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EDITORIAL

ORIENTATING

D ICTIONARIES define the word orientate as a verb which means to turn toward the east, to veer from the north to the south toward the east. Orientating, therefore, means turning toward the east and explains what I am now doing for a period of eight months. Sailing from Seattle on August 30, I am due in Yokohama, Japan, on the 11th of September. The name of the good boat is the President McKinley of the Admiral Line, which holds the record of the quickest trips across the Pacific. My cabinmate is Miss Pearle Johnson returning to Shanghai and, as other traveling companions, I have the following missionary friends, most of whom are like me making their initial journey to the east:

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Cheek
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Miss Lillie Mae Hundley
Miss Lilla Echols
Miss Irene Jeffers
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Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Culpepper and Baby
Dr. and Mrs. C. E. James and Baby

Misses Lawton, Walters and Walne will disembark with me in Japan, while all the others will proceed to China. Whether or not seasickness will incapacitate me for much social intercourse while on the boat, still I know that I will thoroughly enjoy the two weeks' companionship with these new and returning missionaries.

For five weeks I shall doubtless be in Japan, the Foreign Mission Board having kindly arranged for me to visit Yokohama, Tokyo, Nara, Kyoto, Kobe, Hiroshima, Kure, Shimonoseki, Kokura, Fukuoka, Kumamota and Nagasaki. One of the most delightful features of the Japanese trip will be the attendance upon the annual meeting of the Japanese W.M.U. Like most people I have from childhood longed to see Japan with its brilliant foliage and flowers, its vari-colored kimonos and its promising missions. I do hope that the maples will be all gold and red, the chrysanthemums in full bloom and the schools busy at their lessons. Beyond my fondest hope I know that I shall rejoice because of the visit to Japan.

From there I go to the North China Mission, visiting our workers and work at Tsingtao, Tsinan, Tsining, Taian, Pingtu, Laichow, Hwanghsien, Tengchow and Chefoo. Five weeks will thus be given to North China, the itinerary leading also to the historic city of Peking. Many have said that North China is our greatest missionary opportunity, so of course I shall be keenly interested while there, espe-

cially in the schools and hospitals and the evangelistic work which feeds them and is in turn fed by them. An added joy will be attendance upon the annual meeting of the North China W.M.U.

Early in December the schedule leads to the Interior China Mission with visits to Chengchow, Kaifeng, Pochow and Kweiteh. In Honan's rich province it will truly be a privilege to see how our work, at an advantage from its inception, is "going from strength to strength".

Nanking, Chinkiang, Yangchow and Wusih will all be visited before Christmas so that that sacred time may be spent in Shanghai, where our real Southern Baptist Convention work began over 75 years ago. There New Year's will also turn its leaf for me and perhaps until the middle of January I will remain there. Everyone says that Shanghai, the Paris of the east, is marvelous to behold and of course our excellent mission work there will afford many interesting opportunities. If possible, while in Shanghai I will write down my impressions of Japan and of the China already seen for if some good "muse" will help me I want to incorporate into book form the impressions of this orientating trip. To the memory of my father and mother, whose legacy is making the trip possible, I will dedicate the book if it seems at all worthy of their devoted interest in missions. In the book I shall also want to have many good pictures of our workers at their appointed tasks, the kodak for taking these pictures having been graciously given me by the W.M.U. Executive Committee.

From Shanghai a visit will be made to Soochow and then sailing via Manila I will go to Canton, the real birthplace of all our work in China. From there trips are planned to Shinchow, Shin Hing, Wuchow, Kong Moon, Sz Yap Field, Macao and Hong Kong. Practically the entire month of February will be spent in the South China Mission.

Just as our dear country is celebrating George Washington's birthday, my little U.S. flag and I will wave farewell to the orient and will "westward ho" take our course. Into the beautiful port of Honolulu we hope to sail and then before April 1st through the "Golden Gate" into San Francisco. The month of April will be used in work upon the aforesaid book and in seeing California and other western places. Certainly it will be a joy to journey then to Atlanta for the May annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union.

Thus in perhaps tedious detail I have outlined my plans for these orientating months. In my absence Miss Ethel Winfield will have charge of the Birmingham office, Miss Juliette Mather and Miss Blanche White will if possible increase their field work, Mrs. Maud R. McLure will attend at least four of the state annual meetings, Miss Willie Jean Stewart will prepare the outline programs for Home and Foreign Fields and the W.M.S. programs for the January and March Weeks of Prayer, while of course Mrs. James, fresh from her trip to the European missions, will lead as the Union's president. It is my purpose to write articles each month for ROYAL SERVICE, for Home and Foreign Fields and for the state denominational papers, with quarterly articles for WORLD COMRADES. Of course there will be much which can never be written in black and white but the wonderful field glasses, the gift of the Alabama W.M.U. Executive Committee, and I will do our very best to see as with your very own eyes. Pray that the report may be faithful as was Caleb's so that our W.M.U. women and young people may know henceforth that by their prayers and gifts of substance and self they are well able to possess Japan and China for Christ.—Kathleen Mallory



BIBLE STUDY



TOPIC—The Greatest Industry, the Church in the World

I. *Zion, the City of Our God*: Ps. 48:9-14; 87; 132:13-16. The Scriptures throughout exhibit the love of God to His church in the most glowing terms. Mount Zion, where stood the Jewish temple, the type of the church of Christ, was beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth. "Walk about Zion, tell the towers thereof, her bulwarks, her palaces." The Christian church must be engaged in defending and preserving the citadel of God, the truth. The doctrines, duties and privileges of the church are to be regarded as valuable jewels; they are to be taught with understanding of the truth and the wisdom which Christ gives in order to win souls. Some bulwarks of truth: the divinity of Christ, the Son of God, John 5:23; the unspeakable Gift, Christ the Son of Mary, II Cor. 9:15; Lk. 2:7,11; in His humanity as truly man and as truly God as the Father Himself is God, II John 7-11; the Holy Spirit, the gift which Christ promised, John 16:14.

II. *The Apostolic Church*: Acts 2:38-42; 19:3-6. The early church maintained the doctrines or teaching of the apostles, Rom. 6; Phil. 3:10-21, recognizing that God designed His people to be laborers together with Him, Amos 6:1, striving for the faith of the Gospel, Phil. 1:27. There was unity, Phil. 3:15, 16; Acts 2:42-44. There was steadfastness, Acts 2:42; and fellowship, I John 1:3; John 17:20, 21. There was prayer, Acts 4:23-31; 1:14; Paul and other apostles were mighty in prayer, Eph. 1:5-23; 3:13-21; Jude 20:21. Paul calls the church "the pillar and ground of the truth", I Tim. 3:15; this refers to the visible body of Christians, Eph. 1:22, Heb. 12:23, united together and to Christ by the baptism of the Holy Spirit, I Cor. 12:12, 13.

III. *Evangelism*: Matt. 18:14; John 9:4. Our work begins with the Gospel message, going after the individual for his salvation, seeking to win men to Jesus as Saviour. It is the business of the church to bring people to Christ. Our task is to build up the kingdom of God in all respects, beginning with the renewal of the individual heart through the grace of God. Let us humbly and reverently and devotedly recognize God's call to go out with this only remedy for the world's needs. "Ye are the light of the world"; the church must be a light house in a dark and dangerous sea "holding forth the Word of Life" that immortal souls may not suffer shipwreck and go down with all their precious treasures to the depths of everlasting woe.

IV. *Missions*: Lk. 24:46-48; Acts 1:22, 23; 2:32. The first work of the whole church is to give the whole Gospel to the whole world, Ps. 67. As we look upon the nations we behold the most shocking degradation and misery resulting from various systems of idolatry and cruelty. As the standard of the cross is planted in the very center of these nations we catch the spirit of the prophets who announced the glorious fact "the kingdom and dominion shall be given to the saints" and "the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ". These things are to be accomplished by the agency of His representatives on earth who have received the authoritative commission "Go into all the world". Eminent piety in the missionary is essential to the demand of the work. It is not enough to be merely a Christian, he must have the fruits of the Spirit, Gal. 5:22-24, and breathe the very atmosphere of prayer and be "full of faith and the Holy Spirit". The necessity for laborers is great, Matt. 9:37, 38. Why is the church not praying the Lord of the Harvest? It was when the church was at prayer that the Holy Spirit said "Separate to me Barnabas and Saul".—Mrs. James Pollard



DAILY BIBLE READINGS



TOPIC: The Greatest Industry, the Church in the World

A hand was sent unto me; and lo, a roll of a book was therein Moreover He said unto me . . . eat this roll. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.—Ezekiel 2:9; 3:1, 3

Zion, the City of Our God

Saturday, 1st
Psalm 48:9-14; 87; 132:13-16; Rev. 22:19

Sunday, 2d
Psalm 84; Revelation 21:3, 4

Monday, 3d
Isaiah 60:11-14; Hebrews 12:22-24

Tuesday, 4th
Psalm 99; Revelation 15:4

Wednesday, 5th
Jeremiah 7:1-7; Matthew 21:12-17

Thursday, 6th
Isaiah 4:2-6; Revelation 21:3-7

Friday, 7th
Psalm 8; Hebrews 2:6-11; 2 Corinthians 6:16

Saturday, 8th
Acts 7:48-50; 1 Corinthians 3:16, 17; I Peter 2:5

The Apostolic Church

Sunday, 9th
Acts 2:38-47; 5:14

Monday, 10th
Matthew 16:13-19; 1 Corinthians 14:12

Tuesday, 11th
Acts 5:12-16; 1 Corinthians 4:20

Wednesday, 12th
Acts 11:21-30; Hebrews 10:22-27, 38, 39

Thursday, 13th
Acts 16:4, 5; 17:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Friday, 14th
Acts 19:1, 8-10; Ephesians 1:15-23; Revelation 2:1-7

Saturday, 15th
Revelation 2:11, 17, 25-28; 3:2-5, 8-12, 18-21

Evangelism

Sunday, 16th
Isaiah 55; 61:1, 2; Luke 4:18, 19

Monday, 17th
Acts 14:21-28; 16:9-15

Tuesday, 18th
Matthew 18:11-14; Luke 15:4-7; John 3:16; Revelation 22:17

Wednesday, 19th
Luke 9:1-6; 10:1-3; John 10:16

Thursday, 20th
Acts 2:38-41; 5:27-42

Friday, 21st
1 Corinthians 1:18-25; Romans 1:16, 17; Revelation 14:6

Saturday, 22d
Colossians 1:24-29; 2 Timothy 4:1-5; 1 Corinthians 9:16

Missions

Sunday, 23d
Acts 8:4-8; 1 Peter 1:18-25; Mark 16:15-20

Monday, 24th
Acts 13:3-5, 32, 33, 44-52

Tuesday, 25th
Acts 16:6-15; 1 Thessalonians 1:3-10

Wednesday, 26th
Acts 8:5-11; 2 Timothy 4:17-18

Thursday, 27th
Acts 23:11; 26:18; 28:26-31

Friday, 28th
Romans 10:8-20; Revelation 14:6, 7

Saturday, 29th
Philippians 2:9-16; 4:13

Sunday, 30th
1 Corinthians 13; 15:58; Psalm 67

"BRING YE ALL THE TITHES"

TITHING, to those who have not from youth been trained up in its practice, seems on first thought to be a difficult, complicated and even in individual cases an impossible thing. The will to do is the entering wedge and common sense and the application of a few business principles finish the cleavage which tears away all these preconceived difficulties. The tithe is one-tenth of one's gross income. Authorities on the subject tell us that a business man may take out the upkeep of his plant before he tithes but not the living of himself and family. Many questions may properly come up on the subject which must be solved by the conscience of the individual between himself and his God. For instance, the Christian education of one's children where the family means are limited etc. Where one has a salary or income there is little difficulty in reckoning the tithe, but the problem is not so simple where one has no stated income. We hear constantly from married women and girls in the home, who have no income of their own, and whose husband or father either cannot or does not provide them with an allowance, that their bills are all paid for them and that they have no money of their own and consequently cannot tithe. This condition of affairs of course renders tithing more difficult but by no means impossible. By a simple process of bookkeeping it would be easily possible to keep record of the outlay upon one's personal expenses, either in ready cash or on bills paid by father or husband. Here again the will to do is the test. When this account is conscientiously kept, let every amount of cash which is strictly one's own be added to it, even though it may be received in small sums and far apart in point of time, and the tithe of the whole be paid to the Lord. This may require some self-denial and determination for the tithe may consume all the cash in hand, but one must be honest both with God and herself: there is no other course. The promised rewards of obedience in this are sufficient to silence any fear one may ever suffer need from honesty and liberality in the Lord's cause. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you". This will invoke a more systematic watch over one's outlay on dress and possessions, but I am sure many benefits besides spiritual ones will be derived from this course.

I wonder what would be the attitude of mind and the practice of the non-tither if one were to make the offer to such a one of an amount of money based on a per cent of personal expenses accurately kept. I am sure ways and means would be found to arrive at this amount and the plea, "I have no idea how to find out what my tithe is", would be silenced. I am afraid the willing mind is lacking in these cases and many of the excuses are simply subterfuges to hide behind.

The farmer's wife has decidedly the advantage over the woman in the town and city. There is little or no opportunity for the urban woman to "turn a penny" in her own home save by her needle or selling discarded garments for which there is often no market. But even she will find a way if she honestly wants to tithe and seeks wisdom from God whom she wants to make her partner in business. But the woman on the farm with her eggs, poultry, fruits, vegetables, butter, canning etc. has a wonderful opportunity to give her tithe. Let her, too, keep books and weekly, if possible, set aside the tenth. With a daily record of the yield of her barnyard, dairy etc. she should have no difficulty in this.

I do not think a woman is required to tithe money given her by her husband for household expenses if the head of the house tithed this before turning it over to her. But every one who claims to obey the King whose subject she is, if a Christian, should feel that she is robbing God if she does not pay into His treasury at least a tenth of her own personal income or outlay on personal expenses and pleasures.—Mrs. Walter H. Hunt, S. C.

Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists September, 1923

Oftentimes when we come to God in prayer we do not feel like praying. What shall one do in such a case? Cease praying until he does feel like it? Not at all. When we feel least like praying is the time when we most need to pray. We should wait quietly before God and tell Him how cold and prayerless our hearts are and look up to Him and trust Him and expect Him to send the Holy Spirit to warm our hearts and draw them out in prayer. It will not be long before the glow of the Spirit's presence will fill our hearts and we will begin to pray with freedom, directness, earnestness and power.—Dr. R. A. Torrey

Topic: Evangelism and the Local Church

1—SATURDAY

For spiritual growth of local churches through faith in the teachings of Jesus
That He might sanctify and cleanse it—Ephesians 5:26

2—SUNDAY

That the message of today be a call to individual evangelism
Arise, therefore, and be doing, and the Lord be with thee.—1 Chronicles 22:6

3—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Hatchell as they preach Christ to Mexicans in El Paso, Texas
In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.—Isaiah 30:15

4—TUESDAY

That a new vision of sacrifice enable us to meet Campaign obligations
He did it with all his heart and prospered.—2 Chronicles 31:21

5—WEDNESDAY

That the God of all comfort sustain Rev. J. B. Parker in his bereavement, Maranhao, Brazil
The Lord is very pitiful and of tender mercy.—James 5:11

6—THURSDAY

That students render some service for Christ during remaining vacation time
Redeeming the time—Ephesians 5:16

7—FRIDAY

For Misses Mary Hine, †Flora Dodson, Laura Coupland and †Mary Alexander, Canton, China
The Lord . . . guided them on every side.—2 Chronicles 32:22

8—SATURDAY

For Misses Gladys McClanahan, Lillie Mae Weatherford and Missionary Valez, workers among Mexicans, El Paso, Texas
The upright shall dwell in Thy presence.—Psalm 140:13

9—SUNDAY

That this day be one of holy service and prayer
The redeemed of the Lord shall . . . come with singing.—Isaiah 51:11

10—MONDAY

For great spiritual success in work of Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Glass and Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Pruitt, Hwanghsien, China
My times are in Thy hand.—Psalm 31:15

11—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Wilson Fielder and Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Fielder, evangelistic work, Chengchow, China
Thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.—Psalm 4:8

12—WEDNESDAY

For greater achievements at this important crisis of 75 Million Campaign
Be not dismayed for I am thy God.—Isaiah 41:10

13—THURSDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. W. W. Adams, Rev. and †Mrs. I. V. Larson and †Mrs. Jewell L. Daniel, evangelistic and school work, Laiyang, China
Ye are Christ's.—1 Corinthians 3:23

14—FRIDAY

For God's blessing upon evangelism in negro churches
That they might know . . . Jesus Christ—John 17:3

15—SATURDAY

For the encouragement of Misses Mary D. Willeford, C. A. Miller and Alice Huey in their good work, Laichowfu, China
Guide me with Thy counsel.—Psalm 73:24

†W.M.U. Training School Alumnae

Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists September, 1923

The Word of God is the instrument through which the Holy Spirit works, it is the sword of the Spirit in more senses than one; and the one who would know the work of the Holy Spirit in any direction must feed upon the Word. The one who would pray in the Spirit must meditate upon the Word, that the Holy Spirit may have something through which He can work. The Holy Spirit works His prayer in us through the Word, and neglect of the Word makes praying in the Holy Spirit an impossibility. If we would feed the fire of our prayers with the fuel of the Word, all difficulties in prayer would disappear.—Dr. R. A. Torrey

Topic: Evangelism and the Local Church

16—SUNDAY

That the Relief and Annuity Board be made financially able to give adequate service
The Lord forsaketh not His saints.—Psalm 37:28

17—MONDAY

For evangelistic and school work of Misses †Pearl Todd, Ida Taylor and Rachel Newton, Chefoo, China
It is God that girdeth me.—Psalm 18:32

18—TUESDAY

Thanksgiving for precious results from evangelistic meetings in foreign mission schools
They looked unto Him and were lightened.—Psalm 34:5

19—WEDNESDAY

That blessings continue to follow work of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Benson among Mexicans, San Antonio, Texas
The Lord is my helper.—Hebrews 13:6

20—THURSDAY

That the Holy Spirit multiply the work of Home Mission Board evangelists and singers
Well pleased to impart the Gospel of God—1 Thessalonians 2:8

21—FRIDAY

That God grant us the blessing of closing Campaign free from debt for His work
How shall they preach except they be sent?—Romans 10:15

22—SATURDAY

For Misses †Jessie Crouse, †Alberta Lee Davis and †Marie Ruth Leonard, new missionaries to Argentina and Uruguay
The Lord is thy keeper.—Psalm 121:5

23—SUNDAY

That increased Sunday school

evangelism strengthen our churches
In His love . . . He redeemed them.—Isaiah 63:9

24—MONDAY

Pray earnestly for work of National Brazilian Home Mission Board.
With good will doing service, as to the Lord—Ephesians 6:7

25—TUESDAY

That God continue to bless work of Misses †Bertha Smith, †Doris Knight and †Alda Grayson, Lai-chowfu, China
He is on my right hand.—Acts 2:25

26—WEDNESDAY

That we be mighty in prayer and willing in spirit for Campaign needs
Ask . . . and do those things which are pleasing in His sight.—1 John 3:22

27—THURSDAY

Pray with thanksgiving for work of Misses †Reitha Hight, †Mildred Matthews, Bessie Harrell and Edelmira Robinson, Havana, Cuba
He taught them.—Matthew 7:29

28—FRIDAY

That the declining years of our pastors be free from anxiety
At evening time it shall be light.—Zechariah 14:7

29—SATURDAY

For Revs. C. W. Burnett, Robert Hamilton and M. B. Hunt, workers for Indians in Oklahoma
As ye go, preach.—Matthew 10:7

30—SUNDAY

For a revival of prayer among prayerless church members
That we may obtain mercy and find grace.—Hebrews 4:16

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PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER

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.

Hymn—The Church's One Foundation

Prayer for a "Closer Walk with God"

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Hymn—(Favorite of Largest Number Present)

Closing Business

1. The Local Church
Christ's love-work for the church is threefold: past, present, future: for love He gave Himself to redeem the church; in love He is sanctifying the church; for the reward of His sacrifice and labor of love He will present the church to Himself in flawless perfection, "one pearl of great price".—C. I. Schofield, D.D.

The local church is to Christendom what the mainspring is to the watch. World Christianity, like the minute hand, points ever onward on the dial of church history; denominational organization moves up to the call of the hour, and an epoch in church history is proclaimed, passed and its march goes on. But the local church is the real workshop, the source of supplies for Christ's work: it is there the individual soul is born, evangelization taught, men and women trained as units of power and youth brought into the regenerate body for service. Wherever the Spirit touches the mechanism of the local church it moves true and announces to the world: "Behold now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation!"

That only about half of the membership of the great majority of the churches have the church-going habit and that only ninety-five out of one hundred have ever done personal soul winning service is not to say that the local church has failed; this only shows that it is an unworked field of rich possibilities. It is the Spirit-filled, the Gideon's band, the church within the church that becomes the vibrant mainspring, the wheel within wheels of the organized church of Christ. These faithful ones are the power which moves the great Christian church toward the time when the final hour shall strike and the Bridegroom shall come forth to receive the Bride whose raiment shall be "fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness

of saints". Will the "one-half of Christ's army who remain in their tents while the battle goes on" be so arrayed?

Eleven years ago Charles Roads, Christian student of church history, warned the church of a crisis in Christian progress in these words: "The next great movement of Christendom must, of necessity, be the development of the local church. Shall we not now get for ourselves the vision of the powerful local church? The vision Christ saw in the constitution and charter He gave to His church is the most practical today. The modern organizing spirit and practical methods which have made Christian civilization will at last get into the church and she who has accomplished wonders of accession and discipleship with a small fraction at work will sweep the world when all her resources are engaged". Then follows these suggestions from the same able pen: "(1) Organization perfected and extended to the last member. (2) The willing ones to be the nucleus of power, the quickest way to large results. (3) Sacrifice for Christ in gratitude for His life and death for us. This is no sentiment but a plain practical principle. (4) Obedience to the call of God to leaders and workers". These suggestions are as adaptable today as they were eleven years ago and as they were in apostolic times. "Using them the early church lived and conquered through centuries of difficulties and opposition. The Reformation returned to them and swept over Europe with spiritual Christianity. The revivals and missionary expansions of recent years came in the same way."

2. The Ministry of the Unordained

Why is it when our thoughts dwell upon the various plans for winning souls to Christ that we hark back to the methods of the early church? What was it that brought thousands into this New Testament church? "First there was the testimony of Scripture concerning Christ; next His atoning death and triumphant resurrection, then came the commission to His disciples to tell the good news to the whole world." This is evangelism as the early church understood it—faith in the Word of God and in the Son of God and obedience to the commission from God. "They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Gospel." In the main the church has been loyal to its evangelizing commission and has been successful in the same proportion as it has been evangelistic. One writer of early church history tells us that Christ's program for the church had worked too well to please Satan, so he introduced into it the idea that "witnessing" was mainly if not wholly the business of the clergy and that the laity might concern themselves only with their salvation. This plan ushered in that period of time we call "Dark Ages", some call it the "Devil's Millennium". Are some of us still lingering in the shadow of that dark period of church history? Christ meant that every member of His church should be a soul winner, the evangelists, pastors and teachers instructing and leading them into this service. Spurgeon had three thousand active soul winners in his church who were taking the Gospel invitation to other thousands who never came to the church. The proportion of success of that church equalled the individual evangelistic effort. We are not all called to fill a pulpit but every believer in Christ is called to preach His Gospel. He will give the power with the opportunity." "We must, therefore, look upon the pastorate as a spiritual generalship, not a religious lectureship. Pastors and evangelists are not the official soul winners of the church, they are the trainers of the church members in soul winning." "But a lot of us are not on the job", says one of them.

"The question is not how many belong to the church but how much does church membership mean. This is something on which no census can be taken. It is even possible that growth in numbers might mean a genuine loss. Surely it would be a loss if it were to lull us into a sense of smug satisfaction or to delude us as to what constitutes real success. Real success must be measured by the extent to which we

have put the church into the community and not by the extent to which we have brought the community into the church."

Dr. A. H. Gage, author of "Evangelism of Youth", writes in a most able way of the Sunday school as a soul winning agency. We pass along some wise words of the counsel gleaned from this book to officers and teachers in our Bible schools: "Youth is the golden hour for evangelism. Wherever people study the Word of God it is comparatively easy to win them to the Bible way of living. The Sunday school is organized and equipped for effective evangelism. It should therefore be the purpose of the school to win its scholars to personal allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ and into actual service for Him. Teachers should be selected who have the evangelistic spirit, and they should remember that they teach only a little by what they say, more by what they do and most by what they are. It is a solemn obligation and a precious privilege."

"There are four periods of deep religious interest in youth. The seasons of the soul are: (1) *The Nine Year Old*. For the child that has had a good home training and a good spiritual Sunday school training there is often a beautiful religious awakening at the age of nine or ten. (2) *The Twelve Year Old*. Every girl and boy around the twelfth year is religious and can be easily won to the Lord Jesus. Was not Jesus twelve years old when He had His religious experience in the temple? (3) *The Fifteen Year Old*. There is a religious interest around the fifteenth year. Many conversions come at this time. It is very evident that God gives this religious interest for the purpose of Christianizing the social life of youth. (4) *The Eighteen Year Old*. There is a period of religious interest around the eighteenth year. Both the social and physical forces are strong but the dominant faculty of life is now the intellectual. God wants the brain power of the young Christian. Hence the appeal must be made in the terms of the intellect."

"There are plenty of statistics to show that eighty-five per cent of additions to the Protestant churches come through the Sunday school. A survey of thirty-four schools showed that fully sixty per cent of officers and teachers were won to Christ by the time they had reached their thirteenth year. Many others around the fifteenth, sixteenth and eighteenth year, while only ten per cent became Christians after they were twenty years of age."

"Decision Day should never be attempted without weeks of careful preparation. Never spring such a service upon teachers or upon pupils. On that day do not attempt a lesson. Let some one present the claims of Christ, simply, directly and challengingly. The decisions or declarations (either cards of public declaration can be planned for) are secured by each teacher. Sometimes a few of the teachers can be asked for their personal testimony telling when they became Christians and the value of the Christ in their lives. Everything is very quiet. They come one by one as God's spirit speaks to them. There is no urging except from within. After those who are ready have come the leader asks all members of the church present and all teachers who will pledge to the young converts their help to come forward and stand back of them. Above all do not neglect the follow-up work."

A business man in his early forties and an elderly woman happened to meet at a public occasion. There was a warm handclasp and happy salutations. Said the gentleman, "I do not see you often but whenever I do I always want to tell you how much I value all I learned in your Sunday school class, it has helped me to live rightly. Sometimes I think all I know of God was learned in that class". "Well", was the reply, "I learned too, you were such bright boys I had to study hard to keep up with you". This teacher had held her class through all four of those "seasons of the soul" and had had the joy of seeing almost every boy accept Christ during either one or the other of them.

We are often amazed at what God can do with the weakest effort of one of His children. The boy whose life you have influenced may go far on the way you have opened to him,

"And he may see what you have never seen,
May find new ways your feet have never trod,
And he may go where you have never been,
For after all the greatest of us plod".

We feel the push of youth back of us, not aggressive but the gentle, steady push of growing plants, seeking the space, sunlight and air which is the right of every growing thing from the hand of God. It is not enough just to step aside to make room for these sons and daughters. If we would have them as grownup plants in the house of the Lord we must nourish, train and "lead the young people gently into places of joyous responsibility". The importance of this service needs no discussion and our Baptist churches are training their young people through the Sunday school, the B.Y.P.U. and the junior auxiliaries of the Woman's Missionary Union. These organizations must always exist for the young people and never the young people for the organization lest they consider them as their whole work and not as a training camp for the larger Christian duties of the church. To new leaders in young people's work the following suggestions may be welcome: (1) *Prayer*. Place strong emphasis on the devotional feature of the meetings. Young people do respond to this part of the program. (2) *Soul Winning*. Make clear that evangelization is the aim of the organization. Study the Great Commission word by word. (3) *Methods*. In preparing posters and notices of meetings give the young people the initiative, their productions may be bright, witty and even foolish but slang expressions and meaningless by-words should be discouraged, these lower both the standard of the church and the ideals of the young people themselves. (4) *Singing*. Good music and good literature in hymns will never take the merriment out of the heart of youth. There may be occasions when youthful spirits must find expression in jazz and ragtime but these are not worshipful occasions. Replies to questionnaires sent to thousands of churchgoers by a musical magazine asking each one for a list of ten best beloved hymns placed "Abide with Me" as America's favorite hymn. The second on the list "Nearer My God to Thee" is dear to our hearts as we remember that it was sung by those who went bravely and trustingly down with the *Titanic*. The eight others were hymns of high order and the chosen ten are cited as a "credit to the religious fervor and robustness of the musical taste of our country". Link the best hymns with incidents of their history and usage and you will hear young voices putting this spirit into their singing.

Paul could not have had missions in his mind when he gave the injunction that if the women of the church of Corinth wished to "learn anything let them ask their husbands at home". We wonder how many husbands could tell us very much about missions and mission work and missionaries. Perhaps some of the Sunbeams could tell us more about these things than their father or big brother. Of course our noble and faithful pastors and deacons earnestly believe that the prime objective of the church is evangelism. They preach and sacrifice to give the knowledge of Christ to the whole world, but as a general thing they are not engaged in the missionary activities of the church. They are missing the information, interest and inspiration which come to the women of the church through their mission study classes. Why not have the women's missionary society introduce the Church School of Missions? "This school is a rather new idea and is one of great promise in mission study. It is the whole church membership organized into graded classes, studying simultaneously for a period of from six to ten weeks the whole world field. It

is not a theory. It has been a clearly thought out and successfully operated plan of missionary education which seeks to include the entire church in its classes. It has passed beyond the experimental stage and is being commended on every hand. It has been tried by many churches large and small—city, suburban and rural—in our own denomination and in others throughout the United States and all are enthusiastic about it. It is adaptable to local conditions—it works." This is the testimony of one who has established several such schools. This united study should stimulate interest in the greatest thing in the world, lead to a life of service and certainly have a good effect upon the midweek prayer meetings. At a recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention the Church School of Missions was recommended as a practical means for spreading information and creating greater enthusiasm for the missionary enterprise of the church. The Woman's Missionary Union strongly endorses this plan. For information about mission study books write to your state W.M.U. headquarters, also see pages 62-64 of Year Book for 1923-24.

A good way for the women to keep silent in the churches would be to get some intelligent layman (spare the hard worked pastor) to conduct the adult classes, members of this class taking the junior classes. The 75 Million Campaign Commission is seeking to have each church conduct at least one class for the study of a book on stewardship, the deacons being especially urged to join.

Two-thirds of all Baptists are women. It is the exception when there are not more women than men in attendance on the church services. These facts give no occasion for sounding the trumpet but rather for asking ourselves, "Do we bear two-thirds of the responsibility for souls?" Do we pray for the same pure passion for souls that dwelt in the Master? Do we seek to interest the uninterested? If our church is inclined to sleepiness are we in touch of the little wires of visiting, invitations to women's meetings, kindly notes and other ways known to women that will awaken without alarming our church family? We are not seeking the rostrum but great duties devolve upon us. Only once have we ever wished to see a woman in the pulpit and that was on "Mothers' Day" when a dear young bachelor pastor told the mothers in Israel how to raise their families. We pictured some godly mother of long experience bringing a message to all who wished to honor motherhood, past, present and future. That was but a passing vision. Woman can best bear her share in the Kingdom service in other ways, such as missionary intelligence, Sunday school teaching, relief work and above all in praying for the activities of the church and for its pastor, officers and leaders. We have heard of an occasion when a mere handful of faithful women, by their prayers and gentleness, stood between a church and its dissolution. Our women's organizations have developed marvelously and through them we can serve the local church in many ways, especially in training the young people.

Churches are often criticized for being cold and unfriendly to strangers. Some two or three years ago a newspaper reporter, wishing to test this criticism, dressed as a down and outer and visited a large and wealthy church in order to write up his experience. To the everlasting credit of the church the usher cordially led the "poor man in vile raiment" to a "good place". But the crowning paragraph of the write-up was about the gray haired, silken clad woman who sat next to him, offered him half of her hymn book, placed her purse carelessly on the seat between them and did not even look to see if he gave anything in the collection. After the benediction his friendly neighbor spoke to him, urged him to come again and to be sure to tell the usher "to seat you here in my pew". Cannot our women, especially the older ones, pronounce a second benediction on the church service by courteous attention to the lonely and friendless stranger? The social feature is an asset to the church and one especially adapted to feminine usage. Do you think the gentle request of Jesus

at the well, "Give me to drink", was refused by the Samaritan women? Did her interview with Jesus bring others to believe on Him?

Not all the saints are in the church windows. Some of the beloved of God dwell among us in the flesh—our dear old pastors. How often have the unchurched stood astounded at the careless attitude of Christians toward our aged ministers. Happily this stigma is being removed from the Christian church. Yet now and then comes to our ears an instance of neglect that would shame a secular business organization in its attitude toward an old and faithful employee. One of these was the case of "a dear old pastor who had preached Christ for fifty years. Then came a time when his deacons told him he could not possibly continue to do the work of the parish, they must have a younger man. His life companion had gone home the previous summer and was spared this sorrowful experience but her death had left the old minister without an earthly comforter. Then came the failure of the bank in which his small savings had been kept. He lost every cent. That night a fire destroyed his personal property, it was with difficulty his life was saved. A paper was circulated for his financial assistance. The Sunday night following he stood before his old congregation and said, 'I wanted to speak to you for I desired you to know in the midst of all that has happened to me there is a calmness within. The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord!' One who sat by his side rose and said, 'If I did not already know the source of that calmness I would seek Jesus with all my heart, for there is nothing in education, money or position—nothing indeed this side of the gates that swing into glory—that would calm a tempest like this except 'My grace is sufficient for thee'".

No message ever given by this aged saint could have been more evangelistic than this testimony, no prayer greater. Would you not rather have stood in the place of that old minister than in the place of the "congregation of the righteous (?)"? Instead of the charity gift on the subscription paper there should have been the honorable retirement with an annuity. The provision for the aged and disabled ministry is not a charity but one of the highest duties of the church. Our own Relief and Annuity Board calls upon us through the 75 Million Campaign, that it may apply its apportionment of \$5,000,000 to endowment and carrying forward its relief work. "It is not by the monk in his cell or by the saint in his closet but by the valiant worker in humble sphere and through quiet days that the church of God moves forward."

"I saw a saint. How canst thou tell that he
Thou sawest was a saint?
I saw one like to Christ so luminously
By patient deeds of love, his mortal taint
Seemed made his groundwork for humility."

—Christine Rossetti

Christ made the fishing for men the first thing in His program. Directly upon His return from the temptation and His anointing with the Holy Spirit He chose the twelve. Almost immediately we find both Mark and Luke recording His mingled exhortation and command: "Come ye after me and I will make you fishers of men".

John had not gone half way through his first chapter until he tells us of the experience of Andrew and himself in soul winning. He says that Andrew outran him, setting down his testimony in these words: "He first findeth his brother Simon—and he brought him to Jesus". In this record therefore there is set down the account of the first man who ever won another man as a follower of Christ. Of all the widening and deepening river of soul winning which has been broadening on us

through the ages Andrew was the spring and the source. He was the first man who was made a fisher of men.

One has only to open the Acts of the Apostles and read those stirring chapters straight through from the ascension on through Pentecost to the end of that particular record of things which Jesus "both began to do and to teach" to see that the leading characters of that book were the soul winners. Peter at Pentecost drove straight ahead for conversions. He preached a crucified Redeemer and the remission of sins and demanded immediate repentance and faith.

Paul was not to be swerved from his business of soul winning even by imprisonment and earthquake. At midnight he and Silas were practicing hymns in their inner prison, and amid the dust and wreckage of the earthquake which set him free we hear him say to a penitent jailer "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved". How his epistles are filled with his passionate pleading that men shall turn from dead works to serving the living God!—Bishop Stutz in the *Christian Advocate*

We could fill a book with thoughts on evangelism of the good and the great, but there are none more compelling than those of the Master Evangelist: "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men". And these constraining words are reflected in those of His great and humble follower, David Livingstone, when he gave to the London Missionary Society as his reason for missionary service: "My desire is to see the kingdom of my Saviour established in the hearts of those who are now in that state in which I myself once was".

"Lord Christ, Thy second touch our hearts demand,
Each separate soul to see, his wounds to salve,
His wants to understand and lead him home to Thee."

QUESTIONS ON PROGRAM TOPIC FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. What is the richest heritage of the Christian church?
2. Who are God's chosen people today?
3. Has a non-Christian any obligations to the church?
4. What do you consider are the greatest hindrances to the local church?
5. What was the "Devil's Millenium"?
6. Who in the church are the most responsible for soul winning?
7. Is there any Scriptural authority for Sunday schools?
8. Does a natural and healthy growth come to your church from the Sunday school? If not, why?
9. What value has music in the church service?
10. What is your favorite hymn? Can you sing or repeat it with the book closed?
11. What is your opinion of the church as a social asset?
12. What are the relative positions of the young and the old in the church?
13. Who, as far as we know, was the first disciple of Christ who won another to follow Him?
14. What would you say it means to be a Christian in the twentieth century?

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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 3 will also prove attractive additions.

FIRST MEETING

Topic—Watch

Hymn—The Church's One Foundation
Bible Lesson—The First Church, Acts

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Prayer for the 28,000 Churches of the
Southern Baptist Convention

The Church the Mainspring, General
Program, Par. 1

Everybody Moving, General Program,
Par. 2

Song—Win One Today

The Golden Hour

Prayer for Lost Friends

Hymn—Living, He Loved Me

Winding the Watch to Win

Prayer for Evangelistic Fervor in the
Church

Our Debt to the Timekeepers, General
Program, Par. 7

Hymn—I Sought for a Golden Har-
vest

The Church the Mainspring

PARAGRAPH 1 of the general program brings suggestive thoughts for a brief talk on the value of the local church as the mainspring force of Christendom. Perhaps the Y.W.A. pastor may be invited to speak here, magnifying adequately the local church. No matter how humble the building, no matter how poorly equipped, let us honor our local churches because the church is the bride of Christ. Sometimes other organizations seek to subordinate the real value of the church. Let Y.W.A.'s realize that the church is a God-given institution, that out of its activities have developed other organizations for good but that none may ever supersede it in Kingdom work.

Everybody Moving

THE church so centers about the individual that *you are* the church and it functions, as God meant, only as you are busy winning the lost. See paragraph 2. The very motto of the Y.W.A.

organization should strengthen the purpose of its members to be soul-winners. (Quote Daniel 12:3.) There is great joy in being used to lead another into the Kingdom of God. There is also the reward of further fellowship with the Master who brought salvation.

"Have you looked for the sheep in the desert;

For those who have missed their way?
Have you been to the wild waste places
Where the lost and the wandering
stray?

Have you trodden the lonely highway,
The foul and darksome street?

It may be you'd see in the gloaming
The print of My wounded feet."

The Golden Hour

Y. W.A. members are often Sunday school teachers, so this knowledge of the most natural times for leading children to their Saviour will be helpful. The last high period of religious interest is just within the Y.W.A. membership age. Let the one who speaks on the topic refer to general program, paragraph 3, and lay the matter heavily on the hearts of the Y.W.A. Read the message from Dr. Truett given in paragraph 8. Dr. Truett some years ago declined the presidency of Baylor University saying, "I have sought the shepherd heart and found it". His life of evangelistic fervor shows that his passion for souls is that of the Good Shepherd; we must have more "shepherd hearts".

Winding the Watch to Win

PARAGRAPH 4 gives helpful suggestions as to how to go about a soul-winning campaign. Y.W.A. girls should be active personal workers in any evangelistic services of the church. They can indeed aid greatly in the prayer sessions preparatory to the meetings and in the praying which must continue throughout the meetings. Certainly they can give publicity to the meetings

by telling friends and acquaintances of them and urging their presence. They can be gracious to visitors; see paragraph 6. They can talk with friends who are interested in finding Jesus Christ. Y.W.A.'s can sing with a seriousness of purpose and with prayers in their hearts and so make the music attractive and "a channel of blessing" also.

Our Debt to the Timekeepers

IF the church is the mainspring of our religious life perhaps we may term the pastors of our churches the "timekeepers". Do we really appreciate our pastors? What if Y.W.A. members had to make two new sermons every week and a third talk for prayer meeting between times? Do Y.W.A.'s really pray for their pastors? Do Y.W.A.'s thank them for their helpful messages from God? Common courtesy would give expression in grateful appreciation if young women thought for a minute how empty their lives would be without the inspiration of Sunday's worship. Let Y.W.A. members pledge themselves to be more thoughtful of their pastors. See paragraph 7 of general program.

SECOND PROGRAM

Fashion Hints for Fall Plan Cutting

CERTAINLY September meetings should rally together all the old members after vacation's idle days and should bring in the new young women who have moved into the community to attend school or to teach. The executive committee will want to present the Standard of Excellence as the pattern for the fall activities. Perhaps these hints on fall styles will give an added bit of interest to the presentation, each point being presented by the officer or committee chairman whose work it touches. The devotion will include the reading of the W.M.U. watchword for 1923-24, II Corinthians 5:5, and there will need to be earnest prayers that the auxiliary may do that for which God has given it existence.

The first point on the standard calls for twelve gatherings and advance fashion plates show gathers grouped here and there in skirts. Y.W.A. cutting and fall plans will have at least the twelve and will find that double that number or even up to one meeting a week is even more becoming.

Since the next point calls for increase in membership it must mean "plaits", for there the cloth doubles on itself. Y.W.A. must indeed "double you" to live up to its middle initial.

The apportionment refers to "pockets" beyond a doubt. Y.W.A. girls will want to reach way down to the bottom of their pockets and empty them for Jesus' sake into the great Campaign.

Applique continues to be a prime favorite among dress trimmings. Thus reports will always be joyful affairs to state and associational officers, bright spots to see, not dull bits of disappointment because they are delayed and never sent.

The fall fashion forecasts say, "Bows anywhere". That must refer to "ROYAL SERVICE" for Y.W.A. members want it everywhere and anywhere. Be sure to have many subscriptions to it, to "Home and Foreign Fields", to your state paper and even one to "WORLD COMRADES", too.

And the new dresses have flounces—special seasons—the three which began when flounces were fashionable before and, now that they have "come in" again, should receive greater attention. State mission, home and foreign mission weeks of prayer observed will add greatly to the beauty of Y.W.A. development.

Then mission study is point seven. That is the trim hat which limits the vision to see nearby objects—home missions—or the broad brimmed hat that gives protection for a long look—foreign missions. The fall study books are splendid ones, especially "Cuba for Christ" as a home mission book and "The Leaven in Japan" as the foreign study.

Queen Anne's lace is the name given to the wayside-flowering bush because her deeds of kindness were spread along the highway wherever she walked. Y.W.A. girls should plan their fall activities to be decorated by the lace collar of beautiful personal service.

Don't you like the monograms on fall blouses? That is so the secretary can see in a minute that every one is present and the one-half average attendance is far over-reached.

Capes are still good. They always

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COLLEGE Y. W. A.



TO COLLEGE GIRLS' MOTHERS

SEPTEMBER and school—the two “s’s” are inevitably linked together under our present educational system. September and school—weigh the words and one finds much reason for pause in anticipation of all that September, the first month of the school year, must mean to the young people still studying in grammar and high schools; yet the balance of importance weighs heavier when college students are under consideration. The marked change in conditions of life from home to dormitory, the different mode of thinking, the concentrated study required in class preparation, the necessity for selecting friends “to grapple to one’s side with hoops of steel”—all are new to the student who has been a dignified senior and now becomes a “green and verdent freshman”. Perhaps your daughter is among the number, mother-who-reads-ROYAL SERVICE; doubtless out of the daughters in your church if not in your own home there are these ready-for-college young women. There may be a tug of distress at your heart as you think of the problems which must be met by these eager young women; have you asked yourself how best to fortify them for those problems? You can indeed help in the adjustment to the new life in such a way that the habits of church attendance need not be upset, that the religious interests which have heretofore sent them to Sunday school and Y.W.A. and other church meetings need not be lost or submerged for the while.

Let these daughters venturing forth feel that the organization to which their mother belongs, Woman’s Missionary Union, because of its mother-heart will be ready to welcome them in the college home. Send the names of students going to college to your state college correspondent and she will notify the College Y.W.A. or the local W.M.S. of their coming. Talk much of the affiliation which the daughter herself may have, indeed should have with the College Y.W.A. If she goes to a Baptist school there will doubtless be such an organization on the campus; if she goes to some state schools she will find it waiting there, in others she may be His agent to organize. The College Y.W.A. programs follow the line of W.M.U. thinking for the year and the missionary programs will be in strict accord with those outlined for all W.M.U. organizations based on a study of young womanhood in other lands. To provide for weekly meetings three other series of programs will be suggested in the College Y.W.A. Bulletin, each prepared by a woman eminently fitted for such work. One will be eight studies of out-standing women in various professions today. Another series will set forth lines of useful service, full-time Christian activities and those in connection with home duties or business. The fourth set of programs will follow such helpful themes as The Girl and Her Church, The Girl and Her Bible, The Girl at the Lord’s Supper, The Girl and Her Baptism. Do not these seem worthwhile topics for the consideration of our college girls? Then advise your daughter from the very first to include the College Y.W.A. in her schedule that it may become a mighty factor in her development. Subscribe to the College Bulletin for her; it will bring her Daily Bible Readings carefully selected with the main thought brought out by a poignant question or sentence. (Price \$1 from W.M.U. Office, 1111 Jefferson Co. Bank Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.) The College Y.W.A. will help her as she faces the college problems, will steady her faith and bring to her opportunity for expression of her developing religious nature. Help her to know that you want her to be loyal to it and she will love it as she does the local Y.W.A. which she leaves with reluctance, for it has led her to Yoke, Work, Abide—College Y.W.A. will fill out abundantly those three words.



G. A. DEPARTMENT



G.A. GIVEN ADDED ATTRACTIVENESS

TO many people the letters G.A. have only one meaning and surely no one would becloud the challenging thought of Girls’ Auxiliary with all that it suggests of correlation with the widespread activities of W.M.U. There are other meanings too, however, which may make the letters G.A. more attractive by cleverly suggesting various phases of G.A. life. The initials certainly stand for *Girls Ambitious*. Every real girl of from twelve to sixteen years of age is ambitious. Now that fall days are beginning let the executive committee be especially ambitious in setting an A-1 standard to be attained during the coming months. Vacation is over; eager, rested girls are ready to double their energies in G.A. activities. By using words beginning with our G. and A. the Standard of Excellence can be well presented. *Girls Ambitious* will call for a general presentation of the standard, an explanation of its adoption by all W.M.U. in annual session at Kansas City. Last year the reports showed only 173 A-1 G.A.’s. but in the coming year *Girls Ambitious* will far exceed that number, comparatively quite too small when remembering that there are 2162 Girls’ Auxiliaries in our southern states. The first point on the standard may be explained by a G.A. meaning *Gaily Assembling*, for there is vital necessity for at least a monthly meeting with the programs from WORLD COMRADES and truly the wisest course calls for two or four meetings each month. An increase in active membership as required by point 2 is readily seen by G.A. interpreted as *Gladly Adding*, for girls will want to add others to their roll and increase the number of *Girls Ambitious*. Do not be content until all the girls of G.A. age are actually enlisted in the auxiliary. *Generously Administering* will bespeak a ready response to the challenge set by “Meeting Apportionment”. G.A. hearts are generous in answering needs known and the fall plans will surely give knowl-

edge of world needs both by the programs and by mission study classes. This year calls for writing *Generously Administering* in red letters, for the campaign must go on succeeding and our girls will want to help W.M.U. bring in her ten million dollars in the coming months. If they know through *Greatly Abounding* in knowledge of God and His work the gifts will care for themselves. Nothing can be more truly fascinating for girlhood than the biographies of noble missionaries and the story of the change that comes to the girlhood of a nation when Christ comes into the heart of that nation; point 6 reads “One mission study class” but G.A. makes it *Greatly Abounding* or *Going Afar* for this winter our G.A. study book is “The Honorable Japanese Fan”. Regular reports which are sometimes such bug-bears to the secretary and such trials to state officers when neglected are covered by *Giving Attention*, for no G.A. could willfully be heedless when she considered the necessity that demands reporting if all Baptist girlhood is to be truly united. *Gravely Asking* will stimulate the observance of the three special seasons for prayer and gifts for state, home and foreign missions, and will again remind us to lay great emphasis on our thank-offerings. *Gently Altering* brings to mind the personal service deeds which wait for girlhood’s quick sympathy—thus point seven is cared for and the personal service committee has fine opportunity to outline its plans for the year’s work as this phase of G.A. is considered. *Growing Attendance* brings out the eighth point and the Standard of Excellence is all before the G.A. members ready for adoption by *Girls Alert*.

For a meeting let the girls arrange other slogans using the letters G.A. for the first words. The wide-awake counselor realizes that, with September here, the half way mark in this convention year is almost reached. Check up on

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R. A. DEPARTMENT



R.A'S. AND THEIR CHURCH

THE "r" which ends September must be the beginning of real Royal Ambassador work for the fall. All through the summer the W. M.S. of many a town has put off organizing its boys because it was vacation time and hard to get them together. Vacation is over now and fall is on us with our boys ready for the thrill of missions. "But we haven't a leader!" Over and over that pitiful, self-condemning excuse is offered. There are ways of securing leaders. Have you prayed about the matter, not once or twice but persistently and while you prayed have you sought for the answer to your prayers? What of the new school teacher who has but recently come to your town? What about the young business man, who is just entering nicely into his work, or the college student who couldn't go back to his studies this term? Challenge one of the out-standing and up-standing men with the possibility of service for Jesus Christ as chief counselor of the R.A. Chapter. Give them the leaflet "How Bob Was Won", which shows the value of R.A. work. If your W.M.S. has not received a copy your state leader wants to send you one on request. If no man answers the challenge, find a young woman who will. The God who gave life to the boys of R.A. age has a leader to lead them into life broad and deep with missionary purposes: find that one in September.

But your chapter may be already organized, only it is lagging a bit. Stir it up, then, for lag is not an R.A. word. Ready, energetic, vigorous, growing make a good R.A. vocabulary. Use them. Church is a fine R.A. word with its important "r". The month's programs are dealing with the church, and boys will enjoy the programs suggested in WORLD COMRADES. Don't fail to follow them out. Magnify the local church, for it is His. See what sort of community would exist without any church; note its by-products. Many boys of R.A. age are the age of the Master who went into the temple when

He visited Jerusalem with His parents—are your boys forming like church-going habits? WORLD COMRADES programs will help greatly. Use the following "Rules for Killing a Church" to suggest ways in which boys can help in their churches. The Knightly Deeds Embassy should give practical expression to the program thoughts by cleaning up the church yard and the church house, too. A knight would not have his armor scarred, the shield marred or scratched, but look at the hymn books! Then get a number of erasers and go to work cleaning up the silly remarks interpolated in titles and refrains. The hymn books are necessary to church life as armor to the knight, so create a guardian spirit for them in R.A. hearts. The chairs may need straightening and fixing; will all the windows open easily? R.A's. will enjoy putting in weights and cords, especially if W.M.S. feeds them after all such jobs are done. If boys have a part in the upkeep of the church it is more truly theirs and the spirit of possessing brings the desire to attend and will lead to a spirit of reverence. Discuss the work of the pastor in order to make R.A's. appreciate him more.

RULES FOR KILLING A CHURCH

1. Do not come.—Ps. 42:4
2. If you do come, come late.—Ps. 84:10
3. If too wet or too dry, too hot or too cold, do not think of coming.—Ps. 122:1
4. Do not imagine the front seats are intended for you—people might think you are conceited.
5. Come bound to find fault.—Ps. 100:4
6. Do not, for the world, ever think of praying for your pastor or the church.—2 Thess. 3:1
7. Do not encourage the pastor but tell his faults to others.—Gal. 6:1. If his sermons help you, do not let him know it; it might make him vain.
8. If you see a stranger in the audience do not offer to shake hands or ask

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SUNBEAM DEPARTMENT



SUNBEAMS AND SUNDAY WORSHIP

THE growing tendency to let children be absent from regular church worship because they squirm and twist is a challenge to Sunbeam Bands to develop in the hearts of their members habits of reverent attention which will help to hold little feet and restless hands and busy tongues still. The habit of church attendance is a result of training. A child is taught to walk, is trained to eat politely: why not then be taught to walk in ways of worship, trained to feed regularly on spiritual food? The Mayflower Program Book contains a splendid story to be told to children to help them to have the right attitude toward the church. The story is condensed here, ready for Sunbeam leaders to expand it and tell it at a program meeting.

"HOW did Polly get the back of her dress so dirty?" Polly's mother was taking off her little daughter's coat now that she was home from a church-school party. "It looks like a footmark. Any one might think that a big muddy boot had stepped on her back. I certainly can't let her wear white any more if the janitor can't keep the chairs cleaner than that."

Suddenly Martyn remembered. He was Polly's brother and had been to the party too. He and Johnnie had been walking on the chairs until one of the teachers stopped them. He was much ashamed. "It was because Johnnie and I walked on the chairs before Polly sat down", he said manfully.

"Walked on chairs!" exclaimed his mother. "But you're not supposed to walk on chairs! You never do that at home."

"But the chairs in Sunday school are so low its hard not to", said Martyn.

"But why were your shoes so muddy; isn't there a mat? You wipe your feet before you come into the house, and you don't walk on chairs in the house. Why do you do it at church?" His mother was quite puzzled.

"Church is different", said Martyn.

"How is it different?"

"Well, it isn't yours the way your house is, so it doesn't matter so much."

"Oh!" said Martyn's mother, "If the church isn't yours, whose is it?"

"I didn't know it was anybody's unless maybe Mr. Gregory's." Mr. Gregory was their minister.

"Why, how did you get such a funny idea in your head?" asked his mother. "The church is yours, dear, almost as much as your home is. It belongs to all of us, to your father and Polly and you and me and Johnnie's father and mother and to all the families who go to the church. We don't live in it because it was built just for a place where we could go and learn about God and sing and pray to Him, but it is ours just the same. We are to take care of it because it was built for God. Since we have our homes to care for and no one of us can take the whole care of the church we pay a man to do it. He is called the janitor."

"Mr. Merrill?" asked Martyn.

"Yes, but he can't keep our church clean and neat if the rest of us bring in dirt and walk on the chairs with muddy shoes, any more than I could keep our house clean if you never wiped your feet."

"I didn't know the church was partly mine", said Martyn as he washed his hands for supper. He thought about it as he ate and as he went to bed he was still thinking about it in the darkness when the room was suddenly all light. An angel stood there, holding out his hands to him.

"Come", he said, "I will take you on a trip".

Martyn asked if it would be cars or automobiles but the angel answered "No, they are too slow!" Then he took Martyn's hand and started. Martyn was thrilled at really flying. Soon he recognized a church steeple and the angel said: "This is your church".

"Yes, Mother told me it was mine just like my house."

"I shouldn't be very proud of it", said the angel. "It doesn't look like your house."

They went into the primary room. Martyn looked at it—bits of paper on the floor, cooky crumbs from the party, muddy tracks around.

"I didn't know we made such a mess", said Martyn.

"We'll have to go and find the janitor", said the angel.

As they went out Martyn looked at the leaves all over the lawn. They had been in nice piles but he and some other boys had had great fun playing in them and the piles were all gone.

"It's too bad about the leaves", said the angel.

They were hurrying on to the janitor's home and in a minute looked in the window.

A father and mother and little girl were playing dominoes. Just as they looked, the father pushed his chair back and stood up.

"Don't go, Daddy", cried Susie Merrill. "Please finish the game."

"Sorry, but tomorrow's Sunday you know and I must look everything over once more at the church. I did get all in good shape but there was a party this afternoon and sometimes the boys don't wipe their feet."

"Will you be home early?" asked Susie's mother.

"I'll try, but it's turning colder and I must fire up so it will be warm tomorrow. I raked up the leaves but must burn them tonight too."

Martyn felt unhappy—the nice piles were not there to be burned.

"But you can get home by ten, can't you?"

Mr. Merrill shook his head. "You remember after the last party it was midnight before I had finished. If the children stayed in their own room this time that will help."

Martyn felt another twinge. He and three other boys had run up and down in the big church room, playing tag and hide-and-seek until a teacher found them and stopped it.

"I need some new dusters, too."

"Does he have to dust much?" Martyn asked the angel.

"The pews, the racks, the books, the platform furniture, the radiator, the window ledges, the organ, the chairs, the pictures, the cupboards, the tables, the screens, the Bible, the hymn-books!"

But they could not stay longer for there were other visits. They passed Mr. Gregory's home just in time to see him fold up his sermon and take his hat to call on Mrs. Eustace who was very sick. As he reached the door, the telephone rang. He turned to answer and Martyn and the angel heard him say: "Fell? I'll stop and see him this afternoon".

"I suppose he'd come to see me, too, if I were sick", thought Martyn.

"We have one more visit; don't you want to see the trustees?" asked the angel.

"What's a trustee?"

"Some one has to hire the janitor and order the coal, mend the roof, pay the bills, set out shrubs and look after the property generally. So the people get together and decide upon a number of men to do it for the rest. They are trustees. Here we are."

A group of men were seated around a table. Martyn had seen them at church. Two of them passed the collection plate.

"The trouble is Mr. Merrill can't be around every minute. This very afternoon—" and Martyn heard him tell about the piles of leaves that were scattered. "Why shouldn't the children help? It's their church as much as ours."

"It would be a big help, especially when spring comes. They could help keep others off the grass."

"They'd be careful about papers, too", said another.

"Come", said the angel, "We must go home".

Away they flew again. "Thank you", said Martyn when he was home again. "I'll tell the children and we will help. We didn't know it was our house, too."

THE story given above lends itself well to dramatization and could be acted out by the children after they have heard it told. The two programs in WORLD COMRADES with this for a third one should teach even the smallest

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WOMEN FOREIGN MISSIONARIES RECENTLY APPOINTED

Name	Native State	Field
Helen Bagby	Texas	South Brazil
Mattie Alida Baker	South Carolina	South Brazil
Ione Buster	Texas	South Brazil
Mrs. Lila Thomas Cheek	Texas	Central China
Mrs. Eula Hallmark Crouch	Texas	South Brazil
Mrs. Ola Lane Culpepper	Texas	North China
Mrs. Elsie Sampey Duggar	Kentucky	South Brazil
Lilla E. Echols	Georgia	Central China
Elma Elam	Missouri	Africa
Mrs. Ida Johnson Gregory	Texas	South Mexico
Blanche Hamm	Tennessee	North Brazil
Mrs. Astrid Holmer Gunnerfeldt	Sweden	South China
Lillie Mae Hundley	Texas	Central China
Mrs. Ida Flake Hurley	North Carolina	Roumania
Frances Elizabeth King	Tennessee	Interior China
Mrs. Corinne Pearson James	Tennessee	North China
Irene Jeffers	Alabama	Central China
Anne Nora Laseter	Texas	Chili
Nell Darden Lawrence	North Carolina	Interior China
Phebe Elizabeth Lawton	South Carolina	Japan
Grace Crozer Mason	Virginia	Pakhoi
Grace McCoy	Missouri	Chili
Minnie Douglas McIroy	Oregon	Argentina
Winifred Parker Moxon	Massachusetts	Interior China
Mary Helen Phillips	Illinois	Central China
Nellie Lee Putney	Virginia	South China
Lucia May Rodwell	Georgia	South Brazil
Elsie Elizabeth Smith	Georgia	South China
Lillian Thomason	Texas	Central China
Mary Olivia Walters	Florida	Japan
Mrs. Helen Morris Welch	Virginia	Argentina
Grace Wells	South Carolina	Central China
Azile May Wofford	South Carolina	Argentina
Mrs. T. Neil Johnson	North Carolina	Central China

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SOCIETY METHODS



SEEDTIME AND HARVEST

W.M.U. Promotion Service by Mrs. F. K. Pool, South Carolina

Characters:

The Seed—Sunbeams

The Blades—G.A.'s. and R.A.'s.

The Ears—Y.W.A.'s.

The Full Corn—W.M.S.

The Overseer—W.M.U.

The Laborers—Junior Leaders

The Rain—Bible Study and Prayer

The Wind—Mission Study and Giving

The Sunshine—Personal Service

Reader

Foreword:

As an outdoor pageant this may be made most effective. If possible the platform should be large enough to hold all four groups, separated as the plan suggests. It is adaptable, however, to indoors with the groups seated on or near the platform. A careful reading of the lines will suggest proper setting and costuming. For more spectacular display, realistic costumes for seed, blades, ears, full corn, rain, wind and sunshine will be suggested by Dennison Mfg. Co., Framingham, Mass. The reader should stand behind scenes or in some inconspicuous place. She should have a clear, sympathetic voice. Pantomime progresses as lines suggest.

Reader: Prologue

"The sower went forth sowing,	And, warmed by golden sunshine,
The seed in secret slept	And fed by silver rain,
Through weeks of faith and patience	At last the fields were whitened
"Till out the green blade crept;	To harvest once again."

"Behold the Heavenly Sower goes forth with better seed"—(Enter Sunbeams singing to tune of "Jesus Loves Me")

"We are all God's little seed
Planted in a world of need.
We will grow for Him each day
Driving sorrow far away.
We'll grow for Jesus (etc.)
Because we love Him so."

Reader:

And the Heavenly Sower grants to W.M.U. the beautiful privilege of being an overseer for Him. (Enter W.M.U.) She hovers about the seed entrusted to her and calls them Sunbeams because of the possibilities in them for brightening the world around. But W.M.U.'s task includes other plots in the Master's field so she must have a special laborer to look after her little Sunbeam seed. Therefore she calls one whose heart is warm with love and sympathy (Enter Sunbeam leader) and bids her till the soil with jealous care.

But this faithful laborer is not left alone to bring forth fruit. God Himself through W.M.U. sends the refreshing rain of prayer and Bible study, the gentle wind of mission study and giving and the sunshine of personal service (Enter Prayer and Bible Study, Mission Study and Giving, and Personal Service.) These never-failing helpers continue their beautiful work until the chief laborer, walking among her treasures, notes the swelling and bursting of the little Sunbeam seed and, lo, from some of them there appears the peeping green! Then W.M.U. who has watched for this very hour gently speaks to the laborer: "I know how your heart is stirred at the sight of the living green. This is what you have been striv-

ing for, but your special work is with the seed, and God will give you yet other seed to take the place of these which are no longer seed. I have another plot for them, so take these implements and transplant the little green shoots among the blades of which they are now a part". (Presenting of certificates of promotion to thirteen year old Sunbeams who are conducted to Girls' Auxiliary and Royal Ambassador Chapter.)

Now the blades are planted in two plots, each tended by its own gardener (Enter G.A. and R.A. Counselors). These laborers rejoice in transplanting the new blades who begin to feel very much at home as the older blades nod a welcome to them. Furthermore, they find here their same good friends, the rain, the wind and the sunshine, and above all W.M.U. hovers in constant protection.

Blades Sing:

Growing in the morning,
Growing for the Master,
Growing in the noontide
And the dewy eve';

Waiting for the harvest
And the time of reaping,
We'll show forth in gladness
Happy golden sheaves.

Reader:

So blades will not always remain as blades, and the gardeners find, after their careful toil and the work of the three faithful helpers, that some of the blades begin to send out tiny ears. Then it is that W.M.U. comes with a message of progress: "I have another plot for the ears", says she, "these developing ones must go forward. Your work, dear laborers, is with the blades only, and there shall be a continual transplanting of other little blades to comfort your hearts for the loss of those more developed". To the gardener of one of the plots (G.A. Counselor) she gives the implements for transplanting the newly found ears to a plot dedicated to their development, while to the other (R.A. Counselor) gardener she speaks in earnestness: "Fellow laborer, though there be a sense of regret that it is not given to W.M.U. to provide a plot for further development of grain like yours, I am so happy that God does have overseers for this task. One of the best known of these overseers is called B.Y.P.U. See to it that your developing ears of corn are given into his keeping. (If there is a special club for older boys in the church, change this part of the program to fit the situation.)

Into a new plot where the developing ears are nurtured W.M.U. brings these new ones (Presenting of certificates of promotion of older G.A.'s. to Y.W.A.). But they are not nearly so perplexed as they had feared to be. The new gardener (Y.W.A. Counselor) meets them with spirit so like the old, and immediately they are greeted by the same faithful friends, the rain, the wind, the sunshine, only that the sunshine has added new rays to her effectiveness. ("Enlistment" and "Fostering of Other Societies" designated by additional labels on costume) And how these helpers do busy themselves upon the young ears of corn! And how responsive are the ears to their touch! W.M.U. is kind to the gardener here and allows her many years with the developing grain, but at last full corn appears and preparation is made for gathering the full grown ears. "Pluck the full corn", says W.M.U., "and take it to the next plot where I have much full corn ripening for the final harvest" (Certificates of promotion to W.M.S. given eligible Y.W.A.'s.).

And there in the realm of the full corn, welcomed by the same three gifts of God, the new ones find themselves side by side with choicest products of W.M.U., all yielding themselves to her ripening power, and some even ripe unto harvest. (Present white haired "saints" and recognize missionaries that have gone out from the church.) W.M.U. and the "laborers together" look out upon the whole field and

see that it is good; and together they bless the Heavenly Sower and pray that the final harvest may show forth a hundredfold!

(Group characters for suitable tableau while voices outside sing very softly second stanza of "Come Ye Thankful People Come", followed by curtain. If no curtain is used, have audience burst into singing "The Woman's Hymn" by Miss Heck as characters leave platform.)

LEADERSHIP

KEY NOTE: Spirituality

HOW BEGIN— With God
With Prayer
With Faith

KNOW— God's Resources
Her Women
Local Church
Human Nature
Letter Writing

ALWAYS— Enthusiastic
Patient
Tactful
Appreciative

HOW LOVE— Much
More
Much More

PLAN— Board Meetings
Program for Each Meeting
Key Woman
Literature Chairman

DON'T— Find Fault
Be Discouraged
Expect Results

DO— Study, Work
Give Systematically
Be Co-operative

LOOK FOR— Leaders
Opportunities
Ideals

BE— Systematic
Unselfish
Courageous
Persevering, Loyal

GIVE— Yourself
Time
God the Glory

PRECIOUS PROMISE— "I will guide thee with Mine eye".

—Mrs. E. K. Overstreet, Georgia

TRAINING SCHOOL

ATHLETICS AT HOUSE BEAUTIFUL

UPON coming to the W.M.U. Training School one scarcely expects as systematic and thorough an athletic course as is found in the up-to-date colleges in our southland. But taking "gym" is one of the most enjoyable as well as one of the most beneficial activities of the school. There are numerous kinds of exercises from which one may choose the kind preferred. The regular classes for gymnastic exercises are conducted daily by a student teacher or by the athletic chairman, who is elected by the student body to foster the athletic spirit in the Training School. These exercises consist of taking at least once a week Walter Camp's Daily Dozen by music; and wand, Indian club and dumb bell exercises. Then, too, besides the Daily Dozen some of the most authentic physical culture exercises are made use of, viz.: those of poise, folk games and games that girls enjoy themselves and those which can be adapted to children are also used. Those girls who prefer to walk for exercise may do so; if one walks for her exercise the periods must be a half hour in length. The basket ball practice is one of the most popular sports during that season. The athletic chairman, who is the coach, organizes the teams, giving each a captain. Numbers of the girls from both the senior and junior classes find tennis an enjoyable sport and many of them play daily, counting that as regular exercise. There is a good tennis court, as well as one for basket ball, in the inclosed back yard, between the east and west wings of House Beautiful. On rainy days and the few extremely cold days the gymnastic exercises are conducted in the gymnasium, which is located in the basement.

In January the contestants for the tennis tournament played the preliminaries. During the second week in April the great Field Day event was dispatched with vigor. Miss Athe Letics and Mr. Gym Nasium in the persons of Mr. Jiggs and the indomitable Maggie were carrying on their antics on the field. The latter was mistress of ceremonies; the former, the chief fun maker. The placards bearing the announcements of the events to take place were brought, in their turn, to the mistress of ceremonies, who showed them to the audience in her best "Maggie-esque" style. The events were as follows:

The wind and dumb bell drill, with all the girls and two leaders in white middies, black bloomers and black ties; the daily dozen, the Irish Lilt—those graceful lassies becomingly dressed in green and white dresses and caps. There was a basket ball game, the basket ball being a toy balloon and the contesting parties the very rich and extremely poor, who were dressed to clearly represent their widely differing social spheres. The last number was the awarding of the Training School letters to the seventeen girls. The Training School letters are given as a reward to those who take some sort of gymnastic exercises every day of the week for the entire school year. The letters are purple and gold, the school colors. Those who persevere till the end are vastly delighted to have their sweaters adorned by these "T.S." letters, which designate endurance and "stick-to-it-iveness". This is a busy life and one may either be too busy to conveniently have time for the regular "gym" at times or perchance one may even forget to take exercise on some of the busiest days, and then—there is the dreadful "Blacklist" where one's name is posted and the number of exercises that must be made up before the end of school is brought to one's attention. Those who wear the "T.S." are justly proud of it.—Elizabeth McIlroy

UNION NOTES

ROUND TABLE

ON page 7 will be found "Daily Bible Readings" for the month. By comparing pages 6 and 7 it will be seen that these daily Bible readings have the same general topic and that the four divisions on page 6 furnish the themes for the four weeks of the month as developed on page 7. It is earnestly hoped that these two pages will be studied in close connection with each other by Y.W.A. and W.M.S. members and by mothers at the family altar. "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee."

VERY helpful also will be found the promotion day service as given on page 26. It was prepared by Mrs. Pool for use at the South Carolina summer assembly and is thus graciously passed on to ROYAL SERVICE readers. The fall of the year is considered by most W.M.U. workers as the ideal time for promotion from one organization to another. Prepare enthusiastically for the use of this artistic demonstration, enlisting the cooperation of all the W.M.U. organizations among the women and young people. Save the copy also for use another year.

STUDY prayerfully the component elements of leadership as outlined by Mrs. Overstreet on page 28. The fall opens up new avenues of service as well as renews efforts for accustomed tasks. The secular world places a premium upon trained leadership and God's word is replete with stories of victory for those who studied "to show 'themselves' approved unto God".

ONCE more the "Hymn for the Year" is published in this magazine, being found on page 34, with the footnote about purchasing the music. "Over the hills and the valleys" let this song ring forth especially throughout this entire S.B.C. year. May the use of it mean that this, the Union's 35th anniversary, will witness the maintenance of many new graded W.M.U.'s. in both small and large churches, will see personal service

more definitely organized, will record all W.M.U. pledges to the Campaign paid up to date and will hear prayers of women and young people interceding for more laborers. Make enough copies of the hymn for each member of your society to have one and sing it at least once at each society and circle meeting. A verse at a time with other parts of the program interspersed will prove an attractive innovation, it being the only hymn used for that particular meeting.

SOCIETIES differ as to the particular meeting during the month when they use the programs given in this magazine. A large number and perhaps a majority use these programs at the regular monthly missionary meeting of their entire society, while many others use it at one of the meetings of their circles. The purpose of this note is not to try to suggest which time is preferable but rather to emphasize the fact that no society fulfills clause 1 of the uniform Standard of Excellence which does not have at each of the twelve regular meetings of its entire society "a definite missionary program". Each society president is asked to give careful heed to this standard requirement because of its far-reaching missionary influence.

DOES your society enumerate at its circle and regular monthly meetings the names and stations of the missionaries remembered that week or month in the Calendar of Prayer on pages 9-10? Another way to encourage intercession for these workers is for the society to furnish the pastor each week with a list of the ones who are to be remembered in the Calendar of Prayer for the coming week, the pastor being requested to publish the list in the church bulletin. In case the church does not have a church bulletin the names can be read by the pastor. Of course each society should appoint a very accurate member to furnish the lists from week to week to the pastor. "Every-

body's business is nobody's business" is still true!

THE W.M.U. corresponding secretary had the pleasure of representing the Union at the Alabama summer assembly. The gathering place is Mentone, near Lookout Mountain, being 2000 feet above the sea level. Fully one hundred certificates and seals were awarded for successful study in the various classes for the women and young people, one class being taught by Miss Emma Leachman of the Home Mission Board. The evening addresses were delivered by Dr. B. H. DeMent of the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans, the general theme being "Missionary Fundamentals". The program was in charge of Miss Hannah Reynolds, the young people's leader for the state.

DURING the summer Miss Margaret Buchanan resigned as W.M.U. corresponding secretary for Tennessee. Earnestly for over ten years did Miss Buchanan serve the work and the workers in Tennessee and many truly "rise up and call her blessed" because of her faithful service in their behalf. Contrary to the proverb, she has had great "honor" in her "own community", having been the trusted, beloved leader of the business young women of the First Baptist Church of Nashville. She is at present with her home people in Baldwin, Miss. The vacancy caused by her resignation has been filled by the election of Miss Mary Northington, formerly W. M. U. secretary in Alabama. Miss Northington is a native Tennessean so that it is truly "home again, home again" to her as she takes up this work. Mrs. Ida Stallworth, native to Alabama and a former student of the W.M.U. Training School, is Alabama's happy choice for corresponding secretary.

SUMMER assemblies are great institutions. Your young people's secretary has had the joy of attending two before writing these trip notes on the way to a third one. Kentucky's assembly held at Georgetown, June 27 to July 7, enrolled nearly 400 young people and a splendid spirit of devotion to Jesus Christ was manifested. The Y.W.A. members present held their morning watch together and grew in grace and

friendliness as a result of the six-thirty prayer times. Their class study was the Y.W.A. Manual coupled with the W.M.U. Year Book and it was your secretary's privilege to serve as teacher. Miss Jennie Graham Bright, Kentucky's bright young people's leader, taught the G.A.'s. using "The Noble Army" as a text and also conducted the Sunbeam story hour each afternoon. The new feature of the assembly was a Royal Ambassador Camp directed by Rev. Edward Willingham with Mr. Brame as able assistant. W.M.U. is indebted to them for their splendid leadership of the 28 boys who made such a fine beginning for R.A. Camps in Ky. They studied Judson the Pioneer and felt themselves pioneers of a new day for Ky. Ambassadors. The W.M.S. members were by no means neglected for Miss Davies ably taught "From Strength to Strength" and Mrs. Bose herself was lovingly welcomed for the week end, bringing the inspiration of a message and of her own consecrated life. There were many special delightful sides to the Ky. assembly and one was loathe to have "good-bye" time come but greetings followed almost instantly in the Florida assembly at DeLand where 697 were enrolled. One of the largest classes was that using the new book "The Leaven in Japan" which your secretary found a most fascinating text for a class of 119. The assembly keenly missed Mrs. Peelman but she had carefully outlined the mission courses and her selection of teachers was so thoughtfully made that every class at the mission study hour was well attended and highly praised. Afternoon conferences on methods were held with profit in Florida as in Kentucky. According to its delightfully hospitable custom the DeLand W.M.S. entertained the women and young women of the assembly at an afternoon reception which brought everyone together in a happy friendly way. Ten days soon slip by in the frolic and studies of assembly life but they leave added inspiration to serve and increased desire for all of our southern Baptist young people to share in such experiences.



BOOK REVIEWS



HOW TO PRAY

WHAT a people of prayer Christians should be! The Bible is full of wonderful prayers and their answers and hundreds of books have been written either on prayer or containing prayers. Probably one of the most instructive books on the manner and spirit of prayer is *How to Pray*, by Dr. R. A. Torrey. This volume pursues the study of prayer in twelve aspects: The Importance of Prayer; Praying unto God; Obeying and Praying; Praying in the Name of Christ and according to the Will of God; Praying in the Spirit; Always Praying and Not Fainting; Abiding in Christ; Praying with Thanksgiving; Hindrances to Prayer; When to Pray; The Need of a General Revival; The Place of Prayer before and during Revivals. So strongly fortified with Scripture references are these twelve chapters that each one might become a Bible study on prayer. The book is not only a study book but also an urge to prayer and the setting forth of the close relation between prayer, the Word of God and obedience to that Word. "To pray in the Spirit", says the author, "one must meditate much on the Word of God".

The prayer life of Jesus is a high note in Dr. Torrey's book, but he also uses the prayers and prayer experiences of many of His followers, both humble and great, to demonstrate the power, possibilities and efficacy of intercession. One is amazed that so great a number of these testimonies could be so effectively assembled in one rather small book of one hundred and thirty pages. Those of us who are asking ourselves questions about our unanswered prayers; our lack of the spirit of prayer and the joylessness of our prayer life should read and reread *How to Pray* and should study and ponder upon the Scripture references throughout the book until we solve the prayer problem, each one for himself.

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A BOOK OF DAILY DEVOTIONS

TO meet a frequently expressed desire for definite guidance in daily devotions, Dr. W. B. Crumpton, of Alabama, assisted by other ministers, has given us the deeply spiritual "Book of Daily Devotions". To each day of the year a full page is given. The plan for the daily devotion is simple, orderly and interesting. First comes the topic for the day joined with a short Bible reading. This is followed by a "Meditation" which keeps close to the topic while introducing excerpts from Biblical history, incidents, some helpful thought or simple exposition. Then come suggestions for prayer followed by one or more stanzas of a pertinent hymn; the whole period closing, as it began, with Scripture reading.

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FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



TESTIMONIALS FROM CHINESE WOMEN

AT a recent Bible class held in Pingtu, the Bible women were asked to give the "call to preach" that they had. There were seventeen women in the class, and it was most interesting to hear their experiences, some of which I have written out thinking you might possibly be glad to read them in *ROYAL SERVICE*. Our cry constantly is, "give us native workers, Lord, as well as foreign ones". Several of these women, as you will see from the following, spoke of "preaching" as the result of God's healing their bodies. All of them gave evidence of an intimate prayer-life with God. It was notable that not one of them wore ear-rings, in this land where all women wear them, and of course all of them had unbound feet. When you pray, ask for God-called, God-constrained native workers, pastors, evangelists, teachers, Bible-women, for that is what we must have. China must be saved by her own people, reached, I mean. Foreigners can never come in sufficient numbers.—*Jewel L. Daniel, Laiyang*

JAO-DA-SAO

AI-Ya! I certainly do know God calls me to preach! When I obey Him and do it, my heart is full of peace, and when I don't obey I am miserable. And I know when He called me, too. It was while I was in school. You know He says our bodies are His temple. Well, I got sick at school. And I said, "Lord, Thy temple is broken. If thou dost mean me to preach for Thee, heal Thy temple". And He healed it, and I knew he meant me to preach, and I've done it these more than ten years.

DAI-DA-SAO

WHEN I was twenty-three, I wanted to go to school, but my mother-in-law did too and decreed that I should stay at home and do the work. But I kept praying to God to let me go. And do you know how He managed? He sent my mother-in-law a baby, so she had to stay at home, and I got to go! And so I knew God called me and was helping me prepare. And after I finished

school, He sent me my first baby. And I just take him in my arms on my donkey and we go wherever we want to. My mother-in-law used not to let me keep the Sabbath. I had to grind the mill or sew or do whatever else she wanted on Sunday. And I asked God to manage for me so I could keep the Sabbath. He heard. He let me go to school where Sunday was kept. Then, after I got through school, He let me preach and make my living ("go over the days myself" the expressive idiom is) so that now I can observe the Sabbath all I want to.

DEO-DA-SAO

IPERSECUTED my little boy for believing in Jesus. I used to slap him for returning thanks at table or get angry and leave the table. One day my mother-in-law commanded me to go buy some paper and burn it at my father-in-law's grave. I bought it but returned too late to burn it that night. While I slept, God said to me, "you must serve Me not false gods". I went right to the training school, for I felt He meant me to.

GIANG-DA-SAO

ICAME to a class that was being held here in the city. I suppose the preacher preached about "Light" for one night, while I was lying there with a roomful of others who had come to learn, I saw a great light. I don't think I was asleep. The "Light" advanced and retreated, it went slowly, it went fast, and if it went ahead of me slowly, to follow it, that I was to advance when it did and retreat when it did, to follow slowly if it went ahead of me slowly, to follow it fast when it went fast. That was my conversion. Then after I believed, the missionary asked if I didn't want to go to the Training School. I said no, that there was too much work at home. She said, "Your grown daughter can do it". I said no, but God called to my mind the verse, "Forgetting the things that are behind I press forward to the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus". He kept that verse be-

fore me. He wouldn't let me rest from it, and so I finally yielded to Him and went to prepare for His service.

HEO-DA-SAO

I WAS at school when my husband got sick. I had to go home and found him unable to feed himself. For a year I stayed at home and fed him, putting the food into his mouth myself and begging God all the time to heal him if He wanted me to preach. Another year passed the same way. Then I grew desperate. I called the church together and we prayed two weeks for him to get well. Thus God let me go back to school to prepare for my work.

Y.W.A. DEPARTMENT

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will be as long as Y.W.A. girls can reach out and enfold with themselves in mission study more younger G.A. sisters or even some Sunbeams or perhaps another Y.W.A. Cut your fall plans to include a fostering cape and so fulfill the tenth point on the Standard of Excellence.

MAKE YOUR Y.W.A. A-1.

G.A. DEPARTMENT

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the apportionment and the valuable parts of G.A. work and be sure that they are half-way achieved; G.A.'s. and G.A. counselors must not be caught napping and time slips by so quietly that it will not do the waking up that may be needed after summer naps. Alert G.A.'s. will mean some day *Young Women Accomplished*.—Adapted from *Suggestions by Miss Anne Merryman, Florida*

R.A. DEPARTMENT

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him to come again. People might think you were bold.—Heb. 13:2

9. Let the pastor do all the work.—Isa. 41:6-7

10. If he does not visit as often as you think he should, treat him coldly. He has nothing particular to do and he could come oftener.—2 Tim. 2:15; Acts 6:4

11. Never speak to another about Christ. Your pastor should do all that kind of work.—Jas. 5:20; Dan. 12:3

Note.—Be sure to look up the references before practising the rules.—*Southwest Baptist*

SUNBEAM DEPARTMENT

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Sunbeam something of the importance of the church. At the fourth meeting it might be well to have them think how many things they would have to do without if there was no church in their town. Call attention to villages in other lands which lack so much because they have no church through which to learn about Jesus Christ.

Remember that September is the month of the autumnal equinox but that Sunbeam work must not balance and stand still. The equinox lasts only one day and one night and then the days begin to shorten. The Sunbeam days are swiftly passing. Fill them with missionary activity and mission stories to give mission knowledge.

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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APPORTIONMENTS FOR YEAR—May 1, 1923, to May 1, 1924

STATES	Bible Fund of S. S. Board	Margaret Fund	Current Exp. of Training School	Other Campaign Objects	Totals
Alabama	\$ 100	\$ 425	\$ 1,220	\$ 456,475	\$ 458,220
Arkansas	50	216	600	257,892	258,758
District of Columbia	30	212	245		487
Florida	40	100	300	51,460	51,900
Georgia	160	720	1,875	1,005,045	1,007,800
Illinois		230	400	146,720	147,350
Kentucky	150	650	3,000	463,500	467,300
Louisiana	35	142	320	435,553	436,050
Maryland	50	150	250	101,360	101,810
Mississippi	100	400	1,100	379,800	381,400
Missouri		330	840	635,216	636,386
New Mexico		25	50	66,155	66,230
North Carolina	250	600	1,775	1,082,475	1,085,100
Oklahoma		250	800	437,230	438,280
South Carolina	220	500	1,675	935,193	937,588
Tennessee	160	440	1,000	422,168	423,768
Texas	150	910	500	2,449,580	2,451,140
Virginia	150	900	2,600	1,037,450	1,041,100
	\$1,645	\$7,200	\$18,550	\$10,363,272	\$10,390,667

FELLOWSHIP ON THE FIELD

MISS BLANCHE WHITE writes: It is a great experience to travel in distinguished company and when one has the privilege of journeying with a state president, a corresponding secretary, a foreign missionary, the W.M.U. loving cup and R.A. and G.A. banners to the great state of Oklahoma, visiting every section of the state but one, the experience will never be forgotten. What does one find in Oklahoma? Cyclones, sandstorms, floods, Indians? Yes—cyclones of missionary information, storms of missionary inspiration, floods of missionary organization and Indian characteristics of missionary determination. Hugo, Bristow, Claremore, Enid, Lawton, Rocky, Hobart, Mangum, Woodward, Tyrone, Shawnee, Oklahoma City and Wilson were stop-overs in our triumphal march. —And then to Arkansas I went, entering Mrs. Jackson's coaching class in W.M.U. methods and continuing to learn in the district meetings. Arkansas will make Oklahoma work for the loving cup this year if the splendid discussions of the Standard of Excellence which were provoked by the programs in Conway, Rogers and Stamps bear fruit. Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, the state W.M.U. young people's leader, is brimming full of splendid plans for programs and mission

study. Who knows everything about the Arkansas work? Miss Elsie Harrison! Who fits well into every situation? Miss Lillian May! Where can one find a lovely place to "week-end"? Bentonville and Springdale, Arkansas! —A name to conjure with, Virginia Beach! In the encampment this year W.M.U. interest was at high tide. The G.A. Camp numbered 75, the R.A. Camp over 40, the normal mission study class crowded the room, the Y.W.A. class had an average of 80 and the W.M.U. conference hour was a daily inspiration to those who were in charge. Misses Savage, Harris and Trevvett are reaping the harvest of good seeds sown by their own hands and by those who have labored through the years. —Nowhere have Baptists a more ideal location for an assembly than at Braddock Heights, Md. This year the Y.W.A. mission study class was added to W.M.S. activities and will be a permanent attraction in assembly plans. Miss Jeannette White led the Y.W.A. class in the study of "From Strength to Strength" while the W.M.S. study centered around "Southern Baptists and Their Far Eastern Missions". A Daily Vacation Bible School, conducted by W.M.U. workers, was a successful venture this year.

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