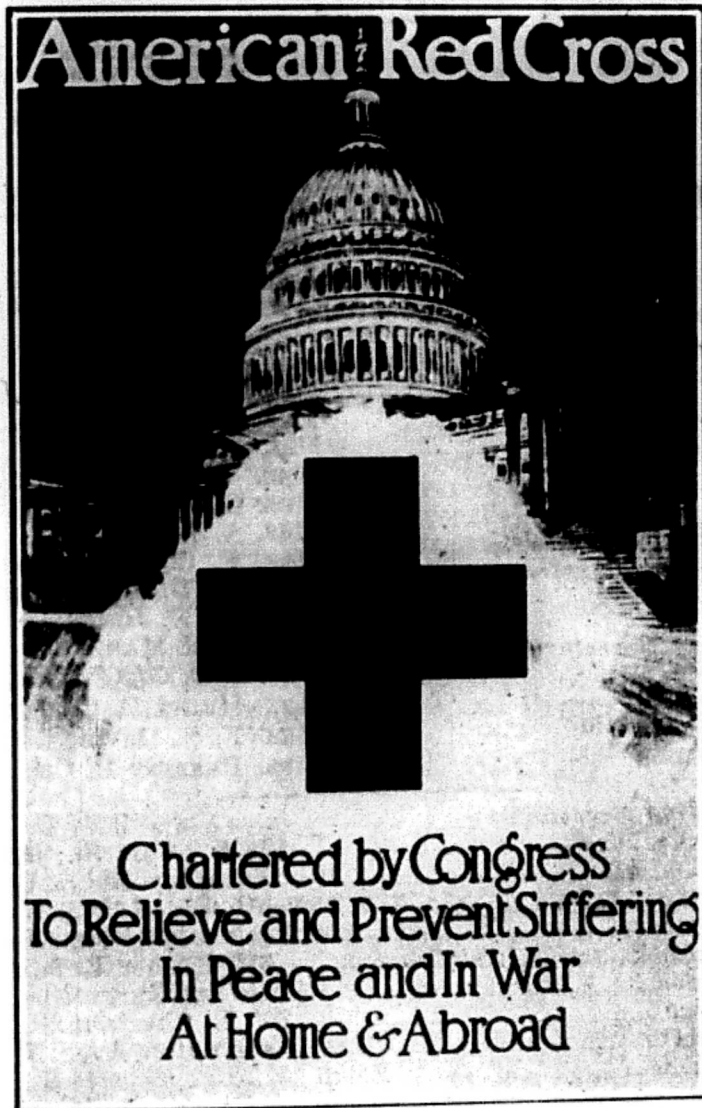


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EDITORIAL



HOME AGAIN

THERE is much joy for most people in the anticipation of a trip to Europe and your W.M.U. president was no exception to the rule. There is often disappointment in the realization of many of our anticipations but my trip was an exception to this if such is the rule. The realization had in it no disappointment worthy of consideration. There was joy in the anticipation of the sea voyage and much of that joy was realized because of the perfect appointments and service on the steamship Drottningholm. There was joy in the fact that so many W.M.U. and other friends remembered the writer with steamer letters, telegrams and flowers. There was just one flaw in the companionship we had on board and that was that more of the same kind of people were not going over with us to enjoy the privileges that would be ours. There were delightful old friends from our own Southern Baptist Convention, charming new friends from the Northern Baptist Convention. There were Baptist friends worth knowing who were from other countries than our own and last, but not least, we had the opportunity for a foretaste of the delight that would be ours as guests of the Swedish Baptists in the very charming Swedish people whom we met going over. There were many going back to their native country to visit relatives, others to attend the Jubilee Exposition in Goteborg, some on their way home after a visit to America and yet others going on business. Truly they are a charming, warm-hearted, generous, gifted and altogether delightful people. The weather was well nigh perfect and but for the pranks Neptune plays with some of the less hardy of the passengers on board ships crossing his territory the voyage would have been perfect. But these passing indispositions are soon forgotten and only the joys of the trip influence our thinking.

When I sent my last communication to ROYAL SERVICE we were in Roumania in which country we visited several towns where there is Baptist work. The story of our visit to Roumania must later be the theme of an article all to itself. From Roumania Dr. and Mrs. Love, Dr. Gill, Mrs. Neel and myself proceeded to Novisad, Jugo-Slavia, where the Executive Committee of the Baptist work in Jugo-Slavia were having a meeting, timed so that Drs. Love and Gill could be in conference with them. Mrs. Neel and I were invited to be present and there I had the privilege through two interpreters of setting before the committee the plans and ideals of W.M.U. and urging them not only to make it possible but to encourage their women to organize so that they might be of real help in the cause for which they are working. On our way out of Jugo-Slavia we stopped for a few hours in Belgrade, the capital, and there took the Simplon Express for Venice from which place Dr. Gill proceeded to his home in Switzerland and Dr. and Mrs. Love to England and Scotland where they were to visit before sailing for home on September fifth. Mrs. Neel and I turned our faces toward Rome primarily for the purpose of seeing something of our Baptist work there and in the second place to see something of the ruins of the capital city of the once powerful Roman Empire and to visit places which mark some of the beginnings of the Christian religion among the Gentiles. The story of our visit to Rome I shall reserve for another time as I wish now to tell you something of our visit to Budapest where our Foreign Mission Board is cooperating with the Hungarian Baptists in their work. But before the story is old let me say that after leaving Rome we journeyed to Paris where we spent two delightful days seeing as much of that city and its environs as we could in so limited a time. From Paris we went to London and while there in addition to some sight-

seeing worshipped in Spurgeon's old church on Sunday morning, visited the Baptist Church House and Havelock Hall, the training school for women Christian workers. This school is owned by the Baptist Union of England and Ireland and is conducted under the supervision of the Baptist Women's League. The school is young but is doing a great work and gives promise of becoming a great institution.

On the thirtieth of August we sailed from Southampton for Montreal and from there made our way home by train. The trip was full of joy and rich experiences, full of information and inspiration but upon my return to my own, my native land I could but exclaim with a full heart as did the poet, "East or west, home is best".

I do want to thank the Union for the opportunities that were mine and to pledge that I shall do my utmost to make the trip count in added efficiency and to stir the hearts of our constituency so that world missions may become more vital to us all in our thinking, in our giving and above all in our praying.

DOWN THE WATERS OF THE DANUBE TO BUDAPEST

AS our party was planning to leave Vienna for Budapest we learned that there was a railroad strike on in Hungary and for that reason it would not be possible for us to go on as planned. There was doubt in the minds of some as to whether we should undertake the trip at all because of conditions in Hungary and the Balkan states. It was thought that perhaps the strike was but the forerunner of a general upheaval in those countries and we might have trouble if we entered there.

But after much discussion we decided to make the trip regardless of the strike and gloomy prophecies, so early on the next morning we set sail on a river boat going down the Danube from Vienna to Budapest. We spent the entire day, which was full of interest, on the river which has so often been the dividing line between hostile countries as the ruins of fortifications along the banks testify. We arrived at Budapest after the lights were on which made the approach to the city with its many bridges and myriads of lights seem like unto an entrance into some fairy realm. We always hear the Danube spoken of as the Beautiful Blue Danube but the sunset in its waters that night will always make me think of it as the Golden Danube. The sunset was most unusual in its coloring and seemed to cast on the water every conceivable shade of gold from burnished to the deepest hues of tarnished gold with now and then shades of rose pink, purple and blood red. The changing lights of the sunset, the many shades of gold, the lights of the city as we approached, the deep shadows along the banks of the river and under the bridges, the great spaces of darkness in the city would seem typical of the history of Hungary as we heard it from the lips of some of her people.

As our boat docked we saw what seemed to be a great number of people waiting to welcome their loved ones home, standing out in front of them were a few whom Dr. Gill at once recognized as some of the Baptist pastors and seminary professors come to bid us welcome. When we came off the boat we discovered that the crowd we saw there were the members of the Baptist churches who had truly come down to welcome their loved ones in the Lord. And what a welcome they gave us. Our bodies were tired for we had been traveling from place to place rapidly and under some difficulties but our souls were so cheered and our hearts so touched by that welcome that all thoughts of self were banished and we went to our rest that night looking forward with eagerness to the coming day and with the prayer that God would greatly bless us and them in the work of the morrow and further that His name would be glorified in all that should be done and said. In the next issue of ROYAL SERVICE I shall attempt to tell you something of what our eyes saw, of what we experienced and of what our hearts felt on that Lord's Day in Budapest.



BIBLE STUDY



TOPIC—The Wondrous Gift of Life

I. *The Gift of God*: Rom. 6:23; II Cor. 9:15; Ps. 16:8-11. Here is the marrow, the most fine gold of the Gospel. Death is the due of sin, the wages the sinner has well earned for his own; eternal life is in no sense or degree the wages of righteousness. We do nothing to earn or to entitle us to this grace of God, nor can we, it is therefore in the most absolute sense the gift of God. Jesus Christ is the channel of that wondrous grace. The highest service we can render to that grace which is all our hope is to yield ourselves unto God, Rom. 6:12, 13; Acts 17:28. Eternal life is the consummation of the spiritual, Rom. 6:22. The spiritual life consists in our being in the favor of God, influenced by sanctifying grace and living in dependence on Him to His glory, Col. 3:3; Rom. 8:6; John 10:28. Jesus Christ, Son of God, whom we worship as God, takes away the sin of the world and gives eternal life to those who believe in Him, John 6:40, 47, 69; II Cor. 8:9; Deut. 30:19, 20.

II. *The Promise of Life*: II Tim. 1:1, 2; Titus 1:2-4. This promise of life in Christ was needed to nerve Timothy to fortitude amidst trials. The origin of salvation was of God's own purpose flowing from His own goodness, wholly of His wondrous love. Through the gift of His Son to the world God has made sonship possible, not only by redemption and forgiveness but by enduing the renewed nature of man with wisdom and prudence, the power to grasp the mysteries of Christ through the partaking of His own nature. The image of God is man's spiritual nature, Col. 3:10; Eph. 4:24. The new man is Christ formed in the believer, in his mind, understanding, will and affections, Rom. 8:1-11; I Cor. 15:22; 5:19-21.

III. *The Tree of Life*: Gen. 3:24; Rev. 2:7. The account of man's origin which is given in Genesis is profoundly true to man's spiritual experience and its imagery is representative of perpetual and universal truth. The tree of life evidently signifies the fullness of human existence—that complete exercise of every power, that perfection of being which was in the mind of God when He made man in His own image, Gen. 1:26, 27. This image is found in man's tri-unity—spirit, soul, body—I Thess. 5:23, and in his moral nature. To eat of the tree of life is to occupy the fullness of human existence. He who insists upon being independent of God cannot rise to complete skill or strength or knowledge. Willfulness, selfishness, self-confidence shut man out from the perfection of his life, Gen. 3:24, and stand between him and the fullness of life. Our life is revived when we come close to the cross, the source and fountain of our life. "Blessed are they that do His commandments."

IV. *Would You Have Life?* John 5:24-27; 10:10; Matt. 20:28. Glorious is this idea of asking man whether he will accept life and be like God or whether he will choose death and darkness forever. God does not force the gift of eternal life upon man. No, He makes him capable of living, He constitutes him with a view to immortality, He has no pleasure in the death of the sinner. The beginning of the new life is the new birth, John 3:3; that entrance through Christ into the world of life where Christ dwells. As we enter into Christ these blessings come to us, John 14:3. This is the Gospel of Good News, that man may have eternal life, John 17:3, and enter upon a destiny of immeasurable progress and ineffable felicity. Every man was intended to *live* and has capacities which will enable him to receive life in its largest, divinest sense. The sacrificial death of Jesus was the purpose of His earthly life, He came to give life through His death, Mark 10:45; Acts 3:15.—Mrs. James Pollard



DAILY BIBLE READINGS



TOPIC: The Wondrous Gift of Life

*"Lord, Thy Word abideth,
And our footsteps guideth;
Who its truth believeth
Light and joy receiveth."*

*"When our foes are near us,
Then Thy Word will cheer us;
Word of consolation,
Message of salvation."*

The Gift of God

Thursday, 1st
Isaiah 9:6, 7; 11:1, 2; Matthew 1:18-23; Romans 6:22, 23

Friday, 2d
John 1:12, 13, 14; 4:24; Romans 6:12, 13; 8:14-17; 2 Corinthians 3:6

Saturday, 3d
John 3:16; 11:25-27, 40; 1 John 5:10-13, 20; Ephesians 2:8

Sunday, 4th
Romans 8:6-11; Colossians 3:1-4; Galatians 2:20

Monday, 5th
John 6:27-32, 51-58; Revelation 7:16, 17

Tuesday, 6th
1 John 5:11-21; 4:2-4; 2:28, 29; John 15:4-10

Wednesday, 7th
John 5:21; 11:25; 12:25, 32, 44-50

The Promise of Life

Thursday, 8th
1 John 4:9, 10; 2 Timothy 1:1, 9, 10; 1 Corinthians 15:19, 20; 2 Peter 3:9

Friday, 9th
John 6:65; 10:11, 15-18, 27-29; 14:13-15

Saturday, 10th
Jeremiah 21:8; John 14:1-6; Revelation 22:14

Sunday, 11th
Titus 1:1-3; John 17:2, 3, 8; 1 John 2:24, 25; Romans 4:21

Monday, 12th
John 5:24-29; Romans 6:22, 23; Matthew 19:29

Tuesday, 13th
Romans 8:1-6; 1 Corinthians 15:21-23, 45, 50; Hebrews 10:23

Wednesday, 14th
2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Romans 3:23-26; 1 John 2:2; 4:10

The Tree of Life

Thursday, 15th
Genesis 1:26, 27; 2:8, 9, 16, 17; 3:6, 24; Revelation 2:7

Friday, 16th
Job 14:7-9; Isaiah 9:10; Psalm 92:12-15; John 15:2; Hebrews 12:11

Saturday, 17th
Ezekiel 17:3-8, 23, 24; 34:27; Psalm 1:1-3

Sunday, 18th
Matthew 3:10; 7:16-20; 12:36, 37; Luke 3:9

Monday, 19th
Jeremiah 17:7, 8; Psalm 104:16; 148:9-13

Tuesday, 20th
Isaiah 55:10-13; 61:3, 11; 1 Thessalonians 5:24

Wednesday, 21st
Psalm 27:1, 13, 14; 112:1, 2; 1 John 5:1-3; Revelation 22:14, 19

Would You Have Life?

Thursday, 22d
Mark 10:17, 29, 30; Matthew 19:16, 17, 28-30; Luke 10:25-28

Friday, 23d
1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 15:50-58; Revelation 21:17

Saturday, 24th
John 5:24-29, 39, 40; 6:27, 63-68

Sunday, 25th
Ephesians 4:17-32; Philippians 2:12-16; Romans 1:16, 17

Monday, 26th
Ephesians 2:4-6; John 1:12, 13; Romans 11:29-36

Tuesday, 27th
John 1:1-5; 3:15-21, 36; Psalm 68:19

Wednesday, 28th
Acts 11:14-18; 13:24, 46-52; Romans 10:12, 13

Thursday, 29th
John 10:7-9, 24-39; Revelation 22:17

Friday, 30th
Hebrews 4:16; 7:25-28; 12:1, 2; Revelation 22:20, 21

"BRING YE ALL THE TITHES"

THERE is no woman, even if her husband does pay all the bills, who does not handle some spending money. She can tithe every cent that comes through her hands, no matter how small the amount, and that is all for which the Lord holds her accountable. Of course she should try to convert her husband to tithing but, if he is an unsaved man, he will have to be regenerated before he will ever see it. If he is a Christian, she might just be patient and persistent and he will come around. I know of one woman who had an unsaved husband who never thought she needed any money to give to the Lord's work, so she began sewing for other people, just for the purpose of having her own money to give. Another woman could not get her husband to make the pledge for the Campaign she thought they were able to make, so she made an individual pledge completely on the faith that God would send her sufficient sewing to do each year to pay her pledge. She had never sewed for others than her own family before. The third year has gone and during each year, as the time for payments comes around, she gets the sewing to pay hers, and she gives every cent she makes too. Her husband may pay the bills and be a good provider for his family, but she is determined to experience the joy of giving in her Christian life. To the woman who wants an excuse it is sufficient for her to say "My husband pays all the bills and I never have any money". But if she really wants to give something herself there can be found a way. Any woman can find a way of making a little something for the Lord's work if she so desires. She can sew for others, sell surplus vegetables, sell old clothing, rent a room, give a few music lessons. The amount may be small but God will bless the effort and the gift, if toiled for and given, for His glory alone. One woman for years took subscriptions to a prominent magazine, giving all her commission and premiums to her church. She did all this because her husband had little sympathy for her in her church work and hence gave her very little to give. It seems to me that a farmer's wife above all others has the best opportunity as a woman to tithe because she has so many opportunities of making a little money herself. I have heard of the exceptional farmer who considers the proceeds from the garden, orchard and poultry house as his, without allowing his wife a new pair of curtains out of it, but he is not the rule. Generally, the woman with the help of the children cares for the garden, orchard, milk, butter and cream, chickens etc. and gets the proceeds thereof. No matter how she cares to spend these proceeds, if they come into her hands, it is her duty to tithe them before she passes the nine-tenths on to play its part in the farm home. One woman I know ran her household expenses on an allowance with the arrangement that what was left each month was hers. This woman tithed the amount before she began using it and then made a gift to the Lord out of what was left. The joy of thus giving inspired her to be as economical as possible, and the Lord did bless her nine-tenths and its possibilities. In this case the husband tithed his salary before he handed over her allowance, and as she tithed this, there was double tithing of the family income. But the family never suffered from it and she did what she was responsible for, she tithed what she had. One preacher tithes his salary and divides the tithe equally between himself and his wife. His wife tithes all wedding fees, gifts of money, vegetables or old clothes sold. They make their offering over and above the tithe.—Mrs. W. E. Hunter, Ky.

Tithing is not all of stewardship, it is only a part, and therefore should not be made to eclipse the responsibilities of the steward in the administration of his entire income for the glory of God.—Cook

Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists November, 1923

*"Meet Him in the morning each recurring day,
Let His radiant sunshine flood your misty day,
Let Him stand between you and the tempter's wile.
Meet Him in the morning, talk with Him awhile."*

Topic: Medical Missions and Evangelism

1—THURSDAY

That God-endued power uphold
all Christian medical missions
Hands were made strong by the hands
of the mighty God.—Genesis 49:24

2—FRIDAY

For renewed blessing on the
work of Rev. and Mrs. A. B.
Langston and Rev. and Mrs. S.
L. Watson, Rio de Janeiro, Bra-
zil
Light shall shine upon thy ways.
—Job 22:28

3—SATURDAY

That the Great Physician walk
with Dr. and Mrs. Carl F. Jor-
dan and Dr. Ethel M. Pierce,
Yangchow, China
Jesus Himself drew near.—Luke 24:15

4—SUNDAY

That Campaign gifts and stew-
ardship debts "provide a treas-
ure in the heavens"
That I may rejoice in the day of
Christ.—Philippians 2:16

5—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Bagby,
evangelistic work, Santos, Bra-
zil
Full of power by the Spirit of the
Lord.—Micah 3:8

6—TUESDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Dargan
Smith, medical work and for
evangelistic work of Rev. and
Mrs. C. J. Lowe, Kweilin, China
The Lord led me.—Genesis 24:27

7—WEDNESDAY

For W.M.U. annual meetings of
Kentucky, Texas and New Mex-
ico
Their voice was heard . . . even
unto heaven.—2 Chronicles 30:27

8—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Po-
teat and Misses †Elizabeth
Kethley and Ida Patterson,
Shanghai, China
The Lord shall guide thee continually.
—Isaiah 58:11

9—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. C. G. McDan-
iel and Miss †Sophie Lanneau,
Soochow, China
They shall declare my glory.
—Isaiah 66:19

10—SATURDAY

Thanksgiving for work of Dr.
and †Mrs. R. E. Beddoe, Rev.
and Mrs. Rex Ray and Miss Mae
Morton, Wuchow, China
Cleave unto Him.—Joshua 22:5

11—SUNDAY

That many souls be born to
Christ through medical missions
I am the Lord that healeth thee.
—Exodus 15:26

12—MONDAY

For W.M.U. annual meetings of
District of Columbia, Oklahoma
and Virginia
Talk ye of all His wondrous works.
—Psalm 105:2

13—TUESDAY

For W.M.U. annual meetings of
Georgia, Tennessee and South
Carolina
Keep yourselves in the love of God.
—Jude 21

14—WEDNESDAY

For Misses †Clifford Hunter,
†Blanche Bradley, †J. W. Lide
and †Lila F. Watson, Hwangh-
sien, China
The Lord shall be thy confidence.
—Proverbs 3:26

15—THURSDAY

Praise God for the work of Dr.
and Mrs. P. S. Evans and †Miss
Ethel Ramsbottom, Tsinan,
China
Nothing shall be impossible unto you.
—Matthew 17:20

†W.M.U. Training School Alumna

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"Meet Him in the evening as the shadows fall;
Victories and failures—tell the Master all.
Life will overflow if He takes the highest place.
Meet Him in the evening at the throne of grace."

Topic: Medical Missions and Evangelism

16—FRIDAY

For unselfish outpouring of
God's bounty for Campaign pur-
poses
That which he hath given will He pay
him again.—Proverbs 19:17

17—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Cham-
bers, Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Wil-
liams and Rev. and Mrs. J. R.
Saunders, Canton, China
The Lord will go before you.
—Isaiah 52:12

18—SUNDAY

For our pastors
Let him speak my word faithfully.
—Jeremiah 23:28

19—MONDAY

That God abundantly bless Rev.
and Mrs. W. W. Lawton and
Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Herring,
Chengchow, China
Your work shall be rewarded.
—2 Chronicles 15:7

20—TUESDAY

For W.M.U. annual meeting of
Alabama and for Mrs. Ida
Stallworth, state corresponding
secretary
Who teacheth like Him?—Job 36:22

21—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Sadler,
Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Carson
and Rev. Hugh P. McCormick,
Ogbomoso, Africa
I have covered thee in the shadow of
mine hand.—Isaiah 51:16

22—THURSDAY

For devoted service of Misses
Ruth Randall and Bernice Neel,
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
I will publish the name of the Lord.
—Deuteronomy 32:3

23—FRIDAY

That the richly invested lives of
Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Yocum yield
large results for God
Our Lord Jesus Christ . . . wherein
we stand.—Romans 5:1, 2

24—SATURDAY

That the early spirit of the Cam-
paign be sustained to a glorious
ending
The inspiration of the Almighty giveth
them understanding.—Job 32:8

25—SUNDAY

That the sorrows of Japan find
healing in Christ Jesus
I will cure them and reveal unto them
the abundance of peace and truth.
—Jeremiah 33:6

26—MONDAY

Praise God for service of Rev.
and Mrs. J. Franklin Ray, Hiro-
shima, Japan
We will worship at His footstool.
—Psalm 132:7

27—TUESDAY

For encouraging work of Rev.
and Mrs. M. S. Blair, Cordoba,
Argentina
On Thee do I wait.—Psalm 25:5

28—WEDNESDAY

That souls be saved and blessed
through work of Misses Flor-
ence Jones, Pearl Caldwell and
Bonnie Ray, Pingtu, China
Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.
—1 Samuel 7:12

29—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Boul-
din and Rev. and Mrs. W. V.
Nix, Fukuoka, Japan
Set for the defence of the gospel.
—Philippians 1:17

30—FRIDAY

For the evangelization of the
world in this generation
Let him that heareth say, Come.
—Revelation 22:17

†W.M.U. Training School Alumna

PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER

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.

TOPIC: Medical Missions and Evangelism

Hymn—O Zion, Haste

Prayer—For a Real Understanding of the Great Missionary Task
Bible Study (See page 6)

Hymn—There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Personal Service Period

Prayer—(in unison) Psalm 147:1-5

The World's Health (See par. 1)

Fighting World Plagues (See par. 2)

Don't Forget the Lepers (See par. 3)

Reading—The Healer

They Are the Messengers of the Churches (See par. 4)

The Value of Medical Missions—Blackboard Talks (See page 17)

Hymn—O'er the Gloomy Hills of Darkness

Closing Devotions

The Healer

(Written by J. G. Whittier to a young physician, with Dore's picture of Christ healing the sick.)

So stood of old the Holy Christ
Amidst the suffering throng;
With whom His lightest touch sufficed
To make the weakest strong.

The paths of pain are thine. Go forth
With patience, trust and hope;
The sufferings of a sin-sick earth
Shall give thee ample scope.

The healing gift He lends to them
Who use it in His name;
The power that filled His garment's hem
Is evermore the same.

Beside the unveiled mysteries
Of life and death go stand,
With guarded lips and reverent eyes
And pure of heart and hand.

For lo! in human hearts unseen
The Healer dwelleth still,
And they who make His temples clean
The best subserve His will.

So shalt thou be with power endued
From Him who went about
The Syrian hillsides doing good,
And casting demons out.

The holiest task by heaven decreed,
An errand all divine,
The burden of our common need
To render less is thine.

That Good Physician liveth yet
Thy friend and guide to be;
The Healer by Gennesaret
Shall walk the rounds with thee.

Tithing safeguards a man from luxuriousness and extravagance in his personal living.—Cook

1. The World's Health

The world has suffered more in the past few years than ever before. But likewise the world has had more healing during this period than ever before. And now that so many wounds are healed which the cruel hand of the World War cut into the bodies of men, how wonderful it would be if the great heart of Christendom would beat in equal sympathy for the physical burdens and agonies of the lands without Christ!—*World Friendship*

We acknowledge with shame and sorrow that the heart of Christendom has been slow in responding to the call for relief from physical ills of the non-Christian world. Without medical missionary work we can preach only a limited Gospel to the world and perform only a partial missionary task. Our errand to the world is part of Christ's errand and therefore it includes the physical redemption of humanity. The lives of our medical missionaries witness every day to a large Gospel, the Gospel of the entire man—body as well as soul. That was the Gospel given through the teaching, practice and last instructions of the first Medical Missionary, our Lord Jesus Christ. Can we not hear Him saying through the beloved John, "My little children (born ones), let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."

Let us take a look at the world's health, or want of health, and see how far God's children have obeyed that gentle command:

In the whole of *Latin America* the medical arm of missions is almost unused and Christian physicians are few and far between. It would not be quite true, however, to say that these physicians and the twelve Christian hospitals in Latin America fully represent our missionary interest in our nearest neighbors. In South America the fine skill of her secular medical profession explains the lack of medical missionary work in that country. At the same time it is true that her state hospitals are not sufficient for one-tenth of her population. Outside of the cities trained nurses and public clinics are unknown.

In *Mexico* there are hospitals and physicians only in large cities and those are mainly for the wealthy classes. The rich command the services of a skilled modern physician, but the poor are pitiable victims of curable diseases and are universally ignorant of modern sanitation. The country districts are almost wholly uncared for. There is today an imperative call for Christian doctors and nurses to put their shoulders under the heavy burden of Mexico and help to bear it—for Jesus Christ.

Although there is only one medical missionary to every 1,200,000 persons in *China* the Chinese have gradually come to understand that these men and women are causing the blind to see, the lame to walk and the physically burdened to be free. As the people and government recognized the great benefit of these Christian hospitals and doctors they began to assist, first by generous contributions and then by opening government hospitals and by securing western training for native surgeons, doctors and nurses. And yet a chart of the map of China dotted with every hospital, Christian and secular, shows great stretches of country without any qualified medical aid whatever. Thousands are dying ignorant of Christian mercy for the body or divine healing for the soul.

Japan wounded and stricken by earthquake, fire and tidal wave has lost thousands of her people in and around Tokio. Of the many fine physicians called to

A revival of stewardship is the need of the hour.—Cook

the scene only a few were Christian and so the message of Christ to the suffering and dying was hindered. The whole world in deepest sympathy sent immediate material aid and already Japan is deeply impressed with this quick response to their bitter need. May the splendid generosity of Christian countries heal national differences and widen the opportunity for winning these grateful hearts for Christ, the Great Physician.

Africa is in very poor health. Its heat, humidity, insect life, frequent epidemics, superstitions and dense ignorance of sanitation has made it the sickest man of the whole world. In the midst of this appalling state of affairs the medical missionary, if he escapes the "white man's grave", is making an enormous contribution to the life and health of Africa; with his tender, patient, healing ministry he holds open the door of health to the sick in body that the God of grace and glory may speak the healing message to the soul. But how utterly inadequate is the present number of these ministers of mercy!* What is the great heart of Christendom contributing to the relief of Africa?

"*India's* widespread ill health is not only a merciless waste to its own well-being but it brings down both the health and Christian standards of the whole world." Three hundred and fifty Christian doctors are endeavoring to build India toward better health and open windows onto a better world. In spite of the fact that the British government is doing much to relieve suffering through its hospitals and dispensaries there are still 88,000,000 people whom these institutions could not accommodate. Millions of these are women and children. It is stated that even in Calcutta, one of the best medically equipped cities in Asia, three-fifths of the people die without medical attendance. While southern Baptists have no mission work in India we earnestly pray for its physical and spiritual redemption.

In *Korea* twenty-three mission hospitals are at present treating one thousand patients a day. The government hospital is well equipped and there are also eighteen charity hospitals and one leper hospital. These do not of course meet the need of Korea's seventeen and a half million of people.

Rev. Sidney Gulick in his very thoughtful and suggestive book, *The Growth of the Kingdom*, writes: "So sweet and reasonable have medical missions, their institutions, methods and principles been seen to be that all men praise and approve them. So important are many of them for the welfare of the community that even governments do not hesitate to contribute public money for their establishment and support. Not only the governments of Christian lands but those of non-Christian lands have quickly caught the spirit and are following the example set them."

What are we going to do here in America for the health of the world; where we have a physician to about every five hundred persons; where in addition we have great hospitals, nursing institutions, convalescent homes and homes for the incurable? Do we hear the mute appeal from China, Africa and Latin America? Has the voice of the Great Physician become so feeble that we cannot hear it? Not because of the need, nor because of the suffering, but for the sake of Him who suffered for us on the cross let us do something adequate to the needs of His sick and dying world.

*See ROYAL SERVICE, October, 1923

We are not simply stewards of money, we are stewards of the gospel.—Cook

The world's a room of sickness, where each heart
Knows its own anguish and unrest;
The truest wisdom there and noblest art
Is his who skills of comfort best.—Keble

2. Fighting

World Plagues

Dr. George E. Vincent, president of the Rockefeller Foundation, the biggest philanthropy in the world, claims that he has the happiest job on earth. On this same "job" the Literary Digest makes the following comment: "While some may criticize the methods by which John D. Rockefeller attained his wealth nobody can stigmatize the manner in which he is spending it. Almost every civilized country is feeling in some way the influence of this great organized effort against contagious diseases. The Foundation has taken part, directly and through educational and public agencies, in the war to prevent the spread of local scourges. These scourges once accepted as dispensations of Providence are in some parts of the world practically stamped out. The program has increasingly concentrated upon medical education and public health. To this end large contributions have been made to the International Board of Health, to the China Medical Board and to centers of medical teaching in England, Belgium, Western and Central Europe, India, Serbia, Siam, the Philippines and South and North America. The largest amount given to any one institution was that of \$7,096,088 to the Johns Hopkins University for a School of Health. Harvard University received \$1,250,534 for a similar purpose. To six Canadian universities was given a contribution of \$2,336,387 to be expended for medical education. The millions with which John D. Rockefeller endowed the Foundation will continue to perform a great work years after he has passed away and will be a perpetual monument to the founder."

That this money has been placed where it has done the world great service is evident from the fact that "the presence of smallpox is now a disgrace to any civilized country or community; cholera and plague have disappeared from the leading nations; typhoid fever has been enormously reduced; malaria and hook worm disease are giving ground; yellow fever is being narrowly restricted; typhus is practically unknown among cleanly people; the fear of diphtheria has been largely allayed. Such victories as these, together with advances in general sanitation, higher living standards, more attention to individual health habits, have resulted in steadily falling death rates in all progressive countries."

It was thought impossible for America, Canada and Great Britain to provide adequate medical help for the heathen world, but through the large opportunities for medical education furnished by the Rockefeller Foundation may not Christendom exert unmeasured influence in stamping out the infection of sin through the cleansing blood of our Lord Jesus Christ?

3. Don't Forget the Lepers

Leprosy is the most ancient disease recorded in history. It is mentioned in an Egyptian papyrus dated over six thousand years ago. It is a self generated disease, not originated by food, climate or unsanitary conditions, though these factors may predispose. While leprosy abounds chiefly in Oriental lands, every country has its quota. Experts estimate at least two million lepers in the world and India has the largest

This stewardship of the gospel . . . takes in all we are, all we do, all we have, and all we acquire.—Cook

portion. Southern China is seriously stricken, having probably two hundred thousand. Japan has about forty thousand. In Africa a sinister band surrounds the continent, broken possibly at two points on the west coast. Madagascar is affected to a serious extent; Cape Colony deports its worst cases to a neighboring island. The disease is also found in Iceland, Lapland and along the Russian border of the Baltic. Whole islands in the South Seas are severely affected. South America has affected sections. Large numbers are also found in Canada and Mexico. The United States has five hundred or more lepers scattered throughout at least nineteen states. It has also under its care the largest and best conducted leper colony in the world.—*Missionary Review of the World* The leper colony referred to is situated on beautiful Culion, one of the Philippine Islands. To this colony Governor-General Wood has given special attention, bringing to it the best doctors and bacteriologists and persuading Miss Embry, the dietician of the Rockefeller Foundation in China, to go and work out a balanced ration that would build up its members physically. Thus built up the lepers will have a better chance to be cured under the new treatment. When Philippine political leaders call into question the administration of General Wood let us remember that the Culion colony refer to it as their "Star of Hope". On this island there is also a home for the children born of leper parents. Well and happy now but who can tell what the future may hold for them!

Another United States leper colony which has been maintained on Penikese Island in Buzzard's Bay, Massachusetts, has been evacuated and the members transferred to the Federal Leprosarium at Carville, Louisiana, where better opportunity for care and possible cure will be offered.

No medical evangelistic work is more encouraging than that done for lepers. The number of converts to Christianity is proportionately large. In one colony every member has become a Christian. In another the type of Christian is shown. From the eighty lepers at the Sunday service the collection amounted to ten shillings. These people were very poor. Among the coins was a rupee (33 cents) which was put in by one of the poorest of the lepers. When asked why he had put one third of his monthly food allowance in the collection he said, "No matter, I will eat less, I want my money to thank God for my salvation."

In our own work for lepers in South China is a young teacher. She was formerly in Mrs. Lake's class. She discovered an ominous spot on her wrist and on investigation this proved to be leprosy. When this precious young Christian was told the dreadful news she bowed her head in silence. After a while she raised her face and with trembling lips began to sing, "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus". Oh, does it pay? Does it pay to give health of soul and body to a sin-sick world?

We wonder whether our Master thought there was a possibility that we would forget the leper, for so often when He said, "Heal the sick" He added "Cleanse the leper." Two thousand years ago He did what we are just beginning to do. His love was swift and strong, ours slow and weak, but there is a remedy: He asks us to believe in Him, not because He made a leper clean, but because He can take away the leper-stains of sin and renew our natures. Then so renewed we can do His works and in His strength live up to our tremendous opportunities for unselfish service to the sick and sinful.

Living a life of faith in the Son of God lies at the bottom of all true fidelity in stewardship.—Cook

4. They Are the Messengers of the Churches

Pain is no respecter of persons, it breaks down barriers and opens a way for the Spirit of God to enter the human soul. Suffering is often the schoolmaster to bring us to Christ. People who have refused Him in days of health are won to Him in time of sickness. How often we have spoken with a tinge of unbelief of death bed repentance, forgetting the thief on the cross. Anguish and fear turn the penitent to the Saviour because they believe *He can save*. Thousands upon thousands are praising God in heaven today, having entered into their joy through the paths of pain; other thousands are glorifying Him on earth because of His great compassion in healing them; other pitiful thousands are still suffering unattended by a trained physician. In speaking of the worldwide need for Christian doctors and nurses one devoted writer tells us: "We must relieve the present strain on our medical workers by sending trained recruits in greater numbers. In China alone eighty per cent of the mission hospitals have only one foreign or foreign trained doctor. One half of these hospitals are still without the services of any foreign registered nurse, while thirty-four per cent have no trained nurses, either Chinese or foreign. Other fields are equally unmanned. Every missionary is conscious of unoccupied areas, they extend from their very doors away out into the desert of silence."

The call of the missionary to the home churches for help is the call of God. If the church is too feeble to respond to this call let us pray for the strong touch of His Spirit to awaken it into new life. There is no other channel through which to spread the healing Gospel of Christ throughout the world. Our women's societies are sometimes the missionary heart of the church and to them may be committed the gracious task to keep it beating high and warm toward those who are "lying bound in the darksome prison-house of sin".

"Oh, church of God, why suffer still
With withered hands against God's will?
For He would have you strong and brave
To meet the task, His world to save.
The Master speaks yet once again,
'Stretch forth thy hands' ye sons of men,
Give of your best, give of your gold—
The Gospel story must be told
To all the people of the earth
Of God's great love, its boundless worth.
Oh, church of God, list to His voice,
And make the sons of earth rejoice!"

Every prayer for medical or evangelistic missions left unprayed and every cent withheld from these saving agencies will be a witness against the church we love and for which He gave His life. Let us beware of lukewarmness. Read the message to the church at Laodicea.

Men derive true satisfaction not from getting so much as from giving.—Cook

THE VALUE OF MEDICAL MISSIONS (For the Blackboard)

The following are some ways in which medical missions attest their missionary value, and exhibit their striking influence in the extension of the Christian faith.

1. Evangelistic

(a) As a Pioneer Agency

1. By overcoming hostility and prejudice
2. By destroying superstition

(b) As a Direct Spiritual Agency

1. By procuring a wide diffusion of the Gospel message
2. By securing time for repeated presentation of the Gospel both by lip and life
3. By exhibiting an object lesson of the Gospel

2. Social

As a Christian Social Agency

1. By weakening such systems as caste and child marriage
2. By acting as centers for public health reforms
3. By imparting a new standard of human life, especially that of womanhood

3. Educational

(a) As a Christian Educational Agency

1. By supplying scientific medical knowledge
2. By training native medical students and raising up native medical missionaries

(b) As a Christian Philanthropic Agency

By training the native Christian church in true Christian philanthropy

4. Economic

As a Missionary Health Agency

1. By diffusing proper knowledge of preservation of health among the missionary staff
2. By treating sick members of the staff
3. By guiding health administration of missionary societies

From Missionary Review of the World

Suggestion for using above blackboard outline: Have four members make comments or talk on the Value of Medical Missions, each one taking sectional topic. Appropriate Scripture verses, poems or quotations could be introduced.

QUESTIONS ON PROGRAM TOPIC FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. Which is the greatest menace to the world, its spiritual or physical condition?
2. Has any one heathen country more need for medical missions than another?
3. Is a great philanthropy like the Rockefeller Foundation a rebuke to the church?
4. Why did Jesus use leprosy as an illustration for sin?
5. Name some evangelistic values in medical missions.
6. Will native doctors and nurses finally supplant medical missionaries?
7. What can the women's missionary society do in assisting the church to accomplish its great task of evangelism?
8. Can the world be evangelized in our generation? How?
9. Do your alms and prayers go up together?
10. Do you use the Calendar of Prayer for southern Baptists each day?

Surely it would have been better for the church not to have known its privileges and opportunities than to know and not do.—Cook



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—"And Cleanse the Lepers"

Devotional—A Girl Who Saved a Prince, II Kings 5:1-16

Hymn—Trust and Obey
One of the Oldest Diseases
The Care of Lepers

Crusade of Compassion Hymn (Tune: O, Love That Will Not Let Me Go. See cover of October Royal Service)

Our Island

The Story of Mary Reed—(See biography in library; or "The Hermit of the Himalayas" in "A Noble Army")

The Lepers' Gratitude

Hymn—There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

One of the Oldest Diseases

Even 500 years before Christ there is record of a pupil of Confucius who was a leper. "In all the long procession of the ages there is no more truly tragic figure than that of the leper." Look up nature of disease in encyclopedia. According to Buddhist belief, lepers are suffering for sins committed in a previous state of existence and Buddhism can never be expected to offer them relief. See paragraph 3, general program.

The Care of Lepers

See paragraph 3, general program.

Poor food, crowding, filth, a moist climate and failure to isolate cases bring about the spread of leprosy. The son of the famous missionary John G. Paton, says that in a leper settlement on the New Hebrides Islands the women chose to share the isolation of their leprous husbands. "The blessing of God seemed to rest upon them" for not one contracted the disease. The collection from this group on a certain Sunday went to the Belgian Relief Fund.

Our Island

The largest piece of church property we have in South China, Taai K'am

Island, three miles long, is owned by the native association, and here the first temporary buildings for the leper colony have just been erected, and the first unit in connection with the larger work for lepers is to be erected at once. Christian Chinese, now working on the island, are conducting a Sunday school in the fishing village there. The lepers are still living in villages on shore, and we have a teacher and a Bible woman working among them. The teacher, a member of the Hongkong church, is a leper.—*Foreign Mission Board's Report*

Dr. and Mrs. John Lake will have supervision over the colony. See paragraph 3, general program.

The Lepers' Gratitude

A few years ago from a Methodist leper colony in China the following letter was sent to the American Bible Society: "We, the elders and members of the leper church at Chung Mai, with one heart and mind, have great gladness in sending our small offering to the American Bible Society and we beg that our gift of 25 rupees (\$8.09) may be graciously received by you and used for the distribution of the Holy Scriptures. To have a share in this good work will give us very great happiness". They showed their gratitude for the knowledge of God through His Word and His servants. See paragraph 3, general program.

SECOND MEETING

Topic—T-H-A-N-K-S-G-I-V-I-N-G

Devotional — Thanksgiving Passages from the Psalms

Doxology

What Thanksgiving Really Means

Thanksgiving Means Thanksliving

See leper's gift, paragraph 3. Talk on opportunities of saying "thank you" to God by our gifts, our service and our praise in song and prayer.

Hymn—Now Thank We All Our God
Contemplation of T-H-A-N-K-S-G-I-V-I-N-G

(Briefly by 11 girls, each may hold large letter or use blackboard and add her letter until word is complete. Contrast with conditions in heathen lands will make us more grateful here and more zealous to send relief to those there.)

Hymn — Crown Him with Many Crowns

Closing Prayers—A series of short prayers of praise and petition

TENDERNESS is almost unknown in lands without Christian doctors. A Chinese wife is sick; the one comfortable room is occupied by a big buffalo; the patient sufferer stifles in a tiny inner room. "If I put my wife in that room and my buffalo in the inner room, the buffalo may get sick. It costs more to buy a buffalo than it does to buy a woman". "What care would you get at home?" asked of a woman burning up with fever. "Oh! I would be out in the deserted part of the woman's quarters. It would be a wonderful thing if any one would pass me a cup of water", she replied.

HOSPITALS. Southern Baptists have only the 19 on our foreign fields and 23 in our southland. See September ROYAL SERVICE. Locate on wall-map. They are centers of evangelism for all the miles around. "All I learn here", said a Mohammedan woman in a mission hospital, "is of love. We hear no mention of love in our religion".

ANESTHETICS are blessings to us. Over there wonderful fortitude is shown in those who bear pain. Legs and arms are set, tumors removed, difficult and serious operations performed while the patient grips the rounds of his chair but utters no sound, the doctor will make him well and it hurts no worse than hot coals, or knife cuts or punctures with needles to let the evil spirits out.

NURSES. See paragraph 4, general program. We southern Baptists have only 10 nurses, that is not even one for each of our hospitals, we must depend on our 56 native nurses almost too much for their training. They prove most alert, dependable and skillful.

Ever the call comes for nurses in other lands. In 1920 there were 700,000 graduate nurses in our America but only 600 in foreign countries

KNOWLEDGE. As few of the woman-kind of India are able to read, the medicine bottles are decorated with pieces of paper so notched as to show number and size of the doses to be taken. 25 out of every 100 persons who die in Mexico are less than 2 years old. Mexican mothers are not trained in the scientific principles of motherhood. The world over filth, unsanitary conditions, plagues prevail because people do not know how to keep clean and well.

SCIENCE. The evangel has many voices, science is one of them. Medicine is our substitute for miracles. In foreign heathen lands S stands for superstition with all its fears. There you would be afraid to have a tooth pulled lest the eye should come out also. A child's eyelids are often blackened so the Evil Eye will not recognize it or it is called by a false name, a girl's instead of a boy's, so that the evil spirit will not value it and harm.

GIFTS. There is always joyous thanksgiving in any of our 19 foreign hospitals when a White Cross box arrives. Last year garments and bedding, towels, bandages, gauzes to the value of \$11,549 went overseas through W.M.U. White Cross activities.

INVESTIGATION here at home proves that prevention will forestall many diseases, even death. Heathenism wails fatalistically, "it was written in his forehead" when polluted water has exacted a toll by typhoid fever.

VICTORIES. Paragraph 2. In 1871 there were 400,000 cholera deaths in the Philippines, in 1918 only 5,200. Such was the victory of medical science. Victories in medical missions are more than healed bodies, they include saved souls. A woman with frozen feet went to the hospital at Pochow, China, last year; this year she is getting about on her knees telling others of the new peace in her heart.

INSTITUTIONS for demented people and unfortunates, deaf and dumb and blind are not known in non-Christian lands except as established by mis-

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COLLEGE Y. W. A.



FROM AN A-1 COLLEGE Y.W.A. PRESIDENT

MISS DOROTHY GOWER as president of the college Y.W.A. at Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C., led the auxiliary to an A-1 record. At the North Carolina W.M.U. annual meeting last year she spoke on the subject, "The Y.W.A. and the School Girl". During the summer Dorothy was drowned; we cannot understand His ways for hers was a life of rich promise but we submit to His will. "She yet speaketh" in these excerpts from her address at Durham.

I DON'T think a school girl could have been given a subject more interesting to try to talk about than that of "The Y.W.A. and the School Girl"; as it is a subject so important and so closely related to the life of the girl. . . . There is nothing needed more in a school or college than the uplifting influence of a Y.W.A. as it is the Y.W.A. that gives rightfully to the attentive girl such inspiration, zeal and desire for missionary service as counts most in life. For instance at Meredith College some of the girls have remarked that they do get more of missionary spirit and yearning and desire to spread the message of God and answer the needs of the world through Y.W.A. work, its impressive missionary program, its opportunities for prayer, its personal service activities and especially through the mission study classes. Much more is to be obtained in right education than the knowledge of music, science, literature, economics but apparently there is a tendency to consider only such subjects as necessary for present day education. If this continues the nobler influence and true soul of education will be lost. Much depends on the Y.W.A. to fill the life and interests of the student with Christian ideals and principles. It is rather difficult for many of the school girls of today to hold their own when there appears to be so much doubt, criticism, moral degradation and wandering from the faith, and when statements are made sometimes by slackers of the faith, saying that Christianity is a failure. But we ought and can and must come to know that it is not Christianity that has failed but the lack of it. Mission study shows us a condition in other lands which makes us know the truth of Christianity and the failure of civilization and nations without it. Though the school girl is small and insignificant in comparison with the great nations and their need, by our united prayers and efforts we can help to save them. Mighty things can be wrought by the Christian educated woman who has been taught to see the fields ripe unto harvest just awaiting reapers. The girl who realizes that the age in which she lives, with its needs and evils to be overcome, moulds the ages of tomorrow, will not fail to do her duty to humanity. She will serve today and endeavor to contribute something worthwhile for tomorrow, knowing that such living is the only thing that really counts in her brief span of life. I make plea to our noble W.M.U. mothers that they continue to help us in our attempts, for we can really do nothing without them in reaching toward those greater heights. We praise and thank our Lord for what Y.W.A. and the school girl have accomplished in His name, for the possibilities of development there are just ahead for us, and for what our W.M.U. mothers have done in helping us and in making our weakest efforts worthwhile.



G. A. DEPARTMENT



INTRODUCING G.A. TO DIANA

ANCIENT astrology dedicates November to Diana, the goddess of the moon, flocks and the chase. There lies here certainly much suggestive of interest to G.A.'s, hero girls of today, for they too may be hunters of note, fixing their aim on game worth while. Paul tells us as he summarizes the "love chapter", "Make love your aim and then set your heart on the spiritual gifts". Here is a goal for the G.A. hunter, let her set the bow of her life towards love that every arrow of influence and experience shall tell for Him. Paul made no contradiction to Christ's words in Matthew 6:33, "But seek ye first his kingdom and his righteousness", for the kingdom is indeed the kingdom of love and love must be captured before the kingdom is won. G.A.'s may well consider chief aims in life during these November days with their message of finality of things. Then would follow a discussion of necessary preparation for the hunter who sets out on the given chase. Again Paul will help with his suggestion to Timothy, 1 Tim. 4:8, "Train yourself in godliness", and in Phil. 3:13, with the advice to center on one goal. Luke records in chapter 6, verse 41 the Master's words which remind us that our eyesight must be good before we can be successful in the hunt for the best, "First cast the beam out of thine own eye". Sin itself in one manifestation according to exact Greek translation is "missing the mark" as in Mt. 1:21 and some of the sins that make girls "miss the mark" should be named. Hebrews 12:1 bids that all such hindrances be laid aside. Moffatt makes it peculiarly applicable to girlhood today as he translates, "strip off its clinging folds", suggesting too much false fixing of the aim upon fashions and fads.

"The Worthwhile Aim", "Training to Reach It", "Eliminating Hindrances" will be adequate statements of discussion subjects. Prepare clever invitations or poster announcements with girls using bows and arrows and draw out free

expression of girls' problems in the discussions.

November's hunt may be more than just a personal benefit, hunt for the new girls in town, the girls who have heretofore been unenlisted. Catch them by concentrated attack, enticing programs and well aimed publicity; then be sure to make them glad they are captured. November is a splendid time to have G.A. mean Get Another.

Hunt up the Standard of Excellence chart and see that the record is satisfactory when all the "hits" are marked with the stars in the correct places as indicated. If your G.A. is not on the watch continually the opportunity to catch an A-1 place of distinction will slip by. Always keep on a still hunt for new social and goodtimes ideas too so that the wholesomest play spirit may prevail. A Pilgrim party, inviting the Royal Ambassadors would not be at all amiss and here a bow and arrow contest would indeed be interesting and apropos. They could also hunt for missionaries hidden in conundrums of any kind—cut outs, upset spelling, rebus pictures of names.

Watch, please, for new subscribers for WORLD COMRADES and continually send many such to the Birmingham headquarters as a result of systematic hunting efforts.

It will be easy to hunt up things for which G.A.'s are thankful—see who can have the biggest catch in lists made out in six minutes at the meeting nearest Thanksgiving Day. Girlhood is prone to take all blessings for granted unless she cultivates the watchful eye that perceives and then counts up evidences of God's goodness. Let each girl see how many times she can spell out Thanksgiving Day by beginning each object of gratitude with the proper initial letter. Perhaps G.A.'s will enjoy ferreting out the story of how America came to observe Thanksgiving Day. After the first few years of her colonization she

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R. A. DEPARTMENT



SOME NOVEMBER PLANS

WE are grateful to Miss Willie Jean Stewart for the R.A. programs in **WORLD COMRADES**. Medical missions holds out so much fascinating material to boys that Oct.-Nov.-Dec. should have particularly interesting programs. The following poem from *Youth's Companion* may supplement the program "Winning the World at the Point of a Lancet".

A Mender in the Dark Gertrude West

"M.D." he signed and stifled a quiver of regret;
In youth a country doctor—a country doctor yet.

The little life on Granite had quickened with the dark,
Lit, like a star of twilight, a tiny glowing spark,
And in the awe-filled silence a birthnight can but keep
The doctor left the little rude homestead to its sleep.
The broken arm at Bannock's was mending steadily;
The bandaged eyes at Campbell's, with caution, soon might see.
So down the rough-hewn roadway the weary doctor went
On the old endless circuit where all his days were spent.

Down in the night-held valley, against the firelight red,
Haloed against the window, shone Tony's curly head;
Burrowed among his cushions, frail in his cavern chair,
And smiling through the cruel grim pain that held him there.
"Hi, doc," his hail came floating, "I knew you'd not go by.
I saw your light on Granite so high—oh, very high!
Weave down the twisty roadway, a thread all goldly bright;
I played you were a shuttle a-mending up the night

From Blair's to Terrance Campbell's, from Bannock's to McNair's,
Just in and out and over as mother stitches tears.
When I grow up and after my leg is not so bad
I'd like to mend the darkness and make the people glad".

In youth a country doctor—a country doctor yet.
Then in his eyes, toil-weary, there shone a lovebright spark.
"M.D." he signed and chuckled: "A mender in the dark".

November has many features which a wise chief counselor can develop into plans for chapter meetings and activities which might well be particularly for winning the older boys who should be Royal Ambassadors. November 11-18 will be Father and Son Week throughout the United States, following Nov. 11, World Temperance Sunday and Armistice Day anniversary. This affords splendid opportunity for showing deacons, church trustees and fathers in general what the Order of Royal Ambassadors really means to the boys. The Woman's Missionary Society may well prepare a supper for the fathers and sons of the church at which time much missionary information may be "devoured" with the food. If there is no chapter of Royal Ambassadors in your church invite a few boys who are R.A.'s to come from a nearby town and tell of their work. Arrange for a series of toasts or short talks, not long wearisome "preachments" but crisp, spicy, to-the-point remarks. The names of some of our R.A. mission study books will make excellent toast subjects as:

"A Noble Army"—R.A. in Our Southland

"Under Many Flags"—Our Foreign Ambassadors (See World Comrades, From Far Away Dep't. in past issues)

"The King's Own"—Knightly Deeds Done

"Servants of the King"—Ambassador Ideals

"Mr. Friend O'Man"—Our Dads and How They Can Help

"The Pathfinder"—Our Chief Counselor

November is the best month to use one of the many biographies of David Livingstone for mission study since it was Nov. 16, 1840 that he left home. In the gray dawn at Blantyre, Scotland, his father handed him the family Bible saying: "You read this morning, David". David Livingstone read two Psalms that day, the 121st and the 135th and went out to Africa. A cozy fireplace and a corn-popper will add enticing charm to mission study these cooling fall days and missionary fires kindled in boys' hearts will burn on and on after the ashes in the fireplace grow gray and dead. "Musser's 'Jungle Tales', Mackenzie's 'African Adventurers'; Mathew's 'Livingstone the Pathfinder', any and all may be used.

Since the fifteenth day of eleventh month is the time for the 3-5-7 celebration for boys in Japan, a Japanese study book will be interesting and with our sympathy awakened for the "sunrise nation" by her recent catastrophe the boys will already be alert for "Japan on the Upward Trail". A handbook titled "Young Japan" will be helpful to the chief counselor preparing to lead R.A.'s in a study of Japan. Don't undertake to lead without knowing Japan first, through studying some of the other splendid books "The Woman and the Leaven", "Honorable Japanese Fan" and so on. The boys will enjoy looking up matters of Japanese development—how Commodore Perry opened her doors, who invented the jinrikisha, how Japan is acquiring American ways and customs. Let them build a model Japanese house—put as much brains into missions as into mathematics, the multiplication in missions is far more satisfactory.

G.A. DEPARTMENT

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neglected such expression of appreciation of divine goodness and it was largely through woman's persistent efforts that Thanksgiving became a day of national thanksgiving.

"The Book of Days", "Storied Holidays" or other books which the keeper of the public library will gladly suggest hold interesting incidents relating to this established "thank you" day in the United States.

The fancy of old astrologists suggests that because Diana rules during this eleventh month, people in it are not satisfied with personal success but push on with them those for whom they care. Surely this is apt in instigating deeds of personal service at Thanksgiving time. The girls may well hunt out families who will need a basket of good things or else will have only the customary meager meal which is theirs daily on this Thanksgiving Day of feasts. The good huntress, Diana, let loose her arrow from the bow, quickly and swiftly with true aim it sped through the air and reached its mark. Diana's arrow brought death to the animal toward which it was turned and it fell not knowing by what force. The G.A.'s "hunting" should be so skillfully and quietly done that the people to be benefited feel no embarrassment, so silently, so quickly will the basket of provisions be sent that they shall not necessarily know from whose hand it came, but will only realize the message of love which it brings and so be grateful to God. A little looking in the hospital may locate some G.A. or some girl eligible to be a G.A., ill or convalescent away from home. Then the chase will be to make her days happy ones with gloom driven quite away. Remember that it isn't just the fruit or flowers which you take her; it isn't just the joke or merry incident you tell to bring laughter to her lips, it is the gift of God which she finds in girls who care for His sake, that makes her glad to see and know G.A.'s. Be a wise and crafty hunter and succeed in every phase of G.A. activity.

"In spite of the gloom
In my little room
A plant today is in fragrant bloom.
The rain, the wind,
It does not mind,
And a sweeter flower you'll never find.
I'll whisper, dear,
Its name in your ear—
It's the little plant called Inside Cheer."



SUNBEAM DEPARTMENT



SUNNY "THANK YOU"

THERE is a priceless sunniness about "thank you" which surpasses that of almost any other expression for it contains the joy of the one who has done the kindness and the happiness of the one who has been the recipient of the favor. With November and Thanksgiving Day, Sunbeams should learn valuable "thank you" lessons in shining for Jesus. Even the brightest optimism of today must take note of a tendency among young and older people too, to take for granted all courtesies and blessings from friends and relatives and even from God, our Father. The wise Sunbeam leader will use every scheme for turning attention in detail to the multitude of gifts God gives Sunbeams to be thankful for, in order to cultivate realization of the fact that it is God who gives us everything. Often because children are not allowed to have all the toys or candy that they want, they feel themselves abused. An enumeration of the good things they do have will open their eyes in appreciation. Nature's beauties are far too frequently accepted thoughtlessly—the fresh air we breathe, pure water to drink, fragrant flowers in gorgeous fall dresses, trees in autumn wizard-painted, nuts to gather, fruit in bin or bag, vegetables ready for winter times, sweet milk every day, tight roofs over love-lit homes, clothes to wear, beds to sleep on—everyday blessings could be named indefinitely, things the children in America have in contrast to the needs of little people in other lands. Give our Sunbeams grateful hearts. Our missionaries rejoice on furlough in drinking water that does not have to be boiled and cooled. There are

literally thousands of hungry children in the Far East, there are the homeless people of Japan, there are the naked ones and hungry in European countries, our new mission fields. Over and over misery is spelled in drab letters by conditions in the world today, let us be brightly grateful for our good fortune. A clever scheme for helping children to think "thank you" would be an adaptation of the old-fashioned game of the donkey with blindfolded children pinning his tail in place. Have a nice large turkey without any tail feathers drawn on a piece of cloth or even the blackboard. Let each child bring an "I thank you, Lord" thought, naming the object or person for which he is thankful and then pin a tail feather in place or if the blackboard is used, draw one. The children will not be blindfolded while doing this for it is only when our eyes are really open that we can see how grateful we must be.

Thankful Thoughts

O everywhere I look I see
Some lovely thing God made for me!
I look into the sky above,
The sunshine tells me of His love;
I glance down at my feet, and lo!
His Love makes blossoms round me grow.

I wish I could my thoughts express
To Thee, dear Lord of Loveliness,
But when I try my thoughts to say,
The words I want seem far away;
And yet I'm sure Thy Love can see
The thankful thoughts that rise in me;
So, since my praise I cannot voice,
I know Thou know'st, and I rejoice!

—Rose Waldo in *Child Life*

November is the eleventh month of the calendar year. The wise leader does not wait until the eleventh month of the Convention year to check up on the Standard of Excellence. Order a Sunbonnet Baby Sunbeam Standard of Excellence wall chart NOW. (Price 25c, W.M.U. Lit. Dep't., 1111 Jefferson County Bank Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.) It will prove a fall tonic for your Sunbeam Band bringing new enthusiasm and interest.

Again, play a new kind of "Fruit basket". The Sunbeams have all probably played "fruit basket upset", now make it "fill up". Each child should bring one fruit and one vegetable or as many as convenient to place in a basket made ready for the purpose. As each puts in his gift he names something for which he is thankful. When all have had their turns the basket will indeed be nearly, if not entirely filled and the Sunbeams will have done much toward providing a Thanksgiving dinner for some one who else must go without that annual feast. The W.M.S. may add the cranberry sauce, preserves and pumpkin pie that should be a part of the dinner that Sunbeams would wish to send off.

"Freely Ye Have Received, Freely Give"

"Shall I take and take, and never give?"
The robin chirped. "No, that would be wrong."
So he picked at the berries and flew away,
And poured out his soul in a beautiful song.

"Shall I take and take, and never give?"
The bee in the clover buzzed, "No, ah, no!"
So he gathered the honey and filled his cell;
But 'twas not for himself that he labored so.

"Shall I take and take, and never give?"
What answer will you make, my merry one?
Like the blossom, the bird, and the bee,
do you say,
"I will not live for myself alone?"

Let the same eager hands that are ready to take
The things that our Father so freely has given,
Be ever as ready to do a kind deed,
Till love to each other makes earth seem like heaven!

—Selected

Since this is a medical mission month Sunbeams should notice especially the blessing of good care while they are sick. The capital programs contributed by Mrs. Lawrence of Arkansas and published in

the fall number of **WORLD COMRADES** will engender gratitude for hospitals with doctors and nurses and even medicine that tastes bad. The little poem "Our Missionary Nurse", advertised in the leaflet list on page 3 of **ROYAL SERVICE** will be helpful here. As a special "Thank you for health" personal service make a particularly cheery scrap book and use the following verse on it. Mrs. J. G. Sams of Lexington, Ky. wrote it for her Sunbeams to decorate their books with and kindly passes it on to others.

Just because you're sick we're sorry
And we send these lines to say
That we hope you are growing stronger
Getting better every day.

With your nurses dear and doctors
To attend you day and night
You will soon be romping gaily
In God's sunshine warm and bright.

But till then when days are dreary
From our Sunbeam book just take
All the sunshine that we wish you
And you'll soon forget your ache.

Y.W.A. PROGRAMS

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missionaries. At Canton, China, southern Baptists have a school for blind girls, the Mo Kwong Home, with 28 girls.

NEEDS. See paragraphs 1 and 4, general program. 2/3 of the human race needs medical relief. The little girl in India who at the age of 12 must undergo the ordeal of childbirth should at least have the chance of her life which is given by intelligent nursing. 200 million women in China and 95 women medical missionaries! In China there is one medical missionary to every 644,760, in United States to every 625 persons. 90 per cent of those who die in heathen lands die without treatment from a doctor or a competent nurse.

GOD. Medical missions reveals the love of God in a practical way; it is the healing ministry which Jesus never forgot. "Oh," said a Hindu woman, "your God must be a very good God to send a doctor to the women. None of our gods ever sent us a doctor".



SOCIETY METHODS



REACHING THE STANDARD

Clause 2.—An increase in active membership during the year of at least 10 per cent of the number enrolled at the beginning of the year until all eligible members are enlisted.

"HAPPINESS was born a twin." So to be truly happy in the W.M.U. you must "look all around you and find some one in need" of definite missionary information and inspiration. A twin party is not new, yet if the enlistment committee will advertise it and assign to each woman a twin to be won many uninterested women and young people will receive invitations to join the society.

The every member canvass for the Sunday school is widely used, and yet few of our W.M.U. organizations follow up this canvass. In our cities there are hundreds of our people inactive because no one has cordially invited them to the society meeting. Have the enlistment committee divide the names of the unenlisted women and young people found by the canvass among the circles and auxiliary leaders. See that each one has a personal invitation. Use the new Attendance Cards* published by the W.M.U. Literature Department to invite the unenlisted and then have each visited by some member of the organization.

Some one has called "everybody the mysterious mischief maker". Too often it is true that in our society an invitation is given for everybody to "come next time and bring somebody with you". The definite assignment of unenlisted church members and unattached Baptists is the one way to reach the ten per cent increase in membership. Whenever a woman joins the church have the enlistment committee invite her immediately to join the missionary society. Have the auxiliary leaders enlist the young people in the same way.

The changing of the officers every two years will help keep the society out of a rut. The personnel of the circles should be changed at least every two years in order to win many new members. When the circles remain the same they often

become cliques, members are too well satisfied with "our circle" and care little for the growth of the society. Each woman in the church should be assigned to a circle and the chairman should see that she is visited, 'phoned to and urged to join the circle.

Women have been won by asking them to do some congenial task. This writer knows personally women who have been won by being invited to a missionary quilting, packing of box for a frontier missionary, sewing for an orphanage, joining a mission study class, assisting in the music, by the organization of the business woman's circle, the bride's circle and by preparing refreshments for the missionary society.

If you do have refreshments follow Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery's advice: "Mix brains with your tea and don't be afraid to stir them hard". It is a good plan to serve refreshments on the fifth Monday, and on that day use your brains in arranging a stirring program. "An ounce of contact outweighs a ton of hearsay". Get the woman to the meeting, but much will depend upon the program and social committee in holding her. Remember it "pays to advertise". Have an announcement in the paper concerning your meeting and then have your reporter write up the program in an interesting way. Make attractive posters and place in a conspicuous place in the church announcing the meeting.

The second point on the standard will be reached if you have a wide awake enlistment committee who pray and work; a committee who has the optimistic outlook and is not afraid to try something new.—Alabama

*Price 10c a dozen from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Jeff. Co. Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.



PERSONAL SERVICE



THE BAPTIST SOCIAL CENTER OF SOOCHOW, CHINA

UPON returning from furlough in September 1921 we found the atmosphere of our church charged with the spirit of progress, the young people wanted to do something definite outside of the regular church activities. We were loathe to combat this spirit, and set about to direct it. After the necessary discussions, plans and preparation, this spirit to do something began to express itself in the Baptist Social Center.

The Center is located nearly a mile west of the Dziang Nga Zien Church in a good section on a teeming business street, in a large, light, clean, attractive Chinese building. The building was opened by an appropriate service in the spring of 1922 so the work is now about a year and a half old. There is provision for a large primary school with court for playground. The tuition is within the means of very poor children; the teaching and surroundings are also attractive enough to draw the better classes. Young men from Yates Academy help in this school. Upstairs there are rooms fitted up for night school work for young men who have no time to study by day. Our Chinese young men and one of our lady missionaries attend to this work. On Sunday nights the same force of teachers teach the same young men the Bible.

An evangelistic service is held here every night and two special series of meetings have been held in which our young men took turns at preaching. On Sunday afternoons we have a Sunday school for the children of the primary school and for outside children; the teachers are the girls and boys from our two boarding schools who volunteer for this service. Mr. McDaniel and I work there with them.

We have also put on some movies of educational value, the proceeds helping the running expenses. The night school fees and the sale of tea also help the finances. There is a free reading room provided with newspapers and games where men and boys are welcome all through the day and evening. They seem glad to take advantage of this privilege. There is room here for work among women, but we have not had the force to undertake it. A number of women have come to the special meetings and a few to the afternoon Sunday school.

The spiritual results of this work at the Center for one year have been larger than at any point where we have carried on work at a street chapel in the ordinary way. The success of the work is proving the need for it and giving our young people a wholesome outlet for their activities. The work at the Center is under the management of the church and some day it may be expedient to have a church at that point.—Mrs. Chas. G. McDaniel

WOODIE BARTON GOOD WILL CENTER

NASHVILLE Baptists, and especially the W.M.U. of Nashville Association, rejoice in the opening of the Good Will Center in their city. The commodious building is the gift of Col. and Mrs. O. C. Barton of Paris, Tenn., given in memory of their daughter who resided in Nashville at the time of her death. In providing this building Col. and Mrs. Barton have made possible the fulfillment of a cherished dream of their daughter—that such an institution might be established in Nashville. The work of the Center will be maintained by the W.M.U. of Nashville Association. The dedication took place under most auspicious circumstances. Dr. VanNess presided, the speakers were Col. Barton, Dr. E. C. Dargan, Dr. Ryland Knight, Mrs. A. B. Hill, Mrs. S. A. McMurphy and Miss Eva McCullough, the director of the Center.



TRAINING SCHOOL



HOW THE WORK GOES

THE W.M.U. Training School opened its seventeenth annual session on September 18th with a fine enrollment of 110 earnest and interesting-looking young women. Our beloved Mrs. Maud R. McLure generously came to us for the service that she can so ably give in organizing, classifying and arranging for the session's work. It is a great joy to present again to our southern Baptist women Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn who has, in answer to God's call and that of her co-workers, bravely and modestly consented to take up the work for the present. We feel, indeed, that she has been called into the Kingdom "for such a time as this." Her years of training as student and teacher in House Beautiful have given her in a large sense the spirit and ideals of the school and she is a true disciple of our great leader—one worthy to wear her mantle. The opening exercises of the night of the 19th made a charming occasion. Mrs. George B. Eager, Chairman of the Board, and General Advisor, presided. Grateful and loving recognition of Mrs. McLure and her years of matchless service was given by faculty and students. Miss Littlejohn as acting principal was introduced in appreciative words. Then the officers and student committee were presented and the spirit of cooperation was most encouraging. We feel that God has led in a wonderful way and that He is our Strength and our Guide through all the days and along even troublous ways.

We are surely counting on the love and prayers of our Woman's Missionary Union. They have never failed us.—Mrs. George B. Eager

IT is with joy, confidence and implicit faith and trust that I take up my duties as acting principal of our beloved Training School—with joy, because as a child of the King I must know no joy but in doing His will; with confidence, because I know that Woman's Missionary Union to a woman is standing by to encourage; with faith and trust, because I know that He will guard the interests of this school. Judging from the fine spirit of cooperation that is always evident here and the added spirit of loyalty and determination on the part of both faculty and students to stand by the school in this hour of need, we have a right to expect a year of blessed service crowned with His approval. It was my privilege to be a member of the summer colony of House Beautiful until late in July. Except for a month spent at Ridgecrest Miss Connor, our secretary, was on duty all the summer, looking after the usual heavy correspondence of the school and directing the necessary painting and remodeling in the building. Miss Jett, of Kentucky, a junior of last year who was the secretary for the summer at Broadway Baptist Church, shared our apartment with us in the Training School Annex. Miss Clara Webb, of Georgia, was the assistant at Good Will Center and Miss Pearl Holloway, of Mississippi, was an additional helper until the end of July. Misses Webb and Holloway, with the assistance of Miss Katherine Sampson, of Louisville, and several faithful volunteer helpers, conducted a successful Daily Vacation Bible School at Good Will Center. The enlarged playground with the new sanitary drinking fountain proved a great help in our summer work.

During the latter part of August, Miss Ruby Quillin, of Mississippi, who graduated with us last year and who is to be my assistant in the Practical Missions Department this year came to relieve Miss Webb. As assistant during the summer of 1922 Miss Quillin won her way into the hearts of Good Will Center people and their welcome to her has been sincerely genuine. Her association in the work promises to be most helpful.—Carrie U. Littlejohn



BOOK REVIEWS



CREATIVE FORCES IN JAPAN

THE author of Creative Forces in Japan, Mr. Galen M. Fisher, has lived and worked in Japan for twenty years, holding the responsible position of Senior Secretary of the International Committee of the Y.M.C.A. With the background of this experience he can be accepted as an authority on Japan and things Japanese, especially in regard to the progress of Christianity in the empire. A leading feature of the book is the fresh material supplied by some of Japan's eminent Christian leaders, one of these being Dr. Joseph Nee-sima whose well-known history has been the inspiration of Christian workers in both the eastern and western world. The Japanese people rather than the Japanese government seem to be the theme of the book and it is this personal touch that will ripen our interest into real friendship as we go from page to page. The contents of the book are presented through the usual six chapters, captioned as follows: Assets and Liabilities of the Japanese People; Militarism, Reaction and Liberalism; Social Problems and Christian Solutions; Religious Resources and Problems; Epochs and Achievements of the Christian Movement; The Challenge of Today and Tomorrow. An appendix of supplemental material and a divisional bibliography conclude a book which will be a pleasure to the student from every standpoint—easy style, clear type, good spacing, a double page map and illustrations which exemplify the text. The book unfolds its chronicle from old-school Japanese history up to the events of the present day—which day Dr. Robert E. Speer tells us "is the day of all days for the churches at home to support missions in Japan through direct evangelistic effort."

Now that the attention of a horrified and sympathetic world is fixed upon Japan it seems providential that our foreign mission study for 1923-24 should be largely directed to that country.

Price, paper 50 cents, cloth 75 cents, from Educational Department, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

THE LARGER STEWARDSHIP

MANY worthy books on stewardship have been written and have fulfilled their purpose of introducing tithing as a part of religious observance as well as leading their readers from tithing of wealth and income into more generous giving of all they possess to kingdom needs. In The Larger Stewardship, written by Charles A. Cook, these lessons are emphasized and with them is set forth a more comprehensive view of the stewardship of all the gifts of life. The eight chapters deal consecutively with (1) The Larger Stewardship, its necessity, difficulties, ideals and rewards; (2) The Stewardship of Personality, its appraisal, what it involves, its consecration, its antidotes and some illustrations of faithful stewardship; (3) The Stewardship of Talents, its power, skill, equipment, assets and the sinfulness of non-usage; (4) The Stewardship of Calling, its choice of life-work, aim, partnership with God, zeal, achievement and sin of allowing deterioration; (5) The Stewardship of Influence, the fact, responsibility, broadcasting, church's influence, ministry of prayer and watchfulness—here also are given some personal examples; (6) The Stewardship of Opportunity, life itself, life multiplied, the debt we owe to life, its intake and outflow and its quickly passing opportunities; (7) The Stewardship of Time, as a trust, responsibility of using or not using, always a duty, procrastination and importance of present moment; (8) The Stewardship of Substance, a logical issue, what is included, rewards and a query conclusion that will bring conviction to the genuine searcher after truth. Such a list of gripping topics will of course bring a list of gripping questions at the close of each chapter.

The class taking up this book will be either richer or poorer at its close according as the Spirit worketh within its members. Surely the truth as presented through its study will lead many to rejoice in the privilege of a "Larger Stewardship" to Him who giveth all.

Price, cloth, \$1.00, from Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.



FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



A HEROINE IN THE HEART OF CHINA

SHE had an unusually sweet face. Her features indicated a degree of refinement and culture. Very earnestly she listened during the talk and reverently bowed while we prayed. Yet her expression was not one of perfect peace. There were signs of perturbation, if not genuine sorrow, beneath the surface. After the meeting her difficulty was disclosed. "This is Chang-Yang Shih", said another Christian woman, "and she is very sad". "What is your trouble?" I asked. Whereupon she poured out her heart concerning her husband's hostility toward Christianity and his extreme objection to her attending worship. "Please help me pray for him", she plead, "for his heart is very hard". Not only did we pray for him but for her, asking that the Lord would grant her grace and strength to remain true to Him in spite of persecution. On

our next visit the evangelist said, in speaking of answered prayer, "I shall give you an example. Chang-Yang Shih prayed for her husband and did not become angry as many would have done when he cursed her and threatened to send her away from home. Day after day she prayed that the Spirit would touch his heart and cause him to know that Jesus Christ is the Savior. This prayer was answered and he has thoroughly repented. When he realized that she had Jesus' love and peace in her heart he began to desire the same blessing". Thus were her faith and heroism rewarded. When she came to Kaifeng to attend Bible school I inquired about her husband. "He is a Christian now and more zealous than I", was her happy response. For did not the Master say, "If ye shall ask any thing in my name I will do it"?—*Addie Estelle Cox, China*

GLAD SERVICE IN ARGENTINA

IT is very soul thrilling to read of the wonderful strides of our home people in kingdom affairs. It stirs us too when we see all around us souls in so great need of the blessed message of salvation. My husband and I are working in close contact with the people in the city of Cordoba. We find many souls seeking the light and we have received many in this neighborhood who are in the road which leads to life eternal. When we think of the many provinces, towns and cities where there isn't any one with this blessed news it makes us crave for them the same opportunity we are trying to offer our people in this neighborhood of Cordoba. Some are poor and don't have opportunity for music, some love to study English. Yes, there are many ways we are finding to enter open doors and the doors are opening to us. It is with much thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father that we go forward in this blessed work looking to Him for the fruit which His precious word always yields when it is sown in faith.—*Cora Hancock Blair, Argentina*



HOME DEPARTMENT



SHARING THE CROSS OF CHRIST

SHE sat crouched on the ground in the refuge camp at Malatia, one of that great huddled mass of misery. Around her women moaned or whispered to each other their stories as if the horror and shame of it all might not be spoken aloud. The loose ragged garment drawn closely around her showed the youthful lines of the body, but the face was lined and old with suffering. It was the eyes of the Armenian girl that held one; great black depths that had in them not only pain but wonder and joy. Near her a baby wailed and the girl reached over and gathered it in her arms, wincing with evident pain as her cloak drew across her back.

"Whose child is it?" asked the woman beside her. "I know not. I took it crying from the breast of its mother, dead by the road just this side of the spring. It will die soon I think", the girl said quietly as the crying ceased.

"It will be gathered to the breast of God", the woman answered wearily. "There are thousands like this one. Can a mother live without food and still have milk for her child? Rest against me as you hold the little one", she added gently.

The girl shook her head. "I cannot lean—yet", she whispered.

"Were you beaten?" questioned the older woman.

Again came the shake of the head and the look of awe in the girl's eyes. "No", she said softly. "It was given me to understand the suffering of Christ."

The American nurse came upon the group a few hours later and lifted the little cold body from the arms of the refugee.

"Yours?" she asked.

"No, but I held it as it died." As the girl's face lifted and the relief worker saw the eyes she exclaimed: "But you are in pain—your sufferings must have been—"

"No", the Armenian girl interrupted softly. "Only it was given me to know the cross of Christ."

"She is quite mad", muttered the older woman as she listened.

"What do you mean?" asked the American with a quick glance at the hands and the bare feet of the girl. Again came the patient explanation and the mingled joy and wonder in the eyes—"It has been given me to know the cross of Christ, Calvary, Christ and the cross". Slowly rising she said, "You shall see". Slipping back the one loose garment she wore and there, branded deep into the flesh of the back was a perfect cross.

"Tell me about it", the American said, as she drew the covering carefully back into place.

"There is nothing to tell—only—not all at once was my cross given me. Each day for one week the Moslems of my village said to me, 'Mohammed or Christ?' and I had but one answer—'Christ'—and each day there was added a piece to my cross. The last day they said to me, 'Mohammed and you live—Christ and tomorrow you die', and I said, 'I shall have died knowing the cross of Christ'. That night some of us escaped, for we had heard that Americans were near and there was hope for us. So great a thing is not given to many", she added simply.

"What is this case?" asked the relief doctor as the nurse brought the refugee in. And the American woman explained it—her eyes reflecting the wonder of the sacrifice that shone in the eyes of the Armenian girl—"It was given her to know the cross of Christ". —*Mrs. Jeanette Wallace Emrich, in Life and Light*

Margaret Fund Students

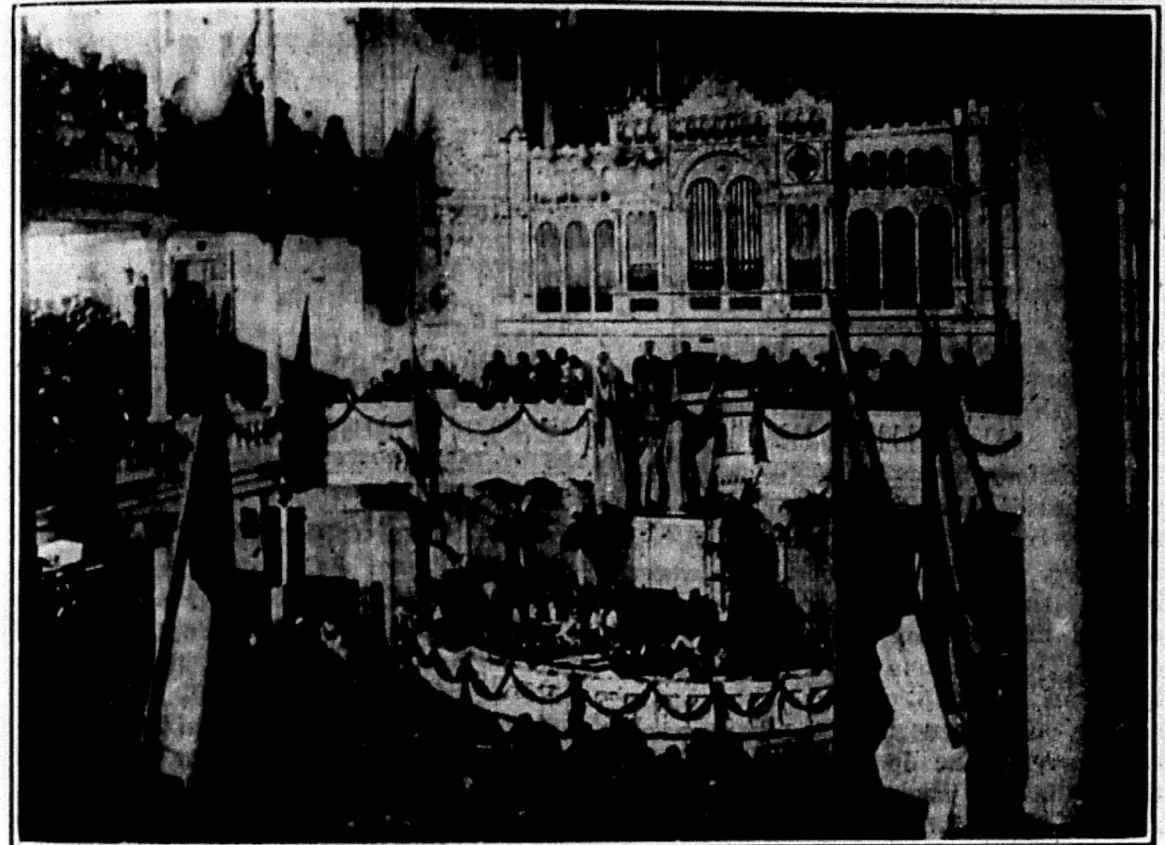
The young men and women named on page 32 belong to W.M.U. in a peculiar sense being the Margaret Fund scholarship students for the session 1923-24. As they are so far from their parents they are ours for special love, attention and prayer. Your state Margaret Fund Committee member can tell you definite things your society can do for certain ones of these students.

OUR MARGARET FUND STUDENTS

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| Wade Bostick | China | Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C. |
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| Josephine Clarke | Japan | Bessie Tift College, Forsyth, Ga. |
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| Thomas Cheavens | Mexico | Baylor University, Waco, Texas |
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| Emma Crosland | Brazil | Westhampton College, Richmond, Va. |
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| Margaret Fowler | Argentina | Bethel Woman's College, Hopkinsville, Ky. |
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| Estelle Ginsburg | Brazil | Baylor College, Belton, Texas |
| Robert Ginsburg | Brazil | University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo. |
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| Alexander Herring | China | Buie's Creek Academy, Buie's Creek, N. C. |
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| Minnie Lacy | Mexico | High School, San Antonio, Texas. |
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| Sadie Lawton | China | Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C. |
| Wesley Lawton | China | Furman University, Greenville, S. C. |
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| Kathleen Logan | Argentina | Bethel Woman's College, Hopkinsville, Ky. |
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UNION NOTES



BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE IN SESSION, STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

ROUND TABLE

N-O-V-E-M-B-E-R in W.M.U. circles spells state annual meetings. During this month the state Unions of Kentucky, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Virginia, Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia, Texas and Alabama as well as that of the District of Columbia will gather in annual session. The Calendar of Prayer calls attention to these meetings thus emphasizing the opportunity for intercession which they present. Let us be faithful to this opportunity, beseeching the Holy Spirit's presence and guidance in each meeting and for Mrs. James, our president, Mrs. McLure, Misses Mather and White as they go as Union representatives to these states.

ARE you thinking of Christmas gifts yet? Remember that a ROYAL SERVICE subscription will be "just the thing" in more than one instance. We

have a most attractive Christmas card to send you for gift subscriptions. This card was designed by Miss Emma Whitfield who gave us also the design for our Union pin. The drawing is symbolic or suggestive of the mission idea. It shows a Chinese woman looking over the ocean (from beyond which help must come) to the star in the east; upon closer examination of the star she will see the cross in its light. We must give her the opportunities the Star and the Cross have brought to us. When you send a list of subscriptions be sure to state how many of them are gifts and the cards will be mailed to you.

WORLD COMRADES has its special card, also, gay with holly and Christmas bells and showing old Santa's jolly round face. Make some boy and girl happy with a Christmas gift that comes four times a year and let us know

when you send the subscriptions if they are gifts so that the cards may be sent you.

THERE are many who will be interested in the account of Miss Mallory's sailing which came in a personal letter from Mrs. A. C. Johnson, our long time recording secretary now living in Seattle: This morning I saw Miss Mallory safely aboard the President McKinley which started its long journey with flags flying and band playing. It was a most inspiring sight and I wished there could have been more of her friends present to wish her "bon voyage." She and Miss Pearle Johnson had a lovely stateroom situated opposite the postoffice. With her usual thoughtfulness Miss Mallory had an immense box of asters to divide into bouquets to present to the missionaries. She also had quantities of flowers, fruit and candy which had been sent her. There were many passengers beside the missionaries while there seemed literally hundreds of a Chinese crew. The missionaries with Miss Mallory had a group picture taken before sailing. Children threw brilliant paper streamers to the dock and as we stood there the sun broke through and the steamer seemed to be sailing through a rainbow, a happy augury, I hope, of a wonderful trip.

Some time later there came from Miss Mallory a cablegram with the welcome news "safe in Kobe".

A NEW suggestion was incorporated in our plan of work for ministerial relief this year. Thanksgiving and Christmas are preeminently the seasons for following up the suggestion, which is that special gifts be sent to aged Baptist ministers and their families just as to frontier missionaries. Of course if clothing is sent only new or very slightly worn things would be allowed to find their way into the box. Sometimes a gift of money, a shower of notes or cards, a basket of fruit or flowers delivered by representatives of the society would express the appreciation and Christian love for one who had served well his day and generation. If such "veterans of the cross" are not known to you personally write to your state secretary for information as to those living in your state.

"THE greatest relief agency in the world": some one has thus characterized the American Red Cross, and the recent example of its efficiency in time of sudden need makes us feel that the characterization is a just one. In ordinary times and under every day conditions the Red Cross carries on extensive endeavors "to relieve and prevent suffering at home and abroad". Upon the success of the annual Roll Call depends the efficient carrying out of the duties placed upon the organization by Congress and this is the only appeal it makes to finance its regular program. The 1923 Roll Call will be held from Armistice Day to Thanksgiving, November 11 to 29. To emphasize this season we give our cover page this month to a Red Cross "poster", knowing it will remind many to enroll.

DEAR Union: Resuming our "correspondence"—Discouraging obstacles were met and overcome in Mandeville as the Louisiana Baptist Assembly followed the cheerful, efficient, sacrificial leadership of its president, Mr. Clarence Managan. The W.M.U. work in this assembly was encouraging. Miss Sims led a class in Methods of Story Telling; "Miss Georgia" taught the W.M.U. Manual; your field worker sat (?) in a class studying From Strength to Strength and the class did the work. Every one who attended this assembly from August 22 to 29 will want to be "on the road to—" Mandeville next year. I expect to be in a good humor for two months this fall for district and associational meetings agree with my digestion and inclination. North Carolina is justifying the wisdom of the nickname given her sons. She has taken her stand on the line of her 75 million Campaign quota and whether or not there is tar on her heels she is climbing steadily and surely toward her full pledge, slipping not an inch in purpose or accomplishment. Associational gatherings in Granite Falls, Hickory, Forest City, Burlington, Spring Hope and Oxford were encouraging, constructive meetings. Why does South Carolina win the loving cup year after year? If you could travel with me to the meetings in Gaffney, Chester, Newberry, Camden, Scranton, Graniteville, Barnwell, and Walterboro you would find out. She is working toward that end

with characteristic South Carolina enthusiasm, determination and consecration, planning to bring home for the third time the one she now holds when we adjourn in Atlanta next May.—*Blanche Sydnor White*

WHEN school opens and all the young people pack their trunks and hurry away to the joys of college life, it is very pleasant at least to pack one's bag and sample those joys in many schools instead of concentrating on one. These journeying notes are being written in the exact middle of fourteen days in North Carolina. Miss Mary Warren, corresponding secretary in the tar heel state, is my traveling companion and pilot. We have already visited Sylva Collegiate Institute, Mars Hill College, Fruitland Institute, the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage, Wingate Junior College and North Carolina College for Women at Greensboro. In the days ahead we shall go to Oxford and Chowan Colleges, Buie's Creek Academy and Meredith. Our schools in North Carolina are delightful with cordial welcome and fine atmosphere in their student and faculty groups; the majority are overcrowded and turning young people away for lack of dormitory and class room space. My heart swells with pride for our Baptist educational system yet I long for paid-up campaign pledges to make it more satisfactorily adequate. Before the North Carolina trip there were several engagements in and near Birmingham during three weeks in the office after the summer's assemblies and camps. With Miss Reynolds, I visited Howard College hoping to organize a Young Woman's Auxiliary. Mrs. Stallworth and I attended the Birmingham W.M.U.

Associational meeting at Fairfield. An abounding joy came to all of us who helped in organizing the first Grace McBride Y.W.A. circle among the nurses at Birmingham Baptist Hospital. Again I had the privilege of speaking to my own Business Woman's Circle at First Church, Birmingham. I trust many Woman's Missionary Societies foster their young women's work as well.—*Juliette Mather*

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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| Margaret Reno | Brazil | Bucknell College, Lewisburg, Pa. |
| Ida Shepherd | Brazil | Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, Va. |
| Thomas Walne | Japan | Baylor University, Waco, Texas |
| Diana Whittinghill | Italy | Sevenoaks, Kent, England |
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