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Our Girls, Here and There

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EDITORIAL



"I HAD PLANNED, BUT—"



COMMONLY does one hear some such expression as "I had planned to do so and so but now it is not necessary because" and there follows one reason after another. Five years ago this December southern Baptists "planned" through their pledges to raise before 1925 the goodly sum of 92 millions "but now" it remains to be seen if they really did purpose so to do. Of the 92 millions 22 millions were pledged by the women and young people "but now" they must feel the urge of the obligation if victory be won. Therefore, each W.M.S. and Y.W.A. member who can possibly do so is asked to be an "Emergency Woman" by giving over and above her pledge at least \$15 more to the Campaign. It is truly remarkable how many other things represent "only \$15". For instance, a southern Baptist woman recently said: "I have at last found a hall clock to put in that space where now hangs a piece of tapestry. I have decided to get the clock. It costs only \$15."

Hearing similar remarks, Mrs. J. L. Johnson of Mississippi writes: "Mrs. B. had bought for herself a coatsuit. She had already brought it home and liked it fine, but on opening her mail she received an urgent invitation from some friends to visit them. The suit, blouse and hat she had were plenty good to stay at home but if she were going away, she felt that she needed to look just a little better. She had not been on a real trip for more than a year, and she really had not intended to spend any more on clothes, but in this emergency she thought it was permissible. She went back down town and exchanged the suit for one she liked a little better and also got a blouse and a few other accessories to match. When she got home she congratulated herself that the whole exchange had cost her only \$15!—Mrs. M. had fixed her daughter up beautifully to go to college. The trunk had been packed with the greatest care and the loving mother could not think of one thing that was lacking. However, when Blanche reached her school she found that a certain kind of little dress was all the go; so she wrote urging her mother to let her have one. The mother's common sense told her that the girl did not need the dress, but the girl was far away and she had in her heart a very tender, loving feeling for her. Any way the dress would cost her only \$15, so she sent it to her.—Mrs. S. was very well satisfied with her little home, not thinking of making even one change, but presto! she received a telegram from her son saying he had married and was bringing his bride home for a little visit. Everything in the little house *would do* but it would make a better impression on this new member of the family if the curtains in the living-room were fresher. With her own hands she laundered the parts and bought some pretty bright material for the over draperies. How satisfied she felt to see how much improved the room was and it had cost only \$15".

Space forbids mentioning even a few of the many enterprises represented in the Campaign which are now saying: "I had planned to build this dormitory, to finish this hospital, to equip this printing plant, to open up this new station, to use more native workers but now I must send girls and boys back from our crowded Christian schools to their heathen homes, I must refuse relief to the helpless sick, must curtail the distribution of Bibles, must say no to inquirers seeking a leader for their village. I had planned but now!" Oh, the tragedy of it! Oh, the useless suffering it entails! Especially is this so, if the financial rating

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UNIFIED PROGRAM OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

DECEMBER is decidedly interesting, always. Of course the primal reason for this is couched in its Christmas. Another asset is its affording an entrance into the New Year, for no matter how wonderful the past most people eagerly press toward the future. Again, December is fascinating because it includes the "Winter solstice"—the year's shortest day, the earth's least chance for sunshine. Truly, December is thrice interesting!

This particular December is of unusual interest to southern Baptists for during it, as stated in the foregoing article, every energy is to be concentrated for the victorious completion of the Baptist 75 Million Campaign. Not only is this so but, like the month itself, it ushers in the new financial year for the denomination. Its first week, beginning really on November 30 and lasting through the 7th, has been selected by the Southern Baptist Convention as the time for securing pledges for the new year's work, state and southwide. A very earnest effort will be made during that week to reach the entire constituency but because of the many once-a-month churches and the many absentee members the canvass doubtless will cover the whole month. Devoutly it is hoped that every member of any one of the various W.M.U. organizations will make his or her pledge as early in December as possible.

The question naturally arises: "How long will this new pledge last?" The answer is: "Only during the calendar year of 1925". This comes as a great relief to any who during the five years of the 75 Million Campaign got frightened for fear they could not redeem the long-time pledge. No, this new pledge is for only the one year and thus every one can with humble faith in the "enabling power" of God make a worthwhile pledge. You know that early in the spring-time you plant your fall dahlias and that you rejoice to bud them and stake them, to fertilize and water them all through the long summer months, anticipating their bountiful, beautiful bloom! Even so, have faith to pledge to this new year's program.

Another question will occur to you: "What causes are included in this unified effort?" The happy answer is: "Orphanages, aged ministers, hospitals, schools, state missions, home missions and foreign missions"—by actual count seven "for 'none' in the church-yard lie"—by actual listing the very self-same objects as those included in the Baptist 75 Million Campaign, these seven causes summing up all the state and southwide interests of the denomination. Most people have their favorites even in such a uniformly worthy list and yet no southern Baptist desires to see a single cause dropped from the unified program but is eager to have each receive its pro rata share.

A third tremendously important question is: "How much shall I pledge for the year?" Only God and you can make the answer but lest any one hesitate to bring into His store-house the offerings as well as the tithe it will be well to repeat that December is the Christmas month. "Peace on earth, good will" it surely proclaims but it is also the measure of God's generous heart for He so loved that He gave. Certainly one is hardly expected to pauperize herself to help others and yet God gave His only Son that memorable December and at least twice during His earthly life that Son publicly commended lavish giving. Yes, each of us will this December want to give "good measure" pressed down, running over!"

One compelling reason for so doing will be the fact that for fully two-thirds of the earth's population there has not yet dawned even the "winter solstice" chance at the Light of Life. To millions there has not yet been given the least opportunity to know God who made Christmas possible. For the love of Him and them we will plan and pledge this December to give all during 1925 according "as God hath prospered him", "not grudgingly nor of necessity" and yet "the King's business requireth haste!"

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING TO CHINA

At the annual W.M.U. meeting last May in Atlanta the following resolution was passed, being incorporated in the year's "Plan of Work":

In contrast to the policy of the 75 Million Campaign, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions shall not be in the general denominational budget for 1925 but shall be over and above the pledge made for the denominational program. The special envelopes should be generally distributed, carefully ingathered and the offering promptly forwarded according to the state's policy. The record should be carefully kept and reported as such.

By the practically unanimous vote of the W.M.U. Executive Committee it has been decided for this year to give the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to certain definite causes in China, each of the four missions being remembered. After consultation with Dr. J. F. Love, the following list of objects has been selected, the divisions being made not only with the interests of the varying ages in mind but also with the hope that each organization may reach the financial aim represented by the particular interest or interests, the average rate of increase being about 25 per cent over the respective Christmas Offerings of last year. Thus it is that the total aim is \$50,000, this being thought of as our minimum ideal. However, in writing to Dr. Love and to each station included in the special causes, care has been taken to explain that we do not promise to raise \$50,000 and that, should we raise less, each cause would receive only its pro rata share. We also gave forth the hope that we might raise more than \$50,000, thus making it possible for other most needy causes in China to be helped. Dr. Love and the missionaries have also been told that our program will as in former years deal with all phases and fields of our world-wide work but that special emphasis will, of course, be put upon the causes to which the offering will be applied. So far as the week's program for the women is concerned, only Wednesday will be given to China and only a part of that Wednesday's program to the five causes for which the women's offering will be used. The objects are as follows:

Sunbeams—Completing Girls' School Building, Shiuchow—	\$2,500
Royal Ambassadors and Girls' Auxiliaries—	
Land and Wall for Boys' School, Yangchow—\$1,500	\$1,500
Furnishing Girls' School, Shiuchow—\$500	\$500
Young Women's Auxiliaries	
Medical Missionary's Residence, Lanchow—\$3,500	\$3,500
Land for This Residence, Lanchow—\$700	\$700
Woman's Missionary Societies	
Yates Academy Compound, Soochow—\$20,000	\$20,000
Foreign and Chinese Nurses' Home, Yangchow—\$5,000	\$5,000
Home for Single Women Missionaries, Chengchow—\$3,300	\$3,300
High School Girls' Dormitory, Hwanghien—\$3,500	\$3,500
Land for This Dormitory, Hwanghien—\$7,500	\$7,500
Water Supply and Sewerage, Macao—\$1,000	\$1,000
W.M.S. Total	\$41,300
Grand Total	\$50,000

To the state W.M.U. headquarters the programs and envelopes for the various organizations have been sent. It is earnestly hoped that when each society, whether of women or young people, receives its supply it will carefully study the suggestions and will joyfully plan to celebrate Christmas by having each of its members give of their "best to the Master".

Surely during her forty years in China, the cultured Miss Moon consecrated her best. The year she died, 1912, there was a debt on the Foreign Mission Board. So heavily did this fact weigh on her mind, crowded with China's needs, that she refused to eat, lest she burden the Board, lest she keep help from China. It is more than a coincidence that when the "day" broke for her it was Christmas morning and she was "forever with the Lord". May He grant that because of this 37th Christmas Offering to China, made for His glory and in her memory, thousands of Chinese may like her learn the real meaning of Christmas.



BIBLE STUDY



TOPIC—The Cure of Longing

I. *Expectation of a Glorious One*, of a Deliverer, cheered the world in its gloomiest darkness: Gen. 3:15; Isa. 7:14; 9:6, 7; Gal. 4:4; John 16:28; Heb. 9:27, 28; I John 4:9, 10. Death is a consequence of sin and is universal, Gen. 3:19; Rom. 5:12-14; Isa. 1:18. This expectation of a wonderful person to change and mould the destiny of the world was not confined to one nation, Gen. 14:18-20; Job 19:25; Num. 24:17; Matt. 2:12. From the depth of the dreary desert we hear a voice, Matt. 3:3; Mark 1:3—Make a highway for our God, Isa. 40:3-5. The wise with sublime faith and lofty contemplation watched for that morning which was to know no night, Mal. 3:1-6, 16, 17; Luke 1:76-79.

II. *Guilt*: "A fearful looking for of judgment", Heb. 10:27; Rev. 14:7. Wherever a human being is there is found consciousness of guilt. Belshazzar's countenance changes at the handwriting on the wall which he can not read, Dan 5:6. Repentance cannot atone for guilt, Micah 6:6, 7. The great want of the guilty world is the atonement of Calvary, "the Lamb of God", John 1:29; Isa. 45:23. All are dead in sin, Eph. 2:1. Such is the natural condition of the world under the wrath of God, Matt. 3:7; Luke 3:7; I Thess. 1:10; Rom. 5:9; 7:24, 25; 3:10-20. Every provision of the Gospel speaks to man as carrying within himself the consciousness of wants which make him poor and blind and naked, Rev. 3:17. There is a guilt and ruin such as no human expedient could meet and because of this, Acts 4:12, the great salvation provided by Christ must triumph. The spiritual wants of every age, class and clime declare how worthy of all acceptance is the faithful saying, I Tim. 1:15; Rom. 1:16; where Christ is not known there are waiting multitudes for deliverance which only He can give, Rom. 8:23; John 8:36.

III. *Eternal Love*: Ps. 67:1-7; John 3:16, 17. Christ's death was a pledge of divine love, for the Father loved us before we knew Him, Rom. 8:31-39. How important for us to be fully persuaded of His love. How wonderful to contemplate what Christ brings to us with Himself; He is the pledge of God's immense love for us, of all heavenly treasures, that nothing should be wanting for the happiness of God's children, I Cor. 3:21-23; I John 3:1, 2, 16; 4:8, 11-21. We are to be assured of His love, Isa. 45:22; John 6:37-40; 12:46; 16:23-26; Eph. 3:16-21. Christ is the desire of all nations! Why are so many nations still ignorant of Him? The good tidings shall be to all people, Luke 2:10.

IV. *A Satisfying Portion*: Ps. 107:7; 34:10, 19; Luke 1:53; Isa. 55:7; John 14:8. Cast upon Him all your care, and your desire will be happiness found in Christ, I Pet. 5:7; only Jesus can give true happiness. He only can say "Come unto Me", Matt. 11:28-30. In Him only we find praise and glory, Phil. 1:9-11. Through Him we have knowledge and power, Eph. 1:15-21. The mind of man can only truly rejoice in Christ, John 14:6. The heart longing is only satisfied in Him, John 14:21, 23, 26, 27. Jesus only is our true joy because He alone reveals God; He is the image of the invisible God, Col. 1:15; the brightness of the Father's glory, Heb. 1:3. How anxious we should be to give to others the knowledge of salvation and follow His command, Matt. 28:19, 20. The Redeemer's chariot shall roll on till the desire shall become the delight of all nations, Isa. 25:6-9; 32: 1, 2; Ps. 72: 8-15, 19; Heb. 1:8-12; Rev. 5:9-13.—Mrs. James Pollard



DAILY BIBLE READINGS



TOPIC—The Cure for Longing

*"Upon Thy Word I rest
Each pilgrim day
This golden staff is best
For all the way.
What Jesus Christ hath spoken
Cannot be broken.*

Expectation

Monday, 1st

Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7: 14; 9:6, 7

Tuesday, 2d

Isaiah 2:2-6; Jeremiah 23:5, 6

Wednesday, 3d

Isaiah 11:1-12; Jeremiah 33:11, 14, 15

Thursday, 4th

Isaiah 40: 10; 53:10, 61:1-4

Friday, 5th

Malachi 4:2, 5, 6; Matthew 1:21; Luke 1: 68, 69

Saturday, 6th

Romans 5: 1-11; 8:18-25

Sunday, 7th

2 Corinthians 1:20; Romans 11:36; Psalm 62:5

Guilt

Monday, 8th

Genesis 6:5-7; 2 Kings 17:14-16; Psalm 7:11-16

Tuesday, 9th

1 Samuel 16:7; Jeremiah 17:9, 10; Psalm 139: 23, 24

Wednesday, 10th

Romans 3: 23; 5:1-14; 14:23

Thursday, 11th

Hebrews 10:26-31; 2 Timothy 3:1-5

Friday, 12th

Romans 5:8, 15-21; 6:2, 7-10

Saturday, 13th

Ephesians 2:1-8; Colossians 2:13; John 5:25, 26

Sunday, 14th

Psalm 51:1-19; 2 Corinthians 9:15

Eternal Love

Monday, 15th

Deuteronomy 33:27; Psalm 91:1, 2, 14-16

*"Upon Thy Word I rest;
So strong, so sure,
So full of comfort-blessed,
So sweet, so pure;
The charter of salvation,
Faith's broad foundation."*

Tuesday, 16th

Isaiah 63:9; 59:20, 21; Romans 11:26, 27, 36

Wednesday, 17th

John 3:14-17, 36; Romans 6:22, 23; 1 John 4:8-10, 19

Thursday, 18th

Romans 8:31-34; 1 Peter 1:2-5

Friday, 19th

John 6:37-40; 13:1; 14:21

Saturday, 20th

John 15:9-17; 16:27; 17:23-26

Sunday, 21st

Romans 8:35-39; Revelation 1:5, 6; 3:20, 21

A Satisfying Portion

Monday, 22d

Deuteronomy 32:8-10; Psalm 16:5, 6; 73:26, 28

Tuesday, 23d

Jeremiah 24:7; 30:22; Zechariah 8:8; Malachi 3:17

Wednesday, 24th

Psalm 77:14-20; 78:52; 48:14

Thursday, 25th

Isaiah 7:14; 9:6, 7; Luke 2:8-20

Friday, 26th

Isaiah 12:1-6; Psalm 100:1-5

Saturday, 27th

Psalm 27:1-14; 107:9, 43

Sunday, 28th

Matthew 11:28-30; John 6:35-37, 44

Monday, 29th

Luke 1:68-79; Romans 6:22

Tuesday, 30th

Philippians 1:6; Colossians 3:4; Galatians 2:20; 3:26-29

Wednesday, 31st

John 14: 1-3, 10-23; Revelation 5:9

Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists

December, 1924

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

Topic: Our Girls Here and There

1—MONDAY

Praise God that youth has its place in every age of the world
The promise is unto you and and to your children and all that are afar off.—Acts 2:39

2—TUESDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Beddoe as they return to medical evangelism in South China
I will put my trust in Him.—Hebrews 2:13

3—WEDNESDAY

For ever increasing power in evangelistic work of Rev. C. J. Lowe, Kweilin, China, and for Mrs. Lowe and the children on furlough
They shall walk after the Lord.—Hosea 11:10

4—THURSDAY

That general missionary work of Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Newton, Hwanghsien, China, be blessed of the Spirit
In Me is thine help.—Hosea 13:9

5—FRIDAY

For educational and evangelistic work of Misses J. W. Lide, Blanche Bradley and Mary Lawton, Hwanghsien, China
Strong in faith, giving glory to God.—Romans 4:20

6—SATURDAY

That healing of body and soul reward medical service of Dr. and Mrs. T. O. Hearn, Laiyang, China, now on furlough
He worketh the work of the Lord.—1 Corinthians 16:10

7—SUNDAY

Pray that God so possess us that Campaign defeat be impossible.
Ye are bought with a price; therefore, glorify God.—1 Corinthians 6:20

8—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. H. H. McMillan and Rev. and Mrs. Edward Bostick, Jr., Soochow, China
Preaching the Gospel of Christ.—2 Corinthians 10:14

9—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Dawes, Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Mashburn and Miss Ethel Ramsbottom, Tsinan, China
I will dwell in them.—2 Corinthians 6:16

10—WEDNESDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. L. O. Wilkerson, on furlough and for Miss Katie Murray, Chengchow, China
We shall also reign with Him.—2 Timothy 2:12

11—THURSDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Bryan, medical evangelism, Hwanghsien, China
The Lord stood with me and strengthened me.—2 Timothy 4:17

12—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. M. O. Cheek and Mr. W. E. Hines, general missionary work, Shanghai, China
He giveth power.—Isaiah 40:29

13—SATURDAY

For educational and evangelistic service of Mrs. W. H. Sears, Pingtu, China
I have called thee . . . thou art Mine.—Isaiah 43:1

14—SUNDAY

Be in constant prayer that God set His approval on efforts for completion of Campaign Fund.
That we . . . take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.—2 Corinthians 8:4

15—MONDAY

That the work of Misses Florence Jones, Pearl Caldwell and Bonnie Ray, Pingtu, China, yield a rich harvest, Miss Ray being on furlough
Thou shalt not be forgotten of Me.—Isaiah 44:21

†W.M.U. Training School Alumnae

Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists December, 1924

*"It is coming, Old Earth, it is coming tonight!
On the snowflakes which cover the sod
The feet of the Christ-child fall gentle and white,
And the voice of the Christ-child tells out with delight
That mankind are the children of God."—PHILLIPS BROOKS.*

Topic: Our Girls Here and There

16—TUESDAY

For Misses H. F. Sallee, †Pearl Johnson and †Rose Marlowe, Shanghai, China
That God in all things may be glorified
—1 Peter 4:11

17—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. David Bryan, evangelistic work, Pingtu, China
The Lord shall be a light unto me.
—Micah 7:8

18—THURSDAY

For Professor and Mrs. C. H. Westbrook and Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Webster, Shanghai Baptist College, China
Of Him and through Him and to Him are all things.—Romans 11:36

19—FRIDAY

For Misses †Sophie Lanneau, Blanche Groves and †Hannah Plowden, Soochow, China, Miss Lanneau being on furlough
He which . . . hath anointed us is God.—2 Corinthians 1:21

20—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Fielder and †Miss Winifred P. Moxon, Chengchow, China
He that . . . serveth Christ is acceptable to God.—Romans 14:18

21—SUNDAY

That untouched opportunities be laid hold upon through large Campaign results
That the residue of men might seek after the Lord—Acts 15:17

22—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Hipps and Rev. and Mrs. T. Neil Johnson, Shanghai Baptist College, China
Ye are also the called of Jesus Christ.—Romans 1:6

23—TUESDAY

Pray for the overflowing gifts for definite objects of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
For some have not the knowledge of God.—1 Corinthians 15:34

24—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. E. Eugene Steele and Mrs. W. E. Crocker, Shanghai, China, Mrs. Crocker being on furlough
We preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus the Lord.—2 Corinthians 4:5

25—THURSDAY

Praise God for that good and perfect gift, the gift unspeakable, His life, His love, His very self in Jesus Christ.—MALTBIE BARCOCK.
The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ.—Romans 6:23

26—FRIDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. Frank Connely and †Miss Mary Crawford, Tsiningchow, China
Your work shall be rewarded.
—2 Corinthians 15:17

27—SATURDAY

For evangelistic work of Rev. R. L. Bausum at Kweilin, China
It is God that girdeth me with strength.
—Psalm 18:32

28—SUNDAY

Pray that our year may close with a true balance in our account with God
Shall I count them pure with the wicked balances?—Micah 6:11

29—MONDAY

Thanksgiving for the fourteen new missionaries recently appointed to foreign fields
They shall be as stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign.
—Zechariah 9:16

30—TUESDAY

That God richly bless missionary service of †Miss Hattie Stallings, Kweilin, China
Because I live, ye shall live also.
—John 14:19

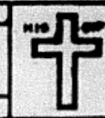
31—WEDNESDAY

Pray that a great ingathering of precious souls crown the closing year.
The Son of man is come to save.
—Matthew 18:11

†W.M.U. Training School Alumna



MY ALABASTER BOX



A NOTABLE EXAMPLE

NEARLY seventy years ago a Baptist preacher in one of our southern states went in and out among the scattered villages and the lonely farm houses, preaching the "Good News". His wife went with him, singing the story.

Today this "Gospel Singer", who has out-lived her husband and four children and who has not walked a step in thirty years without her crutches, is living with her grandson. She has no income save a small pension received from the government as the widow of a Confederate soldier. She believes in, preaches and practices tithing and when possible gives her free-will offerings.

Some months ago the grandson was ill for weeks, funds ran low in the family treasury, he could not pay his Campaign pledge on time, nor did there seem a chance for him to do so at an early date. "Grandma" had saved a few dollars to help with her burial expenses, saying she could not bear that her Home-going should be much of a burden on her family. She spoke with sorrow of how small this fund was and how slowly it grew. When the days passed and her "boy" could not redeem his vow unto the Lord she quietly gave most of her *treasure* into the hands of the church treasurer and paid that pledge up-to-date, saying, "I will trust my Father to provide all my needs".

Surely "she hath done what she could".—*Louisiana*

"MY GOD SHALL SUPPLY EVERY NEED"

SHE loved her Lord with devotion and was pleased always to bring her best gifts to Him. There came one of those times of especial stress and her church issued a most urgent call for funds. Her heart answered but her hands were empty. There was only money for the barest necessities—simple food and nothing to spare for clothing. Her husband, home from war and ill, needed the tenderest care. Winter winds were just around the corner and she desperately needed a warm wrap. Her chief concern was the great Kingdom need which called and her own hands were empty. What should she do? What, but take it to God in prayer?

Two days passed. A letter came. Her young son, somewhere in the great world, getting his start, wrote lovingly, enclosing a small amount of money to cover the cost of the wrap he knew she needed. And the mother wondered. She had prayed—here was money. Joyously and without hesitation she took it all to her church for Him. She did not know but somehow she could manage without the wrap. Two weeks slipped by and there came a package and a letter. Her sister in a distant city had thought perhaps she could find some use for this slightly worn wrap. As she felt its comforting warmth she paused, reverently thinking "My God shall supply every need of yours", and the place about her was filled with the aroma of her "Alabaster Box".—*Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, Mo.*

EDITORIALS

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of southern Baptists be not over-estimated—\$1,500,000,000 a year. Surely in five years our Campaign gifts will total 92 millions! Surely thousands of southern Baptist women will this very December say: "I had planned but" I'll gladly give the \$15 and be an "Emergency Woman". Surely hundreds of societies and circles will at once pay in, above all they or their members have done, at least \$15, thus claiming the woman's prerogative to change the mind and say "I had planned but—".

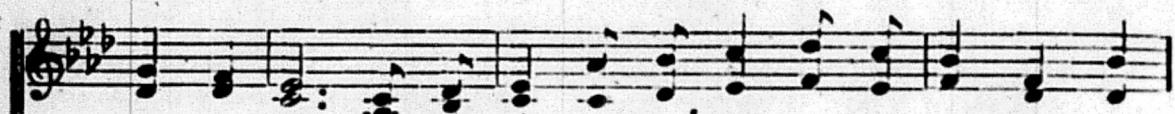
We Will Carry It Through

Mrs. E. A. M.

Mrs. E. A. MacDowell



1. How our hearts burned with love as we made our vow, How we thrilled to a
2. Oh, the Mas-ter is watch-ing with lov-ing eyes, As He did once in
3. There are those who would go at the Sav-ior's call, But they wait by a



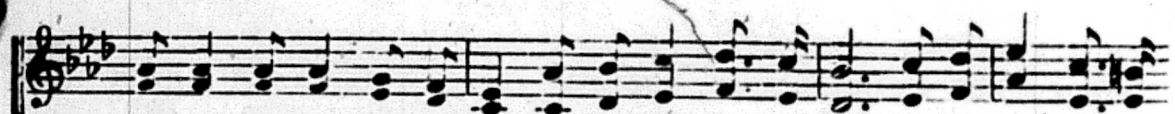
pur- pose true; We will rise in our faith to the con- flict now,
days of yore; He is prov- ing the hearts of His chil- dren now,
fast-closed door; Will you an- swer and say, "I have giv- en all,



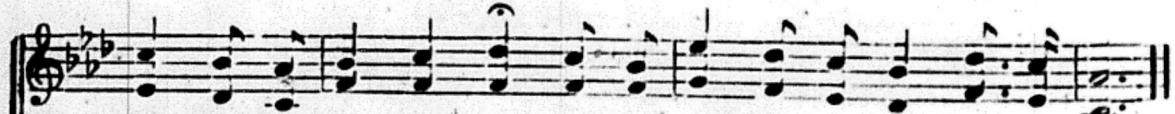
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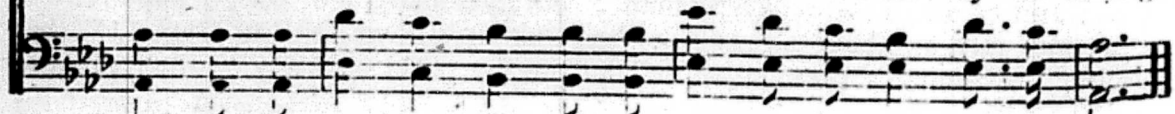
We will do what we said we'd do.
As He waits by the treas-ury door. We will car- ry it thro', We'll
I will give what I pledged and more."



car- ry it thro', We will do what we promised to do; For our love will a-



vail, it can nev- er fail, We will work and we'll car- ry it through.



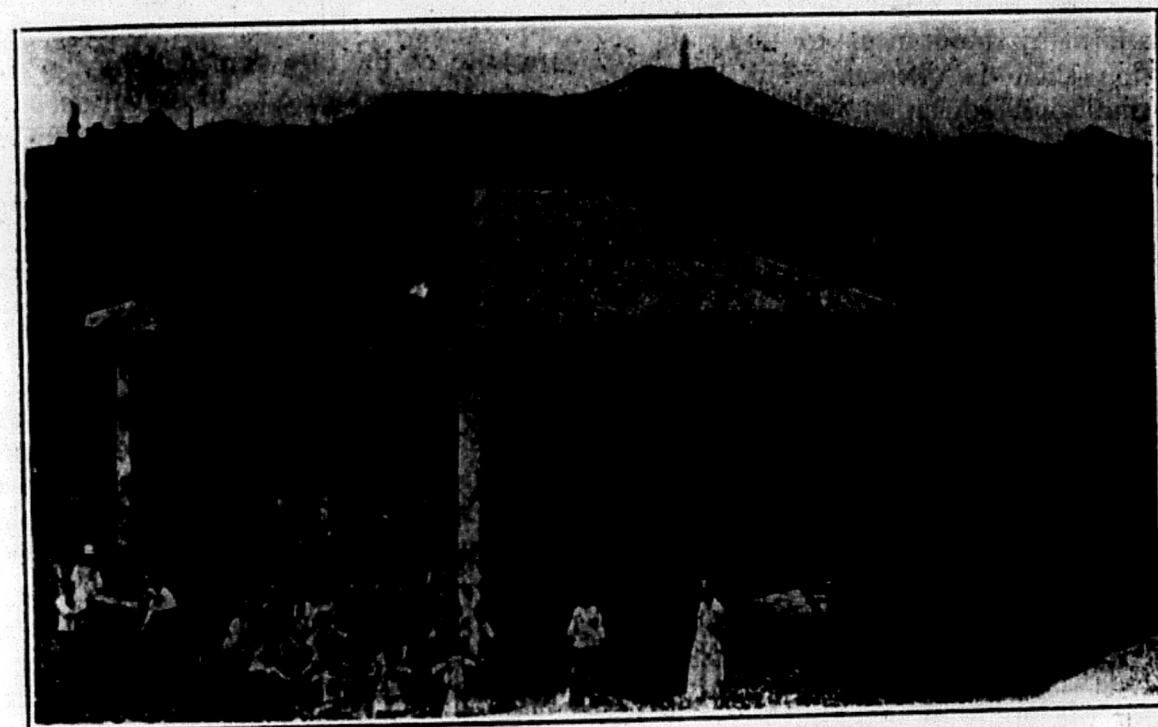
PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER



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 Building, Birmingham, Ala.

OUR GIRLS HERE AND THERE

When we are out of sympathy with the young, then I think our work in this world is over.—George MacDonald



Play-Time After Study with Mrs. Geo. Leavell, Kindergarten, Wuchow, China

Song Service—Joy to the World: O
Zion, Haste; Fairest Lord Jesus: O
Come All Ye Faithful

Prayer Season—Expressing Grati-
tude, Praise, Loyalty and Worship

Bible Study (See page 7.)

Hymn—Fourth Stanza of O Little
Town of Bethlehem

Personal Service Period (See page 32.)

Prayer for Christmas Spirit of Service

Youth Movements of the World

The Spirit of Youth in Central Eu-
rope

Cherry Blossom Girls

The Youth of Ten Thousand Ages

The Rising Tide in South America

The Discarded Mantilla

Girl Material for World Building

The Appeal of Youth

Reading—Christmas Bells around
the World (See Home Department,
page 29.)

Ingathering of Lottie Moon Christ-
mas Offering

Closing Prayer

YOUTH MOVEMENTS OF THE WORLD

"THE youth of all lands have more in common than youth and age of the same country" is a quotation from a lecture given to students in one of our large universities. If this is true there lies in the youth of the world a united power for good or evil that may either usher in a new heaven and a new earth or let loose powers of evil that will exclude heaven and utterly destroy the earth. While youth is powerful and will always have its place in the affairs of the world there are many hindrances to unity of action such as differences in language, traditions, education, aims, home surroundings, climate and even food, which make almost insurmountable barriers between races. And then the world still belongs to God and He will not give it over to either youth or age for direction and government. Still it is to be noted that in almost every large country on the globe there are now youth movements, mostly among students, the aim of which is to get their governments out of ruts and shove their wheels into smooth running. A large undertaking!

It would be a great and wonderful leader who could assemble the youth of the world into one great organization for the uplift of mankind. "It is significant, however", says Stanley High in his *Revolt of Youth*, "that the most successful effort to consolidate the youth-spirit on the world-wide basis have been made by distinctly Christian organizations. The most noteworthy of this kind is the World's Student Christian Federation. This was organized twenty years ago and has a membership of 260,000 students in forty nations. The Federation has Student Friendship Houses in the chief university cities of the world. Just now they are supporting and directing the European Student Relief of central and eastern Europe. There are also the Young Men's Christian Association and the Young

Women's Christian Association which are world-wide in their workings."

The youth of England, thinking young men and women, clerks, stenographers and skilled laborers, their war jobs ended, are looking for a way out and beginning to think in terms of world movement. These young people, those who fought and those whose brothers fell, are back of any move that will cement the Christian bond between English speaking people. In Germany the youth movement has many phases, national, democratic, socialistic, Catholic and the German Christian movement, the purpose of the last named being to become the "messengers of salvation and the bearers of light". In India youth is in revolt against caste and the present form of government. In all of these movements the young women are active and a good balance for moderation.

THE SPIRIT OF YOUTH IN CENTRAL EUROPE

THE new world map shows that from the ruins of the old Austro-Hungarian Empire a number of small states have arisen. In Hungary, Roumania and Jugoslavia, where we have especial interests, young people are bravely facing all the difficulties that come to a war-shorn country. The following incident will acquaint us with the spirit of youth which prevails and will prevail among these strong boys and girls of healthy mind and heart: "At a conference held last spring at Turnov, Czechoslovakia, every political and racial complication of central Europe was represented. When this crowd, traveling in the same train from Prague, was dumped off at Turnov there were differences enough among them to make a small war. But no, the freemasonry of youth was there also. The whole group divided into two opposing parties—the Greens and the Blues—not to fight but to play. For a full week there were volley ball matches, track meets, cross country hikes, etc., all carried on in the same spirit that would be shown

in any intercollege conference, 'For', said one student who had fought in the war, 'we have lived so close to eternal things these last few years that religious interests and fellowship should now be our chief concern'. Religion and the merry heart are never far apart in youthful Christianity. At the close of the above conference a cable was received from the World's Student Christian Federation meeting in Peking, containing the announcement that the work of European Student Relief would be continued another year". "Blest be the tie (of youth) that binds (young hearts) in Christian love!"

Among the Baptist young people of Hungary, Romania and Jugoslavia there seems to be no problem but that of how to maintain gentle endurance in their struggle for religious liberty. They are giving their musical talent and their fine intelligence to Christian service in their churches, schools and orphanages. "They form", says Dr. Gill, "choral societies, orchestras and bands for rendering sacred music. These groups often go on distant excursions by train to sing and preach the Gospel in new fields". "In the lexicon of their youth there is no such word as fail!"

In the above countries and in Spain and Russia there is still great suffering among the women and girls for the material things of life. American money can expand amazingly because of the exchange. A writer in the *Missionary Review of the World* tells us that "A friend sent a five dollar note. It seemed a small amount but it accomplished the following: two dollars were sent to a Budapest girl medical student. She needed clothing badly but preferred to use the money to purchase a much needed text book. Another two dollars were sent to Prague and bought boxes filled with nuts and apples and a book each for three girl students who were ill in hospitals. The last dollar purchased milk and eggs enough for a month for a poor student under medical care. Fifteen dollars will feed a Russian student for an entire college year". In what

better way could the spirit of youth be used for the glory of God than to avert from it the tragedy of want and suffering? Pray for and send relief to the brave girls of our central European missions. These girls do not need missionaries; they need help that they may become missionaries.

CHERRY BLOSSOM GIRLS

THE Japanese girl is incurably romantic, idealistic and patriotic. If you were to ask her to write an article on her country she would fill it with lotus and cherry blossoms and paragraph it with poetry. She is romantic in her love for the beautiful, idealistic in her love for the best things in life and patriotic in every thought of her heart. So great is her spirit of loyalty that the young Japanese woman educated in America will return to her country and teach for half the salary she would receive elsewhere. It is also said of her that, in spite of the military attitude of her country, she is beginning to boycott military and naval officers as suitors in marriage. Her young heart is singing for peace rather than for the hero, arms and war.

Of the youth of Japan, both young men and girls, Professor Yoshino of the Imperial University in a recent address said: "The coming generation has no power today except the power of thought. But other powers will be theirs when they come into their own. A great change is coming. The new ideas are Christian ideas. Not that they bear the name or are called such or are recognized as such by these young people, but the forces that are pushing them forward have their origin in Christian ideals. A vigorous, powerful, divine force is pushing them forward into a new day. Christianity is the power that is behind the movement". Only the Spirit of Christ can bring the dawn of a new day in the Sunrise Kingdom and that dawn is gilding the eastern skies. To both the educated and the submerged girl of Japan we hasten this new day by enlarging her opportunities for Christian education that she may

become the very best citizen to her new country.



Christmas Snow for China

THE YOUTH OF TEN THOUSAND AGES

EVEN hoary China has her successive generations of youth. Of the two hundred million of women in China we may reasonably say one third of them are girls in the teen age. One public spirited woman in addressing a meeting in Shanghai said that these girls had come to a period of changed outlook and were now a big factor in the present age and went on to say that: From American missionaries Chinese girls first imbibed the sense of human personality which their men-folks had all but denied them. From American schools they learned the sweetness of real freedom and from American homes they drank in the wholesome atmosphere of domestic harmony with which they are making normal the Chinese household. In these homes and schools they have learned the lesson of self-respecting character, whether it be in taking up a professional career, entering the ranks of breadwinners or home-builders. Can we doubt that missionary schools and missionary homes in

China are not molding the lives of the girls of China, teaching them the truth that will make them free indeed? But today there do not begin to be enough schools to care for the thousands of Chinese girls who are seeking an education. In some respects the mission schools are considered superior to those under the government auspices; the number of these should be increased and American young women who are eager to become missionary teachers should be sent at once. China's new woman must be made from China's new girl and this is our especial privilege. Through her we become builders of the New China. This thought adds a thrill to the laying of our Christmas Offering on God's altar for the use of the daughter of a thousand ages.

THE RISING TIDE IN SOUTH AMERICA

REVOLUTIONS are not made; they come like the rising tide, and tides sometimes change the outline of a country. The rising tide of youth in South America has ushered in many changes. Perhaps the student movement in that country lacked a regard for the rights of others but this was participated in mostly by young men. The more gentle women and girl movements were unselfish in their aims and they have gone far to change the viewpoint of the nation. Prohibition, law enforcement, release of child labor and feminism are among the reforms which have grown rapidly in public favor. Their work is an example of the eagerness of these women and girls to enter into the larger life found in organizations for Christian work and benevolence. (See W.M.S. program in April ROYAL SERVICE.)

As in all foreign lands, the girls' schools conducted by women missionaries in South America have been the birthplace of spiritual aspiration and from them have gone out splendid young women as teachers, writers, civic workers and homemakers. Every girl in a school means an open door into the home, every home won for Christ be-

comes a stone in the foundation of the nation. A nation leavened by Christian homes will have few revolutions for "where women are friends, the men do not fight".

THE DISCARDED MANTILLA

STORIES of the activities of hundreds of young women who have emerged from mantillas of Mexico could be told and retold. One will make clear the new spirit among the younger generation in this land of restless confusion. From the bubbling pot oft comes a sweet odor. Of such savor is the story of one who went out to serve the neglected and oppressed: "A young Mexican woman, when investigators showed her the appalling undernourishment of school children who fell on the play ground at the least exertion and who went listless through their lessons, resolved to do something about it. But she could find no help. With her own hands and with a single brazier and kettle she prepared hot milk, coffee (the Mexican children drink coffee) and buns for the children in one of the schools. The results were so remarkable that others became interested. A house and a small sum of money were granted her. Little by little she made new friends who helped her develop the work, and when the writer visited the center in the wee small hours he found several young men and women, with a number of laborers, keeping the fires going under great caldrons of milk and coffee which was poured boiling hot into dairy cans and hustled off in trucks to school in every part of the city. This young woman, still a girl, won her diploma by studying at night. She has filled the offices of city nurse, inspector of police and, as a delegate to the Pan-American Congress at Baltimore, she received a new vision". What is more heartening than to know of such girl material! And there are hundreds like her. "Nothing more significant has happened on the American continent than the rising of these hundreds of Mexican young people to go

out into Christian service." Youth is not the only time to serve the Lord but it is an exceedingly good time.

GIRL MATERIAL FOR WORLD BUILDING

IN many large cities of the world there are organizations of girls which have for their purpose a better racial understanding. In these clubs girls of many nationalities study together, play together and walk the room with arms around each other in true girl-fashion. This is remarkable, for among these nationalities there are those that are warring or being warred upon, but this does not seem to affect the intercourse of the girls. The Turkish girl and the Armenian girl do not share the hatred of their parents. In one of these clubs in an eastern city the Y.W.C.A. has taken much interest and recently reported that one hundred and fifty girls sang a hymn together, singing it in three languages. After singing it, each group in its own tongue, they recited, again in their own tongue, the following declaration: "I believe in God and promise to try to follow the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ and to love and serve my neighbor in His Spirit". How near to the kingdom of God are these girls when they promise to follow His teachings, for these are found only in His Word! Pray that they not only try to follow the teachings of Jesus but will become dear children of His household.

"In the United States girls from sixty-eight countries of the globe are meeting in four little centers which might well be called 'Houses of Friendship'. One of these is in Berkeley, California; one in New York City and two in Chicago. These girls, fifteen hundred strong, have come to the United States for the higher education denied them at home." These girls are the world material of the present generation, capable of becoming polished stones in the temple of our God. Our heavenly Father has sent them to us that we may be "builded together for

an habitation of God". Are we seeking to place them in this safe and enduring structure? Oh, that we may send them home with something more than a diploma—with the love of Christ in their hearts which alone can cement the world countries into a lasting international respect and peace.

"Through forty-one international institutes in the United States last year almost forty thousand contacts were made with women and girls from foreign countries who could speak very little English." Forty thousand opportunities to speak of Christ—for among them were some who could understand and interpret the message to their own countrywomen. Perhaps a larger number of these opportunities did not come to the southern states but in our cities they do come and there are ways of bringing these girls together, especially in our Good Will Centers, for religious instruction and fellowship.

At this blessed season of the year a genuine spirit of fellowship should pervade our common life. Our praise and gratitude should be poured out in gifts for the upbuilding of the kingdom of God, all to be done in such spirit

"As fits the holy Christmas birth,
Be this, good friends, our carol still:
Be peace on earth, be peace on earth
To all of gentle will."

QUESTIONS ON PROGRAM TOPIC FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. How does the youth of the present day differ from "when you were a girl"?
2. What world conditions have created the prominence of youth in this generation?
3. What are the relative duties of age to youth and youth to age?
4. Why is the uprising of youth more apparent in eastern countries than in our own?
5. Would you rather have your daughter entirely domestic or go into public service for the public good?
6. Can your daughter order her life on the same plan as did her grandmother? Why not?
7. What do you most deplore in the present generation of young people? What most commend?
8. In what period of life can we give our best service to God? Have you reached this period or have you passed it or are you living in it?
9. What is life besides being alive?

THE APPEAL OF YOUTH

CAN we read of the visions and deeds of these young people of the world and not feel that their youth has helped us? We greatly desire to believe that youth, even though unconscious of it, has this especial task. And as long as we are with them we must work with them and not against them for the good of the world and for the preservation of the best in them and in ourselves. They stand with us at the crossroads of the world but they will go on the way much farther than we shall but as far as we walk with them it must be in comradeship, for all ages have the same appeal—it is the One who stands out against a dark background "a shining figure, eternally young. He is the Light of the world, the Saviour, whose very name makes the sinful world cower in fear, but whom His children of all ages may greet with youthful eagerness. His name is Christ! And the world-conquering Christ-spirit calls us to stand sponsor for our youth as they climb with strong feet the hills of difficulty to overcome the world in His name".

"They do their Maker wrong,
Who in the pride of age,
Cry down youth's heritage
And all the eager throngs
Of thoughts and plans and schemes
With which the young brain teems."

COLLEGE Y. W. A.

OUR MARGARET FUND COLLEGE FRIENDS

From Africa

Virginia Green, Averett College

From Argentina

James Elder, Etham

James Fowler, Mercer

Margaret Fowler, Bethel Woman's College

Dorothy Logan, Bethel Woman's College

Kathleen Logan, Bethel Woman's College

Victoria Logan, Bethel Woman's College

Benjamin Sowell, University of Richmond

From Brazil

Edgar Dunstan, Emory University
Grace Dunstan, Georgia State Normal

Ida Shepherd, Virginia-Intermont
Margaret Reno, Bucknell
Dan Crossland, Furman
Elizabeth Jackson, Carson-Newman
Earnest Jackson, Carson-Newman
Judson Jackson, Carson-Newman
Edith Nelson, Oklahoma A & M
Dwight Deter, Baylor
Edith Deter, Baylor
Arthur Deter, Baylor
Louis Ginsburg, Bethel College
James Muirhead, Baylor
Emma Crossland, Westhampton
John Joyce, Mars Hill

From Chile

Joseph Hart, University of Louisville

From China

Sadie Lawton, W.M.U. Training School
Muriel Chambers, Nurses' Training School, Baltimore
Jennie McCrea, Mississippi Woman's College
Mary Evans, Smith

George Lowe, William-Jewell
Sam Bostick, Columbia
Mary Herring, Meredith
Susie Herring, Meredith
Clarissa Poteat, Meredith
Alexander Herring, Buie's Creek
Wade Bostick, Mars Hill
Arthur Hayes, Brown University
Wesley Lawton, Furman University
Deaver Lawton, Furman University
Harriett King, Carson-Newman
William Tipton, Carson-Newman
Nell Mewshaw, San Marcos Academy
Bentley Glass, Decatur
Virginia McDaniel, Westhampton
Helen Newton, Averett College
Roby Newton, Averett College
Charles McDaniel, University of Richmond
Morrison Chambers, University of Richmond

From Europe

Elizabeth Gill, Stephens College

From Italy

Diana Whittinghill, Westhampton, England
George Whittinghill, Westhampton, England

From Japan

J. Franklin Ray, Yale
Harvey Clarke, Mercer
Josephine Clarke, Mercer
Thomas Walne, Baylor

From Mexico

Elizabeth Lacy, Ouachita
Thomas Cheavens, Baylor
Frank Cheavens, Baylor
John Frank Davis, William-Jewell
Anita LeSeuer, Baylor College
Allie Veda LeSeuer, Baylor College
Minnie Lacy, San Marcos

From Panama Canal Zone

Ester Witt, Northfield
Dorothy Witt, Baylor University



Y. W. A. PROGRAMS



Material found in the general program on pages 13-18 as well as other items in this issue will be quite helpful to supplement the following programs. It is hoped it will be freely used in this supplemental way. The leaflets suggested on page 3 will also prove attractive additions.

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

FIRST MEETING

"Snap Shot of Girls at Worship"

Hymn—Come Ye That Love the Lord

Prayer for the "Other Sheep who are not of His fold"

The Girl of Thibet

The Mohammedan Girl

The Japanese Girl

The Chinese Girl

The Hindoo Girl

The African Girl

In the Latin Catholic Countries

General Facts

The Christian Girl

Silent prayer—The leader announces the mission fields one by one, allowing two minutes of silent prayer for each field

Hymn—"I Think When I Read That Sweet Story of Old"

The Girl of Thibet

IN far away Thibet, the girl repeats over and over again her six syllables of prayer, "Om Mani padme Hum". This prayer was taught to her from her earliest childhood to use as a "panacea for all evils"—a summary of all religion. In her hand, she whirls a metal cylinder on which is engraved the same prayer, and which contains rolls of paper upon which the prayer is written thousands of times. Each revolution stores up merit for her.

The Mohammedan Girl

THE Mohammedan girl is washing and preparing for prayer. Five times a day, she obeys the call to prayer from the minaret of the Summi Mosque or from the roof of the Shi'ite Mosque. Unlike the Thibetan girl, she repeats the words of her prayer in Arabic. When she was nine years old, she began observing the month of Ramazon when from sunrise to sunset, no food could

pass her lips. "When I die", said a Mohammedan girl, "I shall be visited by two angels, the chief of whom will make an examination of my deeds, and remind me of everything I have done, and left undone; he will then cut off a piece of my shroud and record upon it my good and bad deeds, and attach it firmly to my neck with a piece of rope. If my good deeds outweigh my bad ones, I shall go straight into heaven. If my bad deeds outweigh my good deeds, my intercessor Mohammed will easily get permission for me to enter heaven so it does not much matter how I live".

Japanese Girl

THE god, Jizo, carved out of rock, centuries ago, is the great children's god of Japan. Heathen mothers lead their children up the mountain slopes in the Hakone District to make supplication to Jizo to save her girls and boys from a cruel hag who resides on banks of streams and snatches children as soon as they die and forces them to the endless task of piling stones on the river side. The little ones shrink in terror at the sight of the ugly idol and at hearing the awful things that will happen to them unless they worship her.

Chinese Girl

A CHINESE girl is climbing the wide stone steps to the temple. At the entrance are two tall images with very ugly faces and brilliantly painted coats. These are "Guardians of the Gate". The Chinese girl fearfully clasps her hands, bows down, knocking her head to the ground as worshiped in her ignorance. In her home are god shelves and idols, in the kitchen the kitchen god, looking much like a gaily colored comic Valentine—all must be placated and kept in a good humor by kow-tow-

ing and incense burning in order to keep harm away from the family.

The Hindoo Girl

1. All the way up a steep bank, we see the Hindoos killing goats, skinning them and hanging them up. The boys and girls watch the proceedings with great delight. One of the boys is holding the head of a goat, while his father severs it from the body with one stroke—else the god will not receive the sacrifice. The girls are gleefully twisting off the heads of chickens. How demoralizing to connect a custom like this with their religious worship!

2. The girls of the higher castes are kept shut up within their courtyard walls and become dwarfed in resourcefulness and independence of mind with nothing to do and nothing to think but fuss and idle gossip. This makes it difficult for missionaries to enable them to think for themselves and retards Christian training under teachers. She is taught to read, dance, sing and is instructed in every seductive art. To a large image outside the temple, women promise their first-born daughters if the image will make them mothers of many children. When the oldest daughter becomes of marriageable age, she is forbidden by her mother's vow to become the wedded wife of man, and leads an infamous life, as wife of the gods. Reforms for protection of girls and abolishing of the custom of having temple girls, have been introduced by the British government.

African Girl

THE youthful heart of the African girl is defiled and polluted in the name of religion. A senseless repetition takes the place of real prayer. Sticks, stones, trees, ancestral tablets, spirits and devils are worshiped by those to whom the Christ is calling. Their superstition shows that they are naturally religious. What an opportunity for the Christian Religion.

Snap Shots of Girls in Latin Catholic Countries

THE girl of Catholic countries and her mother are kneeling in the street in

ignorant awe and reverence as the priest passes by.

The arm or toe of some ancient saint is being brought through the town for worship and Latin girl is following in the procession, perhaps measuring her length in the roadway to win especial merit.

She is counting her rosary and with each slip of the bead, utters a vain repetition. The lack of peace in her heart finds no expression in seeking because she so reveres the priest's words.

General Facts

We gather from the above some general facts namely:

1. Girls in every land worship a superior being.

2. There is a tendency to become like the object which is worshiped. From the history of idolatrous nations we have learned that without exception, the character of every nation and tribe of the human family has been formed and modified in a great degree by the character attributed to their gods.

3. Only our true God places before the eye of the soul, a pure object of worship.

The Christian Girl

Although the Christian girl has her places of worship, her worship is not confined to any one place, but it consists of her attitude of heart toward her just and holy God as He has been revealed through His son. Her worship is spiritual rather than formal.

SECOND MEETING

Topic—Christian Meditations

What Might Have Been

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What Might Have Been

CHRISTMAS Greetings to Girls Here and There. Our heathen sisters do not celebrate Christmas. They know that Christians do and this causes them to think about the power of Christianity. Many are led to ask, "Who was Christ? What did He do? Why do Christians celebrate His birthday? Discussion follows and the whole nation is thinking and talking about the world's Savior. The Christmas season reminds us of gifts and the greatest gift we can give to the girls here and there and everywhere is the gift of Christ. As we meditate, we think—"What might have been—"

Devotional

IF the spirit of the Lord had allowed Paul to go East and not constrained him to go West, we would have known nothing of the "unspeakable Gift".

If You Had Been Born in a Heathen Land

IF you had been born a slave girl in Africa, you might have been only "property" belonging to a hard taskmaster. Or if China had been your birthplace and with bound feet you were hobbling along to worship at your heathen temple, the Christmas spirit would mean nothing to you, you would never have heard of the birth of the Christ-Child. If you had grown old in some heathen country, you would be sitting day after day in a back room, sick, dejected, and just waiting for the devil to throw you into the waiting coffin. With no Christian song, no sympathy, no comfort, no hopes, no Bible, no heaven, you would drag out the hours alone,—an outcast.

If in India, your promised husband had died before you were old enough to marry, you would be despised as a child-widow with an evil spirit.

If you had just opened your eyes

in far away Alaska or Iceland you would be appealing to some higher power in an ugly Totem pole, or a favorite animal for comfort and advice. You would be trying to express your religion through music, weird incantations and chants.

Perhaps, you might have been born on one of the Isles of the Sea, a lovely dark-skinned, bright-eyed girl with government protection, but with a longing and a need for Christian protection.

Maybe your wedding ceremony would have been only a formal bow between bride and groom in the presence of friends, if you had been born in Korea.

If You Had Been Born in Europe

See Spirit of Youth in Central Europe—W.M.U. program

If we had not been given the gift of Christian parents or had the heritage of sacrifices by women and mothers, what might have been our vision and our chance?

What might have been your lot without the new freedom given by Christ? What are you doing with this freedom?

Some girls are not placing the real value on freedom and are misusing their liberty. Sin has its wages and no girl can forget her purity of womanhood and not suffer. Keep your life so clean and pure that there will be no regrets as you look back on your girlhood days. In this Christmas season forget the things of the past, reach forth unto those things which are before, and press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

A Christmas Prayer

Oh, most gracious Heavenly Father, we beseech Thee in the name of the Holy Child of Bethlehem to remember our homes, our girls, and the girls of the whole earth with Thy fatherly blessing.

Stir our hearts to take the blessed Christ Child to the girls here and there that all girls may know Him and His likeness. We ask in Jesus name. Amen



OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGES

"True we came from realms of glory
Brought the tidings to the earth,
But we cannot tell the story
Of the Savior's lowly birth.
Only men may tell the story—
Tell the story of the King.

"Nations to their false God's bending
Waiting long in doubt and fear,
All must know of love unending,
Of the Christ to men come near,
Only men may tell the story—
Tell the story of the King."

AFTER the chorus or choir has sung the usual verses of "Angels from the Realms of Glory" the Y.W.A. voices might echo the above additional verses taken from the pageant, "The Search for the Light". The song part of Merry Christmas time is always so lovely we can use it well to sing reminder that Christmas is for everybody, "for all people". The children will enjoy this new verse for Luther's Cradle Hymn, taken from above mentioned pageant also.

"Away in the darkness
No light for our way
We children are waiting
The glad Christmas Day.
We need the Lord Jesus,
O send out the Word
Until by all people
The story is heard."

There are so many lovely Christmas songs that one hardly knows which ones to choose but a few every Sunbeam, G.A. and R.A. should surely know to set the true spirit of Christmas ringing in their hearts. Among these are "Silent Night", "There's a Star in the Sky", "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" and "Little Town of Bethlehem", besides of course "Away in a Manger". Most hymn books have several pages of Christmas songs. Some may be men-

tioned as of especial merit. "The Hymnal for American Youth" has a splendid collection of precious old and choice new Christmas hymns and is valuable in its wide choice of splendid music for any other occasion as well. A few copies to supply pianist, leader and assistant will bring all the books full to all the children and young people with the aid of blackboard and poster committee. Christmas is a good time to begin filling minds with admirable music, crowding out some of that which is so undesirable. "Carols" is a small collection of songs which also may be ordered through our Sunday School Board; it would be worth having for the one song "Under the Stars" which Sunbeams particularly love to sing. "Service in Song" contains three songs for Christmas in this collection of original songs by Mrs. J. Batton Wood. "Hymns for the King's Children" is a standby book for all purposes and has most of the best loved Christmas songs in it. If you can order one or two of these to have a new source of supply, well and good but if not "we'll keep our Christmas merry still" for it will surprise you to see what you have in your very own hymn book and could use instead of wearing out the same songs every Sunday.

But Christmas is after all more than the "song in the air", it means *doing* too. So many people will not have Christmas unless some wide-awake thoughtful G.A. and R.A. and Sunbeam Band take it to them. A carolling party on Christmas Eve or "Christmas Day in the morning" will bring to heavy hearts a joy and the gift so silently given but if when the carollers pass a home of want there is a cheery token to leave behind—the tangible evidence of His coming in the hearts of people will keep the carols ringing in otherwise sad hearts. A

pot of bulbs just ready to bloom would smile Merry Christmas and say "grow well too" for the one who is sick at home or in hospital; books to read, pictures to look at, puzzles to put together, painting books, homemade candy or cookies, a glass of jelly or preserves, a basket of groceries—oh, the many things that become more than "things" when thoughtful Christmas love carries them in the hands of girls and boys. The wise counselor will be sure that W.M.S. uses her young people to carry Christmas cheer.



BUT even if it is December, we can't wrap gifts all the time: missions must still be wrapped into the very hearts of our organization members and friends. The college girls home for vacation will have new stories to tell, some will come from school days with foreign students or Margaret Fund friends—and why not some Christmas gifts for the Margaret Fund young people whose names are on the college page this month? (See page 19.) Just ask these college girls and they really will come one afternoon to bring their enthusiasm and zest and add it to the children's growing interest in their missionary organizations.

But who can have a Merry Christmas at all unless His gift is made first! The 75 Million Campaign finish is our best chance for a Christmas gift to Him. Let every counselor urge the G.A.'s, R.A.'s, and Sunbeams to more than do their part—He did His "more than" for us surely. Preparations for the January Prayer Day for Foreign Missions should be in mind already and the counselor should be well informed on the 1925 Program—ready to "carry on".

And for your mission study after the holidays the Foreign Mission Board,

Richmond, Va., has some splendid poster sets. Each set has 5 pictures, 6 by 8 inches and each set is 20 cents or the 3 for 50 cents. One shows our churches and preaching places in China; another gives a view of our educational institutions and the third gives five medical mission work pictures. They certainly will be useful and helpful as we go on with China studying. Be sure to use the helps provided for making China close up.

PERHAPS you are wondering what to give for Christmas presents. It won't take long for you to decide when you know that **WORLD COMRADES** has a most attractive Christmas card to send to the young person you wish to remember pleasantly and profitably. Santa has just come down the chimney



and tells the delightful secret that **WORLD COMRADES** will come every month of the year; the card printed in Christmas green and red on a white background will be sent to the one you wish just in time to be there for the Christmas tree, telling of your gift. Price is as usual \$1.00 even though people are saying "Each number is better than the one before". Send your dollar very soon and settle that Christmas problem in the best possible way.

Merry Christmas to you says
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FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



TAI'S FIRST CHRISTMAS



I WANT to tell you the story of one of our little patients away out here in the Warren Memorial Hospital in Hwanghsien, China. His name is Tai and he is a little cripple hunch-back boy. Tai belongs to a well-educated family. His grandfather taught the school in his native village and his father was a student in Peking where he was preparing himself for official life. Tai had lost his mother when he was quite small and he and his younger brother had lived with their grandparents ever since.

During the father's summer vacation he brought Tai to our hospital for treatment, spending most of his time here with the little sufferer. As his vacation drew to its close and he was getting ready for his return to Peking and to take his son home to his grandfather Tai let it be known that he did not want to go home. He told his father that he would be perfectly satisfied to stay in the hospital with Dr. Ayers after his father had gone. So it was arranged that he should stay and the father went to Peking. Tai could go out in the yard and walk around on his crutch but it was painful to see his little bent-over body and painful gait. At prayers held every morning at the hospital he would make his way around to sit by Dr. Ayers as he said, "They had to sing

from the same book". We feel sure that Tai has given his heart to his Saviour.

As Christmas drew near we moved Tai over to our home where we could see that he was kept warm at night. Our own little girl had hurt her foot and could not study so she spent her days in a long steamer chair in the living room. At this time she was busily engaged in making Christmas decorations from pretty bright colored paper. Tai became deeply interested as our daughter, only four years older than himself, told him the Christmas story and why we celebrate one day of our year as Christ's birthday. Then she told of how Santa Claus always came to fill stockings and Christmas trees with gifts. With every word Tai's eyes grew larger and brighter. He had already learned well the dear "Old, Old Story" at the hospital and always kept his Bible and hymn book by his side—his most precious possessions.

Our two children slept on the front porch on the second floor. On Christmas-eve night they were awakened by hearing something going "bump, bump, bump" on the porch downstairs. Our son called out, "Tai, is that you downstairs?" Tai answered, "Yes, get up, come down and let us see if Santa Claus has come!" How that boy bounded out of bed at 2 o'clock in the morning and flew downstairs with little sister soon after him I leave you to imagine! It was not long before father and mother were with them in the living room, talking and telling stories until the Christmas dawn. Those were sweet and precious hours and the little Chinese boy was never so happy before in his life. Think of it—he had never heard the name of Jesus before coming to the hospital! Of course he had never heard of Christmas.

Tai shared the joy of the patients and workers at the hospital as later in the day the bright Christmas tree was given to them. I am sure this dear crippled Chinese boy kept Christmas in his heart as well as enjoying all its outward delights.—Mrs. T. W. Ayers, Hwanghsien, China

A CHINESE LOCHINVAR

FIVE years ago Young Widow Fung, known to us as Then Fung Kim, came to our school, then located in Yingtak. We had no woman's school so that she and several other women have since studied in our girls' school. Fung Kim has done good work—is a bright pupil.

One day last June Fung Kim's teacher came and called me to go with her to see if I could comfort her for she was in trouble. As we went the teacher explained that the elder brother of Fung Kim's former husband had come and commanded her to prepare to accompany him home next day. When told that she did not wish to go home but to stay and study he let her know that she was engaged to be married again to a common day laborer, a man she had never seen. This brother-in-law had already received one hundred and forty dollars for her so she must go, for he was bound to deliver her as so much goods sold. The pastor and several brethren had tried to reason with the brother-in-law, but to no avail.

Fung Kim was beside herself with grief. When I reached her she was in bed, weeping as if her heart would break. I knew not how to do it, but I decided that this could not be; that some way this great crime must be prevented; so I told Fung Kim that she need not cry, that she was of age and had no one to please but herself in the matter. I next asked to see the brother-in-law and was told that he was upstairs in the same building with Fung Kim and the other women of her class.

At the foot of the stairs I met the pastor and learned from him that there was small hope of releasing Fung Kim, since he and others had already done

what they could. While the pastor delivered my message to Mr. Fung and while I prayed for wisdom and guidance the absolute cheek of the fellow overwhelmed me in that he had, in spite of his wicked errand, installed himself in our church, allowing us to pay his room rent to keep from paying it himself in an inn. As I waited I found my indignation rising so that when he appeared it was only force of habit that caused me to inquire after his honorable health. He replied that his health was on the decrease; but to his inquiry after my honorable health, I replied that my health was good but that my heart was sad, and I told him why. There was enough said after this for me to understand that he meant to do his worst. Then I told him that Fung Kim was my pupil, and that I refused to allow him to take her away! After this things happened pretty fast. He became very angry and did some threatening.

Going back to Fung Kim I found that she was very much afraid of him, but I finally persuaded her that he must be more or less a coward and got her to get up and dress, while the teacher and I packed her trunk and rolled up her bedding. A few minutes later Fung Kim and I passed very near, the pastor still trying to persuade him. I took Fung Kim to my home where she stayed until a few days later when school closed and she returned to her mother's where she lived for the next four months, for her brother-in-law did not dare to go there for her.

From October 17th to November 12th, I made a tour of our chapels and churches in the North River section of our Hakka Field. The second day out I was trudging along on top of one of our highest mountains when I saw a chair coming and in it sat Mr. Fung. We nodded to each other and passed on, each on his way. A few days later I saw Fung Kim in her mother's home and she was much amused when I told her about having seen her brother-in-

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SOCIETY METHODS



CLAUSE VIII—CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

RECENTLY Dr. H. W. Battle talked to us on the fact—"Ye are not your own . . . ye have been bought with a price". He said this truth is hinted at in conditions of life around us; for example, the soldier enlisted in the service of his country no longer controls his time and talent, he is not his own. Should a blood-stained jacket come home, we mourn but do not question the right of his country to use that life. The mother with her babe in arms is not her own. The helpless little one uses her time and mind and strength, all lovingly surrendered by her.

How much more far-reaching is this truth for one who has taken the name of Christian, for one who has accepted the price of eternal life, the precious blood of Jesus Christ. The Christian, a steward, holds in trust the things which belong to God such as hands and feet, eyes, voice, time, talent, power in prayer and countless opportunities, besides material possessions. Enter into this rich life of using for Him those "things" entrusted to you! Bring in the whole tithe. If the Jew gave a tenth under the law, can you do less under grace?

For organized effort each society is asked to have a Society Stewardship Chairman who will secure members to sign the Stewardship Covenant Cards and keep a record of them, reporting the number of signatures to the state W.M.U. corresponding secretary. Frequent talks on stewardship at circle and society meetings aid in training young people to be faithful stewards. Participation in local, associational, state and southwide stewardship campaigns are urged. Give hearty co-operation in every member canvasses of the local church and aid in the intro-

duction and support of the weekly envelope system when none exists.

Information always leads to inspiration for activity and such books are recommended for W.M.S. as "Stewardship and Missions" (Cook) and "Woman and Stewardship" (Pearce); for Y.W.A. "The Stewardship of Life" (Agar). Order from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.—Miss Emma M. Whitfield, Va.

CLAUSE XIX—MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITIES

THE channel of this benevolence is through our S.B.C. Relief and Annuity Board which, like all the other Boards of our Southern Baptist Convention, is dependent for the most part upon the 75 Million Campaign for its funds. Therefore, every unpaid Campaign pledge hinders to a certain degree the care of our aged and disabled ministry.

Scattered throughout our southland are old ministers and widows of ministers who, during years of hardship and privation, laid the foundation on which we of today are building, and we will never be able, this side of heaven, to estimate the debt we owe to these valiant "Veterans of the Cross". They preached and taught and labored with little or no remuneration and, now in the evening of life, find themselves in need. Paid-up Campaign pledges will help to fill this need.

However, these dear old members of our denominational family need something more than money—they need love and sympathy and the same little kindness and attention that we bestow upon the aged among our own blood kin. Each W.M.S. can have the joy of rendering such service. I know of a missionary society that "adopted" an old minister and at his death immediately took steps to find another to take his place. Assuming responsibility for one

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TRAINING SCHOOL



ENROLLMENT DATA

*"From north and south, and east and west,
They come!
Their faith and love to manifest,
They come!!
In a noble consecration;
With a sound of jubilation,
They come! They come!"*

WE were strangely reminded of the words from the lines of the "Pageant of Darkness and Light" used for so many years at our commencement, as the girls, new and old, came in for the opening of the 1924-25 session of the Woman's Missionary Union Training School, September 23rd and 24th. From Missouri, one of our most northern states, comes but one student this year, but others are interested and these will surely find their way here when preparation is completed or the way opens.

The southern states always respond in large numbers, and this year is no exception, Alabama sending seven girls; Florida, six; Georgia, fifteen; Kentucky, nine; Mississippi, five; South Carolina, sixteen; Tennessee, five. From the eastern section, North Carolina reports eighteen; Virginia, eleven; and West Virginia one. "Go west, young man" has been changed to "Go east, young woman" by one student from California, one from Texas and seven from Arkansas.

The Orient itself sends us one student in the person of Miss Yan Wing Yee of China; while Europe is represented by Misses Ludovica Cristea and Sophia Palyo of Roumania and Katherine and Amalia Gerwich, of Hungary. Miss Clara U. Keith, our Kentucky missionary, at home on furlough from Africa, is spending a few months in the school for some special study. We have a total of one hundred and seven boarding students and thirty-two day students enrolled, with the prospect of more entering at the beginning of the second and third quarters. This is the smallest enrollment that we have had for three years, due, no doubt, to the financial conditions in the south, the urgency for the successful completion of the campaign, the inability of the Foreign Mission Board to appoint new missionaries and the failure of many graduates in the last two or three years to get located in definite religious work.

Miss Alice G. Johnson, of Virginia, came to us September 1st as director of Good Will Center and assistant in the Practical Mission Department for this year. Since her graduation from this school in 1922, she has been director of young people's work in the Baptist Church of Clifton Forge, Va. By nature and training she comes to us well equipped for this important work in our school.

Under her direction the opening program for the fall and winter activities was given at Good Will Center on the evening of the first of October. A large and appreciative audience of men, women and children greeted Miss Johnson and the new workers at that time. Edward Bok's motto, "Make the world a bit better and more beautiful because you have lived in it", was adopted as the Good Will Center motto for the year, and a series of scenes in tableau and dialogue was presented by the teachers and club workers to show how each person in the audience could make this motto come true.

The beginning of a new school year with a student body composed largely of new girls is a new challenge to your workers in House Beautiful to "lead young women in paths of joyous responsibility".—Carrie U. Littlejohn



HOME DEPARTMENT



CHRISTMAS BELLS AROUND THE WORLD

*"They come with tidings and with songs,
The ages long, the ages long."*

ALL nations have their anniversary days. Bells ring to celebrate the birth of their princes but they carry no message beyond the confines of their own countries. How different the celebration of the birth of the Prince of Peace! Ever since that sacred dawn when the angels sang their first glorious carol at the advent of the Son of God the Christmas bells have been ringing around the world. Only Jesus of Nazareth, born in Bethlehem, claims this world-wide remembrance. In some lands they ring but feebly; in others the very air sings with the sweetness of their joyful sound.

In Africa, the land that sheltered the Christ-child from the wrath of Herod, the Christmas bells ring louder and sweeter each year as their message penetrates farther and farther into a land once so dark, but now growing brighter with fulfilled prophecy—Ethiopia has stretched out her hands to God, and His Son, called out of Egypt, has returned to place His salvation in their hands.

In China and Japan the same sweet bells are ringing and thousands are singing the angels' song with lips and heart. In the mission schools the girls and boys, taught the meaning of this holy season by the missionary, hold happy festivals on Christmas eve and throughout Christmas day. Gifts and greetings are exchanged and the Christ-child is hailed as Saviour and King.

In the strictly Catholic countries, as Spain and Italy, the season is rigidly observed in the churches; outside of them is wild revelry, song and dance. Mirth and hilarity are leading features but home and family pleasures are not usual. The mistletoe and holly and Christmas tree are absent. The shops are gay with sweets and fancy goods, not for gifts, for here gifts are not generally exchanged. But they do honor the turkey as the central dish of the feast. In Christian families the day is kept much as it is in America.

Long before the Christmas bells were ringing in America they were heard in the countries of Europe. In early England the boar's head and the roast peacock adorned the feast and the bells rang merrily. In Russian, where Christmas is so cold and white, instead of "Merry Christmas" we hear the salutation "Greetings for the Lord's birthday" and the fervent response "God be with you". For long years it has been the custom of the young people of Russia to sing carols and folk songs from house to house, hold feasts, play games, snowball and to have a generally good time, never forgetting the occasion of the celebration. This they are doing this year as far as the sadness and poverty of the land will allow. Has our Christmas been brightened by some gift sent to Russia to help set the bells ringing?

In the Scandinavian countries and those of central Europe it was the custom to build great bonfires on Christmas eve. The fragment of one Christmas log was carefully kept to start the fire of the next Christmas. This was the yule-log and this the yule-tide. The Christmas feast, generally held in the evening after the church services, was rich and varied. The fat goose was served on every table where the family could afford it. The homes and the Christmas tree glowed with colored candles; joyous greetings and gifts were exchanged. All these festivities were preceded by a thorough housecleaning, scrubbing and polishing.

From Sweden we have the beautiful custom of feeding the birds. In these Christian hearts and homes the bells bring the message of peace and goodwill. From such homes in Hungary and Roumania come four of our W.M.U. Training School girls who, after graduation, will enter Christian service in their respective countries. They are a gift to us in trust, from a country from which has come many of the customs we so joyfully use at the happy Christmas time. Let us help them to take the cheer and plenty of the olden time into a land where the struggle for religious liberty is making the life of the Protestant Christian so hard. Their Christmas bells are ringing this year with a muffled sound.

In our own land the bells will ring more sweetly if we have regarded the words of the Lord Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive". The frankincense and the myrrh of our thanks offerings for the "Unspeakable Gift" will be an "odor of sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable and well-pleasing to God" if given to proclaim the birth of His Son, who came to save the whole world.

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law. She told me that the day before I saw him on the mountain top, a crowd of students had started to our Seminary here and that Mr. Fung, supposing that Fung Kim would yield to her intense desire to study and risk coming with them, had called a chair and followed.

She planned to return to Shiuchow with our party. The Bible woman and I decided not to write to Shiuchow that we had changed the date of our return from November 13th to 12th. We feared that Mr. Fung might carry out that part of his threat to hire robbers to kidnap Fung Kim as she crossed the high mountain, the last day before reaching Shiuchow. In this mountain live many robbers and hiring robbers to kidnap people is no uncommon practice in China. We had changed our date of return just before we learned that Fung Kim would come with us for the following season. We always try to cross robber infested mountains on market day because the larger the crowd the less danger of attack. In planning the tour I had made the mistake of planning for November 12th, for it was Sunday, so rather than travel on Sunday we decided to risk crossing the mountain alone on the 13th, arriving safely in Shiuchow with Fung Kim, quite unexpectedly. The only harm done was the school children's disappointment that they had missed meeting us in a body at the station.

Imagine my delight when on the the night before we started across the mountain Fung Kim let me read a letter written to her from one of our most promising young preachers, in which he asked her to cast her lot with him for the rest of her life. His name is Mr. Phan Su Tshoi, and he is among our best. He had been a young widower for some time and now he was asking Fung Kim. I asked her if she wanted to marry him and she replied that she was thinking about it. We all soon knew about it and we deemed it an occasion for rejoicing. There was no way to free Fung Kim from Mr. Fung except to pay the price he asked. But although Mr. Phan is not a rich preacher he let it be known that he deemed it a small matter to pay one hundred and forty dollars for his marriage license. It was arranged, and the pastor, Mr. Saunders and I went to the bank for Mr. Phan and borrowed the money and gave it to Mr. Fung, requiring a paper from him that he released all claim on her. A few weeks later Mr. Phan came from his church, four days' journey over the mountains and reimbursed the bank. All arrangements made, they were married in the chapel, the ceremony taking place on the first floor, directly under the room which Mr. Fung occupied on that memorable day in June when he and I had our few words, after which I made off with the prize, leaving him beside himself with fury.—Miss Annie M. Sandlin, Shiuchow, China



BOOK REVIEWS



THE REVOLT OF YOUTH

ALL revolts are not destructive. Many of them are constructive. In his book, *The Revolt of Youth*, Mr. Stanley High gives the stirring history of what he considers a constructive revolt. Although we cannot sympathize with some of the methods of this revolt and greatly deplore the fact that God has not always been sought as leader and guide of the youth movement, we are compelled to believe that the misgovernment of older heads has invited much that we condemn in it. The author has had rare opportunity to study youth conditions in European and Asiatic countries and, as a result of this careful study, has made a valuable contribution to the after-war history of these and other countries. The chapter on Latin America and Japan were written by S. G. Inman and A. D. Berry respectively, both well known writers. Every one of the ten chapters of the book sound the optimistic note and the reader is almost persuaded that a "League of Youth" is possible. No plan is given in the book for such a league but "it does show", says one review, "a youth with ideals that will produce industrial, political, social and religious rebuilding. It shows that there is unity of spirit among the youth of the world". Whether a "League of Youth" be but a dream or become a reality, Mr. High has given to the thoughtful people of the world a most informing book of study and, being informed, we may guard against danger and give our best sympathy to our young people in their efforts to organize for the uplift of their community, country or the whole world. To leaders of young people the book will be especially valuable and to student of current history it tells a story they cannot afford to miss.

Price, cloth \$1.00 from Educational Department, Foreign Mission Board, S.B.C., Richmond, Virginia

A CHINA SHEPHERDESS

THE children of this generation are most fortunate in having exceedingly good literature provided for their reading hour. Most of the books intended for their education and entertainment are written in a verbiage that suits the average girl and boy—not stilted nor yet "babyish", the latter a style thoroughly disliked by the young reader. This is one reason why (and there are other wonderful reasons) the missionary stories written by Margaret Applegarth are so much read and so keenly enjoyed by our young people, anywhere from five to sixty, for even grandmother likes them.

One of the very best of Miss Applegarth's books is *A China Shepherdess* which contains twenty-two beautiful stories all about Chinese children and customs. Each chapter is a separate story but all cluster around one character—the charming Cynthia. Of this book Miss Applegarth herself says: "Some people write books and other people do not know how to use them. That is such a pity! For there is so much more to do with a book than just to read it and then put it away on a shelf. Had you thought that perhaps somebody else would like to hear about it on special occasions in your church and Sunday school? You will see that the *China Shepherdess* has given you some hints about when stories can be told, and the drawings in each chapter will give still another hint". The drawings referred to are expressive outlines and can be easily drawn for the blackboard for use in Sunbeam, G.A. and R.A. classes as well as in the Sunday school. For leaders of youth this book will provide new and interesting missionary stories. For a gift book it will be a happy selection and for the children themselves a continuous joy.

Price, cloth \$1.75 from Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee



UNION NOTES



ROUND TABLE

PERSONAL service has for over fourteen years been a recognized department of W.M.U. work but not until this present year has the Union agreed to award a seal for the study of a particular personal service book. The recommended book is "The Christian in Social Relationships" by Diefendorf. From Dr. C. A. Gardner, professor of sociology in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville has been received the following commendation of the book: "The author uses some expressions which I do not exactly like, such as 'the redemption of society', but his meaning does not seem to me objectionable. It is written, of course, from the Methodist point of view and there are frequent references to their 'Centenary Movement' but I see nothing to object to in that. In one place he seems to advocate cooperation with the 'Federal Council of the Churches of Christ' but he does not dwell upon this, simply mentions it incidentally in passing. The general teaching of the book seems to me to be sane and sound, discriminating and balanced. He puts the emphasis where it belongs in all social endeavor—on the conversion of the individual—and his application of Christian principles to the economic and political phases of life I think are true and wise". The post-paid price of the book is 75c from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. Now that this personal service book has been selected it is possible for the Union to issue its new leaflet entitled "Mission Study Courses". In it the revised mission study courses are fully explained. Write to your state W.M.U. headquarters for a copy of the leaflet so that your mission study may be planned accordingly.

EFFICIENCY is a Union ideal and so each month this magazine endeavors among other helps to this end to carry in the Society Methods Department articles which will improve the work of the local society. The first one in this issue deals with applied stewardship and in connection with it attention is called to the two "Emergency Effort" songs. The one on page 12 was written, both words and music, by Mrs. E. A. McDowell of Florida and the other on page 34 was contributed by Mrs. Nina M. Wharten of Ga. Earnestly it is hoped that many societies will use these songs at each of their meetings during this closing month of the Campaign and that as the members sing them they will, literally thousands of them, hear the under-privileged of earth crying to them "Pay Thy Vow" and will answer back "We Will Carry It Through". The second of the efficiency articles deals with W.M.U. responsibility for the aged ministers. Many who read it will gladly give Christmas cheer to these who have "along the trail of the friendly years" brightened many homes and hearts. When this cause is presented to the society, why not have a lovely voice sing as a solo the beautiful hymn "Love" by Mrs. F. W. Withoft of Georgia? It will be found on page 34.

ATTEENDANCE upon the Kentucky W.M.U. annual meeting at Lexington in October was the privilege of the Union's corresponding secretary. Over 1000 others also attended, giving faithful attention through the six sessions. The treasurer's report showed only \$75,000 due on the Campaign pledges, so the slogan at once became "Pledges Paid before Christmas", one devoted soul pleading for simple Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners so that the "savings" could be given to the Campaign. Attendance was also record-breaking at the Y.W.A. banquet, presided over by Miss Jennie Bright, the W.M.U. state leader of young people's work. From the hotel banquet the hundreds of girls and young women hurried to the First Baptist Church for the presentation of the pageant "The Kingdom

Comes" as arranged by Miss Juliette Mather for the May meeting in Atlanta. Among the many interesting features of that evening's program none exceeded the devotional service as led by the beloved Miss Eliza S. Broadus, wearing a corsage of Y. W. A. roses. Instructive also to the young people as well as to all others was the presence of several foreign missionaries and representatives of mission work in the south. Of particular interest likewise was it that the presiding officer, Mrs. L. L. Roberts, was a member of the hostess church, its pastor, Dr. Geo. Ragland, giving the "Introductory Message". Mrs. Roberts would not agree to re-election, her successor being Mrs. J. M. Roddy of Springfield. Throughout the three days no one was more honored or more helpful than the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Janie Cree Bose.

COLLEGE journeying in Virginia cheerfully crammed two weeks from Sept. 21 to Oct. 7. The "C" in this acrostic "peace" sets one's mind conning certain considerations consequent to the trip. Casual campus callers at any of the institutions visited could not fail to see crowded conditions and covet Croesus' chests of currency to contribute to cease curtailment of equipment expenditures. Buchanan Mission School at Council was calmly heroic in stowing away students who came at great personal cost but with tiny coin to pay for education. Lee Baptist Institute and Blue Ridge Mountain School challenged continuously with boys and girls refused admittance because "no room"—such a cruel Christmas expression come down from Bethlehem days. Averett College, Virginia Intermont and Westhampton are all grateful for what the Campaign has done but eager for crowning fulfilment of promises to carry out clear-cut plans. Y.W.A. work in each school gives charming promise of culminating success in cultivating a missionary interest among the young women of the colleges. Randolph Macon and Hollins College Baptist girls cordially welcome Miss Harris and the southern secretary. Convenient train schedules and careful computation of time co-operated with Miss Harris' competent planning, so choice visits were made with local Y. W. A.'s. and W.M.S. at Bluefield, Norton, Big Stone Gap, Roanoke and Lynchburg. With full consent of the customarily quiet nurses a new Grace McBride Y.W.A. was organized at Virginia Baptist Hospital. Courtesies and congenial contacts contrived to make the days choice in consequent contemplation and constrain one to hope to have contributed something to Kingdom causes. This condensed comment closes with "Merry Christmas."—Juliette Mather

EARLY in October Mrs. Geo. E. Davis set out on her semi-annual visit to S. C. colleges. Eagerly they greeted her as she brought to them plans and methods and her own unconquerable enthusiasm for high and noble service. Eminently successful was each visit, as in Limestone and Coker the girls lined up 100% for Y.W.A., and in Greenville Woman's College, Anderson and Winthrop the prospects were never brighter for the very best work. Echoes of "Mrs. Davis we'll do anything you ask us to do" as the girls subscribed the full quota asked them for the "Sisterhood Special" still ring in my ears. Associational W.M.U. meetings in Lamar, Florence and Kingstree kept the work in the churches before us while a Mothers' and Daughters' banquet in Citadel Square Church, Charleston, brought to us a great opportunity to touch the life of that historic city.—Dr. King of Sanford, Fla. believes that evangelism at home and missions 'round the world are so closely connected that he planned an evangelistic-missionary meeting during October. The pastor preached each evening. Mr. Fred Scholfield organized and led a splendid choir. Your field worker led mission study classes each afternoon and evening for the women and young people and story-hour each afternoon for the children. Forty children won certificates for the study of "The Chinese Baby", while there were between sixty-five and eighty-five in attendance each afternoon. The efficient cooperation of Pastor King and his people could not have been sur-

passed.—Peace, progress and joy characterized the Missouri Baptist General Association. We were particularly enthusiastic over the annual meeting of the W.M.U. One can scarcely believe that only last year Missouri organized her state W.M.U. according to S.B.C. plans, so wonderfully have the women caught step. Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Reynolds and Miss Beagle will lead the women on during next year.—*Blanche Sydnor White*



A Chinese "Madonna of the Streets"

LOVE

(Tune, Materna)

O H Love, that breathed o'er common clay
And bade it rise with power!
Love bountiful, that made the day—
Fair dawn and evening hour!
That Love, that yearned for love again
And planted Eden fair,
Still pleads with weak and erring men
To find Him waiting there.

Oh Love, that fills our grateful hearts
And lifts each voice in praise!
We take Thee, Gift that life imparts,
And follow all Thy ways.
The love, that Jesus came to show,
We gladly speak abroad,
And, as we thank Him for that love,
We give it back to God.

Yet, if in truth His love we know,
'Twill give us power supreme
And toward all others overflow,
An endless, living stream.
Let every woman stretch her hand
To draw her sisters in,
And through the Love that gives command

Our world for Christ we'll win.
—*Mrs. F. W. Withoft, Ga.*

"PAY THY VOW"

Tune—Why Do You Wait?

TIME is so short, dear sister,
The time to redeem what is due.
Our Master is waiting on some one,
And maybe that some one is you.

Chorus

Why not pay now?
Pay now your vow unto Him,
Love Him, praise Him—
Give as to you has been given.

Many a one is dying,
Burdened with sin and despair,
No one to tell them of Jesus
No one their sorrow to share.

Why do wait, dear sisters?
O why do you tarry so long,
The heathen are groping in darkness,
No knowledge of praise, prayer or song.
—*Mrs. Nina M. Warthen, Ga.*

SOCIETY METHODS

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or more individuals in your own vicinity not only keeps the matter constantly before the women but gives them a real heart interest in this phase of our work.

Personal gifts at birthday, Thanksgiving and Christmas, letters, occasional visits, a good book, now and then, or a magazine, a basket of fruit will carry sunshine into the lives of these, our elder brothers and sisters in Christ, and make them feel that, despite their retirement from active service, we yet remember them with love and appreciation. This should never be thought of or spoken of as a "charity". It should be regarded as a sacred duty and a rare privilege, for it will not prove a one-sided service: Cultivating friendships with ripened Christians yields rich dividends in inspiration, courage and strengthened faith.—*Mrs. T. D. Boaz, Louisiana*

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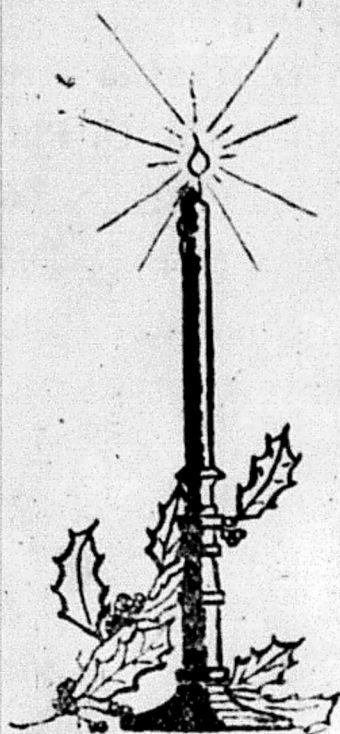
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Arkansas	34	144	400	41,177	41,755
District of Columbia	20	142	164	326
Florida	26	66	200	292
Georgia	107	480	1,250	756,415	758,252
Illinois .....	.....	154	266	119,295	119,715
Kentucky	100	434	2,000	126,794	129,328
Louisiana	24	94	214	344,430	344,762
Maryland	34	100	164	77,655	77,953
Mississippi	67	266	734	287,400	288,467
Missouri .....	.....	220	560	562,640	563,420
New Mexico .....	.....	16	34	58,285	58,335
North Carolina	167	400	1,184	761,886	763,637
Oklahoma .....	.....	166	534	378,334	379,034
South Carolina	147	334	1,116	629,034	630,631
Tennessee	107	294	666	208,203	209,270
Texas	100	606	334	1,984,332	1,985,372
Virginia	100	600	1,734	693,666	696,100
Totals	\$1,100	\$4,800	\$12,368	\$7,353,657	\$7,371,925

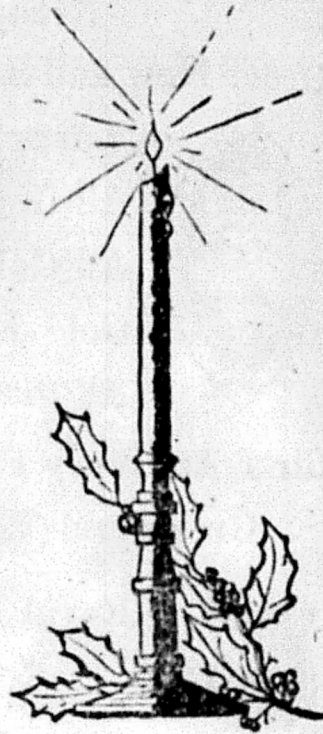
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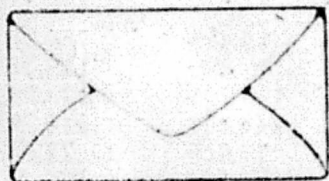
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