier, an Indian, several newly enlisted people and several recently converted under ministry of Home Board evangelists. When the picnic ground is reached set aside 45 minutes in which each must be "in character" and tell something about herself and work in a thoughtful discussion as to whether America is really Christian or not. Talking points follow and others may be gleaned from general and other programs in this R.S. At the close of this informal program time have the devotional service.

The Indians are our original Americans, the "reception committee" in our land.

The negroes came to be Americans by compulsion, "because of a pressing invitation". They have benefited nevertheless. In 60 years they have acquired 22 million acres of land, 600,000 homes and 45,000 churches. They operate 78 banks, 100 insurance companies and 50,000 business enterprises with combined capital of \$150 millions. General illiteracy has been reduced to 26% due to normal schools and colleges for negroes which are largely provided for by different denominations. The late Ambassador Bryce once said that the American negro in his first 30 years of liberation made greater advance than ever made by the Anglo-Saxon race in similar period of years. We helped in this through our evangelists. Southern Baptists are planning to have a large part in a negro Theological Seminary in Nashville.

In every American city of over 100,000 inhabitants there are to be found at least 30 nationalities.

"The church has few services of greater importance to render the nation than to teach these strangers within our gates the real spirit of America which is the spirit of Christian brotherhood. If the mind of Christ can become the mind of

the Americans, old and new, the problem of America is solved."

The Enlistment and Evangelistic Department Superintendent may well bring thoughts from such quotations as these from the annual meeting of the American Bar Association. "Criminal situation in United States so far as crimes of violence are concerned is worse than that in any other civilized country. Here there is less respect for law". "In the history of this country we have never before been confronted with anything like the criminal conditions we have today". Theodore Roosevelt remarked poignantly, "If we fail, the cause of free self-government throughout the world will rock to its foundations".

Let 10 of the picnickers be ready with correct letters of the alphabet to present:

It's Up to You!

"I am not a Christian, I'm an agnostic, but I am searching for the Truth I go to America to see if perhaps Christianity is the light", said a Japanese student to a Y.W.C.A. secretary on their way to America.

There are in the United States 80,000 Japanese and 100,000 Chinese, 3,000 of whom are students in our colleges. Am I introducing any of these to Christ?

Some 18,000 Orientals return home each year, with or without Christ. Has it been because I have not shared Him? Every ship carrying missionaries has on it four or five times as many non-Christian Orientals.

United States has spent \$25,000 for every Indian killed in Indian wars. One-third of the Indians in darkest paganism have never heard of the Jesus Road.

Protestant religious instruction of children averages 24 hours per year; Catholic 200 hours per year; Jewish 250

hours per year. What proportion of that 24 hours do I give?

Twenty-seven million children in the United States are not in Sunday school. Do any of them live on my street?

Our Sisters in Mexico say: "Take the news of conditions in Mexico to the Christian women of America—they will do the rest". Do we deserve a tribute?

You have one life to live. If you cannot cross the ocean you can cross the street—Will you?

Only let the lives you live be worthy of the Good News which you profess.

Unto Thee, O Lord, do we cry. Help us not to be content to be one more or one less of a billion people in this world. Help us to dare to go on a great adventure for Thee.—*Selected*

For the devotional use the story of Rahab, Joshua 2, dwelling on the symbolism of safety in Rahab's binding the scarlet line in the window, verse 21. Today American young womanhood must be true and brave, the scarlet line of sacrifice must be built into her life in service to these ones in need, then will the Lord deliver into Christian hands all the land we love. It is up to us.

Note: At this second meeting remember to pray for the 48 missionaries sailing for our fields this summer. Many will go with Miss Mallory on the President McKinley, August 30. The missionaries are saying goodbye for seven years and going among strange people, most of the young women were Y.W.A. members, surely we will not fail to "hold the ropes".

The sailing address is:

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLES' DEPARTMENT

At the Annual Meeting in Kansas City following the reading of Article X in the Plan of Work there were three 2-minute talks. Those who spoke have kindly written out their remarks that those who heard may hear again and those who were not present may hear also.

OUR

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R-esponsibility

The mother-instinct and mother-love of the W.M.U. heart will be quick to read this meaning into the little word "Our" whenever modifying those other significant words Young People.

While we are in this hallowed season close to Mother's Day when Motherhood is being exalted and honored, it is fitting that the Mother spirit and mission of our beloved Union should also be acknowledged and honored. It is this holy impulse in the Union heart that recognizes and accepts the sacred responsibility of implanting in the lives of Our Young People the ideals and the passion of Christianity—the ideals and the passion of world-wide missions.

It is undeniably Our Union's Responsibility to interpret to Our Young People the full meaning of world comradeship, to implant in their young lives a holy purpose "to tell to all the world that God is light," that as true Sunbeams it is their mission to radiate and reflect this saving Light to every world comrade who dwells in shades of night. It is Our Union's Responsibility to the lads in our homes to enlist them and train them to be and to go as Royal Ambassadors for Him whose Kingdom is to extend beyond the seas. It is assuredly Our Union's Responsibility lovingly and wisely to guide the girls and young women into ways of joyous and blessed service to "publish glad tidings, tidings of peace, tidings of Jesus, redemption and release".

As laborers together with God it will always remain Our Union's Responsibility unitedly, whole-heartedly and efficiently to enlist and train an increasing army of volunteers for the great world fields white unto harvest. For God is able to supply all needed grace and wisdom to fulfill this sacred responsibility to OUR Young People. "He that wrought

us for this very thing is God".—Mrs. W. J. Neel, Ga.

YOUNG

Woman's Missionary Union recognizes that there is no more precious force than that bound up in the Young of our churches—precious because of their own abundant life and doubly precious because of their future possibilities when properly nurtured, developed and trained. Her whole organization is most carefully planned to this end. Through her young people's leaders, working through state, district and local church organization, W.M.U. surrounds with loving care young people from college and town even to the remotest Baptist church taking to each the missionary motive which quickens and inspires.

From time to time she has created agencies to help in her purposes. For a long time she has had Royal Service, with its wealth of program and plan material; for two years the College Y.W.A. Bulletin has ministered to her college daughters; this year has come that child of her heart, already dear to her great host of workers, World Comrades, meeting the great need of her little and larger children. Her correspondence courses have made trained leaders throughout her borders.

And yet all her carefully laid plans are futile except as you and I become hands and feet and head and heart for her. She can serve only as we foster her organizations for young people in our local churches, as we send to our state College Correspondent the names of our girls who go to college, indicating which are volunteers, as we recognize our responsibility to that group of Baptist girls in the college or hospital in our midst, as we use our college girls on programs and in summer assemblies. Only through us can she maintain unbroken her circle of influence. Only as we use diligently her created agencies and plans can she nurture, develop and train Our YOUNG People.—Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, Mo.

PEOPLE

Yes, they are people, not pictures to look at, not ornaments to admire, not wild animals to tame, but PEOPLE with all the faults, desires and powers that people have.

You have heard it said that pepper is half P's—our young people are all P's, or perhaps I had better say they are full of P's.

Our young people are full of Play. Surely God meant that young people should have a good time for He put so much of the desire for a good time in their hearts. W.M.U. very wisely plans for summer camps and includes other recreational features in the program for the young people in the coming year. Carry out these plans and you will hold your young people who are full of play.

They are full of Pluck. They like to do things. They like to do hard things. They like to do worth while things. Give them hard things to do and they will prove that they have the pluck to put them through.

They are full of Power. Power in the home, power in the community, power in the church, power to pray, power to think, power to give, power to serve, power to influence others, power in the present, power in the future. Preserve that Power. Use that Power.

Full of Play, full of Pluck, full of Power, they become our great Problem. We must prepare a place for them in our work. We must put them in their places. We must perfect plans. We must persevere in these plans. We must provide plenty of leaders. We must provide plenty of play. We must pray perpetually and

If you're feeling old and wise,
And are inclined to criticise,
The young folks for their foolish way
And talk about the things they say,
The things they do, the things they don't,
The things they will, the things they won't,

Be patient with them, for you see
They are just PEOPLE like you and me.
—Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Tenn.

(Note—These three paragraphs may be read by the young people's leader of the local W.M.S. with fine effectiveness in connection with the monthly reports of the different organizations of the graded union. It will be moreover a great mistake to let any leader of R.A., G.A. or Sunbeam Band cut herself off from general W.M.U. affairs and from the methods and additional programs included in ROYAL SERVICE. The W.M.S. should be sure that ROYAL SERVICE is received and read by each leader.

Do not limit the reading to any one organization but read the suggestions made for each, new ideas will be generated and others adapted; often R.A. plans will fit G.A. and so on.)

"CHRISTMAS GIFT"

No, that is not a misprint. Do for one of your August meetings of Royal Ambassador Chapter, Girl Auxiliary or Sunbeam Band have an August Christmas tree for one of our foreign missionaries. Let some gifts be for the missionary himself or herself—new books, stationery, something new to wear if you know the size—just an expression of love for their sacrifice. But missionaries habitually are givers rather than receivers so let your August Christmas tree hold gifts they could use at a day school or Sunday school Christmas tree in China, or Japan, South America, Africa, even in Jesus' own home country, Palestine. It will be great fun, quite cooling, to think Christmasy thoughts in August and the box should be carefully packed and started in good season to reach its destination in time for the missionary to count on its contents in her preparation. What shall we put on the tree? A missionary in China suggests the following list of things which would be wondrously helpful to her:

1. Crepe paper, Real Christmas Green and Red. (How we disliked the pinks, purples and blue in the decorations used here and longed for enough paper or for those folding streamers to decorate the whole church with.)
2. Christmas bells
3. Silver and gold paper for stars
4. Tinsel for the tree decorations
5. For the gift packages for the children:

Tops, kinds that are pretty when they spin. Blocks that can be put together and make pictures or designs are especially nice. Alphabet blocks are all right, but what value when you cannot read the letters? Balls—the fun in playing ball seems to roll clear around the world among children of every color. Some bags to be used for "bean bags"—we can get the beans here. Scrap books. Remember they do not have to be big to be nice. Also those who look at them do not read English. Most important be sure the pictures would help make China Christian, sometimes we have to tear out pages because we do not want the pic-

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G. A. DEPARTMENT



"AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL" AND G.A.'S.

A SPLENDID program on Home Missions can be built up around the song, "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies", of which our G.A.'s. are so fond. The careful study that would accompany such a program will double the meaningfulness of this delightfully patriotic hymn too. Open your songbook and follow through the lines with the suggestions below in mind—other adaptations will come to you no doubt. Set the program committee at work along this line and see what it will bring forward as outline for the G.A. meeting. Since the subject concerns our nation and its Christian development, base the devotional reading on some of the passages about nations. It will be splendid practice to have the program committee look up suitable verses in the concordance. Let them read the entire verse before deciding to use it; remind them to choose those which will follow in logical sequence as Ps. 33:12, Prov. 14:34, Deut. 28:1-7, Isa. 2:2-5. At the meeting follow the Scripture reading with a series of prayers for our nation. When the Scripture verses have been decided upon let the committee read through the song with eyes open for home mission items. The "amber waves of grain" should serve as reminder of the rural churches to which enlistment men go and of the 5000 homeless churches as well as of the frontier sections especially in New Mexico and Oklahoma. The "purple mountain majesties" suggest our mountain schools and their work. Assign these phrases to two G.A.'s. for discovery and discussion, let the program committee point out paragraphs in ROYAL SERVICE, select leaflets from page 3 which will give information for the talks. Continuing, "the fruited plain" will be suggestive of the foreigners who have come to our shores from sunny Italy and Greece and brought their love of husbandry with them. If they do not themselves have fruit and truck farms many become hucksters and venders of such produce—let G.A.'s. consider what home mission effort for evangelism should be carried on for them. In the second verse

"the pilgrim feet" will remind G.A.'s. with a thrill of the inheritance of high faith which is theirs from Roger Williams founding the first Baptist church in America back in the early seventeenth century down to today's noble leaders. Let them think of the Indians who were sometimes friendly, sometimes hostile.

The third verse with its tribute to heroes suggests the soldiers and seamen who are ready to protect America and who guard her commerce and trade. Among these men southern Baptists have just a few chaplains. Tell of the Seaman's Institute at Jacksonville.

The last verse in the song will challenge them with all that Home Missions is yet to do before America shall be truly a dwelling place for the Lord. In a practical way discuss what G.A.'s. may do to evangelize America, show that their attitude toward negroes, foreigners, people with less advantages than their own are all involved in the "brotherhood" which is to spread from sea to sea. As closing prayer use these words to the tune of hymn under discussion:

"O Master-workman of the race,
Thou Man of Galilee,
Who with the eyes of early youth
Eternal things did see,
We thank thee for Thy boyhood faith,
That shone Thy whole life through;
'Did ye not know it is My work,
My Father's work to do?"

O Carpenter of Nazareth,
Builder of life divine,
Who shapest man to God's own law,
Thyself the fair design,
Build us a tower of Christ-like height,
That we the land may view
And see, like Thee, our noblest work
Our Father's work to do.

O Thou who dost the vision send
And gives to each his task
And with the task sufficient strength,
Show us Thy will, we ask;
Give us a conscience bold and good,
Give us a purpose true
That it may be our highest joy
Our Father's work to do."



R. A. DEPARTMENT



OTHER BOYS

IT is mighty hard to realize fully that boys "outside the gang" have rights, privileges, have feelings and ambitions just like the fellows boys play with. In this Home Mission Program, picture so clearly some of the other boys that the R.A.'s. will be interested in helping them to know all the choice experiences which are theirs as Ambassadors for Christ. Look in recent numbers of Home and Foreign Fields for articles about our Jewish friends by Mr. Jack Gartenhaus. There are more Jews in New York than in Jerusalem. Two couples have gone to Palestine within the last year, but what of the Jews right here? The Home Mission Board, 1004 Healey Bldg., Atlanta, Ga., will gladly supply leaflet material from which an R.A. could intelligibly tell what can be done to lead them to know the Messiah has come. Boys always are interested in Indians, see numerous references to them in this magazine. Send 2c to cover postage and receive from the W.M.U. Literature Department, 1111 Jeff. Co. Bk. Bldg., Birmingham, Ala., a copy of Miss Leachman's story "Among the Indians"—it tells of the R. A. meeting of Chilocco Ambassadors which she attended. Read their letter in World Comrades, too. American Indians proved their citizenship by purchasing \$25,000,000 Liberty Bonds and \$2,500,000 War Saving Stamps. Their native tongue (Choctaw) furnished in France a language which was safe against the German practice of "listening in". The 60,000 Indians who have never heard of Jesus Christ ought to know Him. A New Mexican tribe of Indians is said to know a sure cure for rattlesnake bite but keeps it a tribal secret. What do we think of such selfishness? What will they think of us for not giving them the Savior? It was Sakajawea, a brave Indian girl who served as guide for the Lewis and Clarke Expedition. Who will guide the tribes today if we do not send more than 13 Home Board workers?

A recent questionnaire among 1600 Japanese children under 15 in our country showed that 35% gave their religion as Christian, 19% as Buddhists and the

others did not answer at all. One of the teachers in a California school said, "We teachers like to have at least one or two Japanese children in our classes as an example to the other children for they do study hard". Lead the R.A.'s. to a discussion of their example as Christian citizens before any foreigners in their community.

They must be interested in knowing that the largest Baptist church in the world is Olivet Baptist church, colored, in Chicago. Its membership is over 10,000; its pastor a graduate of Arkansas Baptist College. What about having a negro Royal Ambassador Chapter in your town?

Don't leave out the mountain boy or the boy unenlisted—talk about R.A. debts to all those not as blessed as they and help them help the Home Mission Board win all of America's boys.

Judges 3:7-15 will show how a nation is punished when it is not true to God. Discuss ways in which our nation is unrighteous, remember that these R.A.'s. will be the leaders politically as well as denominationally tomorrow. Close the program with a series of prayers for these Other Boys in our country, singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee" at end.

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tures to go into the Chinese homes.

Postal Cards. Don't paste them together but put a clean piece of white paper over the wrong side; landscapes, buildings, pictures that can be used in geography classes are appreciated. Pictures that can be framed—Bible story pictures; those that can be used as a basis for conversation when you only know a hundred English words.

Handkerchiefs, washclothes, baby socks, soap, tooth brushes, pencils, paper and so on.

Imagine that you never had seen a Christmas tree before because you had never known of Christmas—R.A.'s., G.A.'s. and Sunbeams will grow in appreciation of their knowledge of the Christ Child when they bring their gifts to an August Christmas tree. The Christmas story should be told and Christmas songs sung.



SUNBEAM DEPARTMENT



THE programs in World Comrades cannot be surpassed but surely your Sunbeam Band is efficient enough to need four programs. After one for the August Christmas Tree why not use the old game of which children are all fond for a program—"Stage Coach Upset" or "Fruit Basket" as it is sometimes called. At least a week before this meeting select those Sunbeams whom you wish to take part on this unique program. Give to each one of the talks which follow and suggest that with mother the child can find more interesting material about his department and so be able to tell more. The Sunbeam leader or assistant will begin telling the story of home mission work since the organization of the Home Mission Board in 1845. Details may be gathered from "Training for Leadership" and "From Strength to Strength". The story must move rapidly enough to hold the interest yet slowly so that the information will stay in the children's minds. The leader may tell the story as if the Sunbeam Band were travelling over our southland visiting places where mountain schools are located, where there are Good Will Centers, where an evangelistic service is being held or she may tell the story from a chronological standpoint showing how the work has developed. In either case she will mention from time to time the names of the departments of work assigned to the children. At the sound of her name that child rises to her feet, turns around three times as in the familiar game but instead of sitting down tells as much as possible about her particular part of the home mission work. When one child is finished the story-teller continues, bringing out the other talks in succession. Songs may be incorporated into the story program. For example the leader may begin:

It was many, many years ago when the Southern Baptist Convention was first meeting in 1845 that the Home Mission Board was organized. You have heard people who have been to these great meetings where Baptists from all over the 18 southern states gather, tell about the wonderful way in which the

big crowd sings together. "I'm Bound for the Promised Land" is a great favorite and so is "Rescue the Perishing". Perhaps it was when they were singing one of these songs that somebody thought about all the people in our very own country who could not sing these songs from their hearts. They all knew that something should be done to tell them about Jesus too. Suppose we sing these songs and see if they do not suggest telling others about Him.

After the songs are sung let the leader continue—

When those grandfathers of ours began to think they decided that to really do their telling in a wise way they should have some committee to look after the work so that the whole southland would be cared for. They prayed and planned and started the Home Mission Board. About the first way for it to be helpful was to work with the State Mission Boards already trying to help people in their own states know Jesus. Working together with someone we call cooperation, so this was the Cooperative Work of the Home Mission Board.

At the word Cooperative, Cooperative Missions will jump up and tell about her activity. Then the leader will continue—

In many of the states especially Alabama, Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Virginia and Arkansas the workers found it quite too hard to go away up into the mountains to tell people there the Good News. It seemed that they must have special care so the Mountain Schools were started.

Here Mountain Schools will jump up and tell of her work, then the story-teller will take it up again—

Some people thought that we might grow so busy teaching reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic that we would forget first of all to tell about Jesus. In order to be sure that this could not happen another department was begun, the Evangelistic Department.

Here that child will tell about evangelistic campaign and then the story will go on, being careful to include every phase of Home Mission Board work and make the Sunbeams see where they can really help greatly.

Cooperative Missions—I'm the part of home missions that helps in each state. Sometimes I'm just money to help pay salaries of the secretaries who lead the people; sometimes I am a whole missionary or a pioneer minister but always I help all the state to work together.

Mountain Schools—I'm the 36 mountain schools. I'm sometimes 20 or 30 miles from the railroad. I'm where boys and girls would not have a chance to go to school and learn if it were not for me. Vacation time is nearly over and maybe you are thinking "I hate to start back to school" but if there wasn't any school and your father and mother did not know how to read or write, I guess that you would be glad to have me come and give you a place to go.

Evangelistic Department—Didn't you like our revival meeting? Why, I'm having revival meetings the whole year around, one right after another. There are 28 evangelists, some preachers and some singers and they baptized 38,779 men and women and children last year. These evangelists go to a big city and say, "Come everybody, let's have a great protracted meeting all at the same time". Then all the Baptist churches do that. Or these Home Board evangelists take a big tent and go into the country and have a meeting where there isn't any church at all. I'm awfully glad to be the Evangelistic part of the Home Mission Board because I make so many people happy.

Church Building and Loan Fund—When so many people come to love Jesus they have to have churches where they can go and worship. It costs a lot of money to build churches and where there never has been one it is hard to get started. I say, "See how much money you can get together and then I'll lend you some more". The people save and give and then I put money with theirs and make enough to build a church. After a while they can pay my money back and I take it and go somewhere else and build another church-house. The only trouble is sometimes so many want to borrow money that I haven't enough to go around. I wish that Sunbeams and all the other Baptists would put more money into home missions so that I could have more too.

Enlistment Department—There are just lots of Baptists who could give but they don't know about it all so I go to

tell them. I tell them about the 75 Million Campaign so that they can be a part in it. They call me by this big word, "Enlistment"—but it just means stirring the people up so that they will all be busy together.

Negro Work—The black people in the United States need to know Jesus too and I am the 27 preachers who go to tell them. I ought to be more than that. If Sunbeams and others would just remember that being black doesn't make any difference to Jesus they would help me more. (See story in par. 10, general program.)

Work among Foreigners—It would be very bad to send our missionaries out to other lands and not tell the people who have come right to our own country about Jesus. Home missions has men and women who have classes and clubs and Sunday school to teach foreigners about our country and our God. In cities where there are many foreigners all together there are Good Will Centers where they can go and learn and read and take their baths and grow into Christian citizens. Where there are just a few foreigners Sunbeams and older folks must do the telling about Jesus.

Indians—Before the foreigners or negroes came I was here. I am glad that the Home Mission Board has not forgotten me for I want to walk in the "Jesus road".

Jews—I'm among the strangers in your country too. We came from the land where Jesus lived but we didn't believe He was the Saviour. We Jews do not know God very well now because we do not know Jesus Christ. I am glad that the Home Mission Board has at least one man to help us know.

Soldiers—America is pretty well protected by the oceans but she has to keep some soldiers in training camps and they mustn't forget God while they are there. Home Mission Board just has a few preachers especially for us, we call them chaplains but we are glad for the few and would like to have more.

Sailors—It takes lots of sailors and seamen to send our ships here and there with passengers and things to buy and we need chaplains on our boats. I like the Seamen's Institute in Jacksonville, Fla., for when my boat lands I can go there and have a good, clean, homey time and keep out of evil. There should

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SOCIETY METHODS



ASSOCIATIONAL EFFICIENCY

Ask Divine Guidance
Missionary Society in Every Church
Associational Officers Well Selected

Study W.M.U. Plans and Aims
Study Associational Minutes and
Society and Individual Reports
Study Parliamentary Laws

Study W.M.U. Manual
Survey Work
Standard of Excellence

Observe Special Prayer Seasons

Cultivate Friendship and Love

Importance of Reports Systematically
Impressed
Importance of Selecting District Superintendent

Attend All Meetings
Attractive Programs
Attendance Banners
Announcement Cards

Take Missionary Magazines
Table of Literature at Quarterly
Meetings

Interest Every Baptist Woman

On Time, Every Time, Every Where

Never Become Discouraged
Neglect Not to Visit New Societies
New Ideas and Suggestions Sought
New Officers and Leaders Carefully
Instructed

Annual Meetings Well Planned

Loyalty

Executive Board Meetings
Enlistment Day

Faithfulness
Find New Ways to Interest

Family Altars

Interest with Mission Study

Call on Strangers
Carefulness in Planning All Programs
Circulating Library

Invoke New Members

Each Officer Consulted and Co-operating
Every One at Work

Never Forget Importance of Social
Element

Carefully Stress Organized Personal
Service
Consecrated Leaders

Young People Trained
Young People's Council Held
Mrs. Mary Curd Allen, Ala.

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be other such places where our boats stop.

Cuba—I'm not right in the southern states but I am mighty close, I'm Cuba and I need the Home Mission Board to teach my people not to say their prayers by counting beads and not to think they can pay money and have their sins forgiven. There are only 34 preachers and teachers from all of southern Baptists with me and I need some more, please send them.



PERSONAL SERVICE



RIDGECREST GOOD WILL CENTER

"RIDGECREST!" and sometimes, also, "The top of the mountain!" calls the Southern Railroad conductor as the train toils up grade to the Southern Baptist Assembly grounds, eighteen miles east of Asheville, N. C. On these beautiful hills, amid the natural delights of the Blue Ridge, there have gathered for thirteen years increasing numbers of summer seekers after health and refreshment of body, mind and soul. But while they rejoiced in finding these blessings for themselves, many hearts have been touched by the needs of the natives and by thought of the great possibilities wrapped up in the young people of the community. Efforts have been made to share with them the privileges of the assembly program, but with small success. A church organized some years ago, meets in an assembly building, conducts a Sunday school and is served by the pastor of the Black Mountain Baptist Church, two miles away. Several godly women have labored earnestly in various ways for the spiritual uplift of the people and a bus brings within the children's reach the excellent Black Mountain School.

Still many unmet needs made mute appeal to Christian hearts and consciences, resulting late last season in the organization of the Personal Service Division of the Southern Baptist Assembly for the purpose of securing "funds and workers for the maintenance of a Good Will Center at Ridgecrest, providing such activities as will promote the physical, social and spiritual uplift of the people". The Southern Baptist Education Board, which now controls the assembly, gave hearty approval, and from a few friends in twelve states and Washington City sufficient funds were secured to warrant the inauguration of the work. The services of Miss Ada Bell, daughter of Dr. T. P. Bell, were secured, a well located house was rented, and the people invited to an opening service on Thanksgiving Day.

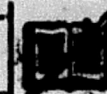
From hill and cove they came—men and women, boys, girls and babies—130 of them, eager to see what this Good Will Center might be. Indicative of the responsiveness of their hungry hearts was the remark of "Daddy" Morrow: "I never expected to see this day in Ridgecrest; I'll be ten years old tomorrow" (eligible to membership on a boys' club just announced)! True to his word, the old man appeared again and again with the boys, entering into their activities or watching interestedly from his chair by the stove. The little girls are happy in their Blue Bird Club, the older ones enthusiastic over their Camp Fire organization, earning the money for their dues by making and selling cakes and candy and in various other ways. They have learned to crochet, tat and knit, and some have made themselves beautiful sweaters. Of far reaching import is the club of almost 30 women who meet weekly for the study of mothercraft, which touches almost every phase of home life. Their ten cent monthly dues go towards fitting up a loan closet for use in sickness. They are also to have courses in first aid and in making over clothes. Miss Bell has enlisted some of these women in her Sunday school class, attended by men also; and through her efforts the whole Sunday school has greatly increased and improved. Her Sunbeam and Y.W.A. work is of incalculable value to the children and girls who enjoy these Sunday afternoon meetings.

Whether or not there is much visible improvement since that auspicious opening day, fresh interests, new desires and higher ideals have been implanted in hearts and lives which, with prayerful, careful culture, will blossom and bear fruit in time

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TRAINING SCHOOL



"DOES GOOD WILL CENTER MAKE A DIFFERENCE?"

IN an old minute book at Good Will Center is found this interesting bit of history: "On Tuesday afternoon of Jan. 7, 1913, the women in the neighborhood of the Baptist Training School Settlement met in the Settlement chapel with Miss Leachman for the purpose of organizing themselves into a club whose aim will be development of physical, moral and spiritual life, and whose aim will be friendliness, cleanliness, honesty and Christlikeness. The meeting, called to order by Miss Leachman, was opened with a song and prayer. By motion Miss Leachman was chosen president and Miss Olive secretary. The club decided upon the name of 'Friendly Circle' and began with twenty-one charter members, who pledged themselves to try to live up to the club's aim and purpose and in this way to bring joy into our homes and be a blessing to those around us".

On Jan. 9, 1923, the tenth anniversary of this club was fittingly celebrated. By some good fortune Miss Leachman was with us on that occasion as our guest, speaking of what the club has stood for during the decade of uninterrupted history. Six of the charter members are still actively connected with this club, and two others who came in during the first month are still among our most faithful members. Scores of women have been enrolled in this club during these years, many coming and going, owing to the constant moving, others staying for years.

At a public meeting of our Boy Scouts Troop recently, the chief speaker made this remark, "Scouting makes a difference". Shall we pause a moment and ask, "Has the Friendly Circle made a difference?" Let us see.

In looking over the minutes of the regular weekly meetings it is interesting to note the things that have been taken up in the programs. Some have been devoted to social and personal hygiene, community betterment, homemaking, mothers' problems, the care and training of children, co-operation with the schools, demonstrations in cooking, social hours and religious and devotional topics.

As in all groups results have been in many instances disappointing, in many others most gratifying. The vilest homes have become homes where love is, the dirtiest homes have been cleaned up and made habitable, the dependent have been made self-respecting and self-supporting, the dreariest of lives have had something of joy put into them, the sinner has been reclaimed for Jesus Christ.

It was a joy to hear one of those long time members say a short while ago, "For nine years Good Will Center has been my best friend. Her workers have come to me in my sorrows when there was no one else to whom I could turn. At the same time they have shared my joys and advised me in my difficulties. My children have been almost literally raised there".

Today the club is made up of American and Italian women, Protestant and Catholic, Christian and non-Christian alike. Today if you look in on an average meeting you will see all ages, from the feeble old grandmother to the young mother. And we have had many of these younger mothers this year, whom we are so anxious to hold and help.

One young and unusually intelligent Catholic woman last week for the first time asked prayer for a friend. Is she learning the real privilege and power of prayer? Another woman of this same faith, who recently came into the club, is earnestly reading the Bible. Many are doing real personal service among their friends and neighbors. And again we ask: "Does Good Will Center make a difference?"—*Carrie U. Littlejohn*



UNION NOTES



ROUND TABLE

PARTICULAR attention is called to the hymn for the year as given on the front cover page and its music as displayed on page 8. In practically every society there will be found one or more members who use the type-writer and who will gladly make carbon copies of the hymn that it may be freely sung at every meeting of W.M.U. women and young people. This is one of the ideals for the year. The page displaying the music should be kept for the pianist. In the July issue this music was also given, so there are apt to be several copies in the society membership. For each society the state W.M.U. headquarters have been supplied with five copies of the words and one copy of the music. Write to your state W.M.U. headquarters if these six copies have not been received by your society, whether it be for women or young people. Additional copies of the music may be purchased, 2c each or 10c a dozen, from W.M.U. Literature Department, 1111 Jeff. Co. Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. It is also to be found in the Popular Hymnal as published by Mr. Robert Coleman of Dallas, Tex.

TALES out of school are not in good repute but recently it has been revealed that some teachers of mission study classes think that merely teaching the class without passing the written test entitles them to a seal for the book taught. This is quite contrary to the plan of the Union, it being desired that no seal be awarded to any teacher who does not take the regular examination. Surely no teacher should be "afraid" she won't pass, surely writing out the answers will help her in grading the papers and surely her class will want to follow her good example!

KEEPING cool is one of the chief occupations of the summer time. One "cooling" suggestion is that when the cold winter time comes there will be many frontier missionaries in need of boxes of clothing. Societies or indi-

viduals that can do this "over-and-above-the-Campaign" kindness should write to their state W.M.U. headquarters for a frontier missionary's letter.

ANOTHER form of helping is that of lending money to young men and women desirous of continuing their education but immediately unable to provide for themselves the necessary funds. Especially interested is the Union in having such loans extended to young women to attend the W.M.U. Training School in Louisville, Ky. If you know of some splendid college trained girl who would go to Louisville were she financially able to do so and if you know of some generous hearted philanthropist who will lend her the money, then try to bring the "need and the supply" together. Write to your state trustee for the W.M.U. Training School for further advice in the matter.

THE new W.M.U. Year Book was shipped to the state W.M.U. headquarters the middle of June in the hopes that each society, whether for women or young people, might receive its copy immediately thereafter. If your society has not received its copy, please write to your state W.M.U. headquarters for it. On pages 62-64 of the Year Book will be found the list of recommended study books for the women and young people. One of the listed books is "A Book of Daily Devotions". It is inspiring for use at family prayers. Another book is "Combined Board Reports for 1923". It is, unlike the one for last year, fortunately in the cheap 40c edition. Thus many societies should purchase it for study classes. It has its special certificate. A good home mission book, not listed in the Year Book, is "Oak and Laurel" by Mrs. F. W. Withoft of Ga. It will doubtless be ready for sale early in September and is to be ordered from the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. It is an uplifting account of S.B.C. mountain school work.

MRS. J. G. REYNOLDS writes: For a little more than a month, beginning July 16, the interest of Missouri Baptists will be turned toward the summer assemblies. At Ozark, Van Buren and Mt. Vernon strong programs for training and inspiration with delightful recreation features are well planned. The climax is reached in the State Assembly at Arcadia Heights, one of the most beautiful spots in the Ozarks and an ideal place for assembly purposes. The annual meeting of the State B. Y. P. U. Convention immediately precedes the assembly period, thus presenting a double appeal for attendance on the part of the young people. No effort is spared to provide a fine program of study, inspiration and recreation, with a strong faculty giving instruction in fourteen courses in Sunday school work, seven classes in B.Y.P.U. work and five classes in mission study. Nowhere in Missouri could be found, within the given period, opportunities for so broad a preparation, so happy a fellowship or a more delightful vacation than in God's great out-of-doors on Arcadia Heights, August 6-17.

A NET increase of 1,019 in all W.M.U. young people's organizations brings the total up to 11,220. As it should be this is a larger number than that of the 10,889 Woman's Missionary Societies. What queer conditions have existed heretofore when there were fewer children than mothers! One child in a home will not "keep the world alive" we are told—have you your two in your W.M.S. family? Then make the number four. The number of young people's organizations ideally should be four times that of the W.M.S. and then more because frequently there is an "orphan" organization. "Numbers" has no relation to the word "numb" which has the same first four letters—numbers of young people's organizations are vitally fascinating and alive, no numbness about them or the splendid state leaders whose efforts brought such gratifying increase in this year.

ADDITION suggests a dull arduous task but when it is a case of adding up the splendid reports of young people's organizations of W.M.U. "dull" and "arduous" are inappropriate adjectives.

Sunbeam Bands by very nature of their reason for existence as suggested in their name could not be "dull". Their brightness this year has been enhanced by nearly a thousand new bands, 927 to be accurate. Georgia records the largest number of new missionary organizations among children under twelve, for she added 152 to her 724 of last year. The percent of increase was larger, however, in both Mississippi and Virginia with their 80 and 97 respectively. North Carolina stands next to Georgia in numerical increase with 113 Sunbeam Bands organized this year, giving her a total of 673. The other states did so well, too, that the grand total is 5423 bands.

IT is interesting to notice that Georgia and Alabama have exactly the same number of A-1 Sunbeam Bands—27. South Carolina has more than any other state for she reports 98, while the "wild west" shows up excellently tame with 62 A-1 Sunbeams in Oklahoma and 60 in Texas. Florida, Illinois, and Missouri—boundary states in three directions of our southern Baptist territory—each reports 6 A-1 bands. A new Standard of Excellence wall chart soon to be ready for distribution will help Sunbeam Bands to be more zealous in reaching a high place on the standard we trust, but the example and encouragement of the W.M.S. are most important. See advertisement on page 20.

VIRGINIA'S missionary history is an inheritance appreciated and developed in 379 Girls' Auxiliaries, one hundred more than in South Carolina. The latter counters with more A-1 G.A.'s., however, leading Virginia by a margin of 4. Georgia's 222 G.A.'s. rank next in number to South Carolina's 279 and North Carolina plays third with 209. Passing by Alabama's 190 and Texas' 177, it is interesting to see that Kentucky G.A.'s. are so loyal that they are almost copying the W.M.U. headquarters' address and need add just a round thousand to have its 1111.

SOUTH Carolina's R.A. camp last summer must be a bit responsible for the splendid report that 30 of her 143 Royal Ambassador Chapters are A-1. Virginia has had a camp for five

years so one expects her to lead in number of chapters and she does with 283. North Carolina almost tied with South Carolina, for her report shows 142 chapters while Georgia comes next with 138. Altogether R.A.'s. grew from 997 to 1174 last year. Ought your boys to be among the new chapters this coming year?

Y W.A.'s. expanded last year to the extent of 329 new auxiliaries so that their total is 2462. Here South Carolina heads the list with 328 although Georgia shows 126 new organizations and so almost doubled her number of a year ago. The two A's—Alabama and Arkansas—each had 40 new organizations and almost equalled one another in the number which were A-1 but Arkansas had one more than Alabama's 16.

WITH the introduction of a special Y.W.A. mission study course, Mississippi, state ever keen for mission study, received the very first official seal at the completion of the five books in the course. Arkansas carried the first entire class through such study but Virginia has forged ahead and holds the largest number of the prized seals.

MISS GEORGIA BARNETTE writes: The Louisiana Baptist Encampment will be held at Mandeville, on beautiful Lake Pontchartrain, August 22-29. Miss Blanche White will lead a class in the study of "From Strength to Strength". The Manual of W.M.U. Methods will be in charge of the state corresponding secretary, and the young people's leader will conduct the story hour and teach a class in story work.

AT the Y.W.C.A. Conference in Blue Ridge, N. C., your young people's secretary and college correspondent found 157 Baptist students with whom it was a joy to become acquainted. As the world spread out below the mountain tops one could picture these eager, vivacious young women going here and there, near and far during future days, serving. In the denominational meetings on Sunday morning at the customary Sunday school hour many pathways of opportunity were cited—immediate in leading young people's organizations of W.M.U. during the summer and more distant in mountain schools, Good Will Centers, on foreign fields as teachers, doctors and nurses or

evangelists. Friday afternoon at five each "Board secretary", as the denominational representatives are termed though they are far from being "bored", was informally "at home". The Baptist girls enjoyed knowing each other in this friendly way. Realizing that these girls were present because of their interest in an inter-denominational agency, your secretary looked almost enviously at them and then gazed across the valley at our own lovely Ridgecrest wondering if it might not be that even next year Y.W.A. girls would have a Fortnight House Party there with our own great speakers to bring His messages.

IT was a rather long journey from the cool mountains of N. C. down to the rolling plains of central Texas but a delightful breeze added refreshing vigor to the cordial welcome of the B.S.U. secretaries gathered at Baylor College for their officers' vocational conference. It was the pleasure of W.M.U. college correspondent to give five talks on mission study in our colleges, endeavoring to point out its value and thrilling interest and to suggest methods so that both young men and women would go back to their college campuses next fall, keen to have mission study classes there. Dr. Boone is building up the student work in Texas in a large way and wishes that college Y.W.A. work shall be magnified by the Baptist Student Union as the correlating agency of all religious activities of the campus. Mrs. Leigh, the state college correspondent, plans to strengthen the Y.W.A.'s. as soon as possible, seeking the cooperation of the local W.M.S. in the many college towns of Texas. The eighty odd picked students present at the conference will be officers of the various group organizations of B.S.U. next year and with the stirring challenge to consecration and preparation brought to them in the morning watch and evening fellowship services and in the address each evening their work will be far increased in effectiveness. They have pledged themselves for \$800 to send one missionary of the newly appointed 48 and the discussions of "apportionment" showed they valued the example of definite goal which W.M.U. has systematically set through these years.

BOOK REVIEWS



Fathers' Meeting of Maizura Kindergarten, Fukuoka

JAPAN ON THE UPWARD TRAIL

IN reading some of the best written secular books of the day we have often coveted the style, diction and word picture-power used in them for our mission study books. But in William Axling's book, *Japan on the Upward Trail*, this spirit ceases to trouble us for here we find an author who has something to tell and knows how to tell it and does so in such good, strong and graphic language as would make a "best seller" of even some of our modern fiction. Dr. Axling carries the story of Japan forward, from her "fascinating past" to her present "place in the Oriental sun", in a way that will make his book read more like the presentation of dramatic episodes than a mission study book—always with the added advantage of historic rectitude.

The eight chapters of the book include political history, the dawn and progress of Christianity, hero stories, inland sea tales, the industrial situation and present Christian activities in Japan. The titles of the chapters are as follows: *The Hermit Becomes a Host; The Trail of the Pioneer; Following the Gleam; Sky Piloting among the Masses; Blazing New Trails; The Skipper and His Ship; At the Turn of the Trail; and Japanese Christianity in Action.*

That a book of such force and interest is available for our senior classes in mission study is not only a pleasant anticipation but will also be an agency which cannot fail to bring about a deeper concern for the spiritual needs of the intelligent and progressive people of Japan for, says the author, "Japan needs Christ for her own sake. She needs to be Christianized because of the role which she is playing in the international drama which has been staged and is now unfolding here in the Orient. Japan awake, alert, ambitious, standing right at the heart of this new world center will largely determine the contents of her next chapter in history. How different will be the story both for her and for the world, if she is a Japan risen to the call of Christ!"

Dr. T. B. Ray of the Foreign Mission Board has prepared a pamphlet of sixteen pages on our mission work in Japan which will be used as a supplement in mission study classes using Dr. Axling's book. The latter is recommended as one of the leading text books this year for our W.M.S. Both book and supplemental material can be procured from Educational Department, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., price, cloth 75c, paper 50c.

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EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

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And when they came unto the place which is called "The Skull" there they crucified Him.—Luke 23:33

Song—"On Calvary's Brow My Savior Died"

If any man would come after Me let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.—Luke 9:23

Song (Audience)—"Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?"

If we ever sing "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow" we must begin at Bethlehem and continue on to Calvary; perhaps not a physical crucifixion but to a crucifixion of self and all selfish interest.

Song (Audience)—"Where He Leads Me I Will Follow"

Solo—"Low in the Grave He Lay"

And He led them out until they were over against Bethany and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. And it came to pass while He blessed them He parted from them and was carried up into heaven.—Luke 24:50,51

Song (Chorus)—"The Way of the Cross Leads Home"

And He saith unto him, "Follow Me".—Matt. 9:9

PERSONAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

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to come. This first year of the Good Will Center's life is being conducted by Miss Bell single handed, under many difficulties, in an inconvenient house with almost no equipment. There are those in whose vision two such capable consecrated workers, in a well equipped, suitable building, could carry out a broader program, including a night school and a kindergarten, which Miss Bell had hoped to have this year, while a host of friends claim partnership by prayer and gifts and rejoice in the salvation of souls and lives. God grant that this dream may be speedily realized.—Mary G. Adams

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