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Laborers together with God.—I Corinthians 3:9

## WATCHWORD FOR 1923-1924

He that wrought for us this very thing is God.—  
II Cor. 5:5

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## Christmas

The earth has grown old with its burden of care,  
But at Christmas it always is young,  
The heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair  
And its soul full of music bursts forth on the air  
When the song of the angels is sung.

It is coming, Old Earth, it is coming tonight!  
O'er the snowflakes that cover the sod  
The feet of the Christ-child fall gentle and white  
And the voice of the Christ-child tells out with delight  
That mankind are the children of God.

The feet of the humblest may walk in the field  
Where the feet of the Holiest trod  
This then is the marvel to mortals revealed  
That mankind are the children of God.

---Phillips Brooks

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WITH THE BAPTISTS IN BUDAPEST



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**T**O fully appreciate the character of the Hungarian proper and to enter into sympathy with the Baptists of Hungary in their work it is important that one know something of the history of the Hungarian people themselves and something of the history of the Baptist work of that country. Both are full of interest and each has its touch of romance.

Some thousand years ago there lived in Jugorici, a country that stretched from the Ob to the Irtis in Asia, a people who are now known as Magyars. At one time a very powerful people fought against these Magyars whom they defeated. The nation then divided in two parts which were never to meet again. The history of one is shrouded in darkness. The other part traveled toward the west and settled in Etelkoz. We are told that these were made up into eight tribes. Each tribe had its own chief but they had no common ruler. They lived in tents which they could easily take up and pitch on another place when the cattle wanted pasture. They moved to the north in the spring and in the winter to the banks of the rivers in the south where they could fish. They mostly bred horses, cattle and sheep. "Hunting was their pleasure; their chiefest and most favorite occupation was war".

After a disastrous war in Etelkoz and defeat at Levedia the tribes chose a common leader, Apad, thereby constituting the nation of the Magyars, which name they took from one of the tribes. It was under this leader that the Magyars crossed the Carpathian mountains, conquered the various Slavonian tribes and occupied the country now known as Hungary.

With this brief account of the coming of the Magyars to Hungary it is easy to understand what Dr. Rushbrooke means in *The Baptist Movement on the Continent of Europe* when he speaks of them as a people who stand alone in Europe and to appreciate the quotation from their poet Zrinyi: "We are not inferior to any nation". They are an oriental people in the midst of Europe, different in race, language and tradition. They do indeed mourn their isolation but one can readily gather from conversation with them that they are very proud of their ancestry and their history.

In the first edition of his book Dr. Rushbrooke says: "In Hungary the Baptist movement has made in recent years a greater advance relatively to the population than in any other European country". He refers of course to the Hungary of pre-war days. In 1910 the statistics showed 16,839 Baptist church members. The transfer of territory to Roumania, Czecho-Slovakia and Jugo-Slavia after the war took away practically all the flourishing Roumanian communities, many of the German and Slovakian and even some of the Hungarian, but there are still in Hungary over 9000 Baptist church members with 51 churches and 400 stations.

Roman Catholicism is the dominant religion in Hungary, though there are large bodies of Protestants. We read that as early as 1846 there was a Baptist church of nine members in Budapest but in a period of political revolution this work

was soon completely destroyed and except in history no trace of it is to be found. There is also the report that in 1865 G. W. Lehmann of Berlin went to Budapest and while there baptized several persons all trace of whom has likewise disappeared. It was not till 1873 that Heinrich Meyer and his wife settled in Budapest. Meyer seized every opportunity of preaching notwithstanding the fact that he encountered grave danger. Being a man of courage, of great force and energy he succeeded in gathering a few hearers in the privacy of his home. Conversions followed, then baptisms and in December, 1874, the German church in Budapest was reorganized. Thus it was that enduring work among the Germans of Hungary had its beginning. But what of the work among the Magyars? We hear that in 1871 a Baptist sent out from Vienna to do colportage work in Magyszalonta found a few persons meeting regularly in the home of Johann Lajos, to read and study the Bible. They were



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not satisfied with the doctrines nor practises of the church to which they belonged. Under the guidance of the Baptist from Vienna they soon came to see they held the same faith of the Baptists. Lajos soon desired baptism and was willing to sell his house if necessary to secure sufficient funds to pay his expenses to Vienna where he might be baptized there being no one to be found in all Hungary to perform the rite. But two years later, in 1873, Heinrich Meyer having come to Hungary heard of the awakening in Magyszalonta and was deeply impressed. He satisfied himself of the seriousness of the movement and arranged for the groups to meet him. This meeting did not take place till 1875 but after five days of prayerful preparation he baptized eight members of the Hungarian mission and thus began the Baptist work among the Magyars.

In addition to Heinrich Meyer, known as the Apostle of Hungary, Michael Kornya and Michael Toth, two of the earliest Hungarian preachers, other names loom large in Hungarian Baptist history among which are Andreas Udvarnoki, the leading Baptist preacher; Attila Csopjak, a venerable, large-hearted and wonderfully active man; and Lidovae Bodoki. The latter three I had the great privilege of meeting and talking with about their work. Mr. Udvarnoki is not only the president of the Hungarian Baptist Convention but is the pastor of the First Hungarian Church in Budapest and is president of the Baptist Theological Seminary located in that city. On the morning of that Sabbath day in Budapest we worshipped in the First Hungarian Baptist Church where Dr. Lewis M. Hale, a pastor in St. Louis and a member of our party preached to an overflowing and most responsive congregation. Much has been said of the wonderful singing at the Alliance meeting in Stockholm. No wonder they had such singing there when in every Baptist church we visited in Europe either in city or village we found all the young people and older people for that matter well drilled in singing *good music*. They love it and truly worship in their singing and the drilling does not take place in the church service. Mr. Baranyay, one of the professors in the seminary interpreted for Dr. Hale and was our interpreter during our stay in Budapest. Mr. Baranyay is now in Louisville, Kentucky, for a period of study at our seminary. He has his wife and little daughter with him. They are a very charming trio and I hope you will all remember them in your prayers as they abide among strangers in a strange land.

The professors of the seminary and their wives had our entire party and other guests to dinner in the home of Mr. Udvarnoki, the president of the seminary. Mr. Udvarnoki and his family live in the seminary building which is rented and



MR. AND MRS. BARANYAY AND DAUGHTER  
Now at S.B.T. Seminary, Louisville

them the relief they need and they are looking to us. Yet a letter from Dr. Love tells me that they have just passed through the most distressing Board meeting in his experience. The Foreign Mission Board has been compelled to cut out every item of material equipment on every one of its fields. This is truly disastrous. When I learned of the salaries of the pastors and seminary professors I was shocked. I cannot see how they can support their families in any degree of comfort. Yet with all the sacrifices they must make and with their limited equipment they are committed to the cause and look forward to the future with faith and high courage.

The women in the families of the seminary professors prepared and served the dinner at Brother Udvarnoki's that Sunday. It was wholly Hungarian and was unusually wholesome and delicious. There was blessing in the time we had together during and after the dinner. We could not talk together much for our tongues did not speak the same language though our hearts were in tune together. In every Christian home among our people in Hungary they have a prayer before each meal asking God's blessing and after the meal a prayer of Thanksgiving. We joined in this and after the meal all sang together the songs of Zion.

In the afternoon the men of the party went to a meeting at the other Hungarian church in Budapest and the women to a meeting for women at the First Hungarian church. At this meeting Mrs. Udvarnoki, the president of the Woman's Union of Hungary, had charge and we had a great meeting.

was at one time a very nice large residence like unto some of our southern homes. The family quarters are furnished very comfortably but for the most part the building is bare and old, badly out of repair and destitute of any worthwhile material equipment. There were in the seminary last year twenty-two students and five teachers. Three were regular teachers and two were helpers.

Dear ROYAL SERVICE Reader, if I could show you with what poor equipment and under what handicaps these men work I cannot but believe that you would leave no stone unturned to help relieve the tremendous burden on the Foreign Mission Board and to make its receipts greater this coming year. You must know how these people suffered because of the recent war and from the Soviet occupation. They lost their most resourceful territory and must make new plans for their economic improvement. There are as I have said but a little more than 9000 Baptists in all of Hungary and about 1700 of these have been gained in the past two years. We have through our Board pledged to give

to help them in planning larger things and they are looking to us. Yet a letter from Dr. Love tells me that they have just passed through the most distressing Board meeting in his experience. The Foreign Mission Board has been compelled to cut out every item of material equip-

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Work, Hungary



## BIBLE STUDY



### TOPIC—The Vision of the Kingdom

I. *The Kingdom of God*: Ps. 103:19-22; Dan. 4:3. There is a manifest allusion to the dispensation of Messiah by the prophets, Dan. 2:44; 7:13, 14; Micah 4:2. As it was set up by the God of heaven, it is called the kingdom of God, Matt. 6:33. The kingdom of God is universal, including all who are willingly subject to the will of God whether of the past or future dispensations, Luke 13:28, 29; Heb. 12:22-24. It is entered only by the new birth, John 3:3, 5-8. The kingdom of God comes not with outward show, Luke 17:20, 21, but is chiefly that which is inward and spiritual, Rom. 14:17; not of a worldly origin, I Cor. 4:20. It is neither promoted nor defended by worldly power or influence but by bearing witness unto the truth, the preaching of the Gospel with the power of the Holy Ghost, II Cor. 10:4, 5. Its establishment among men is progressive, destined to fill the whole earth, Dan. 2:44, 45; Rev. 11:5. Death has no power over this glorious kingdom, Col. 1:13, 14. It is inherited in its perfection in the world of glory, Matt. 25:34; I Cor. 15:50, II Pet. 1:11. Hypocrites and false brethren will have no possible place in it, Matt. 13:41.

II. *The Kingdom of Heaven*: Matt. 3:2; 4:17; Luke 1:31-33. Signifies the earth rule of Jesus Christ, heavenly in origin, principle and authority, Matt. 6:10; Dan. 2:34, 35, 44, 45; Isa. 2:2-4; 24:23; 33:20-22; 62:1-7; Jer. 23:5-8; Joel 3:1, 16, 17. It is the kingdom which the God of heaven will set up after the destruction of the Gentile world-system, the kingdom covenanted to David, II Sam. 7:7-10, described in Zech. 12:8 and confirmed to Jesus the Christ, the Son of Mary through the angel Gabriel, Luke 1:32, 33. When the kingdom is established on earth it will be in righteousness, as by the prophets, Isa. 11:4, 5; 32:1; Dan. 9:24. The New Testament reveals that which was hidden from the Old Testament prophets, Matt. 13:11-17; Eph. 3:1-10, that during this period should be accomplished the mysteries of the kingdom, Matt. 13:1-50, and out-calling of the church, Matt. 16:18; Rom. 11:25. The kingdom of heaven is the earthly sphere of the universal kingdom of God.

III. *The Kingdom of the Lord of Lords and King of Kings*: I Tim. 6:15, Rev. 19:16. The kingdom of the world is become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ, Rev. 11:15, Dan. 7:14. Peter had a vision of His coming and kingdom, II Peter 1:16-18. The glorious picture of Isa. 11, prophetic of the future kingdom when David's Son returns, Acts 15:15-18, this to be established under Immanuel the Mighty God, Isa. 7:13; 9:6, 7; Jer. 23:5; Ezek. 34:23; 37:24; Hosea 3:4, 5. Here is the kingdom of Christ, "of the seed of David according to the flesh" by the oath of Jehovah to be founded forever, Ps. 89:18-37. The characteristics of the kingdom are righteousness and peace, Rev. 20:1-6. We see the removal of Satan, and it is impossible to conceive of the heights of spiritual intelligence and physical perfection humanity will attain in the age of righteousness at the return of Christ in glory, the investiture of the Son of Man with the kingdom, Dan. 7:13, 14; Rev. 5:6-10.

IV. *The Vision of the Healing of the Nations*: Rev. 22:2; I Cor. 15:22-26. The first man derived life from God. The last Adam is a life-giving spirit. He is Himself the fountain of life, and He gave that life to others, John 1:4; 5:21; 10:10; 12:24; I John 5:12. We have the view of the loving care and delivering power of the King, "Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows", Isa. 53:4; Matt. 11:28-30. The world is full of sorrow and men are so miserable and needy, that the One who can stanch wounds, solace grief and shelter lives will win hearts and be crowned King. Jesus Christ "tasted death" for every man and won the right to rule men because He died for them, Rev. 5:8-10. The "Lamb as it had been slain" shall reign on the earth, Rev. 5:11-14.—Mrs. James Pollard



## DAILY BIBLE READINGS



### TOPIC: The Vision of the Kingdom

The Word became a little child,  
Made flesh, heaven-born and undefiled,  
To dwell among the sons of earth—  
O magnify His holy birth!

#### The Kingdom of God

Saturday, 1st

Daniel 4:1-3; 7:13, 14; Psalm 103:19:22; 95:1-6

Sunday, 2d

Daniel 2:44; Luke 1:32, 33; 13:18-21; Jeremiah 10:10

Monday, 3d

Deuteronomy 14:7, 8; Psalm 22:27-31; 145:13-21

Tuesday, 4th

Luke 13:29, 34; Matthew 19:27-30; Revelation 7:9, 10

Wednesday, 5th

Luke 17:20, 21; Romans 14:17; I Corinthians 15:50; 4:20; John 18:36, 37; II Corinthians 10:4, 5

Thursday, 6th

Matthew 7:21; John 3:3-8; Matthew 18:1-4; 19:13, 14; John 10:9; Revelation 22:14

Friday, 7th

Matthew 4:12-17; 9:35; Mark 1:14, 15; Luke 4:14, 15; Acts 1:3, 8, 9

Saturday, 8th

Daniel 7:13, 14, 27; Matthew 25:34; I Corinthians 15:24-28

#### The Kingdom of Heaven

Sunday, 9th

Daniel 2:44; Isaiah 2:2-5; Jeremiah 23:5-8; Joel 3:1, 17-21

Monday, 10th

Isaiah 42:67; 49:6, 7; Matthew 3:1:3; 4:12-17; Mark 1:14, 15

Tuesday, 11th

Matthew 4:17; 10:7; 11:27-30; 6:10, 33; 5:3; 13:1-23

Wednesday, 12th

Matthew 13:24-52; 18:23-35; I Chronicles 29:11-13

Thursday, 13th

Matthew 20:1-16; 22:2-14; 25:1-13

Friday, 14th

Matthew 12:26-30; 7:24-29; Psalm 45:6; 111:7, 8; Revelation 1:18

Saturday, 15th

Matthew 16:13-19, 28; II Corinthians 5:18-20; Revelation 22:14

Incarnate Word thy lambent page  
Our feet shall guide from age to age;  
Thy light shall shine on our dim way—  
The Light that came on Christmas Day.

#### The Kingdom

Sunday, 16th

Isaiah 11:1-12; 59:20, 21; Zechariah 12:10; Matthew 1:1, 16

Monday, 17th

Isaiah 4:2, 6; 7:14; 9:2, 6, 7; Jeremiah 23:5-7; Luke 1:26-35

Tuesday, 18th

Psalm 89:27-34, 52; Revelation 21:1-7; Psalm 10:16; II Peter 1:10-12

Wednesday, 19th

Luke 12:32-34; 22:29, 30; Colossians 3:1-4; Job 36:22-26

Thursday, 20th

Psalm 145:11, 12; Daniel 4:34-37; Matthew 3:2, 3; 6:10, 13; Luke 11:2

Friday, 21st

I Thessalonians 2:12, 13; Ephesians 4:1-3; II Timothy 1:7, 14

Saturday, 22d

James 2:5; Matthew 24:27-31; 25:31-36; Revelation 21:23-27

#### The Vision of the Healing of the Nations

Sunday, 23d

Genesis 1:27; 2:7; I Corinthians 15:22-26; John 5:26, 39; 10:14-18

Monday, 24th

Isaiah 1:4-6; 45:22-25; Psalm 22

Tuesday, 25th

Isaiah 61:1-11; 58:8; Luke 1:31-33

Wednesday, 26th

Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30; Luke 7:1-10; Revelation 5:9

Thursday, 27th

Genesis 22:15-18; John 3:16, 17; Romans 11:26-36; Galatians 3:6-9

Friday, 28th

Hosea 11:7-9; 14:4-9; Eph. 8:7-14

Saturday, 29th

II Chronicles 30:18-24; I Kings 8:54-61; Psalm 30:1-4; 107:9, 20, 21

Sunday, 30th

Matthew 12:10-14; Luke 14:1-6

Monday, 31st

Acts 13:46-49; 28:25-31; Romans 1:13-17; Revelation 22:2, 12-19

## Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists December, 1923

"Lo, in the clouds of heaven appears  
God's well-beloved Son;  
He brings a train of brighter years;  
His kingdom has begun.  
He comes a guilty world to bless  
With mercy, truth and righteousness."

—William Cullen Bryant

### Topic: Christianity and the Healing of the Nations

1—SATURDAY

For God's renewed guidance in work of Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Quarles, Montevideo, Uruguay Kept by the power of God.—I Peter 1:5

2—SUNDAY

That the skill and patience of Christ be committed to our missionary doctors and nurses This is the work of God.—John 6:29

3—MONDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. W. D. King and Rev. and Mrs. Victor V. McGuire, Canton, China I have not hid thy righteousness.—Psalm 40:10

4—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Muirhead, Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Taylor, Rev. and Mrs. D. L. Hamilton and Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Johnson, Pernambuco, Brazil Behold the King walketh before you.—I Samuel 12:12

5—WEDNESDAY

Thanksgiving for blessed service of Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Bryan, Shanghai, China Be thou my strong habitation.—Psalm 71:3

6—THURSDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Bryan and Rev. C. N. Hartwell, Hwanghsin, China He also will hear their cry.—Psalm 145:19

7—FRIDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. G. McF. Gaston, †Dr. Jeanette E. Beall, Rev. and †Mrs. C. A. Leonard and Rev. and †Mrs. Robert A. Jacob, Laichow-fu, China He gave them power.—Matthew 10:1

8—SATURDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. G. W. Greene, Rev. and †Mrs. M. T. Rankin and Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Tipton, Canton, China I will uphold thee.—Isaiah 41:10

9—SUNDAY

Praise God for all completed

Campaign pledges

They that were ready went in with them.—Matthew 25:10

10—MONDAY

For our faithful missionaries in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Baker, Rev. and Mrs. L. T. Hites, Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Cowser and Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Crabtree. God is faithful.—I Corinthians 10:13

11—TUESDAY

For gracious results from annual meeting of W.M.U. of Florida, held at DeLand Thy God shall bless thee in all that thou doest.—Deuteronomy 15:18

12—WEDNESDAY

For college work of Dr. C. H. Westbrook, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Webster, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Hipps and Rev. and †Mrs. J. H. Wiley, Shanghai, China He that receiveth you receiveth me.—Matthew 10:40

13—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Bratcher and †Miss Nora Hawkins, Campos, Brazil Whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe.—Proverbs 29:25

14—FRIDAY

For hospital work of Dr. and Mrs. L. O. Wilkerson and Dr. and Mrs. S. O. Pruitt, Chengchow, China We walk by faith.—2 Corinthians 5:7

15—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. D. F. Crossland, Rev. and Mrs. O. P. Maddox, Rev. and †Mrs. J. R. Allen and Rev. and Mrs. F. A. R. Morgan, Bello Horizonte, Brazil His way is perfect.—Psalm 18:30

16—SUNDAY

That Campaign gifts present a well-balanced page to our God Lest coming suddenly He find you sleeping.—Mark 13:36

†W.M.U. Training School Alumna

## Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists December, 1923

"O Father, haste the promised hour  
When at His feet shall lie  
All rule, authority and power  
Beneath the ample sky:  
When He shall reign from pole to pole,  
The Lord of every human soul."—William Cullen Bryant

### Topic: Christianity and the Healing of the Nations

#### 17—MONDAY

Praise Him for precious fruits of work in Hwanghsein, China, under Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Newton, Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Stout and Rev. and Mrs. F. P. Lide. He shall bring it to pass.—Psalm 37:5

#### 18—TUESDAY

For work of Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Nelson at Manaus and of Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Stapp at Aracaju, Brazil. We preach not ourselves but Christ.—2 Corinthians 4:5

#### 19—WEDNESDAY

For our missionaries in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Quarles, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Logan and Miss Emily V. Beck. The Lord of Hosts is with us.—Psalm 46:11

#### 20—THURSDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. George N. Herring, healing and teaching, Pingtu, China. All things are possible to him that believeth.—Mark 9:23

#### 21—FRIDAY

Thanksgiving for medical work of Dr. Mary L. King and for Misses Clifford Barratt and Olive Riddell, Pochow, China. Called to be Jesus Christ's.—Romans 1:6

#### 22—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Dunstan, Miss Pearl Dunstan, Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Clifton and Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Pettigrew, Porto Alegre, Brazil. Behold I send you forth.—Luke 10:3

#### 23—SUNDAY

Give thanks to God for safety of our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. C. Cunningham and Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Chapman, in Tokyo. The Lord hath been mindful of us.—Psalm 115:2

#### 24—MONDAY

For evangelistic work of Rev.

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My heart trusted in Him.—Psalm 28:7

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Unto you is born this day . . . a Saviour.—Luke 2:11  
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For Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Ingram, Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Stanton and Misses Ara Dell Fitzgerald and Alice Bagby, Sao Paulo, Brazil. We trust in the living God.—1 Timothy 4:10

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For Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Harris, Rev. and Mrs. M. L. Braun, Rev. and Mrs. I. D. Eavenson, Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Middleton and Rev. Joseph Lee, Kaifeng, China. For His name's sake they went forth.—3 John 7

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For continued blessing on work of Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Jackson and Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Sherwood, Campo Grande, Brazil. Everlasting joy shall be unto them.—Isaiah 61:7

#### 29—SATURDAY

For Misses Loy Savage, Blanche Rose Walker, Addie Estelle Cox, Zemma Hare, Viola Humphreys, Grace Stribling and Rev. J. Lee, Kaifeng, China. Striving together for the faith of the gospel.—Philippians 1:27

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That as strict accountants of our obligations to God we render faithful stewardship. What hast thou that thou didst not receive?—1 Corinthians 4:7

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†W.M.U. Training School Alumna

## "BRING YE ALL THE TITHES"

IT seems that the most difficult part about getting our women to tithe is to get them to realize that stewardship of one's property is necessary in fulfilling one's obligations to God. Tithing comes easy after one believes in the tithe, and every woman that honestly wants to tithe will find a way to do so. A woman whose husband pays all the bills may tithe by keeping a strict account of what she spends on herself and pay her tithe from the actual cash or pin money that comes into her hands. A farmer's wife may easily tithe by keeping an account of her spendings and using the cash that she may have from the sale of fruits, butter and eggs to pay the tithe. As the tithe is one-tenth of what actually comes into one's possession, a woman who runs the home on a stipulated sum will set aside one-tenth of that sum as the tithe and use her God-given common sense in spending the nine-tenths, trusting Him to make the nine-tenths buy as much as the ten-tenths would have done.—N. C.

MY family, consisting of my husband and myself, is definitely committed to the practice of tithing. Our family income is therefore first tithed. We have many mutual interests in Kingdom affairs, but we have also many distinctive interests. The tithe is therefore divided equally and we each become good stewards of half of the Lord's tithe. We find this a most satisfactory way of rendering unto God that which is His and we somehow find that both the family budget and our own hearts are frequently ready for additional love gifts. We testify that it is both a joy and a blessing to tithe in this way. There is a woman, a farmer's wife, whose husband has not yet had the faith to believe it is possible for him to tithe. The receipts of the poultry yard are however considered hers. From this she provides her clothing and that of her young children as well as the little luxuries of the home. To this woman it is, however, a sacred obligation to place one-tenth of her income in the treasury of the Lord. Her husband says that last year she cleared from her "hen yard" more than he did from the whole farm and some friends feel that in his mind there is a growing conviction that perhaps, after all, it is well to tithe.—Mo.

IF a woman whose husband pays all the bills believes in tithing and if her husband tithes their income, she is a tither; if he does not tithe and will not tithe half the income as her share, she may still be a tither. She may tithe her time, her clothes, her shoes, her hats, her meals or anything which she can really call her own. Any woman who believes in tithing would be glad to do without one meal in ten, sell it and give the money to the Lord's cause. If a man saw that his wife believed in tithing enough to do without every tenth hat and every tenth dress, he would at least want to investigate the reasons for this belief. These are last resort measures; the ideal is that half the income be tithed for her. If a farmer's wife believes in tithing and if the entire income is tithed by the husband or if her half be tithed, she is a tither. If this is not done she may still be a tither. The farmer's wife has more sources of income than any other home woman. She may tithe her income from her garden, from her chickens and from her cows. If she has no market for these things she can carry her tenth of them to her church treasurer or to the treasurer of her missionary society. How a woman may tithe who runs the house on a stipulated allowance is a question which was asked of a man, his reply being: "She should take a tenth of the allowance and run the house on nine-tenths". My first lesson in tithing came when a small child. We had a large orchard and sold fruit. My mother said we must give a tenth to the Lord; and the children were all delighted to put a dime out of every dollar into the tin baking-powder box which we had set apart for the purpose.—Miss.

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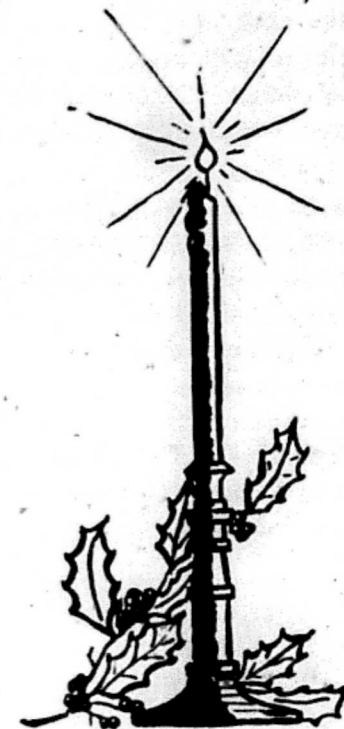
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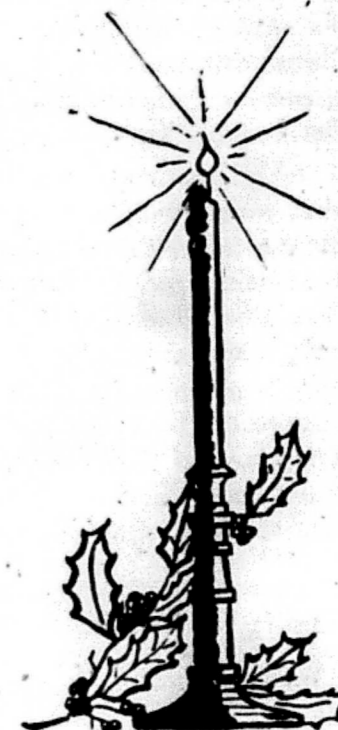
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cure of disease. They alone incited the young Chinese to go to America and England for study. There are very few western trained Chinese physicians today who have not received all or part of their training under missionaries. Again, it has been the missionaries who have created the profession of nursing, lifting it from a menial task to one of dignity.

The first medical missionary, Dr. Peter Parker, went to China in 1834. Today there are in the combined staffs of mission hospitals and dispensaries over 350 foreign nurses and as many Chinese physicians. And yet all of the mission hospitals together have only about 5000 beds. It is computed that the various missions in China are now spending about \$1,500,000 each year in medical work. More and more the missionary doctor will devote himself to teaching and to supplementing the skill of his Chinese associates by his talent for administration and leadership. China will need the missionary doctors in much larger numbers for many years to come. Pioneering is over but the missionary physician will find a widening field just because the pioneering is done.

If all medical missionaries or even all American medical missionaries were withrawn from China tomorrow it cannot be denied that the entire structure of modern medicine and surgery would collapse like a house of cards. It is only the steady inspiration of their presence which makes it possible to carry forward the work already started. When one begins to look forward into the next few decades and grasps something of the tremendous destinies which hang on the cordial relations between the United States and China one can doubly appreciate the intrepid courage of Dr. Peter Parker and the hosts who have followed him, who have given themselves to planting ideals of Christian mercy in China. The same may be said of medical missionary pioneering in other lands of heathen darkness. These are some of the illuminated though little known pages of world history."

## 2. The Pioneer Woman Doctor

The medical woman is not a modern discovery. Eleven hundred years before Christ she was abroad; she attended college in Egypt. She may have gone out with Egyptian darkness but she returned with Egyptian light, for it is within the last fifteen years that the demand came for woman to practice medicine in Cairo, the government paying her salary.

In Greece the woman doctor was no stranger. The poet sang her skill and other writings show her influence in opening the medical profession to women. The mother of Socrates was said to have practiced the art of healing.

From 1000 B.C. to 1000 A.D. we have little knowledge of the medical woman, but we do know that she is naturally a physician. Of the more than one hundred and fifty trees, flowers and plants mentioned in the Bible, is it likely that the women of Palestine knew nothing of the healing properties hidden in some of them? Had they not read or heard read "*And by the river upon the bank thereof . . . shall grow all trees for meat . . . and the leaf thereof for medicine*"?

It was not until the twelfth century that we heard again of women in the medical profession. During that period they were pupils and even instructors in the great school at Salerno, Italy, which was long the first medical school in Europe.

In the eighteenth century the women of Germany were allowed, but not encouraged, to study medicine. The medical schools of France, Russia, Italy, Switzerland, Holland, Finland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Australia are all open to women. England and America have been in the rear guard in giving this privilege. However, in England two universities now provide the necessary training as also does one in Dublin, Ireland.

In America one writer tells us that women "battered the doors of Johns Hopkins University to open the medical department to their sex". It is further related that one Baltimore woman, before the doors were battered, who was refused entrance to this university went to Zurich, Switzerland, where she won the highest degree in the gift of that famous university. Says Dr. Emily Blackwell, whose medical life has been contemporaneous with the movement in America: "But this early ostracism may be condoned when we remember the brilliant gathering when the opening of Johns Hopkins Hospital was celebrated. I was thrilled as I looked back from this occasion to the small beginnings, the poor dispensaries and the difficulties and discouragements of the woman pioneer in medicine". The pathway of women through medical education has been one of few thrills and many thorns—the roses in many cases have been placed upon their graves. It now seems almost unbelievable that within forty years woman was denied admission to medical schools. At the present date there are perhaps four thousand women engaged in medical practice in the United States. Many are experts in what is called "capital", that is important, surgical operations. To quote further from Dr. Blackwell we read: "Where we have not walked we have crept, where we could not take we begged. We have gleaned like Ruth among the harvesters for the scantiest crumbs of knowledge and have been thankful." And the world of womanhood is thankful with her, for from such experiences and victories have come our women medical missionaries and nurses. They go into our home and foreign hospitals with the same preparation as do our incomparable men doctors.

## 3. The Woman Missionary Doctor

Even after preparation some of our early women medical missionaries had difficulties in giving their services to foreign lands. In 1857 Dr. Elizabeth Shattuck applied to her denominational Board to be sent out as a missionary physician. Her petition was refused, the reason given that the Board sent out no unmarried women. Deeply disappointed Dr. Shattuck gave her life to hospital practice in America. Much later in the century Miss Field, for eighteen years a medical missionary in China, while on a furlough in the homeland appeared at a clinic in an American university. The younger physicians were openly rude, even jeering and hooting. Amidst the scene Miss Field arose and said: "Gentlemen, the Chinese have no medical science, superstitious rites are relied on in the treatment of disease. They need medical aid, but the women are neediest. A Chinese woman would under no circumstances go to a male physician. Full of sorrow for the sufferings of these women I have been looking to Christian America seeking further knowledge that I might help them in a better way. I have been glad to find that in some of our great medical schools earnest and capable women are fitting themselves for a work of mercy in foreign lands. And in behalf of those women in China who have no medical care, which they so sorely need, I ask from you courtesy toward the women who are studying medicine that they may minister to these helpless ones." Do you think this gentle appeal fell upon stony ground? No, its spirit now lives in every medical school in our country and from them have gone a noble company of women physicians seeking to teach and heal the women and children in many lands. Either as doctor or nurse they go their way in the Name of the Master, slowly bringing into heathen homes a knowledge of the laws of health and sanitation and the more blessed benefit of a knowledge of Jesus Christ the Saviour of souls.

## 4. The Witch Doctor

Very few of us will admit that we are superstitious. Just the same we are a little bit more comfortable when we see the new moon over our right shoulder. We laugh a little shamefacedly over our pet hoodoo but we do not forget it. Even this grain of

superstition may be helpful in giving us a better understanding of conditions in Africa, where superstition is not taken so lightly but becomes a matter of life and death and influences every act of daily life. Our sisters over there are groping in just such darkness for health. Not one in a thousand has found her way into the sunlight of scientific healing. The other nine hundred and ninety-nine are still enveloped in degrading superstition and have only the aid of the witch doctor.

Suppose a member of your family were dying and the only help you knew was from one of those ignorant but cunning witch doctors? Suppose he said the cause of the loved one's illness was that the patient was full of black beetles or that a snake had got into her spine or a lizzard into her stomach? Suppose she were to be burned or cut or have her hair pulled out by the roots in order to cure her, and then find that she must still suffer or die a horrible death? Try to imagine it! In one case a boy was treated for a slight cold by being rolled in a thick blanket and having the witch doctor sit on his head. When he was unrolled the cough was gone—and the boy too—where there was no need for a doctor. This is unpleasant reading but such instances could be told by the thousands and we have often and often read of them. It may be that our compassion could be stirred without their recital but we who work on the home side of foreign missions must be often reminded of incidents which are the daily experiences of our medical missionaries. Perhaps these reminders will help us to realize that we are a part of God's purpose in stamping out the old heathen practices and bringing in the new medical Gospel. We must be counted in in the preparation for the larger work already foreshadowed in what has been done for Christianity and the healing of the nations. We are commissioned to teach that "Christianity does not destroy but it does fulfill; that it does not defile but does cleanse and heal; that it is merciful, kind, sympathetic, and powerful to bless".

#### 5. The Doctor's Christmas Day

Christmas evening. And how had the missionary doctor spent this blessed anniversary? He had announced to his people that he would treat patients until nine o'clock in the morning. At daylight he had sent off two native helpers with tent, books and tracts, for he planned to spend the day in the hills on a preaching and healing mission. Knowing that he was leaving for the day his patients began arriving at sunrise until two hundred were gathered about him. Putting up stakes that only one at a time could be admitted he worked rapidly but carefully, having two assistants to dispense the medicine. Presently he stopped to preach to the crowd, then went on with his medical work. Alas, it was after eleven o'clock when he turned away the last of the patients and had time to eat his breakfast. At last he rode off to the hills intending to cover nine miles to the place where his helpers awaited him. As he journeyed he preached to seven different audiences, gave out tracts and treated the sick. This went on until after four o'clock, when overwheeled he dismounted and lay down by the roadside to rest. Pressing on he arrived at his final destination in the dusk of the evening and found dinner awaiting him—his Christmas dinner—prepared by his faithful men. And so refreshed he closed his Christmas Day. How could one better keep the day or better please Him whose birth it celebrates than by making His birth and name known to hundreds of those who had never before heard of Him? It was hard work, but oh it paid!—*From the Cobra's Den*

Shall Christmas evening descend on us with such a dew of blessing? It can. In our sphere we can use all our powers, just as the missionary doctor did, to make the day a joyful celebration of His birth and one of administration and witness for Him.

#### 6. The Doctor's Prescription

If all the missionary doctors of past years and all those now living could be merged into one personality—become a composite doctor—and he was asked to prescribe for the languid condition of Christianity toward medical missions the prescription might read like this: For sluggish heart action, a strong diffusion of prayer, keeping the system under its influence; for anaemic condition of the mind, the effective tonic of information, taken frequently; for the chill of indifference, a warm application of sympathy and love, equal parts and unadulterated; for stimulating the will, daily exercise in service and gifts, taken with joy. Where these remedies have been used a wholesome and happy condition prevails and medical missions take their place as a potent influence in the work of evangelization, their important service being upheld and enlarged by the strong hand at the home base.

May the Great Physician so fill us with His Holy Spirit, so revive our hearts and renew our minds that our practical sympathy in medical missions will bring salvation and health to our sisters in China, Africa, India and all lands where He is not. Christ who gave the commission to "preach and heal" also reminds us of our ability to obey it—"Freely ye have received, freely give". How much more could be done, by the strong hand at the home base, in the Master's service if we, His church, would but reply "We can and we will".

#### 7. "I Will Watch Over Them . . . Saith the Lord"

When Paradise was lost the epoch of a sinless world had passed and the first great world disaster was recorded. As human life spread over the earth evil grew with it. The first murderer has been multiplied by thousands, the "fugitive and the vagabond" are in every land. The first thief has had millions of followers, "beggars and princes have been his companions". As sin and violence increased in the world God in His great love and pity planned for the salvation of its people. He sent His angels to announce the birth of its Saviour. This astounding announcement was made to the simple shepherds on the Judean hills, showing that the greatest event in the history of the world affected the humblest of earth's children as well as the king on his throne. With complete faith the shepherds "came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger . . . and returned glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them". Ever since that dawn of dawns the angel song has never ceased to brighten the world, sad and weary though some of the years have been.

Whether the disasters and sufferings of the world be called visitations from God or the result of natural causes one truth stands—the mercy of God. In the expulsion from Eden He gave the promise of restoration; He marked Cain for Cain's own protection (the law of Genesis 9:6 was not yet enacted); He placed the rainbow of promise over a deluged world. God's mercy hovers over every sorrow and disaster and through them He calls us to service—to join the crusade of compassion for lost souls and sick bodies. It is a great sin to allow sin and suffering where we can bring relief. Let Him be free to command all we have and all we can possess and promise.

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their theories are not as yet established truths. We can only "rest us in the thought that this is our Father's world" and that His truth

"Sways the future, and, behind the dim unknown  
Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above His own."

In these times of earth's sorrows the part of the Christian world will be, through quick medical and material aid, so to represent the Master that many will be won to believe and trust in His mercy. Prayer travels with great speed and our gifts can follow hard after, where both are sure to be needed.

8. "If I Be Lifted Up" It is not as far a cry as one would think from the consideration of saving an individual, a community or a country from spiritual and physical ills to the consideration of saving a world from economic and political ills. The world like an individual is a trinity of body, mind and soul. When something is wrong with any of the three the individual or the world is sick. After a major operation like the Great War, world recovery was looked for, but complications set in and not even convalescence has resulted. The operation made the world "safe for democracy" but not from disturbing political fermentations and revolutions. Ever since Armistice Day, when world hopes went high, these new conditions have kept the world temperature far above normal. The healing of a sick and troubled world is a large order. Christianity is the only remedy. This remedy must be administered through prayer, interest, giving that is not haphazard and the intelligent support of all great movements toward fending from future danger and bringing peace to the world for which Christ died. Such movements as the World Court, League of Nations, International Court of Justice, Student Friendship and Youth Movements in Europe and America demand the attention of the Christian world. We are urged by the secular world to "try Christianity." One secular paper says "Christianity is the hope of the world. But not the Christianity that carries the golden rule in one hand and the sword of hate and tyranny in the other". But better than all we are glad to quote ex-President Wilson. "The sum of the whole matter is this, that our civilization cannot survive materially unless it be redeemed spiritually. It can be saved only by becoming permanently permeated by the spirit of Christ and being made free and happy by the practices which spring out of that spirit. Only thus can discontent be driven out and all the shadows lifted from the road ahead.

"Here is the final challenge to our churches, to our political organizations—to everyone who fears God or loves his country. Shall we not all earnestly cooperate to bring in the new day?"

### QUESTIONS ON PROGRAM TOPIC FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. What has the general missionary cause done for medical missions?
2. What generally follows pioneering in settling a country or opening a new enterprise?
3. Does woman exalt or degrade her sex by entering the medical profession?
4. Where does the woman missionary doctor find her greatest opportunity?
5. Why should the housekeeper know something of the hygiene of food and its preparation?
6. On what day is a missionary doctor most at leisure? Most busy?
7. If you should suddenly encounter a witch doctor what would be the effect on your health?
8. Why should Christian women strive to deliver their African sisters from the witch doctor? How seek to do so?
9. What remedy would you suggest to heal the woman who says she is sick of missions?
11. Have you heard the still small voice in recent world disasters?
12. What does the birthday of the Great Physician mean to you?

## Y. W. A. PROGRAMS

Material found in the general program on pages 13-18 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—The Proof of His Coming

Hymn—One There Was Born in a Poor and Lowly Manger

Prayer

Hymn—Take the Name of Jesus With You

Talk—The Pioneer Takes Christ to China (See general program, par. 1)

Reading—From Thee All Skill and Science Flows (See general program, page 13)

Hymn—Brightest and Best of the Sons

Talk—The Witch Doctor Ignorant of His Coming

Talk—Few Go to Do Our Telling Season of Prayer

Hymn—It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

### Thoughts for the Scripture Lesson

ONE-FORTIETH of the rules in the Old Testament were given for the prevention of diseases. Look at Leviticus and Deuteronomy and see. Four-fifths of all Christ's miracles were miracles of healing; Christians following Him will find healing opportunities. "We must have the Old Testament's passion for prevention and Christ's faith to cure". Since Leibnitz said, "He who lays his hand upon the human body has touched the hem of the garments of God," we may add, He who touches to heal as Jesus did with full power, wears the very garments of God, indeed is God. His power manifested in healing was proof of His divinity. If we attempt to carry or spread a divine message, medical work will add proof of the divine nature of our message.

### China Knows He Has Come

NOT all of China knows yet by any means but southern Baptists and other denominations and the Rockefeller Foundation are helping China to know that Jesus Christ was born a Child in

Bethlehem as they show mercy to the suffering and minister healing to the sick, Feng Yu-Shiang had been ill, painfully ill for days with a terrible ulcer. Many Chinese doctors had tried to relieve the pain; others had said they would for \$50 or for \$60; at length he went to a Christian hospital. Timidly he asked what the foreign doctor would charge. "There will be no charge if you are not able to pay", so came the prompt reply. Yu-Shiang wondered, "Why is this?" The doctor explained, "I want you to remember that God in heaven loves you and sent me to cure you." Yu-Shiang came into a new understanding of the fact that Jesus Christ, the Great Physician, had come.

A mother with her daughter desperately sick went to the Warren Memorial hospital at Hwangshien; calmly she stated, "I have heard that Jesus was here and I have come for Him to heal my daughter". She had proof in the attention and tender care that was hers that Jesus Christ was there even though she had not understood.

### The Witch Doctor Ignorant of His Coming

See general program, paragraph 4.

THERE are innumerable customs meant to heal, we would call them superstitions, worse, cruel torture but heathenism thinks its peculiar attempts and tragic ones too, are going to help. Ancient wisdom says that if baby cuts a tooth in its upper jaw before it does one in the lower, the father is sure to die unless the baby's life is sacrificed. If twins are born into a home, more correctly a hut, in Africa one must be starved to death, slowly so the evil spirit will not know and yet as speedily as possible before it finds out the two babies belong to one mother. Grandmother who has no milk for baby will nurse the extra one, presently he will die. No one has taught the witch doctor and his un-

fortunate people that Jesus Christ has come and coming as a little baby has sanctified babyhood forever.

#### Few Go to Do Our Telling

**P**RAY Ye Therefore"—Y.W.A. girls can certainly pray for more doctors and more nurses who will go out to the needy fields where thousands have no doctors. Refer to October and November numbers of ROYAL SERVICE to fix well in mind the fact that we have but 24 doctors and 10 nurses for China, South America and Africa—Japan seems not to need medical missionaries. See general program, par. 8.

#### SECOND MEETING

**Topic**—As the Christmas Stars Look Down

**Hymn**—Oh Little Town of Bethlehem

**Hymn**—Holy Night, Silent Night

**Devotional**—Christmas Story, Mt. 2:

1-11

**Prayer**—That the world people may see the Star of Righteousness and be glad also.

**Hymn**—Star, Star, Beautiful Star

What the Stars Saw Some Yesterdays  
What the Stars See Today

On the Doctor's Christmas Day (See general program, par. 5 and 6)

What the Stars May See Tomorrow

The Christmas Prescription to Start the New Year Right (See general program, par. 7)

**Business**—Perfect Plans for Personal Service at Christmas and for Foreign Mission Season of Prayer, Dec. 30-Jan. 5

**Hymn**—Fairest Lord Jesus

**What the Stars Some Some Yesterdays**

**A** VERY interesting discussion of the entrance of woman into the medical profession can be built up from paragraphs 2 and 3 of the general program. The Christmas Stars with their messages so peculiarly affecting womanhood must have watched with interest as she made her way through doors that opened to healing knowledge.

#### What the Stars See Today

Use a map and point out our southern Baptist hospitals on foreign fields, see October ROYAL SERVICE and the Foreign Mission Board Report for this information. It is especially interesting to Y.W.A.'s. to know of the new hospital building at Ogbomoso, Africa. On the corner-stone is cut Y.W.A., Va., U.S.A. because the hospital is largely the gift

of Virginia's Y.W.A.'s. at the time of the Judson Centennial. There are many interesting documents carefully sealed in the stone among them a copy of ROYAL SERVICE. Dr. Green has been very busy with all the building details so the medical work has been done by Miss Kersey, our nurse there, and John Dare and Daniel Okanla, two splendid natives. At the last Christmas season the Sunbeams gave a thank-offering of about \$40, specifically for a bed for children in the hospital. The stars must have twinkled proudly as they saw that gift. Up in North China at the Warren Memorial Hospital, the Christmas stars will see a new X-ray plant and will rejoice in finding a new nurse too, Miss Lucy B. Wright. In South China the stars will easily see the motor boat, Roanoke, going up and down the rivers near Wuchow to take preachers and doctors into the interior places. Refer to Foreign Mission Board report for improvements and for needs the stars will see also.

#### What the Stars May See Tomorrow

**P**ICTURE some of your Y.W.A. members entering Baptist hospitals for nurses' training, taking up the medical course preparatory to going to some of the extremely sore spots of the world.

#### Business

**C**HRISTMAS is an admirable time for Y.W.A.'s. to have fine personal service activities in which all the members may participate together. See the G.A. department for suggestions. Urge upon the young women that they give according to the spirit of Christmas in filling their Lottie Moon Christmas Offering envelopes.

"... Who is it smiles through the Christmas morn

The Light of the wide creation?

A dear little child in a stable born

Whose love is the world's salvation,  
He was poor on earth, but He gives us all

That can make our life worth the living;

And happy the Christmas Day we call

That is spent, for His sake, in giving;

He shows us the way to live;

Like Him, let us love and give."



## COLLEGE Y. W. A.



### PLANS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

**C**HRISTMAS Holidays—that means a variety of activities for people connected with any College Y.W.A. The counselor should have advised and led until every mission study plan for the spring classes is so well made that the study is as good as done, so perfect is each plan. The young women on the committee should really do the work as in every particle of Y.W.A. activity but the counselor must stand behind with encouraging hand to cheer and guide. There are many different plans for college Y.W.A. mission study. The faculty members may be enlisted to teach; the older students, even senior student volunteers, a-quiver with zeal for missions, may have charge of the classes—one on each corridor is a wise number often. In yet other cases, the W.M.S. can furnish as many teachers as are needed for the membership of the Y.W.A. and the rest of the college students if there are still others not definitely enrolled in Y.W.A. work but ready to study missions a little while. The tests will cultivate a fine mission appetite so enlist them for the classes at least. If the plan of having women of the local society teach the several classes is followed, arrange for the classes just after supper time, then these mission faculty members can sometimes be guests at the evening meal and become well acquainted with the girls informally. In some instances the state college correspondent will be able to come for a week of intensive study; this is a most successful way of conducting college mission study classes. There will be more than one study period, probably the president will waive his cherished chapel hour for one class, one will precede supper and another follow, offering variety enough that several Y.W.A. official seals can be awarded at the end of the week. No one can make the plans which will best suit your college but in these suggestions some may be found to fit the situation.

Again, the Foreign Mission Season of Prayer and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering comes immediately after the festivities of holidays, December 30-January 5. Plans for this program should be finished before the girls dash away for vacation days. The envelopes to save and to hold and to gather up the offering must be all ready for the gift must be planned with other Christmas presents or it will be crowded out.

A neat bit of real "college hostess" work which is after all a pleasure too is done in Gaffney, S. C. The church is many blocks from Limestone College there and Sunday morning when all the girls and faculty are ready to start to Sunday school and church, one after another the automobiles roll up, are filled and carry the college folk to services. When the new Christmas cars learn to operate, give them such Sunday morning exercise and so manifest the mother-heart of W.M.U. which encourages every part of denominational life.

And what a happy time the mother of Miss College Girl has this month—how happy she is at having the daughter home again. Be sure to talk Y.W.A. with her that your interest may feed the flame already kindled in her heart. Begin planning also for her to go to the first Y.W.A. camp at Ridgecrest, N. C., the latter part of June. A fine program is being planned. Mrs. James, Miss Mallory, Mrs. McLure, Miss Leachman, Miss White and others will be there for classes and addresses—a group of noble women whom your daughter will be blessed in knowing in the intimacy of ten days together. They, with the state young people's leader, assure sufficient chaperonage and the best of real good times too, while Y.W.A. girls grow in response to the visions that will come on those tree-clad mountain sides.



## G. A. DEPARTMENT



### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**C**HRISTMAS time should be a holy time for girlhood, a time for reading and rereading Mary's Magnificat and for thinking carefully over her words "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word". Surely today the Lord needs handmaids to tell the world of the Savior's birth, needs young girlhood ready to do according to His word. The wise G.A. counselor will make Christmas wondrously beautiful in its effect on her girls as they enter into fuller appreciation of what Christ's coming has meant to them and to the girlhood of the whole world. Studying medical missions these months we have looked at the tragedy of lands where Christ has not yet been born so G.A.'s. have grown in realization of the Christmas message.

Perhaps they would like to go out carolling Christmas eve or at very early dawn on Christmas morning. It is an experience that will be rich in teaching Christmas whether you go at night singing "Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by" or wait for the morning to burst into "Joy to the World, the Lord is come". Learn some of the old carols if you can find them, "Carol, brothers, carol," and the Welsh "Good King Wenceslaus looked out".

Sing thou in rapture this dear morn  
Whereon the blessed Christ is born!  
And as thy songs shall be of love,  
So let thy deeds be charity—  
By the dear Lord that reigns above,  
By Him that died upon the tree,  
By this fair morn  
Whereon is born  
The Christ that saveth all and me.

—Eugene Field

Go quietly by all means singing as you walk, or slipping up so carefully that no one knows of your presence until the song begins. Don't spoil the solemn beauty of the message by "giggling" as you slip away either.

But what about Susie who has a bad cold and can't go out, not even to show Jane and Beth her presents, much less to

sing carols. You can sing carols to her and later on, if her mother allowed, wouldn't G.A. be gladly a-sharing if a few of you went over to visit rather quietly a little while. If any G.A. is sick or sad this Christmas, there will be letters and postal cards and little wee love-gifts perhaps to carry to her the Christmas spirit. But the girl who is not a G.A., take her a bit of Christmas too. Maybe she has just moved in and would like to go carolling; maybe she is in the hospital, perhaps her family has heavy burdens that have pretty well blotted out Christmas joys, then the radiance of G.A.'s. must open the way and let those Christmas joys go in. The Christmas that shares with those who will not make immediate return in gifts is far happier than the Christmas that forgets everybody except the folk who are happy anyway.

And at Christmas remind G.A.'s. that the Lottie Moon Christmas offering is coming soon and they want to have a gift really to Him who was the first Christmas gift. It should be the best gift possible because so was His. I expect it will be quite a Christmas-y gift for it should have a touch of the red of sacrifice just to set off well the green color that speaks of G.A. growth in giving and naturally there will be the gilt edge joy of bringing a gift to Jesus too.

And speaking of presents let every G.A. make herself one like this:

"You want to be making presents;  
Well, now just think awhile;  
Suppose you look in the glass, dear,  
And present yourself with a smile.  
Then make up a bundle of troubles  
And give them away to the Past.  
He owns such a croony junk-shop  
Where worn out worries are cast  
And then give praise to the best things  
In people you meet this year;  
And when you are hurt by folly  
Or faults of the folks you know,  
Just toss them a bit of patience  
And a word of pity or so."



## R. A. DEPARTMENT



### JUST ABOUT CHRISTMAS

**"J**UST about Christmas, I'm as good as I can be" is the way the humorous little verses about a certain boy and Christmas time goes, isn't it? It is quite true as regards Royal Ambassadors if it is true about other boys and why shouldn't it be, aren't there more opportunities to be good then? Everybody is doing extra things anyway. More baking demands more wood and it comes without a grumble, candy-making means nuts to crack and dates to be seeded and boys wash their hands carefully to help. Surely then Christmas will bring increased R.A. activities too. Mother W.M.S. has several Christmas baskets to be delivered—why certainly a group of R.A.'s. will love to go with them. Or here is a potted plant, or a wheelbarrow load of coal for the town's Aunt Mag, of course R.A.'s. Knightly Deeds Committee will attend to its delivery. "We need somebody on a ladder to put this star up so high"—"Call an R.A. then". By all means give Royal Ambassadors something to do to use up the surplus energy that Christmas naturally engenders. Woman's Missionary Society, especially the circle that is fostering the Royal Ambassadors should be alert to suggest kindly deeds which the boys can do.

In connection with the medical mission programs of which this December one is the last in the series of three, it will be interesting to note that Louis Pasteur was born December 27, 1822. He was born in France and there made his wonderful discoveries. He founded the science of bacteriology, or the study of germs and proved that impurities in milk and other liquids were caused by germs. He proved that heating such liquids killed the germs. Pasteur discovered a successful treatment for hydrophobia. He found the cause and cure for silk-worm diseases and so saved the silk industry in France. Last year in celebrating his one-hundredth anniversary at a certain hour there was complete silence for five minutes throughout

all France as a sign of mourning. Also in every school a paragraph from a speech Pasteur had made in 1895, urging young people to do their best was read. A monument bears this inscription, "From a Grateful Humanity to the Greatest of Scientists". It was said of him, "Measured by the good he has done humanity, he is immeasurably the greatest man that ever lived". It is a coincidence that his birthday should come so near to Christmas but does it not suggest that R.A.'s. should stop for five minutes to praise God for the gift of His Son on Christmas? And does the celebration in France with reading, not suggest that R.A.'s. should read at least the story of Christ's coming in Matthew or Luke on Christmas Day? And the inscription on the tomb suggests that our gifts at the Foreign Mission Prayer season show our gratitude for Christ's coming. And certainly we know that measured by every standard Jesus Christ has done more for humanity than ever any one else could have done and even Pasteur won his medical knowledge from the Great Physician. Let us make Christmas mean Christ's coming to our Royal Ambassadors.

And if the boys want to give a Christmas demonstration, wouldn't Henry Van Dyke's "The First Christmas Tree" be a dandy story to act out? The scenery can be simple or quite decorative with many rocks and trees as Boniface and his party of friends press their way on the long journey. Imagination will add to the conversation given. The Thunder Oak scene will need some girls but the G.A.'s. will help gladly. Easily a real Christmas tree can be ready behind the larger tree, or bark that looks like a real tree, so that when Boniface cuts it down there will stand "the living tree with no stain of blood on it". With laughter and song they can carry it away to the chieftain's hall and there after a bit of frolic, Boniface will tell the Christmas story and teach(?) some Christmas songs.



"THE LITTLE ANGELS"

FOR Sunbeam Bands Christmas should be quite the happiest time imaginable for Christmas is the birthday celebration of Him who first really thought about the shining possibilities of childhood. A Sunbeam Band party will be quite the proper thing even if the Sunday school does have a Christmas tree program too. The Sunbeam Band party will not be at all like the Sunday school party even though the same tree is used. A Sunbeam Band party should bring little children from other lands besides America, they will likely have to be "just pretend" from foreign lands but never mind, that is usually the best we can do to become really well-acquainted with the far-away people. It will be quite necessary to explain everything about the Christmas tree and Christmas gifts and Christmas day to these other children invited to the world's Christmas tree party. This will offer excellent opportunity for project work, for letting the children learn by finding out and thinking through and doing things for themselves.

Here would be the boy from Japan bowing down to worship the little red and green ball decorations from the Five and Ten Cent Store but like his idols. What can the American child tell him? Here is a little girl from South America, she wears a gay shawl, catching sight of the angel at the tip-top of the tree she crosses herself quickly, is it not the Virgin Mary perhaps? Surely some one will tell her that the Christ-Child is to be worshipped not Mary, the mother of Jesus. The Chinese child looks longingly at some of the toys, a doll perhaps, or a mechanical duck, or even a bright card stuck in among the pine needles, he shows at once that gifts like those would be appreciated indeed. The little girl from Russia might be ready to tell her Christmas story about Babouska. The story is told in full in "Wonder Stories from History" and may be in your library in some other collection too. Holland's little girl may represent Eu-

rope and show the money she has found in her wooden shoe for Dutch children do not hang up their stockings but set their shoes in a neat row waiting for Saint Nicholas to come by with his bag full of coin pieces. When the foreign and American children have talked about what Christmas really means guided skilfully by the Sunbeam leader, rest from talking by singing some of the Christmas songs. Quietly read the Christmas story from God's Word, they can never hear it too often.

Then they would all like a story told. "The Story of the Little Angels" by Laura Spencer Porter is a delightful one and the children could act it out after they had heard it. Van Dyke's "First Christmas Tree" would be a splendid story to tell instead. "The Little Angels" is published by Harper and Brothers but perhaps these suggestions will be enough for the carefully imaginative leader. The story begins with the great angels, Gabriel, Michael and others talking as they prepare to go to sing of the Christ-Child's birth. The little angels overhear the conversation and wish to go too. "But the other angels shook their heads, for it was not to be thought of. Then when the little angels begged, as earthly children do, to know why they might not have their wish, the older ones explained gently:

"You are too little, much too little."

Now this did not seem to the little angels, any more than it does to little earthly children, a good reason.

"We would not tire," they said. "We would not weary you," they urged. "We would be obedient. We would be very good".

But the older angels said:

"Dear little angels! You do not know whereof you speak. You are too little, much too little, and you would grow weary, for the world is a dark place such as you have not seen, full of trouble and sorrow and suffering, such as you know not of. What would such little people as you do there?"

The little angels dropped the discussion but when finally they waved goodbye to the others they began wishing again that they might go. No one had told them they must not, the older angels had only advised against it. But the longing to go grew. So they started to the hills of Bethlehem for one had remembered what the angels said. They were surprised at the darkness and a cold wind was blowing. They could not find the shepherds to ask which way to go. As they stood wondering there came the pitiful bleating of little lambs. The little angels were sad at the sound, "It is, no doubt, the sorrow the other angels told us about. Let us see what manner of sorrow it is". They looked around in the dark. There were many little lambs and one caught among the thorns.

So they set to work though the thorns cut their hands and tore their wings and their thin robes so that the wind came in all the more. When the little lamb was free they talked all together. The many lambs had been left behind for the journey to Bethlehem with the shepherds would have been too long. They were lonely and afraid without the shepherds but the little angels stroked their soft wool and played merry tunes until they quite forgot their loneliness and fear and presently the shepherds came hurrying back to make sure that all were quite safe and they were. So the little angels went on their way again. Presently they were passing a tall pine forest and one of them suddenly raised his forefinger and whispered, "Hush". They all stopped to listen and heard the most pitiful crying of little voices.

"Oh", said one of the little angels, "who are these that cry?"

Then said another, peering up through the dark branches, "It is the little baby feathered folk. They are very, very little. Hear how they cry from their nests. Who could have left them so to mourn?"

Now the glory which shone round the heavenly host had been so bright that the birds had awakened and gone to sing their adoring songs at the feet of the Little Lord too and it was the little young birds, left behind, who were chilled and afraid and crying.

"Yes, this must be the sorrow of which the other angels told us. Who knows!

Even so our Little Lord may sometimes be left lonely and afraid, as are these little birds. Let us comfort them".

At length there was a soft whirring and the voices of many birds and the parent birds were home again. The little angels slipped away unseen but they heard the happy exclamations of the mother birds and the father birds as they found all the little birds safe.

On and on they went and presently the wondrous caravan of the three wise men passed and they drew aside into the shadows of the houses. And as they went near the houses they heard more of the sorrow the angels had told them of. There in the dark of the homes in beds and cradles were the little children alone, awake and frightened. Again the little angels sang their songs, rocked the cradles, whispered soft comforting things in the ears of the little children. At last doors opened quietly and mothers and fathers were home again and the little angels free to go on their way. They were so tired they could not go far and presently saw a wide open archway, a cradled Baby asleep and a sweet-faced woman watching. Very quietly they slipped into the corner keeping in the shadows and she did not know. Now the sweet-faced woman was asleep and the Baby quiet but awake and the little angel saw a strange light over Him. He quietly touched the little angel next and when he saw in turn he woke the one next and so on until all were awake and knew they had found the Little Lord. They went to sing to Him, to tell Him they were sorry they had no gifts. He told them they had brought the choicest gifts of all, love and pity and comfort, heavenly things, most precious. They would have stayed by Him to shield Him and serve Him but He sent them away to heaven again for He said "I am not to be served but to serve". Before they went they thought of many things—they filled a pitcher with water, they brought some figs and dates and some porridge from the inn that all should be ready for Mary when she awoke. Then they left Him alone with His mother.

Isn't that a choice personal service story and won't it mean much merrier Christmases for every Sunbeam if they all remember it always?



## SOCIETY METHODS



### REACHING THE STANDARD

#### Clause 3. Paying Campaign Pledges

IT is a good thing for southern Baptists that the Bible has so much to say about money, the use and misuse of it, and of God's plan for financing the Kingdom. Southern Baptists have made to Jehovah, their God, solemn pledges to pay into His treasury over ninety millions of dollars. To listen to the wails of discouragement that come from many sides because of financial depression would almost convince one that southern Baptists are—in the climax of their Campaign, though they pledged in good faith—feeding on the financial husks of life. These pledges were made to no other than Him who is the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the mighty men of old who found Him faithful and true. He it is who says in His Holy Word "If a man vow a vow unto the Lord or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond, he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth".

God called the children of Israel to go out of Egypt and into the Promised Land, then He led them right up to the Red Sea with a wilderness on either side and the Egyptians in pursuit of them. When they were in this critical and alarming situation He said, "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward". When they took the forward step the sea rolled back and, as they advanced, the wilderness disappeared and the enemy was destroyed.

Today, in this crucial hour, when southern Baptists are feeding on financial husks, when they are facing a Red Sea, when prosperity has seemingly taken wings and flown away, when they are fainting beside the withered gourd vine and sitting beneath the juniper tree there is a step forward for them to take—that step is the tithe. Today God speaks to southern Baptists, "Better is it that thou shouldst not vow than that thou shouldst vow and not pay . . .

Go forward. . . . Bring ye the whole tithe into my store-house".

Certainly every man and woman, every boy and girl of this mighty host of God's people can at least bring in the tithe though they may not have now the hundred or the thousand dollars they pledged. The tithe is the step forward and if the tithe is paid who is there who dares say that He will not rebuke the boll-weevil, the army worm, the curculio, the beetle, the borer and all the devourers? Then the vine shall not cast her fruit before the time in the field; moreover, the tithe can roll back the waters of difficulty and become the means of redeeming all the pledges, thus enabling southern Baptists to "enlarge the place of their habitation, lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes".

It does appear that the windows of heaven have in some measure and for some reason been closed during these later years of the Campaign but they are windows that open on the hinges of obedience in rendering unto Jehovah the things that are His and human hands can open these windows of blessing by bringing the tithe into the store-house. Shall southern Baptists whine and wail and hesitate as they look upon the rushing waters of the Red Sea, shall they after putting their hand to the plow turn back, shall they retrench and retreat when the promises of a mighty God stand steadfast and sure?

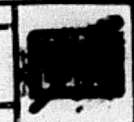
"Give as you would if an angel  
Awaited your gift at the door,  
Give as you would if tomorrow  
Were to find you where giving is o'er.

"Give as you would to the Master  
If you met His searching look,  
Give as you would of His substance  
If His hand the offering took."

—Mrs. W. J. Braswell, Georgia



## TRAINING SCHOOL



### FALL OPENING OF GOOD WILL CENTER

MONDAY evening, October 1st, was a gala occasion at Good Will Center. All summer the boys and girls of the community had looked forward to the opening of the clubs. By seven thirty o'clock the assembly room was filled with bright-faced children, Italian, Jewish and American, each one eager to know which teacher was to be his. The mothers, too, were there, most of them weary and worn from the toil of the day, yet enthusiastic about the work. The arrival of the new teachers, from the various states of the southland, always brings renewed life and interest into this work. The meeting was opened with a song service, nothing is more enjoyable to these people than community singing.

It was intensely interesting to watch the expression on the faces of those present as they listened to the program. Seldom do they have the privilege of hearing clean, uplifting things, except when they come to Good Will Center.

After this, the leaders and teachers for this session were introduced, they in turn announced the initial meeting of the clubs and their plans for the year. The Sunday school, meeting Sunday afternoons at 2:30, has for its aim the enlisting of the children who do not attend any Protestant Sunday school. Miss Margaret Moore will have charge of the library, which is a branch of the Free Public Library of Louisville, and is open Monday and Friday afternoons. She will also assist in keeping the records, a most important part of Good Will Center work. Miss Spivey will assist me in leading the Friendly Circle, a club for women, on Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Ola Lea has many new and novel ideas for developing the Blue Bird Club for little girls eight to ten years of age. With Misses Ruth Greene, Mays and Poindexter as able assistants, this work promises to meet a real need in the community life. Since the establishment of Good Will Center, Camp Fire work for eleven and twelve-year-old girls has had its place on our program. Miss Pearl Johnson, the enthusiastic leader, is adapting the plans of this well known organization to this particular group of girls. Misses McCracken and Baldwin are teaching the girls practical lessons in sewing and cooking.

Every Thursday evening there is a prayer meeting, which is led by Rev. Fred G. Tucker, pastor of the Baptist Church which is nearest to Good Will Center. Misses Ballance and Montgomery will have charge of the music and will visit in the interest of this service.

Scouting is becoming popular with our teen age boys and girls. The Boy Scout Troop is entering upon its second year under the direction of a local committee of Baptist men. The Girl Scout work is just beginning this year under the leadership of Misses Webb and Reed. If we can judge by an enthusiastic beginning, we predict a successful year for this branch of the work.

Misses Leach and Stem are the understanding leaders of the "Knights of King Arthur" club for our junior age boys, and are planning a program that bids fair to interest any normal youngster of the city. Misses Heath and Riley are making the Story Hour attractive for the children under eight years of age. Misses Ballance and Owens are giving piano lessons to the aspiring young music pupils in the community at the "exorbitant" rate of fifteen cents per lesson.

With this efficient corps of workers, and with Miss Littlejohn near enough to direct, advise and visit us frequently, we hope to accomplish much good, in His Name, before May first.—Ruby Quillin



## PERSONAL SERVICE



### ECHOES FROM THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON INTER-RACIAL COOPERATION

THE sessions of the annual meeting of the Commission on Inter-Racial Cooperation were seasons of deep interest, vibrant with good feeling, hope and determination to go forward in this work so signally blessed by an overruling Providence. There are 60 odd members on the commission among whom are representatives from both races—and more than 50 were in attendance. This conference was the first one at which a group of colored women have been represented. The purpose in general was for discussing work done during the past year and mapping out a program for the future in so far as better racial relations are concerned.

Mr. John J. Egan of Atlanta, Ga., presided and spoke of the timeliness of the organization in 1919 in checking the growing racial antagonism apparent at that time and of the hopeful fact that the south was never so interested and so ready to cooperate in the movement as it is now. Annual reports of the officers of the Commission reviewed the activities of the past year and stressed the need of a complete study of conditions to ascertain actual facts of negro life.

An outstanding feature of the whole meeting was an address of great power by Dr. John Hope, Pres. Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.—upon negro migration. He told his audience of the conditions of the struggle for the very existence of his race—its needs and the handicapped conditions in which it finds itself. "If the negro is to be retained in the south" he said, "he must be made secure in his life and property and afforded a better opportunity to make a livelihood". The address made a profound impression and its publication for wide distribution was requested.

Dr. George E. Haynes of Washington, D. C. representing the Federal Council of Churches, spoke of a survey made by his wife of 10,000 homes as she

studied the domestic situation. She was impressed with how largely the peace and happiness of the home is involved in the question of domestic service. For that reason it is a vital question to be studied to bring about better relations between mistress and maid. Hours and wages are the questions causing the most discontent and restlessness. If the mistress remembers the intelligence of the average negro in domestic service is below the fourth grade, she will realize the need for education and training for colored girls. Let her have patience and not be utterly discouraged.

Report of field workers were full of interest as they recounted achievements in the various states and hopes for further extensions of the spirit of cooperation between the races. The work of the Commission on Inter-Racial Cooperation is largely spiritual and for that reason its far-reaching influence and service are impossible of tabulating. However, many reports were made of definite achievements by the field workers in their various states. Mr. J. D. Burton from Tenn., told of the erection of Mercy Hospital for negroes at Bristol, an additional negro park, playground supervision and library at Chattanooga, a housing ordinance at Knoxville, saving of the State Vocational School for delinquent colored girls, general observance of negro health work, the inauguration of plans for two negro orphanages and the study of the conditions of delinquent, dependent and defective negro children. The Chamber of Commerce of Memphis and the commercial club of Nashville, each has a committee on race relations which is functioning effectively in the interests of better conditions. The report was especially encouraging which noted the reduction of the number of lynchings and the efforts of officials to enforce laws protecting life and preventing mob violence between the races.

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### A SUNDAY IN SHIMONOSEKI

IT was Sunday, September 23, and I was the beautifully cared-for guest of Dr. and Mrs. E. N. Walne and of their daughter, Miss Florence, in Shimonoseki, Japan. The daughter had been at home just a week, having come with me from the United States on the President McKinley. To her home she had brought the new missionaries to Japan, Miss Phoebe Lawton of South Carolina and Miss Mary Walters, of Florida. The Walne home is on a high hill commanding an excellent view of the city in the valley where along very narrow streets 80,000 Japanese live in their tiny, chimneyless houses, the front of most of them being used for shops of varied wares but with the redeeming beauty of a flower garden at the rear. Surrounding the valley are hills with lofty mountains just beyond, while like a band of silver gleams the straits connecting the Inland Sea with the Japan Sea. On a terrace of the hill, with orange and pine trees between, is Dr. Walne's office, its official title being "Fukuin Shokwau" which means a large publishing house. Here his two Japanese helpers live, here the various tracts and books are prepared for printing, here the Japanese colporteur comes for his supplies, here stereopticon slides are rented and here the new missionaries are studying Japanese.

Conscious of the sin-burdened people in the valley but grateful for the uplifting power of the hill, the six of us gathered for family prayers. Then, after Mrs. Walne's delicious Kentucky breakfast with several Japanese touches, we started for Sunday school, the half mile walk leading by a Buddhist temple, the bell of which was calling its believers to worship, and on down through the main street busy with every form of buying and selling just as though it were not Sunday. Fortunately though the public schools and the banks have holiday on Sunday. Soon we were at the Baptist church, all too small but equally Japanese-like in the marked cleanliness of its grey coat of paint, its ochre colored wall paper and its dark wooden benches. Mrs. Walne played the small but sweet-toned organ, the Sunday school superintendent being a Japanese woman pub-

lic school teacher. Space forbids a sketch of her life so suffice it to say that she became interested in Christianity by attending Mrs. Walne's cooking class. When the school authorities learned that she was planning to join the Christian ranks they remonstrated with her and even threatened to discharge her. Quietly she asked them to give her a chance to show them that her new faith would make her a better teacher. In justice they gave her the chance and today she holds an honored position as their teacher. Equally honored is she in the church, the children that Sunday morning seeming to love to follow the leading of her rich alto voice and then to bow reverently as she led in prayer.

The morning preaching service was held about six miles from Shimonoseki on the shore of the Japan Sea, the occasion being the baptizing of two young women and one young man. One of the women works in a business office and another is a widow with a very sad history, both of them being the only Christians in their homes. The man's mother has a very wicked husband but she has led all seven of her sons and daughters to Christ, this son's testimony being that from babyhood his mother had brought him to the Baptist Church. Out beyond the breakers the little pastor, who is one of the first fruits of Dr. Walne's thirty-one years in Japan, led this splendid son and there he buried him in baptism. Then together the two women went out. As they returned to the shore their faces were really aglow with "newness of life". Gently at the water's edge the pastor's wife and another helper folded kimonos about them. Soon we were ready for the final service, the sermon having preceded the baptizing, so we grouped ourselves, some forty grown people and many children, about the pastor who used the bent body of a pine tree as his pulpit desk. After the fervent consecration prayer by Dr. Walne, lunch was had under the pines there by the sea-shore, the Japanese marveling at our different kinds of sandwiches even as we did at their many rice concoctions.

Refreshed physically we again grouped ourselves for a service, the occasion being a meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society. Dr. Walne quickly translated for me the well-nigh endless flow of Japanese in welcome to me from our southern W.M.U. and then a highly cultured Japanese teacher from our Kokura school translated to the audience my response. I almost lost track of my next thought in listening to the rhythm of her words so gently spoken.

Returning to the city we passed by many rice fields and truck gardens, in which men and women were hard at work, even as they were in their roadside stores. Time and again we saw tiny family shrines with flowers by the

#### FOR WEEK OF PRAYER

(Note: The sketch given below is referred to in the program on South America during the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Be sure to keep this copy of ROYAL SERVICE carefully so you will have the story to use at that time.)



Mothing a Church in Chile

**L**A Senora Claudia Villaneuva of Santa Elena Baptist Church, Santiago, Chile, may well be called not only the mother of this thriving church or-

images, which had been provided with bibs to protect them as they "ate" the food furnished by the worshipers.

For the night service we went to the church, where we found fully seventy-five people gathered. Many others came in later but they remained around the entrance way. Our seat was near this group and so I know that they listened well to the pastor, Kuroda San, as he presented a set of Dr. Walne's lantern slides. As the last one faded from the screen they also passed from my sight but doubtless they will come again and will learn to sing believing the closing song of the service, "Jesus Paid It All". Never before did I realize as then that "all to Him I owe".—*Kathleen Mallory*

ganized a little more than two years ago but of the Woman's Society as well. There is no doubt that the founding of the church here in her home was a direct answer to prayer. The missionary was praying to find a church home in this section and she was praying to have service in her home so this is how the church began. Mrs. Villaneuva is a very intelligent woman, much above the average, is talented in various ways, and has a natural tact with her people which enables her both to teach and lead them. She is organist of the church, teaches a class of senioritas in Sunday school and is president of the Woman's Society. This society includes the young women also. Once a week they have a class which corresponds to our mission study. At present they are using a book on hygiene. Once a week they meet at the church and sew for the poor and thus are already rendering great service. Being gifted in leadership and able to be useful in so many ways we expect great things of this church in the future. The members go to Mrs. Villaneuva with their joys and sorrows and the workers with their problems and she is a help and comfort to all. She comes to see us missionaries and her faith and encouragement always cheer and inspire us so she is a solace not only to her own people but to us as well. We are sure in that last day, the Lord will say of her, "She hath done what she could".

—*Mrs. J. W. McGavock, Chile*

## BOOK REVIEWS

### THE BIBLE A MISSIONARY MESSAGE

**T**HOSE of us who have studied All the World in All the Word written, at the special request of the Woman's Missionary Union, by Dr. W. O. Carver, will learn with pleasure of the more recent book by the same author, *The Bible a Missionary Message*. Dr. Carver is Professor of Comparative Religion and Missions, and Associate Professor of New Testament Interpretation in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and is abundantly equipped for presenting a wealth of material on this "Study of Activities and Methods",—the sub-title of the book.

The object of the book is to set forth the missionary character of the Bible in both the Old and New Testaments. To this end such matters as the following are dealt with in the ten chapters: The Fact of the Bible Marks It as a Missionary Message; Biblical History Marks the Bible as a Missionary Message; Hebrew Worship Reveals the Missionary Message of the Bible; Prophecy Proves the Bible God's Missionary Message; The Christ God's Missionary Message; Jesus, God's Son, Found the Missionary Enterprise; Acts the Growth of the Missionary Power; Paul the Interpreter of the Missionary Message; The Missionary Message in the Visions of Patmos; The Message in the Tongue of Men. These chapters have sub-divisions which mark a progressive development such as only an educator could prepare for a student. The earnest student will be richly repaid in gaining a fuller knowledge of the missionary message of the Bible and of his personal relationship to these messages, for Dr. Carver tells us in his preface that: "The supreme need of the missionary enterprise at this time is consecrated personality in which to invest the ever-increasing sums of money which the churches are ready to give. The saving Gospel can be proclaimed only through men and women."

It has been said that the Bible is a

book-making Book. We are glad that it has produced such a book as *The Bible a Missionary Message* and we add our prayer to that of the author, that through its pages many may be called to carry the message, so profound and so simple, to the ends of the earth.

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### THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE FAITH

**F**UNDAMENTALS is an old word which in recent years has come into almost universal usage, especially as related to the great doctrines of Christianity. Its meaning, foundation or necessary basis, lends itself most fittingly to this basic topic. In each chapter of his great book, *Fundamentals of the Faith*, Dr. William Dudley Nowlin, its author, has given this word its full strength and value, pointing out to the earnest seeker after truth foundation stones of the faith which will uphold Christianity until He come to prove all things.

It is hard for the reviewer of books to pass on to the prospective reader the uplift and real joy a book has brought to them. In naming the captions of chapters they cannot put into them the riches they represent. But the following headings will convey something of the treasure each chapter holds for the reader: The True God; The Bible; The Fall of Man; Jesus Christ the God-Man; Individual Responsibility; Regeneration; Love the Motive of Christian Service; New Testament Church; New Testament Form of Church Government; Spiritual Baptism; The Memorial Supper; Identifying the New Testament Church and the Obligation of Every Christian to It. Dr. Nowlin has gathered into his book simple statements of the truths he believes in, supported by the clear teachings of the Scriptures; quotations from great writers of ancient and modern times and the testimonies of archaeologists, eminent scholars and geologists.

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# UNION NOTES



## ROUND TABLE

**C**HANGES must constantly be reckoned with. In line with this "law of life" we announce a change in W.M.U. headquarters address. As the building in which our offices are located has been bought by Birmingham's morning newspaper it will henceforth be known as the Age-Herald Building. Our offices are not disturbed as only the lower floors and basement will be used by the paper so our number remains the same and mail should be addressed to

1111 Age-Herald Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

**H**AVE you not proved in your own experience of life that "hope deferred maketh the heart sick"? This heart sickness must be the portion of our missionaries on the foreign fields because at the fall meeting of the Foreign Mission Board no appropriations could be made for property needs of our various institutions. Think of the missionaries you know, your "partners over there", as they receive the message from the Board: no money can be sent for the new dormitory you need for your school; no money can be sent for the new missionary residence you have longed to have; no money for the enlargement and equipment so sadly needed in your hospital; no money —; no money —; no money —! Think of our secretaries yonder at Richmond with hearts burdened almost beyond human endurance seeing the opportunities, nay the demands, in every country and realizing their hands are tied by the lack of dollars. In such an hour what can women do? The very least is to pray and plan that our Lottie Moon Christmas offering for Foreign Missions may be such as to hearten our secretaries, to reassure our "partners over there" and to glorify our God.

**M**AKE earnest plans for the observance of the Week of Prayer for World Wide Missions, December 30-January 5. Let it be truly a season of prayer. Read the appeal from the Foreign Mission Board until it takes hold of your heart. Watch the state papers for other messages from Dr. Love and Dr. Ray and read them prayerfully. We

believe you will delight in using the excellent programs prepared for the W. M. S. by Miss Willie Jean Stewart of Alabama with the helpful leaflets so graciously contributed by friends in foreign lands as follows: Europe, Mrs. Everett Gill, Switzerland, and Miss Mary Argyle Taylor, Italy; Mexico, Miss Annie M. Long; China, Mrs. Eugene Salles and Mrs. Chas. McDaniel; South America, Mrs. S. M. Sowell, Argentina, and Miss Cornelia Brower, Chile; Africa, Miss Clara U. Keith; Japan, Miss Cecile Lancaster. Sincere gratitude is felt toward these friends for thus helping to make foreign missions real to us.

**S**UNDAY, December 2, is to be Stewardship Day in churches all over the Southern Baptist Convention. Unless local conditions make it impossible your pastor will that day give a message on this subject we all need to consider. A number of pastors in various strategic points will broadcast their sermons through the means of the radio. One way or another let your heart be in tune on this Sunday to catch the message that will help you be a true steward of the resources God has placed in your trust.

**O**F unusual interest and value is the October issue of "Missions". It is called a Stewardship Number and carries many pointed articles, personal testimonies and practical suggestions on that subject. It might also be called a Baptist World Alliance Number since it gives almost half of its space to a review of the great congress in Stockholm. The numerous illustrations are particu-

larly interesting and help to make the issue valuable for future reference. W. M. U. readers would turn eagerly to an article by Helen Barrett Montgomery under the title "Baptist Women at the World Alliance". We quote a paragraph from Mrs. Montgomery: At the meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Baptist World Alliance, Mrs. William Carey James of Birmingham, Alabama, president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, was elected temporary chairman in place of Mrs. Andrew MacLeish of Chicago, president of the Auxiliary, who was unable to be present. We were all proud of the skill and dignity with which Mrs. James conducted the meeting. Several brethren who were present to help out the women in the conduct of the meeting found their good offices entirely superfluous.

**C**HRISTMAS cards in bewildering array meet our gaze in many shops at this season. Let the display remind you of the cards the Union is prepared to furnish for gift subscriptions to ROYAL SERVICE and WORLD COMRADES. These cards were described in last month's issue of ROYAL SERVICE. When you send in a subscription that is to be a gift be sure to state the fact. The cards will be sent to the subscriber so that she herself may send the card to her friend at the proper time.

**A**T the end of the North Carolina college trip last month during which I wrote to all my W. M. U. friends who read ROYAL SERVICE, the school bells suddenly turned into wedding bells—not mine but merry ones ringing for Miss Beatrice Barnard and Rev. Richard Redwine. Miss Barnard has been for two years the young people's leader in Georgia and with real regret W. M. U. gives her to become a pastor's wife yet wishes for her all the colorful joy in life that the lovely rainbow wedding could give promise of. Miss Julia Allen goes from Tennessee to her native state to take up the work with Georgia young people. Tennessee's sadness in accepting her resignation was more than equaled by Georgia's "welcome home".

After the wedding Mrs. George E. Davis met me at Greenville Woman's

College where we rejoiced in the new Fine Arts building and in a finer than ever Y. W. A. spirit. Anderson College anticipates a splendid year of Y. W. A. activity and Limestone is quite confident that this year she will not interrupt her unexcelled record of 12 years in succession on the A-1 Honor Roll. Limestone College leads others in preparation for the ten days Y. W. A. camp to be held at Ridgecrest the latter part of June, by her purchase of a lot in the Baptist grounds there.

Monday night October 8 brought the unexpected pleasure of dinner with eight W. M. U. Training School friends in Baltimore just before the anticipated privilege of talking to the Y. W. A. council members and the leaders of Sunbeams, G. A.'s., R. A.'s. and Y. W. A.'s. about young people's missionary education in W. M. U. plans. Maryland was gloriously decorated with trees in early fall colors and the association which it was my joy to attend the day following was equally beautiful in its eager interest and desire to improve splendid work done.

The District of Columbia has an annual World Wide Guild and Y. W. A. banquet and this fall, Miss Gardner, the president, invited me. It was an honor and opportunity to speak to some 260 young women about missions as it deepens their daily prayer life, directs their giving habits and challenges Christ-like behavior that American young women may set example to the waiting world. It will be an excellent plan to develop similar Y. W. A. city unions or councils in other cities. Missouri has done so in St. Louis and in Kansas City. Exactly a week after the Washington visit, I met with the young women of St. Louis, having visited an association near Birmingham and spent two days in the office between times.

It is especially interesting to be in Missouri this year as her women organize as a real W. M. U. I attempted to express the glad welcome which I knew you would have me extend to this newly organized state. Their work is already known and only commendatory remarks can be made on the past year's reports. We rejoice to win wholeheartedly a state full of "laborers together with God".—

Juliette Mather

SEPTEMBER held South Carolina joys not recorded in my last account of fall journeyings. Meetings with W.M.U. workers in the First Church, Columbia, Williston, Blackville and Denmark made South Carolina dearer to me than ever. Beautiful Pensacola was the first stopping place as Mrs. Peelman started me on a Florida associational round. Visits in Chipley, Quincy, Tallahassee, Lake City, Jacksonville, Palatka and DeLand followed each other in rapid succession, combining meetings of associations with local society gatherings and College Y.W.A. experiences in Florida State College and Stetson University.

Breaking away from Florida for a week's work in Alabama brought the privilege of meeting with four associations—Mobile Bay, Butler county, Salem-Troy, Crenshaw and Zion. This latter association met only one day but Pastor Gibson of the First Church, Andalusia, kindly gave his prayer meeting hour to W.M.U. In connection with the meeting at Rutledge the W.M.U. of Crenshaw held an afternoon session to transact necessary business in connection with our work.

Entering Florida again at Leesburg, your field worker met the W.M.S., then

the husbands were invited to come with their wives for an evening meeting and the principal of the high school gave his chapel service to us. Ocala women were holding circle meetings on the afternoon that city was my home so of course it was a joy to be at home with them. An associational meeting in McIntosh was followed by afternoon and evening gatherings in the oldest city in the United States while meetings in Cocoa completed my October wanderings in the South.—*Blanche Sydnor White*

OCTOBER 24th was signalized by a meeting in Nashville of the Committee on Future Program for southern Baptist work. Dr. M. E. Dodd of Louisiana is chairman and there are four members from each state, two from the District of Columbia and fifteen at large. Information concerning what was done at the committee meeting will be given out through the state papers so be on the alert to see what is said about our future program. While rounding out the present period of five years in a way that shall make a worthy chapter in southern Baptist history we must be thinking ahead and planning so wisely that there will be no confusion or lapse in the work as we emerge from one period into the next.

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