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Laborers together with God.—I Corinthians 3:9

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

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EDITORIAL



A PERSONAL LETTER

Dear Royal Service Reader:

This is not my first nor do I expect it to be my last communication about my trip to Europe and my visits to our mission fields. I am making this a personal letter from me to you, however, because I have some wishes that I wish for each of you. The first wish is that if you have not had similar ones that some day you may have such experiences as I had this past summer. The second wish is that I have succeeded and in some degree may continue to succeed to make my experiences real to you and in some measure stir your hearts with the emotions that stirred mine because of them. The third and supreme wish is that being thus stirred we may all dedicate our lives anew to the service of our Master.

The privilege of going to Europe, of there feasting one's eyes upon the natural beauties, of going over the land and into the places where history-making battles have been fought out in field or around the tables of the diplomats, of coming in contact with people of many nationalities in their own environment, of beholding for the first time the places from which our ancestors sprung, of studying the marvelous works of art—the privilege of all this and more I could wish for each one of you. But these are not the experiences that are foremost in my thinking today. I am thinking and would have you think with me of the glorious privilege we have today of worshipping our Lord and carrying on His work in the way we believe He would have us do without let or hindrance in contrast with what the Baptist people of Europe have suffered not only because of the exigences of war and its attendant results but because they have dared to stand for what they believe the Bible teaches. Because of the established church and the fanaticism of many of the people Baptists in every country on the continent of Europe where there is Baptist work have had to suffer persecutions and about the best that most of them can claim today is *toleration* not *liberty*. And there are those who are yet passing through fiery trials the like of which made me wonder how many of us who are members of Baptist churches in the United States today would persevere to the end.

My visit to Rome where I saw the places which mark the beginnings of Christianity in that city and which spoke eloquently of the persecutions of Paul and the early Christians by the pagan Romans; my visit to those places which once knew Martin Luther who having journeyed there to submit to a mandate of the Roman Catholic Church had that marvelous experience that sent him home to protest against the practices of his church and to suffer because of his protests; my visit to Prague in Czecho-Slovakia where John Huss lived and near which city he was burned at the stake because he dared defy the established church and preach his belief for which others after him were martyred; my remembrance of the story of the persecutions of our Baptist forefathers in the United States because by their word and deed they dared declare their independence of the established faith; my actual contact with people in Europe who have suffered persecutions but with the tragedy still dwelling in their eyes are in sight of freedom; my association with those whose wounds are yet fresh and who have much to suffer but who face it with a holy zeal and determination shining on their countenances; all of these, I say, brought me face to face as never before with the fact of the atonement, that blazing climax in the history of mankind.

Such experiences make one pause and question herself. What am I doing? What have I done? What am I going to do? Is some of the power of the atone-

ment being lost because of me? Will future generations rejoice and sing His praises because I have lived and served faithfully or will they have to suffer and endure as those in the past and some in Europe today because I, like some in the past, have not been faithful to the truth and have not done all things whatsoever He commanded me?



CONSTANTIN ADORIAN AND FAMILY

of course that we would go to our homes because the hour was late, but no! We were met at the train by Joan Socacin who has attended our seminary in Louisville and who serves as the district missionary of Transylvania section of territory transferred to Rumania from the Austro-Hungarian Empire after the world war. The Rumanians are in the majority in this territory but many strong Hungarian Baptist churches were brought over to Rumania in this transfer. Curtici, however, is a Rumanian village. As I said we were met by Mr. Socacin who conducted us to the church where we found a capacity congregation patiently waiting for the brothers and sisters from the United States. Here we met the Rumanian peasants in their own environment and in their national costume. Here we began to feel the influence of their holy zeal and their eagerness to learn. Here we caught a glimpse of the home life of the Rumanian peasant. Here we experienced the first suggestion of the persecutions of the Baptists in Rumania.

The lack of space forbids more but in the continuation of this letter I hope to tell you more of our visit to Curtici and of our progress through Rumania.

In grateful remembrance, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Mr. H. C. James



BIBLE STUDY



TOPIC—The Crowned Life

I. *Servants of Christ Jesus*: Phil. 1:1. As Christ is the Light of the world, John 1:4, 9, 10, so hath He made us also to be lights in our generation, Matt. 5:14-16. We must comprehend the responsibility of being lights, and "walk as children of light", Eph. 5:8, holding high our lights so that none shall stumble by anything we may do or say, Eph. 5:8, I Thess. 5:5. We have the promise of guidance, Isa. 42:14-16. The mighty God is the Everlasting Father, who is gentle to human weakness and supplies what is wanting in human faculty. He takes the hand of the blind and leads him like a beloved child. How dear is God to His servants! He helps us when we come to dangerous places. His love is infinite, unchanging, eternal. Are you blind? He will lead, Isa. 41:13. Full of care? He will carry the burden, Isa. 41:10. In sorrow He says, "Call upon me", Jer. 33:3. Is there a steep road? Rest in God, Ps. 37:7. Fear God and no other fear will trouble, Isa. 42:1-7.

II. *The Hidden Life of Faith*: I John 5:4, 5; Col. 3:3. By faith we are separated unto God, II Cor. 6:17, 18. Our sins are forgiven, our righteousness is divine, "we are complete in Christ", Col. 2:10, "children of God", Rom. 8:16, 17. We have no righteousness but Christ's, Rom. 8:29. We are by nature guilty, lost and imperfect but clothed by faith in the righteousness of Christ we are perfect, glorious, beautiful, Rom. 8:30. Jesus said "it is expedient for you that I go away", John 16:7. He wanted us to walk by faith. Life is not a holiday, it is a discipline, it is essential to educate our faith, for the future life is a spiritual one. Trial to the Christian is training for eternity, John 12:25. We live in expectation of our Lord's gain, John 14:18, Acts 1:11, 22; 7:20. In His absence the daily, hourly, secret, but most real life, is eating Christ and living by Him, I Cor. 11:24-26. The spiritual Lord's Supper is for every day, Rev. 1:18.

III. *A Great Thanksgiving*: Eph. 1:3-14, Eph. 2:4-6. It is God the Father who has predestined us to the adoption of sons, blessed and redeemed us in Christ, made known His eternal purpose of uniting all in Him. These spiritual blessings are secured by the pledge of the Holy Spirit, Eph. 1:13, 14. His Son Jesus Christ, has shared with man the gifts of heaven, Col. 1:27. From all eternity God has seen in His perfect and Holy Son, Col. 1:19, the ideal of humanity and has destined men for the same glorious sonship, I Peter 1:3-5, of which in the freedom of His love, He has purposed they should be "partakers", Eph. 3:3-6. Here is Paul's doctrine of God's choice of men in Christ "before the foundation of the world", Eph. 1:4 "and we are complete in Him", Col. 2:10.

IV. *The Crowned Life*: II Tim. 4:7, 8. This is the crown of righteousness, I Cor. 2:9, this means the righteous life which is the result of salvation through Christ. Heb. 11:6, shows that God is a rewarder for diligence in the life of faith, James 1:12. The crown of life, Rev. 2:10, is on account of service rendered for faithfulness under trial and love for a faithful loving Lord. Crowns are symbols of rewards of distinctions earned. The crown of joy, Phil. 4:1, is given for faithful ministry, I Thess. 2:19; the crown of glory, the reward of faithfulness under suffering, I Peter 5:4; Heb. 2:9; Rev. 3:11; 4:4, 10, 11; 19:11, 12; at the second coming of Christ in glory the incorruptible crown, I Cor. 9:25. God offers to the lost salvation and for the faithful service of the saved, rewards. Salvation is a present possession, Luke 7:50, John 3:36; 5:24; 6:47, while rewards are a future attainment to be given at the coming of the Lord, Matt. 16:27, II Tim. 4:8, Rev. 22:12.—*Mrs. James Pollard*

Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists February, 1924

"Open my eyes that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.

"Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready my God Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit Divine!"

Topic: Cuba and the Canal Zone

1—FRIDAY

Praise and thanksgiving for
the evangelistic spirit of Cuban
Baptist churches
Save thy people . . . and lift them up.
—Psalm 28:9

2—SATURDAY

That long years of service of
Rev. and Mrs. M. N. McCall,
Havana, Cuba, be crowned with
manifold blessings
Ye shall receive a crown of glory.
I Peter 5:4

3—SUNDAY

That Malachi 3:10 be our guide
to Campaign victory
Bring ye all the tithes into the store-
house . . . and prove me . . . saith the
Lord of hosts . . . I will pour you out
a blessing.—Malachi 3:10

4—MONDAY

For the great and difficult work
of Rev. M. F. Roberts, Balboa
Heights, superintendent of mis-
sions in Canal Zone
Let not your hearts faint, fear not.
—Deuteronomy 20:3

5—TUESDAY

That God grant great joy to
Mrs. R. H. Graves and Mrs. G.
W. Greene as they serve Him in
Canton, China
His rest shall be glorious.—Isa. 11:10

6—WEDNESDAY

For Misses †Kathryn Sewell
and †Christine Garnett, school
work, Santa Clara, Cuba
In thy name shall they rejoice.
—Psalm 89:16

7—THURSDAY

For Misses Lillie Mae Hundley,
†Lilla E. Echols and Lillian
Thomason (new missionaries)
educational work, Shanghai,
China
The Lord thy God is with thee.
—Joshua 1:9

8—FRIDAY

Praise God for souls won to
Christ in Kaifeng, China, and
for Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Poteat,
Jr. and Rev. and Mrs. W. E.
Sallee
The labor of the righteous tendeth to
life.—Proverbs 10:16

9—SATURDAY

For Cuban-American College,
student missionaries and work-
ers, Havana, Cuba
Thou hast sent me into the world . . .
I also sent them.—John 17:18

10—SUNDAY

That this day remind us of
blessings and obligations of 75
Million Campaign
He hath made His wonderful works to
be remembered.—Psalm 111:4

11—MONDAY

That Panama Canal become an
highway for our God
All the ends of the earth shall see the
salvation of our God.—Isaiah 52:10

12—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Da-
vidson, Rev. and †Mrs. James
McGavock and Rev. and †Mrs.
J. Luther Moye, Santiago, Chile
I have fully preached the Gospel of
Christ.—Romans 15:19

13—WEDNESDAY

For Misses Blanche Rose Walk-
er, †Addie Estelle Cox, Zemina
Hare and Viola Humphrey, ed-
ucational and evangelistic work,
Kaifeng, China
Thy loving kindness is better than
life.—Psalm 63:3

14—THURSDAY

For abundant blessing on the
work of Rev. and Mrs. Stephen
Witt, Balboa Heights, Canal
Zone
Holding forth the Word of Life.
—Philippians 2:16

†W.M.U. Training School Alumna

Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists February, 1924

*"Pray if thou canst with hope; but ever pray,
Though hope be sick or weak with long delay;
Pray in the darkness if there be no light.*

*And if for any wish thou darest not pray,
Then pray to God to cast that wish away.—Hartley Coleridge*

Topic: Cuba and the Canal Zone

15—FRIDAY

For our new missionaries,
Misses Waller Ray Buster, Ione
Buster and Helen Bagby, Rio
de Janeiro, Brazil
That which I see not, teach thou me.
—Job 34:32

16—SATURDAY

Remember loving service of
Misses C. A. Miller, Mary Wil-
leford, Alice Huey, †Bertha
Smith, †Doris Knight and
†Alda Grayson, Laichow-fu,
China
I will not leave thee.—Genesis 28:15

17—SUNDAY

That living faith and life-giv-
ing works bring triumphant
completion to 75 Million Cam-
paign
Even so faith, if it hath not works, is
dead.—James 2:17

18—MONDAY

Pray for added blessing to
faithful service of Misses
†Margie Shumate and Alvada
Gunn, Shiu Hing, China
Faithful is He that calleth you.
—I Thessalonians 5:24

19—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Joseph
Thrift in their untiring labor
at Gatun and Colon, Canal Zone
My kindness shall not depart from
thee.—Isaiah 54:10

20—WEDNESDAY

For all Christian educational
work in Cuba and Canal Zone
Teach them the good way wherein
they should walk.—I Kings 8:36

21—THURSDAY

Pray in gratitude for the Spir-
it-filled service of native pas-
tors and their wives in Cuba
and Canal Zone
The Lord is thy keeper.—Psalm 121:5

22—FRIDAY

For our country, that Christ be
honored in its international re-
lationship
Let men say among the nations, The
Lord reigneth.—I Chronicles 16:31

23—SATURDAY

For Misses Luella Bell, Edel-
mira Robinson, Bessie Harrell
and †Reitha Hight, Havana,
Cuba
Cleave unto Him and serve Him.
—Joshua 22:5

24—SUNDAY

Praise God for added strength
to Cuban and Canal Zone
churches through their Sunday
schools
Knowledge increaseth strength.
—Proverbs 24:5

25—MONDAY

That we fail not in the highest
aims of 75 Million Campaign—
loyalty and obedience
Made strong by the hands of the
mighty God.—Genesis 49:24

26—TUESDAY

For educational and evangelis-
tic work of Rev. and Mrs. G.
H. Lacy and Rev. and †Mrs. C.
W. Branch, Saltillo, Mexico
Rest in His love.—Zephaniah 3:17

27—WEDNESDAY

Ask our Father's blessing on
work of Dr. and Mrs. C. D.
Daniel and Misses Gladys Mc-
Lanahan and Lily Mae Weath-
erford, El Paso, Texas
The Lord be with thee.—
—I Chronicles 22:1

28—THURSDAY

That Misses †Azile M. Wofford
and Minnie D. McIlroy, new
missionaries, find happy service
in Buenos Ayres, Argentina
That they be rich in good works.
—I Timothy 6:18

29—FRIDAY

That 1924 see the largest in-
gathering of souls ever known
in any previous year.
Whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God
will give it thee.—John 11:22

†W.M.U. Training School Alumna



DAILY BIBLE READINGS



TOPIC—The Crowned Life*

*The heavens declare Thy glory, Lord!
In every star Thy wisdom shines;
But when our eyes behold Thy Word,
We read Thy name in fairer lines.*

Servants of Christ Jesus

Friday, 1st

II Samuel 7:19-29; Acts 2:25-36;
Psalm 113:1

Saturday, 2nd

Acts 4:20, 23-33; II Timothy 1:9

Sunday, 3d

Ephesians 3:3-12; 5:1-9; I Corinth-
ians 11:1

Monday, 4th

I Corinthians 6:20; 7:21-23; I Pe-
ter 1:18-25

Tuesday, 5th

Matthew 22:8-10; 28:16-20; Acts
1:8, 9

Wednesday, 6th

Philippians 4:13; Romans 6:16-23;
Mark 16:20

Thursday, 7th

Luke 12:37; Romans 8:35-39; Phil-
ippians 3:20, 21; Malachi 3:16, 17

The Hidden Life of Faith

Friday, 8th

Romans 4:3, 19-25; Acts 27:21-25;
I John 5:10-13

Saturday, 9th

Luke 7:50; Ephesians 3:17-21

Sunday, 10th

Hebrews 11:1-40 (key verse, 6)

Monday, 11th

Galatians 2:20, 21; Romans 3:21-
31; Acts 13:39

Tuesday, 12th

James 2:14-26; Romans 4:2-8, 13-
18; 10:17

Wednesday, 13th

John 6:47; Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus
3:8

Thursday, 14th

I Peter 1:3-9; Romans 1:17; 5:1-5
A Great Thanksgiving

Friday, 15th

Ephesians 1:3-14; 2:4-6; Psalm
107:1-8

*Thy noblest wonders here we view,
In souls renewed and sins forgiven;
Lord, cleanse my sins, my soul renew,
And make Thy Word my guide to
heaven. —ISAAC WATTS*

Saturday, 16th

Isaiah 55:1; John 4:10; Romans 6:
23; Revelation 22:17; Psalm 50:14

Sunday, 17th

Luke 11:13; Acts 2:4; I Thessa-
lonians 4:7, 8; Ephesians 4:30-32

Monday, 18th

John 10:28; 14:19; Philippians 1:
16

Tuesday, 19th

John 3:16; Titus 3:4-7; Romans 3:
24

Wednesday, 20th

John 15:9-14; I John 4:11-21; Jude
20:21

Thursday, 21st

Matthew 5:11, 12; Ephesians 2:6,
7; Colossians 3:23, 24; Daniel 12:3

The Crowned Life

Friday, 22d

Matthew 26:28; I Peter 1:18, 19;
Revelation 5:9

Saturday, 23d

Ephesians 2:13; Galatians 3:26; I
Corinthians 6:11

Sunday, 24th

John 5:24; I Peter 1:2-5; Romans
5:1

Monday, 25th

Ephesians 4:20-24; 5:2; Romans
6:4

Tuesday, 26th

I John 3:2; Colossians 3:4; I Cor-
inthians 15:49-58

Wednesday, 27th

Romans 8:14-19; II Corinthians 2:
14-17; I Thessalonians 4:16-18

Thursday, 28th

Hebrews 2:5-12; James 1:12

Friday, 29th

II Timothy 2:3-12; 4:7, 8; Revela-
tion 4:4, 10, 11

*To preserve connected thought in each day's
reading, first locate references then read verses
consecutively.

PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY

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

CUBA AND THE CANAL ZONE

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"The Green Ribbon Which Unites Two Southern Baptists in the Canal Zone Oceans"

Distribution of Home Mission Thank Offering Envelopes
Closing Prayer

"Here in a fair and sunlit land,
Where no wrong bites to the bone,
I will lay my hand in my neighbor's
hand
And together we will atone.

"Bless to us the rain and the sun
And the blind seed in its bed,
That we may repair the wrong that
was done
To the living and the dead."

CUBA DISCOVERED—DEGRADED

IN the autumn of 1492 three Spanish ships, Santa Maria, Pinta and Nina came over the rim of the ocean bearing Christopher Columbus and his crew to a new world in search of gold. More than three months of fruitless outlook for land had bred discontent verging on mutiny among the sailors. One morning two hours before dawn longing eyes spied the land by moonlight. Columbus eager to appease his men sought a speedy landing. In the early morning the flight of a flock of land birds provi-

dentially directed their course southward so that landing was made upon the island of San Salvador, now Watling Island, instead of upon the coast of Florida. After winding in and out among the Bahamas Columbus entered the harbor of Nuevitas on the northern coast of Cuba and took possession of the island in the name of the Spanish throne, naming it Juana* in honor of the Spanish crown prince. How differ-

*Cuba has borne successively the names of Juana, Fernandina, Santiago and Ava Maria, coming back finally to the aboriginal name, Cuba (pronounced Coo-ba by the Cubans).

ent might the history of America have been but for the southward flight of those birds!

Just as the coming of Cortez brought upon Mexico four centuries of oppression and misery, so did the coming of Columbus and those who followed him bring to Cuba the same long period of cruel and avaricious rule. Velasquez the first ruler of Cuba founded cities and built cathedrals. Under his progressive but terrible rule he murdered even those of his own faith who showed any compassion for the suffering Indians or sought to stay the inhumanity of their countrymen.

Velasquez was followed by De Soto, one of the most treacherous and cruel of the tyrant type. Under his rule the native Cubans were enslaved and treated so cruelly that they rapidly pined to death and became almost extinct. He was afterwards commissioned governor of Florida and is known in history as the discoverer of the Mississippi river, which river did the world the good turn of drowning him in its waters.

During these four hundred years Spain had wars with other nations and Cuba was occasionally a target. The French twice attacked Havana. These attacks led to the building of Morro Castle at the entrance of the harbor and the battery of La Punta on the opposite shore. In 1762 Cuba was invaded and conquered by the British. Three hundred soldiers aided in the victory, but in treaty made the following year Cuba was restored to Spain. If this had not been done Cuba would have been spared more than a hundred years of revolution and devastation.

Hope and despair followed treaties and broken promises until in 1868 the revolutionists again raised the war cry of Cuba Libre (Coo-ba Lee-bray) with the result that Cuba was proclaimed a republic. The Cuban army was a roving band mostly engaged in evading the Spanish troops and, though the latter far outnumbered them, they managed to elude and aggravate them for ten years. Finally Spain had to promise reforms, not one of which was kept, and Cuba slipped back into the old misery. Had these reforms been carried into effect there is little doubt that Cuba would still be a Spanish colony.

THE FINAL STRUGGLE

SPAIN, false to every promise, continued her inhumanities in Cuba; impoverishing the natives by exorbitant taxation to enrich the Spanish grantees. Both in Havana and New York Cuban patriots were secretly planning to strike another blow for freedom from Spain and in 1895 the cry of *Cuba Libre* rang out for the last time. But this time there was a Christian nation standing by to protest and presently (1898) to take a stand on the side of the oppressed islanders. Two factors made the intervention of the United States imperative. (1) The well remembered atrocities of the *reconcentrado* edit of Governor General Weyler, which caused suffering and death to thousands of men (many of whom claimed to be American citizens), women and children. (2) The sinking of the United States battleship Maine, with all on board. The destruction of the Spanish fleet in Manila Bay, the defeat of the Spanish army at San Juan and the total destruction of the fleet under Admiral Cervera in the Santiago harbor brought Spain to her knees and Cuba was forever free from Castilian rule. The United States accepted the protectorate of Cuba until such a time as she could prove her ability to maintain self government. But the habit of revolution could not be easily shaken off and the United States has once intervened at Cuba's request to restore political tranquillity on the island. Jarring times may come but the black and yellow flag of Spain has given place to the Cuban and American red, white and blue; proclaiming a new condition which has had a marked effect on Christian missions and brought the country within the care of American Protestantism.

A BUNCH OF DATES

MEN have marred what God made so fair. Cruelty and oppression, slavery, ignorance, vice and sensualism have marked the history of Cuba by four hundred years of Spanish rule. Briefly epitomized, the salient facts are as follows:

- 1492—Discovery by Columbus
- 1511—Bloody conquest by Velasquez
- 1524—First slaves brought in
- 1762—Cuba conquered by British
- 1763—Cuba restored to Spain

- 1825—Cuba under martial law with a captain general
- 1829—Uprising against Spain
- 1844—Uprising against Spain
- 1848—Revolution against Spain
- 1868-78—Ten years' struggle
- 1887—Slavery abolished
- 1895—Beginning of the last revolution
- 1898—Reconcentrado atrocities of General Weyler
- 1898—(February 15) Battleship Maine blown up in Havana harbor
- (April 22) War declared with Spain
- (July 3) Destruction of Cervera's fleet
- 1899—(January 1) Beginning of guardianship of United States
- 1902—Withdrawal of U. S. troops and establishment of Cuban Republic
- 1907—Intervention by United States
- 1909—Withdrawal of United States troops and installation of new Cuban government
- 1913—Inauguration of President Menocal

Tabulated by Miss F. E. S. Heck for Royal Service, November 1914

CUBA THE BEAUTIFUL

FEW people appreciate either the dimensions or the area of Cuba. If you were to place the eastern tip of the island flush with Barnegat Beach, New Jersey, the western land's end would touch the eastern border of Illinois, spanning five states. If those familiar with the island are surprised at its length a realization of its width, averaging only sixty miles, likewise surprises. No place on the island is more than forty miles from the open sea. In area it is a Pennsylvania and it has a population equivalent to that of Georgia.

Nature and history have conspired to make Cuba a land of enchantment. One approaches the island through sapphire seas. Its north shore, to the west of Florida Straits, is washed by the Gulf of Mexico and that to the east by the Atlantic Ocean; while the south shore is laved by the beautiful waters of the Caribbean. Both shores are fringed with myriad islands, idyllic spots unvisited by modern things.

The scenery is as varied as the heart could wish, and as the visitor journeys the length of the island, scenes of unrivaled beauty greet the eye—the low

country is begemmed with valleys where innumerable avenues of royal palms wave their crowns of spreading fronds and lend enchantment to the landscape. For one who loves mountain scenery there are occasional spots where the Andes and the Rockies may be seen in miniature. The Vinales Valley in the northwestern part of the island has been pronounced one of the finest between Alaska and Panama. In many places the mountains are a veritable jumble of weird and fantastic shapes.—*National Geographic Magazine*

THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA

RUINED by long wars for independence which she had fought alone until the United States unsheathed the sword of defense it may require years of earnest toil and experience to bring Cuba in line with her older sister republics on this continent. A great aid to this will be her system of government which follows that of the United States. A president is elected for four years who may not serve for more than two consecutive terms; the present executive is Dr. Alfredo Zayas whose term expires in 1925. The National Congress is composed of a Senate and a House of Representatives elected by popular vote. There has recently been added to the Department of State a bureau for the affairs of the League of Nations providing that a Cuban delegation to conferences of the League have a permanent character. The present United States Ambassador to Cuba is Major General Enoch H. Crowder, U.S.A.

The women of Cuba are becoming more and more interested in national affairs. The "Club Femenino de Cuba" and the "Partido Nacional Suffragista" sent charming and intelligent women as delegates to the Women's Pan American Conference held in Baltimore in 1922.

Cuba is no longer an isle in chains as when she was a colony to Spain. She has bought her freedom with her blood. But she is still held in bondage by her own problems; where these problems are the outcome of sin it is our precious privilege to show her people that their own efforts cannot free them, only the blood of Christ can make Cuba free indeed.

THE SUGAR AND OTHER INDUSTRIES

THE world has developed a sweet tooth that must be satisfied. The rivers of sugar flowing out and the streams of gold flowing in are transforming the island that Christopher Columbus pronounced the fairest land human eye had ever seen into a realm where prosperity runs riot, and making it the home of a thousand millionaires, with Havana as the Pittsburgh and sugar as the steel of the story." Such is the pronouncement of the *National Geographic Magazine*. It continues, "Some idea of the vast proportions of the sugar industry can be had from the statement that a procession of teams, four abreast, reaching around the earth would be required to move the crop of sugar cane produced in Cuba last year. This same crop would be sufficient to build a solid wall around the entire two thousand miles of the island's coast. The sugar extracted from the cane would make two pyramids larger than the largest one of Egypt.

"A visit to a large sugar plantation is an impressive experience. Here the big refineries remove impurities and transform the sugar from dirty yellow to the purest white. One of the largest plantations, owned by a Boston company, covers 280 square miles and has a population of 10,000 living in 1200 buildings. It has a railroad 121 miles in length and operates 800 cars. Five thousand oxen are required for hauling the cane to the field siding of the railroad. Cuba also exports coffee, bananas and other products of the tropics. There are rich iron deposits in the eastern province of Oriente and on the north coast are large deposits of ore-bearing mud which promise to yield millions of tons of iron ore. Thus we find that the beauty of Cuba is more than skin deep. As yet she is the "poor little rich girl" who has not discovered the real use of her wealth. May we so preach the unsearchable riches of Christ to the dear Cuban people that they may glorify God with their substance, remembering that He "looketh on the heart and not upon the outward appearance."

NEW CUBAN PROBLEMS

JUST now the magazines, newspapers and cartoonists are busy commenting on and illustrating the new Cuban-American problems. Says one publication: "The present tangle is of dual origin, the Lottery Law and the Tarafa bill: (1) One of the stipulations, when the general reform of the Cuban administration was agreed upon by both countries, was the suppression of the lottery evil. As a result of this agreement the Cuban government obtained a loan of \$50,000,000 from the United States. Now we are told that the lottery evil was not suppressed and by a recent act of the Cuban Legislature has greatly increased its activities. (2) The Tarafa bill, introduced in the Cuban Legislature by Col. Jose Tarafa, provides for the consolidation of certain important railways which will necessarily close many ports used by sugar companies. It is said that this will render useless large properties held in the United States. Cuban editors and Americans holding interests in the consolidated railways defend the bill. After the passage of the lottery bill and a resolution criticizing the government of the United States for alleged undue influence in Cuban affairs Secretary Hughes requested Ambassador Crowder to come to Washington for consultation."

These are purely political problems but should not be without interest to a missionary meeting. Any measure that would interrupt friendly relations between Cuba and the United States would also interrupt the progress of missions and perhaps bring discomfort to our missionaries. It will be interesting to watch for the solution of these problems and very necessary to pray that it will not hinder the cause of Christ in either land.

OUR INVESTMENT IN CUBA

WE have looked upon Cuba the beautiful, the degraded, the enslaved and the free. All these aspects add to the interest of this most beautiful and populous island of the West Indies. But its deepest interest to southern Baptists lies in the spiritual investment of opportunity they have made in Cuba in the Name of the Master.

Before the Spanish American War southern Baptists were almost alone on

the field. The beginning of our work is well known but we love to recall that the first formal request brought to the Union in 1888 was to aid in obtaining a church building in Havana, the ready response to which made it possible for the Home Mission Board to purchase a splendid property in that city, the Jane Theatre, later converted into the commodious Calvary Baptist Church. Here many precious souls have been saved. Even those years of struggle after the war during which we were striving to place our work on a firmer foundation are not unprecious memories. Since entering this "great door and effectual" our progress in the four provinces assigned to us, Pina del Rio, Havana, Mantanzas and Santa Clara, has been steady but far slower than it should be—this is true of all our mission fields. The past year, however, has been reported as the best since the close of the Cuban war. The Great World War brought fat years of prosperity to Cuba and in their train lavish expenditure and great wickedness, this condition greatly retarded our work. But the financial crash which followed has blessed many souls. A quickened interest in the things of the Spirit has been apparent throughout the entire field.

The years of southern Baptist work in Cuba are bearing fruit in growing a church membership drawn from those brought up in the Sunday school who have been taught a higher conception of such membership. In his report for last year Rev. M. N. McCall, superintendent of missions in Cuba, tells us that: "Many of our churches have strong laymen who are eager soul winners and are consequently increasing in numbers, attendance and efficiency. A larger number of young men have applied for entrance into the preachers' training school than ever before. These young evangelists are needed to carry the Gospel into large rural districts where no Protestant work has ever been done."

In and around Havana we have seven church organizations, a greater number than in the whole field twenty years ago. In the four provinces under the care of our Home Mission Board we

have at present thirty-five churches and thirty-two mission stations in which are serving eleven American missionaries, thirty-seven ordained native workers and twenty-four other native workers and teachers. Without exception all report encouraging conditions in present service and express a lively faith in the conquest of Cuba for Christ.

The W.M.U. of Cuba has developed strong women's missionary societies which foster auxiliary organizations among young people and children.

Educational work has enlarged and strengthened. The Cuban American College, under the care of Mr. and Mrs. H. Stirling McCall, has ten young men studying for the ministry this year. Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Miller who so efficiently directed this school for several years have entered the pastorate, from choice, and are now in charge of the church at Mantanzas. There is great need for the new college building we hope to erect on the site purchased by the Home Mission Board last year. The institute at Santa Clara has also outgrown its quarters and must either be enlarged or a nearby building must be rented. This school is under the care of Misses Garnett and Sewell. The thirteen day schools all report larger enrollments than last year.

Too much cannot be said of the Gospel tent work under Rev. and Mrs. V. B. Clark and their retirement on account of Mrs. Clark's health has been a great loss to the work. A gifted young Cuban pastor has taken charge of the tent services with happy results. It would be a great blessing if each of our four provinces could have this form of evangelistic work. At least one more tent is being planned for.

It is to the praise of God and to the honor of our devoted and capable missionaries that His Word is making steady advance among these long neglected people. As we receive our Home Mission Thank Offering envelopes let us think on their needs and remember that this is the day of our opportunity for the redemption of Cuba, and let us pray that we may not lose this God-given privilege.

CANAL ZONE

"The Green Ribbon Which Unites Two Oceans"

AN Englishman who was making an extended visit to the Canal Zone, carefully observing every feature of the great enterprise, said to a young American government employee, "I cannot understand you Americans, here is the greatest engineering feat ever accomplished by man and you take it as a matter of course. Either you are ignorant of how great an achievement this is or you are conceited enough to think it is only a small evidence of what you can do—that nothing is impossible to you".

"Well," answered the American, "we are mighty smart people, we can do whatever we want to when we get ready".

The truth is we have read so much about the wonder of the construction of the great canal and have seen so many pictures of its every feature that it has become a familiar tale, and perhaps those who look upon it daily accept it just as they do the moon and the sky. But to one, be he an American or any one of his cousins, who looks for the first time upon the Panama Canal and beholds the stupendous mechanism which operates it; when he sees ships from all over the world being towed by electric locomotives, called "mules", (the ships are not allowed to use their own power) from one lock level to the next higher until they have traversed the fifty-mile canal from Colon to Panama, or vice versa, the marvel of it all must impress and thrill him and, unless he is one of the other of things the Englishman said of him, he will do full honor to General Goethals, the man whose engineering skill stretched this great "green ribbon which unites two oceans". He will certainly see a glorified transformation of the creeping canal boat and the patient plodding mules of the canals as we know them.

If the evangelization of the Canal Zone were to be handled on the same large and comprehensive scale that characterized the engineering operations on the Zone the world would be amazed at the result—even more than it is today at the magnificent work of American engineers.

Southern Baptists in the Canal Zone

IN 1905, one year after our government had purchased the Canal Zone from the republic of Panama, the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention sent out our first missionary to that country, Rev. J. L. Wise. This was a country in which revolution had run so rank that there had been fifty-seven in fifty-four years—all of about the same variety. Pastor Wise was followed by Revs. Coin, Loveridge and Sobey. There are now nine churches with two paid pastors and ten non-paid workers. During the past year there have been seventy-two baptisms in the churches and one hundred received by letter, making a total membership of seven hundred and twenty-one. Sunday school scholars number eight hundred and fifty. Here as everywhere our hope lies in the youth of the country.

At present those in charge of our mission work are Rev. M. F. Roberts, Balboa Heights, superintendent of missions; Rev. Stephen Witt, Balboa, and Rev. Joseph Thrift, Gatun. Of the church at Balboa Heights Superintendent Roberts says: "The majority of the people here were not reared in a Baptist atmosphere and are not enthusiastic about religion of any kind, nevertheless we are bringing up a fine band of Baptists in the Sunday school and the B.Y. P.U. The grown members of the church are catching the spirit of evangelism, the services are attractive and the church is steadily growing. Although there have been no special revival meetings this year we have baptized eighteen and received ten by letter. A splendid woman's missionary society with thirty members is an assurance of a missionary spirit in the church.

Since the work on the Canal Zone has been completed the question of unemployment is a serious one. Pastor Thrift estimates that only one third of his membership have regular employment. Many of them are very poor, living in tenements under heavy rental and wretched conditions. Even under these circumstances he reports a gain of twenty-nine in membership.

The Colon church is in a healthy condition. Mrs. Thrift conducts a large

Bible class of men and has two sewing classes for girls.

The church at Cristobal is in good condition spiritually but longing for the means to purchase the Canal Zone school building, recently vacated, which adjoins the church. They need this building for a school and we prayerfully hope they will find a way to possess it.

The Gatun church is in process of building. Many are awaiting its completion with well-founded hopes for a

prosperous future. Other churches report advance in spite of local difficulties and their hopeful attitude finds expression in the words of Pastor Thrift: "We are grateful for the measure of health and strength given us to carry on and we are looking forward to the coming year with every confidence of blessing." May our heavenly Father keep us from doing any unfaithful thing that would daunt these brave forward-looking missionaries or blur their hopeful outlook!

QUESTIONS ON PROGRAM TOPIC FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. What was the motive of Pilgrim Fathers in seeking a new world? What the motive of the Spanish government?
2. How does the motive for seeking a new land affect its destiny?
3. Do friendly relations between United States and Cuba increase or diminish our Christian obligation to that country?
4. How does industrial prosperity hinder Christian missions in Cuba?
5. Will the task ever be easier to win Cuba for Christ than now?
6. What is the share of southern Baptists in this task?
7. What has the construction of the Panama Canal done for the nations of the world? What for the kingdom of God?
8. To what extent has our Home Mission Board entered this open door?
9. What will be the result to the United States if it keeps only the letter and not the spirit of its provisional government in Cuba and the Canal Zone?
10. Has this study of Cuba and the Canal Zone increased your responsibility for sending the Gospel to these lands? In what way?

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Y. W. A. PROGRAMS



Material found in the general program on pages 10-16 as well as other items in this issue will be quite helpful to supplement the following programs. It is hoped it will be freely used in this supplemental way. The leaflets suggested on page 3 will also prove attractive additions.

Prepared by Mrs. I. E. Enlow, Ky.

FIRST MEETING

Topic—Cuba

Hymn—Work For The Night is Coming

Scripture—Paul's Change of Heart—Acts 26:9-20

Prayer—That Cuba May Be Delivered From Bonds of Sin

Introduction

Bonds of Ignorance and Superstition

Hymn—Open My Eyes that I May See Jewel-like Hearts

Characteristics

A New Era for Cuba

Hymn—Hark, The Voice of Jesus Calling

Prayer—For Work and Workers in Cuba

Introduction

WITHIN the great shell-like encasement of islands, keys and reefs lies the "Pearl of the Antilles"—Cuba, with all her picturesque mountains, valleys, rivers, etc. (See general program, page 12)

Bonds of Ignorance and Superstition

JUST as the stony shell of an oyster often surrounds a pearl, so does the heavy shell of heredity and custom imprison the jewel-like heart of the Cuban maiden. Years of "stay-at-home" seclusion and degradation under the Spanish yoke; stunted moral and religious nature due to Catholicism and devotion to priests; disrespect by men and their unfaithfulness to marriage vows, ignorance—all these have made their deposits and formed around a heart with great possibilities, a shell which is difficult to pierce.

Jewel-like Hearts

ALTHOUGH it is hard soil for the missionary, when the gospel grips the heart the shell is broken and the Cuban girl becomes a great missionary force. Two young girls, one seventeen years old and the other fifteen, whose

hearts had been opened by the gospel, began missionary work in their home church. The older led the W.M.S. meetings, was leader of G.A. and Sunbeams, also primary teacher, while the younger served as treasurer of the W.M.S. The appeal of these two girls for definite missionary service was the cause of establishing a Woman's Training School at Santa Clara, under the supervision of Misses Garnett and Sewell—two of our W.M.U. Training School girls. One hundred Cuban girls like these two could do a marvelous work in educating, evangelizing and character building among Cuban girls.

Characteristics

THE girls are "beautiful in their youth, possessing the finest physical characteristics of the Spaniard, with abundant dark hair, creamy complexion and wonderfully beautiful black eyes, but after marriage too often they cease to care for their appearance, and lose their good looks". The Cuban girl is adopting the American style of dress and the mantilla is giving away to the modern hat. In the rural districts, no thought is given to clothes for one dress is worn constantly till necessity demands another.

The New Era

Ideals of the Home—Marriage is the one ambition of the Cuban girl. She has been taught to attract and allure and uses the "Cuban hiss" which is something like "p-s-t" to open communication with friends. (See page 31.) The girls become "slatternly housekeepers" and indulgent mothers with no desire to do better. The work of the missionary is to teach these girls what a Christian home is and how to become its creator so that child life may have different training and ideals.

Sanitation is another feature of missionary work. Unsanitary conditions

prevail both within the home and without. The patio around which the home is built has only one entrance through which everything, even horses and wagons, must enter. In the center of the patio is the cesspool, which, according to Steele, is so located that every member of the family may have equal access to the germs. However, living in the open air, counteracts many an ill and the health of a Cuban girl is good. In spite of her narrow shoulders her chest expansion is greater than most American girls.

Education—Only recently the need for education for girls has been realized, and girls permitted to go alone on the streets to school and meetings. A little French, a little music, some embroidery and crocheting taught by nuns was generally thought sufficient for the rich, while the poor were left in absolute ignorance. Although there are free public schools now, the standards are so low that very little is accomplished—hence the necessity of our mission school.

Industry—Heretofore the Cuban girl has been taught that work is degrading, even to the carrying of a package on the streets. She sews a little, crochets incessantly, while her tongue flies (for Cubans love to palaver), her conversation revealing the lightness of her character. However, now the tendencies are to get away from shiftlessness and idle hands and minds to lives of industry. Many of the younger girls are studying domestic science and sewing and are throwing off the shackles of custom.

SECOND MEETING

Topic—Panama and the Canal Zone

Song—America (1st and 2nd stanzas)

Imaginative Talk—What George Washington Would Say If He Should Meet the Up-to-date Uncle Sam in the Canal Zone

What Uncle Sam Has Accomplished in the Canal Zone

Song—America (3rd and 4th stanzas)

The Importance of Christianity in the Canal Zone

Scripture Lesson—Lydia Converted by a River Side—Acts 16:13-15

Prayer—That the Lord Open the Hearts of the Girls so They Will Heed the Teachings of the Missionary

Women and Girls
Sanitation
West Indian Work
Progress of Mission Work in Panama
Hymn

Prayer—That Women and Girls of Panama May Know the Real Meaning of the Cross

Social Hour—Give a "live" George Washington Social

What Uncle Sam Has Accomplished in the Canal Zone

(See general program, Canal Zone)

THE Isthmus of Panama is one of the most important places in the great seas. It is a strategic location—commercially, internationally and for military purposes—why?

Importance of Christianity in Canal Zone

Suggestions—Passing through of ships from all quarters of the globe, preaching of gospel to peoples of many lands, a cosmopolitan place, peoples of all creeds and colors; vitally important for sending gospel messages throughout Central America and South America.

Women and Girls

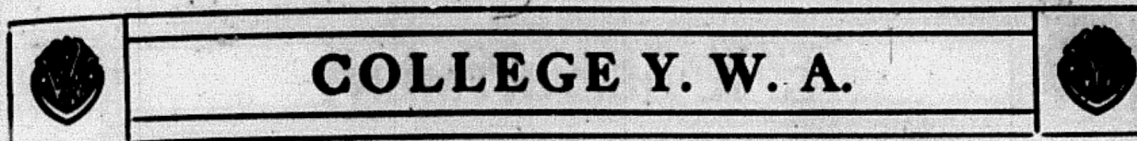
THE women and girls are modest in dress. They do not follow extreme fashion. Daughters are carefully guarded by their mothers and not permitted to go unattended with young men. The mothers and daughters take great delight in making their homes attractive. Most of the houses are of Spanish style. The well-to-do live upstairs in apartments which offer much privacy in contrast to the poorer homes which open directly on the streets.

Sanitation

SANITATION is in the hands of Uncle Sam and the first floor of every building, including homes, must be made of concrete to prevent rats and the bubonic plague. The streets and markets are kept scrupulously clean and flies and mosquitoes are few. How did sanitation affect the building of the canal?

West Indian Work

“THE West Indians, mostly Jamaicans, are products of years of Baptist life and teaching and are loyal to their church. Their meetings are similar to our southern negro meetings. They bring their Bibles and hymn books
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FOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM FEBRUARY

PERHAPS it is because February has an extra day this time but something has happened to make her announce loudly four delightful meetings for Y.W.A. girls. Naturally their mothers must know of whatever affects the daughters in order to provide for what they need to do. Let W.M.S. in the college town read carefully, consider prayerfully and help the girls send someone to the summer camp and to the student conference for their district.

Student Conferences

Shawnee, Okla. February 8 to 10

Murfreesboro, Tenn. February 22 to 24

Raleigh, N. C. February 29 to March 1

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G. A. DEPARTMENT



G. A'S. AND FEBRUARY

It is indeed a happy coincidence that February brings to G. A's. as to all W.M.U. organizations a study of Cuba, "the sweetheart of the world", with all her sugar production. G.A's. can enter heartily into carrying out the splendid programs in WORLD COMRADES. All auxiliaries have not yet subscribed or renewed their subscriptions for WORLD COMRADES so let W.M.S. encourage prompt action in this matter. Strangely enough "encourage" has its derivation in the French "to put heart into" and since February is an excellent month to put heart into anything let it bring many subscriptions to 1111 Age-Herald Building, Birmingham, Ala. Nothing would make better valentines for The Comrade than a host of fifty "centses" hurrying with the names of WORLD COMRADES subscribers. To attempt the use of just ROYAL SERVICE is to limit one's helps most unnecessarily while, on the other hand for the counselor to allow her subscription for ROYAL SERVICE to lapse is equally bad. Be hearty enough in missions and missionaries of tomorrow to afford full equipment of the magazines which are needed to really lead well a Girls' Auxiliary.

It is quite fitting that early in March the home mission prayer season should follow the love month for surely love-gifts large should be gathered in as a result of lovely sacrifices in February. Let the collection basket be a heart-shaped box so that the heartiest giving will be encouraged. If possible use a small heart box for each G.A. to save her offering in throughout February that the heart-touching appeal of home missions may be seen and answered.

February's many festive days seem to invite good times and the R.A. department pages carry some suggestions which will be useful in a function together or can be enjoyed by girls alone as well as by the R.A's.

February's birthday dates provide instant occasions and decorations for good times in themselves with Washington cherries and hatchets and valentine cupids and hearts. But it is interesting to find that February is a splendid month for discussing all the G.A. ideals, often our counselors fail to use the G.A. Manual sufficiently to make the girls familiar with the well-worded ideals of their organization, do it in February. February 3 is the birthday of Sydney Lanier and that suggests our G.A. ideal of prayer. His couplet always brings increased faith and G.A's. will be eager to show and quote other lines from his poems which bring a distinct message of faith. Washington's faithful use of the Bible emphasizes the necessity for reading God's Word and should help G. A's. in keeping the second part of their first ideal. Here is the love-month to bring new zest for world knowledge through mission study and to see that "giving thought, time and means to hasten the day when all men shall know Him" results from that knowledge and love. February can also bring new emphasis for the other ideals which govern general conduct for one of February's daughters, Margaret E. Sangster, has done much to teach girlhood to be lovely. The G.A. counselor may well be familiar with such books of hers as "Fairest Girlhood" and "Winsome Womanhood" for they will help G.A's. to be truly consistent in Christian culture and integrity. Margaret E. Sangster's birthday is February 22nd so it is not surprising that she wrote this beautiful tribute to Washington.

'Tis splendid to live so grandly
That long after you are gone
The things that you did are remembered
And recounted under the sun;
To live so bravely and purely
That a nation stops on its way
And once a year, with banner and drum,
Keeps its thought of your natal day.
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R. A. DEPARTMENT



BOYS IN THE HEART-Y MONTH

If your W.M.S. fosters no Royal Ambassador Chapter this is the very time to organize for February is conspicuously a great man's month and R.A. is a pathway that leads to greatness in Christian development. The birthday month of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, of Thomas Edison, of Dwight L. Moody sounds loud the challenge "care for the boy, give him ideals that are high, ambitions of worthwhile service". What if George Washington had not had an early training of stalwart integrity? What if Edison had not had the lesson of patient, purposeful persistence? What if Dwight L. Moody had been left untouched for Jesus Christ? History would have been written differently for nations and individuals even with the passing of the few years since these famous February sons were boys. Standing in front of the American troops just before the battle of Long Island in 1776, Washington said, "The fate of unborn millions depends under God upon the courage and conduct of this army". Equally true is it that the fate of unborn millions depends under God upon the courage of faith and the Christian conduct cultivated in the hearts of boys in this generation. Mission knowledge is the great challenger to manliness for Jesus Christ.

1924 brings the twenty-fifth year since the death of Dwight L. Moody. Realizing the value of this one boy saved for a life of active Christian service as we see its richness of influence in Mr. Moody, our tribute to his memory may well be in adequate influence for Christ thrown around our boys today. Women's Missionary Societies may well ponder over his impassioned words—"I believe if an angel were to wing his way from earth up to heaven and were to say that there was one poor, ragged boy without father or mother, with no one to care for him and teach him the way of life, and if God were to ask who among the angels were willing to come down to this earth and live for fifty

years and lead that one to Jesus Christ, every angel in heaven would volunteer to go. Even Gabriel, who stands in the presence of the Almighty would say, 'Let me leave my high and lofty position and let me have the luxury of leading one soul to Jesus Christ'. There is no greater honor than to be the instrument in God's hands of leading one person out of the kingdom of Satan into the glorious light of heaven".

But beyond the point of salvation boys require leadership in denominational activities that as men they may be intelligent Christians, taking the places God has planned for them in business life, in the professional world, in Christian service. W.M.S. of the truly mother-heart will ask for volunteers for counselors and will find them for she dare not leave the Christian training to other agencies. Boy Scouts will develop manly men—we must have Christ-like men; DeMolays will cultivate loyalty to the Masonic order, we must have loyalty to Christ. Sunday school classes are to give Bible teaching; B.Y.P.U. is to afford training in church service; who trains in missions, giving the chance for organization, initiation, and ranking in club life that boys like, offering opportunity for them to plan and promote activities as they wish with the judicious direction of a wise chief counselor? Royal Ambassador Chapters are the servants of the denomination in these things. Organize then in February, W.M.S. that is son-less. In China a woman that is without a son lives in disgrace, is it not a shame for Women's Missionary Societies without R.A. sons? February 5 was Dwight L. Moody's birthday, on that Tuesday afternoon gather the boys of 12 to 16 years together and begin a Royal Ambassador Chapter. Ask your state leader to send you the R.A. Manual, a sample copy of WORLD COMRADES and other helps—then read as well as receive such information. Invite your associational or district young people's leader to help in the matter, invite boys from near-by

chapters—use any clever notification-of-meeting schemes but by all means begin R.A. work in February.

If your W.M.S. already has an R.A. chapter celebrate for them and with them during February. Time? There is an extra day, the 29th, this year and the day is Friday too—no lessons, school over for the week, Ambassadors will enjoy a frolic in the afternoon of February's extra day. Studying Cuba and the Canal Zone a Spanish tone for the games would be fitting. Or perhaps the G.A.'s. would like to entertain the R.A.'s. on the fourteenth for a Valentine's Day party this leap year. This can easily be given a mission flavor by adapting favorite games to both hearts and missionaries. A map of Cuba may be pasted on a heart-shaped card then cut up into a puzzle to be put together. "Spin the plate" may be altered by decorating the plate with a large red heart on each side then giving names of our missionaries in Cuba instead of numbers to be called. Hidden hearts may bear mission facts that will touch young hearts with messages of poignant appeal of the heart hunger of the world; divided hearts may be matched and so a great missionary's famous quotation completed. Pinning the donkey's tail quite suitably for February becomes placing Cupid's arrow in customary position on a large red heart. Relaxation games will not be lacking and good times must be provided for our young people. There are the patriotic games and decorative schemes also ready for February.

February can teach lessons of promptness in achievement for her 29 days seem to go so much faster than the ordinary 30 days of a month. R.A.'s. need doubtless the reminder to begin and close meetings right on time. Washington's words help here and the counselor may well pass them on to her boys. Punctuality was one of his strong points. When company was invited to dinner he made an allowance of only five minutes for variation in watches. If guests came late he would say, "We are too punctual for you. I have a cook who does not ask if the guests have come, but if the hour has come".

His idea about reading may also help in the spring mission study class enroll-

ment for certainly mission study leaves much behind—"Light reading (by this I mean books of little importance) may amuse for the moment but leaves nothing behind". It is that residue of challenge that R.A. gives which counts so infinitely for Kingdom enterprises—provide it in February for your boys through Royal Ambassador Chapter activities.

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And this is Washington's glory,
A steadfast soul and true,
Who stood for this country's honor
When his country's days were few,
And now when its days are many,
And its flag of stars is flung
To the breeze in defiant challenge,
His name is on every tongue.

Yes, it's splendid to live so bravely,
To be so great and strong,
That your memory is ever a tocsin
To rally the foes of the wrong;
To live so proudly and purely
That your people pause on their way
And year by year, with banner and drum
Keep the thought of your natal day.

Y.W.A. PROGRAMS

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and are ever ready with Scripture quotations. One is greatly impressed by prayers and testimonies heard at the women's meetings. The interest of one W.M.S. in young women is shown by their support of a refined, well educated young West Indian woman to give her time and talent in serving the young women in her church and city (Colon) and to be a friend to the sick and needy. Two large sewing classes for girls are taught by the pastor's wife in the Colon church.

Many of the girls are living under wretched conditions in tenement houses. Whole families live in one room for which a very high rent is charged. Most of this poverty is due to lack of employment since the Canal has been completed.

Progress of Mission Work in Panama
(See general program)



SUNBEAM DEPARTMENT



SUNBEAM SENDS HER LOVE-MESSAGES

OFTEN the Sunbeam Band leader feels that she lacks the full co-operation of the W.M.S., fears that it does not really foster its own child, the Sunbeam Band. Perhaps a Sunbeam Band demonstration for the W.M.S. will help the mothers see its value and so be more eager to do the encouraging deeds. Send out invitations on little heart-shaped cards to the mother of each Sunbeam Band member. The older Sunbeams will enjoy making the Valentine invitations. Something like

Won't you come, my Valentine,
Our Sunbeam Band invites you
To meet with us, mother mine,
At promptly half-past two.

will make a merry jingle and please the Sunbeams as well as the mothers.

The demonstration may be simple or elaborate. The Love-Gift fairy should wear a circle suggesting coins and the World-Love fairy is called square suggesting mission study books. It will require but little practice and the directions to the children can be easily made so that each will enter on time. The demonstration begins with a Sunbeam member talking to the Sunbeam Band organization in person.

Sunbeam—

I'd like to send some Valentines
And yet it seems to me
That all the friends I claim as mine
Have as many as can be.
And really it isn't half as much fun
As to find somebody who hasn't a one.
Dear Sunbeam Band, you're always thinking

Of some nice way of good cheer bringing.
Come call your fairies and tell me, do,
Whom I can send love-messages to.

Sunbeam Band—

Why certainly, my little Sunbeam,
You've learned shining lessons well it
would seem,
Sunbeam Band is always glad

To help you make the world less sad.
I'll tell my fairies, you know them all,
To make special plans for this Valentine call.
Come Good Fairy Others what will you say
About personal service for Valentine's Day.

Good Fairy Others—

The Sunbeam children throughout our land
In all the 5423 bands
Are making me happy in every way
By doing kind deeds in His Name each day.

For February 14th it would be quite in line

With your personal service of any other time

To send to some lonely woman or man
A love-message daintily made as you can,

And to a dear child new come to the town

Or feeling sick and sadly cast down
Take other love-messages, fruits and flowers

To chase away the long dreary hours.

Sunbeam Child—

Good Fairy Others, that is just like you
Sunbeam Band personal service always knows what to do.

Sunbeam Band—

And here's my Round Fairy of Love-Gifts sweet
He reaches everywhere swift and fleet.

Love-Gifts—

No new friend to Sunbeams am I
They know me well as the books can tell

That showed Sunbeams gave \$42,242.64 last year

And \$1,036.58 at the Home Mission week.

Now that March again is very near
We must see that our gifts are more than last year.

Sunbeam—
I'm not going to waste money on Valentine's Day
For laces of paper and verses to pay
But I'll save up for March gift-time
In good Sunbeam way.

Sunbeam Band—
Here comes our friend, Square Fairy of World-Love
He tells about missionaries pointing to heaven above.

Square Fairy of World-Love—
You called Sunbeam Band for some special reason
Just at this February love-message season?

Sunbeam Band—
Yes, here's one of our Sunbeams so gay
Wants to know who most needs a love-message today.

Square Fairy—
That's just my business, you know very well
About lonely hearts in the world to tell
Here China comes creeping,
She's weary and sad
She needs much loving to ever be glad.

China—
I do need much loving
I've cried to my gods,
They can't answer back
They're nothing but clods.

I heard once a story
Of someone who came
From a land of rare glory,
The Christ was His name.
But I couldn't understand it,
I wasn't quite sure
Whether His "I love you"
Was for China, so poor.

Sunbeam Child—
I'll send you a love-message
Round Love-Gifts will bring it,
I knew there was some one who needed it sore.

Japan—
My heart is so lonely
Are there love-messages for me?

Oh, what a great joy to me it would be
If I knew well your song, "Jesus Loves Me".

Sunbeam Child—
Why, Japan, that's the message I'll write down for you,
For oh, it's the message above all most true.

Africa—
But could it be true for Africa too—
That wonderful love-message, "Jesus loves you"?

South America—
But Sunbeam Child, don't send all away
Until you know how humbly I pray.
My heart too is sad for a love-message bright
Do you think it could chase away my sorrow's dark night?

Mexico—
But even closer to you than she, am I
And certainly my heart is sad though I try
To be happy and gay
It cannot be until all my people may say
That together we'll walk in Jesus' way.

Sunbeam Child—
Oh, Sunbeam Band, I'm learning that Valentine's Day
There are hundreds of people far over the way
Who want a love-message then and every day.
How many are telling them "Jesus loves you",
Did you say?

Sunbeam Band—
All our days together I've tried to teach you
That southern Baptist missionaries are all too few—
Just over 500 with millions to tell
You see they can't do it so very well.

Sunbeam Child—
More love-gifts always I'm going to bring
To send on the message of love from the King.

Foreigner—
But Sunbeam child, I need love too
To be sure I live now in the country with you

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SOCIETY METHODS

REACHING THE STANDARD

Clause 4:—Regular reports to state officers, according to the plan outlined by the state

Of all points in our W.M.U. Standard of Excellence this fourth is the easiest to attain; therefore it is the one least attained and hence keeps many societies from reaching the honor list as A-1 organizations. This is true, not only of the mother society but of each auxiliary. And why is this true?

First, things that are easy are often things that are neglected. It is a very simple matter to fill out report blanks once each quarter and send them to the proper persons. It takes so little time that it is put off for what seems to be weightier matters in these days of bustle and confusion, till in a little while the secretary discovers that the quarter she meant to report for is not only ended, but that another is far spent.

Second, society secretaries sometimes say, "Well, we did so little this past quarter it is not worth reporting"; and hence state secretaries lose connection, local societies fail to keep in touch with the association and the associational secretary loses interest because of the lack. "No chain is stronger than its weakest link." Each one of our state Woman's Missionary Unions is suffering today because of the weakness just here in our local organizations.

It is very necessary to report the work of your organization in order to encourage the women who do the work as well as the officers who have it in charge. Reports furnish stimulation and inspiration to more and better work.

We can not do a thing that we know nothing about. The officers can not plan the work without information as to existing conditions. It is common justice to all concerned—justice to the officers who want to keep in touch with the

work; justice to the women who are striving in all the ways they know by prayer and sacrifice of time, talents and gifts toward worthy accomplishment.

Some Ways to Get the Work Reported

Have a president who realizes the importance of reporting the work—not in honor of the society, but for the good of the cause. A president who will have the society report read more than once in the meeting so that all members may hear it and then urge the members to help her to make it better and better each quarter. In other words make each member feel her individual responsibility for the report. The president will have to have a long vision and begin on time to make this report. I should say begin the first of the quarter and call attention to it at each meeting. Use the telephone and do not fail to drop a card to the country woman who can not attend the meetings regularly. A president should realize that the quarterly report is of value as truly as the devotional or any other part of the work. A failure to report keeps one from reaching the Standard just the same as failure in any of the other requirements. Give to it the time and dignity that you give all the other points and we will no longer have to urge reports.

As you will note we have laid the burden of the responsibility upon the local president, for here it really belongs. But no president, however efficient or faithful she may be, can carry on the work alone. The secretary must be ready to do her part, having her books in order, so that at the end of the quarter there will be no difficulty in making out the reports that are to be sent. The president and secretary must be aided by every officer and indeed every member to accomplish the work and to report it as called for by point IV in our Standard of Excellence.—Mississippi



PERSONAL SERVICE



WOODIE BARTON GOOD WILL CENTER



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Christian and educational enterprises that this work of love has been started. The building is a memorial to their daughter, Mrs. Woodie Barton Gibson, who passed to the great beyond a few years ago. In order that the beautiful influence of her life may be carried on into the future and bless other lives they gave to the W.M.U. of the Nashville association \$11,000 to be used in erecting a Good Will Center, and the Board of Directors has furnished and equipped it.

It is an attractive and substantial red brick structure, located in West Nashville among an industrial class of people to whom it offers many advantages they have not known before. The building contains two stories and a large basement in which are a furnace room, store room, class rooms, a spacious work shop and shower baths.

On the first floor are the library, clinic and a large domestic science room. The library is a memorial by Mr. Alfred Hicks Williams to his mother, Mrs. Jennie Hicks Williams. The book cases are practically filled with good books for all ages, an evidence of the interest and activity of the library chairman. Three rooms, an operating room, consulting room and bed room, are used for the clinic. The bed room was furnished by Josephine R. Knight Circle of Immanuel Church in memory of Dr. Ryland Knight's mother. The domestic science room is equipped with a very complete outfit—gas stoves, domestic science tables, kitchen cabinet and sewing machines.

On the second floor are the kindergarten room and apartment for the workers. The large and attractive kindergarten room was furnished by the Y.W.A.'s. of the Nashville association and "The Girls of Immanuel".

The Board of Managers is composed of two members from each cooperating church in the association. Women of vision and ability, they are familiar with the social problems of Nashville and have strong constructive ideas, and the desire to fulfill the Royal Law, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself".

The doors now stand open and the workers ready and happy to help all who come.—*Eva B. McCollough, Resident Worker*

"Be to other souls

The cup of strength in some great agony,
Enkindle generous ardor, feed pure love,
Beget the smiles that have no cruelty,
Be the sweet presence of a good diffused,
And in diffusion, ever more intense."



FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



LED BY HIS SPIRIT

(Called for in Home Mission Week of Prayer Program)

MY Sunday school teacher has insisted that I tell the story of my experience as a "tither". Neither my ability nor space will allow me to say the many things there are treasured up in my heart about tithing but with the help of the Holy Spirit I shall do the best I can.

Although very vaguely, I remember that as a child I heard some one speak of the "tithe". But even after I became a Christian, as no one spoke to me personally about the matter, I paid little attention to it but I always wanted to give all I had to the Master. In order to get money for the church offerings I collected old papers and empty bottles to sell at the little stores. Sometimes I sold dolls which I made of old rags.

Thus the years passed until I was almost grown. Because of my mother's poor health we had to leave the little country town where we lived and come to Havana. It was then that my family, which consisted of mother and three brothers, was thrown into such financial conditions that it was necessary for me to go to work. As a daughter it was my duty to give all the money I earned to my mother and since she was not a Christian I could not continue to give to the church. Because of this I lost most of my former interest and even quit attending the services. I had been working just exactly a year and a half when one of my fellow-workers and I had a "falling out" and I lost my position.

As day after day went by I became



CARMEN, A HAPPY CUBAN GIRL

more blue and sad because the need in our home was so great—and all because I had been dismissed from my work. It seemed that my very soul was turning to ice and I could not keep from crying day after day. Finally I began to pray to God asking Him to forgive me for my neglect of His cause. And then for the first time in my life, there sprang up in my heart a desire to have two purses—one for the Master and one for me.

The first work I found was in a sheet factory and the salary was very, very small, but since we were in such need I felt I must accept it and in my heart I promised God a tenth of all I earned from that time on. The first week I made four dollars and put forty cents in the church offering. You can imagine how happy I was for nothing gives us more joy than to fulfill our duty. From the very depths of my heart I thanked God because He had remembered me, such an insignificant person, teaching me His truth and permitting me to contribute to His great cause with the tenth part of my money. Four years have passed. I now work in an office and instead of sixteen dollars a month I get seventy-five and I can now give to the Lord's work seven dollars and a half a month instead of forty cents a week. God has greatly blessed our family, my brothers have been advanced, my mother has been converted and baptized and we are all so much happier than before.

How I wish that every person who

reads this humble story might realize the joy that comes from giving to God that which belongs to Him. I am praying that someone who has not done so before may be led to thus give to the greatest work in the world. God does not ask more than we can give, but according as He hath blessed us and then He "will open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."—*Carmen Escudero, Havana, Cuba*

(Now you can see why Carmen looks so happy. She is always just that way. She is one of our many bright, sweet, capable and faithful Christian girls. She has a wonderful talent for reading and can recite from memory for hours at a time. When she brought me this article she was on her way to buy two dollars' worth of Testaments to give away. Someone had given her five dollars for a birthday present and with the other three she had bought her mother a pillow. The mother, still delicate, always uses two pillows but had been sharing one with a little fatherless girl whom they are keeping in their home during the serious illness of her mother. These are just a few of the splendid Christian graces which we find. May God continue to give us more Cuban girls, just like Carmen, for His work!—*Reitha Hight*)

THE PRINTED WORD IN JEWISH EVANGELIZATION

THE power of the printed word has been demonstrated time and again. Through the spoken word the missionary is enabled to reach only small groups while through the printed word he can reach multitudes. The conversion of many Jews is traceable to some printed message brought to him by a friend. This method is adapted to the varying capacities of all, young and old, trained and untrained.

The following account provides an illustration of this method of missionary work. A young Jewish dentist chanced to read a notice in one of the daily papers about a meeting to be held by me and also that the meeting would be open for discussion. The subject announced was, "Why I believe in Christ". As soon as the meeting was opened for discussion this young man jumped up and

began asking questions, not one, but many at a time. As clearly as I could I answered his questions.

After many questions had been asked and answered, the meeting finally closed. I walked up to him and offered him some literature and asked him kindly to read it. He flatly refused to accept it, saying, "I do not care to read any of your literature and I am sure you will never convert me". On the way home I finally persuaded him to take the literature by saying that any intelligent person should be willing to read the other man's views.

A few days later I received a telephone call, and to my surprise it was from this same young man wanting to know if I could meet him some time soon. I met him the next evening and he brought with him two university students. These students had many questions to ask similar to the ones their friend asked at the meeting a few nights before. The most interesting part of my visit that evening was the fact that this dentist, who a few nights previously had contradicted me in every point, was on my side agreeing with me instead of with his friends, and as those two students would not give in to any of my answers, the young dentist would say, "He is right; he gave you a correct answer; what more do you want?"

Since the evening of my interview with him and his friends, he has become a good friend of mine and it is my strong conviction that the reason he does not come out and make an open confession is that he does not want to make the sacrifice that is necessary for a Jew to make in confessing his belief in Jesus Christ.

This use of the printed word opens to all who have Jewish neighbors a gracious opportunity for splendid service and places upon all such a tremendous responsibility. You, my dear friends, are by no means absolved from such a clear obligation. My plea is that you use a portion of your time in a sympathetic effort for the salvation of these needy neighbors of yours. You can secure from the Home Mission Board, 1004 Healey Building, Atlanta, Ga., free literature especially adapted for this work.—*Jacob Gartenhaus*

TRAINING SCHOOL

THE ENLARGED W.M.U. COURSE

FROM the very beginning of the school, Woman's Missionary Union work has been put before the girls in a most interesting and inspiring way by Mrs. George B. Eager. But for some time there has been on the part of those most interested in the work of the Union growing realization of the urgent need for more trained leaders. The girls themselves, realizing the unparalleled opportunity one has in a distinctly missionary organization for moulding ideals and shaping character, by giving the great missionary impulse to the lives of our young people, made known their desire also, for more definite training.

So insistent were these requests, that last year it was decided to devote extra time to mission study. The results, which can be computed in numbers, read like this: over 500 small seals were awarded, 82 first official seals and 2 second official seals. The enrollment of the two classes, junior and senior, being 133 bespeaks the interest of this year's student body in W.M.U. work.

The junior course consists of the study of six books necessary for obtaining the first official seal. The most outstanding feature of this course is Mrs. Eager's lectures on the history of Woman's Missionary Union work, based on Miss Heck's wonderful book, "In Royal Service", but supplemented and vitalized by her own wealth of knowledge and experience. Besides the books required on the certificate, we thought it well to follow up the early history by a study of the woman's work for the last ten years as found in "A Decade of W.M.U. Service", also a study of our women at work in a foreign land—"Laborers Together"; both of these books come from the pen of the Union's own talented writer, Miss Margaret McRae Lackey.

Several conference periods will be arranged in which much information that may be helpful to the girls during the vacation time, will be given.

The senior course has been quite different. Only one text book is used. And that, just enough to get clearly in mind the characteristics of the different life stages and how to deal with them. Most of the time and emphasis being put on the things an efficient leader should know: such as building programs to meet the need of children in all the organizations, with demonstrations for class instruction and criticisms; how to dramatize Bible and missionary stories; to teach mission study classes; and observing the missionary organizations of the city. We have made note books containing helpful suggestions, methods and material for leaders.

The outstanding feature of this course has been, having Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, the young people's leader for Arkansas, with us for a week, lecturing on the "Use of Projects in Missionary Education". Every one was delighted with her and her work. The girls were enabled by her helpful instruction to work out an interesting plan for teaching her book, "Cuba for Christ" to G.A.'s. and R.A.'s.

The Y.W.A. and W.M.S. work will be studied from the viewpoint of associational and state needs, rather than from the local. Miss Jennie Graham Bright, young people's leader for Kentucky, will lecture to the class on the qualifications and duties of a young people's leader and her problems.

The girls have entered into the work so enthusiastically, and have so manifested their appreciation of this opportunity for special training, that it has been a great joy and privilege to work with them as their leader.—*Wilma Bucy*



BOOK REVIEWS



WOMAN AND STEWARDSHIP

WOMAN and Stewardship is a small volume containing a course of six studies prepared especially for women by Ellen Quick Pearce. These studies are an exceedingly clear presentation of the steward obligation resting upon Christian womanhood. All women who love their Lord acknowledge this obligation and very often need only that a practical way of meeting it be pointed out. This book, full of Scripture references, suggestions and little stories of stewardship experiences among women, will be a helpful and interesting guide to those who would be systematic in their plans for tithing and giving.

The topics for these lessons with the beautiful quotations for each one are as follows: (1) The Scope of Woman's Stewardship—"Stewardship is the trust which God commits to us to use all that we are and have for promoting the Kingdom of Heaven on earth"; (2) Woman's Stewardship Expressed in Service—"Stewardship is an obligation to live life at its best in order to make the Kingdom of God a reality here and now"; (3) The Stewardship of Child Training—"Stewardship is the Christian Law of Life"; (4) Money, A Steward's Opportunity and Obligation—"Stewardship is not a thing to be measured by so many prayers, or by so many hours of service, or by so many dollars in money. It is an attitude of the spirit from which these things naturally flow"; (5) Stewardship in the Administration of Income—"Stewardship is not merely giving a portion to God, but the administration of all for God"; (6) The Stewardship of Acknowledgment—"Our Stewardship is the measure of the genuineness of our desire to give ourselves to Christ".

Just now when we are so deeply concerned for the fulfillment of our Campaign obligations these studies are most timely and should stir the heart and quicken the conscience; they will fit into the stewardship plans for the rich, for those who are neither rich nor poor and for the poorest of God's children; they

will suggest ways to administer our income, time, talents and life itself to the glory of God, to the profit of others and to the everlasting joy of ourselves in being accounted "as good stewards of the manifold grace of God".

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SAVE AMERICA

"SAVE AMERICA" is the title of a recent book issued by the Woman's National Committee for Law Enforcement. Its one hundred and twenty-eight pages include an astonishing amount of verified material pertaining to prohibition and the present prevalence of breaking down the law against liquor traffic. Elizabeth Tilton, chairman of Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Association, edits the book and has secured articles from many well-known educators, publicists and statesmen, among them are: Ida Tarbell, Honorable Mabel Willebrandt, Mary Anderson, of the Woman's Bureau of Labor, Lady Astor, Kathleen Norris, Professor Henry Farnham of Yale University, Evangeline Booth, Dr. Charles Mayo, Judge William Boardman and other equally notable writers—a combination which would make any book desirable.

Part I, Woman and Prohibition, is made up of a dozen strong articles and addresses on prohibition by women writers and speakers. Facts are given in language that will convince without antagonizing the fair minded reader. These are probably the best temperance arguments ever put under one cover.

Part II, Law Observance, urges, through excerpts from addresses and apt quotations, respect for the majesty of the law and closes with a comprehensive discrimination between personal liberty and the right to defy the law.

Part III, Ammunition for the Battle, gives information that should hold fast our faith in the greatest experiment in social reform ever known among men and one that will save America and the world—if it fail not.

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HOME DEPARTMENT



A CUBAN COURTSHIP

THOSE who love a lover would be charmed with the ardent and demonstrative Cuban wooer. One who has been observing Cuban courtships for twenty years writes of them as follows: "The Cuban mother seems to know by instinct just the proper time to hedge about her daughter those restraints which make her more desirable to young men and cause their fancy to 'lightly turn to love'. The young man appointed by fate appears. He fixes his eyes longingly upon the young woman and walks repeatedly past the barred parlor window, trying to gain her attention; if she looks with favor upon him he approaches the window and his ardent looks meet with a languorous response. Perhaps a few words are whispered. The affair has now reached the point where the mother seeks to learn whether he is a proper suitor for her daughter; if so he may be given leave to call formally. After he has assured himself of this welcome he seeks an interview with the father and politely requests permission to visit his daughter as her suitor. Consent being given the window courtship is given up for the parlor rocking chair in which he sits gazing not only at the fair one but her mother or other chaperone—for the couple must not be left alone for a minute. In this public manner he must make his proposal of marriage; and this granted he must wait upon his lady love every evening or account for his failure to do so. His freedom is gone, yet he must do his courting in the presence of the family and utter his sweetnothings across the critical ear of his future mother-in-law. Until they have been to church the couple are never left alone. But there is human nature everywhere and the two are always getting off to a window seat or distant pair of chairs. Often that barred window becomes their chief aid to stolen interviews after all.

"However the American girl might admire the romantic Cuban courtship she would much prefer our own plans and preparations for the wedding. In Cuba

the young man names the day with little consultation with the bride-to-be and her family. There is a widespread custom among the middle and lower classes, though by no means universal, that the groom shall furnish the bride's trousseau. In any case he is consulted about many details. He either buys the furnishings of the future home or gives the young lady the money to buy them. If both are of the same faith there is no difficulty over the ceremony; but if one is a Protestant and the other a Catholic there must be either a civil marriage or the will of the groom prevails.

"Early marriage is still the ambition of Cuban young women but as they more and more enter business and the professions we find them deferring matrimony. They are not considered old maids before they have left their teens as was once the verdict. This new era in Cuba must mean a more fully occupied and highly cultivated life for Cuban women. Of course it is the fundamental aim of the Christian missionaries to teach the Cuban woman what a true Christian home is and how to become its creator, so that the childlife of Cuba may have a different training and ideal. Cuba is notable for a very large proportion of children in her population and in the Christian training of these children lies the promise of a high order of wifehood and motherhood. There is no better agency to this end than the women missionary teachers and workers and their number should be greatly increased."

BOOK REVIEWS

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Part IV, Programs and Resolutions, contains practical lessons of how to do it; urges allegiance to God and our country and a righteous use of the ballot.

The W.M.U. does not present Save America as a text book but heartily recommends it as most valuable for reading and reference.

Price .25, paper only, from Woman's National Committee for Law Enforcement, 302 Ford Building, Boston, Mass.



UNION NOTES



ROUND TABLE

TURN to page 25. Surely the article there will remind presidents and secretaries and counselors of the importance of a matter that sometimes is neglected. This is a good time of the year to check up on the Standard of Excellence; the helpfully practical articles that are being given month by month ought to bring forth fruit in an increased number of A-1 organizations for this convention year. South Carolina and Oklahoma, you remember, were awarded the Union's two loving cups for the largest number of A-1 societies at Kansas City last May. Who will take them home from Atlanta?

Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 2-8, 1924

THE midwinter meeting of the W.M.U. Executive Committee is an important occasion. It is then that the 18 state members, the Union vice presidents, with the other officers of the Union and the local and honorary members of the committee, meet together in Birmingham to discuss the work and to plan, under God's guidance, how it can best be strengthened and carried forward in the coming year. The dates for this meeting are January 29-31. Let every woman whose heart is in the on-going of Kingdom interests be fervent in prayer that the deliberations of this body may be guided of God.

Plan to observe the entire week's program, March 2-8

"PRAYER changes things" we are told. Do you believe it? If you do, prove your faith by joining the concert of prayer that goes up from hearts of southern Baptist women every morning at 9 o'clock. At this time make definite petition that our 75 Million Campaign be gloriously completed in the year 1924. And then do more than pray—talk about the great interests bound up in that phrase and stir the hearts of those who have lost their ardor for this great undertaking. We can win if we love our God and our fellow-men enough to invest our substance in worthwhile enterprises.

The Home Mission Board needs a generous thank offering from W.M.U. organizations this year.

A UNIQUE book is reviewed on page 30. We bring it to your attention because as an organization declaring itself on the side of all forces of righteousness we feel that the advertisement of this book will prove that we are in earnest when we say we are on the side of national prohibition. It is not recommended as a book in our course of mission study and no credit whatsoever will be given for the study of it. In advertising it we are by no means suggesting that societies as societies promote any of the plans set forth therein. Our purpose is solely to bring it to the attention of the individual woman, urging her to give it thoughtful reading that she as a Christian citizen may give her more intelligent support to the forces that stand for law enforcement and full allegiance to the Constitution. Our Boards do not handle it. If you wish to buy it order from the address given at the close of the review.

Give in such spirit that again we may use the term, Self Denial Offering for Home Missions.

A GOOD WILL CENTER in Shreveport, La., is now an assured activity of the Baptists of that delightful and hospitable city. On the invitation of Mrs. M. E. Dodd I met with the various committees and found that the plans were well under way, so the time spent in conference and discussions of methods was indeed an inspiration. Later there was a mass meeting of the Baptist women held in the magnificent First Baptist Church, at which the writer talked on the activities and advantages of a Good Will Center. This large gathering disclosed a strong enthusiasm and purpose for such a work that was most encouraging. Fortunately the Baptists are united in their desire for a Center, for a committee of men chose the locality in which the work should be begun; the women of all the Baptist churches contribute towards its support and give

freely of their time and talents in personal work. A simple cottage has been rented, but I prophesy that speedily will the work outgrow these quarters, at which time I am confident Shreveport Baptists will gladly provide for such growth. Miss Margaret Hargrove, who has had special training and experience both at the W. M. U. Training School and the Baptist Bible Institute, is the director, and is putting her whole heart and ability into the work. As a result of her earnest, unselfish service the very first Sunday after the beginning of the work a precious soul was born into the Kingdom. Hopeful and bright is the outlook and the Shreveport Baptists are to be congratulated.—Mrs. Maud R. McLure

Be sure to use special articles in this issue of ROYAL SERVICE for your Week of Prayer program.

To hover around the threshold of our W.M.U. Training School and wonder if she may enter again is the natural impulse of an adopted daughter. Surely 'twas joyful to have the doors thrown hospitably open and to find one's self drawn inside as if she really belonged. Miss Littlejohn, who consented to play "big sister" to the "motherless" girls in House Beautiful is a joy and a prize and a sister beloved. The arrival of our two Rumanian sisters during my short stay widened our sympathies and enlarged the field of usefulness of Woman's Missionary Union. The Jubilee service in honor of Dr. Sampey and Dr. Robertson brought to us with new significance a realization of the privilege in sitting at the feet of men whose lives have been so truly great.—Blanche Sydnor White

Order early priced leaflets advertised on page 16 for Home Mission Week of Prayer.

WITH just ten days before Christmas and twelve happy days just completed in Kentucky how is one to write proper trip notes! Bethel Woman's College with cordial welcome and splendid Y.W.A. activities started Miss Bright, state young people's leader, and me off in a fine way with the good wishes of the Fairy Queen which hovered over our journeyings. Bethel Woman's College will likely be on the A-1 College Honor Roll again this year but other Kentucky schools plan that

she shall not stand alone this time. Russell Creek Academy and Cumberland expect to be A-1 and the new Y.W.A. which succeeds Y.W.C.A. at Georgetown College anticipates a like good record. By the earnest spirit of enthusiasm among the Baptist girls at East Kentucky State Normal in Richmond and at State University at Lexington these two new auxiliaries will report many points reached on the Standard of Excellence too. Miss Bright had found it necessary to spend one night in Louisville so that there was that joy known only to W. M. U. Training School daughters of "going home" for a tiny glimpse of everybody at chapel with Miss Annie Williams giving her choice course of lectures and the fun of enjoying preserves from some thoughtful Y.W.A. or W.M.S. at dinner time next day. Surely God keeps watch above His own at House Beautiful. Perhaps it was because December brings many Christmas surprises that a trip to Mt. Sterling could be squeezed in bringing the abounding joy of a glimpse of Mrs. McLure at an all-day meeting in that town fortunate to be her residence place for a while.

Aside from these special visits and the college ones, meetings have just been held in Corbin, Richmond, Latonia and Newport with opportunities to speak to the women's missionary societies of Campbellsville and Hopkinsville also. Corbin's excellent new church was the place for a fine W.M.U. family meeting. North Bend Young People's Association Council was organized at Latonia with 11 churches represented after a delicious banquet served by the wisely-fostering W.M.S. at Newport. Campbell County W.M.U. young people's association sprang into being and its birth celebrated with a social time after a pageant well-rendered by a G.A. group.

With the last talk made for 1923 and vacation days ahead one is tempted to retrospect, rejoicing in the kindly fellowship of all the days of 1923, regretting lost opportunities or poorly rendered service yet pledging that when vacation days are ended as 1924 is nicely begun, service shall be better and fewer opportunities slip by even while wishing that each might know how golden the memories of kindnesses cherished all along the year's way.—Juliette Mather

SEINAN JO GAKUIN

S EINAN JO GAKUIN students have this morning been singing
 "Shion yo, iza, isami hage me,
 Kami wa yo no hikari nite
 Hitori dani yo no kuraki ni
 Mayo wo knomi tamawazu."

This is melodious Japanese for:
 "O, Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfill-
 ing,

To tell to all the world that God is
 light;

That He who made all nations is not
 willing

One soul should perish, lost in shades
 of night."

Seinan Jo Gakuin is our new but excellent girls' high school at Kokura, which with several adjoining cities is the Birmingham of Japan so great is its iron and steel industry. The daughter of the vice president of the steel plant is a student of the school, as is also the second vice president's daughter. Another student is the daughter of the head of the largest hospital in Kokura and another comes from a large farmer's home. Each day they come up the high hill from the city as do about 153 others of the 173 students. The other sixteen little Japanese maids live in the well built dormitory, doing so in strict Japanese style. In the vestibule of the dormitory is a cement floor. Here the wooden clogs or foreign style leather shoes are quickly exchanged for the flat sandals, the shoes being left on the floor or put into the vestibule cabinet according to the time to be spent in the dormitory. Much of the dormitory is used for class rooms so that many times each day the students leave their wooden clogs in its vestibule, the marvel to me being that even they know which pair is theirs, for surely all clogs look alike to me!

Through an "assemblage" of them the other day I made my way, my American-made shoes being given a guest's privilege, though I confess that the two weeks I have spent in Japan have developed in me a dislike to walking in shoes on the carefully polished wood or soft matting of Japanese floors. However, my shoes and I were graciously permitted to walk into the room where about 35 first year girls were being taught English by Miss Cecile Lancaster of

Texas. This is something of what I heard:

Miss Lancaster—Good morning, girls.

Students—Good morning teacher.

Miss L.—We have a guest today.

Students—We have a guest today.

Miss L.—Our guest is an American lady.

Students—Our guest is an American lady.

Miss L.—Is our guest a Japanese lady?

(Anxious waiting!)

Miss L.—No, our guest is not a Japanese lady; she is an American lady. Whereupon the students faithfully repeated the same, having their chief difficulty with "an" before American for there are no articles in the Japanese language. I tried very hard to imagine my learning Japanese and at the close of the period I told the teacher that I thought they spoke English beautifully!

In the same building I saw a sewing class making collars for kimono's, their teacher being Japanese. They use band-like thimbles and sew very rapidly but the lines seemed to be very straight and the stitches very accurate.

Beautifully neat also were their bedrooms. Matting two inches thick covers the floor, on which rests no furniture except a very low table and a doll like bureau. In the closet the night's bedding was rolled away.

In the gymnasium also native ability responds excellently to training. Walter Camp himself would be proud of the way his English victrola records are translated by them into graceful, health-promoting Japanese gestures! The school has been challenged in basketball so it is being vigorously played.

The gymnasium, until the longed-for administration building is erected, serves also as chapel, the students cheerfully moving the chairs and benches back and forth. Chapel at Seinan Jo Gakuin is a very beautiful service. On the platform stand Mrs. J. H. Rowe of Mississippi, the principal, and Mr. Hara, the Japanese dean, who is an alumnus of Joseph Hardy Neesima University in Kyoto, his master's degree having been taken at Oberlin College. Of him the missionaries say that they have never known a finer Christian teacher in

America or in Japan. The other 11 Japanese teachers and Miss Lancaster have their special places nearby, Miss Naomi Schell of North Carolina presiding at the piano. She strikes the chords of "O, Zion, Haste" and in double file the students enter the room and in perfect step march to their places. Before they are seated they bow in deep Japanese style to Mrs. Rowe and Dean Hara who return the bow in like fashion. Song, Scripture, prayer and a short talk fill up the chapel period, the singing and Scripture reading being most rhythmically rendered.

Each Sunday morning the chapel service becomes a regular Sunday school and preaching period under the auspices of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. The membership is made from the faculty, student body and nearby Baptist residents. The seal of God's approval is found in the fact that since spring 20 of the students were converted and baptized. Perhaps the influence of the school will be more readily understood when you are told that only four of the 97 students, the initial enrollment in 1922, were from Christian homes. God hasten the day when every student may bow in adoration before His Son and when every student's parents may joyfully consent to her following Christ in baptism.—*Kathleen Mallory*

SUNBEAM DEPARTMENT

(Concluded from Page 24)

But in crowded places and working all day

I need a love-message started my way.

Mountain Child—

I've lived in your country away in the mountains

Until you've forgotten me and my people
 But won't you remember our hearts still are tender

We'd like a love-message in the hills today.

Sailor—

Sailing, sailing, sailing, away on the sea
 I find myself wondering if anybody cares for me.

Sunbeam Child—

Why, Sunbeam Band, these must be our friends

For whom you teach me Home Missions attends
 Haven't they heard love's message yet?
 People so close we must not forget.

Sunbeam Band—

Often I've told you and shall tell you once more

Home missionaries, we haven't enough by the score

There's Cuba and our Indians and many a one

Oh, the sending of love-messages never is done.

Sunbeam Child—

Sunbeam Band, I'm glad I know you

And to your teaching I'll be true

I'll send my love-messages to those who need them

Perhaps some day I can go and take them.

Daily Prayer Messenger—

But before you can go, dear Sunbeam Band member

Besides your love gifts and messages tender

By remembering me, I'm Daily Prayer,
 You can lift the burdens of heavy care
 That tire our missionaries and make them sad

Praying every day will make the world glad.

All Sunbeams join in singing the Whisper Song.

When the demonstration is completed let the fairies distribute hearts to the visitors. On these hearts write suggestions as to the way in which the grown-ups may really foster the Sunbeam Band. Put one suggestion on each heart and when they are distributed ask the mothers to sit in chairs arranged in heart shape and read aloud the suggestions. The following will be suitable for the heart-shaped cards, others definitely suited to the local situation should be used.

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Fostering means send your children regularly

Fostering means pray

Fostering means always be interested.

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