

## UNION WATCHWORD

Laborers together with God—I Corinthians 3:9

## WATCHWORD FOR 1923-1924

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

# Royal Service

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## Expansion

Is this the time, O church of Christ, to sound  
Retreat? To arm with weapons cheap and blunt  
The men and women who have borne the brunt  
Of truth's fierce strife, and nobly held their ground?  
Is this the time to halt, when all around  
Horizons lift, new destinies confront,  
Stern duties wait our nation, never wont  
To play the laggard when God's will was found?

No! rather strengthen stakes and lengthen cords,  
Enlarge thy plans and gifts, O thou elect,  
And to thy kingdom come for such a time!  
The earth with all its fullness is the Lord's.  
Great things attempt for Him, great things expect,  
Whose love imperial is, whose power sublime.

—Charles Summer Hoyt

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## THE RIDGECREST "EYE"



**T**HERE is one, of course, it is open wide being next to the radiantly reaching "r" and followed by diverging deeds of dauntless direction. Then there are other I's whose eyes are on Ridgecrest just now. Mrs. James' eyes must be because her offer to release her editorial space solely for the purpose of turning your eyes toward Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp proves her own interest in anticipating many bright eyes there. Posters and announcement dodgers have turned attention of Y.W.A. eyes toward Ridgecrest and all are wistfully wishing to join the girls from all over our southland who will be there for ten glorious days, June 17 to June 27. And there will be girls from other lands too, Europe and perhaps China, anyway the two I's of our international interests in Y.W.A. will be wide open there. Mrs. James will bring a trio of messages regarding conditions she saw in Europe. Some of you W.M.U. mothers know Mrs. W. C. James, president of Woman's Missionary Union, and don't you want your Y.W.A. daughter, or that daughter who should be a Y.W.A.—Your Winsome Ally—don't you want her to know and hear Mrs. James? Think of the value of ten days with her! "Miss Kathleen Mallory, corresponding secretary of W.M.U. just returned from a year's leave of absence spent in touring China and Japan"—can't your mind's eyes see how our Y.W.A. girls are going to love her and enjoy her triplet of talks about the things her eyes have seen in the Orient? "Where is Miss White now?" so many times people ask as if I had a magic eye which could keep up exactly with her. At least for June 17-27, 1924 she will be another of the Big I's at Ridgecrest; she will teach the delightful new foreign mission study book on China and Miss Blanche Sydnor White knows more about our foreign missions than any other two women anywhere.

But eyes must not look off to far lands all the time. Miss Emma Leachman field worker for our Home Mission Board will be there to teach "From Strength to Strength". Throughout all the south people who hear her love and admire her; she qualifies easily to be one of the I's at Ridgecrest.

Miss Louise Foreman of the Inter-Board Commission on Student Activities will take part on the program; state young people's leaders will be present to lead devotional services and conduct conferences on methods. Mrs. James G. Smith, chairman of young people's committee of Executive Committee of W.M.U. will be counselor for this first Y.W.A. Camp, they will call her "Mother" before two hours have passed or more likely "Big Sister" because they will love her dearly quick and even though she is Chief Chaperon, "Mrs. Smith" will seem too formal and distant. Oh yes, you may be sure that somebody's eyes will be on your daughter at Ridgecrest to make sure she doesn't take too long a hike, to be certain she is careful not to swim too long at a time, to see that each moment is filled full of helpful joyous activity whether it chances to be physical, intellectual, spiritual or social. Margaret James will be the musician and that means a new love for the great hymns of our faith as a result of new impressions because Miss James plays the accompaniment in her inimitable way.

If ever our young women needed Ridgecrest with

Friendship  
Fellowship  
Frolic

} and His Spirit over all

it is now. Social camps, interdenominational conferences, non-sectarian summer schools put in their pleas but this summer your daughter needs to have her eyes

see that our Baptist speakers and leaders are just as able and winsome as any others; they need to have the best time ever with other girls of their church in glad good fun; they need just the strengthening to their faith that Mrs. James' daily heart-to-heart discussions "Foundation-Stones" will bring. Perhaps this very summer your daughter will come to the crest of the ridge in her thinking, let her do it at Ridgecrest.

Often the illustration is given of two drops of water falling at the Great Divide, one going far east, the other far west, they came to a ridge that separated them forever. What ridge of doubt has your daughter reached; what crest of criticism has cast her adrift? Let her see things straighten out at Ridgecrest.

Yes, the eyes of the girls at Ridgecrest are going to see wondrous things.

To lift up our eyes into the hills

To open our eyes to visions in the valleys

To realize life's joys abounding

There is our three-line motto and purpose. Ridgecrest is just seventeen miles from Asheville in the beautiful land of the sky. It is easy "to lift up our eyes unto the hills" there and sturdily standing in their beauty of verdure, hardy rhododendron and evergreen laurel, the hills will answer back in the quiet assurance that nature owns "whence cometh my help? My help cometh from Jehovah who made heaven and earth".

The two are not far apart at Ridgecrest for the mountains lift up and the sky bends down to kiss the tree tops and in duet they assure the young woman whom doubt hath beset, "He will not suffer thy feet to be moved". No Y.W.A. will leave Ridgecrest after the ten days without a deeper consciousness of the personal interest of God in her life, an interest so deep, so sincere, so individual that it has become a complete life plan in the finding and following of which will be fullest development of all her powers.

Visions of many possible plans will come to her there on the heights. Looking "away down the valley, away down the hill" her heart will hear, her eye will see the call and the challenge of other women—those in China, in South America, those in Africa, women whose eyes are accustomed to suffering and sins of sorrow. She will see the women of our land as if imaged plainly before her—women of leisure whiling away time at heathen Mah Jong or useless bridge, women of labor who "park" their children at the Neighborhood House and go for a day of strenuous toil, women of other lands strangers in our homeland, women of homes Christian and cultured. Each different group will present to open eyes a highway of service and down from the mountains of Ridgecrest will come Young Women Awake ready to follow each her own God-chosen path "to realize life's joy abounding."

How often when the Master was here He went into the hills for the strength they gave Him and how dear rings the note of joy as He follows the path God showed Him as they talked in the quiet of Palestine's hills. This summer Y.W.A. girls are invited to see sights such as He saw, visions of God, of world need, of joy in following His appointed way, don't you want your daughter to come up to Ridgecrest?

The practical eye must know that there is an enrollment fee of \$2.50 send it right away to Miss Juliette Mather, 1111 Age-Herald Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. The bill for room and board during the ten days will be \$15.00. Add a little sum for incidentals, railroad fare will be at summer tourist rates—and where could your daughter have a richer, dearer, more wonderful summer trip than by coming up to Ridgecrest? New friends, new fervor, new force will follow after her eyes look from Pritchelle Hall at Ridgecrest. Send the enrollment fee Now. Come Up to Ridgecrest.



## BIBLE STUDY.



### TOPIC—The Signs of an Apostle

I. *Selection*: Apostle is one clothed with authority to act for another, Acts 1:24. Christ's messengers, He sends them and of Him they bear witness. Here we have the first example of a prayer offered to the exalted Redeemer, furnishing indirectly the proof of His divinity. Acts 9:15, "a chosen vessel", an illustration of God's sovereignty in election, Rom. 9:21-23; II Tim. 2:20, 21. "I will show him he must suffer", Acts 9:16, 21:11-13; commission, II Cor. 4:7; I Thes. 2:4-13; I Cor. 2:1-5. The treasure is "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God" and that the power exhibited (the Holy Spirit) in winning souls and sustaining the ministry might be ascribed solely to God, II Cor. 4:10, 11; John 3:20. The power not only comes from God but belongs to Him, I Cor. 2:1-8. Paul had Greek cultivation, Roman citizenship and was versed in Hebrew law, these gifts were used by God's providence.

II. *Qualifications*: The great apostle did not boast of his visions but speaks of revelations, II Cor. 12:1-9. He distinguishes between the "rapt and glorified" person of verses 2, 4 and himself, the infirmity-laden victim of "the thorn in the flesh", v. 7. His spiritual self was his highest and truest self, the flesh and his infirmity merely his temporary self, Rom. 7:25. Paul had not the power nor was he permitted to speak of his experiences, John 3:12, I Cor. 2:9. Spiritual verities cannot be revealed. If on account of healing a cripple, Acts 14:12, 13, and shaking off a viper, Acts 28:3-10, the people thought him a god, what would they not have done had he disclosed these revelations? "Thorn in the flesh", II Cor. 12:7; Numbers 33:35; Ezek. 28:24; Job 5:6; Phil. 1:29, 30; Gal. 4:13, 14. "Satan to buffet me", Job 2:7; Luke 13:16. "Thrice" v. 8—so Paul's Master, our Lord Jesus, thrice prayed in resignation to the Father's will, Matt. 26:36-46. The trial must endure but the grace also shall endure, Deut. 33:35.

III. *Mission*: Acts 26:14-18. Paul fully preached the gospel of Christ from Jerusalem to Illyricum and at last died a martyr at Rome in the time of Nero, II Tim. 4:16-18. The power of working miracles was an important apostolical qualification, as also speaking different languages, curing the lame, healing the sick, raising the dead, discerning of spirits, Mark 16:20; Acts 2:43; Acts 3:1-11; 9:36-42; 19:11-20; I Cor. 12:8-11. These were credentials of apostolic mission, II Cor. 12:12, by means of which they confirmed their doctrine as a revelation from God, who thereby bare witness to them, Heb. 2:4. The apostles had the oracles of God to men and the care of the churches, II Cor. 11:28-31. Paul is called frequently the apostle of the Gentiles, Gal. 1:2. He defends his apostleship because it involved the authority of the doctrine revealed through him, I Cor. 14:1-15.

IV. *Recompense of Fidelity*: II Tim. 4:7, 8; Heb. 11:6. The epistles of Paul open with the announcement of his apostolic authority, Rom. 1:1; I Cor. 1:1; I Tim. 1:1. The first selected ministers of Christ were by way of eminence termed apostles in distinction from evangelists, pastors and teachers, I Cor. 12:28-31. The things essential to the office of apostle: (1) They should have seen the Lord and been eye-witnesses of what they testified, John 15:27; Acts 1:21, 22. Paul was no exception, I Cor. 15:3-11; I Cor. 9:1; Acts 22:6-16; (2) they were called and chosen immediately by Christ Himself, Luke 6:13; Gal. 1:1; (3) by inspiration, John 16:13. They were to give to the world the revelation of faith and practice, Luke 24:27, 46-49, Acts 26:22, 23; 28:23; I Peter 1:25; (4) their doctrine must be received as it truly is the word of God, I Thes. 2:13; I John 4:6, a dispensation of the gospel.—

Mrs. James Pollard

## Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists June, 1924

*Thou dost not ask me, Lord,  
To first of all love Thee,  
But simply to believe the Word  
That tells Thy love to me.*

*Thou dost not bid me feel  
An ardent love for Thee,  
And fear affection is not real  
That does not burn in me.*

—MALTBE D. BABCOCK

### Topic: Europe

#### 1—SUNDAY

Ask of God that He inspire us to give, before December 1924, the \$27,000,000 that will complete the Baptist 75 Million Campaign

The Lord is able to give thee much more than this.—II Chronicles 25:9

#### 2—MONDAY

Praise God for soul-winning power of medical work in Yang Chow, China, under Dr. and Mrs. R. V. Taylor and Dr. and Mrs. Carl F. Jordan

His name was spread abroad.—Mark 6:14

#### 3—TUESDAY

Pray that the Holy Spirit overcome difficulties of Baptist work in our European missions

There is nothing too hard for Thee.—Jeremiah 32:17

#### 4—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Daniel T. Hurley, educational and general missionary work, Bucarest, Rumania

He sent redemption unto His people.—Psalm 111:9

#### 5—THURSDAY

That the Holy Spirit guide and comfort Rev. Hoyt E. Porter, in his work, Moscow, Russia

The Spirit itself maketh intercession for us.—Romans 8:26

#### 6—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Ben Rowland, Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Gallimore and Rev. M. W. Rankin, Shiuchow, China

The Lord is our defence.—Psalm 89:18

#### 7—SATURDAY

Praise our Father for long and devoted service of Dr. and Mrs. D. G. Whittinghill, Rome, Italy

What things were gain . . . I counted loss for Christ.—Philippians 3:7

#### 8—SUNDAY

That spiritual victory be the highest peak in completion of

#### 75 Million Campaign

Thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ.—II Corinthians 2:14

#### 9—MONDAY

For Misses †Grace Stribling, Minnie Alexander, Nell Hall and Frances E. King, Kaifeng, China

By faith ye stand.—II Corinthians 1:24

#### 10—TUESDAY

For the growth of women's missionary organizations in our European mission fields

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.—Psalm 126:5

#### 11—WEDNESDAY

For Misses †Mary Phillips and †Grace Wells in their new work, Chingkiang, China

I have watched over them.—Jeremiah 31:28

#### 12—THURSDAY

That results of Baptist World Alliance meeting glorify God in Christ Jesus

Striving together for the faith of the Gospel.—Philippians 1:27

#### 13—FRIDAY

Seek God's blessing on work of Rev. and Mrs. Evan W. Norwood and Rev. and Mrs. Oswald Cheek, Shanghai, China

He is faithful that promised.—Hebrews 10:23

#### 14—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Edward H. Crouch and Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Tumblin, Pernambuco, Brazil

Workers together with Him.—II Corinthians 6:1

#### 15—SUNDAY

For a daring spirit of sacrifice in giving beyond our pledges to Campaign fund

For your sake He became poor.—II Corinthians 8:9

—W.M.U. Training School Alumna

## Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists

### June, 1924

But Thou hast said, "My friend  
Is he who keeps My Word."  
This I can do even to the end;  
I can be faithful, Lord.

Then will the loyal heart  
Find its reward above;  
For when I see Thee as Thou art  
I cannot help but love.  
—MALTBE D. BABCOCK

### Topic: Europe

#### 16—MONDAY

That Dr. and Mrs. J. McF. Gaston, Laichowfu, China, be greatly strengthened by rest in the homeland  
He shall give His angels charge over thee.—Psalm 91:11

#### 17—TUESDAY

That Rev. and †Mrs. J. Wash Watts win many to walk in His footsteps in Jerusalem, Palestine  
He goeth before them.—John 10:4

#### 18—WEDNESDAY

Give thanks for soul-winning Christian publications in Italy  
How forcible are right words!  
—Job 6:25

#### 19—THURSDAY

Thanksgiving for happy service of Dr. and Mrs. P. S. Evans and Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Lowe, Tsinan, China  
Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power.  
—Colossians 1:11

#### 20—FRIDAY

For evangelistic and educational work in Spain under care of Southern Baptist Convention  
Showing by the Scriptures that Jesus was Christ.—Acts 18:28

#### 21—SATURDAY

For constant blessing on work of †Misses Sarah F. Fulghum, †Naomi Schell and Florence Conrad, Fukuoka, Japan  
Before they call I will answer.  
—Isaiah 65:24

#### 22—SUNDAY

Pray earnestly for those who are missing the blessing of participation in Campaign fellowship  
The Lord searcheth all hearts.  
—I Chronicles 28:9

#### 23—MONDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Yocum and Dr. and Mrs. George N. Herring, Pingtu, China  
The God of hope fill you with all joy.—Roman 15:13

#### 24—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Fred B. Pearson, Jerusalem, Palestine, for refreshing furlough in the homeland  
The Lord . . . guided them on every side.—II Chronicles 32:22

#### 25—WEDNESDAY

That southern Baptist work in Hungary, Rumania and Jugo-Slavia be strong in the Lord to meet their religious problems  
To make ready a people prepared for the Lord.—Luke 1:17

#### 26—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Lawton, Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Herring and Rev. and Mrs. Wilson Fielder, Chengchow, China  
The Lord is faithful who shall establish you.—II Thessalonians 3:3

#### 27—FRIDAY

For missionary work in Portugal, under care of Brazilian Baptists  
Known unto God are all His works.  
—Acts 15:18

#### 28—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Taylor and Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Wilcox, Pernambuco, Brazil  
I thank Christ Jesus . . . that He counted me faithful.—I Timothy 1:12

#### 29—SUNDAY

That Baptist 75 Million Campaign enable us to keep faith with our entire mission field.  
By the experiment of this ministration they glorify God.  
—II Corinthians 9:13

#### 30—MONDAY

That the vision of God for the salvation of the world be made clear to our conscience  
I have appeared unto thee . . . to make thee a minister and a witness.  
—Acts 26:16

†W.M.U. Training School Alumna



## DAILY BIBLE READINGS



### TOPIC: The Signs of an Apostle

To bind a Bible beautifully, to lift it reverently, to speak of it with admiration, to guard it with all care, is not to the point. Look through it. Find God with it. See what God was to the men of the Bible, and then let Him be the same to you. See the proofs of His power and prove that power for yourself in yourself. Search the Scriptures for the testimony of Jesus and honor them by being an honor to the One they reveal.—MALTBE D. BABCOCK

#### Selection

Sunday, 1st

Acts 7:22-34; Hebrews 3:1-6

Monday, 2d

Matthew 10:1-16; Mark 6:30, 31

Tuesday, 3d

Luke 9:10, 23-26; Acts 1:2, 8, 9, 15-26

Wednesday, 4th

John 13:18-20; 15:16-27

Thursday, 5th

Acts 9:1-16; Galatians 1:1; I Corinthians 9:1, 2

Friday, 6th

II Corinthians 12:1-12; Acts 22:17-21; I Timothy 2:7; II Timothy 1:7-11

Saturday, 7th

I Peter 1:1-13; II Peter 1:1; 15-21

#### Qualification

Sunday, 8th

Romans 12:1-8; I Peter 1:15-23

Monday, 9th

I Timothy 3:1-16; II Timothy 2:23-26

Tuesday, 10th

II Corinthians 6:1-10; I Corinthians 4:1-13

Wednesday, 11th

I Corinthians 14:1-19, 37-40

Thursday, 12th

I Corinthians 13:1-13; Hebrews 13:1-9

Friday, 13th

II Timothy 4:1-5; I Timothy 6:6-19

Saturday, 14th

I Peter 2:5, 9-20; 5:6-11

#### Mission

Sunday, 15th

Matthew 9:35-38; 11:4-6; Luke 4:16-22

Monday, 16th

John 14:12, 24-26; 15:15, 26, 27

Tuesday, 17th

John 17:14-18; 20:19-23; Luke 24:44-48

Wednesday, 18th

John 21:15-17; I Peter 5:1-3; Acts 2:14, 37-41

Thursday, 19th

Acts 13:1-4; 15:12, 22-26; 19:8-10

Friday, 20th

Acts 26:13-20; II Timothy 2:2, 3, 9, 10, 24-26

Saturday, 21st

Romans 10:13-15; Ephesians 6:11-17

#### Recompense of Fidelity

Sunday, 22d

Daniel 12:3; Matthew 5:3-12; 16:27

Monday, 23d

Matthew 10:39-42; Luke 19:13-19, 26

Tuesday, 24th

I Corinthians 3:5-10, 14; 9:19-27

Wednesday, 25th

Romans 14:17; Philippians 4:1-9; I Thessalonians 5:23, 24

Thursday, 26th

Galatians 3:6-9, 26-29; Romans 8:14-17, 35-39

Friday, 27th

I Peter 1:3-9; Romans 6:10-12, 22, 23; Hebrews 12:1, 2

Saturday, 28th

I Timothy 4:7, 8, 18; I Timothy 6:12-16; Isaiah 32:17

Sunday, 29th

Malachi 3:16-18; Revelation 2:10, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21

Monday, 30th

James 1:12; I Peter 5:1-4; Revelation 22:14, 17

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**G**RATITUDE is not listed as one of the nine aspects of the fruit of the Spirit as enumerated in Galatians 5:22. The reason may be that gratitude is a component element of each listed grace: surely "love" is grateful because "He first loved us"; certainly "goodness" is just a grateful application of the Golden Rule; and faithfulness is grateful "He also is faithful". Gratitude is certainly the undergirding of my heart's feelings as I return to America after an absence of seven months in the orient. Grateful am I for all the "long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control" of those who have unfailingly aided me along the far trail of 25,000 miles; grateful am I for all the "love, joy, peace" which flooded my soul as I viewed the varied beauties and wonders of nature, as I saw the manifold blessings of Christian missions and as I realized every step of the way that God's promise holds true: "Behold I send an angel before thee to keep thee by the way and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared".

The title chosen for this article is a four-fold way of saying "Thank you". The first expression, "Arigato gozaimasu", is the Japanese way of giving thanks, while the second line says it in the Mandarin, which is the dialect used in north and interior China, the third line is the way it is said in Shanghai and the fourth is the Cantonese for it. The characters to the left of the four lines are the Chinese writing for these words of gratitude, while the characters at the right inscribe them in Japanese.

It is not easy for my American tongue to pronounce these Japanese and Chinese words and certainly it is not easy for me to express in mere words the feelings of gratitude which well up in my heart as I think of the countless courtesies

which were shown me during the entire trip. Wide open swung the doors of the missionaries' homes, thus affording not only shelter but a rare opportunity to see how closely they live to the Missionary Christ while like Him they go "about doing good". Welcoming inspection were the mission schools, the students kindly giving evidence of how they, too, are growing "in wisdom and in favor with God". The hospitals were nearly always full to overflowing but if ever there was a vacant bed the doctor or nurse would hasten to explain that a patient had just been healed or that it was nearing Chinese New Year when the Chinese positively "refuse" to be sick! Of course the kind nurses and doctors didn't really want more people to be sick: all they wanted to do was to express their gratitude for every available hospital space where the sick may learn of the Great Physician. Into our book departments in both countries I went, fingering most gratefully many books and pamphlets which have been published in Japanese and Chinese that God's Word may be a lamp unto the feet of the people of those nations. That His Word is being hidden away in the minds of hundreds of them I do most positively assert for I heard them recite many, many portions of it. That it has become the well-spring of the hearts of hundreds of them I do also firmly believe for I went into a number of Christian Japanese and Chinese homes, I saw the personal soul-winners and I worshipped in many native churches when I was very conscious that the people kept silence because they knew the Lord was in His holy temple.

And so I am truly grateful for the trip and return to my accustomed work only with the highest praise for the way

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## PROGRAM FOR JUNE

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.

### EUROPE

Hymn—Watchman Tell Us of the Night

Prayer—For the Faithfulness that Leads to Larger Opportunities

Bible Study (See page 6)

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Personal Service Period

Hymn—Saviour, Who Thy Flock Art Feeding

"All Are the Work of His Hands"

True Health for the Nations

In Spain

In Jugo-Slavia

In Hungary

Hymn—Faith of Our Fathers

In Russia and Siberia

In Italy

In Palestine and Syria

Hymn—The Church's One Foundation

Closing Prayer

This is my Father's world.

I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,  
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world.

He shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,  
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world,

From the shining courts above,  
The beloved One, His only Son,  
Came—a pledge of deathless love.

### "ALL ARE THE WORK OF HIS HANDS"

**O**UR Father's world is becoming more and more of a unit. Hermit nations are no more. This world condition has been brought about by great and good movements as well as by terrible disasters. Thoughtful people, even skeptics if they are honest, must admit that the church of God has been a bulwark of defense against evil in the world; that Christian missions have been

This is my Father's world.

Now closer to heaven bound.  
For dear to God is the earth Christ trod,  
No place but is holy ground.

This is my Father's world.

O let me ne'er forget  
That tho' the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world.

Should my heart be ever sad?  
The Lord is King—let the heavens ring—  
God reigns—let the earth be glad!  
—MALTBY D. BARCOCK

the leaven which has worked not only miracles of grace but miracles of civilization; that The Pocket Testament League, which has gone into a dozen countries, has made a striking chapter in the history of the world; that prohibition, fast becoming a world question, makes for more worthy citizenship; that the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A., with uplift stations planted in almost every land are fitting young men and women to become citizens of a high order in those

lands. These and other influences for good in the world have been working for years and years. The sudden tragedy of the world war electrified these forces and brought the world into a fellowship that can never again be ignored. Countries are not as far apart as they used to be. Doors of opportunity are open every where, we have only to step over the threshold.

The story of Baptists on the European continent groups itself around the name of Johann Gerhard Oncken, the pastor of the first Baptist church in Germany, founded in 1834. The story of this intrepid pioneer is one of surpassing interest. Young people, and old too, who love "thrillers" should read it. It is said of him that wherever he went, and he travelled much, visiting America in 1853, he left Baptist churches and Baptist missionaries in his train. When he passed to his reward he left a legacy of inspiration to the Christian world which has glorified God through many peoples and in many lands.

In the past Protestant Christians in Central Europe have lived their own lives and have done their own work without much reference to America. When the war left them wounded and impoverished it was time for America to awake to the responsibility of Christian fellowship—to help these peoples to reestablish their religious work. Various denominational organizations of America have gone forth on this mission. Baptists both north and south have recognized their Christian privilege in this time of need and have assumed their share of reconstruction work, both material and spiritual, and are helping their brethren and "those women" to stand upon their feet and fulfil their mission. The Southern Baptist Convention has taken under its care for support and cooperation the Baptist work in Spain, Jugo-Slavia, Hungary, Rumania, Ukraine, Southern Russia and Siberia in Europe and Syria and Palestine in Asia. Of these peoples Dr. Love says: "I have never witnessed such quenchless enthusiasm as I have in some of the men with whom southern Baptists are given the privilege of fellowship. Their lives are full of thrilling instances of adventure for Christ. It is good not only for them but it is good for us to enter into this fellowship". In his report given at Stockholm last July Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, Baptist Commissioner

for Europe, gave the contribution of southern Baptists to our European work as \$90,166. That was a year ago. The south is now in a better financial condition and our hearts beat high with the hope that paid-up Campaign pledges will free our Board from its great debt. If this dear desire is realized we can send to our European and Asiatic missions all the help we have pledged to give. The need for missionaries in Europe is not great, these people are themselves missionaries. It is the prayer and the love and the sympathy and the money for education and equipment they are crying out for. Let us look into the open doors of these countries, inquire about their losses and bereavements and comfort and help them to our utmost.

#### TRUE HEALTH FOR THE NATIONS

THE Golden Rule came out of the East twenty centuries ago. The Christian world has had a long time in which to practice it and many opportunities to use it but perhaps never so great a one as that presented during the five years since the close of the world war. During this period the spirit of the Golden Rule has returned into the East in gifts of millions of dollars, tons of food and clothing and thousands of instances of personal aid. America will continue to befriend these distracted peoples as long as the need exists. A Christian country could do no less. But after all, the real issue is a spiritual one. It is not the actual measure of the Golden Rule that counts, although that will feed and clothe, the measure must overflow with the love of Christ—it must be of the quality that will make us "children of the Highest", it must have the spirit of Him who gave Himself. As Christian believers our common objective is to change the world in which we live—to make it a Christian world. As one writer puts it: "No autocrat can ever bring back peace and prosperity to Europe. Democracy cannot bring to Europe what Europe needs. Even a League of Nations, by itself, cannot do this. The only possible salvation for the crippled, emaciated and starving nations in Europe is a spiritual renewal. There is only one cure for the dreadful disease of these countries, and that is the coming of God's Spirit and the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ!"

An aged man of wealth who has done

much to finance foundering countries since the world war came to this conclusion: "What I never realized and now see so clearly is that what the world needs is not financing so much as for some one to give it back its God-sense".

Can America see the vision of God and will she answer His call to go forth with the only remedy that will heal the nations? The need for clothing and medical care must be heartily met—"these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone". Christ teaches that life is more than meat; that there must be spiritual ministrations with the law of kindness. We are workers together with Him and He would have His ministers to work "by kindness; by the Holy Ghost; by the word of truth".

#### IN SPAIN—Where We May Fulfill the Royal Law

ABOUT the same time Johann Gerhard Oncken was taking charge of the first Baptist church in Hamburg, Germany, George Borrow, the author of "The Bible in Spain", was undertaking the first colportage work in Spain. Other adventurers for Christ followed him in this work, suffering persecution and banishment, yet ever achieving a measure of success in His name.

Baptists by conviction but without denominational connection have done fruitful mission work in Spain. The first attempt to establish organized work was in 1868 when the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society opened a mission in Madrid. This gradually died out and was discontinued in 1876. At later dates the Northern Baptist Convention, Swedish-American, Swedish and English Baptists opened work and founded churches in various provinces of Spain. At the London Conference the Southern Baptist Convention agreed to assume the support of Baptist work in this country. As the work already established was necessarily detached and lacked the power of unity our Foreign Mission Board, to overcome this condition, divided the work into five districts, each one under the direction of a missionary superintendent; a central committee was appointed, composed of these superintendents and one Spaniard with one European representative, as a consultative member, from each district; a

publication department was organized and a small theological seminary opened at Barcelona. Baptist workers in Spain have now the opportunity for thorough training for Christian service. The total membership of Spanish Baptist churches is seven hundred and seventy-six. Thus the first steps of our work have been taken and by God's grace must move forward. May the southern Baptist invasion into Spain be as coals of fire heaped upon the heads of these ardent people who are in no wise responsible for the invasions, of a different order, made by their ancestors into the western world. As children of a King we should fulfill His Royal Law according to His Scriptures.

#### JUGO SLAVIA—Where We May Do Our Share of the "Father's Business"

JUGO-SLAVIA or the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, occupies the northwest corner of the Balkan peninsula. Agricultural industry is followed in the lowlands, swine are reared in the forests, sheep and goats in the higher elevations. Jugo-Slavia as a new political unity has embodied in its constitution the principles of religious freedom. In old Serbia Baptists had no lasting success. For a few years worship in a small chapel was sustained in Belgrade, the capital city. Although persecution has not been infrequent, this movement may have been too small to attract its enemies and for lack of this incentive dissolved. Under the guidance of the southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board the work of education and organization is being steadily developed. Two Jugo-Slavic evangelists, Messrs. Nicholas Dulity and Vincent Wacek, are in charge of our work and are applying their training and experiences in America to the Baptist problem in their native land. The various languages make their work difficult but this is being overcome in some degree by study classes. The joy of the Lord has but one tongue, spoken in the language of the heart, in songs of praise and in the uplifted eye; in these they may rejoice together.

At a meeting of the executive committee on Baptist work in Jugo-Slavia held in Novidas last year Mrs. W. C. James was spokeswoman for the W.M.

U. in setting before the committee our plans and ideals and urging it "not only to make it possible but to encourage their women to organize so they might be of real help in the cause for which they are working". Truly the voice of our president was the voice of her southern women. Let our hearts and hands be open towards these women who have such difficult environment but who are so like ourselves in hope and inspiration for the salvation of the whole world. With the organization of these strong continental women of Baptist faith there is nothing to prevent our Union from girdling the world with the message of Christ.

#### IN HUNGARY—Where We May Sweeten the Waters of Marah

HUNGARY is one of the states of Europe formed out of the old Austro-Hungarian empire. By comparing the map of Austro-Hungary as it appeared in our school geographies with Hungary in the new world atlas we can readily see how the fires of war have eaten into her territory. The Hungary of today has an area of 35,654 square miles, something over a third of her former territory. The Hungarians are an agricultural people but the country is in a bad financial way and little has been done on this line since the war. The crown formerly worth something over twenty cents in our currency is now quoted at three one-thousandths of a cent. A thoroughly qualified American has been chosen to carry out a program, planned by the League of Nations, for the financial restoration of Hungary. We should pray for the success of this mission as it will make the Hungarian more receptive to movements coming from America and greatly help the cause of Christian missions.

In language, race and tradition the Hungarian is totally different from his neighbors. The Magyar tongue is as distinct from German or Slav as are French or Italian. This isolation does not sweeten the bitter waters that have swept around his soul, the only thing which can do that is the cross, the tree, which of old made sweet the waters of Marah. It is ours to uphold the hands of the Hungarian Christian as he lifts the cross of love and hope before the eyes of his countrymen.

Although Roman Catholicism is the dominating religion of the land Protestantism, in spite of political difficulties and bitter opposition, is securing a deep hold on its people. The Baptists in Hungary as well as those in Germany trace their spiritual pedigree to Johann Gerhard Oncken who largely influenced the Baptist movement in Budapest in 1846. Under the stress of political revolution this movement died out. In 1873 Heinrich Meyer was sent from Germany to undertake Baptist mission work in Hungary. Amid great difficulties good progress was made and in 1910 the number of Baptists had grown to almost seventeen thousand. After the transfer of territory to Rumania, Czecho-Slovakia and Jugo-Slavia the membership fell to something over nine thousand. There are about fifty-one churches and four hundred preaching stations. In earlier years unsuccessful attempts had been made to open a theological seminary in Budapest. The cooperation of southern Baptists has made this possible and at the present time there are twenty-eight students preparing for the ministry and other branches of Christian work. Rev. Andreas Udvarnoki is now president of this school as well as being the leading Baptist preacher of Hungary.

For a more intimate account of Baptist work in Hungary we recommend the re-reading of "With the Baptists in Budapest" written by Mrs. W. C. James for the December issue of ROYAL SERVICE. The faces of some of our workers illustrate this article and as we look into them we cannot fail to see that "for the joy set before them" they have "endured the cross". To these faithful and patient men and women we have entrusted our work and we owe to them help and encouragement equal to the strength of our faith in their ability.

#### IN RUMANIA—Where the Place of Need Is Our Field of Duty

IN contrast to mutilated Hungary stands Rumania, to which country much territory has been added, the great war transferring to it Bessarabia, Moldavia, Bukowina, Transylvania and a part of the Hungarian plain. This enlargement brought into its area many Baptist churches. In this country also the beginnings of the Baptist movement

(1856) are traceable to the influence of Johann Gerhard Oncken, Heinrich Meyer and other German Baptists. At Bucharest, the capital city, a little group of Baptists formed a church. Oncken himself visited this church in 1869. Then came a period of struggle, repression and intermittent energy. In 1911 a young Rumanian, Constantin Adorian, a graduate of the Hamburg Seminary, founded the earliest Rumanian Baptist church in the old kingdom. This church has now a membership of two hundred and fifty.

Because of perverse government administration the Baptists of Rumania have endured greater persecution than in any other continental country. Closing of chapels, breaking up of meetings, assaulting, imprisoning and fining of preachers and worshippers, seizing Baptist property, persecuting in the schools the children of Baptist families and refusing burial except by a Catholic priest are some of the indignities suffered by our people. The present prospect for the betterment of these conditions is not very promising. Dr. Rushbrooke, in behalf of American and British Baptists, has sought the clemency of the government but only neglected promises has been the result. In spite of, or perhaps because of, this harsh persecution Baptist work is growing. In 1922 twenty-five hundred persons were baptized. A Baptist Union has been formed of which Rev. Constantin Adorian is president. Of the present situation Dr. Rushbrooke says: "The support of the Southern Baptist Convention has been most effective in furthering developments and especially has enabled a seminary to be opened in Bucharest. The Sunday school and young people's work has been organized and other new enterprises are already bearing fruit." The seminary, just completed, is a beautiful six-storied building in the center of the city. The churches never lack for a crowd, sometimes persons are grouped around the doors and one observer tells us that he did not see one person who did not make a contribution. We wonder whether a little persecution is not needed among our own churches—it might help financially!

Of the church the women built and other interesting detail of Baptist joys

and sorrows in Rumania we refer the reader to the April (1924) issue of ROYAL SERVICE where will be found Mrs. James' story of her visit to the country of these brave and faithful fellow-Baptists. While listening to this story from her lips one good sister said: "I could just sit and cry over the sufferings of these dear people". We know of a better thing to do than that. Let us pray that our sympathies harden into dollars; that dropping tears be turned into uprising prayers. Money cannot buy salvation but it can carry the message of love and material help to those who "suffer persecution for the cross of Christ".

#### IN RUSSIA AND SIBERIA—Where a Million Baptists "Carry On"

THE annals of Russia's political, social and economic overthrow have filled pages of current periodicals and newspapers. The ills of Russia are man-made, the remedies are from God. It is with the remedies that the Christian world has to do. Christian mission boards (our own Foreign Mission Board being among them) and benevolent organizations have come to the material aid of this demoralized country. The hungry have been fed and the naked clothed and warmed. As far as the religious needs are concerned the Christian world has about come to the conclusion that its greatest opportunity will be in calling forth the best that is in Russia for her own spiritual healing. In this opportunity Baptists are greatly blessed since there are already about one million baptized believers in Russia. These believers consist of two strong bodies. Each body numbers fully one half million. They are known as the All-Russian Baptist Union and the Evangelistic Christian Union (strictly Baptist). A union of these two bodies is under consideration, when this is affected Russia will have one of the largest Baptist organizations in the world. Of these bodies Dr. W. O. Carver writes: "Rightly encouraged, the Baptist body in Russia may grow to many millions within twenty-five years and may prove the greatest factor in solving Russia's serious problems. In one city in one day in 1922 more than three thousand were baptized. The possibilities are limitless. Besides counsel and financial cooperation there must be in-

creasing intercessory prayer for our brethren in this land of so much misery, mystery and world significance."

Recent difficulties have arisen in the relations of the Russian Baptists to the government and some arrests have been made. The accusation that some of these men still adhere to the old government seems impossible since Baptists suffered so terribly under Czarism. It is hoped that the wise intervention of Dr. Rushbrooke will result in the release of these men. How much the Russian Baptists do need our prayers!

The work southern Baptists are doing in Russia is under the supervision of Rev. Hoyt E. Porter, with headquarters in Moscow. In Siberia our Board has been supporting three Russian Baptist preachers. Rev. J. J. Vance, treasurer of Far Eastern Missions, reports for our work. He writes enthusiastically of these workers who have baptized over two hundred souls during the past year.

#### IN ITALY—Where We May Answer the Apostle's Prayer—"Being Fruitful in Good Works"

ITALY "golden and amber" has stood among the nations of the world as a gem of beauty and art. Her history in some instances has not added luster to the jewel, but where will we find a country without historical blemish? Stone throwing among the nations would soon demolish the world.

The place of Baptists in the history of Italy is small but significant. We love to point to the dark pools in the catacombs and the beautiful baptistries scattered throughout Italy as conclusive evidences of baptism by immersion among the early Christians. But dearer to the Christian heart are the memories of the great Apostle who wrote those "Prison Epistles" "to the saints and the faithful in Christ Jesus everywhere", and which are today the guide and rule for practice of all evangelical Christian bodies.

Of the work of Baptists in Italy Dr. D. G. Whittinghill who, with Mrs. Whittinghill, has represented us in Italy for twenty-three years, tells us: "Baptists have a historic right to Italy. In 1540 a colony of Anabaptists (a sect of the sixteenth century who rejected infant baptism) came from Switzer-

land and settled in Venice. All of these, before the end of the sixteenth century, either suffered martyrdom or fled for their lives. From that inquisitional time until the middle of the nineteenth century there is no historic trace of Baptist work in Italy. In 1866 the English Baptist Missionary Society began work and continued until its withdrawal in 1923. The Southern Baptist Convention began work in Italy in 1870 with Dr. George B. Taylor as our first missionary. In the Baptist Conference of London in 1920 all Baptist work in Italy was turned over to our Foreign Mission Board. This action has increased our responsibility in sending the Gospel to Italy. Our work now includes fifty ministers (four foreign), fifty-three churches, seventy-five outstations, eighteen church buildings, twenty-seven Sunday schools, two day schools, one kindergarten, one theological school, one orphanage and one publication house.

The publication work in Italy, beginning in 1912, has not only preached the Gospel to Italian Baptists but its high literary value has claimed the attention of scholars and it is being read by the public generally, as well as getting on the nerves of the Vatican, Pope Benedict XV doing it the honor of forbidding its use by the "faithful".

Our missionaries are in Italy to minister in our stead, working day in and day out. What does that mean to us? Being faithful means "the crown of life" allotted to southern Baptists

#### PALESTINE AND SYRIA—"Where Jesus Did So Much for Me"

IN Palestine where Christianity had its birth and where the land may yet experience its new birth, the prophecy of the restoration of Israel is being fulfilled before our eyes. Because it is being done so slowly and because there has been nothing spectacular about it we scarcely believe it. The British mandate over Palestine has cooperated with Christian missions in the Jewish colonies, in which there are about one hundred thousand Hebrews, among them many bright young people. The songs of Zion are heard everywhere and there is a desire to know the Christian view of Zionism. In Jerusalem there is an awakening interest in the claims of Christ, especially among young men.

Our own missionary, Rev. J. Wash Watts, reports the recent baptism of several young Jewish men in the river Jordan and the organization in Jerusalem of a group of young Hebrews into an association for the study of Christianity. These men, with their own money, have purchased for \$500 a piece of property with the view of erecting upon it an army hut in which to hold their meetings. Mr. Watts also reports that the Baptist church at Nazareth has a Sunday school with two hundred members and a woman's missionary society of more than one hundred members.

These are hopeful signs but there are still thousands of Jews in Palestine and Syria who are indifferent to religion, this attitude rather than opposition makes missionary work very difficult. It will take faithful, patient labor joined with earnest prayer to bring in a better day in the land where Jesus lived and where He died to save His people—and us, who were "aliens from the commonwealth of Israel . . . but made nigh by the blood of Christ". Let us humbly acknowledge our great debt to the God of Israel by proclaiming His Son to His chosen people as their Lord and Redeemer.

In Syria, since the land has been handed over to the French, the people are discontented and look upon Protestants with distrust, for the French are not friendly to non-Catholic organizations. Nor do the great mass of Syrians welcome the coming of the Zionists, hence much political bitterness has arisen. May Christian missionaries act as messengers of peace to these restless peoples to whom they are preaching the Gospel of the Prince of Peace.

"At His cross Israel must be reconciled to God and recognize their long-looked-for King and Saviour. Both the

receptive spirit and the indifference of the Jews places an added responsibility on Christians to give them the Gospel."

#### THE KINSHIP OF PRAYER

SINCE we could not all accompany Mrs. James on her trip to the Baptist World Alliance meeting held in Stockholm, Sweden, last summer, nor on her visits to our European mission stations, we were glad to read of these in the current numbers of ROYAL SERVICE, dating from August 1923 to April 1924. Still more fortunate did we consider ourselves when we could hear Mrs. James speak of her experiences in the Near East. We well remember the thrill of loving fellowship that shook our hearts when she spoke of asking those dear and earnest women that those of them who were willing to join our prayer circle for world-wide missions would stand and pledge themselves to this sacred sisterhood of intercession. "Almost as one woman they were upon their feet, pledging themselves to pray for us and for the great cause for which we work." Mrs. James pledged for us that we would be faithful to this prayer covenant with the women of continental Europe. Oh, that we might nail ourselves to these high moments—that these passing thrills might bring steadfast interest and daily, unflinching prayer—that we might have the "love that will not let them go!" One thing we have in common with our world sisterhood is the love of Christ and His commission to tell of this love. Another common interest is in the kinship of prayer, He is our Father. As they tell the story we must ask the Father to bless it; as we tell it they will pray for us,—

"For so the whole round earth is every way

Bound by gold chains about the feet of God."

#### QUESTIONS ON PROGRAM TOPIC FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. Is our world the only one God ever made?
2. On what does the Christian progress of our world depend?
3. How many nations are there in the world?
4. Name those in which southern Baptists have established spiritual interests.
5. Can you name a peculiar debt we owe to any one of these nations?
6. Why should we pray for evangelistic work in every land?
7. Can you repeat a prophecy concerning the restoration of the Jews to the Holy Land?
8. Has your society honored the prayer-pledge made for the W.M.U. by our president? (See last paragraph of program.)



## Y. W. A. PROGRAMS



Material found in the general program on pages 11-17 as well as other items in this issue will be quite helpful to supplement the following programs. It is hoped it will be freely used in this supplemental way. The leaflets suggested on page 3 will also prove attractive additions.

Prepared by Mrs. I. E. Enlow  
FIRST MEETING

Hymn—Fairest Lord Jesus  
Hymn—Sowing in the Morning  
Devotional—The Chosen Seed  
The Seed Is the Word, Luke 8:11  
Good Seed, Mt. 13:24, 38  
Precious Seed, Ps. 126:6  
Hymn—Showers of Blessing  
(Change "us" to "them")  
Early Planning  
The Garden Plot  
Soil Conditions  
How Does Our Garden Grow?  
Series of Prayers for Gardeners and Growing Blossoms

**I**N June, we eagerly watch the growth of our gardens. It behooves every Y.W.A. girl to be interested in our Baptist gardens in Europe.

Early Planning

**A**T the London Baptist Conference, July 1920, when new territories of Europe and southwestern Asia were allotted to southern Baptists

The Garden Plot

**T**HE new garden plots mapped out to be cultivated in Europe lay in Spain, Jugo-Slavia, Rumania, Ukraine, Southern Russia, and those in Asia were Siberia, Syria and Palestine. Italy where work had already been done was to receive more intensive cultivation.

The Soil Conditions

**T**HE new territory is peculiarly rich and fertile.

In the Balkans, Roman Catholicism meets Greek Catholicism, Christianity and Mohammedanism come face to face, and the brown and white races meet. In all these countries, there is seed for the great Baptist family, and the men and women there are of our sort, plain, and unsophisticated New Testament people of heroic faith and order. These Baptist church members in all of Europe number less than 500,000.

No wonder central Europe is a sad sober place, when her women and girls

are left the severest sufferers of the war, are bound by Catholicism, given only the crumbs of the false Mohammedanism and the few enlightened ones, persecuted for their faith. Yet their spirit is dauntless and daring and they are far more zealous in evangelistic fervor than we who have had religious liberty long years. (See General Program, reference to women and conditions.)

How Does Our Garden Grow

*In Spain*—It is indeed difficult to cultivate the Spanish garden. The five different varieties of Baptist organizations were hard to get together into one garden so each had to be cultivated separately with great care and tact. Dr. Gill now reports unity among them.

We see a group of beautiful girls. No hat conceals their beautiful coiffures, (even the maids seem to have just come from the hair dresser's) as they follow a procession to the church. The arm of Francis Xavier, who died off the coast of China in 1552, is being taken from city to city on a holy pilgrimage. This extreme loyalty to Roman Catholicism makes Spain one of the most difficult fields for the gospel in any part of the world, yet these girls must be trained on the gospel trellis if they are really to develop beauty.

*In Italy*—In 1870, Baptists first stepped into the land of the pope. The customs of the girls are not unlike other Latin countries. Modern changes and particularly the war have affected tremendous emancipation. Girls are now taking a more active part in society and education, even taking university degrees. The beautiful dark-eyed girls, with slender, flexible figures are nearly all talented with artistic gifts of some variety. Venetian girls are often blondes, particularly fascinating and noted for their pretty speech and for the grace with which they drape their long fringed shawls around their

persons and flit on clicking high heels across the steep stone bridges of their water city. Piedmontese women are generally housewives famous for their cooking. Sicilian women are almost oriental in their habits and are supposed to have an overwhelming passion for their families. Betrothal is more formal and binding than here in America. The state has a civil marriage ceremony, but it is customary to go to the parish church for a religious marriage and both bride and groom must have a ticket to prove that they have been to confession and communion.

Recently, the prime minister put the crucifix and religious instruction back into the public school. Our missionary feels that it is handing the people back to the priests. In one of the Baptist churches is a very clever pretty young woman, who in spite of her marriage to a lawyer and politician of no faith (nominally Romanist) continued to attend the church and also retained her position as directress of one of the large Roman elementary schools. She looked very charming and earnest in her fur coat and periwinkle blue lined hat as she asked Dr. Whittinghill "Could you get me some of those big Sunday school picture rolls of New Testament scenes you used to have? I asked the director of the school to let me give the religious instruction in my school myself. He hesitated for some time as he was afraid the authorities would object, but as I said I knew the gospel and the other teachers do not he has consented. My children just love the Bible lessons—we have done the Creation and are just come to the Fall, but I particularly want some pictures of the New Testament. In the book stores here I can get only conventional madonnas and halo saints."

It is hoped that through this bright, popular teacher, many of Italy's children may learn to know and value the Bible.

*In Jugo-Slavia*—Out of the population of 11,000,000 people, 600 are Baptists. The fusion of six nations with varying dialects, the lack of literature and buildings have somewhat retarded Baptist work (See general program, "Where We May Do Our Share").

*In Russia*—Russia has for centuries made the quickest response to the spir-

itual appeal of the gospel. In 1922, at one place in one day over 3000 were baptized. To Russia the Foreign Mission Board has sent our first foreign missionary to a white race, Rev. Hoyt Echols Porter. The country looks shabby. Girls are mostly dressed in the cheapest of materials and one sees many barefooted grown women even on the streets of Petrograd. Our missionary tells how hungrily they devour the Word of God when they get a chance at it. Churches were never so full and the uncompromising government opposition is proving a real challenge to the best in the churches. The upheavals, sufferings, and difficulties of recent years have served as a great plow, breaking the soil for Baptist opportunity.

SECOND MEETING

Some More Garden Accounts

Devotional—

Purpose of the Garden, Isaiah 61:11  
The Yield of the Garden, Psalm 126:3-6

Growth in Hungary

Blossoms in Rumania

From an American Gardener in Palestine

Growth in Hungary

**T**HE Baptist women and girls in Hungary take a great part in religious and charity work. Their missionary societies all over the country are busy visiting the sick, strengthening them in spirit, helping the poor, cheering those in the two Baptist old people's homes and aiding the Seminary. Hungarian Baptist women are full of missionary spirit leading many to Christ. Many churches have had their beginnings in Women's Missionary Societies where although suffering persecution even from husbands and families they have remained faithful. There is much distress since the war and with food often higher than it is here many must live on from \$4 to \$12 a month. In spite of all this, they deny themselves the necessities of life that they may contribute for "good purposes". Besides giving money, they make and sell hemstitch work, and contribute eggs, lard, flour or raise vegetables and hogs especially to contribute. Hungarian churches are noted for their choirs composed largely of girls. These choirs are a great missionary power.

"We are thankful to God that the women and girls in Hungary work. It is a great blessing today and a great hope for the future"—concludes Mr. M. Baranyay, Hungarian student in the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville,

#### Blossoms in Roumania

HERE we find German, Russian, Hungarian and Roumanian girls bravely enduring persecution. In bright colored dresses woven at home and sandals one sees them busy here and there in missionary societies—one helping with 60 societies—in crowded churches and in charity work. Here, too, is needed a Training School for girls and two of their girls have come to our W.M.U. Training School. Tell of the heroic lives of these two girls and who made it possible for them to come to America. See WORLD COMRADES—June G.A. program, "Two Baptist Girls." See also page 25 of this magazine.

#### From An American Gardener in Palestine

My dear Y.W.A. Girls:

The greatest difficulty in telling about young women in Palestine is that there are so many different kinds of girls here. I can't tell you of one girl, her looks, her customs, her home and her religion and then say that she is the typical girl of the country. There are two distinct races represented in the country with very distinct customs and religions for each, so distinct that the two are bitterly opposed to one another—more than that, bitterly *hate* one another: the Arabic and Jewish people.

But I can't even give you two pictures and say that they are typical for in each race there are religious distinctions, which affect greatly every phase of their life. For instance, a person who is beginning to learn something of the country can look at a house and tell whether those who dwell in it are Moslems or nominal Christians—or he can look at a girl's dress and usually guess the same thing.

The Arabic girls (or Palestinians or Syrians, as they prefer to be called) are generally small of stature, with lovely olive skin, soft long lashed black eyes and luxuriant dark hair. Their bodies are supple and graceful; thanks to the much walking they do and their

constant out-door life. This is particularly true of the *fellahie* or peasant women. They are of an excitable nature, very easily aroused to loud talking, much gesticulating, intense enjoyment and intense anger. The most unattractive characteristic is a certain lack of native or instinctive refinement concerning some of the more intimate phases of life. Yet how can we blame them when practically all have been reared in crowded homes where very large families occupy one, two or three rooms, so there is no place for privacy for any one. Practically all of these girls are either Moslems or nominal Christians (Greek Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Copts, Syrians, Armenians, etc.)

Not as many of the Moslem women wear veils as I had thought before coming. Here in Jerusalem we only occasionally see the black or pongee cape that covers the head and reaches to the waist with thick short veil over the face. They are so thick and closely-woven that I can't even guess what the wearer looks like. In the smaller towns there are more veils than here, but they have been rapidly disappearing since the war.

I not yet have had the privilege of knowing a Moslem girl or woman so can't tell you much of their home-life. I know their homes here in the city are behind very, very thick walls with the tiniest of lattice windows in them—in the villages they are usually stone or mud-daubed huts that have no opening save a small door and no furnishings beyond a straw mat or two and a frying pan. One can guess what their married life must be when one sees on the streets a Moslem woman veiled, walking a few steps behind her lord and master and husband, stopping behind when he stops and not daring to enjoy the privilege of walking beside him!

The peasant women wear no veils, perhaps because they are usually doing some heavy, rough work that requires freedom from such. The Bedouins live even more primitively, their home is any spot where they put up their four poles and drop the great hair-cloth over it. The girl's one piece of clothing is a long, loose dress of coarse black material which she appears to wear without washing it until it drops to pieces. Last week I met at Nazareth a little

Bedouin girl of 16 or 18 who was most charming in spite of her filthy dress, her hair that had probably never been shampooed, and her tattooed face and arms. She was quite shy, yet anxious to be near the "American lady," to try to talk to her, to examine the making of her strange clothes—and I saw in her eyes the same desire we American girls have for pretty clothes and for friendship with someone who has seen more of the world than we have. I prayed that as we try to give them our friendship, and with it some of our ways of living, we may always be sure to give them the best thing we have—our life in Christ Jesus.

Most of the girls I have met among the Arabic people are nominal Christians—I say *nominal* because these Catholic and Eastern churches have so perverted Christianity that it is distressing that they bear its name. Practically none of these have any conception of the meaning of repentance, faith in Jesus, the real Christian life. They know forms and rituals, the kissing of stones, images, hands of priests, but little more. They enjoy a good bit more freedom than the Moslem women. They dress in varying styles and mingle with each other more, though still there is almost no playing between the boys and girls even as little children.

There are also two very distinct classes of Jews in this country, with intense feeling between them, the Orthodox and Zionist groups. There are here in Jerusalem Jews who were born here and whose fathers and grandfathers lived here before them. Most of them live among the Arabic people, talk like the Arabic people, and quite often to the untrained eye look like them. Most of these are extremely "orthodox" in all matters of religion. They strictly observe every letter of the Talmudic law, such as not striking a match or cutting a string on the Sabbath because no work must be done on that day. To them the Hebrew language is too sacred for ordinary speech. They have no use for Christianity whatever, and severely persecute any one of their number who shows the least interest in it. They are almost as bitterly opposed to the new Jewish people of today, the Zionists, who are rapidly pouring into the country and gradually affecting its life tremendously.

These Zionists are young, active, independent, ready to work, ready to endure anything for the sake of the new home and country they will make here. Most of them come from Russia, Poland, Germany, Hungary. Some few have considerable means, but the majority of them have come here with nothing but their strength. The girls work hard—I have seen young girls sitting by the side of the road crushing rocks as energetically as any one of the men. I have seen young women living in road or construction camps in mere tents or shacks, washing, cooking for their husbands and then spending extra time helping in the construction work. Especially in Galilee many new colonies are springing up, and the women seem to share almost equally with the men in the farm work. The young men and women work and play side by side, a most unusual thing in this country. Perhaps there is too much freedom among them, but most of us go to extremes when we enjoy a new privilege for the first time, don't we?

Most of this new Jewish element is indifferent toward religion. They have little use for Judaism, certainly. Some call them atheists, but to me they seem to be failing to think of God, rather than denying His existence. They much more easily mix and mingle with Christians and seem to me to offer unusual opportunities for work among them. Yet it all requires tact and caution, for they greatly fear anything that has to do with a *missionary*. Their chief thoughts are of the establishment of the Jewish nation in Palestine, and if a person becomes a Christian, he immediately to them becomes a traitor, for they can't understand how he can still be a part of their political nation, if his religion has changed. Because of their political aspirations, they are rapidly taking up the use of Hebrew as their every-day language, feeling that as a nation they must have a distinctive language.

These Jews are clean, a most noticeable trait in Palestine, modern in dress—most of the girls have bobbed hair and dress very much like girls in America—and more modern in their homes, most of the new houses going up in the Jewish colonies are very tiny but pretty and dainty houses very much

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## OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



### MORE TIME FOR MISSIONS

#### A June Fancy

When June days longer, longer grow,  
And honey bees are humming,  
You'd almost think schoolbooks would  
know  
Their holiday is coming.

Perhaps the histories say, "Oh my,  
We're glad the winter's over,"  
And every day geography  
Just wriggles in its cover.

Arithmetic most likely says,  
"Oh, what a satisfaction,  
To think of nearly ninety days  
Without a common fraction."

If this could really come about,  
'Twould make a big sensation—  
The schoolbooks lifting up a shout  
To celebrate vacation!  
—Nancy Byrd Turner in *The Portal*




**H**ISTORY rejoices in winter of study over, arithmetic is satisfied with no more figuring on hand but geography gladly "just wriggles in its cover", don't you think it was stretching ready for the fuller use of geography and world knowledge that all our young people can make now that they have more time for missions? Of course the busy world couldn't afford to be lazy even in vacation and R. A.'s, G. A.'s, and Sunbeam Bands can have meetings each week during summer to take care of the "wriggles". There are suggestions in WORLD COMRADES programs that sometimes have to be omitted for lack of time, look back, pick them up and carry them out now.


Was your young people's missionary organization A-1 at the close of last convention year? No? Well, why not begin this very minute to make sure it will reach that goal next year? Summer is a splendid time for a mission study class if that point was missed, study now. Use the Japan books that have so fascinated all grades during the past year or step up with the march of events and use the new China mission study books. Take away the name

study class if it isn't to the liking of boys and girls who have said "goodbye" to study, mission is so vitally interesting it isn't study comparable to mathematics and grammar except that it does have a good deal to do with the multiplication of the extent of Christ's Kingdom and with the matter of language. Last ROYAL SERVICE carried many names entering for summer courses, look them up—Hammock Heights, Swing Sights, Veranda Views and so on.

Don't forget the editorials Mrs. James has been giving in ROYAL SERVICE about Europe: there is adaptable material for supplementary incidents to WORLD COMRADES programs.

Have you talked about summer assemblies? Practically every state has one or more and many are developing R. A. and G. A. camp or house parties in connection with the regular assembly features. Urge participation in missionary classes at summer assemblies. A splendid letter from "The Wildcat Six" in Here at Home Department of current WORLD COMRADES gives an interesting account of the local R.A. camping party, why not follow that plan?

 Samuel J. Mills died in 1818, June 16. He was one of "The Brethren" with Luther Rice and Adoniram Judson; look up his interesting life-history and see how he went without going to the foreign fields. He started the first Bible Publication Society in America and is important in connection with our study of Europe because Europe, particularly Russia so sadly wants and needs Bibles.

 The third Saturday in June is Girls' Day—a splendid time to organize your G.A. The new G.A. Manual is all ready too with new watchword, hymn, colors, initiation ceremony and many other new features. G.A. Department ages now reach from nine to sixteen with a division at thirteen into Junior and Intermediate Auxiliaries. Don't fail to write your state leader for one of the new Manuals if

you haven't received one yet. Encourage each G.A. to have and treasure her own Manual so she will have the Star Ideals, the Assertion of Allegiance and Goal Ahead and the great G.A. aim always before her.



For intermediate R. A.'s and G.A.'s. "China's Real Revolution" by Paul Hutchinson will be the best new mission study book, while Chinese Lanterns is adapted for Junior R.A.'s and G. A.'s. The leader should read other books on China and study the Foreign Mission Board Report of our own activities in that country in order to really be able to teach in an interesting fashion. Let the library committee be alert for articles and all members seek pictures to illustrate stories and make missions real.

"A book's a magic sort of thing  
That makes you sailor chief or king"  
and the boys and girls who can't go away for a vacation trip should be taken for a long sail in an ocean going vessel, or should journey to the chief cities of interest in foreign lands or should come to be kings over their thoughts and so be international in their thinking.

Encourage much reading of biographies during the summer; the reading stamp cards will help in this regard. Have poster made by the committee naming several books of high mission interest and whetting an appetite for the adventures each will relate. W. M.U. Year Book carries lists of books, WORLD COMRADES and ROYAL SERVICE each have Book Review pages which you may look up to guide in selecting mission books to supply the library shelves for the summer. Proper encouragement will lead even the public librarian to put mission literature on her shelves instead of books that have no mission in their pages at all.

Turn to page 34 April-May-June WORLD COMRADES and read the poem there. It suddenly comes to my mind that unless Sunbeam Band leaders are alert this summer when geographies are misplaced, the whole big world will truly be lost to the thinking and interest of our young children. It

is not necessary to comment on the real lostness of the world for its needs have called in the Macedonian cry all these centuries but the lostness by now should have touched us who follow Him who came to seek and to save until we would at least be ready to cry and sympathize and get up and go to look for it too. Children have so much brighter eyes for finding things, it will save time to send them. That is surely what Dr. Brown meant when he said, "The world will be evangelized in that generation in which the teachers of our youth determine that it shall be". June is such a beguiling month she may tempt Sunbeam Band leaders to say "Suppose we don't meet during vacation time" and then how lost the big world really will be for June centers about the same selfish ease that "fun" and "cut" and "auto" do for that indomitable "you" which seeks always a useless good time, cuts loose from whatever is at all burdensome and envies the automobile just for idle pleasure. For this one summer keep you in June looking for the whole big world through missionary education. With school out there is such a great deal more time in which to work out the splendid plans suggested in the programs of WORLD COMRADES. The little daughter of Constantine Adorian on April-May-June cover invites you and your Sunbeams with wistful timidity to study of her Europe and Mrs. Lawrence has collected admirable material for that study and presented it for ready use. Small Sunbeams or larger ones will enjoy these programs and there should be the two divisions, 3-6, 6-9, even though at 9 they do promote to G.A. or R.A. now instead of twelve. At the annual meeting a year ago the young people's leaders discussed the advisability of changing the ages in our graded system of missionary education, in semi-annual Executive Committee meeting the latter part of January the change was adopted and should be put into practise now. This will be wise for many reasons as a little consideration will prove to you. If the girls have no G.A. and wish to continue as helpers in the Sunbeam Band use them to assist in countless ways, likewise the boys, but the better plan will be for the eligible boys and

girls to be organized into Girls' Auxiliary and Royal Ambassador chapters using the plans and programs suggested in those respective departments. You feel responsible enough for them to see that W.M.S. pays attention to these promoted ones, make sure a missionary organization and equipped counselor are ready that they may not lose the whole big world. The You in June can so easily be an unselfish you and forgetting sluggishness or the temptation to stunt growth by playing truant in vacation from church activities, may hurry to guide and guard the success of missionary endeavor in the future by nurturing children in atmosphere of interest in the lost big world.



Outdoor meetings are quite in fashion for Sunbeams as well as G.A.'s. and R.A.'s. and the leader's front porch will be splendid for the children on the program can sit on the bottom steps

and use the front walk for platform while the rest have "grand stand seats" and nobody is bothered to carry chairs.



June 14, is Flag Day that will be one of especial interest to R.A.'s., for boys always like flags and with school out can have time to color a whole set of flags for our various European countries. Dictionaries and up-to-date atlas, and magazine investigation at the library may be nicer to discover the flags of the newly formed nations of Europe but if the chief counselor leads skilfully the R.A.'s. will really want to seek them out. Certainly they will want a fine map of southern Europe to follow out Mrs. Creasman's splendid programs planned in WORLD COMRADES. There is more time for missions now that school is out; use it.

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like our bungalows and cottages, and all are scrupulously clean.

There are a few of both races who are true and earnest. Christians. At Cana of Galilee there is a most attractive girl of twenty, really a little beauty who is well educated and an earnest applicant for baptism. She has been a Christian for some time, proving it in many ways, but our pastor at Nazareth has not been able to get there to baptize her yet. Here in Jerusalem is a young Jewess of eighteen whose every moment in her "orthodox" home is one of persecution and humiliation because she has had a wonderful Christian experience and is bearing witness concerning it to many others. Within the next week we are planning to baptize a young Jewish mother who brings with her for baptism at the same time a young friend whom she herself has won! How well I know that Baptist money and lives would be pouring into these countries if the folks back there could only see and feel with these young people.—Mrs. J. Wash. Watts

#### FROM MISS MALLORY

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in which I saw Christian missions being conducted. I thank God that the number of those who publish the Word is as great a host as it is and I pledge to them my renewed zeal to try to show to any whom I can influence that Christian missions is the great challenge for investment of life and money. As never before I ask God to let me help to prove that it is "more blessed to give than it is to receive" and even more earnestly do I long for power to help in showing our young people that if they "seek first the Kingdom of God" they need not worry about "other things". If I can succeed in these two desires and if in addition I can transmit to southern Baptist women and young people the universal request of my many hostesses, "Pray for us," then I know that they and the other missionaries will know that in all sincerity my heart says: "Thank you".—Kathleen Mallory

## TRAINING SCHOOL

### OUR FOREIGN GIRLS

NUMBERED among our students this year there have been three foreign girls, Yan Wing Yee, of China, and Ludovica Cristea and Sophia Palyo, of Roumania. Their presence among us has been an inspiration, because they have linked us with the great harvest field in a very tangible way.

After two years spent in school in Arkansas, Miss Yee was able to take the full junior course here, doing splendid work in all her studies. She says of herself: "It is a great joy to have been brought up in a Christian home among the heathen. Father became a Christian when he was a young boy, but even his parents persecuted him after he was converted. Through prayer his mother was converted while my father was in Dr. Graves' Bible School. Even her husband drove her away from home, but there was not anything which could move her faith. Grandfather did not become a Christian before he died. Grandmother is still living. My mother was converted after I was born. I was converted when I was ten years old, while my father was a teacher in Dr. Graves' Seminary and pastor of the church. I went to Mrs. Graves' girls' school—Pooi To Academy in South China. I came to United States in spring of 1921 and entered Central College at Conway, Arkansas, in the fall. I was in Central two years to learn the language. It is a great privilege to be in the House Beautiful this year. The name "palace" is what it ought to be, for the spiritual ideal is above all things. I am in House Beautiful that I may learn more about Him that I may serve Him better. I wanted to serve Him not because my father is a preacher, but because I see the darkness of China."

Misses Cristea and Palyo came to us at the beginning of the second quarter direct from Germany, where they had been placed temporarily with a group

of Baptist people. Neither of these girls could speak English when they came to us, but Miss Palyo speaks six European languages fluently and understands fourteen; Miss Cristea speaks only her own language and has a slight knowledge of one or two others.

Miss Cristea is an unusual woman. Southern Baptist women will remember the story of her written by Dr. Mullins for Woman's Missionary Union four years ago when he returned from his tour of European mission fields. She became a Christian and a Baptist during the World War when she was serving her country as a spy. Since that time she has been a flaming evangel in her beloved Roumania. One of her countrymen says of her, "No man in all Roumania is her equal. In fact, I know of no man anywhere who can compare with her as a Christian worker". She has endured hardships in His service, but is always radiantly happy. Miss Palyo with the aid of a tutor has been working at the language during this school year. She received her early education in the school of the Evangelical Church to which her family belonged. Later she had a private teacher in her home where she had many advantages for her father was a man of some means at that time. Strange to say, she finally was led to God to give up this life of ease and society and cast her lot with the simple Baptist people in the city fifty miles from her home. For eight years she was estranged from her own people but true to her convictions she held to her new faith and made her own way in the world. The World War brought reverses to her father and a change of heart and the daughter was invited to return to her home. Before very long she won all her loved ones to Christianity. Since that time and until she left for America, she was a busy and tireless worker among the women and children in her section of the country.—Carrie U. Littlejohn



### REACHING THE STANDARD

*Clause 8—Some definite organized personal service for the spiritual uplift of the local community, conducted by the members of the society under its oversight*

**T**HE department of personal service of the Woman's Missionary Union is but an earnest, organized, systematic effort on the part of the women in the churches to carry out the teaching of Jesus as to personal service and personal responsibility in the practical every day affairs in the life of the churches. Since the personal service committee is largely responsible for the success of the society in reaching the ideal along this line it may be helpful to consider some of its duties.

The personal service committee that really feels the responsibility for leading the society into the fullest appreciation of the New Testament principles of personal service and the practical application of those principles in helpful and worthwhile activity will do at least two things: They will pray earnestly and plan wisely. The first thing for every personal service committee is to wait on God in earnest, definite, sacrificial prayer. The second thing is to study the field of operations and plan the work. There must be an intelligent and comprehensive vision of the needs of the community as a whole before any intelligent plan of personal service can be proposed or carried out. After a careful survey of the needs of the community has been made, there should follow a careful and tactful planning of the work in all lines of activity contemplated.

Another duty of this committee is concerned with reports, not only in securing and forwarding them, but also in making clear the often misunderstood method, purpose and distinctions in Personal Service reporting. A good beginning for an enlarged program is to make a survey of the community. The Survey\*, a leaflet in the Personal Service Series, is good to use as a guide in making this study, as it has been

\*Order from your state W. M. U. Headquarters

worked out for this very purpose. If this seems to be too much of an undertaking at this time, the personal service blank in the Year Book may be used as a suggestive outline of activities, the items being considered one by one to determine which will best meet the needs of the community. For instance, consider the mission Sunday school. Are there many people out of reach of Sunday school or who do not attend one? Could you establish a mission Sunday school for their benefit, arrange a place to meet, provide officers, teachers and the necessary equipment, visit the prospective pupils and interest them in this new Sunday school? Perhaps there is already one, crippled for lack of teachers or equipment or volunteers to visit among families attending there. Many activities may center about this mission Sunday school, an active interest in the families in need, undernourished children, people out of employment, mothers who know little about homemaking, in addition to the direct presentation of the gospel. The problem will be not so much to find a task for our workers, but for them to meet the real needs they find.

Another subject for consideration may be work for negroes. Any thoughtful Christian must see that here we have a mission field that we have neglected too long. In the nearby negro church there may be a missionary society which some of the members could visit and encourage. They might conduct a Bible class, teach the Sunday school lesson to the teachers, assist in a teacher-training institute. A conference with the leading negro women may lead to many opportunities for Christian service.

It may be that the members of the society live far apart and that the work must be carried on individually, each worker helping the one in need as she comes in contact with that one. The personal service of a woman living far

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### A CONFESSION AND APPRECIATION

**A**N honest confession is good for the soul" grows more true with time and constant proof. Back in the homeland at times I might have been prone to feel that perhaps we hold too much of our W.M.U. work for the sake of tradition: the seven fundamentals, so wisely laid out as a basis of work in the early days, the calendar of prayer for the nine o'clock hour which we could never feel sure was being widely observed, or the special seasons of prayer with so full a program already. And often, when I resorted to "Prayer, Bible Study, Mission Study, etc." as basis for a talk—what W.M.U. worker does not?—I wondered how the dear women could listen so patiently to a story so oftentimes told.

On February 28, my own name appeared on the prayer list in ROYAL SERVICE. In plain, bold letters I read it. The day came at the end of a rest I had given myself as a birthday gift, one day for each year of my life. What a precious day—a day on which my name should be whispered in prayer by women all over the world. The bigness of it appalled me; the sweetness of it was like a holy incense of blessing. I bowed in humble thanksgiving for the Woman's Missionary Union and arose in determination to be a worthy servant of the Master whose ideals it teaches.

The day following I stood before a group of women and spoke more than a thousand words of Spanish which I had written and memorized during my five months of language study. My subject was "La Obra de la Union Misionera de las Mujeres" (The Work of the Woman's Missionary Union) and I spoke on the Seven Fundamentals of W.M.U! Go forward, dear women, in your constant ministry of prayer, study, giving and service. We, your representatives, feel your influence and, as "laborers together with God", we shall see the Kingdom of God come even to the uttermost parts.—Azile M. Wofford, Argentina

### JAPAN W.M.U. 1923

**O**N October 2-4 the fourth annual meeting of our Women's Missionary Union met in Yawata. Before this meeting there were some who were not pleased with the work of the Union. All had not been smooth sailing in Japan any more than it was in America thirty years ago. But this was our best, our very best meeting. Joy and contentment seemed to fill all hearts. We had Miss Mallory with us and you know that she spells Success with very big letters. She gave four splendid addresses that stirred our women and gave them a vision they had never had before. What a blessing God made her to us! Surely He sent her to us when we needed her most. The attendance was not as large as it was the first session. We had fifty-two then, but this time those that got off the train at Yawata came with a desire to learn His will and to do it. The reports from the seventeen societies showed that our women are developing the societies along spiritual lines and the spirit of giving is gradually growing. Bible study has been especially emphasized during the past year.

Before the Yawata meeting the Executive Committee met and prayed and planned. We felt our Union ought to undertake some form of personal service and thought of suggesting that the Union take a poor girl and educate her as the Union's own in our Kokura Girls' School. We thought, perhaps we would be able to finance a little magazine since the first two issues had already been presented by the Mission to the Union. We also hoped that the traveling expenses of the delegates from their societies might be paid by the Union. One of the three things we had faith to believe would be done. Imagine the joy that filled our hearts when Miss Mallory gave the tuition of a girl for five years in our Girls' School at Kokura, and of a boy for four years in our Boys' School at Fukuoka. This gift is to be perpetuated by the Union. How happy the women were to think that they were beginning

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## BOOK REVIEWS



### THE BOOK OF MISSIONARY HEROES

It is much easier to add to one's reading than to cut it down. It is much harder to choose the best from among good books than to discard those which are least profitable, especially when there is not time enough for all those which both build and entertain. It is, however, always safe to retain biographies of the good and great in our reading list. These bring refreshing pauses in our more studious reading and give the human touch to all other literature. If we study of Africa we are reminded of Livingstone and Mackay; of India we are reminded of William Carey and Henry Martyn. These heroes people Africa and India with human beings for us,—and so on through our varied studies and readings. Among biographies be sure to retain those contained in *The Book of Missionary Heroes*, by Basil Mathews for, says one reviewer, "This book tells stories of the thrilling adventures and daring acts of the great heroes of sea and land who have faced perils among wild beasts and wilder men, to tell them of the love of God. From the dauntless Saint Paul who went in peril of rivers and robbers, of prison and shipwreck, to Raymond Lull and Saint Francis, the Crusader, who sailed the Mediterranean and faced death in Africa; from Livingstone, the pathfinder of Africa and the great chief Khama, to Mackay and Mary Slessor; from John Williams, the navigator of the South Seas, to Patteson and Henry Martyn, with many others, Basil Mathews tells the immortal stories of these Knights of the Cross in a way no other has done. Every story is not only historically true but the narrative is accurate in detail."

This book is equally entertaining to young, old and middle-aged, for people of all ages are hero worshippers; it is also inspirational in the degree that comes to these various times of life, moving the reader to emulation, prayer and grateful appreciation. All who read this hero book will be privileged to look across the years and

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### TALES OF GREAT MISSIONARIES

SO rich is the world in missionary heroes that in *Tales of Great Missionaries*, the author, Jeanne M. Serrell, duplicates in only two instances—Livingstone and Mary Slessor—the hero stories contained in Dr. Basil Mathew's *Book of Missionary Heroes*. From this rich mine such stories as would be most alluring to boys and girls have been "dug up" by the pen of the gifted author, whose work as Chairman of Children's Department of Board of Foreign Missions of Presbyterian Church has well-fitted her to become the children's scribe. The narrative style never drops to dull description nor ever lacks vision; "For", the author rightly says, "the soldiers of the Cross whose lives we follow in this book saw the vision and gave their lives that others might live. They fought against disease; against death; against darkness and, because they were true to the vision and their mission, they were 'more than conquerors'."

The stories have the once-upon-a-time flavor added to the irresistible charm of being about real boys and girls who became great missionaries. This collection of stories will be a treasure to leaders of young people, mothers, teachers and to the children themselves. When the last of the twenty stories has been told the hearers will be ready to "begin all over again", each rendering making a deeper impression. Humanizing the missionary and making the God of missions a real and loving Father to those who go into His service is the ideal of the book, and it cannot fail in its mission if we avail ourselves of its valuable contents.

With hearty recommendation we present this book to the notice of our readers.

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## HOME DEPARTMENT



### THE MOORISH QUEEN OF SPAIN\*

TWO shepherd lads were watching their flocks grazing on the plains which encircle Toledo. Above them on its pedestal of rock towers Alcazar with the river Tagus winding at its base. A religious procession wanders slowly along the road to a famous shrine not far distant. The younger boy turning to the elder said, "Felipe, the padre, Ignacio, told me that once the heathen Moors ruled Toledo and that the Cid (title of celebrated Spanish nobleman) and King Alfonso VI drove them away, making it a Christian city once more. How I wish that I had been a soldier with the Cid! Many Moors would have lost their heads by my sword!"

"Not all of the Moors were wicked heathen, Juan," answered Felipe. "We once had a Moorish queen noted for her goodness and charity. Did you ever hear of the beautiful Egilona? Over there by the little stream are the remains of her palace. It was built like her home in Morocco so that she would be happy in a strange country." And Felipe pointed to a crenellated (having battlements) tower rising from the remains of an ancient garden where roses and lilacs still bloomed beneath the cypress trees. "Do tell about her!" pleaded Juan. Felipe was quietly thoughtful for a few moments and then began the story:

"Long, long ago when Roderigo was king of Spain there lived in Algiers a beautiful princess named Egilona. When she was fourteen years old her father betrothed her to the ruler of Tunis. The largest of the royal vessels was made ready and the princess, attended by noble ladies and gentlemen, was placed on board and carried away to the land of her bridegroom. But a terrible storm wrecked the vessel and drove it to the coast of Spain. You can imagine the surprise of the people of Deina, Juan, when they saw this company of Orient-

tals on the deck of the ship. The splendid jewels and robes, the flashing scimitars and diamond encrusted daggers made them gasp in wonderment. The princess stood in the center of this grand company, her beauty hidden by a white veil. She was ablaze with jewels from her turban to her small slippers.

"The Alcalde (mayor) hurried to the shore to find out the cause of the great excitement. He was met by a few elderly Moors who implored his protection. 'Our lives have been spared by the sea, thanks be to Allah,' said the leader of the party, 'will you be less kind? We beg of you to protect our princess until we can arrange to continue our journey'. 'Sir Moor, your princess shall find shelter in the castle,' answered the Alcalde who was of a generous nature. 'It is not for me to decide the fate of the royal captive. Don Roderigo, alone has that right. When she has rested we will proceed to Toledo.'

"A few days later the lovely Egilona and her Moslem followers started for Toledo. She wept continually, for to her oriental mind she had become a slave, being taken by her master. Finally they reached this very plain where under a tent of rich silk Egilona awaited the coming of King Roderigo. With terror she beheld the strong towers of the Alcazar, wondering which was to be her prison. How she longed for her father and for her sunny African country! She closed her eyes and in fancy saw the lovely garden with orange and lemon trees, palms and pomegranates and brilliant flowers, all golden in the sunlight. Again the tears fell streaming from her eyes. Then she was startled by the sound of someone entering her tent. Terrified she lifted her eyes and saw before her a handsome young stranger, magnificent in velvet robes and followed by knights in burnished armor. It was Don Roderigo come to pay his respects to the foreign princess. Her unwilling eyes were compelled to meet his compassionate gaze and all fear left her soul. The

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\*It will interest our boys and girls to know that, in order to get this story to them for the June issue of ROYAL SERVICE, the writer sent it part of the way from Morocco, Africa, by aeroplane mail.

## SUMMER ASSEMBLIES

### FLORIDA ASSEMBLIES

FLORIDA Baptist Assemblies have become so popular and largely attended that the number will be increased from two to three. South Florida is very fortunate in having the use of the large hotel at Punta Gorda on the Bay, where from June 18-25 Baptists will enjoy a week of rest, study and recreation. Many who attend the others plan also to take advantage of the larger program at the Florida Assembly, Stetson University, DeLand, July 8-17. Again the Presbyterians have offered the use of Palmer College building at DeFuniak Springs for the West Florida Assembly which will be held July 23-30.

Among the prominent speakers and teachers for the assemblies are Dr. Chas. G. Lee, New Orleans and Miss Kathleen Mallory, Birmingham, (DeLand); Dr. Len G. Broughton, Jacksonville, (DeFuniak Springs); Dr. J. S. Kirtley and Dr. A. J. Holt, (Punta Gorda). Mr. J. Fred Scholfield will direct the music at DeLand and teach a class for choir leaders. Prominent song leaders will be provided for the other assemblies also. Sunday night of each assembly the W.M.U. has charge of the missionary program. Miss Mallory will be the speaker for this service at DeLand.—*Mrs. H. C. Peelman*

### GEORGETOWN ASSEMBLY, KENTUCKY

THE date for Georgetown Assembly is June 24 to July 4. We are so happy in Kentucky to welcome Miss Mallory to this assembly where each day she will bring us great messages from the mission fields she so recently visited. The Y.W.A.'s. will be invited to hear Miss Mallory also. Miss Jennie G. Bright will have charge of the class for the G.A.'s. and the story hour for the children. Mr. E. B. Willingham, who so successfully conducted our R.A. Camp last year will, with two assistants, have charge of a much larger boys' camp there this year. Mrs. Bose will be pres-

ent to help with informal conferences and to speak once to the women.—*Mrs. Janie Cree Boss*

### THE ALABAMA W. M. U. ASSEMBLY Mentone, June 22-28

JAPAN will be the subject of foreign mission study for all grades. Mrs. Harvey Clarke of Japan will teach W. M.S. and Y.W.A. classes. The home mission book to be taught by Miss Jessie V. Roth of Birmingham is *The Child and America's Future*. Special features of interest are planned for young people, including a Vacation Bible School for Sunbeams, a camp for R.A.'s. and house parties for G.A.'s. and Y.W.A.'s. Dr. M. E. Dodd will deliver the evening addresses using stereopticon slides. He will also teach *All the World in All the Word*.—*Mrs. Ida M. Stallworth*

### MISSOURI ASSEMBLIES

THE first in order is the Jewell Assembly which is also our newest institution for inspiration and training. Wm. Jewell College and campus will be at the disposal of Sunday school, B.Y. P.U. and W.M.U. members from June 23-July 3 to meet and study together under a fine faculty. The Inter-State Assembly will be held at Baptist Hill, Mt. Vernon, July 14-23 and the Ozark Assembly at Ozark July 23-30. The State B.Y.P.U. Convention will be held in connection with the Arcadia Heights Assembly August 1-15. This will be immediately followed by the last assembly of the summer at Van Buren, August 17-24. In the first four assemblies, mission study courses are offered for all W.M.U. grades and at Van Buren, the smallest assembly, there will be two classes, one for adults and the other for the young people. Mrs. Maud Reynolds McLure comes for service at the Jewell Assembly as the gracious gift of Woman's Missionary Union and Miss Blanche Sydnor White to Arcadia Heights under the same delightful arrangement.—*Mrs. J. G. Reynolds*

## UNION NOTES

### ROUND TABLE

UNDER direction of Dr. H. W. O. Millington, Executive Secretary for Columbia Association of Baptists, Washington Baptists enjoyed a School of Methods and Instruction with a complete southern faculty, March 23-29. Next year the teachers will be from Northern Baptist circles. Dr. Dobbins, Dr. Burroughs, Dr. Gaines of Richmond, Mr. Strickland, Miss Lillian Forbes, Mrs. Blankenship. Mrs. Shumate ably presented best methods in Sunday school work. Mr. Preston of Tennessee, taught the B.Y.P.U. Manual and Miss Juliette Mather conducted the mission study class. It met at the first class hour, devotional at 4:45 and class five to fifty so the women and men enrolled were busily studying the Sunrise Kingdom at sunset time for the text used was *The Woman and the Leaven in Japan*.

THE young women of Washington are divided in the names adopted by the missionary organizations in different churches as some choose to be called W. W.G's.—World Wide Guild, while others as heartily favor Y.W.A., Young Woman's Auxiliary, but in purpose and zealous ardour their hearts are one. Fifth and West Washington Baptist churches have almost full graded Women's Missionary Unions and Chevy Chase Church invited the young people's secretary of W.M.U. to speak at regular Sunday services. First Church "Mothers and Daughters," Immanuel W. W. G., and Fifth and West Washington Y.W.A.'s. entertained with delightful dinners for her, while Thursday afternoon "missionary minded" women of the District graciously honored Mrs. H. W. Peabody and Miss Mather with an informal tea. "The City of Magnificent Distances" forgot the distance to Birmingham and welcomed our secretary as cordially as if she lived "just across the way".

NORTH Carolina W.M.U. met in annual session April 1 to 3 at Goldsboro. Mrs. W. N. Jones presided in her own efficient and beautiful way. Reports showed marked progress in all

lines while plans for next year included a salaried young people's leader which will surely mean even more work for missionary education in our junior organizations that resulted from the unselfish volunteer services of former splendid department directors. "Seeing the Unseen with W.M.U." was cleverly adapted for state use by Miss Mary Warren, corresponding secretary. Miss Juliette Mather represented the Union at this session.

PEACH blossom time and Divisional Institutes in Georgia make a delightful combination. Mrs. James and Miss Mather represented the General Union at different meetings in Lithonia, Columbus, Moultrie, Toccoa and LaFayette and each found splendid zeal, fine true enthusiasm and noble determination to finish tasks at hand and go on to greater ones. Atlanta practised up for receiving hundreds of W.M.U. visitors by entertaining first the city union in honor of Mrs. James and some ten days later the young people's council of leaders for Miss Mather. The skill shown at each lovely occasion proved that Atlanta was already perfected in the art and practise was unnecessary.

"ALL Gaul is divided into three parts", we painfully discovered in the days of our youth. All Tennessee, we find, by preference, politics and sentiment is divided into three sections. Following this natural division, Tennessee W.M.U. has three divisional conventions each spring—eastern, middle and western. The Eastern Tennessee Convention met this year for the first time separate from the S.S. and B.Y.P.U. Convention and found this an ideal arrangement. Johnson City was the gracious hostess. Mrs. Cox, the lovely state president, Miss Northington, the "old-new" secretary, Miss Dye, young people's leader, and Miss Olive Edens, Tennessee's light-bearer to Africa, thrilled the splendid delegation of more than two hundred outside representatives with the joy of the great task before W.M.U. Middle

Tennessee assembled in Springfield for an enthusiastic and inspiring meeting, hearing the state workers mentioned above and, in addition, Dr. Scarborough, Mrs. Shepard, of Brazil, and Mrs. Etter, in Paris, an exquisite little city, for a helpful meeting. Dr. Scarborough brought the missionary message, no foreign or home missionaries being available. Between the conventions, Miss Northington and your field worker visited twelve associational and local meetings. One million dollars from Tennessee Baptist women for the Campaign before May 1, 1924, was the slogan from east to west.

ARKANSAS is called the "Wonder State", and this year it added to its wonders a "wonderful" W.M.U. annual meeting. The reports, the plans, the spirit were refreshing. Nowhere is W.M.U. work on firmer foundations than in Arkansas. Miss Mary Jayne, of Pawnee, Oklahoma, brought the home mission appeal; Dr. George Green, of Ogbomoso, Africa, the foreign mission inspiration; the inter-state interests were also well represented. Young people's night brought living pictures of the past twelve months' work in that department, as the Y.W.A. camps, G.A. house party, summer assemblies and other activities of the year passed in review. A state-wide R.A. house party was announced and then we "wonder" what will be planned for Sunbeams. Something worth while we know. Over every department hovers the capable and generous and motherly interest of Mrs. Jackson, the "wonder" secretary of Arkansas' W.M.U. work.

UNION workers who profit so much by Mrs. W. R. Nimmo's painstaking study and interesting presentation of each month's program will enjoy this word she sends about the Convention of the Woman's National Committee on Law Enforcement which met in Washington in April. She says: We had a wonderful day in Washington. The meeting was held in the Washington Hotel, in the Hall of Nations. There were splendid addresses from the secretary of the navy, the new attorney general, the assistant attorney general (a woman), and those from other women speakers were fine. There were Mrs. H. W. Peabody, Kathleen Norris, Katherine Lee

Bates and a dozen others. Mrs. Herbert Hoover presided. In the afternoon we were received at the White House by the president and Mrs. Coolidge. In the evening there was a very beautifully arranged pageant, "Liberty in Law", with music by the Marine Band and talks by several senators. I can only mention the luncheon and its after-"dinner" speakers though I would like to describe it fully. Altogether I do not think I ever spent a more interesting day.

A LETTER comes from the librarian at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with the request that we give notice through ROYAL SERVICE that the library is exceedingly anxious to secure as rapidly as possible a complete set of the W.M.U. Minutes. Those who have old copies will please take note of this request. Cooperation in accomplishing this desire of the seminary will be greatly appreciated as a complete file of these minutes will be of great value in the mission studies in the seminary. Those who have copies they are willing to part with should address them to L. R. Elliott, Librarian, Box 37, Seminary Hill, Texas.

MANY states made a fine record in the All-Year Campaign for ROYAL SERVICE subscriptions and renewals. Be sure to look on page 36 and see whether your state is one that put its name on the flag. If you know a W.M.U. worker who is not subscribing to this magazine see her today and tell her what she is missing by not having the programs, method suggestions and Union news it brings every month.

RECENTLY the Southern Baptist Handbook for 1923 has been received at headquarters. It represents many months of painstaking research and will be exceedingly valuable for reference. The first part of the book is devoted to a survey of the more than 22,000 rural churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention and gives in the compass of 190 small pages a most thorough discussion of the rural church situation. Dr. E. P. Alldredge and his Department of Survey, Statistics and Information as well as the Sunday School Board are to be congratulated upon getting out this publication.

## REACHING THE STANDARD

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from the church may be to teach one person to read and write, to help one young mother to learn the proper feeding of her baby, to lead one lost soul to the Saviour; these are things that count for time and eternity.

After the survey has been made and a line of work decided upon, a definite plan of work is considered. The committee counts the cost in time, in strength, in money, finds the proper leadership, sees that the undertaking is not too elaborate. It is better to begin something that can be successfully carried out than to attempt the impossible and fail, thereby bringing discouragement to all connected with it.

The most compelling appeal in enlisting workers is the promise the plan offers of real service one may render. The same kind of enthusiasm and devotion and perseverance are required for the Lord's work as are needed elsewhere. Discrimination and tact are needed in giving people certain responsibilities so that each may do the work for which she is best fitted. But there is some place where each may serve, and the efficient committee will help each to find her place until all are working together for the coming of His kingdom on earth.—Mrs. Chas. E. Madry, N. C.

## FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

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in this beautiful way to do this for the Master. The magazine was enthusiastically voted to be supported by subscriptions from the societies. When the expenses of this meeting were added up we found that almost the entire expense had been met by the societies. Only twenty-five dollars were needed from the Mission, whereas before the Mission had to finance the meeting in order to get the women to come to learn of the importance of woman's work for

the Master. All of this was accomplished at one meeting, in spite of the fact that the Executive Committee expected only a part of this to be undertaken for one year's work. Surely God is leading.

We shall never forget the last hour of the meeting. Never before in our seventeen years of service in Japan have we heard such prayers of consecration and devotion as the women offered to their Heavenly Father at this meeting. Surely God's spirit was at work and is at work now. Pray for us that we shall be able to help lead these women into greater service for their Master—Maude B. Dozier, Japan

## HOME DEPARTMENT

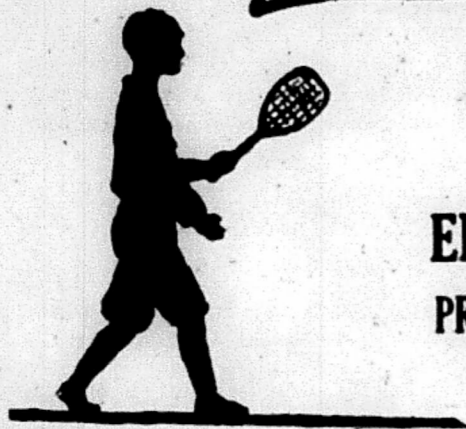
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king was astounded at Egilona's marvelous beauty and vowed that he would marry this Moorish princess.

"Have no fear of me," he said, "I beg only the honor of placing my heart and my kingdom at your feet, most peerless of princesses." Egilona extended her hand which the king gallantly kissed, then led her outside of the tent and presented her to the court. Side by side they rode on gaily caparisoned horses to the Alcazar.

"After a time Egilona ceased to mourn her Algerian home and the bridegroom she had never seen. Roderigo, by kindness and devotion, won her love and she consented to become his queen. She abandoned the Moslem religion and accepted Christianity. It was in this way that Spain acquired a Moorish queen."

When Felipe spoke of Christianity he referred to the Catholic faith in which is worshipped a Christ forever nailed to the cross. To these little shepherds of Spain we must carry a better knowledge, that they may lift hands and hearts to a living Christ—a Christ who loves them and invites them into His heavenly fold.—Written for ROYAL SERVICE by Dorothea Dixon



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