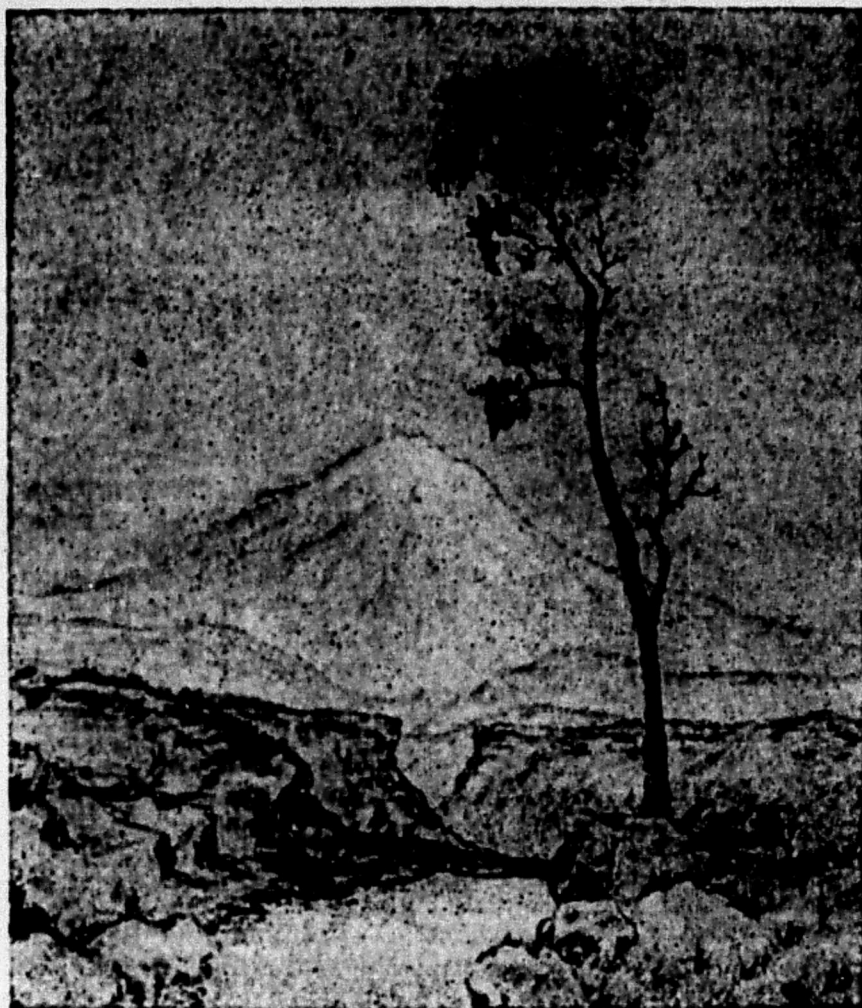


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EDITORIAL



THAT OTHERS MAY SEE



AMMOTH CAVE is full of thrilling experiences from start to finish. As a party approaches its entrance a lantern is given to each couple, the agreement being that it will be used to guide the steps of the two. Many of the paths are very narrow, necessitating walking single file. Then it is that skill must be exercised in holding the lantern so that it will clearly light the way for the two persons depending on it. When the trail is very steep and winding it is easy—perhaps natural—to wish that every one had a lantern so that all the light of yours might be focused exactly right for your steps, but that isn't the plan in Mammoth Cave. Gradually you realize that, after all, much of the pleasure of the trip comes through learning how to hold the lantern at the best possible angle and in having your companion say: "Thank you, the path is light for me". Even so, your steady tread proves to you that you also have had quite enough light in which to walk. Thus you get the added joy of realizing afresh that if you give "it shall be given unto you".

Much of life is similar to travel in Mammoth Cave, at least in two particulars: many of its paths are very steep and dangerous and those who compile religious statistics say that only one out of every three who journey thereon has "the true Light which lighteth". This means that the other two of the trio—not just the other one of the couple—will grope, stumble and perhaps fall in the dark unless the one to whom the Light has been given holds it so that the others may see, enter and walk along the King's highway. It is easy—perhaps natural—to wish that the Light given unto you was wholly for your own pathway and that no one else had any need of help from you. But "until the day break" it is not so! Realizing this, the truly Christian "traveler" begins to study how best to hold the Light so that his or her life may help as many other fellow-travelers as possible, ecstatic joy coming when out of the darkness come the happy, grateful words: "Thank you: life's path is now Light for me!"

One of the many methods of achieving this blessed result is through the Co-operative Program of Southern Baptists. Last year, for reasons known perfectly in Heaven if not on earth, it took eighteen southern Baptists to hold the Light clearly enough for one "in the darkness of sin" to see and step forth into that Light. It ill behooves any Christian to judge another and yet surely it is right to hope that during this year every W.M.U. member will search her own heart—nay, verily, will pray with David:

"Search me, oh God, and know my heart;
Try me and know my thoughts;
And see if there be any wicked way in me;
And lead me in the way everlasting".

Thus purified and lightened it is believed that many a woman will pray without ceasing that her church, her society and each of its organizations among the young people may so serve that others may see their good works and glorify God. Many paths lead to this longed-for reward, among them being prayer both individual and united, study both of the Bible and modern missions, enlistment, training for service, organized personal service especially as it makes possible soul-winning, giving both systematically and proportionately. The month's program (pages 11-20) tries by leading along each of these paths to show that each and all are "ways of winning". Particular attention is also called to page 5, the hope being that of southern Baptist women, as of Saul in Damascus, Christ may say: "Behold, they pray".



"PRAY YE"



THE WORN CARPET



IR JOHN ADAMS, professor emeritus of the University of London, gave several addresses recently at Peabody Normal in Nashville. One of these occurred at a Sunday vesper service, his theme being "Tools for Sunday School Teachers". Of course he gave the Bible as the first "tool" and then explained the need for many other "tools", such as a knowledge of other good books, of human nature and of the rudiments of pedagogy. In closing he said: "As a boy I greatly admired the satchel in which the carpenter carried his tools for it was always made of carpet-cloth with bright colored flowers woven into it. Even so must there be the carpet for the 'tools' of the Bible teacher—the carpet by the side of the bed. All the finer will the teaching be if the carpet is worn by much kneeling in prayer".

The worn carpet! What Christian, advancing upon her knees in life's journey, has not felt the gain of spiritual strength even as the carpet has been worn away?

Each generation has doubtless keenly felt the need for spiritual strength but surely no one will gainsay its imperative need in this era of acknowledged materialism. Therefore, most earnestly is every W.M.U. organization among the women asked to place primal emphasis upon prayer. At each circle and each society meeting it is hoped that two or more of the members will "gather together" for prayer, if possible devoting each time a whole hour to intercession in the Name of the Great High Priest who "ever liveth to make intercession for them", the foremost desire being the lifting of the debts on the Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

The general plan for such prayer hours was explained on page 13 of the September issue of this magazine. In brief, the suggestion is that the time be the hour preceding the circle and general meetings of the society, the place being the same as for those meetings, every woman being asked to attend but no discouragement being felt if only "two or three are gathered together", the leader being appointed by the circle chairman or society president or else provided by the devotional committee. Among the many causes that such missionary hearts will want to remember in prayer the following are suggested:

Thankful hearts toward the Heavenly Father
Penitent spirits at the foot of the Cross
Bodies kept as temples for the indwelling Spirit
Cleansing from wilful sinning
Freedom from "jealousies, wraths, factions"
Glorifying God through bearing "much fruit"
Consuming zeal for the coming of the Kingdom
Faith in the all-wise will of God
Realization that no life out of Christ is saved
Deepening of spiritual atmosphere in church
Guidance by Godly parents of children in homes
Establishment and maintenance of family altars
Power to resist the materialistic tendencies of the day
Joy in knowing that not earthly might but the Heavenly Spirit wins
Young people preparing to go as missionaries
Volunteers for mission service long detained through debts on boards
Missionaries recently sent to fields

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PROGRAM PLANS



WITH THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Interesting programs will enlist for service.—Mrs. W. J. Cox, President W.M.U.

THESE words of our W.M.U. president should be kept in the minds of our program committee as the material for the October meeting is arranged. The topic is "Winning for Service". The object, therefore, is not merely to fill up the time of meeting with odds and ends of disconnected subjects. We are planning to win women and to draw them into service.

"It will sometimes mean days spent in arranging the proper approach, the body of the program, the climax and a gripping impressive ending", Mrs. Cox writes.

The "proper approach" will differ for different societies. The well organized, well trained society can carry out the program as given with few changes. The committee needs only to assign the parts, select sub-committees on decorations, invitations, reception and social half hour. The invitation committee may send cards to members, "Every one bring one, a new member or a visitor". Names of unenlisted women may be assigned to individuals or circles. Members with cars may be sent a list of members or prospective members to bring. The committee on reception may be the circle that gained most new members during the year. Or a weaker circle may be encouraged by being chosen for this. This committee may ask all new members of the year to receive with the officers of the society at the close of the program. The last named committee will have the refreshments in charge.

In another society it may seem best to ask the Y.W.A's. or G.A's. to carry out the little "pageant".

Another society may prefer to rewrite the program to include reports on what the society has done; to show the completed Standard of Excellence; and to outline plans for personal service, mission study, contributions etc. for the

year ahead. Members may be asked to sign up in these different lines of work, to subscribe to mission periodicals, sign stewardship cards, join prayer circles and help make the society A-1. This meeting is really the one to set in motion the machinery of the society for the year and no line of work should be overlooked.

For societies with a smaller membership, many changes may be needed, though a number of the above plans may be utilized. No matter how weak the society, a program committee is needed to share with the president the blame of the "uninteresting program" or the praise for the "splendid meeting". This committee will have in hand the Year Book, one or more copies of "Royal Service", "Home and Foreign Fields" and "World Comrades", all of these being subscribed to by the society for use of the committee.

If the society is new, this meeting should be used to introduce it to the Woman's Missionary Union and to its own state W.M.U. That the purpose of the Union may be clear, the program may be based on the six Fundamentals of the Union (1) Prayer; (2) Bible Study; (3) Mission Study; (4) Enlistment and Training; (5) Personal Service: Soul Winning; (6) Giving. (Year Book, page 10). Show Year Book and explain that it is to help the society grow along these lines. (1) Prayer: Let some one tell the six lines of service through prayer suggested by the W.M.U. Show Prayer Calendar in ROYAL SERVICE (page 9) explaining that it is to help us in our own prayer life and follow with prayer for the person or object given for the day. (2) Bible Study: Have this as the Scripture lesson for the meeting using the two watchwords. These are closely

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BIBLE STUDY



TOPIC—Lydia

I. *The Business Woman*: Prov. 31:10-31. Lydia, a woman of Thyatira, a seller of purple, dwelling in the city of Philippi, in Macedonia, Acts 16:10-15. She and her household were the first converts in Europe through Paul's preaching, Acts 16:15. Lydia was a Jewess proselyte, whether she was married or had children is unknown. Thyatira was famous for its dyeing works. Lydia was connected with the trade in purple fabrics; purple was the dress of royalty and persons of wealth, Luke 16:19. It was evident that she was a person well-to-do since she lived in a commodious residence with a large household. Lydia found time to worship God daily at the river side. One day Paul and his companions appeared and with matchless eloquence preached "Jesus Christ and Him crucified", I Cor. 2:2. Being a God-fearing person and a seeker after the truth the Gospel appealed to Lydia, as she listened to Paul day by day, Acts 16:14. With conviction she professed her faith and was admitted to Christian fellowship with the apostles, receiving the seal of her faith in baptism, Acts 16:15. Since a confession of faith precedes baptism, it is impossible that by her "household" those of immature age are to be understood. Baptism marks the entrance into communion with Christ; faith and baptism are always connected with one another, I Cor. 1:4:9; Acts 8:29-39.

II. *The Place of Prayer*: Acts 16:12, 13. After the Jewish custom, the place of worship was situated by the river side, that there might be water for purpose of ceremonial ablutions. Here were gathered the first fruits of Europe unto Christ. (1) Prayer is God's appointed means for the obtaining of blessings, temporal and spiritual, Ezek. 36:37, desire is the very essence of prayer, Ps. 27:4-9; Christians live by prayer, Ps. 65:2. (2) True prayer must have the assistance of the Holy Spirit, Rom. 8:26; Prov. 15:8. (3) Acceptable prayer must be offered in faith, James 1:5-7; in the name of Christ, who is all our hope for acceptance, with confidence in His atoning sacrifice and intercession, Heb. 7:25. (4) Prayer must be offered agreeable to the will of God, I John 5:14, 15. (5) There must be confession and thankful acknowledgment of God's mercies, Dan. 9:4.

III. *Hospitality*: Acts 16:15. When Lydia was converted she saw at once what she could do—extend the hospitality of her home to Paul and Silas. "She constrained us", the homeless servants of the Lord, who were doing such a great work in Philippi. Lydia was richly endowed with Christian graces. She exhibited that generous kindness which distinguished the Philippian church, and won for it the apostle's grateful praise, Phil. 4:4-15. After Paul and Silas had been imprisoned, Acts 16:20-40, when released they went to the home of Lydia where were gathered "the brethren", converts at Philippi who formed the beginning of the church there, Phil. 1:1-7. Paul exhorted them to be firm in the Gospel.

IV. *Personal Service*: Rom. 12:3-21; II Cor. 5:14-21; 6:1; I Cor. 13. Lydia was Europe's first convert, she was highly endowed with Christian graces, winning many souls for her Lord as she labored with Paul and Silas in the Gospel, Phil. 4:3, showing continual kindness when the apostles were persecuted and in prison, Acts 16:19-40. Jesus says that such service in caring for the prisoners is to Him, Matt. 25:34-40. There is much women may do: like the woman of Sychar, tell of the Saviour she found, John 4:25-30; like the woman of Canaan, Matt. 15:22-28, making special prayers; like Elizabeth training a child to proclaim the coming Lord, Matt. 3:1-3; like Joanna, ministering of her substance, Luke 8:3;

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS



TOPIC: Lydia

HOLY men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.— That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you.—All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.— The Holy Scriptures are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Jesus Christ.— Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.—Selections from God's Word

Business Woman

Thursday, 1st
Acts 16:10-15; Romans 12:11-13; 2 Thessalonians 3:12

Friday, 2d
John 6:44, 45; 2 Corinthians 4:1-7

Saturday, 3d
Proverbs 31:10-31; Mark 10:43-45

Sunday, 4th
Proverbs 11:16; 14:1; 19:14

Monday, 5th
Acts 18:1-3; 20:34-38; 1 Thessalonians 2:9

Tuesday, 6th
1 Thessalonians 4:1-12; 1 Peter 2:12

Wednesday, 7th
Acts 16:15; Luke 24:13-16, 28-32

Place of Prayer

Thursday, 8th
Genesis 35:12-15; 2 Samuel 24:18, 24, 25; Exodus 20:22-26

Friday, 9th
Deuteronomy 12:5-11; 16:6-8; 26:1, 2, 11

Saturday, 10th
2 Chronicles 7:1, 15, 16; 30:27; 1 Kings 9:3

Sunday, 11th
Mark 11:15-17; John 2:13-17; Matthew 6:5-15

Monday, 12th
Acts 1:13, 14; 2:1-4; 16:13; 17:24, 25

Tuesday, 13th
Matthew 26:36-44; Mark 15:34-37; Luke 23: 39-46

Wednesday, 14th
Matthew 18:19; 21:22; James 1:5-7

Hospitality

Thursday, 15th
Leviticus 19:10, 33-37; Deuteronomy 27:19

Friday, 16th
Isaiah 58:7-14; Luke 14:12-15

Saturday, 17th
Romans 12:9-16; 1 Peter 4:8-11

Sunday, 18th
Acts 16:14, 15; Hebrews 13:2, 3, 15, 16

Monday, 19th
Job 31:32; Acts 28:1-6; 3 John 5-8

Tuesday, 20th
Philippians 2:1-4; Ephesians 4: 32; Proverbs 18: 24

Wednesday, 21
1 Corinthians 13:1-13; John 14: 1-6; Revelation 22:17

Personal Service

Thursday, 22d
Luke 17:7-10; 18:1-8

Friday, 23d
John 13:2-7, 12-20; Philippians 2:5

Saturday, 24th
Matthew 14:15-21; Mark 6:30-44

Sunday, 25th
Matthew 15:32-39; Mark 8:1-9

Monday, 26th
Acts 9:36-43; 1 Timothy 5:2-8

Tuesday, 27th
Luke 6:27-36; Matthew 25:31-40

Wednesday, 28th
Ephesians 4:7-16, 32; Galatians 6:10

Thursday, 29th
Romans 12:9-21; Acts 16:15; Luke 8:2, 3

Friday, 30th
Luke 10:30-37; Proverbs 14:21

Saturday, 31st
1 Timothy 6:7-19; James 1:27; Revelation 22:14

Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists

October, 1925

God's gifts we need but more than gifts we need the Giver. God Himself at work is the need of the church. In dealing with His people God works in answer to prayer; not preaching, not organization, but prayer. If we trust in preaching, in our money or in our organization we shall get what they can do. But if we pray and trust God we shall get what God can do greater than all preaching, money and organization.—A. C. DIXON, D.D.

Topic: Ways of Winning

1—THURSDAY

That southern Baptists realize their emergency and be faithful with their money
Ye are enriched by Him.
—1 Corinthians 1:5

2—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. T. F. McCrea, evangelistic work, Chefoo, China
Earnestly contend for the faith.
—Jude 3

3—SATURDAY

That Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Beddoe have power through Christ in hospital work Canton, China, now on furlough
Perfect in every good work
—Hebrews 13:21

4—SUNDAY

Pray earnestly that no southern Baptist missionary be withdrawn from the field through need of funds.
Come behind in no gift.
—1 Corinthians 1:7

5—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Enete, evangelistic service, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth.
—1 Samuel 3:9

6—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. E. F. Tatum, evangelistic teaching, Yangchow, China
Called by His grace—Galatians 1:15

7—WEDNESDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Bryan, medical evangelism, Hwang-Hsien, China
Through faith and patience inherit the promises.—Hebrews 6:13

8—THURSDAY

That Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Zimmerman, new missionaries at Pernambuco, Brazil, reap rich reward for service
Blessing I will bless thee.
Hebrews 6:14

9—FRIDAY

For our missionaries Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Davis, doing publication work at El Paso, Texas
Shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you.—1 Peter 2:9

10—SATURDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. George N. Herring, medical work, Pingtu, China
If any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth.
—1 Peter 4:11

11—SUNDAY

That pastors and people inform themselves of urgent needs of our Boards
God is not unrighteous to forget your work . . . in that ye have ministered to the saints.—Hebrews 6:10

12—MONDAY

Praise God for long and loving service of Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Quarles, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Thy years shall fail not.—Hebrews 1:12

13—TUESDAY

For evangelistic and school work of Mrs. W. H. Sears, Pingtu, China; also for W.M.U. annual meeting in Kentucky
I conferred not with flesh and blood.
—Galatians 1:16

14—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. I. D. Eavenson, evangelistic work, Kaifeng, China
We see Jesus . . . crowned with glory and honor.—Hebrews 2:9

15—THURSDAY

Thanksgiving for soul-winning medical work of Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Ayers, Hwang-Hsien, China, now on furlough
Sent forth to minister.—Hebrews 1:14

16—FRIDAY

For blessed service of Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Taylor, Pernambuco, Brazil
The God of all grace . . . stablish, strengthen, settle you.—1 Peter 5:10
†W.M.U. Training School Alumna

Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists

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The need of today is the church in the inner chamber with God, gaining the victory with God; gaining the victory for the home and foreign field. "Lord teach us to pray". Not HOW to pray or WHAT to pray, though He does teach how and what. We know better HOW to pray and WHAT to pray than we pray. If Satan can keep us so busy with other good things that we neglect prayer, he will defeat us. "Lord, teach us to pray".—A. C. DIXON, D.D.

Topic: Ways of Winning

17—SATURDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. James Hamilton Ware, missionaries at Shanghai, China
That I might live unto God
—Galatians 2:19

18—SUNDAY

For Spirit guided fulfillment of our financial obligations to God
Christ . . . whose house are we, if we hold fast—Hebrews 3:6

19—MONDAY

For evangelistic work of Rev. and Mrs. John Sundstrom, Kong Moon, China, now on furlough; also for W.M.U. annual meetings in Maryland and Missouri
Ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not.—I Peter 5:4

20—TUESDAY

That the missionary service of Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Lee, Kaifeng, China, have blessed fruition
We shall reap if we faint not.
—Galatians 6:9

21—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Lowe, evangelistic and educational work, Kweilin, China
The Lord is thy keeper.—Psalm 121:5

22—THURSDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. I. N. Patterson, missionaries at Ogbomoso, Africa
Our eyes wait upon the Lord our God.—Psalm 123:2

23—FRIDAY

For soul-winning service of Rev. and Mrs. Gordon K. Middleton, Kaifeng, China
Our help is in the name of the Lord.
—Psalm 124:8

24—SATURDAY

That spiritual healing attend medical service of Dr. and Mrs. J. McF. Gaston, Laichowfu, China
Accepted in the Beloved
—Ephesians 1:6

25—SUNDAY

Call upon God that He use us to lift hindering debt from our Boards.
They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.—Isaiah 40:31

26—MONDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. W. H. Carson, missionaries at Ogbomoso, Africa
Children of God by faith in Christ Jesus—Galatians 3:26

27—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Crabtree, evangelistic work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; also for W.M.U. annual meeting in Illinois
He hath chosen us in Him.
—Ephesians 1:4

28—WEDNESDAY

Praise God for devoted ministry of Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Ginsburg, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Pray for W. M. U. annual meeting in Virginia.
Ye are . . . My servants whom I have chosen.—Isaiah 43:10

29—THURSDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. Robert A. Jacob, evangelistic work, Laichowfu, China
He giveth power.—Isaiah 40:29

30—FRIDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. I. V. Larson, general mission work at Lai Yang, China
We are His workmanship.
—Ephesians 2:10

31—SATURDAY

That the name of Jesus be proclaimed in all the world
I am the Lord, beside Me there is no Saviour.—Isaiah 43:11
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PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER



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.

WAYS OF WINNING

(SUGGESTIONS: While pianist plays "Revive Us Again" meeting opens with sixteen W.M.S. members seated on platform. The one to extreme left is "Spirit of Ways of Winning", holding in clear view of audience a piece of light blue cardboard representing front cover-page of the W.M.U. Year Book; at extreme right is "Royal Service" holding a similar piece of blue card-board to represent back cover-page of the Year Book; in between them are fourteen women, each holding a piece of white card-board, cards bearing one of the following items in order indicated: Songs; Watchwords; Fundamentals; Prayer; Bible Study; Mission Study; Enlistment; Graded W.M.U.; Personal Service; Giving; World Comrades; Literature; Miscellaneous; Standards of Excellence.

It will be effective if the sixteen women wear white, with hair bandeaus bearing in purple letters the part each represents. As far as possible the front and back cover pages of Year Book should be reproduced, using two large pieces of light blue card-board with dark blue lettering. The other fourteen pieces should be of similar sized white card-board with black lettering. Be sure to have all lettering large and distinct and have each card constantly held in clear view of audience. Preferably let the one representing "Songs" be able to lead the singing; the one representing "Watchwords" gifted in getting audience to repeat them; the ones representing "Mission Study", "Personal Service", "Giving" and "Literature", the regular chairmen for those respective interests; the one representing "Prayer", able to lead in prayer; and the one for the "Graded W.M.U.", the church's director of W.M.U. organizations for young people.

If practical this meeting may well follow or precede promotion program of Graded W. M. U. Even more effective would it be to have the promotion exercises as a part of this meeting, being held after the talk by the woman representing "Graded W.M.U.". In this event, Y.W.A. members should lead in giving their watchword and hymn, G.A.'s in theirs, R.A.'s in theirs and the Sunbeams in theirs. Likewise when "World Comrades" speaks she should be reinforced by R.A., G.A. and Sunbeam members. It is sincerely hoped that each of the sixteen women will memorize their parts. Should any of the parts seem too long for one person to memorize, it will be effective and a means of enlistment to give portions of it to others, particularly to members of the committee whose work is being discussed. Since October is "Enlistment Month" it is hoped that at least twice the usual effort will be put upon this program. It might well be held at night, the entire church being invited. If so, the word "today" should in each instance be changed to "tonight". Thus the graded W.M.U. and the welcome extended to new members would receive added emphasis.

Any society which has not yet received its copy of W.M.U. Year Book should write for it to its state W.M.U. headquarters. See address on page 2 of this magazine. Each circle chairman is also entitled to a free copy. Additional copies, at 10c each, may be purchased from same address. Unless otherwise noted, all page references in the following programs are to the Year Book. It is doubtless unnecessary to say that these page references and other notes in parenthesis are not to be announced to the audience. While it is sincerely hoped that the following program will be given from a platform along some if not all of the indicated lines, it is certainly not absolutely necessary for it can easily be read, spoken from or commented upon in the society's accustomed way.)

HYMN FOR YEAR—"Revive Us Again" (See inside cover page of Year Book.)

SPIRIT OF WAYS OF WINNING

TODAY we have assembled to study ways and means of winning through our Woman's Missionary Society. The book chosen as our guide for such study is the W.M.U. Year Book (holds up copy of Year Book). Those who take part have studied the book (turns pages of Year Book) and regret that every word of it cannot be brought to your attention. However, many of the essentials

will be set forth, our hope being that from meeting to meeting the circles and the society as a whole will give more detailed study to it.

As you will see, the book is not large. Six of its sixty-eight pages are given to addresses so that every one may know the members of the W.M.U. Executive Committee, the location of the five boards of the Southern Baptist Convention and the directory of the state W.M.U. workers. It may help you to remember them by having some of the names given at this time. *(Just here have enough of the white cards reversed to show the title and name of the state W.M.U. vice president and each item in the state's section of the directory: see pages 4, 6-9. As each card is held up its contents should be clearly stated, the entire group remaining standing so that the audience can see the "directory" as a whole. When the group is seated the cards should be reversed.)*

Like Miriam and Deborah the Woman's Missionary Union would lead its members forth in singing and so there are many hymns in the Year Book. Let our chorister tell you of them, after which the others will explain their various departments.

SONGS

OUR opening hymn was "Revive Us Again". You will find its words in the Year Book with an account of its history and that of its music. *(See page 29.)* This is the Union's hymn for the year and I believe that every member, whether a very young person or a grown woman, should commit to memory its every word. To help you do so I have copied them and will now distribute one to each of you *(ushers distribute type-written sheets)*. On the reverse side you will find another song from the Year Book *(page 42)*. It is called "The Woman's Hymn" and was written by Miss F. E. S. Heck, the Union's president for fifteen years. I believe that each of these songs should be sung at every W.M.S. meeting and that every member will do well to repeat them daily, keeping her copy in her Bible. Let us arise now and sing:

WOMAN'S HYMN—"Come Women, Wide Proclaim" *(See page 42.)*

WATCHWORDS

PROMINENT also throughout the Year Book are the several watchwords. The one which has been kept through all the years is "Laborers together with God"—1 Cor. 3:9. You will find it on the paper which bears the year's song. On this paper as in the Year Book you will find also the year's watchword: "Go ye into all the world; and ye shall be My witnesses"—Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8. Please stand and repeat them with me for I think that they should be given at every circle and society meeting and that every member should "feed" upon them daily.

The Sunbeams have no special watchword but they have a very stirring "Rally Cry" *(page 46)*. Hear it. *(If Sunbeams are not present to give this, then have the sixteen women on platform do so. Similarly let them give R.A., G.A. and Y.W.A. watchwords if those organizations are not present (pages 45, 44, 43) each one being duly announced by the one impersonating "Watchwords".)*

FUNDAMENTALS

FOUNDATIONS deep and strong are essential to every useful structure and so the Woman's Missionary Union builds accordingly as you will see by studying the "Plan of Work" which comprises fifteen pages of the Year Book *(pages 10-24)*. The section specifically entitled "Fundamentals" includes the year's watchword, already recited by you, and the year's hymn, "Revive Us Again", as sung by you. It sets forth the chief aims to be: (1) Prayer—Individual and United; (2) Bible Study; (3) Mission Study; (4) Enlistment and Training for Service; (5) Organized Personal Service: Soul Winning; (6) Systematic and Proportionate Giving.

Each of these six aims will be amplified by another speaker. *(As the one impersonating "Fundamentals" announces these six aims, let the six women bearing the cards*

for these parts arise and remain standing until all six have been enumerated.) Even so is it hoped that every member of our society as well as the society as a whole will uphold as fundamentals the following moral standards: *(Here quote paragraph 4 of section I on page 10.)*

PRAYER

JESUS believed in and taught the privilege and power of prayer. Humbly patterning after Him, the Woman's Missionary Union has all during its thirty-seven years sought to have its members devote much time and thought to prayer. In the Year Book it will be seen *(pages 10-11)* that we should especially emphasize: *(Here quote item 1 through 6 of section II on pages 10-11.)*

It may be said concerning our season of prayer for state missions: *(Information should be secured from state W.M.U. headquarters and here given in a few sentences concerning such a season.)* There are two books on prayer which are especially commended, the study of either being rewarded by the Union's seal:

(1) "How to Pray" by Dr. R. A. Torrey; (2) "Intercessory Prayer" by Dr. J. G. K. McClure.

Exceptionally helpful also is "Prayer and Missions" by Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery. It ranks as a foreign mission book. *(Let each of these books be held up in turn. For securing them, see page 61.)*

A very specific stimulus to prayer is obtained through daily use of the Calendar of Prayer in ROYAL SERVICE. Every member is urged to keep the "calendar" in her Bible or wherever she will most surely see and use it and the circles and society as a whole are asked to pray for the various persons and objects remembered during the coming week or month. For all who do not take ROYAL SERVICE I have copied out the items for the next week, asking all who take a copy to use it in their daily devotions. *(Ushers distribute to those raising hands.)* I believe that if every circle will distribute such slips at each of its meetings many victories will be won through prayer.

Beginning with last month additional emphasis has been put upon united prayer by publishing in ROYAL SERVICE a "Call to Prayer", the suggested time being the hour just preceding the circle or society meeting, the place being the regular place of meeting and the purpose being to pray "in faith believing" for the lifting of the debts on the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. Every society or circle will help in this if only "two or three" of its members thus gather together, week by week, month by month, for this "sweet hour of prayer".

Word has reached me of a society which publishes in its society year book the name and station of every foreign missionary who is now on the field from that state. To each member two of these names are given with the request that at each circle meeting there be sentence prayers, the given member remembering the missionary assigned to her. Today I have asked several of our members to pray for the foreign missionaries from our state and I will close according to the petition in the Calendar of Prayer. *(See pages 9-10 of this magazine.)* May we kneel in prayer for them? *(Secure from state W.M.U. headquarters names of missionaries from state.)*

BIBLE STUDY

REFRESHED by prayer we eagerly enter into our Bible study for today.

"This is the Book that 'with authority'

Comforts, commands, both wounds and heals the heart;

Not like a poem or a history

Nor yet like a flute and lute with all their art:

What lack I? do I tremble? weep? or frown?

Come, let me take this sovereign Bible down!"

Concerning such study the Year Book emphasizes: *(Here quote items 1 through 4 of section III on page 11. These books should be held up for display. Directions for securing them are given on page 61.)*

The author of the "Bible Study" each month in ROYAL SERVICE divides it into four parts so that one part may be used each week for the circle or society devotional. It is also very practical each month to devote one entire circle meeting to this Bible study, combining with it the "Daily Bible Readings" (pages 7-8 of this magazine). For our devotional today I have culled the central thought in each of the four divisions of the month's Bible study. *(At close of this Bible study let all arise and pray together):*

LORD'S PRAYER

MISSION STUDY

SECOND in importance only to prayer and Bible study is mission study. The Year Book shows that a society may gain in knowledge by having at least one mission study class during the year—in fact this is a requirement of every A-1 society—by urging its members to earn the awards as pictured on this chart *(Display chart which gives in miniature the various certificates, chart being secured free from state W.M.U. headquarters)*, by building up a mission library in the church and by co-operation in the "Church School of Missions". I have heard of several societies which purchase mission study books and when all of their circles have finished with them they are freely circulated among weaker societies in the association. This appeals to me as a way to win into a study class some who might object to purchasing a book and certainly it is a means of winning interest in the weaker society. That you may have some idea of the long list of books from which choice may be made, a number of them will now be held up. *(If the books are not in the church or home libraries then placards bearing their titles may be used, those holding them being scattered throughout the audience. The names of many books will be found on pages 61-63.)*

Y.W.A. HYMN—"O, Zion, Haste" *(See page 43.)*

ENLISTMENT

IT has been said that what is accomplished by southern Baptists represents the work of only one-eighth of the membership. If there are 3,600,000 S.B.C. members it is easy to believe that at least 2,000,000 are women and young people but the records show a total W.M.U. membership of only 269,905, of which 163,349 are W.M.S. members. It will thus be seen that the general S.B.C. ratio of one out of every eight being enlisted holds true in Union activities. Many of the unenlisted are in our own church. We can win them if we will!

One society has enlisted new members through the "substitute" plan. When a member knows that she cannot be present she may send a substitute to be "numbered" in her place. This substitute is not a member but goes to accommodate her absent friend. Often the friendly members and the interesting program win her to the society's membership. This society has also won members through the old-fashioned quilting party, the quilts being given to the state Baptist orphanage. It is wonderful how "at home" those who start as strangers grow to be as they quilt together!

This is rather generally true of all the activities through the circle plan, gaining new members and enlisting many if not all through prayer, study, giving and social intercourse. One society, which has three circles, arranges for a circle to entertain the entire membership a certain quarter. The fourth social is in honor of the men of the church, thereby gaining their sympathetic help and also enlisting them more generally in missionary enterprises.

Few forms of enlistment will yield such sure and speedy returns as will friendly but systematic efforts in behalf of the business women of the church. Usually

they form a circle of the W.M.S. and are composed of girls and women, irrespective of age, the point of contact being their business interests. Their meetings are usually held at night, the other circles of the society taking turns in serving their suppers, which are paid for by the society. To the more experienced speakers of the society must the program committee of this circle look for help in presenting the programs but as far as possible the circle's own members should carry out the program. From a membership of fourteen a Business Women's Circle grew in two years to an average attendance of seventy-five, two meetings being held each month.

Let us covenant together to remember often during this year to talk about our missionary meetings in our homes and elsewhere. As some one has said: "Our enthusiasm will beget enthusiasm in others".

GRADED W. M. U.

LAST May at the Memphis meeting the report was made of 22,837 W.M.U. organizations, of which more than half were among the young people. It was further reported that in 9,595 S.B.C. churches there is at least one W.M.U. organization; that in 4,528 such churches there are two W.M.U. organizations; in 2,274 there are three; in 1,545 there are four; and in 614 there is the full graded W.M.U. The ideal is a full graded W.M.U. in every S.B.C. church, the high ideal also being that each organization shall be A-1 on its Standard of Excellence. To hasten this good day the Union will, beginning with next May, award each year a pennant to every S.B.C. church which maintains a full graded W.M.U., each organization of which is A-1.

In order to help our church win such a pennant the co-operation of our pastor has been sought in announcements, in encouraging some of the best members of the church to be leaders of the W.M.U. organizations for young people and in securing, calling for and giving prominence to their statistical and financial reports just as is done for the Sunday school. Definite results will also accrue through having each circle foster at least one of the W.M.U. organizations among the young people.

Another very sure way of securing skilled leaders for the several W.M.U. organizations is by encouraging all who will to take the correspondence courses as outlined in the Year Book. One woman, who took each of these courses, still treasures her papers, rereading them periodically.

"The beautiful hour of youth, O Lord,
I gladly offer to Thee;
The strength of body and pride of life
I consecrate willingly;
And forth to Thy service I fare with joy
Thy messenger to be".

Few items in the maintenance of the graded W.M.U. are as important as is the annual promotion day. Thereby each organization is kept within the age limits and development results all along the line. *(Here let the "Promotion Day" exercises take place or if they have already been held let a brief account be given of them.)*

SUNBEAM HYMN—"Be a Little Sunbeam Everywhere You Go" *(See page 46.)*

PERSONAL SERVICE

AS usual much space in the Year Book is devoted to the explanation and record of personal service. For instance we are asked to encourage: *(Here quote item 1 through 12 of section VII on pages 13-14.)*

The chief requirements in the standardizing of a Good Will Center are that it shall be controlled and directed by the local Woman's Missionary Society (or group of societies), shall have a suitable building, at least one paid worker and

several volunteers, adequate equipment, clubs for various ages of people and the Bible taught in every club and class. During the past year there were 380 societies which had some part in Good Will Center work.

While the Good Will Center work is the ideal form of organized personal service it is nevertheless possible to have far simpler forms which are thoroughly organized. All that is really necessary is for each society to have a chairman of personal service with a committee composed of members from each circle. It is the duty of this committee to ascertain what material is needed in the community and to do its best to have those needs met, reporting to the society accordingly. This committee as well as the society as a whole should remember that personal service is simply: "the Golden Rule at work; Christ-like living in one's own community; going about doing good; foreign missions brought home". As of old the women and young people of today would "thus make Christ known to their neighbors", having as their slogan: "Personal Service for Christian Results". (Here quote second paragraph of "Personal Service" on page 29).

Two books there are which will especially help any of us to become more faithful soul-winners. One of these is "Talks on Soul-Winning" by Dr. E. Y. Mullins, it being one of the required books on the W.M.S. Certificate Course II. The other book is "The Plan of Salvation" by Dr. Austin Crouch, it ranking as a home mission book. (These books should be held up; see pages 61-62 for securing.)

One of the most difficult forms of personal service is work with and for the illiterates and the negroes. As every chain is no stronger than its weakest link so every community sinks to the level of its least developed women and children. Each of these embodies a precious soul, which is entitled to a saving knowledge of Christ and to the ability to read and understand the teachings of the Bible. Through personal service such advantages may be afforded many illiterates and negroes. The place to begin is in one's own kitchen and with one's washerwoman and fruit vender. The "Bible Story Reader"* and kindred books are easily obtained and yield large returns. Last year there were 110 W.M.U. classes for white illiterates and 387 societies helped the negroes. The ideal for this year is much higher and I am counting on our society to help win the victory.

GIVING

FOUR Bible standards of giving may be especially noted: (1) bringing of tithes and offerings into God's storehouse; (2) regular giving on the first day of the week according as God prospers; (3) loving one's neighbor as one's self; and (4) measuring God's love by His gift. Always advocating tithing, the Woman's Missionary Union at its May meeting committed itself to this principle in an unusually positive way. It was resolved: (Here quote "First" through "Sixth" of section VIII on page 15.)

The Old Testament very clearly teaches that blessings, temporal as well as spiritual, resulted when "tithes and offerings" were brought into God's storehouse and with terrific certainty it is shown that curses and captivity came when the "tithes and offerings" were used by the Israelites for their own personal desires. Those thus sinning were called "robbers of God". It is well to notice that "offerings" as well as "tithes" constitute the "robbing", for the expression is: "tithes AND offerings". Let us refresh our memories with the exact Scripture:

"Will a man rob God? yet ye rob Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings".

When Jesus was on earth He said that He came not to destroy but to fulfill—the law. Specifically concerning the law of the tithe He said: "This ye ought to have done!" Certainly southern Baptists have not to any large extent brought in their tithes and offerings. Statisticians say that southern Baptists are easily worth \$1,500,000,000, the tithe of which would be \$150,000,000. Last year

*Order for 50c from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

all the recorded gifts of southern Baptists for all local and outside causes were less than \$38,000,000. If the statisticians are correct, where is the rest of the tithe—\$112,000,000? And where are the offerings, which the Jews under the law were taught must be brought as well as the tithe if one would not rob God? Surely these things ought not thus to be. To help improve them, I have secured (free upon request of the state W.M.U. headquarters) some Stewardship Covenant Cards which the ushers will give to all who will sign them.

Likewise will they give to any of you one of the "royal purple" Alabaster Boxes (free from state W.M.U. headquarters), which you are at liberty to use for the safe-keeping of your tithe or better still for your over-and-above free-will offering. The suggestion has been made that from now until January the Alabaster Boxes be used for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to China. The minimum ideal for this offering is \$55,000. It will be used to help clear the debt of the Foreign Mission Board so far as its work in China is concerned, the entire debt being far beyond a million. Oh, that southern Baptists in love—if no longer under the law—would bring into God's treasury the "tithes and offerings", thus claiming His promise to "open the windows of Heaven"! Surely the world's heart "aching in the night" is crying out for more missionaries, more schools, more hospitals, more churches!

To strengthen the W.M.U. conscience along such lines two books are especially commended. One, which is required on the W.M.S. Certificate Course I, is "Stewardship and Missions" by Cook. The other is "Woman and Stewardship" by Ellen Quick Pearce. (These books should be held up; see pages 61-62 for securing.)

In all that I have said about the need under love—if not the demand by law—for "tithes and offerings" there has constantly been borne in mind the New Testament plan of systematic and proportionate giving. For few things has the Woman's Missionary Union been praised as it has been for its regular giving. For years the ideal has been one-twelfth of the apportionment paid in each month. Today I hold before you a chart which shows what our society has agreed to pay toward the 1925 Co-operative Program of Southern Baptists. The chart also shows what has been paid in during the past nine months and what must be raised this last quarter if victory is ours by January 1st. I have also put on this chart what the W.M.U. young people's organizations of our church have been apportioned for the 1925 Program and what they must raise before January. I feel that we, as their mothers, sisters and friends, should help them in every possible way to raise their apportionments. Also on this chart I have put the amount expected this year from our entire church and the amount yet unpaid. I feel that daily we should be much in prayer and in sacrifice if need be that our church will do its full part. I promise you to fix a similar chart for our November and December meetings so that we may know what progress is being made.

Another matter is worthy of prayer and planning. It is the part which our church and our society and each of our W.M.U. organizations for the young people shall have in the 1926 Co-operative Program of Southern Baptists. However excellently we may be doing this year "the half hath not been told" of what we can do if once we realize that God's love is measured by His gift and that Jesus said: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself". Certainly we did not last year "fulfill this royal law", for S.B.C. gifts were in the ratio of \$7.66 for "ourselves" and \$2.76 for "others".

"Lord, help me live from day to day
In such a self-forgetful way
That, even when I kneel to pray,
My prayer shall be for others".

Personally, I feel that at this meeting today our president should be empowered to confer with our pastor and the deacons so that as a church and as a society

we shall be thoroughly organized for the every member canvass in its behalf *(pauses while such a motion is made)*.

In closing I want to show you a pamphlet which has been sent to our society *(one copy free to each society from state W.M.U. headquarters)*. These pictures are of the six former presidents of the Woman's Missionary Union, the pamphlet giving a sketch of the presidency of each and urging all of us to honor them by helping in their name the building fund of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary located in Louisville, Ky. This is the first time in its illustrious history of sixty-six years that the Seminary has appealed to southern Baptists for money to build; it is the largest evangelical seminary in the world; its president, Dr. E. Y. Mullins, is president of the Baptist World Alliance; its present buildings and site are altogether crowded and inadequate. For these and other reasons, I sincerely hope that our society as such and many of our members as individuals will help the Seminary liberally and promptly. This pamphlet will be gladly loaned to any of you. In the August and September issues of ROYAL SERVICE you will find the presidential sketches incorporated. Please read them again and then help the Seminary accordingly.

WORLD COMRADES

THREE years ago the G.A.'s., R.A.'s. and Sunbeams began to "girdle the world with friendliness" through this, their increasingly charming, magazine *(inside of back cover page)*. The more I look at its many attractive illustrations and the more I read its wide-awake missionary stories, the more I realize that it should each month enter every southern Baptist home where there are boys and girls under seventeen years of age. The G.A., R.A. and Sunbeam Standards of Excellence require that the programs in WORLD COMRADES be used at the missionary meetings of these organizations. To insure their so doing I move that our society subscribe for a sufficient number, the suggestion being that every Sunbeam Band, every R.A. Chapter and every Girls' Auxiliary each have at least five copies *(pauses for motion)*.

You will rejoice that today I have asked a number of our boys and girls to show you how thoroughly they need WORLD COMRADES and how they thank you and their parents for subscribing for it. *(If possible have at least 4 children of Sunbeam age, 4 G.A.'s. and 4 R.A.'s. hold up a year's file of WORLD COMRADES, thus showing the many attractive cover pages. Then have the children turn the pages, revealing multifarious contents. After this have them form a circle holding the WORLD COMRADES copies so that the front cover pages will show. As they march around in the circle to indicate that they would "girdle the world" let them lead the audience, which should stand, in singing:)*

G. A. HYMN—"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" *(See page 44.)*

PRAYER *(Let this be offered by the pastor or the W.M.U. president, the central petition being that the leaders of the W.M.U. organizations among the young people prepare them to tell "the story to the nations".)*

LITERATURE

THAT you may realize the wealth of literature which is ours for winning in our missionary work I have asked several to hold up before you mission books, leaflets, magazines and papers which they have in their own homes *(pauses while those in the audience and on the platform stand to display these)*. In this array there are copies of our state Baptist paper. The Standard of Excellence and the experience of many commend it to you. This is also true of Home and Foreign Fields. One big reason why southern Baptists spend three times as much on the churches to which they belong as they give to all outside objects is because comparatively few families subscribe for Home and Foreign Fields. *(Order at \$1 a year from Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.)*

One family—the Scudder family—has many missionaries on its "family tree" because one doctor ancestor read and heeded a missionary leaflet. In the distri-

bution of leaflets, both free and priced, the Woman's Missionary Union has long had a leading part. Each month we will do well as a society to purchase every leaflet recommended on page 3 of ROYAL SERVICE so that our program committee will have varied helps. Attention will be gained and held if the contents of a leaflet are memorized. This can easily be done, especially by the younger members of the society, if the leaflets are ordered early. When we have finished with them I think that they, as well as our extra copies of ROYAL SERVICE and other periodicals, should be given to our personal service committee to be distributed as it finds opportunity.

Another attractive feature for W.M.U. meetings is the use of posters both in announcing the meetings and in the carrying out of the programs. The posters displayed to you at this time *(have four held up)* prove this fact. The first of these reminds us of the "Call to Prayer", an hour before each of our circle and regular society meetings. It is called "Praying Hands" by Durer and was copied by one of our members from "Prayer and Missions" *(see page 61 for securing)*. The second will be used in announcing our November meeting and has been made by clippings from popular magazines to show how children now live in the south. The third is an enlarged "Alabaster Box" so that all of us will remember to save and sacrifice for our Christmas Offering for China. The fourth was purchased for only 15 cents from the W.M.U. Literature Department* and is the Y.W.A. poster. Thus you see that posters may be easily made † or purchased. Thus secured they should be prominently displayed.

MISCELLANEOUS

TO me has been given the privilege of enumerating a number of other items of the Year Book not yet mentioned. Prominent among these are the three schools where southern Baptist young women may be thoroughly trained for Christian service here and abroad. On this map of the world ‡ I have located them at Louisville, Ky., New Orleans, La., and Ft. Worth, Tex., and have extended ribbons from these three cities to the eighteen state W.M.U. headquarters *(for addresses see pages 6-9)*, to the port cities, to frontier, Cuba, Mexico, South America, Africa, Europe, China and Japan to give you some idea of the many places where former students of these schools now serve and where work yet awaits their graduates.

Another way in which Union members may win is through helping the Margaret Fund. The Year Book shows this to be an invested fund of nineteen years standing, the interest supplemented by gifts from the societies being used for the high school and college education of S.B.C. missionaries' children. This year the fund is helping sixty-six such sons and daughters. It is gratifying to know that in reaching our apportionment we increase the number to receive the scholarships.

Distinct if small help is also given through our apportionment to the Bible Fund of the Sunday School Board, which adds dollar for dollar. This book by the beloved Miss Marie Buhlmaier "Along the Highway of Service" *(see page 62 for securing)* shows how effective is this fund.

The Year Book also shows that we may win through our "gifts in gratitude" to the Board of Ministerial Relief and Annuities. Last year the board helped about one thousand aged ministers or their families but many could not be assisted and none received an abundance. Just to show them that we love them "over-and-above" our apportionment for them I move that our society secure from our state W.M.U. headquarters the address of an aged minister in our state to whom we may send a Thanksgiving Day box *(pauses for motion)*.

And speaking of gifts it is now my privilege to ask the president of our soci-

*1111 Age-Herald Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

†For further suggestions see "The Amateur Poster-Maker" price \$1 from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

‡Order for \$1.00 from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

ety to come forward. As we rise to greet her I present her this W.M.U. pin that she may wear it as a reminder of our appreciation of her many services in leadership of us (for securing, see page 40). May many who see it ask of her its meaning and thus may they be won as friends to "Jesus Christ, God's Son" (for fuller explanation see leaflet which accompanies pin).

STANDARDS

ALL that every other speaker has thus far mentioned is more or less directly covered by the various points in our uniform Standard of Excellence. As ten of our members hold up before your eyes the ten requirements for an A-1 W.M.S., ten little children standing in front of them will answer "yes" or "no" if our society has thus far measured up to these points. On this chart (for securing see page 51) the record has been kept month by month. Personally I feel that our society would do well to keep this standard, carefully marked up-to-date, in a prominent place in the main Sunday school room. I, therefore, move (pauses for motion) that the pastor's hearty accord be gained and this be done. It will be a shame if our W.M.S. is not A-1, thus preventing by that much our church from winning the W.M.U. pennant for Standard A-1 Graded W.M.U. All who will do their best to make and keep it A-1, please stand while we sing:

R.A. HYMN—"The King's Business" (See page 45.)

ROYAL SERVICE

IN my right hand I hold the latest copy of ROYAL SERVICE (for securing see back cover page of Year Book), which has the largest circulation of any missionary periodical issued by southern Baptists. Its paid-up subscription list is now 64,500. It is entirely self-supporting though it costs only 50 cents a year. So essential are its dozen or more departments each month to the success of our work that I move (pauses for motion) that our society subscribe for three copies—two to cut and one to keep—for the program committee and that every circle be asked to do likewise for its program committee. And now as we close may our simple tableau remind you not only of the many "ways of winning" as set forth in the Year Book but as furnished month by month in ROYAL SERVICE.

(Here let "Spirit of Ways of Winning" gather into book form the fourteen white cards with the two blue ones as covers. With this "Year Book" in hand let her stand, facing audience, in the very center of platform. As she does so let the one impersonating ROYAL SERVICE mount a previously placed step at the middle rear, facing audience. At same time on graduated steps on right of platform let the following seven take their stands in the following order, beginning at front and ending in line with "Royal Service": Songs; Graded W.M.U.; Miscellaneous; Mission Study; Enlistment; Watchwords; Bible Study. On graduated steps on left hand side of platform let remaining seven take their stand in order named, beginning at front and ending in line with "Royal Service": Standards; World Comrades; Literature; Giving; Personal Service; Fundamentals; Prayer. Then have "Royal Service" descend and, walking to front, unite the two sides of platform by streamers of paper or cloth, the one held by "Standards" and "Songs" having those two words clearly written on their streamer; the one held by "World Comrades" and "Graded W.M.U." bearing those two titles etc. Then when "Royal Service" has united "Prayer" and "Bible Study" with the seventh streamer, she should again take her stand at the rear, lifting high a white cross and holding Royal Service card beneath it. If young people take part in this service, they should group themselves around the sixteen women, showing that they also are engaged in "royal service" and are essential in every "way that wins". The fourteen women as well as young people should all look up toward the cross. The streamers should be so held as to be well above head of "Spirit of Ways of Winning", permitting their words to be clearly read by audience. It will be more effective—suggesting the seven-fold promise of the rainbow—if streamers are of following colors in order given, beginning at front: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet. While "Spirit of Ways of Winning" and young people kneel, let all participating in tableau lead audience, standing, in repeating watchword, Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8, and singing of the hymn):

HYMN FOR YEAR—"Revive Us Again"

PRAYER BY PASTOR



Y. W. A. PROGRAMS



Material found in the general program on pages 11-20 as well as other items in this issue will be quite helpful to supplement the following programs. It is hoped it will be freely used in this supplemental way. The leaflets suggested on page 3 will also prove attractive additions.

FIRST MEETING

THE president and circle chairmen will have copies of the Year Book. It would be well to have several extra copies for study in this meeting. They may be had for 10c each from your state headquarters. From there order also enough stewardship cards for each girl and the leaflet of our Six Former W.M.U. Presidents. (See state address on pages 6-9.)

Topic—The Greatest Bridge on the Greatest Highway

Hymn—W.M.U. Hymn (Year Book, inside front cover)

Prayer—Praising God for W.M.U. Accomplishments

Devotional—Lydia, a Builder of Trade, Acts 16:14

A Great Bridge

The Purpose of This Bridge

The Architect

The Contractors

The Working Force

Hymn—O Zion, Haste

Prayers of Praise for the plan of this great bridge and for all who work on it

Announcement Poster

A BRIDGE greater than

NATURAL RIDGE

WHAT is it and WHERE is it?

Come to Y. W. A. and find out

Time _____ Place _____

A Great Bridge

F. W. BOREHAM, in his essay "The Building of the Bridge" makes us realize that we have all been builders of bridges since we were old enough to walk and talk. That inclination to make a connecting link between person and person, thing and thing, has been in us always. He suggests that we are sent into the world for no other purpose than to build bridges. Bridge building

is an interesting study. There is something thrilling about seeing a safe crossing over a gulf of expanse. The work of Woman's Missionary Union concerns the building of a bridge mightier than any steel structure in our country. It is being built over a space so wide that it cannot be measured by yards and miles.

The Purpose of This Mighty Bridge

IN the building of every bridge there is the purpose of making a connection or making a safe way of crossing. This great bridge of which we are talking will some day connect all earth with heaven; when completed it will connect the heart of humanity around the world with the great loving heart of God. The chief aim of the W.M.U. is soul winning—or making a safe crossing over a great gulf of sin into a life of eternal joy. (Turn to Year Book, page 11, Section IV and read. Have you studied a book on this business?) This great bridge is not only for ourselves that we may cross in safety but it is for the benefit of others. In our work of PERSONAL SERVICE we forget ourselves remembering that "Even the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister". (Read especially paragraph 8-12 under section VII, page 13.) Do you have any organized personal service in your Y.W.A.? Also we have an obligation of telling others and ENLISTING them in the work of building this tremendous bridge. More hands not only lighten the load but multiply happy hearts. What is your Y.W.A. doing about this? (Read section V, page 11.) Moreover, this bridge is not only for others but for ALL others. We build under the WATCHWORD of "Go ye into all the world" and as we give our time, talents and means to this great work we are extending this safe crossing even to the

ends of the earth. As we study the needs and adventures of bridge-building in foreign lands through our MISSION STUDY we more nearly realize our responsibility to witness faithfully in our prayers and gifts. Many in the dark lands trying to wade through the deep waters of superstition and sin are being swallowed up in the waves. Have you had a Mission Study Class yet this year? Our aim for 1925 is 19,550 new classes. (Read suggestions on Mission Study—page 12. List of books on page 62).

The Architect

GOD planned the building of this bridge many, many years ago. He saw the great distance between sinful man and salvation to life eternal and His heart yearned so that He made a plan for this bridge. So this is not a new idea for we are following that plan which the Master Architect drew for us over 1900 years ago. We have been slow to see the need and follow the plan however.

The Contractors

A CONTRACTOR is one who has given much study and has had experience in building. He superintends the work. In the building of such a great bridge how necessary that we shall have those to lead us who are efficient and consecrated to the task. We are blessed in having just such leaders to go before us. (See page 4 of Year Book, read names of Union officers and explain work of each one. Use leaflet from state office showing pictures of our six faithful W.M.U. presidents. See pages 6-9 for names of your state officers.) For all these who give themselves so untiringly, we praise God. They work from our great broadcasting stations in many helpful ways. Through ROYAL SERVICE magazine missionary programs, the Prayer Calendar, methods and much needful help are sent to those at work on the bridge in all the states. Messages and helps go even to foreign lands suggesting to the workmen some ways of building. Do you use Royal Service? What help can you give toward reaching the 1925-26 goal of 66,375 subscribers? From sta-

tion W.C.M. Miss Mather and her helpers give programs that gather thousands of boys and girls together in Sunbeam Bands, Royal Ambassador Chapters and Girl's Auxiliary meetings. Through WORLD COMRADES they are able to tune in with every land. Have you seen the last few copies? The striking covers, the catchy programs, the "teasing" puzzle land pages, the letters from far away lands and stories that you love even though you're grown up? If you have a boy or a girl in your home how about surprising them with this attractive magazine? (See inside back cover of Year Book.) Our aim for this year is 15,000 subscribers. If every Y.W.A. should send in one subscription she would not only be helping to reach our ideal in numbers but she would be giving the boys and girls a chance to get a vision of the world and its needs. Do it now. (See section XV, page 20 on Literature.) For the colleges there is the COLLEGE BULLETIN. Some of your Y.W.A. girls are in college now. Why not send them this helpful Bulletin? No matter if her college hasn't a Y.W.A. Maybe this will be the means of starting a new College Y.W.A. (See section XVIII, page 21.)

The Working Force

THE working force is a very important part of any building enterprise. To insure success it is necessary to have the best architect and contractors but just as necessary to have efficient workmen consecrated to the task. WE are the workmen—you and I and the thousands of others. How necessary that we shall give our best that the part we build may stand the test of inspection and may command the attention of those who have not yet crossed! "For we are laborers together with God". Strengthened by prayer and Bible study let us put our shoulders to the task. Praying and working go hand in hand. A Roman warrior attributed his victory to the fact that the gods favored him because he prayed with his sword drawn and cried for help as he fought. Our working force has a standard to work by. There are certain

standards recognized by every union of laborers. Our STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE is being used by many of our workers and its use by all is urged. There will be a banner awarded at our next S.B.C. to all churches having A-1 Graded Unions. Would you love to see your church get one? This work brings joy and happiness. As the workmen do the task their hearts as well as their lips sing songs of God's Kingdom. (See pages 42-46.) "Ye shall be my witnesses". Through our Y.W.A. may we ever witness with distinction for Him who laid the foundation and made possible this safe crossing!

SECOND MEETING

(Show samples of Y.W.A. pin, attendance cards, engraved cards and W. M. U. seals. These may be purchased from W. M. U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Age-Herald Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

Topic—At Work on the Bridge

Hymn—How Firm a Foundation
Devotional—Lydia, a Builder for Christ, Acts 16:15

The Foundation Stones

The Supports

Reinforcements

The Ornamentation

Hymn—Give of Your Best to the Master

Prayers of Consecration

Announcement Poster

WILL YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP BUILD A BRIDGE?

MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WANTED—Y.W.A.'s. ESPECIALLY

Come to the meeting and answer

Time _____ Place _____

The Foundation Stones

ANY bridge must have a sure and strong substructure. When God, our Master Architect, planned the building of the wonderful bridge discussed at our last meeting He gave His only Son to be the central pier on which to build it. Christ is the center and without Him we build in vain for there is no other foundation that could support such a bridge. We should be careful to build surely on Christ for this bridge

must stand through the ages. On either side are two strong abutments. One of these is PRAYER. Without this one we might build a bridge apparently safe only to see it sway with the wind and finally fall. Christ commands us to pray and He set the example of prayer. (See section II page 10 on Prayer.) Do you girls pray with Woman's Missionary Union every morning at 9 o'clock? S. D. Gordon said "Pray around the world every day". Try sponsoring some cottage prayer services. Have you suggested a family altar in your own home? Y.W.A. girls have more influence in the home than any other member of the family. The other abutment is certainly God's Book—the Bible. BIBLE STUDY must be part of our foundations else we have no authority for building and we have no inspiration for the task. As we read of those who first heard of God's far reaching plan, of those who witnessed the beauty, strength and power of the central pier and of those who practically unequipped began the building our hearts fill with gratitude that we can carry on that which they so faithfully began. (See section III, page 11 for suggestions on Bible Study.)

The Support

ALL large bridges have strong steel supports. This one has two that are absolutely necessary. One of these is STEWARDSHIP of personality, time and talents. "Shall I give my unusual voice or shall I give my unusual gift of winning people to be used in bridge building? Surely I belong to myself and I can spend my time as I please." Far too many have had just this attitude and as a result the bridge is far from being finished. Have you a talent? Maybe it is hidden and not in use at all. Do you have any time? You probably have all there is but maybe you do not divide it consistently. "Ye are not your own". The other support is STEWARDSHIP of gifts. The Jew in olden times was required to give a tenth. We are not bound by a law but surely since the sacrificial gift Christ made we can do no less than the Jew

did. The law of love should be a much stronger influence than written law. The annual tithe of southern Baptists if given faithfully would be 150 million dollars. This would pay off all our debts and put many more volunteer workers on our bridge. Have you tried tithing? If so would you discontinue this giving which is really not giving but only the payment of a debt? (Have Stewardship Cards and let the girls sign now. Help make the goal of a hundred thousand tithers this year.) Apportionments are set for each state that she may know what is her worthy part. See section IX, page 16). Are you using the Alabaster Boxes as suggested? See how much you can put in by Christmas for the Lottie Moon offering. Has your Y.W.A. met her apportionment on Special Objects including the MARGARET FUND, our TRAINING SCHOOL and the BIBLE FUND? What about your gifts to 1925 Program? Are you following suggestions regarding your gifts as given in section X, page 17? This is in line with Paul's plan of "laying by in store on the first day of the week" and it is urged from headquarters that all organizations follow the general plan of the Union.

Reinforcements

HOW important a part of every bridge is the pile or platform reinforcements! Without them the bridge would soon give away. Those who have been building for years on our bridge saw that need for reinforcement and so we have our YOUNG PEOPLE'S organizations, the Sunbeam Bands, Royal Ambassadors, Girls' Auxiliary and Young Woman's Auxiliary. This year our aim is 1020 new W.M.S., 550 new Y.W.A's., 830 new G.A's., 440 new R.A's. and 1025 new Sunbeam Bands. This offers fine opportunity for a big sister Y.W.A. If you haven't all these organizations in your church it is probably because

Y.W.A's. have not realized their opportunities for service. (Read section XIV, page 19.) Why not a member of Y.W.A. offer herself to W.M.S. as Young People's Director of the church, then put in the full graded W.M.U.? Could you do a bigger service?

The Bridge Ornaments

ISN'T it necessary after all to please the eye in the construction of any piece of architecture? The ornaments on our bridge aren't exactly a necessity but they call attention and make the bridge more attractive. Our W.M.U. pin is a beautiful thing with its inscription "Laborers together with God". (Turn to page 40 in Year Book). Have you seen one of the latest Y.W.A. pins? You haven't a college pin that is more attractive. Why not send an order for enough Y.W.A. pins for your organizations? Make a gift of one of the other organization pins to a little brother or sister. Let us have our pins mean more to us. Then we have attendance cards, Sunbonnet Baby chart, Y.W.A. poster, plays and pageants. Have you used any of the engraved gift cards or have you any of the attractive seals to use on your stationery? Order a box and a dozen cards just as samples. (See page 41.) May we realize the importance and the glory of such a work as ours and give our best efforts to extend this bridge to earth's remotest bounds.

"And is our best too much? O friends, let us remember
How much our Lord poured out His soul for us
And, in the prime of His mysterious manhood,
Gave up His precious life upon the cross.
The Lord of Lords, by whom the worlds were made,
Through bitter grief and tears, gave us the best He had."

THE Y.W.A. poster is selling like the proverbial "hot-cakes". Don't you want one of these handsomely illustrated watchwords to hang in your Y.W.A. room or on your church bulletin board? Order for only 15c from W.M.U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Age-Herald Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.



COLLEGE Y. W. A.



THAT COLLEGE DAUGHTER

WM.U. is just as interested in keeping that college daughter in vital touch with matters of Kingdom growth as she is in giving missionary vision to girls and boys; she has provided a special College Y.W.A. Department for her; she has in each state a college correspondent who will likely in the course of a year visit the college and meet your away-from-home daughter; she edits a bi-monthly publication, The College Y.W.A. Bulletin, just for college girls. Yes, W.M.U. does all that she can to keep that college daughter of yours Yoking, Working, Abiding; what can you do to help?

Tell your daughter you want her to belong actively to the Young Woman's Auxiliary in her college. There are many campus organizations which seem far more important to Miss College Girl than Y.W.A. as she enters for the first time into the maze of college literary clubs, social organizations, department clubs, athletic clubs and so on. At first she may be tempted to pass by, as unnecessary, the Y.W.A. that has meant much to her at home; a bit of encouragement wisely given by mother will help her not to make a mistake here.

Send her name to the pastor of the church in her college town. Not that he will need to round her up to come to service but, because knowing a bit about her, he can meet her in a more friendly fashion. She misses the dear home faces that first morning at church, the choir is different, the ushers are different, the song books are different (what a thrill if they happen to be the same ones used back home)—in all it is a rather lonesome business, that first morning worship. Then as they are all hurrying back to dormitory for dinner, the pastor greeting them at the door, she gives her name in introduction as she passes, "Oh yes, I was watching for you, I heard from your mother", it makes a great deal of difference! And the pastor will give the name to the president of the W.M.S. and sometime that first hard week there will be a friendly visit paid to your daughter; it will all have a holding touch on her heart that will quite repay the little bother of writing that letter.

Urge her to pray with you, using the suggested Calendar of Prayer. You will have it in ROYAL SERVICE; she will have it from the copies distributed by the Devotional Committee. College days are crammed quite full and your daughter may forget or neglect her quiet prayer moments but somehow if mother and she have a sort of "prayer pact" it will help her slip in those prayer moments that are so powerful for her best growth.

Remind her that you and she study the same missionary topic each month. The wording of the subject will be a bit different, suited to the "snap" of college girls but each month College Y.W.A's. are considering the same topic of missionary nature that the W.M.S. considers in its program. Remark in your letter how interesting your program was, ask about the one at college, keep close to that college daughter of yours in every way. Y.W.A. will help you do it and will help her hold fast to the precious inheritance you have given to her.

MISS COLLEGE Y.W.A. PRESIDENT

KINDLY send in your \$1.00 for College Y.W.A. Bulletin for this year as quickly as can be. You need the bulletin from the beginning of the college year. Order your College Y.W.A. membership cards also. Address 1111 Age-Herald Building, Birmingham, Alabama.



OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



UP-TO-DATE MANUALS

WORLD COMRADES programs for October bring to the wise counselor a ready introduction to the study of the G.A. and R.A. Manuals. Frequently one meets an eager leader who is hampering her own efficiency by not using all the suggestions which the manuals give. All R.A.'s. are enthusiastic about the ranking system, giving them degree work as Page,



Squire, Knight and Ambassador. R.A.'s. should know, too, that the boys of the Northern Baptist Convention are organizing chapters of the Order of Royal Ambassadors also. A committee of leading men having carefully considered the question for a year, examining many organizations for boys, at length decided that our plans were best adapted to making missions real to the boys and would be the ones they would choose to adopt with our permission. Woman's Missionary Union decided to grant their request and many chapters are quickly coming into vigorous existence. Boys like to belong to big things and R.A. answers that desire with its international activities. If your manual does not have the ranking system, it is an out-of-date publication; please write your state headquarters for the revision.

This is true also of Girls' Auxiliary Manual. The G.A. without the manual with the plaid cover is depriving itself of the new features for G.A.'s. The



girls like the great G.A. Aim, the Allegiance, the Star Ideals; be sure that their manuals contain them. In this day of laxness and worldliness, the star ideals should be stressed to help keep our girls from the temptation to "let down the bars" in their amusements. Missions is so big an enterprise that it appeals to all that is best in girlhood and there is needed only the concrete

discussion to help her see the practical application of G.A. ideals to everyday actions. The initiation given in the manual is very attractive; the recreational songs on its pages add much interest; and the girls love their own G.A. hymn, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations". Don't overlook the fact that for G.A.'s. as for R.A.'s. a secret initiation may be had on request from your state headquarters.

October is the month to check up on all these things of equipment and make sure you are using all that is at hand. The Sunbeams have their manual also.



It is not necessary usually for the children to study it for themselves as G.A.'s. and R.A.'s. do but each Sunbeam leader should be thoroughly familiar with its well-packed pages. Using the manuals in each of our junior missionary organizations will solve many of the problems of leadership which the best of counselors inevitably meet.

Sometimes a G.A. or an R.A. is composed of a certain group of girls or boys who have played and worked together several years and in their spirit of good fellowship are almost overlooking the number of others who should be included in their organization. October with her lessons on "Ways of Winning" is reminding counselor and members to be sure that all the "eligibles" are won to membership. The Standard of Excellence sets as a minimum a 10% increase, but really an efficient organization will be far surpassing that. By October the new boys and girls at school have become acquainted and should be won to the privileges of our missionary organizations.

The following suggestion comes from a splendid G.A. organization. In marking the Standard of Excellence wall chart they mark only with pencil for

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TRAINING SCHOOL



GOOD WILL CENTER AND ITS SUMMER WORK

THE first days of May found Miss Alice Johnson, our Good Will Center director, moving out of the building at 524 East Madison Street that had housed our Good Will Center activities since the fall of 1912, a few months after the work was started in a nearby rented building. Two small rooms across the street had been rented for the summer and into these the furnishings and equipment had been packed, space being left in the larger room for various meetings during the summer.

Almost before the building had been vacated it was being wrecked to make way for the modern house that comes as an answer to the demand for a better workshop for our students and a more adequate place for meeting the needs of the community.

Naturally in the crowded rented quarters it has not been possible to carry on the usual summer program. We have come to realize anew what a boon to the community our playground has been for the last few years, as we have watched the children during the summer sitting aimlessly on the doorsteps or playing in the hot crowded streets.

The Mothers' Club, the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and the Thursday evening prayer meeting continued to meet until the latter part of July when Miss Johnson was preparing to go away on her vacation. The library has been kept open all summer two afternoons each week.

Outdoor outings in the way of hikes, picnic, car rides etc. have been planned for all the various groups that meet as clubs and Sunday school classes during the winter. In July the annual picnic for all the Good Will Center people was given at one of the city parks. This is always a happy occasion when entire families go out together for one whole day of recreation in God's great open spaces.

In view of the fact that we could not have our usual Daily Vacation Bible School, Miss Johnson gladly gave her services to the school held at our neighbor church, the East Baptist, where she directed the music, taught one Bible class and supervised the sewing of the older girls. Many of our children attended the school and did creditable work, Angeline De Luca, an Italian girl, who has been coming to the Good Will Center since she was a tiny child, taking first prize in the older girls' sewing class.

Friends of the school and former students will be grieved to know that our faithful housekeeper, Mrs. Eliza Clark, had to give up the work early last April because of illness. She has improved greatly during the summer but on account of her advanced age—she is now 79 years old—she will not be able to undertake the work in the large building. Mrs. Clark has been with the Center since its organization, except for an interim of a few months several years ago. We have never had a more faithful worker or a more loyal friend; she loved the Center as her own home, cared for its interests and boosted its work. It is truly a grief to give her up for we appreciate her for her real worth and her dependable service through all these years. We know that Woman's Missionary Union friends everywhere will join us in wishing for this humble follower of the Christ "light at evening time".

By October 1st the contractor promises that the new house will be completed, at which time appropriate exercises will be held in the auditorium and the building will be thrown open to the community. Our regular fall and winter work will start at that time, to our usual activities will be added some new features that the increased equipment will make possible.—Carrie U. Littlejohn



BOOK REVIEWS



BIBLE STORY READER

ADULT classes for the teaching of so-called illiterates are needed in many if not every community in the Southern Baptist Convention for it is an unspeakable sorrow that several southern states are at the very bottom of the list so far as knowing the first two of the "Three R's" is concerned. For many years the Woman's Missionary Union has been very solicitous about such a condition for it is well known that "ignorance is the mother of vice" and that as Baptists we are expected to know how to read the Bible and from it to "give a reason of the hope set" before us. It is also known that friendliness is increased by teaching and that, thereby, many a struggling student has come to know the best of all friends, even Jesus Christ.

Last year the record was kept of one hundred and ten societies which conducted or helped in classes for illiterate adults. Doubtless many of these classes were very small: perhaps some of them consisted of only the teacher and the pupil. It is to be hoped that many of the pupils were servants in the teachers' homes and that many others were foreign-born women in the neighborhood store. It is certainly true that much of the teaching for this present year and for many years to come must be done in a very personal, individual way. However, it is hoped that many societies, through their personal service committees, will arrange for regular classes for illiterates, especially among the women. How wonderful it would be if during this fall and winter every Woman's Missionary Society would conduct at least two classes for illiterates—one for white women and one for colored women! Will you urge your society to do so?

A very usable book for such teaching, whether to an individual student or to a regular class, is the "Bible Story Reader", compiled by three South Caro-

lina women school teachers. It consists of only ninety-six pages but it seems safe to say that any one who learns how to read and write the contents thereof will surely no longer be ranked as an illiterate. The story progresses in a most interesting way from the creation on through the Old Testament to the life and teachings of Jesus. It is easy to believe that many reading such truths for themselves will believe and become Christians.

Price 50c in paper binding, 80c in the cloth from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

THE BASIS OF RACIAL ADJUSTMENT

NOT every so-called mission study book will suit every class. Especially is this felt to be true in the case of a new book entitled "The Basis of Racial Adjustment" by Dr. T. J. Woof-ter, Jr. However it is believed that any group of women, who have done much mission study work and who are particularly concerned about the physical, moral and spiritual welfare of the negroes in their midst, will find in this book a veritable mine of illuminating information and by its study will feel empowered to help better conditions in their own community. To such advanced, "intellectually honest" students the book is most heartily commended.

It should also prove eminently helpful as supplemental reading by a leader of a class or by its members, who are using a much simpler book concerning work with and for the negroes. Since the price is considerable one copy easily will suffice for such research work.

The vast majority of the classes will not, however, be studying about the negroes and yet there is a way in which every society can use this particular book. Each society is expected to have a Personal Service Committee, one phase of such a committee's work being entrusted to a Sub-Committee on

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UNION NOTES



ROUND TABLE

ASSEMBLIES are over. That seems too bad for they are such pleasant weeks of busy activity. Following Virginia Beach came the delights of Maryland's first Y.W.A. and G.A. Camp up at Brad-dock Heights, cool and beautiful with panoramic vistas. For the first year to have some 50 girls was a real success, especially to have practically 100% of the foreign mission study class in which they all enrolled take examination. The women were fortunate in having Miss Emma Leachman as teacher of the home mission study. Mrs. Barnes and Miss Jeanette White may well look forward with eager pride to the record of the second Maryland Y.W.A. and G.A. Camp next summer. —North Carolina Assembly at Mars Hill offered many hikes and much good fellowship with a fine spirit of study as well. The biggest class at the assembly was that of the women and young women studying South America with "Looking Ahead in Latin America" as the text. Miss Mary Warren was at the head of the mission study work, quickly adjusting herself to direct the R.A. and G.A. Camps when Miss Dorothy Kellam was prevented from attending because of an appendix operation. All grieved at her absence but rejoiced in daily reports of her splendid recuperation. These were also first year camps with rich promise for a second summer. Miss Lucy Spivey and Mr. Ivey took charge of the G.A. and R.A. people in fine fashion, teaching "Brave Adventurers" and "A Noble Army". —Overlapping dates demanded that I leave N. C. before the assembly closed so as not to be too late in arriving at Fall's Creek Assembly, Oklahoma, for the biggest assembly that state has known. Some 1200 were registered and almost 400 were in the mission classes provided for all ages. Miss Johnnie Boatwright told the "Story of a Chinese Baby" to

the Sunbeams; Miss Rachel Wiley taught "Honorable Japanese Fan" to G.A.'s.; Miss Elizabeth Watkins, new young people's secretary for the state, used "Along the Highway of Service" as home mission book for Y.W.A.'s.; Rev. Bailey made the heroic biography of "Livingstone the Pathfinder" real to R.A.'s.; while the women and many men studied South America. The sudden and severe illness of Mrs. Spooner, corresponding secretary, was the one disappointment in the success of the Oklahoma assembly.—The last engagement of the summer was the G.A. Camp at Ozark Lithia Springs, Hot Springs, Arkansas, with 87 girls from 14 different churches in attendance. Hot Springs women were well organized to care for the girls with transportation committee for necessary trips to town and a delightful afternoon pleasure drive; they provided Mrs. Scott Wood as Camp Mother, Mrs. A. J. Philips as Camp Manager and Mrs. J. R. Chestnut as Recreation Director. "Miss Una" for Arkansas W.M.U. brought Mrs. Blake of Ouachita College to teach "The Land of All Nations", Genevieve Tims to teach "Brave Adventurers" and let me have the joy of talking each day on the life of Christ. It is hoped that Hot Springs women will again be hostesses to an Arkansas state G.A. Camp next summer.—To say thank you for all the courtesies that made the days pass so pleasantly and glow so merrily joyful as they pass in review down memories' row would fill too much space but I find myself treasuring all the happenings of the several assemblies distinct and clear in my heart with much gratitude there to secretaries and friends.—*Juliette Mather*

TWO "mountain-top" assemblies were attended in August by the W.M.U. corresponding secretary. The earlier one was at Blue Ridge, Georgia, the buildings used being those of the Mary

P. Willingham School. Perhaps all readers of this magazine do not know that the Georgia W.M.U. owns and maintains this excellent mountain school as an "over-and-above" to its many other interests. Thither the men, women and children from many sections of the state gathered for their annual assembly and well repaid were they through the class-work and the addresses, especially those of their very own Georgia missionaries: Dr. T. W. Ayers of China, Rev. Norman F. Williamson of Japan, Miss May Perry of Africa and Miss Lucy Cunyus of Cuba. Exceptionally fine W.M.U. class work was done by Mrs. Taul White, the large group studying the barrier-breaking book "Of One Blood" by Robert Speer. Mrs. W. J. Neel, full of rich experience, Miss Julia Allen with her G.A. Camp, Mrs. Ben S. Thompson as general hostess and others were untiring in their efforts for the comfort and care of all. A day's journey further north in the mountains led to the Clear Creek Assembly near Pineville, Ky. Here the W.M.U. work was in charge of Mrs. J. M. Roddy, president, Miss Jennie G. Bright, corresponding secretary, and Miss Pearl Bourne, young people's leader and college correspondent. It was rather a co-incidence that each of these officers had been elected since the assembly last August but apt pupils they surely were for the work accomplished was worthy of those long accustomed to it. One of the rare treats of this assembly was an afternoon picnic meeting with the Pineville Y.W.A., the official "weiner roaster and marshmallow toaster" being the auxiliary counselor, Mrs. L. C. Kelly. Returning to Birmingham, a day was spent in Louisville, thus affording a visit to "House Beautiful" and to its Good Will Center. An account of the center's new building will be found on page 27.

SOME societies still seem mystified by the so-called new ruling for the recording of personal service deeds. In the first place it may clarify matters to realize that it is after all not a new ruling but simply a stricter adherence to a policy of many years' standing. All

that it now means it always has meant, namely: encouraging every member of every W.M.U. organization to "go about doing good" but keeping the record only of the deeds which are called forth by the society's Personal Service Committee. When the Woman's Missionary Union decided in 1910 to have a "Department of Personal Service" it adopted the expression "organized personal service" so that each organization would definitely plan through its Personal Service Committee for constructive, co-operative, Christian kindness. The result is that many societies through these fifteen years have conducted or helped with Good Will Centers, Homemakers' Clubs, mission Sunday schools, cottage prayer meetings, Cheer-All Clubs, boys' clubs, industrial schools, rescue work, sewing circles, Americanization, kindergartens, day nurseries, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, classes for adult illiterates, work for prisoners and negroes, health crusades etc. The desire has been and still is that the record be kept of all such society-directed personal service, it being well known that the many members of the society are paying many additional visits, giving away much food and clothing, distributing much good literature, the record of which need not be kept chiefly because it is often intimately personal and also because it greatly increases the work of those compiling the statistics. But some one has said: "My society is in the country; its members are very scattered; organized personal service is impossible for us. Are we, therefore, not to report at all for personal service?" Most assuredly, for if need be the whole society may constitute the Personal Service Committee, every good deed of each member being considered as "directed" by the committee. But before adopting any such "blanket" policy, read over the list of organized activities mentioned above and see if there is not at least one need which can be met by the society as a whole. Is there not one illiterate in such a country community? If so, plan as a society to teach such a person. The

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HOME DEPARTMENT



FANNIE E. S. HECK

A PORTRAIT

IT was during the stormy period of 1862 that Fannie Exile Scudder Heck, second child of Jonathan McGee and Mattie Callendine Heck, was born at Buffalo Lithia Springs, Virginia, on the sixteenth of June. It was a memorable experience for the beautiful young mother. The Northern Army stationed near her home separated her from her home and parents, Colonel Heck was away on a mission for the Confederacy, the physician was intoxicated and no competent nurse could be secured. Mrs. Heck met this experience, as she has ever met all crises of her life, with courage and resourcefulness. The child was named Fannie for the mother's only living sister, then a girl of eleven years, now Mrs. James B. Taylor. Exile was to perpetuate the circumstances of the baby's birth. In young womanhood when she had dedicated herself to missionary work, Miss Heck added Scudder, the maiden name of her great-grandmother, a woman of deep piety and representing a family famed for the many members who had gone to foreign fields. The name Scudder might be called an honorary degree in missions.

Amid the vicissitudes of war the little Fannie developed into a child of unusual beauty. Her winsome loveliness is abundantly attested by a portrait of her which hangs over the mantle in the room in which this sketch is written. The expressive brown eyes seem to flash a message from the canvas; the broad forehead predicts intellect and the firm mouth and chin prophesy character.

Part of Miss Heck's childhood was spent on a plantation in Warren County, North Carolina. In 1868 Colonel Heck decided to make Raleigh his permanent place of residence and in 1872 he, with his family, moved into the spacious home, set among stately oaks. Here six daughters and four sons grew to woman-

hood and manhood. It was a home dedicated to Christian hospitality, consecrated by love and dominated by high ideals.

Miss Heck was educated at Prof. Hobgood's Seminary in Raleigh, now in Oxford, N. C., and at Hollins Institute, now Hollins College, Virginia. She was not a prodigy, indeed she developed rather slowly, but the fruition was doubtless richer and fuller on this account. She was a thoughtful student throughout her life. On her return from school she took her place in the home as her father's cherished companion, her mother's able assistant and the beloved confidante and counselor of her brothers and sisters.

Miss Heck became a member of the First Baptist Church of Raleigh when she was in her late teens. She made this decision after long deliberation not because of any doubt of the eternal verities but because of distrust of self. She at once became active in the work of the church. She taught a class of young men of her own age on whom her character left an impress which time can not efface. In 1921, after a lapse of thirty-nine years, the widely separated members of this class presented to the Sunday school in which she taught a bronze tablet to her memory. This class was followed by many others all composed of young men in the formative years of life. Her interest in girls was no less keen. She founded missionary societies among them and held prayer meetings for them. The Meredith College students were her cherished friends and nothing gave her more pleasure than to be included in their parties and share their fellowship. It seems almost needless to mention her warm affection for the students of the W.M.U. Training School in Louisville. They dwelt in the core of her heart and she spoke of them with tenderest love throughout her illness.

Miss Heck's public career in mission work began with the establishment in 1886 of the Woman's Central Committee of North Carolina of which she was made chairman, a position which she held until her death. For many years after the formation of this committee all the literature was sent out from Miss Heck's home. Those were busy days when the quarterly budget was to be mailed. Every chick and child was pressed into service and instructed in the art of neatly folding the letters and report blanks, the leaflets and what ever else went to make up the bulky package. Miss Heck, seated at the roomy colonial desk at which this portrait of her is written, saw that each package was as carefully prepared as if it were a personal message to a queen.

At the age of 30 Miss Heck became president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, the highest honor in the gift of the Union. For fifteen years, the last nine being consecutive, she presided over this noble body of women and rejoiced in the expansion of their work. Besides the duties entailed by the presidency of the North Carolina and the Southern Union, Miss Heck entered with enthusiasm into the religious, civic and literary activities of her home city. In all that Miss Heck did she manifested her most compelling characteristic—*she welcomed a difficult task*. In her younger years she had overcome a quick temper by prayer and will power until she gained complete mastery over self. Naturally very shy, she fought against shyness as a hindrance to her work. Although she gave the impression of rugged health she was never very strong, especially after a severe illness at the time of her beloved father's death in 1894. All that she accomplished in the most fruitful years of her life was in spite of the handicap of physical weakness.

Miss Heck was a wise and tactful presiding officer and forceful speaker. She had a resonant and mellow voice which carried far in large audiences and touched an answering chord in every heart. She marshalled her facts

with clearness and drove them home with telling illustrations. Her writings, both in verse and prose, speak for themselves. They never satisfied her critical judgment however much they have meant to others.

Miss Heck's points of contact with life were many. She was an expert horsewoman, a crack shot at a target, an accomplished needlewoman in fine embroideries, a skilled wood carver and an inventor of at least two articles. The children who gathered around her remember the fascinating paper dolls and soldiers which she cut "free hand" for their amusement. Her talent for sketching was an unceasing pleasure. She never went away in summer without her sketch book and box of water colors edged in her trunk side by side with missionary leaflets. She saw beauty everywhere.

She was gifted with a remarkable memory and had from early childhood stored her mind with apt quotations and favorite poems. On this store she drew largely during the months of illness. She had memorized many psalms and other passages of Scripture and each morning she chose some verse as the inspiration for the day.

She loved books as few do and it was one of the greatest privations of her crowded years that she had little time for reading. But however late she worked at her desk she would stir the glowing embers of her open fire before retiring and refresh herself till the wee sma' hours with a short story, a poem or a favorite passage from some old master. In intimate conversation she was a charming raconteur with a keen sense of humor. Her visits to European countries broadened her viewpoint and enriched her mind.

No summary of Miss Heck's accomplishments would be complete without mentioning her as a nurse. She was a born "tender of the sick". She had the cheerful manner, the quiet movements and the ability to remain still, which make the ideal nurse and there was not one in the large family from the aged grandmother to the tiniest niece or nephew who had not known her ten-

der ministrations and felt her gentle touch.

In the last years of Miss Heck's life she felt the compulsion to teach the Gospel of Joy. In spoken and written word the duty of a Christian to be happy occurred and recurred. An unhappy Christian was an anachronism. This message found full expression in the memorable lectures delivered at the Training School in Louisville and which she re-shaped during her illness for publication under the title of *Everyday Gladness*.

Those who were privileged to visit her during the fourteen months when she lay on a hospital bed in Richmond know how fully she exemplified the Gospel of Joy which she had taught. She looked death in the face and was unafraid. She did not fear for the work she held so dear. It was God's work and He would not suffer it to fail. She commended her loved ones to His care and trusted His promises. The letters and flowers which came to her without intermission through all those months were a revelation of love which she had not guessed. She worked busily on poems, articles, short stories and messages of love. She listened for the first bird that broke the morning stillness and made a story of the milkman's merry whistle. She had a smile and a cheerful word for everyone until on August 25th, 1915, she was translated into the glorious beyond.—*S. M. H. S.*

PROGRAM PLANS

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united and the members should learn them and repeat at the beginning and close of each meeting. (3) Mission Study: Show mission magazines and tell that reading these is a way of gaining mission information. Have short story told from one of them and show how interesting they are. Mission study class work may or may not be urged at this time; all depends upon the development of the society. Too much program is as harmful as too little. (4) Enlistment and Training:

Study graded W.M.U. in program. Have some one tell how many unenlisted women and young people in the church. Let plans be suggested for reaching all and organizing junior societies if there are none. (See Year Book, pages 11 and 19.) A committee may be appointed to carry out these plans. (5) Personal Service and Soul Winning (See program and Year Book, pages 13-14.) The one who takes this part should suggest one or two lines of personal work for the society. Appoint personal service committee. (6) Systematic and Proportionate Giving: Have treasurer explain financial plan of the church and society, report amount given the past year and the aim for this year and take offering.

Close the program with a talk on the W.M.U., where located, president, corresponding secretary and young people's secretary (Royal Service, page 2). Show pictures of Mrs. Cox (Royal Service, July 1925). This Union is made up of such societies as ours. It is the tie that binds us in Christian service for the world. Close with social half hour, when new members are greeted.

In each society the climax should reveal "what our society can do" and the "gripping and impressive ending" be rousing the members to a determination to attain this possibility. Mrs. Cox further says: "When we talk of Him and 'His Unspeakable Gift' and of those who have gone to tell of this love, we should fear to offer less than our best".—*Mrs. Thomas M. Pittman*

BOOK REVIEWS

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Inter-Racial Relationships. It would seem a worthwhile investment for each society, especially where there are any negroes in the community, to purchase a copy of the book for this sub-committee, giving five or so minutes of each meeting to the hearing of items of interest from the book as given by the committee. It is believed that the "little leaven will leaven the whole lump" and that even before the quart-

er's or year's review of the book is finished some one or more constructive lines of work for and with the negroes will be undertaken. The dedication of the book is truly indicative of its every page: "To a daughter of slave-holders, whose tender spirit embodied the true soul of the old south, whose sympathy for the weaker race set a high example and whose readiness to extend a helping hand has been an inspiration—my mother".

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

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the first meeting and then change to ink at the second since both are missionary program meetings.

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people by making promotion exercises of more importance. Naturally your Sunbeams with promotion certificates to G.A. or R.A. will be quite insistent that the W.M.S. provide Girls' Auxiliary and Royal Ambassador Chapter for them. Encourage G.A.'s. and R.A.'s. to treasure their certificates carefully that their advance to intermediate division may be indicated as planned. The R.A. certificate has space for marking the date of achieving the ranks of Page, Squire, Knight and Ambassador. The certificates are provided free by the state W.M.U. leaders upon request from the organizations but you will see how unusually attractive they are and will value them accordingly.

UNION NOTES

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book reviewed on page 28 will prove helpful. Is the community as healthful as possible, its school premises as sanitary as can be? If not, plan as a society to help ameliorate such conditions. Really, it is hard to conceive of any society so isolated that organized personal service is impossible. The very simple rule is to try as far as possible to keep the record of all society-directed personal service, always encouraging each member to do as many additional deeds of kindness as possible, the society and its members ever remembering that it is "Personal Service for Christian Results".

"PRAY YE"

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Broken health of overworked missionaries
Fields white unto harvest but unoccupied by laborers
Vision of Home and Foreign Mission Boards even in darkness of debts
Realization of responsibility resting on every southern Baptist to clear the debts

BIBLE STUDY

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like Dorcas making garments for the poor, Acts 9:36-41. Lydia teaches two important things (1) generous hospitality, (2) care of prisoners who suffer untold misery and whom she received into her home, Acts 16:40.—Mrs. James Pollard

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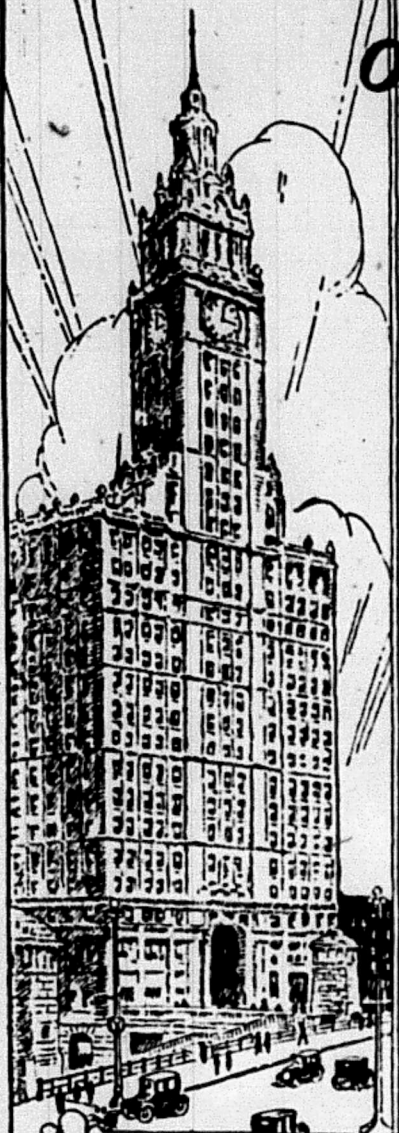
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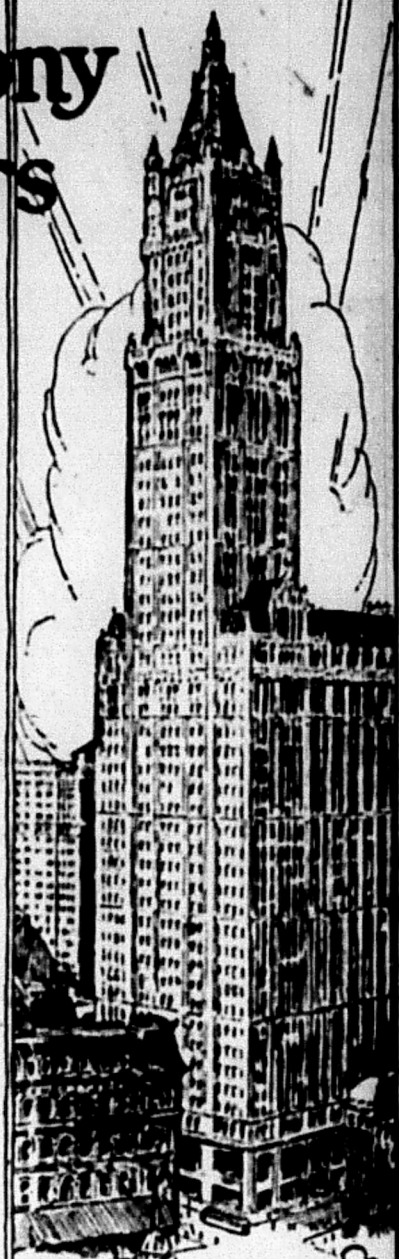
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"Bring ye the whole tithe into the store-house" ---saith Jehovah.--Mal. 3:10
"Whither ye shall bring--your tithes--and your free-will offerings."---Deut. 12:6