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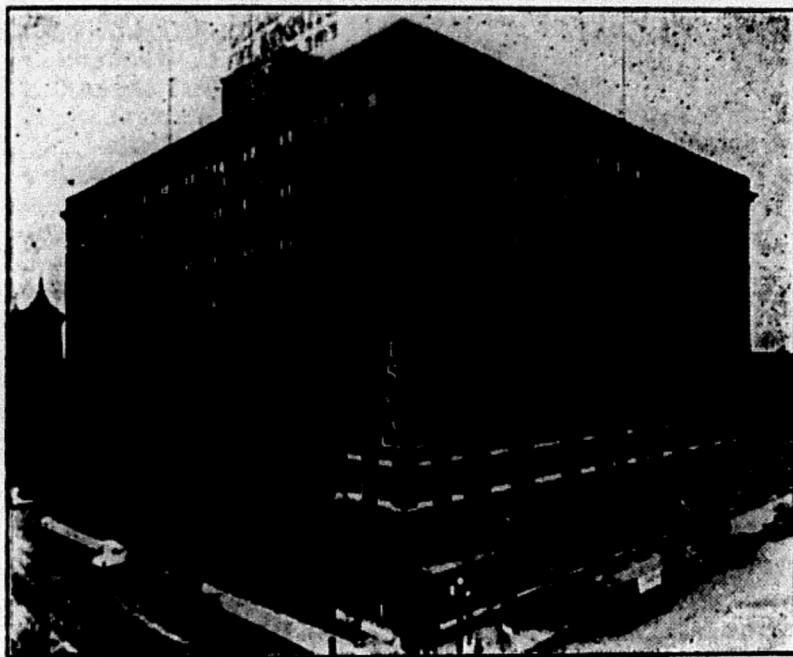
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Let the whole earth be filled with His glory.—  
Psalm 72:19

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## EDITORIAL



### WELCOME TO MEMPHIS



**STANDING** on the high bluff that fortifies Memphis, DeSoto first beheld the broad expanse of the Mississippi River which flows like a magic thread through a land rich in commerce, industry and historic traditions. Strategically located, with ten railway trunk lines entering the city, Memphis is known as the Gateway of the Southwest. It is also known as the capital of the Tri-States Territory—Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi.

Memphis, the "City of Opportunity", with its 211,056 population extends a cordial welcome to the Baptists of the south to attend the 79th annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention, which will be held in Memphis May 12-18, 1925.

As a "City of Commerce", Memphis is far-famed. Memphis is the largest hardwood lumber market in the world. It is also the largest inland cotton market in the world, as well as the largest wholesale drug market in the south. The Commercial Appeal, which has the largest circulation of any newspaper in our southland, will keep a large Baptist constituency in daily touch with the activities of this great body of Baptists which will gather in our city.

While Memphis is a city of business and commerce, it is also a city of homes and churches and schools and parks. With 1300 acres in parks, the city's park system can hardly be surpassed. The Southwestern Presbyterian University will be completed this fall. With the additions which will be made later it will represent ten million dollars. The members of twenty-seven white Baptist churches in our city are eagerly anticipating the coming of the Baptist hosts to Memphis, and our hotels and homes will be thrown open to receive our guests. We have a number of modern fire-proof hotels, all conveniently located in the heart of the city. The Claridge, a new hotel of 400 rooms, is two short blocks south of the Municipal Auditorium. The Gayosa, Chisca, Adler and Parkview will care for many of our guests in a most comfortable manner. The Chisca Hotel, located at Main Street and Linden Avenue, has been chosen as headquarters for the general officers of the Woman's Missionary Union and for the W.M.U. committee meetings. This hotel is within walking distance of the church where the women will hold their sessions.

The First Baptist Church, where the sessions of the Woman's Missionary Union are to be held, is located at the corner of Linden and Lauderdale. It has a new Sunday school annex which can be admirably used as committee rooms, registration rooms, check rooms and exhibit rooms and offers every convenience for the annual meeting. The auditorium of this church is spacious and well adapted to the needs of the W.M.U.

The Municipal Auditorium, where the Convention meets, was completed in June in time for the Confederate Reunion. It has a seating capacity of 13,000 and cost approximately two million dollars. It is the last word in auditorium construction. It is so arranged that it can be divided into two auditoriums, one large one and a smaller. Recently, Senator Harrison, speaking in this building, said he had seen no better auditorium anywhere in the country.

The Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Shelby County, with its various committees are planning for this great meeting in May. I am sure no city ever anticipated your coming with greater joy than does Memphis.

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## MY ALABASTER BOX



### GIVE AGAIN AND GAIN AGAIN

**A** JEWELRY store in Birmingham carries the following invitation and admonition in its window: "Come Again and Gain Again". The ring of it is so very cordial that one feels welcome to the phrase and certainly W.M.U. workers will find in it a "world of words" for urging attendance upon society meetings, for personal service visits, for going to the May meeting in Memphis! To capitalize it for this Alabaster Box Department, the word "come" is changed to "give" and yet it might carry the same idea just as it is, for certainly "coming" and "giving" are often synonymous. "Gain" is the better half of "again" as the eye and the mind readily see. As one trudges on, as an added burden is assumed, as the "second mile" is entered upon, as the fourth month of the 1925 Program of Southern Baptists calls for renewed loyalty, it is well indeed to remember that "gain" is included in "again".

Great gain came in the past fall and winter through the use of the Alabaster Boxes. Therefore, it seems wise again to call attention to them, believing that all who use them will get great joy in their own lives and will give great joy to many other lives the world around. Surely Mary of the Bethany anointing flooded her own heart with peace even as she poured forth the fragrance of that first alabaster box. Truly can it be said that as the story has again and again been told as "a memorial to her" it has gained in fulness of meaning, proving each time that one gains by giving.

If you or your society used the Alabaster Boxes last fall, please do so again this April. If you have not had any, a supply will be furnished free upon request of your state W.M.U. headquarters: see address on page 2. So attractive is the little purple box bearing in purest white the cruse of "her gift" and the Cross of "His gift" that the suggestion has been made that it would be well for every W.M.U. member to keep one in her room, so that she and her household may daily "remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He, Himself said: It is more blessed to give than to receive".

Especially appropriate this April seems the use of the Alabaster Boxes since the recurring Easter brings afresh the story of how Christ commended Mary's sacrificial gift. To Baptists every Sabbath day commemorates His resurrection and yet who will deny that the day called "Easter" has an aroma as fragrant as a year of Sabbaths and who does not remember during its sacred season those women, "not a few", who ministered unto Him? Even so will He and many others remember you if, guided by His Spirit, you use this April the Alabaster Box.

As stated above the boxes are free to W.M.U. members provided they are used for offerings for the 1925 Program of Southern Baptists or for the W.M.U. Specials. It may be that you can afford to use yours for really "over-and-above" gifts to these causes, thus helping for instance to lessen the debts on the Foreign and Home Mission Boards. Perhaps you or your society failed to have a part, or perhaps to you a satisfactory share in the Lottie Moon Christmas offering or in the March Thank-Offering for Home Missions. If so, please use the Alabaster Boxes for these most worthy causes, for the treasurers' books are still open to receive such gifts. Be sure to forward yours in good time, carefully marked as to its use.

Last December at the First Baptist Church of Ensley, Alabama, a very impressive service centered about the society's Alabaster Box. To Mrs. Charles A. Hassler the readers of this magazine are indebted for the following description of the occasion:



The room was darkened except for the glow of two foot-lights and of an electrically-illuminated star which hung above a white cross. As "I Gave My Life for Thee" was being sung by a soloist, eight little girls from the Sunbeam Band, (representing the eight circles of the society), wearing white robes and bandeaux of tinsel, and a little lad in a white suit (for Y.W.A.), each bearing an improvised alabaster jar, came in single file and grouped themselves in a semi-circle about the cross and then placed the jars containing the offerings at the foot of the cross, the concluding scene of the pantomime showing the children kneeling with hands in the accustomed position for prayer.

The foundation for the "supposed-to-be" jars was made from a fan-shaped piece of pliable white cardboard, cut 6 inches deep, 9 1-2 inches in circumference at the top and 6 1-2 inches at the base. This was rolled around a tumbler, larger at the top, to prevent cracking of cardboard when pasted together. A circle of cambric was glued over the bottom, and the sides were covered with white crepe paper (Dennison's), cut 9 inches crossways of the grain and 7 1-2 inches lengthways. To get the "bulge" effect at the top, the paper was stretched around the vase which was bowl-shaped at its base. The dimensions allow for an overlapping of crepe paper, on inside of top, of almost 1-2 inch. The paper is laid in tiny plaits at bottom and pasted to foundation, covered with a narrow strip of paper. Use a band of tinsel about the base to give a glistening effect, the star being outlined with same. A tiny double ruffle of the paper would be pretty, if a little trimming is desired. Make cross marks on floor where children are to stand and where the jars are to be placed.

For a spring service use a light on the wall on either side of the platform above the children's heads and bank the cross with Easter lilies, fastening a cluster at the intersection. For a more elaborate setting, an altar could be built of ferns, studded with lilies, the white cross against such a background showing up most effectively.

From Mrs. J. L. Hawkins of Arkansas comes the following widow's "cruse of oil" story:

Somewhere in the southland lives a woman whose "gift" is worthy of mention. Reared in means, she had never known the meaning of privation. In later years misfortune came, making even the necessities hard to obtain. However, her pledge to the Campaign was promptly paid each year. Unusually hard did she have to labor to meet one of the payments but shortly thereafter a friend sent her a birthday gift which cared for her immediate necessities. "Give and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, running over"!

To Mrs. L. C. Biggs of Illinois the magazine accords thanks for a testimony as follows:

At the close of a missionary meeting there came forward a poor but dear old lady. She slipped a twenty dollar bill into my hand, saying, "I want to give something". We had been talking about the debt on our Boards; of the great needs; of how 85 young people had applied to the Foreign Mission Board asking to be sent to needy fields; and of how, because southern Baptists had failed to pay their vows the Board was compelled to refuse their pleas. I said: "How much do you want me to take out of this bill?" for I knew \$20.00 would mean a great sacrifice to her. "Oh, I want to give it all"!

Miss Ida V. Rhoad of Georgia makes the following practical suggestion and stimulating appeal:

There are many women living in rural sections who have little or no money to give. Why not add to the number of hens and use the proceeds for the Lord's work? In some cases the number could be doubled. Even if it should be neces-

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## BIBLE STUDY



### TOPIC—Esther, the Queen

I. *Called to the Kingdom:* Esther 2:5-20. Brought up by her uncle Mordecai, when presented to king Ahasuerus, she was so modest in her beauty, so charming in her attitude that "the king loved Esther above all women" and made her queen instead of Vashti, Esther 2:17, 10. Esther made dainty preparation for the royal pleasure when she became queen, Esther 2:9-12. Our King's command is that our preparation of His Kingdom should be acceptable to Him, Isa. 1:18-20; 55:6, 7; Matt. 25:1-13; John 3:3, 5, 16, 17. Ahasuerus made a great feast for Esther. Our King makes a feast, Luke 14:16-24, and at the marriage of the Lamb, Rev. 18:7-10; Rev. 21:9, "the Bride hath made herself ready in garments clean and white". We may have the garments of righteousness, Rom. 3:21; I Cor. 1:30, II Cor. 5:2; Phil. 3:9, in our behalf Christ has met every demand of the law, Rom. 10:4.

II. *The Courageous Woman:* Esther 4:16; Eph. 6:10, 18. "If I perish, I perish"; Haman (an Amalekite, Exod. 17:14-16; I Sam. 15:18) became indignant against Mordecai, because he would not bow before Haman, and when he understood that Mordecai was a Jew, he conspired against all Jews in the kingdom, Esther 3:1-15. When Esther understood the threatened disaster, she issued her call to prayer, Esther 4:15-17. "While she prayed she was planning, and after three days put off her mourning garments, arrayed herself as became the queen, went into the king with fear and trembling, taking her life in her hands, strong in faith, undaunted by difficulties, believing that God would prosper her as she made her petition", Esther 5:1-8. "Many times in the three days when Esther and her maidens were praying the tide of prayer rose throbbing in their hearts and lifted them to confidence", Phil. 4:6, 7; Peter 5:6, 7; Matt. 6:30-33; Heb. 4:16.

III. *The Deliverer of Her People:* Esther 8:1-17. Esther was ready to sacrifice herself for the salvation of her people, Rom. 12:1; II Cor. 8:9. "The Jewish upbringing triumphed over the years of etiquette and splendor in the palace. The habit of faith, the habit of obedience, Esther 2:20; the habit of unselfish courage, the love for her own people rose up strong in Esther's heart. She knew how to pray and she knew the value of united prayer." "He that saveth his life shall lose it", Matt. 16:25; Esther 7:3, 4. The second banquet is being held; the pathetic request has been urged and the king demands the name of the man plotting destruction. Esther may have pointed at Haman, Esther 7:6; she spoke with truth the name of the enemy.

IV. *Ministry of Woman:* Esther 8:1. She had another request, 8:36. Pathos will do more than logic; the king made gracious reply, 8:7-17. Oh, this eloquent tongue! She knew it was all settled. "Go ye into all the provinces", 8:9. It was the beginning of a gospel. There is a greater gospel message made by the Jew, Jesus, the Son of God, "Go ye into all the world", Mark 16:15. This gospel is of pardon, acceptance, the dispensation of the grace of God, Eph. 3:2. The proclamation of Ahasuerus brought death; this gospel of peace brings forgiveness and life, Rom. 6:23. The Jews were resentful and unforgiving; our Jesus forgives, I John 1:7, 9. We are told the name of God is not in this wonderful book of Esther—God Himself is in every line of it. "A fair woman grasped a moral scepter, addressed a heart speech to a willing ear." We want the stratagem of love, the courage of faith, the word of deliverance, Matt. 21:25-28; Matt. 17:21; John 4:25-29, John 11:1-5. This brilliant queen was great because she yielded to the call of duty and Purim was a day of salvation instead of destruction.—

Mrs. James Pollard





## DAILY BIBLE READINGS



### TOPIC—Esther, the Queen

**B**ECAUSE He came to seek and to save the lost, this Gospel calls all Christians into fellowship with Him for the sake of the lost; by revelation of what He is able to do in our transformed lives; by conviction so produced in the minds of those who observe, and then by persuasion of such as are convinced toward the self same Saviour. Carry the message of the Word to the ends of the earth, let it speak its own truth to the lost and tell them of a Kinsman who is able to save them to the uttermost.—*G. Campbell Morgan, D. D.*

#### *Called to the Kingdom*

##### Wednesday, 1st

Esther 1:9-22; Psalm 1:1-6

##### Thursday, 2d

Esther 2:5-20; Deuteronomy 4:30-32

##### Friday, 3d

Esther 2:21-23; 3:1-15; Psalm 85:8-13

##### Saturday, 4th

Proverbs 16:1-15; Psalm 119:113-120

##### Sunday, 5th

Isaiah 42:6, 7; 43:4-7

##### Monday, 6th

Proverbs 16:16-33; Isaiah 41:10

##### Tuesday, 7th

Romans 8:28-34; 2 Timothy 1:6-13

#### *The Courageous Woman*

##### Wednesday, 8th

Esther 4:1-17; II Chronicles 19:7, 11; Psalm 102:13

##### Thursday, 9th

Esther 5:1-6; Psalm 45:9-17

##### Friday, 10th

Esther 5:7-14; Proverbs 16:18; 27:1

##### Saturday, 11th

Esther 6:1-9; Proverbs 28:10; I Timothy 6:9, 10

##### Sunday, 12th

Esther 6:10-14; Job 21:17-20

##### Monday, 13th

Esther 7:1-10; Psalm 37:35-38; Mark 8:36, 37

##### Tuesday, 14th

Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 101:1-8

#### *The Deliverer of Her People*

##### Wednesday, 15th

Esther 8:1-8; Nehemiah 2:1-10

##### Thursday, 16th

Esther 8:9-17; Psalm 98:1-9

##### Friday, 17th

Esther 9:2-5, 11; Judges 5:1-7

##### Saturday, 18th

Esther 9:12-19; Psalm 18:43-50

##### Sunday, 19th

Esther 9:20-28; Psalm 30:1-12

##### Monday, 20th

Esther 9:29-32; 2:15, 8:10; Proverbs 29:18

##### Tuesday, 21st

Esther 10:1-3; Genesis 41:39-44; Psalm 122:6

#### *Ministry of Women*

##### Wednesday, 22d

Exodus 15:1; Numbers 12:1-15; Micah 6:4

##### Thursday, 23d

Judges 4:4-9; 5:1-15; Psalm 96:1-13

##### Friday, 24th

I Samuel 1:1-22; 2:1-11, 26

##### Saturday, 25th

Esther 2:7-9, 15-20; 3:8, 9; 4:8, 16; 5:2, 9:32

##### Sunday, 26th

Luke 1:26-33, 46-56; John 19:25-27; Acts 1:14

##### Monday, 27th

Acts 1:14; 16:13-15, 40; 17:4, 12

##### Tuesday, 28th

Exodus 30:25, 26; Acts 9:36-42; Proverbs 31:10

##### Wednesday, 29th

Luke 10:38-42; John 11:1-46; 12:1-7

##### Thursday, 30th

Mark 15:40, 41; Luke 23:27-29; Matthew 28:1-10

## Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists April, 1925

*He is able;  
He is able to do more than we ask;  
He is able to do much more than we ask;  
He is abundantly able to do much more than we ask;  
He is abundantly able to do much more than all we ask;  
He is abundantly able to do much more than all we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.—PRAYER AND MISSIONS*

### Topic: Present Day Persecutions in Europe

#### 1—WEDNESDAY

Pray that our Foreign Mission Board be abundantly supported in Baptist work in Europe  
They shall bear the burden with thee.  
—Exodus 18:22

#### 2—THURSDAY

For Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, Baptist Commissioner for Europe  
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.  
—Psalm 121:3

#### 3—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Ullin Leavell, evangelistic and educational work, Hwanghsien, China  
He laid down His life for us.  
—I John 3:16

#### 4—SATURDAY

That Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Lawton, general missionary work, Chengchow, China, give fruitful testimony for Christ  
In Me is their help.—Hosea 13:9

#### 5—SUNDAY

That our Near East Relief offering remove suffering among Baptist orphans in Europe  
Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them.—Luke 24:36

#### 6—MONDAY

That the God of all comfort be with Mrs. F. M. Edwards in her missionary service in Sao Paulo, Brazil, now on furlough  
The Father hath not left me alone.  
—John 8:29

#### 7—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. John Lake and their work among lepers, beyond Canton, China  
Thou shalt glorify Me.—Psalm 50:15

#### 8—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. P. W. Hamlett, evangelistic work, Wusih, China  
Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.—John 16:33

#### 9—THURSDAY

That Rev. and Mrs. V. L. David, missionaries to Spain, have prayer-support in their new work  
Quicken Thou me in Thy way.  
—Psalm 119:37

#### 10—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Pruitt, general missionary service, Hwanghsien, China  
Your life is hid with Christ in God.  
—Colossians 3:3

#### 11—SATURDAY

That missionary service of Rev. and Mrs. Frank Marrs, Guaymas, Mexico, bring glorious results  
The love of Christ constraineth us.  
—II Corinthians 5:14

#### 12—SUNDAY

Praise God for new missionaries recently appointed by Foreign Mission Board  
No man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.—John 10:29

#### 13—MONDAY

For Christian supremacy in Chile and for our missionaries at Santiago, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Moye  
I am come that they might have life.  
—John 10:10

#### 14—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. Wash Watts, missionaries in Jerusalem, Palestine  
As my Father hath sent Me, even so send I you.—John 20:21

#### 15—WEDNESDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Yocum and for hospital work at Pingtu, China  
The angel of His presence saved them.—Isaiah 63:9

†W.M.U. Training School Alumna



## Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists

### April, 1925

"Who in my darkest hour of need,  
Hath comfort that no human creed  
To mortal soul may give?  
Who walks beside me in the gloom;  
Who shares the burden wearisome;  
Who all the way doth illumine  
And bids me look beyond the tomb—  
The larger life to live?—My Saviour and my God!"

#### Topic: Present Day Persecutions in Europe

##### 16—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. C. K. Dozier,  
evangelistic missionaries, Fukuoka,  
Japan  
He that sent Me is with Me.  
—John 8:29

##### 17—FRIDAY

For S. B. C. work in Russia that  
God's Spirit may guide  
With God nothing shall be impossible.  
—Luke 1:37

##### 18—SATURDAY

That Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Marriott  
be blessed in their missionary serv-  
ice in Chinkiang, China  
My help cometh from the Lord.  
—Psalm 121:2

##### 19—SUNDAY

For Baptist pastors in central Eu-  
rope in their struggles for religious  
liberty  
If God be for us, who can be against  
us?—Romans 8:31

##### 20—MONDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. J. Hundley  
Wiley, Shanghai Baptist College  
and Seminary, China  
The Lord shall preserve thee from  
all evil.—Psalm 121:7

##### 21—TUESDAY

That Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Harris  
reap rich harvest for God in Kai-  
feng, China  
He is my right hand.—Psalm 16:8

##### 22—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Shepard,  
general missionary service in Rio de  
Janiero, Brazil  
As thy days, so shall thy strength be.  
—Deuteronomy 33:25

##### 23—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Charles L. Cul-  
pepper, evangelistic work, Laichow-  
fu, China  
Trust in the Lord with all thine heart.  
—Proverbs 3:5

##### 24—FRIDAY

That the ministry of Dr. and Mrs.  
P. S. Evans, Tsinan, China, quicken  
soul and body of many thousands  
That they might know . . . Jesus Christ  
—John 17:3

##### 25—SATURDAY

For a great awakening of souls  
through the work of Rev. and †Mrs.  
Ben Rowland, Shiuchow, China  
His work is perfect.  
—Deuteronomy 32:4

##### 26—SUNDAY

Pray for the persecuted Christians  
in Rumania, Hungary and Jugo-  
Slavia.  
Ye now, therefore, have sorrow but  
. . . . . your heart shall rejoice.  
—John 16:22

##### 27—MONDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. C. A. Leonard,  
evangelistic work, Harbin, Manchu-  
ria, China  
My meditation of Him shall be sweet.  
—Psalm 104:34

##### 28—TUESDAY

For the evangelistic work of Rev.  
and Mrs. A. B. Christie, Nicthe-  
roy, Brazil  
The Lord thy God is with thee.  
—Joshua 1:9

##### 29—WEDNESDAY

For soul-winning service of Rev.  
and †Mrs. Edward M. Bostick, Jr.,  
Soochow, China  
My presence shall go with thee.  
—Exodus 33:14

##### 30—THURSDAY

That our prayers and gifts increase  
the power of Christian workers in  
southern Baptist missions in Eu-  
rope  
His ears are open unto their cry.  
—Psalm 34:15

†W.M.U. Training School Alumna



## PROGRAM FOR APRIL



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

### PRESENT DAY PERSECUTIONS IN EUROPE

Hymn—O, Zion Haste

Bible Study (See page 7.)

Prayer for All Who Are Suffering for Christ's Sake

Hymn—God Is the Refuge of His Saints

Personal Service Period (See page 27.)

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Foreign Missions, a Gift to Our Churches

God's Unit in Jugo-Slavia

God's Army in Hungary

Rumania's Open Door

Reading—A Rumanian Heroine (See Home Department.)

Hymn—Rest of the Weary, Joy of the Sad (First Stanza)

The Outlook in Spain

Waiting and Serving in Russia

Some Things for Which to Pray

Reading—"The Place"

### FOREIGN MISSIONS, A GIFT TO OUR CHURCHES

THE knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, the endowment of the Spirit and the commission to evangelize the world are among the most precious gifts to the church of God. Through home missions we must evangelize our Jerusalem and our Samaria but we must also witness to the uttermost parts of the world or fail in the full purpose of God in bestowing these gifts upon us. His children have gone far in their obedience to His command but not far enough. While there are at least 13,000 evangelical American men and women telling the Gospel story in every country on the globe they are still too few. In these lands there are sections where His name has never been heard; that name which is so sweet to us is still withheld from these waiting souls. To them we must hasten with the saving message.

In foreign missions the preparatory

work has been done. Foundations have been laid. The Bible has been translated into over 600 languages and dialects. Christian hospitals, dispensaries, colleges, schools and printing establishments are now working agencies on foreign fields. The pioneer period is closed and the time for full conquest has come. If we halt now we will bring foreign missions to a critical period. We must use our present opportunity or lose it. Those who are actively engaged in foreign mission work and those who are prayerfully studying the situation tell us that many obstacles are being placed in the way of Christian progress and that great hindrances to a full conquest exist on all fields. Happy are we if no hindrance be found in ourselves!

Of hindrances on our fields there are none more gravely apparent than those which confront our fellow Christians in central Europe. One writer tells us that these sister churches are at their great-



est crisis since the Reformation and that their membership is in deep distress. This situation involves the new territories of southern Baptist work in Europe: Spain, Jugo-Slavia, Hungary, Rumania, the Ukraine and southeast Russia. In these countries the depreciation of currency has brought pitiful trials. Pastors' salaries have been reduced to a few dollars each month and many of them are working long hours in fields, mines and factories to support their families and help the churches in their care, giving the leftover time to preaching Christ to those who are quite as poor as themselves. Women and children are gathering herbs in the woods and fields and selling these bunches for a small fraction of a penny that they may give this to the cause they love and for which they are suffering persecution. "Persecution at this time of missionary accomplishment?" you say. Yes, it is amazing but true that there are those of our faith and under our care who are today enduring pain and sorrow such as we have never known. The physical and mental strain which weakens the body is very apparent in the appearance of the people of our central European fields, especially in that of the children. But very apparent also is the heroic spirit which is very vital because feeding upon the promises of God and awaiting their fulfillment with simple faith. Dr. Everett Gill, superintendent of our work in Europe, and Mrs. Gill are doing much to comfort and encourage these brave and patient people. Their visits have brought joy into many homes. We have heard of one pastor's wife who wrote to America for a recipe for making hot bread because she had heard that the people of the southern states in America loved hot bread. This she was planning for Mrs. Gill's next visit. This seemingly small action represents large things, for the same spirit of appreciation is shown for spiritual as well as material benefits. That this spirit be not quenched is now our grave responsibility.

Of this situation in our European

work Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, Baptist Commissioner for Europe, says, "We need only to aid the valiant, apostolic preachers who are already setting Europe ablaze with Baptist doctrine to make possible the education and preparation of the hosts of young people who are clamoring for the opportunity to pour out their lives on behalf of their people in a crusade to rid Europe of its doubts, fears, jealousies, hatreds, poverty, ignorance, crime and all the brood of horrible children of unbelief and materialism. Never did a people have opportunity for investment that would bring richer returns than have Baptists today in distressed and bleeding Europe". Let us take from the hands of our Lord the precious privilege of being co-laborers with Him on our foreign fields in prayer, deed and every ministration, for all of which He has so liberally endowed us.

"O church of God, thine errand speed  
Fulfil thy task sublime;  
With bread of life earth's hunger feed;  
Redeem the evil time.

"Thy truth is her prophetic gift,  
Thy Word her sacred page;  
Her feet on mercy's errand swift,  
Shall be her pilgrimage."

#### GOD'S UNIT IN JUGO-SLAVIA

NO study of our central European fields can be quite as profitable without a map as with one. In the northwest corner of the Balkan peninsula you will find Jugo-Slavia, a mountainous country of something over 95,000 square miles and a population of 11,337,686. The capital city is Belgrade, around which city much of the population concentrates. Under the treaty of Versailles Jugo-Slavia was granted absolute religious liberty but there is a strong political feeling against it. During the recent election campaign in Jugo-Slavia a state of terror existed. Numbers of the party opposed to the present mode of government were denied the right to meet and any demonstration was followed by arrest, imprisonment, beating and even death. Might

entirely defeated right. This terrible season of political strife is said to be the biggest crisis through which Jugo-Slavia has passed since the great war.

With this sort of government misrule it is not hard to imagine the trials of those who are enduring persecution for the sake of their loyalty to Christ and their desire for the religious liberty, which is nationally theirs. Children have been denied school privileges, houses of worship have been closed and in some cases burial of the dead has been refused. But the Baptists, because of their New Testament knowledge of the religion of Jesus Christ and the adaptation of it into their daily lives, are slowly but very surely taking an important place in the life of the country. The grave and wistful faces of these Jugo-Slavia Christians tell their own story but a visitor to many of their church services speaks of how wonderful it was to see these same faces grow suddenly radiant as they listened to their faithful pastors assure them of the presence of Christ through these times of persecution and of His promise of delivery in them, if not out of them.

In 1921 the Jugo-Slavian Baptist Union was formed which is under the care of our Foreign Mission Board. We are now giving assistance to four churches and seventy-five preaching stations. In most of these rooms or buildings the audience has outgrown the space and often there is not even standing room. Sometimes during the meeting opportunity is given for those sitting to exchange places with some of those standing. This is done with the utmost quiet and with unbroken attention to the speaker. Six native pastors and forty-eight native workers are in charge of the Baptist work in Jugo-Slavia. The contributions from a membership of about eight hundred amounted to \$1135. As these are the figures of 1923-24 we may expect a larger statistical report for the closing Conventional year. A faith so cherished by prayer and sacrifice cannot cease to grow in numbers and in spiritual power.

#### GOD'S ARMY IN HUNGARY

AFTER the dreary years of struggle which followed the enthusiasm of the Reformation the controlling Roman Catholics came to realize that Hungary could not destroy her Protestants without injury to herself. Accordingly two Christian bodies, the Reformed and the Lutheran Churches were recognized but regulated by the state. All other denominations were forbidden the country. In spite of these regulations other forms of religion entered but endured bitter persecution. There was great need for connection with western religious bodies and two strong denominations, the Baptist and Methodist, braved the edicts against them and entered through Germany. The Baptists were the first to enter (1845). In 1895 a religious liberty law was passed. The government no longer persecuted Christians but did nothing to save them from private persecution. Previous to this there were dark pages on the history of Hungary, from 1848 to 1873. Austria with the help of Russia had endeavored to take from Hungary her religious propaganda. Through these years Baptist work ceased but under more favorable political conditions began again in 1893. At the outbreak of the World War there were some 23,000 Baptists in Hungary. After the war Hungary lost two-thirds of its territory and consequently the number of Baptists decreased. Since 1921 when our Foreign Mission Board accepted the care of Baptist work in Hungary there has been improvement in results and outlook. The theological seminary in Budapest, the capital city, has been opened and has now twenty-one students. Pastors who had to do other work for a livelihood have been restored to their churches. During the past year 1100 have been baptized into the kingdom of God and the whole denominational body is working for its enlargement. An orphanage organized and supported by Hungarian Baptists before we entered the field is now caring for eighty children. In a country where



families are living on from four to ten dollars a month, and that with living as high as it is in the United States, the contributions from the churches of \$15,625 might well call for a repetition of Paul's commendation of the churches of Macedonia: "How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. . . . Beyond their power they gave of their own accord".

A glorious harvest awaits southern Baptists in Hungary which only our own neglect to plant and prune this fertile garden can keep us from reaping. In giving our Board abundant help we are putting into its hands the power to place an already trained army into the world field for conquest. The world needs such Christians as these brave and believing people; do not let us hold them back.

#### RUMANIA'S OPEN DOOR

THE government of Rumania is what is called a constitutional monarchy. No act of the king can be carried out without the signature of the minister of state. The restrictions on evangelical work are very severe. The state holds that the majority in any community is entitled to the property of any denomination and that this can be assigned by the minister of state to any purpose according to his arbitrary will. In some cases schools for Christian teaching have been seized and used for hospitals and other secular purposes. Lands of the churches have been taken by the state and are rented to the former owners at an enormous price. Of this situation Dr. Rushbrooke says: "The Rumanian government has entirely failed to put an end to the oppressive and frequently brutal actions of its officials and police. It is alleged that meeting houses of Baptist churches are arbitrarily closed; preachers and worshippers are arrested and fined; congregations are forcibly dispersed and members beaten by gendarmes; books used in worship are confiscated and burned; registration of Baptist mar-

riages is refused; and permits to build chapels withheld". In addition to this, terrible individual persecutions are reported, some of them almost unbelievable in this enlightened age. It is told of one young woman that as she went from church she was followed, stoned and thrown into a pit to die. Her husband in searching for her met the same fate. This is only one of many terrible experiences of our people in Rumania. With the Greek Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches in close competition for power the persecution of evangelicals finds little sympathy or redress. Surely prayer need not be urged for these unfortunate ones of our own faith and fellowship!

In this country of seething enmity toward the true Christ we have one hundred and thirty-five faithful pastors and more than three hundred native helpers. There are eighty-five churches owned either by our Foreign Mission Board or by Rumanian Baptists. Three thousand baptisms were reported last year and the kingdom is being added to almost daily. These people out of their sorrow and poverty contributed last year the sum of \$4,700. At Bucharest, the capital city, we have a small theological seminary in which are fifteen young men preparing for the ministry. We have a good property here but buildings are badly needed.

Living in this atmosphere of enmity and often in bodily fear one would think church attendance would languish, but no, the churches are crowded at every service. Little do these dear women mind sitting on benches without backs, many of them with children in their arms. Hungry for the Word of God they would sit for hours to hear it. They do not smile often for life is hard for them, but eagerness and hope come into their expressive eyes as they listen to the promises of God.

The very word "Opportunity" has, from frequent usage, almost lost its appeal but when we remember that it means "Open Door", and in this case a door opened by the pierced hand of Him who has called us into service, can

we refuse to enter? It has been made so easy for us to enter the service of God that we can scarcely vision the difficulties of our sisters in Rumania, but let us hear His voice: "He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. Behold I have set before thee an open door and no man can shut it. . . . Because thou hast kept the word of My patience I will keep thee from the hour of temptation which shall come unto all the world". Through our Foreign Mission Board a great and effectual door has been opened in Rumania; no man can close it but God may if we are too slow in coming to the assistance of this distressed country.

#### THE OUTLOOK IN SPAIN

THOSE who keep in touch with the foreign column in the daily papers can note the slow awakening of Spain from her long sleep of papal-fed stupor. From the *Missionary Review of the World* we quote the following: "There is a strong current flowing in support of religious liberty in Spain. The country has recently, on more than one occasion, escaped a revolutionary movement which might have changed all its institutions. Prominent politicians see that the country cannot be considered in line with modern ideals as long as religious liberty is denied all its citizens and intolerance takes its place. The Roman church has made up its mind to fight against the repeal of the article in the constitution which limits freedom, but the Spanish public is no longer so ready to be led by Rome. Recently the authority of Rome failed in obtaining the support of the administration in its efforts to suppress Protestantism and ministers of the crown have for the first time come forward as defenders of religious liberty in concrete cases. The Bible, except in Latin, is still scarcely obtainable and is practically unknown among the common people, but a number of Spanish papers publish in their Sunday edition the Spanish translation of the Gospel and Epistle for the day. The Bible Society colporteurs are at work and several evangelical missions are actively proclaiming the Gospel".

Our own work in Spain is a small but growing one. The Spanish Baptist Union, organized by Dr. Gill, has brought unity of Baptist effort and mutual help and encouragement to the twenty-two churches in its territory. Rev. A. Celma, the general secretary, is a man of piety and ability and has many duties — preaching in the churches, visiting the membership and teaching in the theological seminary at Barcelona. Our new missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. V. L. David will be identified with this school. In this small school of only five students some of the same text books are being used as in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., notably those of Drs. Sampey and Robertson. A monthly paper, *The Messenger*, is one of the agencies of the Union for teaching Baptist principles to about 1700 readers.

Our workers in Spain number two missionaries and eighteen native helpers who joyfully labor in and around about thirty preaching stations. Last year one hundred and thirteen baptisms were reported.

Persecution, except in individual instances, is held in abeyance by the present attitude of the government but if a revolt should come it will burst forth with great cruelty. Spain is greatly in need of the same religious liberty and Christian instruction that have set free the people of other nations.

#### WAITING AND SERVING IN RUSSIA

THE news from Russia is not very good news. Yet we must believe that for a country where there are three and a half million Baptists there must be a great spiritual future. This large body of Baptists is the growth of only two generations and not even government restrictions on religious worship and instruction can prevent an increase of millions more in the coming generation. This growth depends on the simple evangelistic message through Baptist preachers. These need not be sent from America, they are already in Russia. But from us must come the support and instructions for their labors which they



are now unable to provide for themselves.

At present the soviet government forbids the baptism of any one under eighteen years of age; the employment of children in any capacity on church premises; and requires that all Bibles and books on religious teaching be removed from public libraries. It is known that teachers of public schools are being punished for attending religious services of any sort—even funerals. In Russia, as in all other countries, the greatest promise lies in its youth. It seems that the present government of Russia is making every effort to produce a wholly irreligious coming generation, thus making sure of a good crop of revolutions.

Larger liberty for Baptists has been sought through conferences and interviews with the soviet government by our representatives in Europe but there has been no apparent change as yet. By reason of their attitude against enforced military service a number of Baptist leaders have been imprisoned and their work suspended. Thus we see that conditions in Russia do not now permit great freedom in religious endeavor. To give such assistance as we can to the theological school in Petrograd and get a certain number of Bibles into the country is now the aim of our Board until a larger opportunity comes. "Our first missionary to Russia, Rev. E. H. Porter, has done valiant service in relief work and has been able to do some evangelistic work. For the present the most that can be done is in extending relief to the starving multitudes." In cooperation with the Near East Relief the Foreign Mission Board has given splendid help in feeding and clothing the hungry and cold in Russia as well as in our other European fields. If we cannot greatly advance our mission in Russia, we must keep up what is being done.

Dr. Gill, who knows our European field as does no other, pleads that we should "leave off thinking of giving the Gospel to Europe (including Rus-

sia which is partly Asiatic) merely as a new and thrilling means of increasing the number of Baptists in the world, as splendid as that enterprise may be. We must think on a higher plane than this and keep constantly before our minds that the Gospel saves not only individuals but peoples and civilizations as well". Such high thinking brings us into the region of prayer where we may claim Russia and Europe and the world for Christ. If we do our part for the nations God will do His.

#### SOME THINGS FOR WHICH TO PRAY

"If we would communicate Christ we must commune with Christ." We cannot give that we do not possess. Through prayer we can possess Christ and communicate Him to the whole world. "Prayer", says Dr. J. Campbell White, "is the first and best method of solving the missionary problem. Among all the methods that have been devised none is more practical, more fruitful than this. If a definite group of praying Christians work this method, the efficiency of the present missionary force could probably be doubled and new missionaries sent out whenever needed". In applying this method to our own work it would follow that if every Women's Missionary Society of our Union, made up of individual private intercessors, would strive together in fervent prayer the problems of our Foreign Mission Board would be quickly solved. The field for petition is wide and still growing. Dr. T. B. Ray tells us that the lines of our foreign mission work have been extended into sixteen countries of the world and that in these countries the population is twenty-five times as large as that within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. God has given us great things to pray for! Central Europe is a part of this large enterprise and while for all mankind we pray, let us in this month especially remember the needs of Jugo-Slavia, Hungary, Rumania, Spain and Russia. These immediate needs are:

*Spain*—A building to house our new theological seminary and apartments for missionaries; space for our new publication work; a preaching chapel

*Jugo-Slavia*—A building to house our new seminary that we must soon found; apartments; space for publication work and preaching chapel

*Hungary*—A building for church work with a seating capacity of from 1000 to 1500; apartments; theological school; publication work. A fine lot has already been purchased.

*Rumania*—A building for large evangelistic work; apartments; publication work. A fine lot has already been purchased

The immense needs for Russia cannot be given now.

#### THE PLACE

"THERE is a place where thou canst touch the eyes  
Of blinded men to instant, perfect sight;  
There is a place where thou canst say 'Arise!'  
To dying captives, bound in chains of night;  
There is a place where thou canst reach the store  
Of hoarded gold and free it for the Lord;  
There is a place—here or on distant shore—  
Where thou canst send the worker and the Word.  
There is a place where heaven's resistless power  
Responsive moves to thine insistent plea;  
There is a place—a silent trusting hour—  
Where God Himself descends and works for thee.  
Where is that blessed place—dost thou ask 'Where?'  
O Soul, it is the secret place of prayer."

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

1. What has been the history of churches not interested in foreign missions?
2. What was the character of the churches commended by Paul for their missionary spirit?
3. If an angel were to descend with a measuring rod would you fear for the missionary standing of your church?
4. Why are the countries of central Europe unique in mission fields?
5. Mention some of the contrast between our church services and those of Jugo-Slavia, Hungary, Rumania and Russia.
6. Do the stories of persecution merely affect your sympathies or move you to prayer and sacrifice?
7. What does the effort for religious education on our European fields denote?
8. Do you have a season of prayer in your missionary meeting?
9. Name some of the problems of our Foreign Mission Board and tell what character of prayer would solve them.

#### Monthly Missionary Topics for 1926

Jan.—Special W.M.U. Objects  
Feb.—The Whitening Fields of Japan  
March—The Romance of Home Missions  
April—Our South American Fields  
May—Our Hospitals at Home and Abroad  
June—The American Indian

July—Nigeria  
Aug.—Cuba and Canal Zone  
Sept.—Personal Service: Soul-Winning  
Oct.—Graded W.M.U.  
Nov.—Europe and the Near East  
Dec.—China's Spiritual Awakening





## Y. W. A. PROGRAMS



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

### FIRST MEETING

**Topic—Out of an April Incident**

Hymn—Watchman Tell Us of the Night

Prayer for dawn of righteousness soon

Devotional—Europe's First Convert,

Lydia—Acts 16:6-15

Prayer that the zealous, eager spirit of Lydia in following the Truth may be ours

Hymn—The Son of God Goes Forth to War

An April Incident

Its Influence Widens

Surveying Our Fields Today (Map Study)

Hymn—The Whole Wide World for Jesus

Warped Ideas about Baptists

Sad Need of a Real Savior

Hymn—I've a Savior Kind and Tender

A Rumanian Heroine—(See Home Department)

Business of Y. W. A.—Report on Standard of Excellence

Announcement about Ridgcrest Y. W. A. Camp

Closing Prayer

### An April Incident

IN looking toward Europe the hard to pronounce name of a hard to defeat man should be remembered, that of Johann Gerhard Oncken, sometimes called the "Father of Continental Baptists". A number of influences entered into his religious training but a determining factor for his life-work was his meeting with Professor Sears of our country who was studying in Europe. They discussed matters of religion and at last on April 22, 1834, Oncken and six others were baptized at midnight near Hamburg in the River Elbe. Difficult days of persecution followed but Oncken persevered in his stand as pas-

tor of the First Baptist Church in Germany, a church organized the day following the baptismal service. (*World Comrades* gives additional account of persecutions.)

### Its Influence Widens

PRESENTLY a man Julius Kobner, in Denmark, heard about Oncken, came to Hamburg, was baptized and went back to start Baptist work in Denmark. A man from Sweden, F. O. Nilson, also heard and went to Oncken returning to preach Jesus Christ in Sweden. Much the same was true in Holland with Dr. Elias Feisser. The great fire in Hamburg during 1842 brought many workmen from Hungary to the city. These came in contact with Oncken and his work and went back to spread Baptist teachings at home. Periods of political revolution almost blotted out their work but presently the British and Foreign Bible Society was distributing Bibles and a new interest was seen. In 1873 Henrik Meyer a friend and fellow-laborer of Oncken's organized the first Baptist church in Hungary. The first Baptist to go into Rumania was a carpenter, Karl Scharschmidt, baptized by Oncken in 1875, going to Bucharest in 1856. So the influence of Oncken went everywhere though Europe. He carried the burdens of expansion, directing the activities, sending colporteurs and pastors here and there as requests came or opportunity called.

### Surveying Our Fields Today

NO Y. W. A. should undertake to carry out any program without a map; certainly a map is needed to point out these fields of southern Baptists that are yet comparatively new to us. "Spain, Italy, Jugo-Slavia, Hungary, Rumania, the Ukraine and portions of Russia eastwards thereof"—these countries be-

came peculiarly ours to send the Gospel to after the London Conference in 1920. It is impossible to have accurate reports from Russia but the other countries report a total of 353 churches.

### Warped Ideas about Baptists

PAPAL control has spread queer ideas about Baptists. People are warned not to read our literature. They are told that reading the Bible will make them blind, that is reserved for "holy men", meaning the priests. One story current was to the effect that those who were baptized had a white mark on the right shoulder which was the devil's seal put on them when they went under the water. (See "Foreign Missions, a Gift to Our Churches", general program.)

### Sad Need of a Real Savior

KEPT in ignorance and superstition by the priests the people of Europe try to find their satisfaction in image worship almost as idolatrous as that in China or Japan. They bow before the Virgin Mary and pray to her more than to God through Jesus Christ. The rosary is used. The crucifix is hung in dwellings and schools and children must cross themselves before it. Those who are sick seek health by making offerings to this saint or that. Statues of various saints are hung with valuable necklaces and rings to show gratitude for some blessing or relief of pain. The priest is revered with great ceremony, before him people kneel, they kiss his hand, they bring him gifts begging that he will present their petitions for them to God; they need a Savior who is an all-sufficient High-Priest for them without all this useless show, this ritual, this ceremony. "Himself bore our infirmities."

### SECOND MEETING

**Topic—A Miscellaneous Spring**

Hymn—Christ Arose

Scripture Lesson—Go Tell

Prayer for those who are telling

Prayer that all of us will tell by our lives

Hymn—God Hath Sent His Angels

Clouds on the Horizon

Sunshine in Italy

Storms of Russia

Leaves of Merit

Flowers of Grace in Spain

Forecast of Needs

Hymn—

Business Y. W. A.

Prayer for preparations for Annual Meeting W.M.U.

Hymn—O Zion Haste

Closing Prayer

"Go Tell"

Matthew 28:1-8

"And that message is ours, 'go tell', That He conquered the cross, the sword, Till the whole world knows That the Christ arose, Go, tell of the risen Lord."

Clouds on the Horizon

THE darkness of persecution has not completely disappeared from Rumania. See general program, paragraphs on our Foreign Missions a Gift to Our churches, God's Unit in Jugo-Slavia, and Rumania's Open Door. Here follow some instances of clouds on Christian brightness that but succeed in increasing the light of Christ:

(1) The Baptist pastor, Alexander Isbasha, cross-examined by the local priest regarding his Baptist faith, thereupon arrested by the police and beaten into insensibility

(2) Angel Caliman and others arrested because of their Baptist faith and escorted to Birchish where they are forced to work the whole day without food

(3) The children of Baptists of Cornei prohibited from going to school because of their Baptist faith.

### Sunshine in Italy

ITALY'S reports in May of 1924 show 49 churches with 2085 members; this is no small achievement under the shadow of the Pope of Rome. Recently in Trastevere, across the Tiber, there were three baptisms, two brothers and their sister. Mrs. Whittinghill presented Bibles to the three in behalf of the church. After the service the young woman said, "Oh, let me speak to Dr. Whittinghill; he came to see us in my mother's house at Rimini fifteen years



ago". The mother's faith had been used by God to bring her children to Him but Dr. Whittinghill remembered the faithful Italian woman into whose home he had gone so many years ago. Sometimes seed lies dormant a long time before it brings forth harvest but the sunshine of God's love creeps even into Catholic Italy; if our churches were more adequate in attractiveness and size how much more would the harvest quickly be!

#### Storms of Russia

**I**N Russia today, ruled by the Soviet Government, it is a criminal offense to hold a Sunday school class for teaching the Bible. The penalty of one year's imprisonment with hard labor is provided in Russia for any hapless teacher who may tell a child that Christ is its Savior." Bolshevik law forbids that even a boy's father shall teach his son of the love of God before he is eighteen years old.—Selected

See general program, "Waiting and Serving in Russia".

#### Leaves of Merit

**T**HE need for publications in the various countries was early seen and there are several worthwhile denominational periodicals. *World Comrades* for April is displaying reproductions of title designs from our Hungarian publications. In Italy literature is especially valuable in spreading the Gospel. "Bilychnis" and "Il Testimonio" have been placed under the papal ban. The former "The Two Flames" i. e. knowledge and faith, is the most widely read and quoted religious review in Italy; the latter is "The Witness", a monthly denominational and home magazine. At the recent Dio de Janeiro exposition some publications from the Baptist Press in Rome won the gold medal and at the Dante Centenary Book Exhibi-

tion in Florence, Italy, were given another award.

#### Flowers of Grace in Spain

**T**HE people in Spain have for centuries clung superstitiously to their images and charms, they have been taught that to read the Bible is a sin. The first known effort to spread the Gospel in Spain was made by the British and Foreign Bible Society which smuggled Scriptures in through British merchants. Later colporteurs began to go. There is record of one who in 1855 was condemned to death for his propagation of the Gospel. Through the years religious tolerance has grown as the people have shown a distaste for the too strict rule of the pope; now our churches are being blessed in increasing measure. (See general program, "The Outlook in Spain".)

#### Forecast of Needs

See general program, "Some Things for Which to Pray". Forecast for Italy: church buildings, crowded conditions, frequently changes in hall used for services at whim of landlord give unstable appearance to work there; at least one church meets in basement because Foreign Board has no funds.

In Rumania meeting places for church, dormitory and class rooms of Seminary are all violating Bucharest's sanitary and health laws by their crowded conditions. The building used for seminary in Budapest, Hungary, was formerly the anatomical institute of the criminal court and a place of execution. One can still see the five timber posts that once held a horizontal pole to which evil-doers were hanged. The building is of course old and rickety, a new one is needed tremendously. In general, need is for money to equip men and give them places in which to preach.

SEE PLANS FOR RIDGECREST ON PAGE 21

Second South-Wide Y.W.A. Camp  
June 16-26, 1925

RIDGECREST, NORTH CAROLINA



## COLLEGE Y. W. A.



### AGAIN RIDGECREST!

**O**H Ridgcrest, dear Ridgcrest, we'll come back next year!" Away down through the tunnel and across the hillside from the other direction the words and music echoed back to Ridgcrest as the girls rode away on the trains in either direction. And they'll be back but there will be room for you too because Pritchelle Hall is being enlarged and a new auditorium put up and the swimming pool will be ready too!

No, don't start until time to arrive on June 16.

Ridgcrest Second Southwide Y. W. A. Camp June 16-26

Outside Joys  
Inside Pleasures  
Outward Reach  
Upward Measures

"From two and two to far stars reach  
From grammar's rules draw laws of world-wide speech;  
Link health, wealth, wisdom close hand in hand;  
Show each her place in order's divine might,  
Her best to do and advocate the right."

—Adapted from Miss F. E. S. Heck

#### WHO'LL BE THERE?

Dr. W. O. Carver, professor of missions S. B. T. Seminary, to give a series of inspirational addresses—"Studies of the Christ Who Challenges Young Women Alert"

Mrs. W. C. James, president of Woman's Missionary Union, to lead each morning devotional service

Miss Kathleen Mallory, corresponding secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, for addresses "Woman's Task Today and Tomorrow"

Miss Emma Leachman, Field Worker of Home Mission Board, teaching our home mission study book

Two foreign missionaries to lead studies of the countries we've adopted through them

Miss Louise Foreman, traveling secretary of the S. B. C. Inter-Board Commission

And others, including your state young people's leader and Juliette Mather

#### And Y O U

Because it will just cost

Enrollment fee \$2.50

Board and room for 10 days \$17.50

Summer tourist railroad rates—ask your ticket agent

I'll see you at Ridgcrest sure as you're alive

June 16-26, 1925





## OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



### DROPS OF SUGGESTIONS FOR APRIL

**A**PRIL with her whimsical ways brings us the message of earth's springtime, her youthful days, so April particularly reminds Woman's Missionary Societies of their responsibility for our young people. It is April who finally puts to rout the chill of wintry March; it is youth that will finally bring triumph over enemies of right. "The world will be evangelized in that day when the leaders of our youth determine it shall be so"—we cannot repeat the quotation too often nor grasp the significance too thoroughly. The message of a risen, reigning Christ will be carried to all the world when the enthusiasm, the energies, the effort of youth are really turned to the task. Nothing that your W.M.S. can do is too much trouble, too expensive, too taxing in time and thought if it really prompts a mission interest in boys and girls and young women. What is your W.M.S. doing?

The counselor should not be left to stand alone. Probably on the front lawn children are playing "The Farmer in the Dell", remember how "the farmer takes his wife", "the wife takes the child" and so on until a whole bevy of people are enlisted, then all are scattered and "the cheese stands alone". Don't leave the counselor standing alone in bearing responsibility for any one organization. Just recently several letters have come to the headquarters office in Birmingham from women trying to lead two or even three of the young people's organizations of W.M.U.—how can they? In the W.M.U. Plan of Work is the recommendation that a whole circle consider itself responsible for each Sunbeam Band, Girls' Auxiliary, Royal Ambassador Chapter, Young Woman's Auxiliary. The counselor then will not stand alone, a whole circle and through the circle the entire

society will really be behind and around her in its support and encouragement. How help? Did you read the article in February ROYAL SERVICE, page 27, subject "Article XIV—Our Young People", written by Miss Hannah Reynolds, state young people's leader of Alabama? If you didn't, go back and read it, even read it aloud at your W.M.S. meeting.

Was that a shower of rain? Oh, it's dollars for WORLD COMRADES showering into 1111 Age-Herald Building because April has reminded that young growing things must be trained carefully and correctly. Have you subscribed for WORLD COMRADES for the children in your home? Don't put it off any longer.

**H**ERE is a quotation from another magazine, "The Portal", published for Methodist girls, the paragraph applies to R.A.'s. and G.A.'s. and Sunbeams



though: "If you go into the woods for wild flowers, try to bring some small bouquets of them to older people who can't get away from home as easily as you can. Give them a whiff of spring". And not only older people but patients in hospitals! What if you were in the hospital and spring tapped at your window and you couldn't go out playing with her, wouldn't you want someone to bring spring in to you in violets and spring beauties and other early blossoms? Of course you would. Just measure your spring hike by the Golden Rule and bring back some of it for others.

**A** G.A. down in Louisiana has done some clever, alert things lately. They decided it would be nice to have some G.A. letter paper. Quite grand?



Yes, but very nice, and they ordered it from one of those 200 sheets and 100 envelopes for \$1.00 firms all nicely printed.

Girls' Auxiliary

St. Charles Ave. Baptist Church  
New Orleans, La.

Wouldn't your G.A. like some too? Many magazines carry advertisements from firms that would gladly do the printing and since girls have to have stationery why not let it help develop a G.A. consciousness that will be big enough to take pride in G.A. Standard of Excellence, in living up to G.A. ideals? That same G.A. has a memory book with a picture of each girl and the picture of her prayer-mate beside her own. Prayer-mate? Yes, in China or Japan or Africa or South America or Palestine, just as each girl chose, one missionary here or there to be her chief "partner-over-there". In the memory book too is kept any clever favor used at G.A. social or program meetings; the program outline is there, the newspaper or church bulletin announcement or report, pictures of the G. A. and their splendid counselor, Miss Virginia Hamilton, taken in a group after initiation services, out on a hike—that is a fine memory book and it is putting missionary memoranda into girls' minds. Wouldn't your G.A.'s. like a G.A. memory book? There is no need for a question mark, of course they would.

A wise counselor invited the circle leaders of her G.A. to dinner one evening. The other members were just a little bit sorry not to be invited also but the circle leaders realize their responsibility in a new way and when a change in leadership is made at the end of the year; all the girls will understand that really being leader of the G.A. circle does amount to something.

**W**ORLD COMRADES was started to suit the needs of G. A., R.A. and Sunbeam organizations. It has no purpose save to "girdle the world with



friendliness" by bringing stories and programs easily adaptable to the use of these and all young people. When the suggestion reached the "Com-

rade" that the programs were a bit too difficult for Jr.R.A.'s., Jr.G.A.'s. and Sunbeams up to 9 according to the new grading, as quickly as possible an adjustment was made. In April WORLD COMRADES there are programs for Intermediate G.A.'s. and Intermediate R. A.'s., simpler programs for Jr.G.A.'s. and Jr.R.A.'s. and stories for Sunbeams. No counselor will limit the material she uses to just that in the particular page or pages for her very own organization of course. The information throughout all of WORLD COMRADES is too valuable to be overlooked or omitted. In some cases exact reference to additional material is made, in other instances the counselor will just gather up and transfer as much information from other departments as she has time to put into her programs. It would be a waste of printer's ink and paper pages to repeat the information, yet there is much about each month's topic that all our constituency should know, so be sure to reach into other program outlines and paragraphs for material, don't limit your program to its own few pages. We hope WORLD COMRADES will be even more valuable to the Kingdom with this new arrangement and once more would express our gratitude for the words of encouragement and advice which come with subscriptions.

**A** CERTAIN pastor was about to organize a Boy Scout troop in his church for he realized something must be done for his boys. A wise W.M.S. member said, "Pastor, are you familiar with Royal Ambassador activities?" "Why, I have heard of R.A.'s. but never thought much about it or of it". "Will you read the R.A. Manual and see what Royal Ambassador work is before





you organize the Scout troop?" "Yes, I shall be glad to do so". The wise W.M.S. member at once provided her pastor with the "Introductory Leaflet" and the "Manual of the Order of Royal Ambassadors" and a sample copy of WORLD COMRADES. (The state headquarters will gladly supply these.) A few days later the pastor announced that he would like to meet all the boys of nine to sixteen years to organize two Royal Ambassador Chapters! He said to that wise W.M.S. member, "There is as much in R.A. ritual and ranking to be attractive to boys as there is in Scouting and Royal Ambassador is really *our* organization". "Yes, indeed", agreed the wise W.M.S. member.

Perhaps April showers will reveal a whole company of wise W.M.S. members from one end of our southland to the other, for surely April or any other month will show the boys ready and eager for R. A. Chapters.

If you have a spring party for your Sunbeams why not let them play:

The children of the world,  
The children of the world,  
We'll weave a girdle of  
friendliness

For the children of the world.

China, we choose you.  
China, we choose you.  
We ask you now to join with us,  
With the children of the world.

We all love you, Japan.  
We all love you, Japan.  
We ask you now to join with us,  
With the children of the world.

"We call to Europe, too" and "South America, you come too" "For Africa now we wait" will include most of our foreign countries and as the circle grows in the game the far-away lands draw nearer to children's hearts. The lilting air of "The Farmer in the Dell" will carry these new words and the game may be played the same way,

choosing one and another, repeating the first jingle after each country is added to the inside circle.

Begin now to plan for your Mother and Daughter Evening in May—include W.M.S., Y.W.A. and G.A. especially. See full plans in May ROYAL SERVICE.

### WHAT I CAN

I cannot go to the distant lands  
Where the heathen live and die,  
Who have never heard of the children's  
Friend

Above the bright blue sky;  
No, I can't go yet to tell the news  
Of the Saviour's love to man,  
But I'm quite sure that when God says,  
"Go",

I'll go as fast as I can!

I can't give much, for I am not rich,  
But I'll gladly do my part,  
And cheerfully give what I really can,  
With a loving, thankful heart,  
I'll give my pennies, my love, my pray-  
ers.

And ask God to bless each plan  
That is made for the good of the heathen  
world;

I'll pray as much as I can.

I can't do work that the world calls  
great,  
To sail o'er the ocean wide,  
But I can read of the world's great need  
Across on the other side;  
And when I know, I'll be able then  
To tell how the work began,  
So I mean to study with all my might,  
And read as much as I can!

I can't do work that the world calls  
great,  
But I can do, one by one,  
The little things in my daily life  
That the Lord would have well done.  
Where He leads on we are bound to win,  
So I'll follow His conquering van,  
And keeping close to my Saviour's side,  
I'll work as hard as I can!

—Selected



## SOCIETY METHODS



### Clause XVI—ROYAL SERVICE

WE should have had sixty-five thousand subscriptions instead of 62,000 as a minimum, and we can have that number if each society will give itself heartily to the campaign during April. Nothing could be of more vital importance to our constituency for ROYAL SERVICE is one means of reaching every member of the Union with our world-wide message and program.

For the sake of information, through the secular papers we keep in touch with world events, through our religious periodicals we keep in touch with mightier movements in the Kingdom of God, fellowship with others in every part of the world. We will give our lives and money in proportion to our knowledge of world needs and opportunities.

ROYAL SERVICE, with messages each month for every member of the family, will prove a blessing to every home which it visits. We can not too strongly urge the importance of putting good literature into our homes. Almost every day we read of lives that have been wrecked by reading bad literature. To put ROYAL SERVICE in every home is within the range of possibility and, in such a case, the family would have the message and the information.

The fifth point on our Standard of Excellence asks as a minimum for only fifty per cent of the homes as subscribers and yet, many societies fail on that point. Let every society in the southland make one or more of its members responsible for placing ROYAL SERVICE in each home represented in the society's membership. Make a personal canvas for subscriptions and renewals. Magnify your literature department. Give it a prominent place on your programs. But, it is the individual subscriptions that count. In a large society, the circles entered a contest to see which could secure the most

subscriptions. It proved most successful. I truly believe that every woman who is a member of a missionary society will be a better, more loyal member if she takes and reads ROYAL SERVICE.—Mrs. Berta K. Spooner, Oklahoma

### Clause XV—W.M.U. LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

WHAT a treasure-house of good things is the W.M.U. Literature Department! Here we get the society's measuring rod of achievement, the Standard of Excellence Chart. Throughout the year as the chart is displayed the members of the local society plainly see the story of their advancement and a good record is always an incentive to better things. This is no less true of the Sunbeams, as they strive each month to dress up the "Sunbonnet Baby"; or the other W.M.U. organizations among the young people as they gauge their growth on their respective standards.

Here can be found for the use of program committee many and varied kinds of leaflets that go a long way toward helping to make meetings interesting and "peppy". Stories of the home life and customs of the people of many lands; statistical facts concerning the work of our Boards; true stories told by the missionaries of their experiences with the natives, all these and more can be had for a few pennies. The regular use of such information is invaluable and the "Wide-Awake Society" uses the leaflets suggested each month in ROYAL SERVICE.

It is well to remember that this is a picture age. Our eyes are trained to convey to the mind the story or scene pictured, and as an object lesson the pageant or playlet can hardly be surpassed, beside being a most interesting way of conveying a message. At the conclusion of a mission study class there is no better way to clinch impressions



made by the study of the book than through the presentation of a simple playlet. By stating the need, most suitable and helpful pageants may be secured from the W.M.U. Literature Department.

The attendance cards for the use of the secretary in sending out notices, place cards to assist the social committee in seating the guests at a missionary luncheon or tea, and the embossed stickers for our letters and packages—are just a few more of the helpful things to be found in this W.M.U. "treasure-house".

The wearing of our organization pin attests our loyalty to the W.M.U. and our allegiance to our King. They, too, are to be purchased from the W.M.U. Literature Department.—*Mrs. Samuel R. Barnes, Md.*

#### Clause XI—W.M.U. TRAINING SCHOOL

**G**OD'S Word is the sure and unerring guide to us in all of life's problems. In thinking of Clause XI of our W.M.U. Plan of Work this passage of Scripture came to me: "Write the things which thou hast seen, the things which are

and the things which shall be hereafter".

To present any subject so that the impression will be permanent you must consider the beginnings. Dr. E. Z. Simmons of Canton, realizing the necessity of trained women to work among women in foreign fields, urged the establishment of the W.M.U. Training School. Its beginning and early history furnish us the opportunity to "write (or tell) the things which we have seen".

"The things which are" can best be told by those who have been there, and what greater delight can you give a W.M.U. Training School alumna than to ask her to tell of the things which are and the life of the young women who are privileged to attend the school.

"The things which shall be hereafter" are measured only by the eternity of God when there shall be gathered the chosen of every nation. Our trained young women can better fill the positions of missionaries, W.M.U. workers, pastors' assistants or ministers' wives. It should be our joy, therefore, to present the W.M.U. Training School to our young people and encourage them to fit themselves for this greatest of all work, giving themselves "first unto the Lord" in service.—*Mrs. Weston Bruner, S. C.*

#### WELCOME TO MEMPHIS

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The past five years have been epochal in Baptist history. United and under no human coercion, Baptists have faced a great objective and are the stronger for it. For five years the burning theme of our people has been *the Campaign*. The 75 Million Campaign is history now. Nothing can ever change the record. But, as an after-glow of opportunity has come the New Program which bids us rise and fight and win for Christ.

Former Vice President Marshall in an address said: "There is a point in Iceland where the rays of the setting and rising sun mingle". As a Southern Baptist Convention we will stand at such a point in May. The rays of the setting sun of our five year Campaign will mingle with the morning rays of our New Program. Baptists will see by these rising rays greater opportunities and larger responsibilities and, "Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, will press forward to the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus".

Once more Memphis Baptists "shower a welcome on ye. Welcome all!"—*Mrs. W. J. Cox, General W.M.U. Chairman*



## PERSONAL SERVICE



### DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

**A**LTHOUGH Woman's Missionary Union has for some years recommended this work as a special form of personal service, it has not been definitely undertaken in many quarters. Again, therefore, the Union desires to put it before our societies for their earnest, prayerful consideration.

#### What?

It is, as the name suggests, a school meeting daily for a period of four, five or six weeks during vacation, in which the Bible is the text book, interest takes the place of compulsion, love of the task holds the child rather than formal authority, and attendance is a privilege and not a law. The entire program is planned to meet the needs of boys and girls. "The object", some one has said, "is to conserve the most strategic time in a child's life for purposes of character building". The program is so planned that each day's work opens with a devotional, in which worship becomes a delight and not a duty; the children are taught to appreciate and sing the fine old hymns; lessons in missions and right living are taught by means of the story; habit and health talks and denominations are used to advantage; handwork holds the interest of every child; and a definite period of time each day is given to a Bible lesson with the memorizing of certain passages.

#### Why?

The leisure time of every child in city, town and rural community ought to be cared for. Because it is a common saying, it is no less true, that "an idle brain is the devil's workshop". It is no mean service to take care of the leisure time of boys and girls and turn it to good account in their lives. The work is equally suitable in "Missions", Good Will Centers and large churches, in town and open country, among Americans and children of all races and nationalities.

It is indeed startling to be reminded that Jews provide three hundred and thirty-five (335) hours of religious instruction each year for their children; Catholic two hundred (200); and evangelical only twenty-six (26). Surely it is time for us to take some steps toward making up for this deficiency in the religious education of our children.

Again, we Baptist women in the south do too much of our personal service second-hand. We need the direct touch with the work. After all, the teachers themselves get the most out of these schools. Young men and young women teaching in such schools have often received inspiration that has played a large part in helping them to decide to give themselves definitely to religious work.

#### How?

There is so much splendid literature on the subject that it is possible for an earnest woman and her assistants to equip themselves fully for the work from the careful study of this literature. At least three regular teachers should give their entire time to the school—one to act as principal and direct the boys, another to assist and direct the girls, and a third to be in charge of the little ones. Any number of assistants can be and ought to be used in all departments.

The work should be carefully planned before hand, so that every worker would be familiar with his or her own particular job. For that reason it is necessary to get all literature early and into the hands of the workers. Conferences should be held when every detail of the work will be outlined. It will be found that the daily program, as suggested in the various handbooks, must be adapted to the peculiar needs of the community, to the number of

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## TRAINING SCHOOL



### FOR THE SEMINARY CAMPAIGN

**Y**OU have guessed it, of course. Yes, the W.M.U. Training School has had a "Seminary Rally" and to every girl and every member of the faculty has come the joy of having some small part in the great campaign for the new buildings of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary on "The Beeches" at Louisville, Ky.

It would not be possible for a Training School student to express in funds, even if she had the means, what this great institution has meant to her nor is it possible for her to estimate what it has meant in the on-going cause and is to mean in the great world mission program. But no young woman can go in and out of the Seminary class rooms from day to day and be the same. Neither could one have been present on the night of the rally in January and be the same. Outwardly there was no change after that night, but inwardly there was a difference. Those of us who thought we knew Christ learned to know Him more intimately.

We sat under the spell of the evening, bound by a great power and lived anew some of the truly big things. We saw, through a playlet, the great need for an enlarged Seminary and more than that we "saw" it accomplished, for surely that is what Baptists over the southland will make it possible for us to see. On that great evening when we could all join hearts in one great purpose, when all sought to know definitely what our part in the building program was, the voice of God seemed to come through the clear, night air and whisper to each one.

The student body pledged its sincere love and loyalty to the great cause. This pledge was made in all hearts and with all lips as the student body rose and sang "Pledging Our Loyalty":

Loyal and true we'll ever be,  
Ever your praises sing,  
Carry your truths o'er land and sea,  
Making our glad voices ring;

Loving the cause for which we stand  
Glad in our hearts to be  
Helpful in every way we can,  
Pledging our loyalty.

After this the pledges were made and then carefully checked over. There was great joy expressed for the report announced:

*Students pledging 100%*

*Pledges amounting to \$2535*

Instantly all heads were bowed and voices were raised to the Maker in "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow". A kind of awe and thoughtfulness came over the spirits of all when we found that Mary's alabaster box had been broken anew. This time it was not the precious ointment, but the dearest possession, which was given—a beautiful diamond ring, a gift from a fond mother to her daughter. We know that this is just a beginning of what the Training School students are going to do, for all over the land our alumnae are going to rally to the great cause.

When the excitement of the evening was over, again the quiet Voice came into excited and enthusiastic ears and whispered, "It is more blessed to give than to receive". This Voice only reaffirmed what the joy which came as a result of the giving had already proven. The hours of the night closed in about us and quiet restful sleep overtook us.

May we thank those of the south who have made "House Beautiful" possible and may we ask you to join with us in praying and giving that the enlarged Seminary may be possible? Then the glory shall be given to Him to whom it rightly belongs.—*Pearl Bourne*



## HOME DEPARTMENT



### A RUMANIAN HEROINE

**T**HE beautiful story of Ludovica Cristea as told by Dr. E. Y. Mullins is in part as follows: Ludovica Cristea came from Bessarabia down near the Russian border. She had heard the Gospel in one of our Baptist churches, was converted and baptized. Her experience was very positive and clear. At once there was in her a strong impulse to tell the story of Christ's redeeming love. When she returned to her father's house and told him the story of her conversion he became very angry. No argument nor persuasion moved Ludovica from her faith. Finally the father told Ludovica that she would have to give this up and return to the Greek church or leave the home—that she could not live with him and remain a Baptist. Ludovica was made of sterner stuff than the ordinary convert. She at once told her father that it was not in her power or in her will to deny the Lord Jesus Christ who had saved her. She told of her love for him and the family but that Jesus said we must love Him more than father, mother, sister or brother, and that she could not deny her Lord. Thus she was driven from home and went to a distant part of the country to live with an uncle. But after a time, filled with longing for the salvation of her family, she returned to her home. On the way there she was compelled to cross a river which was swollen and dangerous. There was no bridge so this hardy, brave girl plunged in and swam across. Once again at home she pleaded with her father to yield his heart to Christ. Over and over she plead with him but he refused to listen. Finally he offered her half of his wealth, which was considerable, if she would renounce this new faith. Ludovica at once declined and asked how he could tempt her with money to deny her Lord and Saviour. Once more she was driven

from her father's house and went to visit relatives who at first received her kindly but later found she was bringing criticism upon them for harboring a "heretic" girl. They confined her in a room in the house, commanding her to remain there as they did not wish her to bring reproach upon the family. Ludovica, as a good Christian, did as she was bidden.

About that time a wedding was held in the community and all the young people assembled to celebrate the occasion. They had heard of Ludovica, her new faith and her imprisonment. Filled with youthful curiosity all the young women and girls attending the wedding went in a body to the home where she was and made their way to her room. Nothing could have been more pleasing to Ludovica. She at once told the story of how the Gospel came to her; how the grace of God filled her heart and how the Spirit of God renewed her. She grew so quietly eloquent that the young people listened to her spellbound for hours. In their absorption they practically forgot the wedding and the festivities.

This episode was the beginning of a wider influence for this brave girl. She left the home of her relative and went to visit members of the Baptist churches in various places. Wherever she went she gave her testimony for Christ with great power. Crowds of women would hang upon her words with breathless interest and many were the souls she led to Christ by the simple story of her conversion.

There are scores and even hundreds of young women in Rumania who are like Ludovica Cristea, perhaps not so gifted with so passionate an eloquence, firm in conviction and filled with a desire to save their people. There is a mighty work for them in Rumania

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## UNION NOTES



### ROUND TABLE

**R**EPORTS are quite in order in April. In fact the May W.M.U. Annual Meeting in Memphis will be quite out of order without them! Honor to whom honor is due but certainly so far as reports are concerned no officers of local societies are quite so necessary as are the secretaries and the treasurers. Magnify your office, please, by reporting according to the plan in your state. As an added incentive your and your society's attention is called to every page in this issue but in particular to the information about the Memphis meeting as furnished on page 4. It may also increase the gifts from your society if prayerful heed is given to pages 5-6. Certainly it can mean much to the children of your community if a Daily Vacation Bible School is planned and promoted by your society according to suggestions on page 27. The Woman's Missionary Union was the pioneer in the Southern Baptist Convention so far as Daily Vacation Bible Schools are concerned and it is hoped that it will increasingly serve the children of the south in this phase of organized personal service.

**E**VERY organization, nearly, keeps its books with the calendar year. It is in accord with this almost universal habit that the W.M.U. Executive Committee has decided to request the delegates at the W.M.U. Annual Meeting in Memphis to change the second sentence of by-laws 6 of the W.M.U. Constitution so that it will read: "The fiscal year shall terminate and the books of the W.M.U. be closed with the calendar year". The desire for this change is enhanced because the 1925 Program of Southern Baptists is running with the calendar year and doubtless the ones for subsequent years will do likewise. Should this amendment carry, then it may be that a motion will be made to change

the time for the holding of the W.M.U. Annual Meeting so that it will convene nearer the beginning of each new calendar year. This would mean, of course, that such gatherings would be at separate time and place from those of the Southern Baptist Convention. Those favoring such a change argue that the many state Unions which meet separately from the state Conventions have been remarkably well attended even as have been the Conventions. They feel that it undoubtedly "doubles" interest, asserting that the two meetings in the one place divide attention!

**P**ARTICULARLY fortunate was the W.M.U. corresponding secretary in February in being able to attend several decidedly interesting meetings. Two of these, at Jackson, Tennessee, and Hartsville, South Carolina, were gatherings of Baptist students from the various schools of the respective state. Mr. Frank Leavell and Miss Louise Foreman of the S.B.C. Inter-Board Commission were in charge, students making most of the talks. Student life was also intimately touched by a two day visit at the W.M.U. Training School in Louisville. Happy were all hearts because of the school's victory in the building Campaign of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Read about it on page 28. From Louisville an over-night trip was made to St. Louis where a missionary luncheon was given by the City Union. Over 275 were present, at least a dozen of them being the interested pastors of the various Baptist churches of St. Louis. Mrs. J. L. Barngrove president of the City Union, was toastmistress, the one in charge of the tickets being Mrs. Arthur Herman, who as Miss Maud Powell served as Georgia W.M.U. secretary.

To Missouri in February also went Mrs. Maud R. McLure to represent the Union at the "Efficiency School" at

Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar. Seventy-two men and women enrolled in her class, studying Ming Kwong. An exceptionally large crowd was present when the class presented the book in pageant form.

**O**NLY a summary of traveling joys can be given without filling a large volume this time. Ten days in Louisiana divided into a pleasant call at Baptist Bible Institute, delightful contacts with college girls at Louisiana State University, Louisiana Baptist College and the normal schools at Lafayette and Natchitoches, splendid associational meetings were tucked in between at Algiers, Baton Rouge, Ruston, Monroe and Shreveport with nice opportunity to meet with W.M.S. or "W.M.U. family" in Lafayette, Alexandria, Minden and Natchitoches. Miss Ora Fleming, Louisiana W.M.U. field worker was my companion for these journeyings and all along the way cordial welcome was manifestation of the affection Louisiana women have for "Miss Georgia" and her as leaders in His work.

Office duties occupied a week before Georgia was ready for two stops, Atlanta and Macon, each with city Y.W.A. meetings, refreshments graciously served by fostering Women's Missionary Societies. Atlanta also called together for conferences her leaders of young people's organizations. This was the third regular meeting of Atlanta's city Y.W.A. organization and the first for Macon. Changing trains in Millen early in the day afforded opportunity to speak to the young people in their school chapel, W.M.S. members laying aside their household tasks and coming too. Augusta has a pair of enthusiastic new Y.W.A.'s. and meeting with them and their friends gave a good send-off to Florida.

Over in Florida Stetson University showed plucky spirit in its Y.W.A. activities carried on loyally in spite of much interruption because of necessary change in officers. Then Florida State College for Women proved that a Y.W.A. of high efficiency is easily possible in

a large state institution when young women are truly missionary in spirit and wish to keep denominationally informed. These young women are to be congratulated for their Yoking, Working, Abiding.—*Juliette Mather*

**R**EMARKABLY fine was the interest shown February 10-20 throughout the south and in Texas especially upon the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the presidency of Dr. L. R. Scarborough of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas. It "happened" also to be the silver wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Scarborough, a fact which was lovingly borne in mind, even as "loyal hearts and true" united also in honoring Dr. Scarborough for his fine leadership in the Baptist 75 Million Campaign. The Seminary's trustees, the advisory board of its Training School, the secretaries of the S.B.C. boards, the general secretaries of the states, the editors of the denominational papers and many others, from Maryland to New Mexico, from Illinois to Florida, gathered in happy, holy fellowship. All day Thursday the emphasis was chiefly upon home and foreign missions, Mrs. F. S. Davis, president of the Texas Union, presiding at the afternoon session, the choir of the Training School furnishing choicest music. The next Thursday the W.M.U. corresponding secretary again had the privilege of being the school's guest, remaining for three days of golden sunshine and cordial cheer. The present enrollment of the Training School is 96, the Seminary having this year received 569 students.

**T**EXAS is so big that it is said to take the sun one hour to cross over it. Certainly it takes a human traveler days to visit even a few of the many sections of the state. For instance, the W.M.U. corresponding secretary for a week in February did field work in Texas, going with the state W.M.U. corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. E. Leigh, to Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, Belton, Waco and Greenville. At least three

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## BOOK REVIEWS



### PROGRESS OF WORLD WIDE MISSIONS

**D**R. Robert H. Glover, superintendent of Department of Missions in Moody Institute and for fifteen years a missionary in China, is the author of a book which will be eagerly welcomed by students of missions, pastors and the missionaries themselves. The title of the book, *Progress of World-Wide Missions*, reveals the value of its contents. There never was a time more suitable for the presentation of such a book. The half captured interest in the mission study of the present day might well be wholly secured by this comprehensive story of missionary endeavor. "Beginning with Old Testament ideals and passing on to apostolic missions, Dr. Glover goes on to describe briefly but effectively missions in the early church; in mediaeval days; during and following the Reformation and in modern times." The wide travel of the author through China, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, India, Africa, the Near East and Latin America, together with his theological and medical training, has abundantly furnished him with material and the power to use it. To this interesting information and trained ability is added a confident belief in the authority of the Scriptures, their missionary message and high commission to carry it to the whole world. From every viewpoint the book is valuable—it is readable, inspirational, a fascinating history and so arranged that it is especially adapted to mission study classes. The excellent maps and questions at the close of the chapters invite further investigation into the subject of world-wide missions. Six weeks spent in studying the facts in Dr. Glover's book will result in a well informed and enthusiastic group of promoters of the missionary enterprise and of generous givers that it may spread into every

section of every land on the face of the earth. The price, \$2.50, may seem high but the book is worth every cent of it. Jointly purchased and used by a mission study class it will be a rich investment in missionary lore.

Order through Educational Dept., Foreign Mission Board, S. B. C., Richmond, Va.

### THE PRAYER LIFE OF JESUS

**T**HE book, *Prayer Life of Jesus*, contains a series of studies on what Jesus did, what He said and what happened in His own personal private and public prayers. This unique treatment by Rev. M. E. Dodd, the writer of the book, gives the reader an intimate and precious view of the prayer life of the Master. The studies are the substance of a course of lectures given by Dr. Dodd on this theme. They are deeply spiritual, reverent and prayer provoking. The book is divided into five sections, these are subdivided into the following topics: Section I. *Preliminary Considerations*: His Place of Prayer; His Posture in Prayer; His Approach in Prayer; The Length of His Prayers. Section II. *The Prayer Life of Jesus as King*: His Prayer of Praise; Grace at Meals; Blessing Little Children; His Prayer of Permission. Section III. *The Prayer Life of Jesus as Servant*: His Morning Watch; His Prayers for the Sick; His Prayer in the Sinner's Place. Section IV. *The Prayer Life of Jesus as Man*: His Prayer and Plain Duty; His Prayer and Plain Living; His Prayer and Transfiguration; His Prayer for Forgiveness; Jesus at Prayer in Gethsemane. Section V. *The Prayer Life of Jesus as God's Son*: His Prayer at the Grave; His Intercessory Prayer. This list of topics tells of, in a far better way than could any mere review, the compelling interest and real comfort to be found in Dr. Dodd's book. Of its purpose the author says: "If this little look into the prayer life of our Lord shall help anywhere in increasing the

number of those who pray, and in increasing the power of those who have been praying by virtue of their following the example of Jesus, then I shall be abundantly paid for this humble effort". The effort is great because it is

humble and surely it will result in enlarging and sanctifying the prayer life of all who read this beautiful book.

Price \$1.50, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

### MY ALABASTER BOX

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sary to deduct the cost of the extra number and also the cost of the feed, it would be well worthwhile. I know a woman who kept a missionary hen for three years and cleared eight dollars a year. Surely the service would be gladly given. It is not necessary to keep books; just take into account the proportion of missionary hens and the same proportion of profit. I believe that the women doing this would find the work the most restful of the whole day! It would be such a joy to consider how much the proceeds would accomplish that weariness would be forgotten. Here is an opportunity, a glorious opportunity!

O, sisters, since salvation means so much to us, let us remember that it will mean just as much to others. How can we indulge in luxuries knowing that the money we spend thus would provide the very bread of life for *souls starving* for it? How many are spending money for unnecessary luxuries? Is it possible to give too much? Let us not be content merely to tithe, but let us gladly make our thank-offerings and gifts of love over and above the tithe to help *others, others, others*.

### PERSONAL SERVICE

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teachers and to the length of the daily session.

Splendid literature can be secured from the following publishers: Baptist Sunday School Board, 161 Eighth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn.; Daily Vacation Bible School Association, 90 Bible House, New York City; American Baptist Publication Society, 1701 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.; The Abingdon Press, Cincinnati, Ohio.—*Carrie U. Littlejohn, Kentucky*

### HOME DEPARTMENT

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but they need training. The training schools that our Baptist people will establish in Rumania and in our other missions in central Europe will enable

these young women to do the same work that lies in the heart of the devoted, earnest, persecuted but triumphant Ludovica Cristea.

### UNION NOTES

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of these meetings were district rallies, so that the week's work touched the leaders of at least 23 associational W. M.U's., and yet for all that there are 126 associations in Texas! Each meeting was excellently attended, the associational and district officers having joined with the state leaders in thoroughly advertising them. At Waco there was the added joy of hearing Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Saltee, on furlough from Kaifeng, China. At Waco also as well as at Austin and Belton there was the heartening touch with student life.



# WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

From May 1, 1924, to January 1, 1925

MRS. W. C. LOWNDES, Treasurer

As Reported by State Treasurers

May 1, 1924 to January 1, 1925	Alabama	Arkansas	District of Columbia	Florida	Georgia	Illinois	Kentucky	Louisiana	Maryland	Mississippi	Missouri	New Mexico	N. Carolina	Oklahoma	S. Carolina	Tennessee	Texas	Virginia	Total
W. M. S.—Foreign...	\$187.18	\$1,429.56	\$184.82	\$253.37	\$340.34	\$307.68	\$302.90	\$1,263.55	\$1,192.68	\$247.78	\$587.22	\$1,239.66	\$497.83	\$629.01	\$346.43	\$301.64	\$298.84	\$532.83	\$347.70
Home	982.52	446.14	165.40	296.30	268.82	184.19	156.43	993.72	997.71	189.63	353.32	680.02	293.04	376.13	123.82	180.09	100.00	345.33	218.77
Bible Fd. S. S. Bd.	67.00	34.00	20.00	35.00	30.00	15.00	120.00	24.00	34.00	67.00	48.00	100.00	92.23	147.00	147.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	87.96
Margaret Fund...	294.00	150.00	142.00	66.00	300.00	154.00	615.00	94.00	100.00	256.00	220.00	70.25	170.87	166.00	334.00	294.00	606.00	600.00	451.87
Training School...	2298.08	2069.35	226.40	131.07	4210.00	565.00	6501.26	989.87	489.00	2758.71	578.00	70.25	3168.26	1631.82	2016.00	2353.00	1822.00	6019.53	3906.60
Other Camp. Objects	5022.83	6083.82	1748.68	14534.79	79414.39	8858.33	42533.98	63521.41	11255.29	67067.31	12767.08	1203.77	140049.38	38197.03	82302.10	99049.92	321700.48	117523.53	121938.82
Y. W. A.—Foreign...	1030.49	57.07	1748.68	105.22	1636.12	82.77	1368.92	63521.41	11255.29	67067.31	12767.08	1203.77	5143.06	38197.03	82302.10	99049.92	321700.48	117523.53	22288.37
Home	623.27	41.06	1748.68	97.23	1090.74	107.33	728.60	107.33	107.33	1040.00	837.83	41.48	2572.02	964.01	2753.16	1338.11	136.92	4689.84	22288.37
Bible Fd. S. S. Bd.	237.33	270.80	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Margaret Fund...	187.64	33.81	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Training School...	112.91	25.70	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Other Camp. Objects	148.09	63.21	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
R. A.—Foreign...	38.62	19.50	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Home	143.80	67.12	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Margaret Fund...	342.34	35.53	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Training School...	202.85	10.50	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Other Camp. Objects	172.56	17.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Totals	\$9648.27	\$72538.59	\$6235.40	\$22010.27	\$149635.52	\$14506.80	\$108031.56	\$67531.56	\$15901.16	\$17000.94	\$3437.37	\$3390.04	\$25329.53	\$49791.99	\$153803.06	\$160876.34	\$375235.83	\$242565.61	\$197000.28

Totals: For Foreign Missions \$386,326.23; Home Missions \$229,825.28; Bible Fd. S. S. Bd. \$986.00; Margaret Fund \$4,826.00; Training School \$12,274.00; Scholarship Fund \$7,788.56; Campaign Endowment and Enlargement \$20,365.64; Other Campaign Objects \$1,307,698.56; Total \$1,970,090.26.  
Value of Boxes to Missionaries \$12,982.30.

## From May 1, 1924 to January 1, 1925 OTHER CAMPAIGN OBJECTS Included in First Table

STATES	Ministerial	Christian Education	State Missions	Orphanages	Hospitals	Miscellaneous	Totals
Alabama	\$ 2,892.46	\$ 28,760.46	\$ 9,636.31	\$ 12,995.49	\$ 1,570.49	\$ 3,204.48	\$ 56,855.21
Arkansas	569.14	17,398.51	16,413.06	20,330.15	3,337.61	1,748.68	61,252.91
District of Columbia						5,301.39	1,748.68
Florida	336.06	2,861.80	4,803.55	1,680.33		84,656.57	14,983.13
Georgia	381.77	3,794.98	2,334.79	2,279.24	67.55		8,858.33
Illinois	4,106.05	22,973.69	15,300.76	5,724.63	4,403.13		52,508.24
Kentucky	518.54	36,989.34	12,963.55	7,259.59	5,790.39		63,521.41
Louisiana						12,700.51	12,700.51
Maryland	1,438.00	23,683.51	22,393.51	10,376.37	9,166.92		67,057.31
Mississippi	202.22	2,779.84	15,193.00	456.16	114.52	405.82	19,151.54
Missouri	16.50	557.50	74.63	409.52	177.59		1,235.74
New Mexico	11,676.36	76,853.62	33,322.54	31,765.45	10,363.39	1,265.62	165,246.99
North Carolina	753.62	9,420.32	11,304.39	11,391.31	1,884.06	3,443.33	38,197.09
Oklahoma	2,924.13	57,972.95	15,082.52	12,312.25	4,617.10	2,924.13	95,833.09
South Carolina	6,329.14	47,468.83	23,734.39	9,493.76	17,405.21		104,431.33
Tennessee	5,861.89	37,477.99	14,048.61	2,415.70	12,718.48	252,606.99	325,129.69
Texas	15,022.20	60,089.06	39,789.26	14,121.04	6,309.25		135,330.81
Virginia							
Totals	\$ 53,028.08	\$ 429,082.40	\$ 286,394.87	\$ 143,009.99	\$ 77,925.69	\$ 368,257.52	\$ 1,307,698.56





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Amount Paid from May 1, 1919 to January 1, 1925

STATES	PAID
Alabama.....	\$ 851,600
Arkansas.....	670,785
District of Columbia.....	58,408
Florida.....	298,384
Georgia.....	1,853,550
Illinois.....	206,792
Kentucky.....	1,673,825
Louisiana.....	617,935
Maryland.....	153,300
Mississippi.....	683,428
Missouri.....	270,036
New Mexico.....	72,930
North Carolina.....	1,666,575
Oklahoma.....	713,956
South Carolina.....	1,538,272
Tennessee.....	1,122,602
Texas.....	2,489,872
Virginia.....	1,970,830
Total.....	\$16,713,140

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