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Laborers together with God—I Corinthians 3:9

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"Go ye into all the world; and ye shall be My witnesses."

—Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8

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## EDITORIAL

### WITHOUT FAULT



NTO cruel Pharaoh the officers of the children of Israel cried, saying: "Wherefore dealest thou thus with thy servants? There is no straw given unto thy servants, and they say: 'Make brick'; and, behold, thy servants are beaten; but *the fault is in thine own people*". The subsequent history can be rapidly sketched: Pharaoh required the bricks, Moses and Aaron repeatedly interceded for the children of Israel, the over-seer's lash struck cruelly, the hand of God meted out the plagues, Pharaoh and all his army were destroyed by the sea whose "waters were divided" as a protecting wall for the children of Israel "on their right hand and on their left".

Recently a letter was being written in answer to one from a foreign missionary, who had revealed the anguish of her soul because of the injuries to the work incident to the debt on the Foreign Mission Board. The answer would reach the burdened missionary in about a month even as it had taken hers to arrive at its destination—two months to wait after pouring out her heart's cry, two months to hope for a reply of speedy relief! What could the answer be? Would it be honest to write: "Do not worry. All will soon be well. The needed equipment will be provided. New missionaries will be sent"? Such optimism in the shadow of a debt of over a million could but be sham and mockery! But the missionary's letter must be answered and with that realization came this flash of light: "This missionary is without fault. It is no failure or extravagance or selfishness of hers which has piled up this debt. Just as confidently as the children of Israel said to their task-masters so she and all the other foreign missionaries could—if they only would—say to the Southern Baptist Convention: '*The fault is in thine own people*'. And so the answer went on its long voyage: "Try not to worry any more than you can for surely it is no fault of yours that there is debt and the work cannot go forward".

Is it readily understood—the meaning of this confession? Is it really true that like the Egyptians of old we expect "bricks without straw"? Like them, do we search the reports to see that the workers "deliver the number"? To be sure we have no whips to lash them but, nevertheless, many of them have fallen exhausted at their tasks, just as though we had "beaten and demanded: 'Wherefore have ye not fulfilled your task both yesterday and today—as heretofore?'"

Oh, W.M.U. co-workers with God and with them, can we look up into His face and say: "It is no fault of ours"? As we think of that good day described in the 14th chapter of Revelation, surely we shall want that "Voice", melodious as "harpers harping with their harps", to say to His father and ours in admitting us: "In their mouth was found no lie: they are without fault". As this "hope set before us" searches our hearts, will we not want to "let go" of sin, which makes for selfishness and its twin-sister covetousness, and will we not long to "let God" lead us into such close communion with "the fellowship of His sufferings" and that of His and our missionaries that we shall give even to the point of sacrifice?

But you say: "Truly I have paid all and really more than I pledged for the campaign and for this present year. Surely it is no fault of mine that there is a debt!" Granted that this is so and that you really paid far more than was to

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## "PRAY YE"



### HELPING NOT HINDERING



IN writing to the Galatians (2:21) Paul reminded them that he did not "make void (or *hinder*) the grace of God". His remarkable career is a further testimony to this fact and to the converse of it for not only did he not hinder but also did he greatly help to the extent that he could confidently assert: "For me to live is Christ". So thoroughly did Paul believe that Christians are "laborers together with God" that in writing to the Romans (1:18) he said: "For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hinder the truth in unrighteousness".

It is easy to enumerate ways of hindering but all would doubtless resolve themselves into the one statement: "Contrary to the will of God". Conversely the list might be given of ways of helping, all of its points converging in the one policy: "Not my will but Thine".

Naturally, each loving heart asks: "How can I know the will of God"? One answer may be given in the words of Jesus (John 7:17): "If any man willeth to do His will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God". Another answer comes through Paul (Romans 6:5-6): "Obedient—not in the ways of eye-service—but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart". From John, the beloved disciple, come the following comforting words (I John 2:17): "He that doeth the will of God abideth forever". Is not all this a plea for prayers, for surely every Christian wishes to help and not to hinder wishes to know and do the will of God? Do not the Bible and experience prove that through "the still, small voice" of prayer the will of God is revealed? Certainly the missionaries believe that this is so. One of them from war-weary China writes: "Nothing will help like prayer at this time". Paul came to this same conclusion, for he wrote to the Colossians (1:9-10): "We . . . do not cease to pray and to make request for you that ye may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, to walk worthily of the Lord unto all pleasing, bearing fruits in every good work".

Therefore, once more the circles and societies are urged to set aside for prayer the hour preceding each of their weekly or monthly meetings. As explained in September and October issues of this magazine, it may not be at all possible for a majority of the membership to gather thus for prayer, but surely the hour can be kept "holy unto the Lord" by a few if only two or three. They can gather at the accustomed meeting-place, with or without some one appointed to lead them, and can pray "in faith believing" along the following and kindred lines:

Thanksgiving for the "Pilgrim Fathers"  
Praise for God's manifold mercies to America  
Deepening of national concern for the world's benefit  
Hastening the Kingdom of God  
Loving to do the will of the Heavenly Father  
Ability to feel that "it is more blessed to give than to receive"  
Exultation in the fact that Christians:  
Are "laborers together with God"  
Are the branches for the Vine's fruit

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## PROGRAM PLANS



### WITH THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

**Subject:** The Child and the Future of the South

**Aim:** To get an all-round view of the mental, physical, moral and spiritual needs of the children of our own community

**Objective:** New or enlarged avenues of personal service for the society

**T**O a Woman's Missionary Society "tired of the same old subjects" this meeting offers an interesting departure. The following topics as given in "The Child in the Midst" (Larabee) may be used:

#### I. THE CHILD IN ITS HELPLESSNESS

**P**APER or talk on: motherhood, physical care of children, feeding, health measures, preventive measures in contagious diseases, children's clinics, review of health conditions in the community and of organizations dealing with them. (Talk by doctor or nurse who specializes in community work may be substituted.)

#### II. THE CHILD AT HOME

**P**APER or talk on: ideals in the home; what the child hears most discussed, most praised, most blamed, most desired, most disliked; child's outward habits—neatness, obedience, promptness, politeness etc.;—child's character habits—truthfulness, honesty, self-control, helpfulness, consideration, appreciation etc.;—homes in the community needing help. (Talk by welfare worker may be substituted.)

#### III. THE CHILD AT PLAY AND AT WORK

**T**ALK or paper on: (1) Character Building through Play: fairness, protection of weaker, unselfishness, abiding by rules, team work, taking turns, being a good loser and an unboastful winner; (2) What is proper play for older boys or girls? How can suitable

conditions be planned to meet their need of recreation? (3) Things Gained through Work: home duties and tasks develop system, care, regularity, persistence, skill, helpfulness; (4) The Child in Industry: conditions in one's own community, how laws relating to child labor are applied and enforced. (Talk by play supervisor or industrial community worker may be substituted.)

#### IV. THE CHILD AT SCHOOL

**A** study of local school conditions (see "Teacher's Task" on page 15); the school spirit and ideals it upholds; Parent-Teacher Associations, what they have accomplished and what they plan to do. Can they be led to collaborate more closely with churches and Sunday schools? (Talk by president of Parent-Teacher Association or by an influential teacher may be substituted.)

#### V. THE CHILD AT WORSHIP

**A** study of our Sunday school equipment or needed equipment, how the W.M.S. can help, statistics of children and other young people out of Sunday school and what efforts are being made to reach them, providing clothing for children for school and Sunday school. (A talk by a leading Sunday school teacher may be substituted.)

**O**NE or two of the above topics may be used in any society. It should not be difficult to secure a speaker who would give helpful suggestions along one or more of these lines. It is by no means advisable to invite more than one outside speaker. That one may be able to cover several of the topics. Since practical results are worked for in this program, talks on the following or similar subjects would be helpful:

- (1) The Chief Needs of the Young People of Our Community
  - (2) How May These Be Supplied?
  - (3) Ways in Which Our Society Can
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## BIBLE STUDY



### TOPIC—Jochabed

I. *The Pedigree; "A Daughter of Levi"*: Exod. 2:1. The Levites were selected by God for all manner of service, I Chron. 6:48; 9: 26-34; Num. 1:47-53. In the congregation of Israel it was necessary for every member to be able to declare his pedigree, Num. 1:17-19; up to this time the Levitical priesthood had not been established. The Hebrews were still slaves, but after the Exodus the tribe of Levi stood forth separate and apart, Deut. 33:8-10, took the place of the household priest, Deut. 12:12, 19; 14:26-28; 26:11-19. In the temple service the Levites had charge of the treasures, I Chron. 26:20-28. Jochabed was a near relative of Amram, her husband, perhaps a cousin, Num. 26:59, of the tribe of Levi, Ex. 6:20. By faith they were of the Christian pedigree. "Now are we the sons of God" I John 3:2; John 3:5, we have a spiritual pedigree, the witness of the Spirit, I John 5:10; John 5:24. Jochabed by faith passed from under the sentence of death to the joy of life with her boy, Exod. 2:9, 10.

II. *A Woman of Faith and Prayer*: Exod. 2:2-10; Acts 7:20. Faith in the God of Abraham, Heb. 11:23-29, in the divine promises enabled the parents of Moses to look away from the King's command and to confide in the unseen God in the promised future, I Peter 4:13; Phil. 3:10; Col. 1:24; II Tim. 3:12. Moses "esteemed the reproach of Christ", Heb. 11:26, better than the riches of Egypt because the daily life of his parents produced this wondrous fruit. Jochabed taught of the prophecies of the One who was to redeem His people, Hosea 11:1; Isa. 41:8; 42:1-4; 52:13, 14. She told of the sacrifice of Isaac, Gen. 22:1-14; of the humiliation and typical sufferings of Joseph, Gen. 37:28-36, and the sufferings of Israel, Exod. 1:7-14, foreshadowing those of the perfect Servant, the Redeemer of His people, Deut. 18:15; Acts 3:20-26. It is of the last importance to have the heart and mind established in the truth of the divine authority of holy scriptures, its inspirations, its sufficiency for all purposes, for all people, for all times. So the parents of Moses betook themselves to prayer, entreating God to have compassion and afford the deliverance promised.

III. *Family Co-operation*: Exod. 2:4, 7-9; 4:14-18; 5:1-23; Exod. 15:20-21. The river received the child and carried it along. Miriam passed along to see whither the ark would be carried. The mother had laid it upon the heart of God as she turned from the river's brink, otherwise she could not have so courageously left it on the Nile. Steadfastness in prayer gives calm in affliction. Pharaoh's daughter accepted unwittingly the divine guide of her motherly love and saved the life of the beautiful child, Exod. 2:5-10; Acts 7:20. Miriam afterwards was associated with Aaron and Moses in the work of deliverance of Israel from Egypt, Exod. 4:14-18; 5:1-23; 15:20, 21. Notice the ideal home, Ps. 128.

IV. *God's Providence*: James 2:21-24; Rom. 4:1-25. Paul speaks of what God sees, faith; James of what men see, works, as the visible evidence of faith, Gen. 15: 6; 22:1-18. Faith enabled Jochabed to rely upon the power and mercy of the Covenant of God; her triumphant language might be "Oh! death, where is thy sting?" I Cor. 15:55. The devotion of this mother is shown in the determined trust in the overruling Providence of God, I Peter 5:7. Her faith was triumphant that her boy would be kept pure and sweet amid the evils and fascinations of the Egyptian court, which was verified when later "Moses refused", Heb. 11:24-27. She knew the promise, Gen. 15:13-16, and that Moses was to be delivered she believed. Child of God, what is within thy reach if thou wilt deny thyself and take up thy cross? Matt. 16:24, Mark 8:34-38.—Mrs. James Pollard





## DAILY BIBLE READINGS



### TOPIC: Jochebed

**T**HIS Lamp from off the everlasting throne  
Mercy took down and, in the night of time,  
Stood, casting on the dark her gracious bow  
And ever more beseeching men with tears  
And earnest sighs to read, believe and live.—*Pollock*

#### *The Pedigree—"A Daughter of Levi"*

**Sunday, 1st**  
Exodus 2:1-10; 6:20-27; Numbers 26:59

**Monday, 2d**  
Acts 7:15-23; Hebrews 11:23-29

**Tuesday, 3d**  
I Chronicles 6:1-3, 48, 49; Joshua 21:1-3

**Wednesday, 4th**  
Numbers 1:1-19, 44-54; Psalm 16:1-11

**Thursday, 5th**  
Numbers 18:20-32; Joshua 13:4; 14:2, 3

**Friday, 6th**  
I John 3:1-10; Jude 1; Psalm 16:5-11

**Saturday, 7th**  
Ephesians 1:3; 2:1-10; 6:17; Psalm 71:17, 18

#### *A Woman of Faith and Prayer*

**Sunday, 8th**  
Exodus 2:3-9; Hebrews 11:23, 24; Psalm 138:7

**Monday, 9th**  
Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30; Psalm 119:42

**Tuesday, 10th**  
Matthew 9:18-22; Romans 10:10, 11, 17; Psalm 121:2

**Wednesday, 11th**  
Luke 7:11-18; 8:43-48; Psalm 140:6, 12

**Thursday, 12th**  
Luke 13:10-17; Psalm 138:1-8

**Friday, 13th**  
John 8:1-11; Psalm 69:10-20, 29-36

**Saturday, 14th**  
John 11:21-27; Mark 11:22-26; James 1:5-7

#### *Family Co-operation*

**Sunday, 15th**  
Genesis 14:11-16; 20:2-6, 11-14; Psalm 94:12

**Monday, 16th**  
Exodus 2:4-9; 4:14-18, 29-31; Psalm 65:4

**Tuesday, 17th**  
Numbers 26:59; Exodus 15:20-21; Micah 6:4

**Wednesday, 18th**  
Numbers 12:1-15; 20:1-6; Joshua 22:5

**Thursday, 19th**  
Matthew 19:3-19, 13-15; Psalm 106:3

**Friday, 20th**  
Acts 10:34-36; Galatians 3:26-29; 4:6, 7; Psalm 128:4-6

**Saturday, 21st**  
II Corinthians 8:1-6; 6:1; Matthew 6:9-13

#### *God's Providence*

**Sunday, 22d**  
Genesis 6:5-7, 13-22; 8:20-22; Job 22:12-16, 27-30.

**Monday, 23d**  
Exodus 5:1, 2, 22, 23; 13:18-22; 20:1-20; Psalm 78:14, 15, 35

**Tuesday, 24th**  
Numbers 23:16-23; Deuteronomy 23:5; Psalm 76:10

**Wednesday, 25th**  
Esther 2:1-17; Job 5:8-17; Psalm 101:1

**Thursday, 26th**  
Daniel 3:19-25, 29; 6:16-24; Isaiah 43:2

**Friday, 27th**  
Isaiah 53:4-8; Romans 5:6-11; 8:3, 32-39

**Saturday, 28th**  
Matthew 10:16-31; Luke 21:8-18; Psalm 44:3

**Sunday, 29th**  
Matthew 6:26-33; Luke 22:35; Psalm 44:3

**Monday, 30th**  
John 6:30-39; 14:1-6; Revelation 7:13-17

## Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists November, 1925

For those to whom Thy living Word  
Of light and love is never given;  
For those whose ears have never heard  
The promise and hope of heaven—  
We pray!

And grant, O Father, that the time  
Of earth's deliverance may be near;  
When every land and tongue and clime  
The message of Thy love shall hear—  
And heed!  
—J. G. WHITTIER

### Topic: The Child and the Future of the South

#### 1—SUNDAY

That the family altar be maintained in every southern Baptist home  
Gather . . . the children that they may hear and learn and fear the Lord.  
—Deuteronomy 31:12

#### 2—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Edward H. Crouch and Rev. and Mrs. John L. Bice, missionaries at Pernambuco, Brazil  
A faithful messenger . . . refresheth the soul.—Proverbs 25:18

#### 3—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Sadler, †Miss R. M. Kersey and Rev. and Mrs. Hugh McCormick, evangelistic work, Ogbomoso, Africa  
Their righteousness is of Me.  
—Isaiah 54:17

#### 4—WEDNESDAY

For Miss Cynthia Miller, beloved missionary at Laichowfu, China  
With good will doing service  
—Ephesians 6:7

#### 5—THURSDAY

For missionary work of Misses †Minnie Landrum, †Ruth Randal (on furlough) and Bernice Neal, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
The Almighty shall be thy defense.  
—Job 22:25

#### 6—FRIDAY

That Misses †Olive Edens and †Elma Elam have blessed fruits of labor at Abeokuta and Lagos, Africa  
Thy foot shall not stumble.  
—Proverbs 3:23

#### 7—SATURDAY

For Misses Florence Jones, †Pearl Caldwell (on furlough) and †Bonnie Ray, Pingtu, China  
I will lead them.—Isaiah 42:16

#### 8—SUNDAY

For the Sunday and day school work of Misses †Flora Dodson (on furlough) and Laura Coup-land (on furlough), Canton, China  
He shall gather the lambs in His arms.  
—Isaiah 40:11

#### 9—MONDAY

For God's blessing on evangelistic work of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Logan and Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Sowell, Buenos Aires, Argentina; also for W.M.U. annual meeting in Oklahoma  
The Lord thy God is with thee.  
—Deuteronomy 20:17

#### 10—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Steele and Mrs. W. E. Crocker (on furlough), Shanghai, China; also for W.M.U. annual meetings in Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee  
My people shall dwell . . . in quiet resting places.—Isaiah 32:18

#### 11—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Elder and for †Miss Alberta Davis, soul-winners at Buenos Aires, Argentina; also for New Mexico W.M.U. annual meeting  
He knoweth the way that I take.  
—Job 23:10

#### 12—THURSDAY

For evangelistic work of Rev. and Mrs. M. O. Cheek, Shanghai, China  
The Lord of hosts shall defend them.  
—Zechariah 9:15

#### 13—FRIDAY

That soul-winning work of Miss †Essie E. Smith be blessed of God, Canton, China  
Thou shalt glorify Me.—Psalm 50:15

#### 14—SATURDAY

For evangelistic and school work of Misses †Cornelia Brower, †Agnes Graham and Anne N. Lasseter, Temuco, Chile  
We trust in the living God.  
—I Timothy 4:10

#### 15—SUNDAY

That this day bring especial joy in service to Misses Lora Clement and †Sarah Funderburke (on furlough), Kong Moon, China  
Is anything too hard for the Lord?  
—Genesis 18:14

†W.M.U. Training School Alumnae



## Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists November, 1925

Lord increase our faith today,  
Teach us how we ought to pray,  
Take all hindrances away:  
Lord increase our faith!

Faith to make our prayers direct,  
And from Thee great things expect;  
Mighty things it can effect:  
Lord, increase our faith! —L. C. VORZ

### Topic: The Child and the Future of the South

#### 16—MONDAY

For Misses Ruth Pettigrew, †A. M. Sandlin (on furlough) and †Nellie Lee Putney, educational work, Shiuchow, China; also for Texas W.M.U. annual meeting. The kingdom is the Lord's.

—Psalm 22:28

#### 17—TUESDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. W. W. Adams, evangelistic work, Dalny, Manchuria; also for annual meeting in District of Columbia.

Of the Lord ye shall receive the reward.  
—Colossians 3:24

#### 18—WEDNESDAY

Thanksgiving for missionary labor of Mrs. J. J. Taylor and Miss Helen Bagby, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

My tongue shall speak Thy righteousness.—Psalm 35:28

#### 19—THURSDAY

For Misses †J. W. Lide and Lucy Wright, Hwang-Hsien, China.

God hath . . . called us with a holy calling.—II Timothy 1:8, 9

#### 20—FRIDAY

That missionary service of Misses Florence Conrad and Effie Baker win many to Christ, Fukuoka, Japan.

Thy loving kindness is better than life.  
—Psalm 63:3

#### 21—SATURDAY

For †Miss Pearl Todd, evangelistic and school work, Chefoo, China.

The Lord shall preserve thee.  
—Psalm 121:7

#### 22—SUNDAY

Thanksgiving for Gospel message given through Misses †Mary H. Phillips and †Grace Wells, Chinkiang, China.

Not I but Christ—Galatians 2:20

#### 23—MONDAY

That the much needed doctor

may soon be provided for the hospital at Chengchow, China. Man's goings are of the Lord.

—Proverbs 20:24

#### 24—TUESDAY

For Misses †Mary Walters, Shimomoseki, and †Phoebe Lawton, Kokura, Japan.

We dwell in Him and He in us.  
—I John 4:13

#### 25—WEDNESDAY

For missionary and school work of Misses Loy J. Savage (on furlough), and Blanche Rose Walker (on furlough), Kaifeng, China.

The Father Himself loveth you.  
—John 16:27

#### 26—THURSDAY

Pray for blessing on work of Rev. and Mrs. Harley Smith, Porto Alegre, Brazil.

Filled with all the fulness of God  
—Ephesians 3:19

#### 27—FRIDAY

For Misses †Kate Murray and †Winifred P. Moxon, missionaries at Chengchow, China.

He, that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God.—I John 4:16

#### 28—SATURDAY

For Misses Cecile Lancaster and †Naomi Schell, school work, Kokura, Japan.

When He shall appear, we shall be like Him.—I John 3:2

#### 29—SUNDAY

For Misses Nannie David (on furlough), Saki, and †Neale C. Young, Ogbomoso, Africa.

That the life of Jesus . . . be made manifest.—II Corinthians 4:10

#### 30—MONDAY

That blessing attend labors of Rev. and †Mrs. M. S. Blair, Cordoba, Argentina.

The battle is not yours but God's.  
—II Chronicles 20:15

†W.M.U. Training School Alumna



## PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER



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. See suggested list on page 3.

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#### IN THE BEGINNING

**E**QUAL to one and the same thing are the "child" and the "future of the south": as begins the one, so ends the other. As the thought is parent to the deed, so is the child the father of the future. One of the many impressive posters issued by the National Child Welfare Association\* shows a man bound hand and foot, the caption reading:

THE FAULTS OF THE CHILD  
ARE

THE FETTERS OF THE MAN

No wonder that Jesus said: "The truth shall make you free.—I am the way and the truth.—Suffer the little children and forbid them not to come

unto Me: for to such belongeth the Kingdom of Heaven". In his illuminating book,† "The Child and America's Future", Dr. Jay S. Stowell says: "Every perplexing situation which we face today has its roots in the past and, if we follow them far enough, we come sooner or later to the heart and life of a child. The founder of Mohammedanism was once a little child and, had Christians been alert, he might have become a mighty power for the extension of Christianity. Instead, today we have Islam, a great stumbling block in the way of the Gospel. Joe Smith was once a small boy, but his family was one of the marginal families, liv-

\*For prices write to National Child Welfare Association, 70 Fifth Ave., New York City.

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



ing just on the edge of the community life, and so no one thought Joe Smith worth saving. But Joe Smith was able to start a movement, Mormonism, which under the leadership of a stronger man was destined to become a perplexing factor to be reckoned with in our national life. Such men do not just happen. They are the normal product of environment and training—or lack of it.

"It is not an easy matter to determine just when the boy becomes the man or the girl has really become the woman. All sorts of artificial boundaries have been set up, but we may consider it as that vast army of young life up to and including the age of twenty-four years. The census reveals to us that more than half of our population is included in this group—fifty-two and one-half million young people, every one still in the plastic, formative period of life and not one over twenty-four years of age!

"The solution of great social, national, international and interracial problems lies in the hands of the girls and boys of the present. Possibly some day, in a clearer air, we shall look back in amazement upon the spectacle of great conferences of the nations facing some of the profoundest questions of the centuries and neglecting to consider the part which the world's children must of necessity play in their solution if they are to be solved: the race moves forward on the feet of little children".

When the Hon. Charles E. Hughes was governor of New York he sounded the following note: "We have, alas, too frequent illustrations of the weakness of humanity. We are all conscious of the pull downward but the pull upward is far more powerful. We want to help that pull upward. My opinion is that the average boy is a good boy and the average girl is a good girl. I believe that the average man or woman would rather do right than wrong: I have a profound confidence in the capacity of human nature to seize that which is good, to hold true to its ideals with a progress that is spiral but none the less

onward, always pressing to humanity's goal".

#### CHILD'S CONCEPTION

**L**IKE so many flaming red-birds the young people answer back "Right here! Right here!" Nothing frightens them, no task too big for them to tackle! But not in the past nor in the future but in the present—pleasure packed or pain racked whichever it may be—in the palpitating present they apparently "live and move and have 'their' being". Ask almost any child what he would rather do than anything else and the answer is almost sure to be some equivalent of "Have a good time!" A sophomore, writing to the one who was defraying her college expenses, said: "It grieves me for your sake that I did not make good marks but, oh, I have had such a happy year. Really, I have two natures for I realize that I must finish college and get my degree and yet I adore having a good time". What is a "good time" anyhow? After you and the children in the home, on the street, in the school, in the church have asked this question and are doubtless "of the same opinion still", then listen to the following stirring appeal† from "You Are the Hope of the World" by Hermann Hagedorn: "While brave men wrestle in America and in Europe with revolution and the problems of making this earth of ours a safe and decent place to live in, are you 'Young America' going to go on dancing and spinning on your ear and going to the movies and the music-shows and loafing at street-corners and reading the sporting page and dolling up your figure and your face? Or are you going to wake up suddenly to the emptiness and the ugliness of all this and throw it aside, crying: 'There are big things in this world and by all that's clean in me and true in me I'm going out to find them and give my heart and soul to them and make myself a part of them, so that, as far as I am concerned, the hope of the world shall be fulfilled!'"

†Price 80c from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

Yes, before the expanding vision of the thousands of young people the following\* "acrostic for action" is unfolding as "the essentials of success":

Sturdy Health  
Undivided Loyalty  
Courteous Manners  
Cheerful Co-operation  
Energetic Effort  
Steadfast Reliability  
Systematic Saving

If success had another "s" it would stand with many a Christian lad and lassie for

Sacrificial Service

for††

#### THE A-1 AMERICAN GIRL DOES HER SHARE

At Home  
In School

Among Friends  
In Her Church

The A-1 Girl  
is

#### A LIFTER NOT A LEANER

The best within them seems to be bearing Paul say: "Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth". May all who love them and labor for and with them have at least a measure of Paul's reward in Timothy, when he proudly wrote: "He worketh the work of the Lord as I also do".

#### PLAY'S POWER

**H**OWEVER, it was Paul who said "Rejoice in the Lord always" and all truly wise "grown-ups" know that there is the "gospel of play". The sanction of the Good Book is repeatedly upon it for in describing Jerusalem as the "city of truth" Zechariah says: "The city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof". Secretary Herbert Hoover certainly believes in it for in promoting "May Day as Child Health Day" he said\*: "There should be no child in America that has not been born under proper conditions, that does not live in

\*From Poster by National Child Welfare Association

††From Poster by National Child Welfare Association

\*American Child Health Association, 370 Seventh Ave., New York City

hygienic surroundings, that ever suffers from under nutrition, that does not have prompt and efficient medical attention and inspection, that does not receive primary instruction in the elements of hygiene and good health".

When Captain Scott, of South Pole fame, felt that the "Great God had called" he wrote to his wife: "Make our boy interested in natural history if you can. Keep him in the open air. Above all, guard him from indolence. Make him a strenuous man".

Properly directed play develops the muscles, quickens the intellect, teaches morals, develops co-operation. It seeks to win the girl by saying†:

#### "PAINT YOUR CHEEKS FROM THE INSIDE!"

Defending supervised play will also be found the forces of the juvenile court. Their testimony may be summed up as follows: "Many a group of lively lads with endless possibilities for good has become a gang of toughs, many of whom later have found themselves behind prison bars, because society has been so slow in providing opportunity for and guidance in play. It has been truly said that in retracing the tortuous path of the youthful criminal it is seldom found that the trail leads back to the playground, the diamond, the athletic field of the community center". No wonder that Woman's Missionary Union has for years laid primal importance upon boys' and girls' clubs and upon all the other activities of Good Will Centers.

In considering the play-life of young people large attention should be given to the influence of motion pictures. To quote again from Dr. Stowell: "As yet the motion picture is so new a factor in our national life that we have not had a chance to study its total effect upon a rising generation. That it is bound to have a large and important bearing upon the sort of men and women who are to dominate the future is evident. Although so new an attraction, the testimony before a senate committee revealed the fact recently

†Poster of National Child Welfare Association



that the American people are spending three-quarters of a billion dollars a year for admission to motion picture theaters. A considerable part of this is spent by boys and girls. A study recently made in six high schools in Chicago revealed the fact that the pupils in those six schools were spending \$920 each week upon the movies or \$46,000 per year. It found that of the 3,000 children included in the six schools, eighty-seven per cent attended the movies from one to seven times each week. In some cases it was discovered that twenty-five per cent of all tickets sold were for boys and girls under fourteen years of age".

#### POLICEMAN'S PROBLEM

**H**AVE you "stood at attention" and watched him at his post—the sturdy, straight-shouldered stabilizer of society? Have you seen how attentive he is to old age, how tender with little children, this policeman friend of ours? But withal he has heavy responsibilities, not the least of which come because of youthful misdemeanors. The Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor says: "Instead of labeling the boy or girl before the court as bad and then meting out his punishment, the juvenile-court judge attempts to find out why the child is bad and then to remove the cause. For instance, tests indicate that a large proportion of the children brought before juvenile courts are mentally defective. Such children need special care and training either in an institution or in special classes of the public schools. They are influenced easily for good or for bad; the community ought, for its own sake and for the sake of the child, to see that the influence is good."

With Mr. Hagedorn, previously cited, it is believed that "democracy is like religion: it isn't a Sunday overcoat but a beautiful and delicate plant, set in that most precious of flower-pots—the human heart; and, like other plants, it must be watered and fed and tended. You might as well throw it into the furnace at once as neglect it".

The chief of police in a large north-

western city says: "As the chief of police I have the authority to arrest anybody at any time. There is one arrest I would dearly like to make. I would like to arrest the attention of Christian fathers and mothers to the great need and the great force of the family altar as a contribution to good government in America. I wish to insist that family prayers are not merely a beautiful, pious habit but the custom is a social and civic force of immeasurable value. Indeed I think that the family altar is the mightiest force for good government that any city has for its asset. It is far mightier than the whole police force, for if any city had to depend on its police force to keep order it would be in hopeless anarchy before night. Moral and spiritual ideals and habits are the real power that orders a city. Let us, as our highest patriotism, keep burning the fires on our family altar. Religion seems to be becoming less and less of a real force even in Christian homes where boys and girls grow up in a home which knows nothing of a family altar. The reality of religion does not make a deep impression upon them, and when the temptations of life rush upon them they have not the strength to resist them. For nothing makes religion a real force or indicates that it is a real force in the life of the home except family worship".

#### EMPLOYER'S EVIDENCE

**F**ROM the latest (1920) census the Children's Bureau has tabulated the following startling facts:

2,773,506 or 1 out of every 6 children between the ages of 10-17 inclusive are employed, of whom 1,648,286 or 1 out of every 10 children of those ages are in non-agricultural occupations. Their helping hands and bending backs are in cotton mills, blast furnaces, steel rolling mills, railroad shops, saw mills, glass factories, potteries, dynamite shops, paint mills, soap factories, planing mills!

In the south, where cotton is still "king" and where the berry crops must be hastily picked, there is many a

"child laborer". In fact it is said that there are at least "two million boys and girls in the United States who are child laborers to their own detriment, either physically or educationally. Three-quarters of these children are in our rural regions. In spite of progress we still have multitudes of boys and girls who are unjustly deprived of a fair chance at life because they are forced to labor under conditions which tend to break down bodies, crush spirits and dwarf intellects. As a national policy this is needless, wasteful and foolish. To the followers of Jesus Christ it should be intolerable.

"Surely the heart of Jesus would be touched by the children who never have enough to eat; by those who have the wrong kinds of food; by those who are killed by unclean milk; by those who, because of the congestion in our great cities, suffer for want of light and air and a chance to play; by the negro babies who, in some sections, die at a rate twice as fast as that of the white children in the same sections; by the multitude of Mexican babies in our great southwest who are murdered by improper food and unsanitary surroundings; by the crowds of boys and girls whose lives are blighted by adenoids; by the many who suffer from poor vision; by the children in industries who are physically deformed or otherwise injured by their long-continued and arduous labors; in fact, by the pitiable condition of any child who is forced to assume the responsibilities of life under any one of the countless limitations from which he might have been saved had the followers of the Man of Galilee taken seriously the task which He began so long ago".

#### TEACHER'S TASK

**G**RANTED all of the fore-going—namely that the child has its own conceptions, that play is full of power, that the policeman has problems of his own and that against the employer of childhood there is ever-present evidence—then what is the task of the teacher? The answer would be more satisfactory

if there were more teachers, each of them being better trained than the vast majority now are, if there were enough well-equipped school buildings, if pupils and parents and teachers and townships and states and nation believed in and enforced compulsory education!

"Suppose, for example, that all the Christians in the country were to insist in their respective communities that decent and adequate school houses should be provided; that they should be kept clean; that dusty floors should be made dustless; that desks and seats should fit the pupils; that toilet arrangements should be decent and sanitary; that pure water should be made available; that the cold unsatisfactory lunch should be supplemented by something hot and nourishing; that real teaching equipment should be provided; that, where proper, schools should be consolidated; that trained teachers should be secured; that the school term should be made not as short as possible but as long as possible; that child labor should be eliminated; that infection and contagion should be checked; that, in short, the boys and girls of our communities should be treated not only as human beings but as the most precious human beings in all the world, those upon whom the future must depend and out of whom it must be built. Suppose, then, that Christians, the Christians right here and now in America, should undertake to set some of these wrong things right. In a week they could do a great deal, in a month much more. Within a year the total would be incalculable and within a few years a national disgrace could be transformed into a national glory. By the simple process of doing their duty in the communities in which they live, the followers of Jesus Christ have it within their power to do these things. Is not the responsibility upon their heads if they do them not? Only in the schools can the student secure an impartial viewpoint of our social and industrial problems. Once launched in an occupation, his views are forever warped by the interests of his vocation".



## PARENT'S PURPOSE

"If every home were an altar  
Where holiest vows were paid,  
And life's best gifts in sacrament  
Of purest love were laid:

"If every home were an altar  
Where harsh and angry thought  
Was cast aside for kindly one  
And true forgiveness sought:

"If every home were an altar  
Where hearts weighed down with care  
Could find sustaining strength and grace  
In sweet uplift of prayer:

"Then solved would be earth's problems,  
Banished sin's curse and blight;  
For God's own love would radiate  
From every altar light".

[It is easy to believe that the average children". They know that it is "never  
—aye beyond the average—parent too early to begin" and, therefore, they  
wishes for the child health, education, lovingly teach the little knees to bend  
influence, happiness. With Froebel they in evening prayer:  
exclaim "Come, let us live with our

"Now I lay me down to sleep,  
I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to keep;  
If I should die before I wake  
I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to take".

Then as play begins to mould itself into the day's work the same parents teach:

"Now I get me up to work,  
I pray Thee, Lord, I may not shirk;  
If I should die before the night  
I pray Thee, Lord, my work's all right".

"The child's first school should be at its mother's or father's knee. There it should learn those simple essential truths that are deeply impressed and never forgotten. The child loves to hear the story of the Saviour's infancy, of the simple home at Nazareth where He was brought up, of His love for all little folks and how, when He was grown to manhood, He took them on His knee and even rebuked His disciples when they interfered. He told the grown-ups that they must all become like little children—simple, full of love for all who showed them kindness—if they would inherit the Kingdom. They must be trained in infancy like young Timothy, whose godly mother and grandmother laid the foundation of his Christian character in those days of dawning intelligence".

The story is told\* of the illustrious southern statesman, Henry W. Grady, that the first time he saw the White House in Washington he said: "That, sir, is the home of my nation". But a few days later he went for a trip through the southland and stopped over night at a plantation where the planter and his wife were Christians. In the evening they gathered the children about them and together read the Bible and

\*Family Altar League, 506 Lakeview Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

prayed, whereupon Henry W. Grady said, "I was mistaken when I said that glistening structure at Washington was the home of my nation: the home of my nation is the homes where the Bible is read, where Jesus Christ is respected, where God is honored and the children are taught to pray".

To this declaration the Woman's Missionary Union would assent with a hearty amen. For many years it has included amongst its moral standards: Sabbath observance, sacredness of the home and maintenance of the family altar.

One of the home mission books recommended by the Union is "Woman and Stewardship" by Ellen Quick Pearce. Listen to its author: "The mother in the home should not only herself be conscious of God's ownership of all, but she should train the children to recognize this principle as one of the fundamentals, a primary and necessary truth underlying all Christian living. When the child is old enough to be taught that there is a God, he is old enough to be taught the first principle of stewardship (I Cor. 6:19, 20). When once God's ownership of all has firmly taken root, it is not a very long step to the recognition of the fact that men and women, boys and girls are stewards and are accountable to God the Owner for all that they have and all that they do.

"The Stewardship of Motherhood is perhaps the most sacred of all stewardships, for to the mother the Master has entrusted the moulding of the character of His little ones, and He will hold her accountable for this which requires even more prayerful and careful study than the nurture of the body, important though that is. This in no wise lessens the father's responsibility for the bringing up of his children for to fathers the charge is given: 'Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord'; yet it is a fact that the father in most homes is away for hours at a time, providing for the support of the family, and consequently the greater part of the training of the children

necessarily falls to the mother. Luther said, 'The hearth is the center of religion and it is more often mothers than fathers that keep the fire burning there'. It is an actual fact that in the majority of biographies of outstanding men it will be found that their religious training and subsequent spiritual power is traced back to the mother's rather than the father's piety.

"No woman need consider her sphere of life a narrow one if there are children in the home. The women who do estimate it so have failed to realize the importance of their vocation, for the scope of their influence is almost limitless. 'As the twig is bent, so is the tree inclined' and the future men and women of Christian lands will be 'inclined' largely in accordance with the 'bending' done by mother's hand. The bending of the will to the Almighty Will and the bending of the knee in recognition of the Sovereign Owner are two of the lessons which mothers cannot afford to overlook in the training of their children. In early years the children will grasp the stewardship truths naturally and readily, if mothers will take the time to point the way (Matt. 19:14)".

As Dr. Stowell says: "It may seem strange to attack the great problems of capital and labor through the girls and boys but, as a matter of fact, there is no other hopeful point of attack. We have in our homes, our schools and our churches the boys and girls who will control every bit of our national wealth and all of our human resources. If they grow up to lives of selfishness rather than to recognize themselves as stewards of the living God, on whose shoulders does the responsibility lie?"

It was reported in 1919 that U. S. citizens spent \$7.67 per capita for confectionery and \$17.36 for tobacco. The further statement has been made that enough cigarettes are sold each year for every American man, woman and child to have 600. No wonder the

†Order for 25c from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.



National Child Welfare Association has issued the following in poster form:

### A NEW ARITHMETIC

"I am not much of a mathematician", said the cigarette, "but I can *add* nervous troubles to the boy. I can *subtract* from his physical energy, I can *multiply* his aches and pains, I can *divide* his mental powers, I can *take interest* from his work and *discount* his chances for success".

Once more we hear Herman Hagedorn exclaiming that the boys and girls are the hope of our land. Listen to him: "As long as the gathering of dollars is regarded as the highest form of victorious effort, we will have inequality, injustice, bitterness and class strife. If we are ever to be free of them we

must have a new standard of success. We must learn that success consists not in what we have but in what we are, not in what we hold in our pockets but in what we hold in our heads and our hearts, not in our skill to buy low and sell high but in our ability gently to dream, to build, to battle, to kindle, to serve. 'Young America', it must be your business in these years to raise this new standard before the lives of your fellow-citizens, your aim to give them a new ideal of what constitutes success: for without such a new standard, without such a new ideal, all that you do for citizenship and democracy will be only a stop-gap that will hold the floods of corruption back here and there for a year-or for ten years only to release them at last in increased volume".

"O God of mother hearts, whose boys  
Have gone from home to school or shop,  
Where once their whistling, romping noise—  
A silence, as if life would stop!  
Be with them, God of tenderness:  
As they are Thine, their young lives bless  
And in temptation's trying hour  
Give them of Thine all-conqu'ring power;  
O God of love, be with our boys".

### RELIGIOUS RESPONSIBILITY

**R**ESOLVED to the last analysis it is, after all, a religious question, that of the child who is the south's future. Thus spake Moses of old: "Therefore shall ye lay up these My words in your heart and in your soul;—and ye shall teach them your children, talking of them, when thou sittest in thy house and when thou walkest by the way—that your days may be multiplied and the days of your children in the land".

To quote again from "The Child and America's Future": "Particularly does America need that spiritual interpretation of life which the religion of Jesus Christ alone can give, and the only chance to infuse spiritual ideals into our social order is through our girls and boys. America cannot go on indefinitely in her mad scramble for material possessions. She must, if she is to survive, anchor her life deeply in the great spiritual realities of religion for, as in the days of old, the things which

are seen are temporal but the things which are not seen are eternal.

"How long can a nation endure, 69.3 per cent of whose children and youth are receiving no systematic instruction in the religious and moral sanctions upon which our domestic institutions rest? If you would point to the weakest spot in the evangelical churches you would put your finger on the army of twenty-seven million children and youth who are growing up in spiritual illiteracy and the sixteen million other American children whose religious instruction is limited to a brief half hour once a week, often sandwiched in between the delayed preaching service and the American Sunday dinner. A religious education should be the heritage of every child. Spiritual illiteracy is the greatest peril of organized society.

"In other words, by limiting all our religious instruction to a single hour once a week we make it well-nigh im-

possible to provide adequate facilities or a sufficient number of trained teachers to care for the work. Under such a system of instruction even a trained teacher can be used but a few minutes each week. Further than that, it is beyond the bounds of possibility that any adequate plan of religious instruction and training could be carried out by single, brief, weekly periods devoted to the purpose. The brief period devoted to religious instruction has not only made it possible for us to do our task but our entire method of handling the matter has tended to convey the impression to our young people that education in religion is an unimportant or even an optional matter".

A partial solution to this is the "Daily Vacation Bible School".\* Another highly effective plan is the "Week Day Religious School", the method in general of which is to get the churches in each community to arrange for regular religious instruction during school days but at such hours and in such places as will not in any sense conflict with the secular school duties or tend in the slightest to a union of church and state. How splendid it will be when every southern Baptist church or a group of such churches in a given community uses the church rooms during week days for such Bible classes for boys and girls, providing them with highly educated, personally attractive, spiritually guided teachers!

Then and now there are "seen and unseen" reasons for the maintenance in each S.B.C. church of the fully graded W.M.U. so that from the tiniest Sunbeam on through the alert Y.W.A's. the spirit of missions may be instilled. Surely there is need when against south-

*"Girls and Boys of America, You Are the Hope of the World!"*

Somewhere in the book the author says: "We have a right to trust in the destiny of America. But before you lie down and leave the work to that shining spirit I recommend, 'Young America', that you go boldly toward Brother Destiny and

\*For information, write to Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

ern Baptists last year the average record was kept of \$7.66 spent in the home church and only \$2.76 given for orphan children, aged ministers, the sick in hospitals, Christian education and for state, home and foreign missions. Remembering this, it behooves W.M.U. to train her young people so that like Jesus they may advance "in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men". Ever before them should be kept the admonition of Woodrow Wilson: "The Bible is the word of life. I beg that you will read it and find this out for yourselves—read not little snatches here and there but long passages that will really be the road to the heart of it. You will find it not only full of real men and women but also of the things you have wondered about and been troubled about all your life, as men have been always: and the more you read the more it will become plain to you what things are worth while and what are not, what things make men happy—loyalty, right dealing, speaking the truth, readiness to give everything for what they think their duty and, most of all, the wish that they may have the approval of the Christ who gave everything for them—and the things that are guaranteed to make men unhappy—selfishness, cowardice, greed and everything that is low and mean. When you have read the Bible, you will know that it is the Word of God, because you will have found it the key to your own heart, your own happiness and your own duty".

### CONCLUSION OF WHOLE MATTER

**T**EN chapters there are in the book referred to by Herman Hagedorn, each one of which bears this remarkable heading:

confront him and look him in the eye. Would you be terrified, would you be sullen or would you be glad and supremely proud if you were to discover that the face and features of that figure you call the destiny of America are your own?"

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## Y. W. A. PROGRAMS



Material found in the general program on pages 11-19 as well as other items in this issue will be quite helpful to supplement the following programs. It is hoped it will be freely used in this supplemental way. The leaflets suggested on page 3 will also prove attractive additions.

### FIRST MEETING

#### TOPIC—Want Ads

Hymn—"Suffer Little Children"  
Devotional—Jocbeded, Ex. 6:20; Ex. 2:1-10  
Prayer for Mothers like Jocbeded  
Daily Paper Want Ads  
Wanted—The World Wants Children  
God Wants the Girls and Boys  
For Sale  
Lost  
Found  
Wanted—A Chance  
Prayer that God may give us wisdom and vision

#### Announcement Poster

Clip all sorts of want ads from a newspaper and paste on a card board. Underneath these write "Wanted" and place a big question mark after it. Give date and place of meeting.

#### Want Ads in the Daily Paper

**H**AVE you looked over the want ad columns of a city newspaper? Many people daily are wanting, losing and finding through these columns. Some lose valuable jewels, some have found treasured articles. Business concerns, organizations and institutions tell their want for picked help. Yes, it is true that we often see these want columns in our daily papers but how often do we read them in human society? They are there and often very prominent. Observe for one day and see how many wants you can discover in human experience. The daily paper want columns couldn't begin to hold them. Let us observe just a few of these.

**WANTED—The World Wants Children**  
**H**ER future is entirely dependent upon them. However, many people place

too little significance on a baby. It is true that a baby in our Christian land usually brings great joy and soon rules his little world, the home, but even with the love and adoration for him, his value and importance are seldom fully realized. Some one says "when a wrong wants righting, when a work wants doing or a truth wants preaching or a continent wants opening, God sends a baby into the world to do it". In a few years the world will be calling from every side to the babies born today. The world wants children today that she may have men tomorrow. "The race moves forward on the feet of little children."

#### WANTED—God Wants the Boys and Girls

God wants the boys, the merry, merry boys,  
The noisy boys, the funny boys,  
The thoughtless boys.  
God wants the boys with all their joys,  
That He as gold may make them pure  
And teach them trials to endure.

His heroes brave  
He'd have them be,  
Fighting for truth  
And purity.  
God wants the boys.

God wants the girls, the happy-hearted girls,  
The loving girls, the best of girls,  
The worst of girls.  
He wants to make the girls His pearls,  
And so reflect His holy face,  
And bring to mind His wondrous grace,  
That beautiful  
The world may be  
And filled with love  
And purity.  
God wants the girls.

### FOR SALE—Children

**I**N contrast to the mother of Moses as brought out in the devotional Scripture, consider how large percent of our modern mothers leave the important work of training the children to a colored nurse. How much training has the nurse for that biggest work in all the world?

Often do we see the streets full of children learning bad language and filling their minds with unclean thoughts. The mother is whiling away her time with something of little or no importance while her children are being sold at auction to the highest bidder. In some sections of our cities parents must sacrifice their children necessarily that they may go out to seek a material existence. Our Good Will Centers are doing a great work of training those children who have no parents from early morning till night. Many Y.W.A. girls have volunteered hours of service to such a work. Have you had this experience? In the better sections of our towns and cities Y.W.A. girls could also direct playgrounds, conduct story hours, lead Sunbeam, G.A. and R.A. Bands. Our future depends as much upon you as it does the children. Someone asks "What Ails Youth?" The answer comes that the disease is not in youth but in the adult age. What will you do for the future?

#### LOST—Some Precious Jewels

**T**HERE is always something distressing about such an ad in the paper. It is even more distressing to read "Lost" in the lives of so many of God's precious jewels—our girls and boys. Gipsy Smith has a sermon called "The Lost Christ" in which he reminds us of how one even so close to Christ as was His own mother lost Him. She supposed He was in the crowd. With a slight change of thought we can picture thousands of similar cases today—the child lost from the mother. She just supposes he will follow but he doesn't and is lost. Visit our juvenile courts, count the wayward on our streets and in our homes. Decide where the trouble lies.

### FOUND—Some Golden Hearts

**S**OMEONE has suggested that it is strange to think of Shakespeare ever having been a baby; and another has a notion that he was Shakespeare simply because he was once a baby and always kept the child-like heart. I fancy that our great men and women today are great because they were babies and children of parents with hearts like Jocbeded—full of a desire to love and train wisely. Who knew the lad, Abraham Lincoln, would be the key to the slavery question? Who realized that the boy called David Livingstone would some day open a new continent and introduce Christ to a heathen people? Who ever thought that the dainty Ann Hasseltine would give her life that a pagan country might know her Saviour? Who could have been convinced that the mountain boy, George Truett, would some day hold audiences spellbound and lead thousands to know the source of his power? "I was just clay until they planted a rose in me." If you had some way of knowing how many Truett and Ann Judsons you have in your churches and homes you would surely be more anxious to lead little children.

#### WANTED—A Chance

**T**HIS plea comes from the boyhood and girlhood of our land. Youth is asking merely for a chance to make good. Can we offer them less? How important is it that we give them a chance? It is just as important as the future of the world is important. When we train children we give the greatest contribution that can be given to the world.

(See W.M.S. program—Religious Responsibility, page 18. The entire W. M. S. program carries splendid material for supplementing these Y.W.A. programs.)

"For want of a chance a boy was lost;  
For want of a boy a man was lost;  
For want of a man the battle was lost;  
For want of a battle the kingdom was lost—  
All for the want of a chance."



## SECOND MEETING

### TOPIC—The Master's Garden

Hymn—"In the Garden"  
 Devotional—Deut. 11:19, 20  
 Prayer that we may learn gardening  
 Gardening  
 Roses  
 Asters  
 Poppies  
 Weeds and Grass  
 A Y.W.A. Slogan  
 Hymn—"Open Mine Eyes"

#### Announcement Poster

*(Cut from some farm magazine pictures of flowers, packages of seed and, if possible, a picture of a woman-gardener. Put your subject "Gardening" underneath picture and give date and place of meeting.)*

#### Gardening

**G**ARDENING is interesting to almost every one. There is something inspiring about seeing the gardener get out his hoe in the springtime and begin the preparation of the soil for seeds. Then it is interesting to watch him bring his carefully selected seeds and bury them beneath that soil. As he does so his face wears an expression worthy of study. He walks away confident that "whatsoever a man soweth that will he also reap". In our Master's garden of little children we see flowers of many colors and kinds.

#### Roses

**T**HE guide tells us many interesting things as we go with him in this garden. The most beautiful flowers are seen first. We go past many others to observe the perfect rosebud. He tells us that these have received every attention from the gardener: proper rooting in proper soil, plenty of sunshine, water and cultivation. These he tells us represent the children in the world who are being given a chance, whose parent-gardeners are giving of their time and attention to the proper cultivation and training of their children; into whose lives parents and teachers are introducing the water of life and the sunshine of God's love. Some day they will blossom

forth as roses into a life of beauty and fragrance.

#### Asters

**T**HE aster bed with its varied colors looks like a wonderful rainbow. The guide smiles as he tells us we have guessed right for it represents "A Rainbow of Promise". These represent the children into whose lives such influences are being put as will lead them to be witnesses for Christ. We are reminded of Alexander Mackay, one of our greatest missionaries, who said he was influenced to be a missionary by the stories read to him when a child and by the hours spent with his father tracing David Livingstone's journeys in Africa. Alexander Duff and Richardson of Madagascar both said they were influenced to become missionaries by pictures shown to them when they were children. More than half of our modern missionaries and many of our preachers say they were influenced in their life decisions by some impression made upon them in childhood.

#### Poppies

**P**OPPIES are such gorgeous things, so rich and beautiful but not fragrant. "But", says the guide, "there is an interesting secret about them. Under a microscope can be seen a black cross right in the center of every poppy". He tells us that they represent youth, flaming with life and enthusiasm, attractive and magnetic to all. But in their hearts they carry black crosses of sin and selfishness because no one has taken time to teach them how Christ lights up the cross and fills the life with fragrance. The bed of poppies is large because even of boys and girls it may be said, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God".

#### Weeds and Grass

**W**E wonder why there should be anything but beautiful flowers in the Master's garden. We are told that these represent the enemies of children, such as neglect, lack of sympathy and understanding, lack of care and training, wrong amusements, too much

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## COLLEGE Y. W. A.



### OUR SISTERHOOD SPECIAL

**C**OLLEGE Y.W.A.'s delighted last year in the gift they made to "Our Sisterhood Special Fund". This was to take care of the expenses of four consecrated, choice young women from Europe who have come as wards of W.M.U. to study in our Training Schools and go back to their homelands as religious leaders. Because college girls rejoice in the giving last session, we will have "Our Sisterhood Special" again this year. The goal set is \$2,000 to cover tuition, board and room, personal expenses during the school year and the summer months between study times. The four young women are Amalia and Kathe Gerwich, sisters from Budapest, Hungary; Ludovica Cristea and Sophia Palyo from Rumania. Full of zeal for lost souls, desirous of increasing devotion in their own hearts, this quartet is charmingly appreciative of "Our Sisterhood Special". Excerpts from their letters follow.

**My dear College Friends:**

My days of summer vacation are over and I turn back to Louisville in my beloved Training School, my House Beautiful. I wish we could have such a fine school in our dear homeland. I thank you again for your love to me. I have the only thing to ask from you, and this is your prayers for our work in Hungary and for me, that I could be a blessing for our people.

Yours lovingly

*Kathe Gerwich*

**My dear College Friends:**

I feel indeed very happy that I have the privilege of sending you a personal message. Of course I rather would go myself to see you and shake hands with everyone of you, because I love you and certainly nobody else has a better reason to do so, since you are the ones who make it possible for me to get a larger vision of the world's greatest need and of our wonderful Master, who is the only one who can meet this need. May He help me to spend the two following years with open eyes and a receiving heart, that I might be able to carry home with me spiritual riches in abundance. Please remember me in your prayers.

Most sincerely yours

*Amalia Gerwich*



Dear Friends:

I would like to see you all and thank you for the great things you do for people of Rumania because they need leaders---leaders trained to direct them in their work. It was a great blessing for me to be one year in W.M.U. Training School. I learn more about my Master's work so then when I go back I can serve Him in many useful ways. It is hard to tell what I will do because Rumania has so much to do that one can't tell that only one kind of work she will do. I believe general mission work. When I was in Rumania I did work in sixty churches. I was secretary, treasurer and many other things. God bless you all.

Sincerely yours

*Lofia Palyo*

Dear Miss Mather:

I received your letter and I understood all that you wrote me about the college girls who want to help the girls who came from Europe. I am glad they are so interested in us who came here to study. May the Lord bless them for this. I want to return to my country and help in the mission work. There is much need there for organization of W.M.U. and S.S. and other work because it is new to us. I do not plan much for myself for only the Lord knows what I will be able to do. Baptist people have been very good to me and helped me much in everything and I will remember this and pray for them.

Sincerely

*L. Cristea*

#### "PRAY YE"

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Realize that every good gift cometh from the Father  
Believe that "God loveth a cheerful giver"  
Have salvation because "God so loved that He gave"  
Consciousness of what debts on Foreign and Home Boards mean to:  
Young people in training for Christian service  
Volunteers awaiting appointment  
Missionaries invalidated by over-work  
Missionaries pleading for promised equipment  
Native Christians  
God the Father, the Savior, the Comforter

## OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

### "AS ONE—IN THANKING JEHOVAH"



Surely in connection with the month's missionary program topic "The Child and the Future of the South", counselors of R.A.'s. and G.A.'s. and Sunbeam Band leaders will have opportunity to discuss the value of their work as remarked on in the general program, page 19. Perhaps there will be occasion for a representative from each of the four or six young people's organizations of W.M.U. to show how their ideals and aims are fitting them to answer the challenge of that waiting future. If the W.M.S. has not yet rallied to real active fostering, this month's consideration should settle any doubts of the value and any wonderings as to the necessity for maintaining these mid-week missionary organizations. A group of R.A.'s. may give the "Declaration and Commission of the Order of Royal Ambassadors" as provided in their manual. Several girls from the G.A. department should quote from memory the great G.A. aim, the G.A. allegiance and the G.A. ideals. Sunbeams may give their "Rally Cry" and sing their Sunbeam song. Some such plan as this will show the W.M.S. the strength or weakness they are building into the "future" of their immediate community, of their own church, of their own denomination—these parts of "the south" in which their life most centers. The director of the young people's organizations should make arrangements for thus bringing the program message to a concrete and practical application. Royal Ambassadors should read the paragraph on "A New Arithmetic". (See page 18). It would be a fine thing to obtain the poster and put it in the R. A. meeting room.



Girls' Auxiliaries will likewise wish to have the two posters referred to which are more applicable to them—

"The A-1 Girl Is a Lifter Not a Leaner" and "Paint Your Cheeks from the Inside". (See page 13).

If your R.A. or G.A. does not have a permanent room appoint the librarian to be care taker of the posters and to bring them to each meeting along with the Standard of Excellence wall chart which is being marked up at least once a month.



Knightly Deeds Embassies and Personal Service Committees will be making Thanksgiving basket plans. Be sure to work together so that one

family does not receive more than enough and another equally deserving be quite overlooked. Consultation with the Personal Service Committee of the W.M.S. will be wise in order to distribute Thanksgiving gifts judiciously. Plan for the R.A.'s. to bring nuts and fruit, the G.A.'s. to make cookies, cake or pies, the Sunbeams to bring jellies and so on that all may have a share.



Cultivating a real thanksgiving spirit comes as people "count the many blessings" that are theirs; contrast often opens the eyes of boys and girls to see what abundance they have. Stress the attendance at the Thanksgiving Day worship service; if the young people are not in the habit of sitting with their families it may be well to suggest meeting and attending in groups and sitting as organizations.





## TRAINING SCHOOL



### "WAITING TO GO"

**T**O your new principal the opening days of 1925-26 session at House Beautiful proved a very new and interesting experience. In some respects a few years seemed to roll off and I was back in college again—the excitement of entrance days, the renewing of old friendships, the making of new ones, the classification and getting settled for another year of school life—but in addition to this likeness to school days there was something very unlike, something new, something bigger: that something was the realization that here in House Beautiful the whole thought is to prepare for some definite service for the Master.

On Monday night we gathered in "mother's room", as one girl has named it, and spent an hour or so pleasantly together in a guessing game trying to learn the many new names. This happy, friendly hour banished for all time any feeling of being a stranger and made us all at once friends and co-workers. Tuesday at 5:30 we began again the custom of the weekly hour of special prayer in the principal's apartment; when as many as wish crowd into the living room, sitting on chairs, the floor and all about, and as many as wish join in prayers—a very sweet hour. That evening we went in a body to hear our own Dr. Mullins, and as this great man spoke to us how we did praise God for the gift to us all of Dr. Mullins' return to health.

On Wednesday at 6:45 A.M. our first chapel service was led by the principal, the message emphasizing "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength". That evening there was another happy service when the members of the faculty were introduced, beginning with dear Mrs. Eager. What a rare experience to introduce Mrs. Eager to the new girls at House Beautiful and to tell them something of all the long years of joyful service this dear one has given to the school! No one in House Beautiful is held in any closer affection than "Grandmother Eager".

Through all these opening days one thought has been uppermost in the mind and heart of your new principal as the young women gathered for this year of preparation. What are they preparing for? To go back to the school room, the office, the home from which they came or out to a bigger service to which they feel called? What are they preparing for? Southern Baptists must answer the question. Many have had a clear call to China, to Japan, to South America to meet the demand for teachers for the millions who need to be taught. Many have heard the call to work in the homeland.

A very pathetic note was struck at the last Southern Baptist Convention which I shall not soon forget. It was at the W.M.U. Training School banquet. Each young woman present was given one minute to tell of her work. At least three of that splendid company arose and quietly, with a touch of pathos, said "Waiting to go". How can those of us whom you have put here to lead your girls in House Beautiful hold up the ideal of sacrificial service to these precious young people, how can we present the need of the wide, wide world to these responsive hearts if they too must go back and find other work while "waiting to go"? Your co-laborers at House Beautiful call upon you, dear sisters of the southland, to let not the fires of zeal for the Master's cause die out in the land but, through precept and example, may such zeal again be re-kindled in the hearts of our people as will bring forth real sacrificial giving and praying for the Master's cause at home and abroad. Let not this cry continue: "Waiting to go".

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## PERSONAL SERVICE



### "THE TASK THAT IS NEAREST"

**J**UDGING from reports of work done among foreigners, one would say that the Chinese are the most neglected, especially those living in states where they are not allowed to attend free white schools, and those living where there are no Good Will Centers or settlement houses where they can learn to speak some English and hear something of the Gospel.

Three years ago as I passed through my town my thoughts were turned to a Chinese family that lived in a shabby store. Often I had thought what a wonderful opportunity there was for personal service, for in this family were five children. The mother and small children could not speak English. I began to stop as I passed and found them to be very appreciative of my interest. Other ladies of my missionary society went to see them, and though we did not have the privilege of asking the children to go to public school, we could invite them to our church. Soon they came to Sunday school, but as they could not speak English it was hard to teach them. A special teacher was chosen for the children; with love and patience this dear lady started a little English class. Every Sunday morning she was there with pictures, objects and a primer ready for work.

I was superintendent of the beginners' department and we soon realized that more time was needed to make much progress. After thought and prayer, God gave me a plan. I did my own house work and had many outside duties, so I offered to teach them every morning from nine to twelve for enough money to pay to have my house work done. This plan worked splendidly. Another family moved in with one boy so this added another pupil.

The work was not easy at first. I continued the use of pictures and objects and made myself a moving picture

for many days. After the first few weeks they understood enough English to be taught like any other beginner in school. The first thirty minutes each morning were spent in prayer, singing and Bible drill. I taught six months, then a friend finished the term. They completed the first grade and in addition learned many songs, the creation story, the twentythird psalm and many other Bible verses. The next year I taught again and they finished the second grade, learned the Good Samaritan story, ten commandments, the divisions of the Bible and all the books, besides all memory work for six and seven year old Sunday school pupils. We have visited the parents and left many Scripture tracts in their language and have helped the mothers over many difficulties in the home. The result has been gratifying. They all speak English, live more cleanly, the children appear as other children and are regular attendants at church and Sunday school and are liberal givers. One has given \$1,000 on our new church. He has also bought a corner lot, built a modern home and moved his family into it. One grown son returned to China and was married by Brother Tipton to a Christian girl. They now live here with the parents and, unlike the usual Chinese daughter-in-law, she is honored and loved by the family. We now have seven Chinese children in our town. This is a great opportunity to do real missionary work. Do you have such an opportunity and are you using it?

"Shall we send the Gospel message  
To the souls across the seas,  
And neglect the heathen with us  
Who have need as great as these?"

If this article proves a practical help to those who read it, then my purpose has been accomplished.—Mrs. Guy Waldrop, Mississippi



## DIRECTED AND INDIVIDUAL W. M. U. PERSONAL SERVICE

### 1—What is personal service?

Personal service is social service with the Gospel as its motive and conversion as its aim. It may be either individual or organized.

### 2—What is individual personal service?

Individual personal service is Christ-like living in one's own community.

### 3—What is organized personal service?

Organized personal service is that done by the members of a society, under the direction of its Personal Service Committee, for the spiritual uplift of the community of which the society is a part.

### 4—Is organized personal service the same as directed personal service?

Yes, because directed personal service is that which is so planned and distributed that the members of the society may conduct it in a definite, organized way.

### 5—What are some forms of directed personal service?

Good Will Centers; classes for illiterates; Homemaker's Clubs; work among negroes; mission Sunday schools; Daily Vacation Bible Schools; visits in interest of church and Sunday school, to sick and shut-ins, to hospitals and other institutions, holding services when expedient; distributing good literature and articles that would be helpful to some one

### 6—Is directed personal service possible only in a large society?

No, it is practical for even the smallest organization, for among other things it can definitely direct the teaching of illiterates; work for negroes; visits in interest of church and Sunday school, to sick and shut-ins; distribution of good literature and needed articles.

### 7—How may a Personal Service Committee organize and direct the personal service of its society?

There are many ways: in one society with four circles the chairman of the Personal Service Committee arranges for one circle to do all the hospital visiting for one month; for another circle to do during the same month all the visiting of the sick and shut-ins of the community; for another circle, the visiting in other institutions; for another circle, the serving of suppers etc. The next month the activities are changed for the different circles, unless it seems best for some of the circles to retain the same work. Another society has the chairman of personal service in each circle tell the members of her circle what to do. If a society is too small to have circles the chairman of the Personal Service Committee may determine the activities of the various members. There may be an emergency woman appointed by the personal service chairman to take care of any unusual circumstances that may arise.

### 8—Should the president of the society ever direct its personal service?

Preferably, no; only the Personal Service Committee, with its chairman, if it is directed personal service. It is highly desirable to emphasize the society's personal service work, magnifying in this way the influence of its Personal Service Committee with its chairman.

### 9—What rule for reporting personal service to the southern W.M.U. was adopted in Memphis at the W.M.U. annual meeting last May?

That only such personal service as is done under the direction of the society's Personal Service Committee be reported to the southern W. M. U.

### 10—How are the report blanks secured?

The methods vary in the different states. Information concerning any given state's method may be secured by writing to that state, the address of which is on page 2.

### 11—Does this emphasis on directed personal service discourage individual personal service?

By no means. The Master Himself has said that a cup of cold water given in His name shall not be forgotten by Him. His short life on earth was filled with kindly deeds and loving ministrations, and His instruction to us is: "Go thou and do likewise". The many deeds of individual personal service are too numerous to tabulate. We should never allow an opportunity to pass for rendering a service in the Master's Name. He said: "Let your light so shine that men may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven". Just as in the case of the tithe He could say to us: "This ought ye also to have done but not to have left the other undone". Therefore, let us continue to do the many things that love for God and humanity prompts us to do. The consciousness of having been a help to some one, of having performed well a duty will be our reward. Our Heavenly Father, who seeth in secret, will know all this without the report of it and in His good time He will render the reward. And so, to lessen the details of the reporting system, only the directed personal service of the society is to be reported to the southern W.M.U.

## PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER

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Train up a child in the way he should go and even when he is old he will not depart from it".  
And so with Solomon "let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: depart from it".

"He built a house: time laid it in the dust:  
He wrote a book: its title was forgot;  
He ruled a city: but his name is not  
On any tablet graven or where rust  
Can gather from disuse on marble bust.  
He took a child from out a wretched cot  
Who on the state dishonor might have brought,  
And reared him to the Christian hope and trust.  
The boy, to manhood grown, became a light  
To many souls and preached for human need  
The wondrous love of the Omnipotent:  
The work has multiplied like stars of night  
When darkness deepens. Every noble deed  
Lives longer than a granite monument".

## QUESTIONS ON PROGRAM TOPIC FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. In what ways are "the faults of the child the fetters of the man"?
2. Which is a child's chief concern: the present or the future?
3. How can play be made valuable to children?
4. In what ways may children be trained to be law-abiding citizens?
5. How can parents and children co-operate in maintenance of family altar?
6. Secure, read and discuss state law concerning employment of children.
7. On whom will the judgment fall because of child laborers: the parent, the voter or the employer?
8. How valuable is the education of children?
9. What is the mutual responsibility of teacher, pupil and parent?
10. Is parenthood a God-given opportunity?
11. When and how should church show interest in children of congregation?
12. How is future of Christianity in south and world dependent upon the child?





## BOOK REVIEWS



### LOOKING AHEAD WITH LATIN AMERICA

**G**AY in bright colored cover, as golden as the southern sun; "Looking Ahead with Latin America" invites one's attention to the study of South American countries. Dr. Stanley High has given a book of eight chapters for popular consideration of the problems that face North America because South America must solve them. In order to have a correct understanding of this neighbor continent, the author hurries back to the thrilling days of Spanish conquistadores for at least a running review of their deeds. Then progressing to the today of South America he writes of changes being rapidly made. No doubt the book is overly optimistic in picking out a few extremes and considering them as typical of the advance of independent thinking, the spread of education and the uplifted position of womanhood but the sweep of interest aroused will be conducive to further study which will correct any erroneous impression the buoyant style leaves.

The author has not confined the treatment to the religious aspect solely but has included in wise fashion consideration of business, social, educational, cultural matters that must inevitably be closely related to the religious life of any people. Frequently the reader of "Looking Ahead with Latin America" will be mentally contrasting South America and North America and so realizing increasingly the basic force of Christianity in our own history and development. The last chapters of the book on "Results" and "Looking Ahead" show rich promise for every missionary effort in Latin America. Convenient for the student of South America is the guide to pronunciation and the bibliography beguiling to more reading along the same lines, to follow up the interest which High's

book is bound to arouse. Missionary Education Movement has done well in bringing out this popular introduction to our neighbor continent.

Order from your state Baptist headquarters or from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. Price in cloth binding is 75c, in paper, 50c.

### NEW DAYS IN LATIN AMERICA

**M**ISSIONARY Education Movement also publishes "New Days in Latin America" by Dr. Webster Browning, it being a graver, more scholarly treatment of the same continent. The first chapter carefully gives information concerning the geography of the continent, a full background of similarities and contrasts to North America which helps make South America real in the reader's thinking. Having shown the country in which the people of South America live, the succeeding chapters are used to discuss their racial characteristics, including this stamp which the ancient civilization has left indelibly on the people of all grades and classes, bringing some prophecy of indicated future development, showing the part the women may have and briefly considering the problems of alcohol, infant mortality and play. Economic and political factors are discussed in the third chapter, bringing the reader to the pages crammed with splendid treatment of the thought-provoking topic: "Instruction versus Education". This central chapter is worth the price of the book, barring for the moment the sane discussion of the present religious situation and the appealing call to service made by a candid presentation of the work to be done by Christian missionaries in South America.

"New Days in Latin America" is brightened by many incidental illustrations out of actual conditions which vividly contrast with the free, untrammelled, Christian North American  
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## UNION NOTES



### ROUND TABLE

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving  
And into His courts with praise.—Psalm 100:4

**E**VERY reader of this magazine is herewith asked to turn to its front cover-page. As its attractive illustration is being studied, careful heed may well be given to the following Red Cross appeal:

"Would you care for those whom disaster has made homeless? Would you show gratitude to the wounded veterans who courted death that war might give way to peace? Would you save life and prolong health? Would you teach children to love and to serve? If so, join the American National Red Cross during its ninth annual roll call, Armistice Day to Thanksgiving—November 11 to 26".

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving.—Psa. 95:2

**N**OVEMBER is one of the months in which the societies are urged to remember the aged Baptist ministers in their states. The reason for selecting November is, of course, that it contains generous hearted, larder-filled Thanksgiving Day. However destructive the floods or blistering the drought of the past few months two facts are self-evident: (1) the aged minister is just as apt as any other citizen to have suffered because of them; and (2) a group large enough to comprise a Woman's Missionary Society is almost certain to have members who have "canned or quilted" or in some fashion "laid by in store" enough to share with at least one aged Baptist minister. Two other facts will appeal to loving Christian hearts: (1) whatever the losses to the crop and cattle, it is nevertheless true that everything that was raised got its life from God; and (2) no other one person so helps another to know about God as does a Christian minister. Therefore, let all, who find it in their hearts to do so, share their God-given blessings with these God-called but now aged men. The address of one of them may be secured by writing to your state W.M.U. headquarters, the address of which is given on page 2. And He that supplieth seed to the sower and bread for food shall supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the fruits of your righteousness: ye being enriched in everything unto all liberality, which worketh through us thanksgiving to God.—II Cor. 9:10-11

**O**NE more month and then will close the eight months which by special ruling comprise the period to be reported at the W.M.U. annual meeting next May. This refers to all financial and statistical reports to be rendered by the Union at that time, with the single exception of College Y.W.A's. Therefore, all W.M.U. organizations in the churches, whether composed of women or young people, are earnestly requested to "check up" with their respective Standard of Excellence to see what yet remains to be done in order that they may rank as A-1 for the eight months from May 1 to January 1. It is to be recalled that at the coming May meeting the Woman's Missionary Union will award its new pennant to each church which for this eight-months-period has maintained the fully Graded W.M.U., each organization of which made A-1 for that period. Do your best to have your church thus honored.

Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
And pay thy vows unto the Most High.—Psa. 50:14

**I**N writing to Timothy Paul said (II Tim. 3:16): "Every Scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction".



All Christians will acknowledge that this is so, whether or not they relish the pedagogic and preventive phase of it. Attention is, therefore, called to the foregoing Scripture as inserted from Psalm 50:14, the conviction being felt that during this month a very special effort should be made to heed its admonition, if indeed its spirit be not that of a command. With the end of December will occur the close of the 1925 Program of Southern Baptists, for the support of which every W.M.U. member as well as all other southern Baptists have been urged to pledge and pay to the limit of their ability. Because November always suggests "thanks giving" and because December will soon be here in memory of God's Greatest Gift, it will be easy to plan during this harvest-home month to bring all the tithes with the offerings into the storehouse of God. If every W.M.U. member will do this the windows of Heaven will open to bless.

*I will sacrifice unto Thee with the voice of thanksgiving:*

*I will pay that which I have vowed.—Jonah 2:9*

**TIMELY** indeed is the publication by the Foreign Mission Board of the book entitled "Gospel Triumphs in Argentina and Chile". The author is Rev. Joseph L. Hart, who has been a southern Baptist missionary for twenty-one years, giving seventeen to the work in Argentina and four to the recently entered field of Chile. By referring to the book reviews on page 30 it will be seen that all denominations are this year being urged to study especially the needs of Latin-America. Both of the books reviewed in that department are excellent but neither of them tells the story of Baptist work in South America. Therefore, it seemed imperative that a book be issued setting forth a part if not all of the highly encouraging S.B.C. work in that continent, the recommendation being that our societies study such a book in preference to those reviewed on page 30, each of those books being used for supplemental material as suggested by Miss Juliette Mather who reviewed the two books for the magazine. And so during his furlough Mr. Hart, with the assistance of Miss Blanche White and Dr. T. B. Ray, has produced such a book under the victorious title of "Gospel Triumphs in Argentina and Chile". As Miss Mary Hunter of the Foreign Board's office says: "It is so simply written and gives so many actual incidents that it is adapted to Women's Missionary Societies, Y. W.A's., Intermediate G.A's. and R.A's." It is divided into six chapters, the headings for which are truly indicative of the interesting chapter contents: The Challenge, Religious and Social Conditions, The Bible in Argentina and Chile, Mission Schools, Reminiscences and Fellowship in the Argentine Mission, The Romance of the Chilean Baptist Mission. True to its central theme, the book uses each chapter to recount triumphs of the Gospel and it is doubly gratifying that with perhaps only one exception each narrative has a Baptist as its hero or heroine. Just a bare sketch of one of the stories may prove this point: "Juan Varetto is the son of one of those sturdy north Italians who immigrated to Argentina in the early sixties. All the brothers of Juan became rich but he became the richest of all, for his riches are the riches in Christ Jesus. After his conversion he gave up a lucrative position in business to become a colporter. He is reaching even some of the university students, a thing few men in Latin America have ever been able to do. Varetto is an orator and a great preacher. He is in demand as an evangelist, not only among the Baptists but among all denominations who can secure his services. Although a great preacher, he is perhaps better known as a writer". Confident that southern Baptist women and young people will feel both grateful and gratified to learn of these triumphs, the book is most heartily endorsed by this magazine. Order from the state Baptist headquarters or from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. The prices are: in paper binding, 50c; in cloth, 75c. Suggestions to leaders and other supplemental material are furnished free to classes purchasing the book.



## SOCIETY METHODS



### ENLISTMENT THROUGH GIFTS

*"Freely ye received, freely give."—Matt. 10:8*

**T**HAT life cannot be measured in money is an accepted fact. What about the value of a soul? Millions of souls are perishing daily—souls that greater gifts to missions might save. Maybe unconsciously, but surely, we are weighing our money on the same scale with souls.

On a blackboard or chart fix a drawing of two sets of scales. Use one to show how small gifts result in a heavy loss of souls, the scales going far down on that side. Use the other to show that large gifts may mean many saved souls, the scales balancing. Then ask: "Which scale weighs our gifts?"

Full well do we know that by gifts to state and home missions and to Christian education we may plant the love of Christ in the hearts of our people and enlist them for service in God's army here and abroad. The greater our gifts the larger and better equipped His army is apt to be.

Once having enlisted them, will we desert God's soldiers? Cowardly! Greater gifts are now necessary so native workers can be enlisted on the foreign fields to spread the Gospel message. Now comes the cry: "Enlist more of your Christian nurses and doctors to feed our hungry souls and heal our suffering bodies". Our hospitals are over-crowded and the number of nurses is inadequate.

"How shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?"—Romans 10:15

How can they be sent if we withhold our gifts? Gifts? Nay, rather say: "Unless we are faithful stewards!" We read in Exodus 19:5: "For all the earth is Mine". That the W.M.U. Standard of Excellence may be more surely attained, every woman should be

a tither and sign a Stewardship Covenant Card. Through prayer she should lead others to God's plan of giving. We shall thus not only help enlist others but shall enlist ourselves and our money in His cause. Since all we have comes primarily from the "earth" which is God's, let us sing to the tune of "Old Black Joe" the following words.

**GONE** are the days

When I for self will live,  
Come have the days  
When more to Christ I'll give.  
For now I see  
How much to Him I owe  
Of all my time and all my wealth  
I've here below.

*A tither, a tither  
Henceforth I e'er shall be,  
For all my life and earthly wealth  
God gave to me.*

**BRAINS**, eyes and feet

Ears, muscles, heart and time  
All came from God:  
I can't claim them as mine.  
He loaned them me  
So I could use them here  
And I must give account to Him  
Some day up there.

*Must meet Him, must meet Him,  
Tell how I used my time,  
Tell how I gave to help His cause:  
Said Lord: "This is Thine".*

**ALL** that's in the earth

And on the earth He made:  
He made things grow  
Thru' sunshine and thru' rain;  
He gave the land,  
The mines, the plants, the seas:  
There's nothing that we have but that  
Our God did give.

*My partner, my partner  
Henceforth He e'er shall be,  
And I'll give more to Him who gav:  
So much to me.—Mrs. Gene Smith, Fla.*



## EDITORIAL (Concluded from Page 4)

be expected of you, still over against such satisfaction can be put the Scripture: "Bear ye one another's burdens. He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto Jehovah. It is more blessed to give than to receive". Have you—or, better still, have those of us who are not sure that we have given to the point of sacrifice—thought upon what Jesus really meant when He described giving as a blessing more to be desired than that of receiving? Thanksgiving and Christmas are so close at hand that they serve as excellent witnesses in the case: "Tell us, oh Thanksgiving Day with your sheaves of golden grain and your churches filled with praiseful people, which is the happiest heart: the one that is thinking of the barns filled with plenty or is it the one that in gratitude to the Giver of every good and perfect gift is in turn giving to others? Tell us, oh Christmas Day with your yule logs and your Star of Bethlehem, which is the happiest heart: the one that looks with longing on the tree loaded with gifts or the one that placed the gifts there for others?" As we listen for the answer, we will more fully realize that in the face of the fearful debt the missionaries are "without fault".

## PROGRAM PLANS (Concluded from Page 6)

Show a Helpful Interest in the Young People

(4) Building Up Our W.M.U. Organizations for the Young People

This might be used as a "Mother and Daughter Meeting". Ask each woman to bring a young woman or girl with her—daughter, niece or neighbor. These guests might furnish music or readings during the social half hour. Let them see that their mothers are interested in planning best things for them and are counting on their help in work for the younger children.

An attractive plan would be "The Jewel Box". A box might be prepared containing pretty colored pictures of a baby, children at play, school children, sick children, children at work and other appropriate pictures. With each "jewel" is a written paragraph telling of how that "treasure" is cared for and guarded. Material for these will be found in the program on pages 11-19.

## Y.W.A. PROGRAMS (Concluded from Page 22)

spending money. Sometimes, sad to think, parents unwittingly may be their children's worst enemies.

"Doesn't the Master have enough

gardeners to cut down the weeds and grass?" "No" He tells us; "many more are needed if these enemies are to be driven out. I could show you plants that have withered and died because of lack of attention and care. Some need nourishment, some need water, some need cultivation and training. The Master needs them all. He comes and goes sometimes with sorrow on His face because He sees their need".

## A Good Y.W.A. Slogan

"I am only one,  
I am but one;  
I cannot do everything,  
But I can do something.  
What I can do  
I ought to do and  
By the grace of God I will do."

## BOOK REVIEWS (Concluded from Page 30)

life we know. Since South America is the country for special study this year, every W.M.S. and Y.W.A. will wish to use both these books in the study of South America as reference books if not as text. See review on page 32.

Order from your state Baptist headquarters or from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. Price, in cloth, \$1.00; in paper binding, 60c.

## THE MOTHER'S TRUST

"They shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house. It is the Lord's passover. The blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are and, when I see the blood, I will pass over you"—Ex. 12:3, 11, 13



ENEATH the blood-stained lintel I with my children stand;  
A messenger of judgment is passing through the land;  
There is no other refuge from the destroyer's face—  
Beneath the blood-stained lintel shall be our hiding-place.

"THE Lamb of God has suffered; our sins and griefs He bore;  
By faith the blood is sprinkled above our dwelling's door.  
The Lord, who judges righteously, has given that sacred sign:  
To-night the blood-stained lintel shall shelter me and mine.

"THOU, who gave them, guard them—those wayward little feet,  
The wilderness before them, the ills of life to meet.  
My mother-love is helpless, I trust them to Thy care!  
Beneath the blood-stained lintel—my place is ever there.

"THE faith I rest upon Thee, Thou wilt not disappoint;  
With wisdom, Lord, to train them my shrinking heart anoint.  
With all my children, Father, I then shall see Thy face—  
Under the blood-stained lintel—the token of Thy grace."

## TRAINING SCHOOL (Concluded from Page 26)

"There is a cry in the wind tonight  
From the homes where the Lord is unknown,  
While the Shepherd above in pitying love  
Intercedes at His Father's throne."

Janie Cree Bose

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