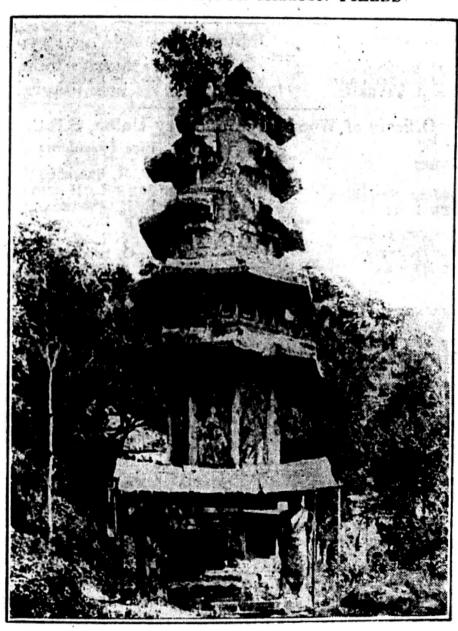


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EDITORIAL



Dear W.M.U. Friends and Co-workers:-

This is to be a personal letter for I want every W.M.U. worker to feel that it is addressed to her.

When in Asheville, North Carolina, I accepted the presidency of Woman's Missionary Union it was with fear and trembling, for I felt quite positive it would have been impossible for me to have even considered accepting such an honor at your hands and at the same time such a responsibility had I not known that women all over the south had been praying to be led in the choice of a president. Knowing this and knowing that conditions in my home were such that I could perform the duties of the office without neglecting my first duty, I felt that I dare not refuse what manifestly seemed to be the call of the Lord. Full well did I know that what I should do must be done in His strength and not because of any merit in myself. Strengthened by this fact and by the knowledge that you were praying for the new president, that the work of the Union was built on a sure foundation and that the spirit of service and devotion animated the organization throughout, the work was undertaken.

I am sure you will not consider it bad taste on my part, in this my letter of appreciation to you for your prayers and cooperation, if I mention by name some who were particularly helpful during the first months of my service as your president. I do want to express my appreciation for Mrs. Julian P. Thomas, my friend and co-worker in the Virginia work, then vice president from Virginia, who was never too busy to give time to hear the perplexities and problems that necessarily confront the inexperienced president. Her ready sympathy proved always strengthening and her counsel wise. Mrs. E. B. Mathews, then vice president from Maryland and thereby acting president during Miss Heck's long illness and after her homegoing, kept one steady and assured with her calm judgment, her ability to see all sides and her willingness, as chairman of the Methods and Finance Committee, to share responsibility. Miss Mallory's grasp of the details of the work, her dynamic force and ability to bring things to pass gave one courage to dream dreams and see visions that one might reasonably hope to see become realities. Mrs. Lowndes' canny knowledge of figures, her comprehensive grasp of policies necessary for keeping the Union's financial affairs in perfect order and her eagerness to help the president get a working knowledge of such affairs were a help that can not be overestimated. Mrs. A. C. Johnson, then recording secretary of the Union, by wise and timely suggestions due to her years of experience at the left hand of the former president sustained the new president's courage during the trying ordeal of presiding over her first annual meeting in 1917.

And what shall I say in appreciation of the loving sympathy and patient cooperation of the vice presidents and the Baltimore members of the Executive
Committee when the new president with halting steps was trying to find her place
in the machinery of the great organization? They were not only patient and cooperative in the early days but throughout the years, as indeed have been the
members of the new committee in Birmingham notwithstanding the weaknesses and
blunders that inevitably manifested themselves from time to time—Mrs. Nimmo as
a sympathetic helper when manuscript was to be revised and edited; the
ready words of encouragement from Mrs. Eager and Mrs. McLure; the love,
deference and consideration of the younger women whom I have been pleased to
call my W.M.U. daughters; the indefatigable state W.M.U. corresponding secre-

taries in their co-operation when new policies were suggested and field work was attempted; the prayers and cooperation of other state officers, of associational W.M.U. officers, the women of the societies and the young people; all have been sources of strength to me during the past nine years. You have each with your own personality, your own gifts been like flowers who have contributed joy, beauty and fragrance to my service in the Union.

There have been failures during these years but there have been successes. There have been problems but solutions for many of them have been found. There have been disappointments but there have been unexpected blessings. The records show marked advance along all lines because I believe you have tried to live true to the Union watchword—"Laborers together with God".

But now the first duty, that of daughter, helpmate and homemaker, has called me to give my time more fully to that joyous responsibility and for that reason I asked that you bestow upon another the great honor and privilege that have been mine these past nine years. As I told you when I became your president I could not hope to fill Miss Heck's place in the life and work of the Union nor would I if I could. Her place was her own and is secure forever. I craved a place all my own in your hearts and in the work and I believe I have my reward.

For her who will be your president in the years now before us I know you will make a place where there will be love enough and prayers for her every need and faith that will call forth her best as she seeks to serve you and her Lord. May solutions be found for the unsolved problems of today and may your policies and methods be such that the Union will grow from strength of the strength in Royal Service. My daily prayer has been and will continue to be that each and every one of you may keep in step with Jesus so that each of you may know the inner music of peace and others will feel the fragrant touch of power.

Yours in His Service

MRS. W. C. JAMES

LESSONS LEARNED FROM RECENT REPORTS

W.M.U. ORGANIZATIONS

Among Young People: New—2,584; Total—12,191 Among Women: New—926; Total—10,646 Total: New—3,510; Grand Total—22,837

STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

Class A-1: 2,118; Class B: 2,449 Class C: 2,044; Class D: 2,072 Grand Total: 8,683

WHITE CROSS WORK

Societies Helping: 1,109; Supplies Sent: 79,527 Value: \$15,098

MISSION STUDY

Classes Held: 17,773; Small Seals: 113,884 Official Seals: 7,403; Honor Certificates: 257



SUMMER ASSEMBLIES



SOUTH CAROLINA

will consist of mission study, conferences and inspirational addresses. Mrs. J. B. Boatwright, Mrs. W. J. Hatcher and a W.M.U. Training School representative will lead the Union's classes.

The Assembly at Greenville will begin on July 22. Mrs. Maud R. McLure will lead a class in mission study and some conferences in W. M. U. methods. There will be inspirational messages by some of our missionaries at home on furlough and by outgoing missionaries, if they are available. The G.A., R.A. and Sunbeam Encampments will be featured this year as usual.—Vonnie E. Lance, Corresponding Secretary

KENTUCKY

GEORGETOWN Assembly will be in session from June 23rd to July 3rd. We will have Miss Annie Williams of Alabama and Mrs. F. W. Withoft of Georgia for the W.M.S. class. Mrs. C. M. Thompson Jr. will have the Y.W.A. and G.A. class; Mr. Rush Loving will have charge of the R.A. Camp; and Miss Anette Wearen will have the story hour. In addition, the regular state workers will assist.

Clear Creek Springs Assembly will be held from August 4th to 14th. Miss Mallory will bring to the women messages from the mission fields. Miss Bright will have charge of the young people's work. Mrs. Roddy, our state president, will have charge of W.M.U. work in general.—Mrs. Janie Cree Bose

ALABAMA

- M-for Mentone up close to the sky.

 To attend our Assembly every Baptist should try.
- E-for Enjoyment of the cool, mountain air;
 Such beautiful scenery you'll not find elsewhere.
- N-for New plans to pep up our work,
 For in the King's business our job we'll not shirk.
- T-for Thrilling stories of missionaries brave:
 We'll learn in study classes of the many souls they save.
- Officer Organizations, sixteen hundred in the state.

 Let all be represented—send in names before too late.
- N-for Noted speakers on the program to appear.

 They'll not be dull, you may be sure; their talks you'll want to hear.
- for Everybody—come on—let's spend the week:

 June twenty-one to twenty-seven; Mentone's the place to seek.
 - —Hannah Reynolds, Leader of W.M.U. Organizations for Young People (Concluded on Page 35)

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BIBLE STUDY



TOPIC-Priscilla

I. A Christian Home: Acts 18:2, 3; Romans 16: 3-5; II Tim. 4:19; I Cor. 12: 27; Eph. 5:25; I Cor. 16:19. Priscilla or Prisca, a Christian woman well-known in Asia and in Paul's epistles; Aquila, the husband, was a tent-maker, Acts 18: 2, 3. Paul, the apostle, was also in that trade, so he lodged and wrought with Aquila in Corinth. Aquila and Priscilla had been obliged to leave Rome upon the edict of Emperor Claudius banishing Jews from the city, Acts 18:2, 3. When the apostle left Corinth, Aquila and Priscilla accompanied him as far as Ephesus where Paul left them with that church. They had returned to Rome when Paul wrote his epistle to the Romans, Rom. 16:3-5. Lastly they had returned to Ephesus again when Paul wrote his second letter to Timothy, wherein he desires to salute them by name. Priscilla seems to take precedence of Aquila-as being the more prominent and helpful to the church.

II. Ministry of Women: Luke 8: 2,3. It seems natural that this example should be followed by others, and we may well think of Priscilla as leading the women to devote themselves to labors of love, Acts 2:44, 45-47; 4: 32-35. The new life which pervaded the whole Christian society expressed itself in visiting "the fatherless and the widow" and this would be the duty of those best fitted to undertake it. The social relations of the sexes in the cities of the empire would make it fitting that the agency of women should be largely employed in the direct personal application of Christian truth. These deaconesses distributed alms to the needy and performed various other duties, Acts 9:36-42. These things could not have been undertaken by men. Priscilla is the example of what the married woman may do for the general service of the church, in conjunction with the exercise of hospitality. Timothy at Ephesus would find Priscilla invaluable in counsel and experience, I Tim. 5:2-7; of the household of faith, Ps. 101:2-7.

III. The Way of God: Acts 18:24-28. Apollos, whom Aquila and Priscilla heard preach at Ephesus, perceiving the extent of Scripture knowledge and evangelical truth which he displayed yet lacking in the deep mysteries of the Gospel, "expounded unto him the way of God more thoroughly". Priscilla being the most intelligent opened up to Apollos those truths, to him as yet unknown, on which the Spirit had shed such glorious light, Matt. 3:17, Luke 9:35; II Peter 1:17; Acts 9:14; 7:59, 60. Apollos, Acts 19:1, could not resist the evidence and embraced Jesus as the Christ of God. Priscilla showed that the prophetic picture of the Messiah was answered by the history of Jesus as the Messiah. We admire the humility and teachableness of so gifted a young man as Apollos.

IV. Theological Teaching: Acts 19:2-6. Paul was impressed with the absence of spirituality and power in these so-called disciples. The Holy Spirit, Rom. 8:11; Ps. 33:6; "God who quickeneth the dead", thus the resurrection is ascribed to the Spirit, Rev. 1:4, 5, who performs works of divine perfection, John 15:26. Our Lord speaks of Him as Comforter, John 14:16; 16:7. The sacrifice of Christ, Rev. 5:6; John 1:29; I Peter 2:24; Isa. 53:4. God made the iniquity of us all fall upon Christ when He offered Himself a sacrifice for sin on our account, Heb. 7:27. The blessings which we enjoy by it are pardon, peace and the favor of God, Rom. 4:25; 5:12; Eph. 1:7; Acts 13:38, 39. His intercession, John 17:20. He began His work in intercession before His death, Heb. 9:24. These truths we may well suppose Priscilla taught Apollos as she was mighty in the Scriptures.—Mrs. James Pollard



DAILY BIBLE READINGS



TOPIC-Priscilla

"HOLY Gospel, Truth divine, Dawn upon this soul of mine; Word of God, inward Light, Wake my spirit, clear my sight.

A Christian Home

Monday, 1st
Acts 18:1-3, 11; I Corinthians 4: 10-14

Tuesday, 2d Acts 18:18-28; Luke 24:32; John 20:29

Wednesday, 3d Acts 18:6-11; I Corinthians 12:27-31

Thursday, 4th Romans 16:3-5; Acts 16:14, 15, 40

Friday, 5th II Timothy 1:16-18; 4:19; Hebrews 6:10-12

Saturday, 6th
Hebrews 13:1-3, 15, 16; Matthew 25: 35-40

Sunday, 7th Psalm 101:1-8; 132:3-5

Ministry of Women

Monday, 8th Acts 1:14; 16:13-15, 40; 17:4, 12

Tuesday, 9th Luke 8:1-3; Acts 9:36-42

Wednesday, 10th Luke 10:38-42; Psalm 27:4, 5, 11-14

Thursday, 11th
John 11:1-46; 12:1-7

Friday, 12th Mark 15:40, 41; Luke 23:27-29

Saturday, 13th
Philippians 4:1-4; Romans 16:1-6;
John 15:15-17

Sunday, 14th

Matthew 28:1-10; Luke 23:55, 56; 24:1-10

HOLY Gospel, Truth to Guide, Keep me close to Jesus' side; Word of God, speak Thou to me, Thine epistle let me be."

The Way of God

Monday, 15th
Acts 18:26; 19:1-7; I Corinthians 16:
12; Titus 3:13

Tuesday, 16th Isaiah 40:3; Mark 3:1-8; John 1:6-8, -19-28

Wednesday, 17th
John 14:4-12; Acts 8:5-8, 26-40

Thursday, 18th I John 4:8; I Corinthians 13:1-13

Friday, 19th
Psalm 1:1-6; Hosea 14:9; Proverbs
10:29

Saturday, 20th I John 2:3-11, 15-17; I Peter 2:21-25

Sunday, 21st Hebrews 10:19-25; Psalm 138:4-8

Theological Teaching

Monday, 22d Nehemiah 8:1-13; 9:3; Revelation 1:3

Tuesday, 23d Psalm 34:11-22; 19:9-14

Wednesday, 24th
Acts 19:8-10; II Corinthians 4:3-6

Thursday, 25th
1 Timothy 1:1-7, 13, 14; 3:14-17; 4:
2-5

Friday, 26th Matthew 5:1-12; 7:24-29; Luke 4:32

Saturday, 27th Matthew 9:35-38; 10:7, 40-42

Sunday, 28th Matthew 11:1, 28-30; Psalm 91:4-16

Monday, 29th Psalm 25:1-14; 143:10

Tuesday, 30th
I Timothy 1:18; II Timothy 2:2,
23-26

Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists

June, 1925

Because He listened, ah so patiently, In those dark days, when sorrowful.

I knelt with tears and prayed Him for a stone.

BECAUSE He said me 'Nay' and then instead,
Oh, wonderful sweet truth, He gave me bread,
Set my heart singing in sweet accord,
Because of this I love—I love the Lord."

Topic: Foreign Missions

--Job 31:4

1-MONDAY
Thanksgiving for precious results from labor of Mrs. R. H.
Graves, Canton, China
Doth not He . . . count all my steps?

2—TUESDAY
For missionary work of Rev.
and Mrs. H. H. Snuggs, Pakhoi,
China
The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in

safety .- Deuteronomy 33:12

3-WEDNESDAY

That Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Duggar have joy in their Master's work in Rio de Janiero, Brazil

Calling on the name of the Lord

-THURSDAY

For God's abiding care in work
of Rev. J. S. Hipps, Shanghai,
China

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

5—FRIDAY
For Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Tipton
and Miss Pauline Tipton, publication, evangelistic and school
work, Canton, China
Thou shalt be His witness.—Acts 22:15

6—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. D. F. Stamps,
Bible and Training School work,
Chinkiang, China
So must thou bear witness.—Acts 23:11

7—SUNDAY

For all forms of service under the care of our Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

How shall they preach except they be sent?—Romans 10:15

8-MONDAY

That the tender mercies of God attend medical and kindergarten work of Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Leavell, Wuchow, China
I am still with thee.—Psalm 189:18

9—TUESDAY
For the hospital work of †Dr.
Jeannette E. Beall and †Miss
Alda Grayson (nurse) at Laichowfu, China
Thou hast testified of Me.—Acts 28:11

For our missionary force at Lagos, Africa, Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Duval and Miss Lucile Reagan, Miss Reagan being on furlough The love of Christ constraineth us.

—II Corinthians 5:14

For Rev. and †Mrs. David Bryan, preaching and Good Will Center work, Pingtu, China By love serve one another.

—Galatians 5:3

Praise God for advance in work in Shimonoseki, Japan, and for Dr. and Mrs. E. N. Walne and Miss Florence Walne. Behold I give unto you power.

-Luke 10:19

13—SATURDAY
For Miss Mollie McMinn, educational work, Wuchow, China
All Thy works shall praise Thee.
—Psalm 145:10

14—SUNDAY

For native preachers, teachers,
Bible women and nurses in our
foreign fields
Witnesses . . . who shall be able to
teach others also.—II Timothy 2:2

For Miss Emily V. Beck, Bible and day school work, Cordoba, Argentina
I know Whom I have believed.
—II Timothy 1:12

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Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists June. 1925

PAUSED a moment in my work to pray; and then and there

All life seemed suddenly made new and fair;

For, like the psalmist's dove, among the pots,

My spirit found her wings.

ORD, keep me sweet and teach me

To tread with patience Thy appointed way:

As for my house . . . Lord let it be my

To walk within it with a perfect heart."

Copir: Foreign Missions

16-TUESDAY

That †Mrs. Jewell L. Daniel be abundantly blessed in soul-winning service among women, Laiyang, China
There shall be showers of blessing.

-Ezekiel 34:26

17—WEDNESDAY

That the Great Physician provide for the work at the Chengchow Hospital, China
I have given them Thy Word.

—John 17:14

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18—THURSDAY

That evangelistic work of Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Nelson, Manaus, Brazil, bring rich reward I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.—Hebrews 13:5

19—FRIDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. Earl Parker, evangelistic and school work, Pingtu, China He is thy life.—Deuteronomy 30:20

20—SATURDAY

For evangelistic work, Canton, China I will declare what He hath done for my soul.—Psalm 66:16

21—SUNDAY

Pray earnestly for our missionaries in Latin America. He that toucheth you toucheth the apple of His eye.—Zechariah 2:8

22-MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Morgan, evangelistic and publishing work, Tsingtau, China
I must preach the Kingdom of God.

23—TUESDAY

Thanksgiving for faithful service of Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Quarles, Montevideo, Uruguay If we suffer, we shall also reign.

—II Timothy 2:12

24—WEDNESDAY

For Misses †Doris Knight and †Mary Lawton, teaching in Baptist College, Hwanghsein, China The Lord shall be thy confidence. —Proverbs 3:26

25—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Dawes in their wide field of evangelistic service, Tsinan, China The God of our fathers hath chosen thee.—Acts 22:14

26—FRIDAY

Thanksgiving for sacrificial soul-winning work of Rev. and Mrs. O. E. Mills, Nagasaki, Japan, now on furlough A true witness delivereth souls.

—Proverbs 14:25

27—SATURDAY

For educational evangelism of Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Branch, Saltillo, Mexico Under His wings shalt thou trust.

28—SUNDAY

Thanksgiving for progress of W. M.U. organizations in China, Japan and South America Builded together for an habitation of God—Ephesians 2:22

29—MONDAY

For medical missionary work of Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Hayes, M.D., Canton, China, now on furlough Jesus had compassion on them . . . and they followed Him.—Matthew 20:34

30—TUESDAY

For a great ingathering of souls on our foreign mission fields The Lord shall be King over all the earth.—Zechariah 14:9

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PROGRAM FOR JUNE



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

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Hymn-Christ for the World We Sing Prayer for Our Foreign Mission Board that It Meet All Obligations Bible Study (See page 7.) Hymn-Jesus Shall Reign Personal Service Period (See page 31.) Prayer for Foreign Missions (Psalm 67) Southern Baptist Foreign Fields The Master's Face in Africa The Missionary Map in China From Our Missionaries (See pages 28-30.) Hymn-From Greenland's Icy Mountains (Second and Third Stanzas) Winning Japan Highways in South America Proclaiming Liberty in Mexico Hymn—The Morning Light Is Breaking Closing Devotions (See questions on page 19.)

SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOREIGN FIELDS

God reigns to the uttermost bounds of the universe. Nothing escapes His authority. It is our business to proclaim to men the established fact of the Kingdom of God and the fact that He has anointed His well beloved Son as King over the whole earth. Our motive in proclaiming these facts ought to be the glory of God, nothing less, nothing more, nothing else; and that means devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ. Our method ought to be the work of the Son, seeking and saving the lost by the Holy Spirit; and that means fellowship in the cross and resurrection and ascension of Christ.—G. Campbell Morgan, D.D.

Quotation will require more than one reading. Take it sentence by sentence and you will find yourself saying: "I believe that; I want to proclaim Him for His glory; I want to give all I can of prayer, self, money and

time that I may have fellowship with my Lord". You cannot find close fellowship with Him if you are not witnessing for Him.

Whether missions are home or foreign depends on "the corner where you are". Because we live in North America the countries across the sea, like China, Japan and Africa, are foreign lands; to the people of those countries we are the foreigners; but all are included in the "uttermost part". We call our land Christian because our forefathers claimed it for God. There are those who think the country underserving of this name but we love to claim it in the behalf of the thousands of true children of God who dwell therein. So, while rejoicing and holding fast to our inheritance, it is our duty as well as joy to look after the countries where we have set up a like claim for His Son **Tesus** Christ.

A comprehensive view of the whole southern Baptist foreign mission field shows 1,101 churches, about 300 of

which are self-supporting and 722 of which have houses of worship. These churches with the 2,899 outstations have a membership of 117,723. Working in the churches, missions and in the 1,573 Sunday schools there are 618 missionaries, 577 native ordained ministers and 1,866 native workers and Bible women. The harvest given to their prayers and labor last year was 16,513 precious souls, their contributions amounting to \$391,841.

The number of native pastors and workers has greatly increased, an increase which is the fruit of the mission schools and colleges. A large work could not be done without them and they could not enter Christian service without Christian training. That they may serve well and for the glory of God we now have on our foreign fields eighteen theological seminaries, five colleges, six women's training schools, forty-one academies of the middle and high school grades, seven hundred and twenty-six primary schools and thirtynine kindergartens. These expanding institutions must have ground and buildings and equipment if they are to fulfil their mission.

The hospitals, like the schools, are a part of the evangel of Christ on the foreign field. No medicine or treatment is given in any of the nine hospitals unaccompanied by the message for soul healing. Sixteen buildings are used by these hospitals for the various branches of medical service and yet some of them are working under great disadvantage for want of room. Twenty-six missionary doctors and fifteen native doctors with ten missionary nurses and seventy-three native nurses sound like a goodly force, but when we consider their more than eighty-three thousand patients and their almost three hundred thousand treatments we wonder not whether the patients lived but how the doctors and nurses managed to survive. The call for help in our medical missionary service is a call for life for both soul and body.

Sending out the printed message is

now an influential part of mission work. Our last report shows seven such publishing houses, the two largest being the China Baptist Publishing Society and the Brazilian Baptist Publishing House. In all other fields under our Foreign Mission Board some form of publication is used for translating Christian literature into the native tongue.

The greatest advance in our work was made during the five years of the 75 Million Campaign. We cannot stunt this growth by allowing our annual budget to fall below its support. Dr. T. B. Ray, associate secretary of Foreign Mission Board, tells us that "the Campaign has made a new denomination of us both at home and in the foreign fields" and that: "In the great mission fields in which we have invested so much energy and prayer there has grown a Baptist denomination of such strength that our cause would not perish even if we were to withdraw our aid. There are more members of our churches on our mission fields than are in Florida, Oklahoma, Arkansas or Louisiana. Our foreign churches are of course scattered through vaster populations. So it has come to pass that in most of our fields our cause has become so firmly entrenched that it is impossible to sweep it away. If we give these churches the training and leadership they need they will move forward in the next generation with greatly accelerated pace".

As we read the missionary news from all quarters of the earth the whole world seems to be in commotion. Then to us comes the vision of the missionaries, brave men and gentle women, out in all that commotion. We see them going in and out among the great hosts of war-bitten China, walking in the half unfriendly streets and country roads of Japan, facing real dangers in Africa, meeting cold, and sometimes warm, opposition in South America and bitter hostility in Mexico. But always they are seeking to bring men to Christ that they might find peace in believing on Him. Neither heat nor cold, rain

nor burning sun can hinder the message they have been sent to deliver. Can we, whose paths of service are so protected and easy to walk in, deny to these ambassadors of Christ the help they so much need? Let us have a consultation with ourselves and decide to make some definite sacrifice that they may not have to make so many.

AFRICA lies amid her oceans like a great irregular jewel which the lapidaries have just begun to cut. Along the edges and here and there on the surface are shining areas made bright by the entrance of the Word of God. His Word is the tool which giveth light and His missionaries are the lapidaries.

In southern Nigeria on the west coast of Africa lies the portion of land given to southern Baptists to cut and polish against that day when "He shall make up His jewels". Compared with the whole of the country our portion is small but the work done in it is Spirit-trained and our facet of the big jewel shines brighter each year, and always we can see in it the face of the Master. Side by side with our thirty-three missionaries are the twelve ordained pastors and the seventy-four native unordained workers. These men and women have been so trained and developed by the missionaries that the story of the Gospel radiates for miles into the interior. Churches are springing up as a result and there is great need for more missionaries that more native workers may be taught. There is absolutely no limit but that of time and space to the work that could be done if men and women could be sent into this field. Even to keep pace with what has been already done will need reinforcement from our Board. Missionaries are needed for evangelistic work in all of our stations; teachers are needed in the primary, secondary and high schools in Ogbomoso, Iwo, Awe and Oyo, which are feeders to the College and Seminary at Ogbomoso. The Girls' School at Abeokuta, with its excellent new building, will need teachers for its enlarged work; the Baptist Hospital at Og-

bomoso with its dispensary work extending to Iwo, Oyo and Saki must be supported if it would do the full service its new plant will make possible; the work at Lagos needs more than four missionaries for its church and school work. No wonder our Board speaks of these pleas as heartrending when it is unable to send out missionaries, who are waiting to go, into these fields, because there is not sufficient funds. May God through His Word and our obedience to it hasten the day when Africa will no longer be called the "Dark Continent"; when this "topaz of Ethiopia" will be so polished, so "chosen and precious" that it will reflect His light from every corner of its beautiful sur-

THE MISSIONARY MAP OF CHINA **COME** one in looking over a missionary map of China remarked that it looked like a section of an astronomical map of the heavens, the missionary stations representing the starry outlines of the constellations. This was not calling the map much out of its name for these stations are as heaven-set as are the stars. God's hand has formed them all. It is the spaces between the stations that do not suggest the heavens. It is one hundred and seventeen years ago since Robert Morrison went into China with the Light of Life in his hand. The star he placed on the map of China has become many stars, brightly shining to this day, yet the spaces without stars are vast and dark. This is not altogether the fault of China for every province of that country is now open to the Gospel. Living in these eighteen provinces are nearly four hundred thousand Chinese Christians, twenty-eight thousand of these followers of Christ devoting their lives to the spreading of the Gospel. In the province of Hunan, among the last to admit the missionary, there was recently held the conference of the Hunan Christian churches, attended by over two hundred pastors representing some two hundred and forty churches and over twelve thousand Chinese Christians. The native Chinese Christians are doing what they can in the way of home missions. Mrs. Mary Ninde Gamewell, who knows China as we do our own homes, says: "To the Chinese, Christian obedience to the home mission call means great sacrifice, eating the poorest quality of rice, going without meals, walking on tender, once bound feet (if the missionary be a Bible woman) and doing bits of work to eke out the tiny salary. Little wonder it is that the missionary spirit grows; that prayer circles are formed and that volunteers are rising faster than they can be accepted. Young people are meeting together to renew their consecration and pledge themselves to a life of Christian service wherever they may be". When six native volunteers set out for the province of Yunan for home mission work an impressive "commission service" was held in Shanghai. An American who was present said that although he had been familiar with "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" from childhood it took on a new meaning when he listened to those hundreds of Chinese voices sing out in their native tongue:

"Shall we whose souls are lighted With wisdom from on high; Shall we to men benighted The lamp of life deny?"

To the missionaries present it must indeed have had the sound of the heavenly hallelujah. For those unoccupied spaces on the map of China let us make a prayer of the next stanza: "Waft, waft, ye winds, His story,

And you, ye waters, roll
Till, like a sea of glory,
It spread from pole to pole".

These bright lights of Christian progress shine out against a dark background. Among and perhaps a part of the political disorders of this greatly disturbed republic anti-Christian agitation has raised its head. Public meetings and considerable free literature are the features of the movement. This unfriendly attitude can be met only by providing China with the right number of missionaries and the right quality of equipment; by being progressive rather

than aggressive; by showing that a Chinese Christian will be a better and more patriotic citizen and by seeking to convince the fearful that in taking China for Christ we are not taking it from the Chinese, rather giving it to them in a fuller sense of ownership than they have ever known. As one missionary puts it: "As time goes on it is more than ever apparent that little if anything can be hoped from changes in forms of government and we are brought back to the fundamental fact that the Gospel of Christ alone provides a solution of the prevailing disorder in China, whether individual, social or political". Christ is the solution in China as elsewhere but those who are preaching His saving grace are very few when compared with the great bulk of China's heathen population; her map is bright with stars as noted before but very black where they are not.

In the great army of 7,663 missionaries of all evangelical denominations working in China our band of nearly 300, not including native ordained pastors, is a unit. This unit we must enlarge and support. For all evangelical missionaries we pray—but for our own we must pray and sacrifice—else how can we come to God on their behalf!

WINNING JAPAN

QIXTY years have passed since the first convert to Christianity was baptized in Japan. In the twenty or more years following this event the missionary enterprise seemed to prosper and the people of Japan became less hostile to the new religion. The anti-Christian edict placards were removed from the public highways and in 1872 the first Christian church was organized. Then came a reaction: Japan feared the new enthusiasm for western ideas, Christianity came under the ban and the missionaries and native converts faced a hard time. From 1900 to the beginning of the World War Christianity slowly won renewed recognition and in some cases cooperation. During the World War Japan's attitude passed through several phases: first, that Christianity had failed and could never

become a national religion; second, that Buddhism and other oriental religions had failed. Perhaps the placing of Christianity side by side with the failure of other religions was for the perfection of our cause. Whether this be true or not it has brought the earnest-hearted and Christ-loving missionary to realize that he must quit preaching Christianity and present Christ as the example and His religion as the rule of life. To many eastern minds Christianity merely represented advanced civilization. One thoughtful Japanese in speaking of the sharp contrast between the practices of Christian nations and the Christ of the missionary said: "No. Christianity has not failed but the nations of the west have failed to take Christ seriously". Both the east and the west need Jesus Christ and working together they will win Japan and the whole world for Him.

Then came the earthquake. Christ's disciples suffered with the rest. This was a material blow to the Christian movement but one full of spiritual possibilities. The seventy churches destroyed were rebuilt in less than a year, some of them but rough wooden structures but, says one missionary, "showing greater spiritual vitality than was evidenced in the old buildings". Property losses of different denominational boards ran up into the millions but the work has gone on in rented halls and temporary quarters. We well know the quick and abundant aid given to Japan in her great need; over \$11,000,-000 in money and goods was poured into Japan from America. The cause of Christ was marching on in Japan.

It is not a necessary part of our program to present or comment on the right or wrong of the exclusion act. This Japan calls her second earthquake, but we pray she may realize the difference between a visitation from God and an act of human agency. However, as far as this act affects the progress of Christian missions we must be deeply concerned and pray constantly that our own and all evangelical missionaries be upheld by the Spirit of

God at this hard period of their work and that Japan will not reject Christ or renounce His Gospel because of human legislation. God can overrule human mistakes and use them for His glory. "Surely the wrath of man shall praise Thee; the remainder of the wrath shalt Thou restrain." Our part will be to wait on God for His restraining power and to "vow and pay unto the Lord our God" that funds be supplied to our Foreign Mission Board that it may bear its share in overcoming the serious difficulties of the present missionary situation in Japan. This we know, that the truths of God cannot die and that if every missionary were driven out of Japan. our own thirty with the others, there would still be left in the hearts of faithful Japanese Christians this abiding truth. The leaven has been placed and will work His will. But such a day has not come and we must put out a golden hand to save Japan and ourselves from such a time.

Christian colleges and schools are developing the youth of Japan, splendid young men and women. It is told of a group of young men, native Christians, who lost their employment in a pearl factory through the earthquake disaster, that they decided to work out their destiny together according to the Christian faith. With their saving they purchased some type and a small foot-press and started a card printing shop. The lack of printing offices following the disaster gave them plenty to do. They worked day and night until they had saved enough money to rent a lot for a church. Estimates for the building called for three thousand yes while their savings barely reached three thousand yen. Another young Christian, a carpenter, volunteered to build the church. This is being done. The first floor will be used for their business, the second floor for church and Sunday school services. With this spirit working in the youth of Japan we feel the wind of dawn blowing from the Sunrise Kingdom.

HIGHWAYS IN SOUTH AMERICA

FOR some years those who watch upon the walls of Zion for the signs of the times have been predicting a great spiritual awakening in South America. This awakening they tell us is now taking place under our very eyes but, because it did not come with a thunder clap or the rattle of artillery, we are hardly conscious of it. We have longed for a quicker movement but pray that the slower one may have glorious and permanent results. At our missionary conferences we hear of the need of native Christian leadership as a factor in Christian progress in foreign fields. In our own work in South America our missionaries are educators and our educators are missionary and they have long recognized the wisdom of training the native convert for Christian service. In the Baptist College and Seminary in Rio de Janiero, the Woman's College in Sao Paulo, the schools in Campos, Bahia and Victoria, Brazil, and in those of Argentina, located in Buenos Aires, Mendoza, Rosario, Corboba and Adrogue, and in the growing educational work in Chile the students are trained in the work of evangelism. As one speaker expressed it in the recent Foreign Missions Conference at Washington: "Christ must be naturalized upon the Indian road; upon the Chinese pathways; upon the highways of Japan; and upon the roads and byways of all countries, so that every nation will find in Him the true expression of its own national thought and outreaching of heart and will see in Him what they have craved for weary centuries". "South America is awakening to the fact that the 'evangelical' missionary is the friend and true interpreter of their country, and its people are becoming more willing to accept the Christ of the missionary and carry His Gospel to their countrymen."

One thrills at the thought of what South American women, aroused and organized for Christ, could do. Think of the classes they represent: the gracious, cultured and gentle mannered woman of the upper class, the natural leaders

of their people; the growing class of self-supporting women, teachers, stenographers, clerks etc.; the poorer class who are toilers and burden bearers. women who bear the shame of illegitimacy, about one in five being unmarried mothers; the great multitudes of Indian women who are still in heathen darkness and dense ignorance. Forces of evil are working everywhere-the white slave traffic, legalized prostitution, intemperance—and it is said that many women are the paid agents of the Soviet movement for socialistic doctrines. Working against these evils there are splendid organizations of South American women. The Young Women's Christian Association has an ever-growing army of young women and the W. C. T. U. has many non-alcoholic workers. Other splendid women are engaged in social uplift work who are as yet untouched by evangelical missions. What a power they would be if their fine qualities were linked with the love of Christ! It should not be hard to realize that we are the natural agents through whom this love can be proclaimed and that our women missionaries are the chosen messengers to the women of South America.

Brazil—The United States of Brazil is about equal in territory to the United States of America but with a population of much less than half of that in our states. The increasing immigration to South America and the decreasing numbers coming to the United States may greatly change these figures in a few years. The people of Brazil are largely Portuguese descent and their language and characteristics are different from their Spanish neighbors in the surrounding republics. The protestant population, which is proportionately larger in Brazil than in any other South American country, has come to be a strong factor in the national life, an especially encouraging fact when we remember the centuries of inherited Romanism which have so jealously guarded the affairs of state and which have so hindered the spiritual, moral and intellectual progress of this really

brilliant people. An illustration of Christianity taking a leading part in Brazilian affairs was given some time ago when the first woman aviator in Brazil, a young Christian worker, piloted some visitors over the city of Sao Paulo. Progress is in the air! One of our missionaries tells us that all Brazilians are very optimistic of the future of their country. We agree with them and predict that Brazil is to be the first of all South American countries in commerce and national progress. But to put Christ first in this march of progress is the supreme desire of our one hundred and thirteen missionaries and, with the prayers and sustaining help of their missionary-spirited supporters at home. they will gladly face hardships, homesickness and personal dangers to place Him there. From a perfectly natural standpoint the Romanist thinks that the "evangelicals" are getting too numerous in Brazil. From among these Romanists our churches can claim a membership of 21,328, and from among them, every one of whom the Lord loves, God is gathering His own, in larger and larger numbers each year. Our missionaries report more than two thousand conversions last year. No expense nor sacrifice should be counted too great that will prepare an highway for our God in Brazil.

Argentina—The material riches and spiritual poverty of Argentina are in continual contrast. Her wealth of minerals, beef and grain is feeding the world, her spiritual poverty is starving the souls of her own people. The constitution of the country grants freedom of worship but the state supports the Roman Catholic Church. The rigid Romanist is a bitter enemy to evangelical truth, and to the intellectual who has abandoned Rome any religion is an organized evil. They have known only a dead Christ whose worship has impeded national progress and violently refuse a living Saviour as a guide to all that uplifts a nation. But in spite of antagonism and indifference a new spirit is evident everywhere in Argentina and evangelism moves forward. In

our own forty-one churches and fiftyseven preaching stations three hundred baptisms were reported last year. "Our Sunday and day schools", says one missionary, "kindle lights in the minds of the young in order to illume the highway of Christ in Argentina".

"Argentina will be the gathering field of the white immigration from Europe", says Rev. S. G. Inman, secretary of cooperation in Latin America; "its climate, vast uncultivated acres of rich soil and remarkable business opportunities are inviting the world. As the country expands, the opportunity for evangelism grows and larger forces will be needed if Christ is to win Argentina", within the near future.

Argentina is the banner country of the Baptist 75 Million Campaign, having given to this fund more per capita than any other body of southern Baptists, not omitting those within the home bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. This liberality indicates the spirit of Argentine Baptists and challenges us to keep pace with this splendid body of believers as they walk the way of Jesus.

Chile-"Chile is more friendly now". is written in a recent missionary biography, "eighteen years ago we were insulted and stoned for preaching the Gospel in a Chilean town. Last year when we visited the same town for the same purpose a notice of the service appeared in two newspapers. Eighteen years ago one could not purchase a Bible in the whole of Chile; now one of the large book repositories advertises them". Our own organized work in Chile began only eight years ago and while no hot ploughshares were in the way it has not been easy going, yet so blessed has this work been that we now have both evangelistic and educational work in Santiago. the capital city, Temuco and Concepcion. Thirty-three churches and fifty preaching stations are operated by fifteen missionaries and twenty-two ordained Chileans. Each year the reports show a larger number of baptisms, last year two hundred and ninety-four

of God and are being used for His service. The co-educational school at Temuco reported several conversions among the pupils. The Pastors' Institute under the care of Rev. J. L. Hart has made a fine yearly record. During the vacation season, from October to March, the students have been doing field work and helping the missionaries in every possible way.

The Chilean women are very respongive and a well organized work among them is on the way. There arises before our vision an inspiring group of women, young women and girls from which will emerge a new type of Chilcan womanhood.

Uruguay-The beauty of the country with its rolling plains, low mountain ranges, healthy climate and sturdy people has given Uruguay the name of the "Scotland of South America". Its river transports and extensive railway system open the country alike to commerce and the missionary, not that the latter is always welcome for here, as in the other South American countries, there is often strong opposition from the Romanists. In Montevideo, the capital city, we have five missionaries, three church organizations, several Sunday schools and out stations and a growing young people's work. The motive power of work among women and girls is of course our women missionaries as they teach in the women's meetings, Sunday schools and visit the homes.

Some building has been done in Montevideo but much more is needed. A church cannot do all it would do in a rented hall especially where the people are accustomed to fine churches. The missionary patiently waits, at least as patiently as he can for he is human, for the funds to build, which our Board would so gladly give if we gave it to the Board. The only way to exterminate the building microbe is to build. If the 1925 Program of Southern Baptists is fully met a long step will be taken toward a healthy housing situation in our missionary work not only in Uruguay but in all our other foreign fields.

PROCLAIMING LIBERTY IN MEXICO

"MEXICO won liberty from Spain in 1821. From that date to 1876. when Diaz became president, the country came under the rule of two regencies, two emperors, sundry dictators, about twenty provisional presidents. twenty-five regular presidents and one or two extra constitutional bodies known by various names. Including the rule of Diaz Mexico has added to its hectic history four more regular presidents and six temporary presidents, one of the last named being in power for less than fifty minutes. Very few of these changes in government were made without bloodshed, exile or imprisonment. Mexico because of her revolutionary activities has never had a chance to use her so-called liberty for the progress of the nation or the education of her people. Of the 15,500,000 of her population at least eighty per cent. are illiterate and probably not half of the twenty per cent. possess more than the rudiments of an education. Outside of the cities where there is no middle class, such as clerks, small tradesmen and minor government officials, the people are very poor and the standard of living very low. Corn and beans are the staple articles of food, scant outer garments with a blanket for winter wrap and sandals for the feet are the usual clothing. It is said that the progress of a nation is to be measured by the condition of its middle class. In the United States the wage earners are living in greater comfort and enjoying more luxuries than did the kings and queens of two centuries ago. Measured by this standard how slow has been the progress of national life in Mexico. As in other Latin countries Romanism, inherited from Spain, has been as fictitious and ineffective as has been the liberty won from that country, as far as national progress is concerned. Neither one nor the other has given hope to the heart or well-being to the country.—Culled from Atlantic Monthly

This is what we see as we look over the fence into our neighbor's yard. Now what does the Mexican see as he looks across at us? Have we been rapid in giving to our neighbor what would be of the greatest good to him? It is forty-five years since our first missionary, Rev. T. M. Westrup, was murdered by the Mexicans and Indians and his "blood still crieth from the ground", "Send more money and men to Mexico". Although we now have twenty-four missionaries, thirty-two native pastors, fifty-eight churches and twenty schools and reported five hundred baptisms for the year just passed, it is our imperative duty that we move

faster than this if we are to give our neighbor the right sort of help for present needs. Remember that in addition to our obligation to give the Gospel to the whole world Mexico has the neighbor claim. We cannot escape the effects of success or failure in national and industrial schemes in Mexico, and equally inescapable will be the results and responsibility in her spiritual life.

"Say not to thy neighbor, 'Go and come again tomorrow', when thou hast it by thee."

QUESTIONS ON PROGRAM TOPIC FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. How did great crowds affect Jesus?

2. What appeal did Jesus make in behalf of the multitudes?

3. Is this appeal applicable for the present day?

4. What is the missionary teaching of the Lord's prayer?

5. How did the disciples receive the Great Commission?

6. Is Christianity possible apart from the missionary element?

7. What should we do with our knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ?

8. How are we responsible for the spread of the Gospel?

9. What will be the soul-winner's reward?

10. On what two forces was Jesus depending for the spread of the Gospel?

11. Does God care for His missionaries?

12. How do you know this?

NOTE: Each one of these questions may be answered by a Scripture verse. These questions and answers will make a good closing exercise for the missionary meeting. Any society sending into ROYAL SERVICE, 1111 Age-Herald Bldg., Birmingham, Ala., by July 5 correct Scripture verses in answer to all twelve of these questions will receive honorable mention in the September issue of the magazine. In the same issue will be published the twelve verses which the editor had in mind in asking the questions.

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Y. W. A. PROGRAMS



Material found in the general program on pages 11-19 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 provide attractive additions.

FIRST MEETING Topic—Here Comes the Bride

Hymn—Love Divine, All Love Ex-

Devotional—Ephesians 5:23—6:3 Prayer for World's Young Woman-

Hymn—Love Is the Theme
Introduction—Enter, the Bride
China's Trembling Bride
Africa's Wedding Bells Are Drums
Japan's Bride of Necessity
South America's Mistake
How Y.W.A's. May Help the Bride
Hymn—The Church's One Foundation

Announcement Poster—Cut picture of wedding party from any June fashion magazine and mount on poster board, giving time, date and place of Y.W.A. meeting:

Here Comes the Bride Be she sad or gay Meet her at the Y.W.A.

Enter, the Bride!

UNE is proverbially the month of brides and roses. This June will see many wedding ceremonies in our Christian America, ones beautiful in decoration and those simple in arrangement and dress, all blessed with a Christian recognition of the responsibility of forming a new home. But how about the bride in other nations? She is our study today. She too must be built up into a redeemed people, ready to belong to the church, the bride of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

China's Trembling Bride
CHINA'S trembling bride does not go
to her husband, she gets a motherin-law. The arrangements are made
by a "go-between", and bride and
groom do not see each other until well

through with the long ceremony. The bride wears a red satin coat and trousers, often embroidered with gold dragons. It is considered bad luck if in sewing a seam a needle breaks, in which case the garment must be thrown away and a new one made. It is fabled that a certain bride leaving her father's house to go to that of her husband was devoured on the way by a tiger. To prevent such a catastrophe a piece of meat may be suspended at the door of the parent's house to bribe the tiger. When the little red bride, her face covered with a red veil, has been lifted into the sedan chair to go to her motherin-law the door is quickly slammed shut lest the family luck follow her. Fireworks precede and follow the procession and the more coolies required to carry boxes of trousseau and house furnishings the better. Red paper is pasted on the gate posts of the bridegroom's home. Arriving the frightened bride is lifted out, carried over a special wedding fire-basket blazing in front of the door sill to make sure that no demons come in with her. She must bow many times to the parents, the ancestral tablets, the household gods, the guests, the go-betweens; the groom bows with her. At last they rise to their feet and the bridegroom lifts the veil. With one look he leaves her to the taunts and jibes of everyone. Poor frightened bride!

"After three days she went into the kitchen,

to belong to the church, the bride of She washed her hands and got ready lesus Christ, our Savior.

'I wonder if this will please my motherin-law?'

She called her young sister-in-law to test first the flavor."

Christian brides in China marry for love without heathen ceremony. How

are we helping all China's brides to become Christian? (See 4th ¶ page 30.)

Africa's Wedding Bells

MARRIAGE customs among the various tribes of the Dark Continent differ in many details but in general certain things are typical. Mohammedans may have four legal wives. A man's position is frequently determined by the number of wives he can buy and keep though they really do the "keeping" for each has a plot of ground to cultivate. In many tribes a girl may choose her own husband without interference; a girl may be bespoken as a child by some mature and wealthy man but often may escape this decision if she wishes. Three cows is a good price for a wife in some African tribes. others will demand from the bridegroom three heifers and two bullocks, three sheep and two rams; a few yards of cloth may secure a new wife. Sometimes when a girl wishes to reject a suitor, her friends or parents approving of him may shut her in a dark hut without food, even beating her to make her yield. On the wedding day a feast has been prepared and proceeding to the groom's house with great sounding of drums, bride and groom eat flesh and drink blood together; this is supposed to be the only meal they ever partake of together; after the wedding she becomes virtually a slave. Where polygamy exists it is hard to fancy that there can be love but the African woman has been used to this utter blankness, desolation and nothingness so long she does not know any other life until the glory of love through Christ Jesus enters in. See general program, "The Master's Face in Africa", to discover what we are doing for Africa's chattel wives.

Japan's Bride of Necessity

THE necessity of keeping up the family line makes marriage a social and family obligation. The parent decides upon husband or wife to be brought into the family, after careful investigation through the go-between. Family traits of character, inherent weakness, compatibility through training and ed-

ucation are considered although the gobetween often gilds his report for his own interests. After the decision the go-between arranges for introducting the pair. This "miai", looking at each other, is usually in a public place where the girl is very shy and scarcely raises her eyes to look at her future husband. Agreement is sealed by the present called "yuino", the gift to be given to the bride. The contract of the yuino may not be broken no matter what new discovery may be made regarding either party. When the wedding day comes the girl is sent away from home carrying a dagger presented by her parents with the words, "You have no home except your husband's now. This is your friend". Christian influences are changing the attitude toward marriage in Japan as in other countries; let us increase the impact of Christianity through enlarging our missionary forces. (See general program, page 14.)

South America's Mistake

LITTLE is written about South America's bride. The Catholic hold on civil authority makes the Catholic ceremony the one which is authentic but it costs so much money paid to the priest that one-fourth to one-half the population is made up of illegitimate children. After conversion parents are married whose grandchildren may be present. South America's bridal mistake demands help now.

How Y.W.A's. May Help the Bride

INVITED to be "in a wedding" no Y.W.A. would think of refusing. Here is a world-wide universal invitation to bring all young womanhood into the company of the saved, into the church, the Bride of Christ. Only as Christian young womanhood knows the condition of the two-thirds of the world yet unreached by the message of a Savior can the young womanhood of the world know true love in its heart. The 1925 Program of Southern Baptists is our present fund for expenses of telling others. Y.W.A's. may help the poor benighted brides of heathen and pagan lands by their gifts and earnest prayers, perhaps by going to tell of the Great

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Bridegroom. Realize the situation of 618 missionaries and 904 millions of people to be reached!

SECOND MEETING

Topic-Long Distance, Please

Melody on the Wire—O Zion, Haste A Constant Connection—Prayer The Message Unending—John 3:16 The Humble Telephone Silk from the Orient Africa's Contribution South America's Valuable Resources (See general program, page 16.) Even Europe Better Service, Please

Announcement Poster

PICTURE of a telephone with wires going out around world or of a girl at the telephone with many girls of other nations listening here and there. Give date, time, place of meeting:

Get the Message at Y.W.A. Long Distance, Please

The Humble Telephone

MANY magazines are carrying advertisements about the make-up of an ordinary house telephone. "What's in your telephone?" is asked. "They searched the earth so you could talk" is the answer.

The humble telephone reminds us that "none of us liveth to himself" for the raw materials that are needed to make a telephone are brought from all over the world. Taking up some of the countries represented by various parts of the telephone let us listen to the messages of those countries.

Silk from the Orient

IN the covering and on the extension cords silk is necessary and comes from China and Japan. In extending the kingdom of our Lord it is necessary to include China and Japan. The messages of the orient are not yet in keeping with John 3:16. Buddhism says: "Bad conduct is the taint of women. Verily the life of women is always darkness. Just as when the disease called mildew falls upon a field of rice

in fine condition, that field of rice does not continue long, just so under whatsoever doctrine and discipline women are allowed, that religion will not last long". In Japan are many sacred mountains but the sign, "Women and cows may not pilgrimage here"; shows the position of woman in the heathen practices of the Sunrise Kingdom. A missionary writing home said to a Chinese helper nearby: "I am going to write home to England to my father. Have you any message to send him?" "Let the lady tell her venerable father that the harvest is very great." (See general program, pages 13-14.)

Africa's Contribution

WITH nearly a quarter of all the land in the world within Africa, with every eighth person in the world living in Africa we should expect Africa to send material for telephones and she does—cotton and copal. Meanwhile Africa waits for a message to lift her burden. The map of Africa is sometimes likened to a great ear: probably she is waiting to hear of God's love. The outline also looks like the figure of an old woman bowing beneath too big a burden. (See general program, page 13.)

Even Europe

IN the world message Europe has a great part, not only through her part in the history of Christianity but by her present insistent clamoring for a real Christian liberty and by her zeal in following Christ even in persecution. For telephones Europe contributes "pure linen"; for Christianity her fiber is true and upright also. (See April Home and Foreign Fields.)

Better Service, Please

ON a street car a little boy saw in the mission magazine a stranger was reading a picture of a group of Chinese children. "What are they doing?" he inquired forgetting the fact she was a stranger.

"They are waiting for a teacher. The teacher will tell them about Jesus. Do you know about Jesus?"

"Sure."
"Who told you?"

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WILL YOU BE AT RIDGECREST?

ES, you-Why not? There were college girls and high school girls, teachers and young business women last year-if you come in any of these classes Ridgecrest Y. W. A. Camp is for you. It will give you a pleasant vacation: really, pleasant isn't adequate—a glorious vacation would not be extravagant. There is a swimming pool all new and nice with cold, crisp, mountain water; there are mountains eager for you to climb them, welcoming you with bright azaleas and sturdy but shy rhododendron and mountain laurel; the birds will sing you greeting and the streams will gurgle at your feet; you can look out across the valleys to the mountains farther on and the breezes will blow sordidness and discouragement out of your heart as the distant horizon impels you to expand. There'll be all the good times of friendship with girls from east and west and north and south of our southland and there'll be friendship with the women who are leaders in southern Baptist activities. Yes, it will be a glorious vacation because when the ten days are over the glory of it will be still in your own heart as you go home again better ready to do your part in the world that you saw from the mountain top because you have come to know better the Master of all the world.

There's something about the atmosphere of Ridgecrest that keeps your heart saying "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills". And then Mrs. James will help that spirit of devotion crystallize as she leads the worship service after breakfast each morning. Dr. Carver's addresses, a series of studies in the life of Christ, will make you see His ideals for you as you seek to follow Him in a bigger, richer way. Miss Leachman with her home mission study hour makes all the near, humble tasks glow with beauty of service worthwhile and Mrs. Lawrence's teaching of story-telling will be just what you need to be a better Sunbeam or G.A. leader or Sunday school teacher.

For the local Y. W. A. or the college Y. W. A. from which you come there will be great help through the discussion of "We Did It This Way" led by the state young people's leaders and college correspondents with Miss Louise Foreman and Juliette Mather to help too. Miss Mallory will speak the first three evenings. Can't you imagine ahead of time how precious those hours will be!

Yes, you'll come to Ridgecrest, won't you? You couldn't afford to miss it: June 16-26, our Second Southwide Y.W.A. Camp. Send your enrollment fee \$2.50 right at once to

Miss Juliette Mather 1111 Age-Herald Bldg. Birmingham, Ala.

and put the \$17.50 for room and board carefully away to have ready on your arrival at Pritchelle Hall, Ridgecrest, N. C., June 16 in the afternoon.

MISS Y. W. A.
YOU'LL MISS A GOOD TIME
If you are not at Ridgecrest
June 16-26, 1925



OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



WHEN JUNE DAYS LONGER GROW

HE organized summer camp is the most important step in education that America has given to the world." A man of much note has so remarked even while Woman's Missionary Union has been finding the summer camp a most important step in missionary education. With the June days lengthening out invitingly state summer assemblies are coming nearer with their accompanying Y.W.A., G.A. and R.A. Camps. Increasingly associations and districts, even local societies are providing a week or ten days of camp fun and frolic and fellowship. What could your W.M.S. do to help? A certain Woman's Missionary Society in Arkansas has a permanent "Camp of the Golden Circle Committee". Every year it arranges for the use of the county fair pavillion to be the dormitory for some 75 girls. It plans for their meals and each day a small group drives out to the camp in time to see about breakfast, ready to stay until after the evening program. The deacons of this church in Batesville help too by hauling the cots, the piano, the provision and even by one all-night fishing party to supply fresh fish for breakfast. The state W.M.U. young people's leader provides teachers for mission study classes and speakers for a morning and evening public hour. The girls live under their own regulations, with an elected Chief-Guardian of the Golden Circle and committees to arrange for relaxation periods and talent hours.

What one society does to bless the lives of its girls others have done in similar way for its boys, and you could do likewise. Consider what convenient place could be used for camp grounds—a summer home, a pavillion by the lake, a meadow on the riverbank where tents could be pitched, a cool nook up in the mountains—water and mountains are

choice assets, but a successful camp can be carried on without either. Give plenty of publicity through the county papers, through the Sunday schools in the association, after the date has been decided in consultation with the state young people's leader. Keep the cost at a minimum; sometimes the "campers" can bring some produce and let the camp be to some degree cooperative. Each girl or boy will be responsible for bringing his own bedding and dishes and for caring for them at the camp. This lightens the burden of routine tasks of "housekeeping".

A usual camp program begins with morning watch before breakfast. After breakfast detail duty and study until class time. A recess should be allowed in the middle of the morning probably just before the eleven o'clock address. Afternoon is for recreation-hikes, sports, competitive games, swimming, picnics. At the close of the evening address many camps have a relaxation period with games or "stunts" until nearly bed time. Just before "lights out" comes the quiet heart time with the day's impressions summarized, corrections and improvements kindly suggested and that circle of prayer which really ever rules the camp and builds into the heart life of those privileged to be attending.

It is hard to weigh concretely the value of a mission camp but the freedom of the open spreads hearts and minds and the fellowship in good times, clean and wholesome, and in devotional hours makes our young people stronger in Christ. Don't let your W.M.S. fail to do what it can in giving such joyous opportunity to the young people of your church, community or association.

Probably Sunbeams are too young to go off for a week without most carefully protected surroundings but the (Concluded on Page 33)



SOCIETY METHODS



ENLISTING THE PRESENT MEMBERSHIP

CTICKTOATIVENESS is a Christian virtue of the first water" was one of the many wise savings of Miss Heck. The great task before our societies today is the enlisting in active service of the women now on our roll. It was a Jew in Ierusalem when asked why he was not a Christian who replied: "When the Christians practice the teachings of Christ, we will be Christians too". If we can get the members we now have practicing what they profess as members of a W.M.S., then others, seeing them praying, tithing, enthusiastic in study, going about doing good, will want to become members too.

Why do many of the members of our W.M.S. fail to become active? Answer the following questions: Do you begin your meetings on time? Or do you wait a little while for more to come?

Do you serve such elaborate refreshments that a woman of limited means is embarrassed to entertain?

Do you really plan the music and the devotional, or do you say: "Well what shall we sing? I'll read a Psalm and then we will repeat the Lord's Prayer".

Do you begin at paragraph one and read through ROYAL SERVICE?

Do you ask the same people to take part each time?

If you answer these questions in the affirmative, then instead of complaining about failing to hold your members, wake up and make your society so attractive women will want to attend.

Assign to each active member an inactive one for whom she may pray and work. Do not ask Dorcas to make a speech, but show her how helpful she can be in sewing for the White Cross. She will not refuse to use her needle, but she thinks she cannot use her tongue.

Ask Martha to serve ice tea on that

hot June day but see that all plans are made so that she can have no excuse to miss the program. She never could speak in public (she has no idea how private some of our meetings really are).

Occasionally we find a Mary who wants to study the Bible and thinks the missionary society "inspirational". Ask her to teach "All the World" and see if she will not receive a great spiritual missionary message.

There are Miriams in our society who will sing the praises. Use them, good music does much to make the meetings attractive.

There are Joannas and Suzannas who will minister if they are asked. One has lovely flowers and she will enjoy decorating for every meeting. The other has a smile and a handshake and she will gladly serve in that way. Study each unenlisted woman and find a way to her heart.

In Tennessee we have used the "Talent Search" slips to a splendid advantage. It reads: "Because Christ has saved me I will be glad to serve Him by doing the things that are marked X whenever my services are needed". There follows a list of numerous activities such as: Take part on missionary program, Lead in prayer, Lead the meeting, Act as counselor for Y.W.A., G.A., R.A. or S.B. The last thing is: "I will do nothing". This is first presented to every member of the society and then to every new member. Try it, for from it you will receive splendid new workers.

It was the poetic, dreamy Emerson who gave the following advice to farmers: "If you want to double the size of your farm, plough deep; there is another farm beneath". Do you wish to double the efficiency, the spirituality, the gifts, the interest in your society? Plough deep; there is enough material

in your society if utilized to accomplish this.

How shall we enlist the present membership? By prayer and work!—Mary Northington, Tennessee

ENLISTING YOUNG PEOPLE

THIS is a critical hour for our young people. It is also an hour of the greatest opportunities ever known. If our young people are not enlisted it will be a tragedy. If they are enlisted it will mean a glorious victory for the cause of Christ. The situation demands heroic and individual service. I have found three things of great importance in bringing about "Young People Enlisted":

VEARNING Love—Love that carries out the spirit of John 3:16 will win. This love gives of itself, sacrifices it own desires and many times its own plans for the sake of young people. But never should that love sacrifice principles. Yearning love must show itself in individual sympathy and help in the problems of each boy and girl.

prayerful Tact—Jesus was tactful and He prayed. His wisdom is
the source of our supply. Jesus
studied life. So must we know the
boy and the girl. We must be well
acquainted with the environment in
which they live. And let us remember
that tact is not a boss. Tact leads and
does not drive.

EARNEST Consecration—There must be consecration to God, which shows itself in example; a consecration in cooperation with leaders, carrying out plans, using literature and returning reports. This consecration, earnestly looking toward the finished product, will lead the older W.M.S. workers to visit their meetings occasionally, invite them to their homes and foster them through all the growing period until they are finally developed into a perfect flower of womanhood and a strong tower of manhood.—Reitha Hight, Mo.

ENLISTING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

may we enlist our young people in our W.M.U. organizations?" Surely the first step in enlisting them would be to get the women in the W.M.S. to see the importance of giving our young people this definite missionary training. We cannot get our boys and girls enthused over missions unless first of all our own hearts are on fire to carry out the Great Commission. Do we believe that the missionary cause is the greatest enterprise in which we can be enlisted?

If we believe this, then we can enlist our young people. How shall we begin? Suppose it is a Girl's Auxilary we need. Let the women pray about the selection of the right counselor really pray, if necessary all night (our Master prayed all night before the selection of His disciples). After the Father has guided us in the selection of a counselor, then we are ready to organize. Of course we will not forget to seek the pastor's cooperation and ask him to emphasize the importance of this organization.

After we have enlisted our young people our biggest task is ahead of us—to hold them. Pageants, missionary playlets, banquets, mission study classes, associational young people's rallies, reading contests (of missionary books) and Y.W.A., G.A. and R.A. Camps will help to interest our boys and girls. Also use our young people on W.M.S. programs. Let us remember that first of all we (the women in the W.M.S.) must be enlisted in the cause of missions, then we will be able to enlist our young people.

"Thou must be true thyself if thou the truth would'st teach.

Thy heart must overflow if thou the hearts of men would reach".

-Jennie G. Bright, Ky.

Jesus said; "Suffer the little children-to come unto Me".-Matt. 19:14



TRAINING SCHOOL



W.M.U. YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY

HE annual Young Peoples' Rally of the city was held March 20th, at the Training School, under the auspices of the Training School Y. W. A. In this rally a demonstration program of all the junior missionary societies is given, followed by a round table discussion or conference, where ideas and methods are exchanged and problems are discussed.

Much time and prayer had been put into the plans and preparation for this rally and 7:00 P. M. found House Beautiful all ready for the occasion. The lobby was decorated in the W.M.U. colors, lavender and white, and in the rooms assigned for the different programs many appropriate posters, literature and helps, books and suggestions had been arranged. In the Sunbeam room an attractive sand table and hand work for the different ages of little folks were displayed.

The Y.W.A. program was given by eight Training School girls and showed the installation of officers with the candle service. In the conference which followed, personal service, stewardship and mission study classes were discussed.

Miss Jett, young people's leader of Broadway Baptist Church, had charge of the G.A. program. Ten of her girls brought a little playlet, "A Search for the Beautiful". There were six leaders present and all joined in the conference, discussing such problems as the best time for meeting, how to get good attendance and how to reach the eligible girls.

The R.A. demonstration was given by the R.A. Chapter from Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, under the leadership of Mr. Rush Loving. They gave a most interesting program on "Promotion to Rank"—one boy being examined for page, one for scribe and another for knight. Their bright, eager faces and their thorough knowledge of the information required showed that boys not only can learn to do hard things but that they love to do them. Miss Jennie Graham Bright, young peoples' leader for Kentucky, led the interesting conference that followed.

The Sunbeam program was given by the Sunbeam Band made up of the children of the Seminary students, in charge of Mrs. C. C. Stone. She used twenty of these little ones, ranging in age from three to eight years. Reuben Allen Jr., six years old, presided with ease and assurance. A dramatization, "How Sunbeams Grow", was followed by the program, "How-Do-You-Do", even the little three-year-old ones telling how it is said in foreign countries. In the conference Mrs. C. C. Thomas, of Temple Baptist Church, gave interesting and practical suggestions as to the kind of personal service Sunbeams can do.

Following the conferences the groups all went to chapel, where the address of the evening was made by Miss Mary Northington, W.M.U. corresponding secretary of Tennessee. She brought out the ideals of the junior organizations, calling on the leaders to keep constantly in mind the development of the prayer life, the study of God's Word, consideration for others, responsibility to local church, the teaching of stewardship of talent, time and opportunities and the importance of making worth-while programs that will hold the interest of the boys and girls.

The rally was well attended. All of the rooms in which programs were held were crowded. There were 25 leaders and representatives from 20 different churches in the city present. We hope that from this rally may go out inspiration, encouragement and a wider vision of the wonderful opportunities for service among our young people.—Mary W. Brisco



FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



I SHALL NOT DIE BUT LIVE AND DECLARE THE WORKS OF THE LORD

"The world and its desires are passing away, but they that do the will of God shall live forever."

NATIVE preacher in Rio de Janeiro died—pastor of seven churches, a teacher in Collegio Baptista and language instructor of new missionaries. The burden had been too heavy and, during that still, solemn hour before the dawn, his soul went out to meet the morning. The last words of this good man were beautiful: "Wife, I asked God to let me stay and work longer for Him, but He tells me to come now. I have tried to obey Him in the past and must obey Him now". Then he closed his eyes and whispered to her, "Let me get a better view of Heaven. I have preached often of its beauty, but what I pictured to my people is nothing in comparison to the splendor of the heaven I see". Then his soul passed into a dawn that shall always be morning. Dead? Ah NO!

During the Christmas season when all the earth is glad, Mr. Edwards, our beloved missionary, sat in a committee meeting planning the things of the Kingdom. He arose to commit these plans to the Father in dismissal, but the things fell from his hands to the floor. He was taken to his earthly home, which he soon left for the heavenly home. His last message to southern Baptists through the Foreign Mission Board was an offer to pay four hundred dollars that a new missionary may come to Brazil. F. M. Edwards dead? No, he lives to declare the works of the Lord.

"He who gives himself wholly to the eternal cannot die". The psalmist, whose songs have become the song of the ages, who lives in every heart that has joys and sorrows, rightly said, "I shall not die but live and declare the works of the Lord". I shall live in the heart of little children, in the cleansed life of regenerate men, in the exalted position of womanhood. I shall live in purified homes, in better school systems and finer communities. I shall live in the Sunday schools organized, the churches built, the schools erected. I shall live in influence given, in finer words spoken, in the humble deeds of every day things. I shall live in the thoughts of the noble, in the deeds of the true, in the souls of the pure. I shall live as one who lifted his voice against sin and was found courageous where right was to be vindicated. I shall live as one who believed and was not afraid of that belief: as one who thought and was not afraid to speak that thought: as one who taught and lived that teaching. I shall live as one who preaches and whose life is a greater sermon: as one who testifies and yet whose character is a finer testimony: as one who sings and whose life is an eternal song.

I shall not die! Ten thousand times ten thousand years this endless life God breathed to me shall hover in and about that which is good. Influence cannot die. Good cannot die. The divinity in man cannot die. It is eternal, immortal, everlasting. A thousand years shall pass into the endless cycle of time and Brazil will be a better nation because my life touched hers. It shall be a safer place for little children to come, a truer place for homes, a better place for womanhood. Throughout all the years to come, Christians will be telling others the message of love that I breathed into their hearts. The host of those who are tender and kind will be larger, the number that believe in a risen Christ will be greater and heaven will be larger. I have given my few years here to the eternal, and my life has become an eternal memorial. I have not died but live and declare the works of the Lord.—Rosalee Mills Appleby, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

TRAINING BRAZILIAN BAPTISTS

WE have been pleased to note from different sources the idea that a Baptist is a light-bearer. It has made our hearts rejoice to hear said, "Where Baptists enter a neighbrohood they bring light and progress". How true this is in the individual life not only in Brazil but everywhere. When one accepts Christ he gets new visions and literally seems to take a new lease on life; so eager is he to inform, prepare and better fit himself to render service for the Master.

In our churches here we earnestly try to give the individual member in each church an opportunity for better training. In many cases they respond heartily and are willing to make great sacrifices to obtain preparation. It is our custom to hold institutes and special meetings in the associations from time to time, thereby giving many a chance who would not otherwise have the opportunity. For some five years courses in Sunday school and B.Y.P.U. have been given. Only this last year have we offered a course in women's work.

At the Summer Assembly in Friburgo we directed the study of an alert class of sixteen in the manual, recently prepared for our women. An interesting fact is that eleven of the class were men—pastors and evangelists. We take this step as a sign of progress and deeper consecration—they who are leaders in our churches realize the responsibility of a membership two-thirds of which (in nearly all cases) are women. They know that circumstances and customs make it almost impossible for women and girls to leave home for so many days, to attend such gatherings, so the men have solved the problem by taking the course themselves with the intention of teaching it when they return to their churches. Their interest was manifest in wanting to take back with them certain helps, posters and illustrations used in the study, which we gladly gave. You will be interested to know that there are twelve men in the Campo Fluminense who are proud to possess a diploma given by the W.M.U. of Brazil.—M. Anna Christie, Nicteroy, Brazil

"THE POOR HAVE GOOD TIDINGS"

SOME of the pencils and tablets were used by a class in phonetic script at one of the outstations the first month after Chinese New Year. Twenty-five women and girls took the examination and eleven received diplomas indicating their ability to read the Gospel of Mark and to write the phonetic script. The girl who made the highest grade had never been to school a day in her life. She hopes to enter next fall if a way can be found to provide for her tuition. One of the brightest girls finished her work in three weeks' time and went on to the Kaifeng school immediately.

I am very thankful for the progress of one splendid Christian woman. In two years she has learned to read Mark, Acts, Ephesians and James in Mandarin and has also committed to memory Romans 12, I Cor. 13, Ps. 23, many other passages of Scripture and a number of songs. This she accomplished under difficulties. One woman asked how she learned so much. "I did most of it while working" she said; "I would have my book open while grinding wheat or making shoes. I would read a sentence, say it over and over and think about the meaning; then I would read another sentence and another until I had it learned". During the month's class she not only learned the phonetic script but also read Genesis, Exodus and fifty Psalms in Mandarin. She was accepted as a student at the Bible School in Kaifeng as soon as the class was over. Several girls professed faith in Jesus as their personal Savior. Please pray for these whom I have mentioned and for all the Chinese Christians that they may be true and faithful during these times of testing and persecution.—Addie Estelle Cox, Kaifeng, China

1ST MOON, 16TH DAY, 14TH YEAR OF THE REPUBLIC

LAST night the Lantern Festival was celebrated. Lanterns of all descriptions. Rabbits, geese, ducks, birds, fish, houses, also fire-works. Tomorrow the big shops will open their doors ready for business after sixteen holidays. This week schools will open. The Girls' School is to move from the new place on the big street to this compound. Both North and West Gate Streets are to have both boys' and girls' schools. The Kaifeng pupils are busy getting ready for their work. Ahma washed Chin Bao's comfort cover Saturday. Kwang Hsin washed his today and all his extra clothes. While he was digging garden just south of the house, where we want to plant lettuce and radishes, the cook threw out a big pan of water and soaked him. I ran to the attic to find something for him to change again so that suit could be washed also. They all had a good laugh over the accident.

Honan Educational Association met here last week. Mr. and Mrs. Carlberg took supper with us one evening. Wednesday morning Miss Stribling came and after supper Miss Bostick, Miss Riddell and a Mr. Olsen. We got supper for them and then made up beds. Thursday morning Mrs. Eavenson and Miss Elder, who teaches the Harris children, came. Thursday, we had school committee meetings and Friday all attended the educational meetings.

Friday night Miss Elder and Mrs. Eavenson gave us a musical treat. The afternoon train on which a number of the delegates expected to go left an hour ahead of time so they also enjoyed the evening with us. Our five guests left Saturday morning. We at once got the house ready for a wedding party. Mr. and Mrs. Sharrock arrived from Kuling Sunday morning while we were in Sunday school. Mr. Sharrock preached for us in the evening—a spiritual treat.

The bride and groom arrived from Peking at one A. M. Monday morning. He went to an inn and she came to us. She was a girl the Sharracks have educated. She will finish her college course in June and go out to Sianfu to take charge of their girls' school. The groom has promised to go with her. He looks as though he will be a valuable helper in mission work. She had written that they wanted a very quiet home wedding as she was not bringing any extra clothes. It was very unusual to see a Chinese girl married in her traveling suit. I wished a big crowd could have seen them. We invited all the folks on the compound and, when I called the cook's wife and daughter, about twenty-five came in the east door—the teachers for the girls' school and the girls! Mr. Sharrock made the wedding ceremony very impressive. It was held at eight in the evening in the southwest corner of our living-room. The girls took pictures of the arch of ferns under which they stood. After the ceremony while we were serving fruit gelatine, cake and cocoa Dr. and Mrs. Hargrove surprised us. They had spent four extra hours on the way from Kaifeng here.

Tuesday morning the bride and groom started back to Peking and Mr. and Mrs. Sharrock and Miss Curtis started west to Sianfu. It will be interesting to hear their experiences on the way. Sunday afternoon a military adviser called and wanted to store his goods on our compound for safety. He felt that fighting is inevitable in Honan. So many of the poor chaps get badly frightened. Last week we were told that our military leaders had come to a satisfactory agreement. The unrest brings the people to our chapels and gives us greater opportunity to tell them of the Prince of Peace. Pray for us and them.—Mrs. W. W. Lawton, Chengchow, China



PERSONAL SERVICE



BIBLE PRINCIPLES OF SOCIAL SERVICE

F the ten commandments the first four refer to man's relation to God, the six following to man's relation to man. In Deut. 10:12 we read: "And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all His ways"; in verse 18: "He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and the widow and loveth the stranger in giving him food and raiment".

In Deuteronomy 15 the law regarding the poor ends with this beautiful exhortation: "Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor and to thy needy", emphasizing the claim by the use of the possessive pronoun. In Deut. 22:8 there is an interesting command which runs thus: "When thou buildest a new house, then thou shalt make a battlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thy house if any man fall from thence". The flat-roofed houses of the east, with the outside stairways are familiar to all. To the roof the family and friends resorted in the cool of the star-lit night, and a roof unprotected by a balustrade was a source of danger. Verse 19 of the 24th chapter of this same book gives the law of the harvest: "Handfuls of purpose" are to be left in vineyard and field for the widow, the fatherless, the stranger. In chapter 27 the curse was to be upon those who removed a neighbor's landmark; that made the blind to wander out of the way; that perverted judgment of the stranger, the fatherless, the widow; that smote his neighbor secretely. The "Cities of Refuge" where one might find protection and justice were certainly a beneficient and socializing agency in those days of "an eye for an eye or a tooth for a tooth". We find the children of Israel under Nehemiah rebuilding and beautifying Jerusalem each "over against his own house". Such community cooperation is widely needed today and, when actuated by the religious desire to develop Christian neighborhoods where God will be worshipped and His word reverenced, where the church may become the power-house for all the forces that support a well rounded community life, it will meet with success. As some one has aptly put it, "we must prepare the world for our children as well as our children for the world".

Job's method of dealing with the problems of his day arouses our interest in passing. The fatherless and the widow rejoiced at his kindness; to the blind, he was a guide; to the lame, feet; an investigator of causes; a foe to injustice: Job 29:12-17. We remember God's commendation of Job—"a perfect and upright man, one who feareth God and escheweth evil".

Prophecy rings with the call to peace, justice and righteousness. In Isaiah 58 we have a most eloquent and beautiful appeal for personal service, closing with the promise: "If thou draw out thy soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then shall thy light rise in obscurity and thy darkness be as the noon day; and the Lord shall guide thee continually and satisfy thy soul in drought and make fat thy bones and thou shalt be like a watered garden and like a spring of water whose waters fail not.—And thou shalt be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in".

The last verse of the last chapter of the book of Jonah tells us the reason that God spared Nineveh was because of 120,000 children there as well as much cattle. It has been said that the gift of the child is God's constant effort to lift humanity. Micah 6:8 says: The chief requirements of this life are: "to do justly, to love mercy, to walk humbly with God".—Mrs. H. M. Wharton, Md.



BOOK REVIEWS



KEYNOTE STUDIES IN THE KEY- especially exquisite in fineness of touch".

NOTE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE In the chapter given to the book of

R. C. Alphonso Smith, late head of the Department of English in the United States Naval Academy and the author of at least a half dozen text books for his classes, has given to both ministers and laymen a book which one critic has pronounced a "flawless masterpiece"— Keynote Studies in Keynote Books of of the Bible. This book contains eight lectures given by Dr. Smith in public and to students on the following books of the Bible: Genesis, Esther, Job, Hosea, John, Romans, Philippians and Revelation. After the first chapter, The Keynote Method, the above named books of the Bible are each given one chapter. Genesis is treated as a book of great thought greatly expressed, a book in which the "light of the cross streams backward as well as forward, which light, translucent in the Old Testament, becomes transparent in the New Testament". Of the chapter on the book Esther one has said, "This perfect piece of literature can never be treated on a higher level than Dr. Smith has given it". The chapter on Job has been recommended to those who wish to convince others of the truths of God by quotations from His Word. Of Hosea Dr. Smith himself says: "It compasses the whole range of a new life, the center of which ceases to be self and becomes another, then love, then God", a distinctive message or solo in the chorus chanted by all the Old Testament prophets.

Turning to the New Testament we find the Gospel of John held up as the word of light, love and truth, these attributes without beginning or end—"God was, is and ever shall be". Of the lecture on both John and Romans Dr. A. T. Robertson says: "I wish our ministers could all read this book and see the new truths of the Book of books. The lectures on John and Romans are

especially exquisite in fineness of touch". In the chapter given to the book of *Philippians* we find a picture of the glories of the cross, both in life and death: Paul, writing under the shadow of death but without its sting, calls on men to rejoice in and exalt the name of Jesus. *Revelation*, the last chapter, "gives", says one theologian, "the one and only view that makes *Revelation* a vision of eternal realities".

The book as a whole has been pronounced as one that will bring the real Bible home to the minds and hearts of men and women, being especially helpful to those who are seeking the true keynote of God's Word. To our women there will be the added interest of the fact that Dr. C. Alonzo Smith (now deceased) was a brother-in-law of Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, former president of the Woman's Missionary Union.

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ALONG THE HIGHWAY OF SERVICE

FROM the well chosen title, Along the Highway of Service, to the last word in her book, which is one of glorification to God for a soul won to Him, Miss Marie Buhlmaier has given us a volume of rare interest. The introduction to the book, written by Dr. B. D. Gray, worthily sets forth the character and ability of its author as well as the charm and value of her "stirring story". None could speak more intelligently of Miss Buhlmaier's work than our Home Mission Board corresponding secretary for it was under this Board she ministered for many years to the immigrants coming to the Baltimore pier.

Along the Highway of Service tells its beautiful story in fourteen chapters, the titles of which foretell the exceeding interest of their contents. They are as follows: God the Great Director; The Work in Its Inception; The Workshop and the Worker; Early

Experiences; Worthy of Note; New Doors Opening; Companions in Sorrow; The New Pier and the Mission Box; Growth All along the Line; Still Branching Out; Two Young Immigrants; "It Shall Not Return unto Me Void"; and The Value of Citizenship. This is a long list but it is worthwhile.

Miss Buhlmaier tells her story in her own way, using the rich material gathered from her missionary life on the Baltimore pier. The tragedy, pathos and gentle humor which adorn each incident of service give to the reader one hundred and forty pages of real pleasure and inspiring information. To those who know and love this handmaid of the Lord every page is filled with her earnest personality and as we read we say, "Isn't that just like her?" No higher commendation of the book could be presented than this. While from the press but a few weeks the book has already won enthusiastic praise and has reached a goodly sale. It is heartily recommended to our W.M.U. organizations for use as a study or reading book in missionary circles and larger meetings.

Price: cloth, 50 cents; paper, 35 cents, from Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

BRAVE ADVENTURES

MISSIONARY lore for boys and girls has received a most profitable addition in Mrs. C. E. Cronk's newest mission study book, Brave Adventures. Eight beautiful stories, well illustrated, will be a good find for Sunbeam and Royal Ambassador leaders, not to speak of the demands at mother's knee for a true story. Boys and girls love heroes and heroines and when they learn that real heroism is something far beyond the make-believe movie adventurer, a good step toward character building will have been taken.

The first story, The Bravest Adventure, is a Bible story—Jesus' call to pily service; then comes, The Boat That Waited—a story of adventure in India; after these: The Count Who Wrote horized Letters—the story of God's call to see!

Count Zinzendorf; Two Brave Adventurers Who Listened In—two stories, one of adventure in cold Greenland and one in hot Africa; Digging for an Answer—the ever fascinating story of John G. Paton in the New Hebrides; Yes and No—a little bunch of decision stories; The House That Was Built from a Bed—how a little crippled girl built a hospital in China; and last of all comes "The Man Who Told"—the story of a boy who gave up all for Christ.

These stories are exceedingly readable and will make a strong appeal to young people and at the same time furnish much good information to their elders. The book is published by the Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions and of it Mrs. Henry W. Peabody says: "When we all learn that more courage and heroism are needed to save men than to kill them, war will cease and the Kingdom of God will come". May we through the study of this book give our boys and girls this vision of heroism that saves and never destroys.

Price, cloth .75, paper, .50, from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. Suggestions to Leaders, .15

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

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W.M.S. can have picnics for them and morning mission study story hours. School is out, the hours go slowly by but missions would be such a fine way of making time fly happily and hearts grow interested in the Master's work. The alert W.M.S. will use the college girls who have just returned, brimful of enthusiasm, ready to be asked to do something of service. These splendid college Y.W.A. girls will be enthusiastic about Sunbeam story hours and G.A. activities and the R.A's. will rejoice in a college leader too. They have been enjoying mission study classes and reading circles away at college and will happily pass on in a story fashion to these young people the knowledge which has come to them of those lands beyond the horizon. Just ask them earnestly and



UNION NOTES



ROUND TABLE

TUNE is signallized not only by its rare days, its roses and its brides but also by its commencements. To southern Baptists for over half a century "the school of schools" has been the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, recognized as the world's largest evangelical seminary. To increase its capacity and efficiency it is now in a large building campaign, which was explained at length in the May issue of this magazine. During this month of June increased effort will be put forth in its behalf, this being done through the Sunday schools, the program having been made possible by the S.B.C. Education Board. All W.M.U. members are urged, especially because of what the Seminary means to the W.M.U. Training School, to do all in their power to have their Sunday schools observe "Seminary Day" and to ingather as large an offering as possible. The date is June 28, the last Sunday in the month.

SOCIETY Methods Department on pages 25-26 begins a new series of articles with this issue. All of last year the department carried articles setting forth the W.M.U. Plan of Work. For many months to come the studies will be on enlistment and soul-winning. Read the motives and methods set forth in this issue and then please put them into practice ere the July issue brings new incentives to you. Save the series. **DERSONAL** and possible of practical application are also the truths set forth in the Personal Service Department on page 31. This is the first of a series of articles which Mrs. H. M. Wharton is kindly giving to the magazine's readers. They will make admirable additions to your monthly program and to your study of any book on personal service.

FOUR state W.M.U. annual meetings population and a fourth series next were attended in April by the W.M.U. year will likely be even better than this

corresponding secretary: North Carolina at Winston-Salem, Mississippi at West Point, Arkansas at Booneville and Louisiana 'at Lake Charles. Almost without exception the attendance was record breaking and in each instance it was state-wide, the reports being unusually encouraging in mission study, gifts and W.M.U. young people's work. On the whole, the same officers were re-elected and the new year was entered with even higher ideals and holier-intents. Late in April a day was also spent in Anderson, S. C., when the Golden Anniversary was celebrated by the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of that college city. It was a really remarkable occasion all the way from the opening prayer by the pastor, Dr. John E. White, to the verbal and flowery tributes to the several elderly charter members, into the talks by former presidents among whom was Mrs. J. D. Chapman, on to the closing words by Miss Varina Brown whose mother, a charter member, taught her to give through her society and church until now she is represented on the foreign field by at least fifteen missionaries. Upon every remembrance of the month's trips gratitude is felt for the hospitality in the homes and churches.

THE last field trip before Memphis annual meeting was a joyous twelve days in the Land of Flowers. Mrs. Peelman had so arranged the seven district meetings that they fitted into a delightful trip carrying us from west Florida, south to Tampa and across to the east coast. All of the meetings were well attended and blessed with good weather, which helped maintain the fine spirit of praise and purpose to progress in service. Florida is rapidly developing a district meeting consciousness to keep pace with her enlarging population and a fourth series next year will likely be even better than this

spring's meetings at Pensacola, Altha, Madison, Newberry, Clermont, Tampa, Fort Lauderdale. Journeying was pleasant by train and automobile through quiet pine woods, down gay flower-bordered roads or beside great stretches of orange and grapefruit groves. Wealth in Florida is building lovely church buildings but W.M.U.. active and energetic in presenting mission needs, will keep other less fortunate regions before the hearts of the people. The courtesies of many homes and hearts along the way were proof of Florida's inward beauty of spirit as well as outward beauty of nature.-Juliette Mather

Y.W.A. PROGRAMS

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"My mother did."

"These children's mother can't tell them about Jesus because they never heard of Him themselves."

"Some mothers!" was the only comment.

But just as the car stopped and the

little boy's mother motioned for him to get off with her, he turned back: "Say, you better go and telephone to those mothers right away". See general program and Report of Foreign Mission Board for material for map study of the world waiting for that telephone call. Surely the millions must think we should give "Better Service". (See page 3 for ordering free Summary of Foreign Mission Board's Report. No Y.W.A. really can function at its best without this report. Get it and keep it carefully on file for reference all through the year. A little use will show that it is not a mere compilation of figures, statistics, monotonous and dry, but is a readable, fascinating account of our work on all our fields since the missionaries themselves record it for us. Read carefully and you will find stories in embryo which will illustrate bitter needs; read prayerfully that your own Y.W.A. may keenly feel those needs; read thoughtfully that you may be an intelligent partner in the foreign mission business. Get: read: keep: use regularly!)

SUMMER ASSEMBLIES DEPARTMENT

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FLORIDA

SUMMER assemblies are an essential part of the Florida Baptist program. They contribute to the efficiency and up-building of every department of church life. Study periods for Sunday school, W.M.U. and B.Y.P.U. provide classes for the courses outlined by these organizations, from five to ten classes being taught in each period. There are additional classes for pastors and choir directors. The dates and places of meeting are as follows: West Florida-Palmer College, June 22-29, DeFuniak Springs; Florida-Stetson University, DeLand, July 7-16; Miami-Gibson Memorial Baptist Church, Delray Beach, June 15-23. The evening Bible speakers will be Dr. G. L. Rousseau, pastor First Baptist Church, Pensacola, and Dr. Lincoln A. Hulley, president Stetson University, and the musical directors, Mr. W. S. Young, Jacksonville, and Mr. J. W. Jelks, Miami. W.M.U. is fortunate in having Mrs. C. D. Creasman of Knoxville, Tenn., who will represent the S.B.C. Woman's Missionary Union at the Florida, and Mrs. J. B. Boatwright of Mullins, S. C., at the West Florida. Miss Margaret Stem, who has accepted the position of director of Baptist activities in the State College, Tallahassee, is also on the Florida faculty.-Mrs. H. C. Peelman, Corresponding Secretary

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