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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



PRAISING THROUGH PRAYER

CLEARER than Christmas candles shines the light produced by Christian prayer. Like the quality of mercy, prayer is two-fold in its blessing for, just as the candle which shines the farthest shines brightest at home, so prayer to the uttermost parts makes the pray-er's heart aglow within. Another miracle of prayer is similar to the wonder of Shakespeare over "how far that little candle throws its beams" for surely every one who believes in prayer never ceases to marvel that distance is no handicap, that it goes all the way to Heaven in praise and down to earth in power.

Just as the first Christmas message was one of praise when the angels sang of glory and good will, so Christians today long that their preparation for and participation in the Christmas season may be comely with praise. A real aid in this purpose is the Union's time honored plan of encouraging its members to give the Christmas Offering for China and to commence the New Year with the observance of the Week of Prayer for World Wide Missions. Early in December the W. M. U. organizations for young people as well as for women will be supplied through their state leaders with the envelopes for the Christmas offering and with the programs and leaflets for the Week of Prayer in January.

Concerning the offering much might be said but certainly it is hoped that the envelopes will be so generally and promptly distributed that every southern Baptist woman and young person will joyfully and generously use one. It is not too late to suggest that even now every member be given an "Alabaster Box" so that each one's offering may have the aroma of sacrifice. Putting first things first will naturally prompt that the Christmas offering be larger than the value of any gift to an earthly friend. The more one prays about this, the greater becomes the desire to have one's Christmas offering equal the total value of all the gifts to earthly friends and loved ones. Particularly praiseful will such prayerful giving be this year because the Christmas offering is to be used to help clear the debt on the Foreign Mission Board so far as its work in China is concerned. This debt depresses one like a heavy cloud. One would not presume to say that it prevents prevailing prayer as does secret sin but certainly a great obstacle will be removed, like the rending of a veil, once the debt is paid. One does not like to think in terms of debt during the Christmas tide and yet there are two very precious aspects which come to mind when "the eyes of the heart are enlightened". One is the debt which every Christian owes because of God's Great Christmas Gift and the other is the debt which can never be paid until this "Unspeakable Gift" is shared with others the world around. And so Union members are striving this Christmas to raise at least \$55,000 for this offering, longing thereby not only to help materially the situation of the Foreign Mission Board but also in all humility to bow before the Christ of Christmas in acknowledgment of eternal debt to Him and to all who have not yet learned of the love which constrained Him to give His all and from whom every good and perfect gift comes.

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Even so, each recurring Christmas is more surely sacred in proportion to the prayers which ascend in praise to God and in good will toward others. Perhaps at no previous Christmas has there been need for more prayer than during this particular season, for certainly there were never so many people who have not heard the Christmas carol of the angels, who do not know that the Christ-Child has come. Certainly, also, southern Baptists were never so negligent of their unprecedented opportunities. This is evidenced by the demoralizing debts on the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. It seems almost "bad taste" to speak of debts at Christmas time, one naturally thinks of abundant giving, but perhaps these very debts may be used by God to bring southern Baptists into a more prayerful attitude toward Him, to reveal Him more clearly as their Father, before whom they may humbly acknowledge their dependence for every earthly as well as heavenly possession, unto whom they may offer their petitions for daily sustenance and for the spread of whose Kingdom they may tirelessly work. In other words, the debts may deepen the prayer life of southern Baptists, thus relating them more surely to the real Christmas spirit, which is one of prayer. It is easy to believe that God heard the prayer of Mary and that He got glory unto Himself through the adoration of the shepherds and the wise men. Even so, while He "loveth a cheerful giver" it is still true that He is nearer than hands and feet to those who pray and that with Him the effectual fervent prayer of the righteous availeth much.

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS



TOPIC: Hannah

HOICE of the Holy Spirit, making known Man to himself, a witness swift and sure, Warning, approving, true and wise and pure, Counsel and guidance that misleadeth none!

The Vow of Hannah

Tuesday, 1st

I Samuel 1:1-19; Psalm 62:1-12

Wednesday, 2d

I Samuel 1:20-28; Hebrews 11:11-14

Thursday, 3d

Genesis 28:20-22; Judges 11:30-40; Psalm 50:14, 15

Friday, 4th

Jonah 2:1-9; Numbers 30:2-16; Job 22:27-30

Saturday, 5th

Psalm 69:1-8; 76:11; 66:15-20

Sunday, 6th

Psalm 116:17-19; 132:1-8; Acts 7:46

Monday, 7th

Leviticus 19:12; Matthew 5:33-48; Deuteronomy 23:20

A Sorrowful Spirit

Tuesday, 8th

I Samuel 1:5; Isaiah 30:18-26, 29, 30

Wednesday, 9th

Job 3:1-9, 25, 26; Psalm 41:2; 123:1, 2

Thursday, 10th

I Samuel 18:8-19; 19:1, 2; Psalm 31:1-9

Friday, 11th

II Samuel 18:1-17, 29-33; 19:1-4; Psalm 102:1, 2, 17

Saturday, 12th

John 11:1-44; 5:25; Psalm 36:0

Sunday, 13th

Luke 13:34-35; 19:41-44; Matthew 23:37-39; Psalm 118:26-29

Monday, 14th

Matthew 5:3, 4, 10-12; Isaiah 26:1-4, 20, 21

The Mother

Tuesday, 15th

Genesis 3:20; I Samuel 1:20-25; Psalm 86:15-17

Wednesday, 16th

Numbers 6:1-4; I Samuel 1:15; Psalm 102:1, 2, 17

Thursday, 17th

Genesis 17:15-19; Hebrews 11:11-12

Friday, 18th

Exodus 2:1-10; Hebrews 11:23-29

Saturday, 19th

Luke 1:5-25, 39-45; Matthew 11:8-11; Luke 7:24-30

Sunday, 20th

Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-7; Isaiah 7:14

Monday, 21st

Luke 1:46-56; Psalm 34:1-24

Hannah's Prophetic Prayer

Tuesday, 22d

I Samuel 2:1-10; 3:1-21

Wednesday, 23d

Exodus 2:1-4; Acts 7:17, 37-46; Hebrews 11:27-29

Thursday, 24th

Luke 1:24, 25, 57; 3:1-6, 18; Isaiah 40:3-5

Friday, 25th

Luke 2:21-35, 41-49; 8:19-21; Acts 1:12-14

Saturday, 26th

John 17:1-19; Philippians 2:9-11

Sunday, 27th

John 17:20-26; Romans 8:26, 27

Monday, 28th

John 18:1; Matthew 26:36-46; Psalm 40:1-8

Tuesday, 29th

Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-46; Mark 15:37-41

Wednesday, 30th

Matthew 6:5-15; Luke 11:1-4; Jude 20

Thursday, 31st

I Corinthians 12:8-10; 14:15; John 4:24

Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists

December, 1925

AWAY in a manger, no crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus lay down
His sweet head;
The stars in the heavens looked down
where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

BEE near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to
stay
Close by me forever and love me, I
pray;
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender
care
And take us to heaven to live with Thee
there. —MARTIN LUTHER

Topic: Children of Other Lands

1—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Rogers
and Misses H. F. Sallee and Louise
Willis, evangelistic and educational
work, Shanghai, China
All His works are done in truth.
—Psalm 33:4

2—WEDNESDAY

For educational work of Misses
†Elizabeth Kethley, Ida Patterson
and Lillian Thomason, Shanghai
Baptist College, China
The Lord knoweth them that are His.
—2 Timothy 2:19

3—THURSDAY

For God's protecting care over Misses
†Hazel Andrews and Mary Demarest
(on furlough), Yangchow, China
Rest in His love.—Zephaniah 3:17

4—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Bowlder
(on furlough), and Minnie D. McIlroy, Buenos Aires, Argentina
The Lord . . . forsaketh not His saints.
—Psalm 37:28

5—SATURDAY

For fruitful work in foreign schools
and for Misses †Addie Estelle Cox
(on furlough) and Zemma Hare,
Kaifeng, China
He will not fail thee.
—I Chronicles 28:20

6—SUNDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Milton Braun and
Miss Josephine Ward, Kaifeng, China
We dwell in Him.—I John 4:13

7—MONDAY

Ask for increase of blessing on work
of Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Langston,
Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Baker, Rev.
and Mrs. T. B. Stover, Rio de
Janeiro, Brazil; also for Florida W.
M.U. annual meeting.
He that sent Me is true.—John 8:26

8—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. R. S. Jones (on
furlough), Rev. and Mrs. E. G.
Wilcox and Rev. and Mrs. L. L.
Johnson (on furlough), missionaries
at Pernambuco, Brazil
I have graven thee upon the palms of
My hands.—Isaiah 49:16

9—WEDNESDAY

For evangelistic work in the schools
of Kweilin, China, and for Rev.
R. L. Bausum
The works that I do shall he do also.
—John 14:12

10—THURSDAY

For Rev and Mrs. Erhart Swenson
and Misses †Azile Wofford (on fur-
lough), Buenos Aires and Mendoza,
Argentina
As unto a faithful Creator
—I Peter 4:19

11—FRIDAY

For school and evangelistic work of
Mrs. L. W. Pierce and Miss Alice
Parker (on furlough), Yangchow,
China
Certainly I will be with you.
—Exodus 3:12

12—SATURDAY

For our missionaries at Bello Horizonte,
Brazil, Rev. and Mrs. O. P.
Maddox and Rev. and †Mrs. J. R.
Allen
I will walk among you.—Leviticus 26:12

13—SUNDAY

For the Sunday and weekday school
of Misses †Grace Stribling and Viola
Humphreys, Kaifeng, China
By His light I walk through darkness.
—Job 29:8

14—MONDAY

For Miss Pearl Dunstan, Porto
Alegre, Brazil
The secret of the Lord is with them
that fear Him.—Psalm 25:14

15—TUESDAY

For soul-winning work of Misses
†Hattie Stallings, †Mattie Vie Sum-
mers and Reba Stewart (on fur-
lough), Kweilin, China
The Lord hath been mindful of us.
—Psalm 115:12

16—WEDNESDAY

For blessed service of Rev. and Mrs.
A. B. Deter and Rev. and Mrs. W.
H. Berry, Curityba, Brazil
The wise shall inherit glory.
—Proverbs 8:35

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December, 1925

"**T**O you in David's town this day
Is born of David's line
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
And this shall be the sign:
'The heavenly babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands
And in a manger laid'.

"**H**US spake the seraph; and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song:
'All glory be to God on high,
And on the earth be peace;
Good-will henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease'".

Topic: Children of Other Lands

17—THURSDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. Carl F. Jordan and Misses M. E. Moorman and E. E. Teal, medical and educational missionaries at Yangchow, China
His candle shined upon my head.
—Job 29:3

18—FRIDAY

Thanksgiving for evangelistic work of Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Jackson and Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Cowser, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
That . . . God might dwell among them—Psalm 68:18

19—SATURDAY

For Misses †Ethel Ramsbottom and †Lila Watson, missionaries at Tsinan and Tsiningchow, China
Thy comforts delight my soul.
—Psalm 94:19

20—SUNDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. F. A. R. Morgan, evangelistic work, Bello Horizonte, Brazil
Fear not . . . I am thy God.
—Isaiah 41:10

21—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Bratcher, evangelistic work, Campos, Brazil
Called unto the fellowship of His son
—I Corinthians 1:9

22—TUESDAY

For work among the youth of Uruguay and for Miss †Marie Leonard at Montevideo
The Lord is my portion.
—Lamentations 3:24

23—WEDNESDAY

For school and evangelistic work of Miss Minnie Alexander, Kaifeng, China
The Lord of hosts is with us.
—Psalm 46:11

24—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Sherwood, evangelistic work, Campo Grande, Brazil
Great is Thy faithfulness.
—Lamentations 3:28

25—FRIDAY

That the Christ-Child live again in the children of all lands
Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God.—Luke 2:18

26—SATURDAY

For missionary service of Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Stapp, Aracaju, Brazil
They shall be as the stones of a crown.
—Zechariah 9:16

27—SUNDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. F. Willard Taylor, evangelistic work, Jaguaquara, and for Miss Edith West (on furlough), Victoria, Brazil
They shall be . . . lifted up as an ensign.—Zechariah 9:16

28—MONDAY

For continued blessing on service of Miss †Mattie Baker, Sao Paulo, Brazil
God shall supply all your need.
—Philippians 4:19

29—TUESDAY

For Misses †Pauline White, Essie Fuller and Bertha Lee Hunt, evangelistic and school work, Pernambuco, Brazil
The Lord working with them
—Mark 16:20

30—WEDNESDAY

For Misses †Alice Huey, Mary D. Willeford and †Bertha Smith, missionaries at Laichowfu, China
We labor . . . that we may be accepted of Him.—2 Corinthians 5:9

31—THURSDAY

For mission work at Sao Paulo, Brazil, in care of Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Ingram, Rev. and Mrs. Paul C. Porter and Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Stanton
Seeing we have this ministry . . . we faint not.—II Corinthians 4:1

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PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER



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

CHILDREN OF OTHER LANDS

Hymn—"Silent Night, Holy Night"

Bible Study (See page 7.)

Prayer for the Real Christmas Spirit

Hymn—"Joy to the World"

The Child from the Glory-Land

Children Always

Hymn—"Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem"

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Christ-Child

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Distressing Differences

Prayer for the Children of the World

Hymn—"He Lives on High"

Angel's Announcement

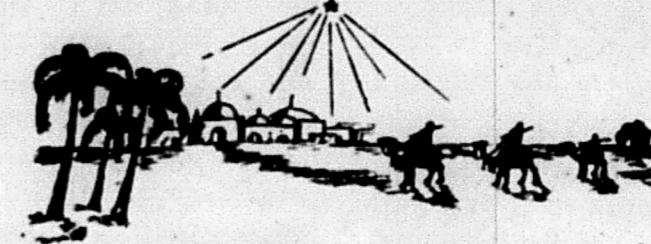
Heavenly Hymn

Hymn for the Year—"Revive Us Again"

Gifts of Grace

Discussion of Plans for Christmas Offering (See pages 4, 29, 32.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving for God's Christmas Gift



THE CHILD FROM THE GLORY LAND

"**T**HE world was dark with care and woe,

With brawl and pleasure wild;
When in the midst, His love to show,
God set a Child.

"The sages frowned, their heads they shook,
For pride their heart beguiled.
They said, each looking on his book,
'We want no Child'.

"The merchants turned toward their scales,
Around their wealth they piled;
Said they, 'Tis gold alone prevails;
We want no Child'.

"The soldiers rose in noisy sport;
Disdainfully they smiled
And said, 'Can babes the shield support?
We want no Child'.

"Then said the Lord: O world of care,
So blinded and beguiled,
Thou must receive for thy repair
A Holy Child'."

The prophet of old had acclaimed that it would be so:

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from henceforth even forever".

Mary of the Christmas manger knew it for to Elizabeth she exclaimed:

"My soul doth magnify the Lord
My spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior!"

Even so has it been during all the nineteen hundred years: every Christmas and each other day there have been those who, like Mary, have kept all these sayings in their hearts. Particularly precious, though, do they always seem each recurring Christmas, the season when every thought centers about "the child in the midst". This is true in every clime where the Christmas story has been "learned by heart", a fact which makes clearer the realization that the Christ-Child is for no one particular land but is for every land, that He came from a Land that is different from all other lands—from the Glory-Land.

Concerning that "Land that is fairer than day" He said:

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me and forbid them not: for of such belongeth the Kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, 'Whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein'".



CILDREN ALWAYS

As a woman-writer has said:

What a significant fact it is that of all religions Christianity is the only one which lays emphasis on the childhood of its Founder! Mohammedan tradition weaves the most marvelous and fantastic tales about the infancy and childhood of the man who founded it, though none of these are mentioned in the Koran. But how different are these extravagant and often disgusting stories from the wonderful Gospel story of the Christ-Child. No other child ever born into this world has had such honor done to the event of his birth or has been able to inspire in millions of hearts through generation after generation the joy of remembering others, the delight of expressing love by gifts, the glory of "good will among men" that mark the Christmas time.

Even as the Christian must ever

have the childlike trust, ever look up to the Heavenly Father and the Elder Brother, so does it seem true that a child never grows up in the thought of the earthly parent. In a photographer's window there were grouped many pictures of children, in the midst of which was an advertisement card inviting other mothers to have pictures made of their little ones. The card bore these significant words: "They never grow up". This is certainly true if they are nurtured by the "love which never faileth". To interpret this love, to perpetuate this Christian childlikeness in the children of other lands is the purpose not only of the month's study, not only of every Woman's Missionary Society but of every earnest-hearted Christian woman and child the world around. They know, as did Phillips Brooks, that:

He who helps a child helps humanity with a distinctness, with an immediateness, which no other help given to human creatures in any other stage of their human life can possibly give again.

COMMON CHARACTERISTICS

HELPING the childhood of other lands is rendered easier by the fact that children of whatever clime have many similar traits, even as Paul preached on Mars hill:

God made of one every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth.

Every normal child has the body to be exercised, the mind to be trained, the soul to be quickened. One earnest mother-heart poured itself out in these words when it was planned that the Women's Missionary Societies should take up the study of the children of non-Christian lands:

Sometimes I almost resent the absurd extremes of tenderness and care for babies here, when I think of the world of neglected children. It seems to me that our Women's Missionary Societies are just a great, beautiful, organized motherhood for the world. The women don't half know or appreciate this or they would be swarming in by thou-

sands and giving their money by millions.

As Katherine Stanley Hall says: Children are very much the same at heart the world over. Color, dress and language make little difference to a child; the little African in the jungle, the Chinese trudging along in the shadow of the Great Wall, the little lad beneath the palm-tree of India and the American child have much in common. They are all born with the desire to play. You do not have to speak Chinese in order to have a good time with Chinese children—just toss a ball or blindfold the eyes or play house, and all barriers are broken and you have found common ground. As a child once expressed it, "You can talk with smiles and that kind of thing".

Japan is the very paradise of dolls; surely nowhere else in the world is a whole day in every year given up to their honor as it is in Japan. The Doll's Festival is one of the gala-days. Almost every family has its store of dolls: wonderful, ancient dolls, the Emperor and Empress, the courtiers and soldiers. But the children doubtless love best of all the torn, dirty little dolls they fondle and strap on their backs while they themselves are strapped on their mother's back. China, too, is rich in its variety of dolls—big dolls and little dolls, clay dolls and rag dolls, all manner of dolls, all very dear to the heart of the little Chinese, in fact, to the heart of any little girl of any land who is the happy owner; for surely a doll is a doll and a top is a top and a ball is a ball the round world over, and the color and the shape and the name they are called by make not a particle of difference. And why is it not just as much fun to play house in Africa and way up in Labrador and out in Turkey and in all these other lands as it is here in America? It surely is just as much fun, for it is the same thing after all.

DISTRESSING DIFFERENCES

ON the other hand there are striking contrasts between childlife in Christian and non-Christian lands. As Mrs. Mary S. Labaree says in her remarkable book, "The Child in the Midst":

Just as I cannot care for the interests of my child alone but must recognize that his life will be vitally influenced by whatever concerns his playmates and schoolmates, so I must inevitably be drawn into consideration of what is due to the children of the community, the state, the country, the world. What right have I to demand that my baby be well fed, my child be protected by laws that ensure his safety, that proper schools be provided for his education, that my daughter's purity and girlhood be respected, unless I concede that right to every mother in the world and care whether she has that right or not?

One in every five hundred of China's vast population is estimated to be deaf and dumb. Perhaps the only school in China for such unfortunates is in Chefoo and was started in 1898 as an independent work by Mrs. A. T. Mills, for many years a member of the Presbyterian Mission. Boys and girls are taught in this school to read, write and speak and are given as much elementary knowledge as is possible, while being trained to useful occupations by which they may hope to be self-supporting. Such constructive work for children who are handicapped is considered absolutely necessary in America and Europe. Is there in your opinion any necessity for multiplying such agencies in non-Christian lands? It is easy to trace many of the cases of terrible eye-disease among children in Egypt, Syria and other warm countries to the utter lack of any protection to the eyes from the glaring sunlight. Often boat-women are seen rowing in the bright sunlight in China with babies asleep on their backs and nothing over the sensitive little eyes as their heads bob up and down in time with the oars.

Strangely enough the birth of twins seems to be regarded with horror or disgust, or at least as a misfortune, in almost all lands where Christ, the Lover of children, is not known. In some parts of Africa the little twin babies are stuffed into a pot and thrown into the woods to die and their mother is considered disgraced for life or sent into exile. As there is no phase of life that Christian missions cannot touch and change, so among some of the African West Coast tribes, as the people have learned of Christianity, twin-murder has been abandoned along with human sacrifice, though even harder to eradicate. Were twin-murder alone prevalent among non-Christian races, it would be reason enough for earnest effort and prayer on the part of every Christian mother in the world until it could be stamped out. But the crime of infanticide is so frightfully prevalent in China, India and the Pacific Islands that it is a loud challenge to Christian parents to bring into darkened hearts and homes the knowledge of Him who considered it a capital offense even to "cause one of these little ones to stumble".

In very few cases do we read of infanticide being practiced at the present time on boy babies. Twin-murder as mentioned above, the killing in central Africa of "monstrosities" who have been born with a tooth cut, or who cut their upper teeth first, and the putting away of illegitimate children among some Mohammedans, seem to be almost the only exceptions to this rule. The poor little girl babies, not wanted, not welcomed, considered a disgrace and an expense, must again and again pay with their lives the penalty for being girls. "Why should the girl live", the Pacific Islander would say to the early missionaries: "She cannot poise the spear, she cannot wield the club".

A little brighter though decidedly "heathen" side of the dark picture is presented by Mr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer:

To be filial in China is not only to love and obey one's parents but to actually worship one's ancestors. The son is early taught to reverence his father and mother and to bow and worship before the ancestral tablets at home or in the ancestral temple and to make offerings at the graves. The son of a merchant learns also to worship the god of wealth. In their home, on a high shelf at the upper end of the reception-room, is a tall tablet with five characters in gilt written on it, "Heaven, Earth, Emperor, Ancestors, Scholars". He is taught to regard "Heaven" and "Earth" as the great father and mother of all people. In all this worship he is taught to offer incense, burn candles, paper money and clothing.

Mrs. Archibald Little, promoter of the Anti-Foot-Binding Society of China, has written:

During the first three years of foot-binding the girlhood of China presents a most melancholy spectacle. Instead of a hop, skip and jump, with rosy cheeks like the little girls of England, the poor little things are leaning heavily on a stick, somewhat taller than themselves, or carried on a man's back or sitting sadly crying. They have great black lines under their eyes and a special curious paleness that I have never seen except in connection with foot-binding. Their mothers sleep with a big stick by the bedside, with which to get up and beat the little girl should she disturb the household by her wails; but not uncommonly she is put to sleep in an outhouse. The only relief she gets is either from opium or from hanging her feet over the edge of her bed, so as to stop the circulation. The Chinese saying is "For each pair of bound feet there has been a whole kang, or big bath, full of tears". And they say that one girl out of ten dies of foot-binding or its after-effects.

Among the changes that are sweeping over China, the Anti-Foot-Binding Movement ranks high in importance. It is receiving daily impetus by reason

of all the new things Chinese women and girls want to do, which are impossible to accomplish unless they can walk instead of hobble. When this movement has really conquered the custom and "fashion" of centuries, there will be a better health report from the girls of China.

"If you were a wee blind beggar lad
And sat alone in the street,
And the chilling rain came drizzling down
And spattered your aching feet:

"And somebody came along your way,
Who cared for a wee blind lad,
And led you to shelter and food and hope:
Oh, wouldn't your heart be glad?"

ANGEL'S ANNOUNCEMENT

O quote again at length from Mrs. Labaree:

From land to land you may travel through Africa, Asia and the Islands of the Pacific, and all the poor little babies and their older brothers and sisters will be found to be victims of superstitions that surround and hamper and often injure their pitiful little lives. The "Evil Eye"—oh! how it is feared and how every possible and impossible means is used to avert it. You must not think of openly admiring a Mohammedan baby or of wearing anything black on your head when making your first call upon it, for you would certainly cast the "Evil Eye" on it!

The little coolie children of Hong Kong toiling up a steep road under the broiling sun with great loads of bricks slung on either end of a bamboo pole; the thousands of Chinese children gathering and carrying home great loads of fuel and manure; the Japanese girls sitting closely on their heels and painting cheap crockery for \$1 a week; the little children of a Japanese village helping to support themselves by making match-boxes for the sum of eight cents a thousand; the mere babies picking tea leaves under the hot sun in Bengal; the seven-year old girls working from five in the morning to six at night in the cotton and silk mills in China—these and countless others seem to be calling to us in the name of the Child of Bethlehem to

lighten in some way their heavy load. In describing how little is known in Africa of the Christmas angel's announcement, Mr. Diffendorfer says:

Her mother's hoe was the plow of the land, and her mother's head the wagon and the freight-train. When her mother was ill they did not call the doctor until she was dead and then only to find out who had induced some evil spirit to bewitch her. When a lion or hyena carried off some unguarded child, this most unlearned doctor came in, at painful cost, to discover which particular evil spirit was displeased with the family. She had never once heard of any good spirits; always evil spirits. She had seen her many relatives, one by one, sicken, grow helpless and then be carried off to some secluded spot to die alone, their bodies to be eaten by the wild beasts. Death was the unspeakable word in all her thought. She was taught to believe that good people, if there were any such, were extinguished as a small and fluttering flame is blown out and that the bad ones were made over into snakes, lions, leopards and crocodiles, left to torment people for a while and then they, too, were quit of any known existence.

But the angel announced to the shepherds on the Judean hills:

Be not afraid: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people.

Knowing that this promise is being fulfilled Mrs. Labaree says:

In the name of the little Child of Bethlehem the little children of sorrow and darkness and suffering are being reached and helped and cured and loved. In many a mission hospital and many a humble home the blind are receiving sight, the crooked limbs are being straightened, the burning fever is checked, the hollow cheeks are growing round and rosy. But in order that the "Spirit of Play" may have full right-of-way, a great, united, preliminary effort is needed, that the little ones of all lands may come into their rightful heritage. What time,

what strength, what zest is there left for play when the children have to work and contribute toward the family support? With shame we confess that the Christian nations are far from guiltless in this matter—the blood of thousands of their children cries to God from the ground. But, thank God, they are aroused and changes are taking place with wonderful rapidity and nations, like China and Japan, are looking to us as examples. Shall we fail them in their hour of crisis, or shall we lead and help and encourage them and other lands awaking from age-long sleep in this matter of their duty to the children?

Prominent among the rights of the child must be the right to abstain from the task of earning money either for his own support or to increase the family income. Premature child labor is an absolute evil and is wholly without justification. The enlightened view of today refuses to regard the child as a mere commercial asset of the parent. On the contrary, the relation of the two is exactly reversed. Until children reach a certain age it is absolutely necessary that they be supported by their parents, and society must enforce this obligation. As all roads lead to Rome, so all reading and observation along this line will lead the candid student to one conclusion:—Now is the time to determine the character of the mothers of the next generation of children in non-Christian lands. What those little bright-eyed baby girls of Africa and India, Turkey and Korea are to be and do, what their homes are to be like, what start in life their children are to have, will be largely determined by what we Christian women do or fail to do for them today. If it is to late to do much for their mothers before these children have left their homes, why not gather the children into kindergartens and primary schools, why not teach the little ones now while their minds are plastic and impressionable? Why not do our share toward bringing Christian civilization into darkened

lands by educating in Christian schools today the mothers of tomorrow? For a while it was feared that Christian girls would have difficulty in finding husbands. But, on the contrary, our educated girls become not only more intelligent but more attractive in manners, dress and character and therefore have been much sought after. The homes become Christian homes and the children are reared in a Christian atmosphere. The result is that, instead of the wife's dragging the husband down, she generally raises the husband up; and, as a general rule, the children early become Christians.

HEAVENLY HYMN

WHAT was the hymn of that first Christmas morning?

"Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace among men
In whom He is well pleased."

An English missionary in Swatow, China, heard sounds of bitter weeping by the wayside one night. Looking for its source, he found a heathen woman bowed over a child's grave, upon which, according to the local custom, lay an overturned cradle. In pity therfore Clara A. Lindsay wrote:

A heathen baby—that is all
A woman's lips that wildly plead:
Poor lips that never learned to call
On Christ in woman's time of need!

Poor lips, that never did repeat
Through quiet tears, "Thy will be done",
That never knew the story sweet
Of Mary and the Infant Son.

An emptied cradle and a grave—
A little grave—cut through the sod;
O Jesus, pitiful to save,
Make known to her the mother's God.

O, Spirit of the Heavenly Love,
Stir some dear heart at home today
An earnest thought to lift above
For mother-hearts so far away:

That all may know the mercy mild
Of Him who did the nurselings bless;
The heathen and the homeborn child
Are one in that great tenderness.

Touched by His tenderness Christian
mothers may mercifully echo the Christ-
mas carol, for

"In hearts too young for enmity
There lies the way to make men free;

Where children's friendships are world-wide
New ages will be glorified:
Let child love child, and strife will cease:
Disarm the hearts, for that is peace".

GIFTS OF GRACE

BUT not only did the angel announce the coming of the Christ-Child with "great joy to all the people", not only did the Christmas choir sing of glory to God and peace among men but also there came the magi to worship because they "saw His star in the east". Matthew pictures it thus:

And they came into the house and saw Mary His mother; and they fell down and worshiped Him; and opening their treasures they offered unto Him gifts: gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Some sixty years later another "wise" man, the Apostle Paul by name, spoke of other gifts which every Christian heart offers: the gifts of "faith and hope and love". Surely each of these is needed in working for and with the children of the world. To their instinctive faith must be added a faith in the Heavenly Father through His Child—the Christ—for "without faith it is impossible to be well-pleasing unto Him"; in their blindness and beggary, their ignorance and indolence, their superstition and sin, all children must be given "hope" that it may be both their helmet and their anchor; and into their affectionate little natures, as the very warp and woof of their lives, must be woven love for God and for others as themselves.

"Lord give the mothers of the world
More love to do their part—
That love which reaches not alone
The children made by birth their own
But every childish heart.
Make in their souls true motherhood,
Which aims at universal good".

As Mrs. Labaree says in "The Child in the Midst":

Would that every mother in America might have a vision today of a Christless home in a Christless land and then of that home transformed and taking its share in the festival of the Christ-Child! When once the spirit of the blessed Christ has touched a heart or a home or a community, there

is a transformation. Is there any other anniversary that inspires the blessed joy of giving that belongs to the Christmas season? If we mothers long to "give a Christmas present to Jesus", what could be more acceptable to Him than the dedication of an hour of this busy, happy Christmas season to loving prayer and thought for the mothers and children in our own community and throughout the wide world?

"Our Father, You have given me
So much of love and joy today
That I am thinking joy and love
To other children far away
Wherever they lie down to sleep,
Happy and tired with work and play,
Yellow and brown and black and white—
Our Father, bless us all tonight!"

As one thinks of what God's great Christmas Gift has brought into the lives of all who would receive it, there comes the added longing that every child shall experience the joy of its life-long possession, knowing that "if you save a man you save a life; but if you save a boy you save a multitude". With unusual joy, therefore, one turns to the report of the Foreign Mission Board to see in part what southern Baptists are doing for the children of other lands—in Mexico, South America, Africa, Europe, China, Japan. The report shows: Sunday schools, 1573; Sunday school pupils, 84,511; schools, 846; students, 32,124; hospital treatments, 279,201. Of course not all of the treatments were for children, not all of the students in the institutions and Sunday schools are very young, but would it not be a very conservative estimate to divide these totals by three? Would it be far wrong to say that at least one-third of the 117,923 church members in S.B.C. churches on the foreign fields are less than sixteen years of age? As one thinks of the power of these churches, schools and hospitals, of the example set by the missionary home and of the great number of missionary "sons and daughters" who have returned as missionaries, one feels that their combined influence for good on the lives of the children of these lands an-

swers for them the question raised by Dr. Henry VanDyke:

There is a better thing than the observance of Christmas Day and that is—keeping Christmas. And if you keep it for a day why not always?

"I see them come crowding, crowding,
Children of want and pain,
Dark sorrow their eyes enshrouding,
Where joy's touch should have lain.

"They stand in silence beseeching,
Gaunt faces lifted up
And wan little hands outreaching
For love's forbidden cup.

"Their hearts are restless with yearning,
The hearts of my own are stilled,
Their lips are parched and burning,
The cups of my own are filled!

"I cry in love unsatisfied
For these without the fold,
My mother's arms are open wide
These weary ones to hold.

"What though my arms are open wide,
Only mine own lie near,
Without still stand those long denied,
Compassed in want and fear.

Bowed with the crown of motherhood,
I seek that Shepherd of old:
"How can mine own receive the good
With some left out of the fold?"

QUESTIONS ON PROGRAM TOPIC FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. What were some of the reasons why God came to earth in the form of a little child?
2. Is the "Land" from which He came as near to "other lands" as to America?
3. How can all the Christian women and young people of America be made to realize that this is so?
4. What are the inherent rights of childhood?
5. What are some of the superstitions surrounding child-life in heathen lands?
6. Does a knowledge of the suffering of children in non-Christian lands deepen the desire to relieve them?
7. If so, why do Christian women and young people indulge in luxuries?
8. How helpful to child culture are churches, hospitals, schools and missionaries' homes on foreign fields?
9. To what extent are southern Baptists maintaining them?
10. Is their helpfulness hindered by the debt?
11. If so, why do southern Baptists withhold their tithes and offerings?
12. How may each member of the society help clear the debt through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering? (See page 4.)

Encourage your society and every member in it, please, to help to the limit in the canvass for pledges to the 1926 Co-operative Program of Southern Baptists. Upon its success depends largely the very life of the denomination.

Finally in the words of Mrs. Labaree:

What blessings shall we ask for the children of the world? The same that we ask for our own as we kneel at their bedside and our eyes are dim with tears of yearning love, while we pray that our darling may be kept from harm and accident, from all soul stains, that they may "grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man!" Is there any blessing you ask for your boy or girl that is not needed by the other children of the world? "Prayer is cheap", some say, "It costs nothing to say a prayer for missions". Real prayer is not cheap—it costs the deepest, strongest thought one can expend; it costs time; it costs the willingness to help to answer one's own prayers in terms of interest and gifts and service. In Christ's name, then, let us pray and let us not rest nor be satisfied until every mother in the world, clasping her child to her bosom, is truly a holy mother and every little child is a holy child.



Y. W. A. PROGRAMS



Material found in the general program on pages 11-18 as well as other items in this issue will be quite helpful to supplement the following programs. It is hoped it will be freely used in this supplemental way. The leaflets suggested on page 3 will also provide attractive additions.

FIRST MEETING

Topic—Flash Light Scenes

Hymn—The Light of the World Is Jesus

Devotional—Psalm 127

Scene I—America's Pride

The Curtain Between

Prayer that we may see beyond the curtain

Scene II—A Flash over China and Japan

Scene III—World Children at Play

Scene IV—World Children's Differences

Scene V—The Beggar Lad (See page 15.)

Scene VI—I See Them Crowding

Scene VII—Our Unfinished Task

Prayer Poem (See page 16.)

Hymn—The World Children for Jesus

Prayer that we may do our part
Announcement Poster

ANY one can use colored crayons and draw a rectangle about 2 inches wide and 6 inches long. Then with yellow or red crayon make rays of light coming from one end of the rectangle and you'll be surprised to see how much like a flashlight it will look. Print your subject, time and place of meeting in the circle of the rays of light.

America's Pride

THE first picture does not seem unusual to us because it is so familiar and because we do not look at it in comparison with other pictures. This first one is just a glimpse of America's own childhood. The childhood of our country in spite of its evident tragedies presents by far the most engaging scene when placed beside pictures of childhood in other lands. Though our hearts ache to see the possibilities undeveloped in our childlife, the opportunities not

realized, yet we rejoice that our children do not present so sad a picture as those of other lands. Day schools and kindergartens are in a measure adequate, homes where there is intelligence and culture, Sunday schools where the Bible is the text book and churches where Christ is introduced as Saviour and friend of little children are numerous. Children are to us love, joy and opportunity for serving through training a future world. Other countries picture a childhood reaching out for the same privileges we are giving our own children. In view of the fact that Christ came to lift humanity throughout the world, have we any right to give less to children of other lands than we offer the children of America?

The Curtain Between

HERE is something that obstructs the further view of many of us, for only as our hearts open can we see afar. Our hearts are windows through which our eyes behold but how often we see with eyes dimmed and hear with ears dulled because our hearts are closed.

Truly does the poet say:

"The world stands out on either side
No wider than the heart is wide
Above the world is stretched the sky
No higher than the soul is high.
The heart can push the sea and land
Farther away on either hand;
The soul can split the sky in two
And let the face of God shine through;
But East and West can pinch the heart
That cannot keep them pushed apart,
And he whose soul is flat, the sky
Will cave in on him by and by."

A Flash over China and Japan

A SUNDAY school worker asked some questions about religion in the class rooms of schools in Osaka, one of the largest cities in Japan. About 9,064 children were questioned. It was learned that the parents of 7,937 were

Buddhists, 387 Shintoists and 329 were Christians. The number who thought there was a supreme being were 6,694, but some 1,276 said there is no God. About 1,044 were frankly agnostic. There were 7,522 who felt the need of some religion. When asked their preference 3,157 wanted to be Buddhists and 1,513 inclined to Christianity. The others were in doubt. The Bible had been read to some extent by 1,371.—*Missionary Review of the World*

China's need (as well as Japan's) is that her children shall be taught Christianity. A missionary says: "Of China's 99 millions of children of school age, only 4 millions are in school and only 125 thousand in Christian schools. *Not one in a thousand* of China's girls is in a school or a Christian home". The responsibility is ours. Will we shirk it and refuse to transform China? In II Tim. 4:16 we read "I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge".

World Children at Play

(See W.M.S. program, pages 12-13.)

The World Children's Differences

(See W.M.S. program, pages 13-15.)

The Beggar Lad

(See W.M.S. program, page 15.)

I See Them Crowding

(See W.M.S. program, page 18.)

Our Unfinished Task—The World

AFRICA contains 42,000,000 Mohammedans.

China still has more than 300 million adherents to heathen religions.

More than 118,000 Shintoist temples and shrines are to be found in Japan. Buddhist temples total more than 70,000. These two religions number at least 72 millions out of the 77 millions of people.

Of the people in India, 216 millions are Hindus, 69 millions are Mohammedans, 11 millions are Buddhists, 10 millions are Animists and less than 5 millions are Christians.—*The Continent Magazine*



SECOND MEETING

Topic—Christmas Candles

Hymn—Low in a Manger

Prayer that the light from the manger
may shine in us

Devotional—The Story of Christ's Birth, Luke 2:1-20

The Candle Lighted by a Missionary Torch

The Unlighted Candle

Song—Send the Light

Japanese Candles

The Candle Lighted at Midnight

Is Your Candle Lighted?

Hymn—Let the Lower Lights Be Burning

Prayer that we may help to crown
Him King in the hearts of little chil-
dren the world over

Poster Announcement

UT from red or gold paper a candle
and candlestand. Paste on card-
board and write "Christmas Lights".
Give date and place of meeting.

The Candle Lighted by a Missionary
Torch

ANDREW Hensley in "My Child of the Forest" tells of a Congo girl who came from a home of deepest ignorance and sin into glorious Christian knowledge. She had been born in Lunkundo village and her father was a chief. She had gazed many times with repulsion upon the chief of her village as he marched through with his many wives. Her father had filled her heart with fear and sorrow when he told her that this village chief was some day to be her husband. Her mother had added to her grief by telling her that even before her birth she had been sold to this chief. The day she saw the chief come with a number of his wives bringing gifts of brass bracelets and anklets she understood that even though she was yet a child this meant he would take her away with him as a new wife. In

the darkness of the night she slipped away to go she knew not where but anywhere to escape such a fate. After wandering for miles through the dense forest without food she had appeared suddenly in the doorway of "White Man's" hut. "Surely White Man", she said, "you will not let them find me and take me". The father came for her but she bravely refused to go and remained in the missionary school where she had found refuge. Day after day she sought to know Him of whom the missionary talked until finally she came to White Man and said "White Man, could you baptize me?" As he drew her up out of the water he saw in her face the light that had been caught from his torch. He had lighted her candle with the story of the Child who was born in Bethlehem to be the "Light of the World".

The Unlighted Candle

We Wait for the Light—Isa. 59:9

IN far away China there lives little Sheng-min. He hurried home from school one particular afternoon because on the next day the holidays would begin and he could lay aside books for a while. It had rained earlier in the day and the sunshine had not dried up all the pools in the slippery roadway. The streets, narrow and dingy, were crowded with people hurrying on their business. A man carrying vegetables hurried by, scattering leaves here and there, a mother with a tiny baby on her back passed quickly by anxious to buy a pound of rice for her dinner. As Sheng-min turned a corner sheets of paper came whisking around to meet him and he chanced to catch one in his hand.

He tried to smooth it out and on reaching home he laid it to dry while he played with a jolly little sister, Moon-face. After supper as they sat together he took the sheet and tried to read; "I do not know what happened at the end, only a part of it is here". He began to read the story of a cruel king who demanded that all the baby boys be killed and of how one mother hid her baby in the bulrushes by a river and of how the king's daughter came down

and found the baby, "and that's all", he said with a shadow on his face. The father said he had never heard the story but that it must be of a man who had a great work to do in the world. The mother said she felt the king's daughter must have cared for a boy baby but that she wished she could know surely. Shing-min and his parents have not heard the story of that other man-child who escaped death at the hands of a cruel king. Shall we not send to his land the Book to tell of the Child called Jesus, who came to save His people from their sins?

"Ah, to how many has Faith been
No evidence of things unseen
But a dim shadow that recasts
The creed of the Phantasiasts
For whom no Man of Sorrow died
For whom the tragedy divine
Was but a symbol and a sign
And Christ a phantom crucified".

Japanese Candles

The Light that shines out of darkness—
II Cor. 4:6

HE chubby-faced Japanese children from Christian schools are often seen playing church, someone of them repeating much of the message the missionary had tried to impress. One's heart is hushed in praise and petition (says one of our missionaries) as these precious children of the Sunrise Kingdom sing a hymn and reverently bow their heads even in an effort to pray to a real God. This pictures to us a Japan in fulfillment of the prophecy "The streets of the city shall be full of the boys and girls playing in the streets thereof". Japan's opportunity and hope lies in her children just as does America's.

The Candle Lighted at Midnight
The light of the knowledge—II Cor. 4:6

ONE of our missionaries tells of how a dear little timid child came to her home to ask a question which had been troubling her earnest and interested little mind and heart. "What does the missionary man say when all the people turn their heads bowed?" was

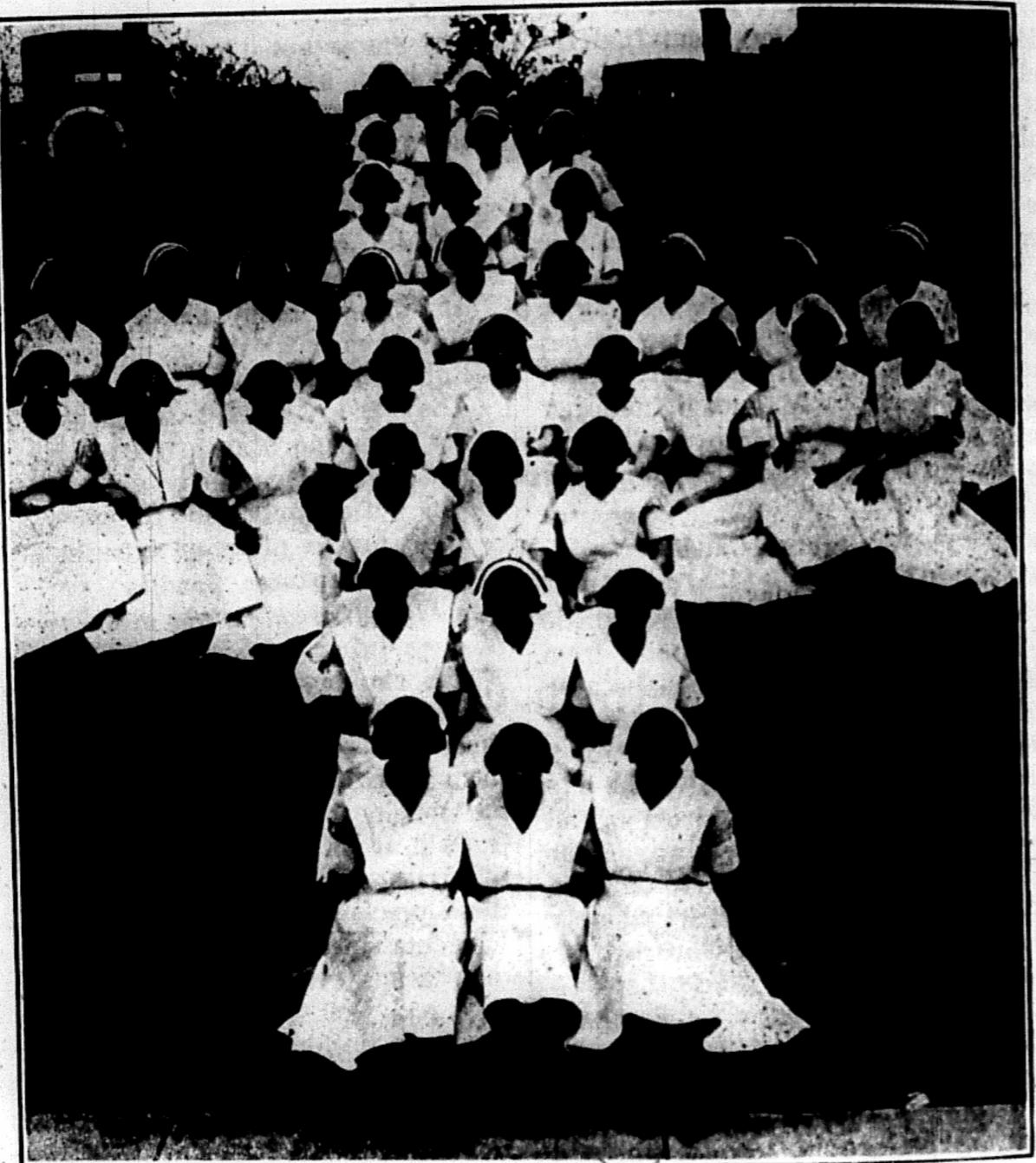
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COLLEGE Y. W. A.



GRACE MCBRIDE Y.W.A. AT MEMPHIS



THE happy task of writing the history of the Grace McBride Y.W.A. of the Baptist Memorial Hospital Training School at Memphis, Tennessee, has fallen to me. In 1923, thirteen consecrated nurses banded themselves together in our hospital for some definite Christian work. We called this the "Volunteer Band" but soon discovered that this was not adequate, as there were those who wanted to join some religious organization but felt that they had no definite call to service. The happy solution came when our charming Mrs. W. J. Cox, now president of the W.M.U., was invited one Monday night to our weekly prayer meeting to tell us the heroic story of Grace McBride, the martyred missionary nurse in Siberia. She suggested that we organize a Grace McBride Y. W. A. Thus came into being an organization that we feel is moulding the lives of our young women and acting as a channel of self expression and self development.

The organization started with great enthusiasm. Our first president was elected from the senior class. We adopted the constitution and by-laws prepared for Grace McBride Y.W.A.'s. Now nearly one-half of our student body of the Nurses' Training School belongs. We have our monthly meeting with enthusiasm and spirit of consecration. Our meetings always end with some pleasant social activity and refreshments.

Out of this Grace McBride Y.W.A. has gone a missionary to China, Mrs. James Bailey (Miss Ethel Stoermer). This year there are two of our members in missionary training schools, one in New Orleans and one in Louisville, Kentucky.

Last year over fifty dollars was sent for missions and this year we are hoping to double this amount. The Grace McBride Y.W.A. has almost complete charge of the religious activities of the Nurses' Training School. They are fostering nightly prayer meetings from room to room and have charge of the Bible readings at the morning worship at chapel. Beginning next Sunday we will have two mission study classes.

From the beginning of our organization we have had the heartiest cooperation from the authorities in the hospital. They have encouraged and helped us most acceptably. The superintendent of the hospital, Mr. Sheats, said of our Grace McBride Y.W.A.: "I consider that Grace McBride Y.W.A. is a very necessary adjunct to the religious activities of the Nurses' Training School". Miss Archer, the superintendent of nurses, expressed herself in this manner: "The Grace McBride Y.W.A. has been a strong influence in our students' Christian development, which is so great an essential in their lives as nurses. While we have already felt its benefits in character building, we believe in time that it will so develop that every nurse in the school will be an active, earnest member". Dr. Jeffries, our pastor, said of our organization: "The Grace McBride Y.W.A. since its organization has been a strong religious force among our students and an avenue for self expression of the best religious impulses". Thus we feel that our Heavenly Father has blessed our organization and made it a blessing to us.—*Tarwanda Garabedian, Counselor*

Y. W. A. PROGRAMS

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her question. There in the presence of Him who said "Suffer little children to come unto me", the missionary prayed in Spanish and the child heard for the first time a prayer to a God who hears little children.

Is Your Candle Lighted for Christmas?

THE hope of our foreign lands and of

the world is our children. The hope of "Children of Other Lands" is the Light carried by our missionaries who represent us. "The light that shines farthest shines brightest at home." How far is your light shedding its rays? One missionary society in Georgia gave to each member the name of a girl in one of our missionary schools in China until every name had been taken. Every one of the sixty girls came to know Christ that year as her

Saviour. Who shall say what part the prayers of these "name sakes" had in the conversions? Y.W.A.'s are urged to pray daily for missions. October ROYAL SERVICE said religious statistics show us that each Christian must light the way for two others in this world. Are you witnessing in your praying?

Are we faithful or unfaithful witnesses in our giving? Last year Y.W.A. gifts to foreign missions averaged less than \$14.00 from each auxiliary which surely seems to indicate that each Y. W.A. member averaged less than *one dollar* in her gifts to foreign missions for a year. Can Y.W.A.'s afford to dim their lights by such paltry giving? Are you using the Alabaster Boxes for collecting your Christmas offerings?



OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



CHISTMAS should be more than ever a preparation for real gift time in the January Week of Prayer. The sight of a poorly clad child, of the waif

who gazes yearningly in at gaily decorated store windows, the generosity of Good Fellows will remind young people of wisely led missionary organizations that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering opportunity is just around the corner, it will be opportunity to send good news to thousands of cold and hungry Chinese children, it will be opportunity to satisfy their yearning for an adequate God, it will be a chance to be generous "Good Fellow" not to one or a small group but to thousands if one wishes. And the gift of the Lottie Moon Offering will be translated into that priceless gift which makes Christmas Christmas, the knowledge of Jesus Christ. The alert counselor will be giving out offering envelopes and constantly keeping the thought of His gift first before the members of G.A., R.A. and Sunbeam Band. Look in the reports of last year's gifts and you will blush as rosily as Santa's cheeks are red no doubt at the small size of some gifts stated there in the January offering. This must have been oversight, surely the Christmas spirit would not leave us as selfish as money values would measure our young people to be. They need reminding and that is the counselor's business.

With the Foreign Mission Board sending its special urging for December twenty-seventh to be made a real "Love-Offering Day" many organizations will fall in line with that occasion as observed by the church of which they are a part. If so, be sure to mark plainly the gift from W.M.U. young people so that the record may be kept.



With Christmas coming on soon the girls in G.A. will be doing much sewing likely, embroidering gifts: why not suggest the reading of one of the splendid missionary stories reviewed in recent numbers of **WORLD COMRADES** while they sew? G.A.'s should have a real study class in the course of the year but this could be an extra mission story read aloud in happy fashion. "The Lost Treasure of Umdilla" would be delightful for this or "A China Shepherdess". The R.A.'s may be painting or whittling or working with cross cut saws and the same advantageous use of quiet working moments could be made.

The problem of "what to give?" is to the foreground of everyone's thinking. Why not make this Christmas count for telling others about Him? Give mission story books to extend mission interests, give the pins of our missionary organization to make the organization spirit more enthusiastic. Books and pins will suit every wish for a suggestion of a gift for parent to child, for counselor to members, for members to counselor or to each other.

With pen in hand acknowledging Christmas gifts it will be a very easy matter to fill in the report and send it by December 31. One remembers the change in the time of report making. It has all been so carefully explained in ROYAL SERVICE, the real test comes in just taking that few moments to actually fill in the blanks. Don't fail here. You want to start the New Year right, ready reported and duly noted on 1926 records from the very first.

UNION NOTES



ROUND TABLE



CHRISTMAS GREETING
AND GOOD WISHES FOR THE
NEW YEAR.
I AM SUBSCRIBING IN YOUR NAME
TO THE W.M.U. MAGAZINE
ROYAL SERVICE

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PERSONAL service is particularly appealing at Christmas time. In the multiplicity of the season's ministering gifts it is quite possible to have soul-winning as the controlling motive. Following such experiences there is apt to come the desire to know more about seeking the lost. Accordingly the Union's Personal Service Committee recommends for such study "The Plan of Salvation" by Dr. Austin Crouch. This book is also recommended as a home mission book, it being left with the individual student to decide which seal to request for its satisfactory study. The committee also recommends as a personal service study "Christian Citizenship" by Dr. Francis J. McConnell. Attention is called to the fact that for the present there will not be a reprint of "The Handbook of Personal Service". Societies and individuals needing the information contained in it are referred to the chapter on personal service in the "Manual of W.M.U. Methods".

THE drawing on this page is a reproduction of the card which will be sent by the Birmingham office to anyone who wishes to give ROYAL SERVICE as a Christmas present. It would ever seem appropriate for Christmas to be the season of much giving but more and more are Christians having the opportunity to learn that such gifts may indeed be for His glory, even as was the anthem of the angels, as were the gold and frankincense and myrrh of the wise men. This magazine is sincere in its desire to give glory to God and to help in bringing peace through the spread of His Gospel and so it longs that subscriptions and renewals for it be used as Christmas presents. Any one desiring to do this need only say so in sending in the order and one of the cards will be returned to be used in advising the friend at Christmas. The card is attractive in holly green on buff paper.

LAST of September and first of October days have been filled with keeping in touch with W.M.U.'s college daughters in Tennessee a little, in South Carolina more. Union University at Jackson, Tenn., is starting for its best Y.W.A. year beyond a doubt. The enthusiasm of a splendid city Y.W.A. and G.A. will help the rather new college organization along too. Tennessee brought a delightful new emphasis to regular activities by a most enthusiastic Y.W.A. mission study week in Chattanooga. Every one of 17 Y.W.A.'s of Ocoee Association was represented. Your secretary was privileged to speak one evening and so share the contagious high spirits. Slipping in a couple of other engagements besides colleges, Memphis had an excellent city Y.W.A. meeting that broke the drought with a deluge of rain but proved Y.W.A.'s to be loyal and brave, and at Humboldt there was a delightful all day young people's associational rally. Miss Rollow is lining up Y.W.A.'s and G.A.'s for progress indeed. Meanwhile the South Carolina's march on under the experienced leadership of Mrs. George E. Davis. Her College Y.W.A.'s all promise A-1 achievements if they keep up the pace set now. Coker College had 100 per cent Baptist girls enrolled when the secretaries arrived; Limestone lined up 100 per cent during their visit; Winthrop College has some 300-in the Baptist Sunday school class and Y.W.A.; Anderson College will soon reach 100 per cent and Greenville Woman's College also. The academies visited—North Greenville, Long Creek and Six Mile—showed splendid interest in missionary organizations, two having full graded Unions at work. Along the way in both states it was a source of satisfaction to notice that wherever a Y.W.A. member had attended Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp, she had returned to her home to become a nucleus of stronger missionary activity. Summer days in the mountains are finding their complement in better work in the autumn and for the winter.—*Juliette Mather*

THREE states were visited in October by the W.M.U. corresponding secretary. After a Sunday in Palmetto, Georgia, came a week's mission study class in Dublin. This class was part of an "Associational Institute" held at the First Baptist Church, whose pastor, Dr. C. D. Graves, is well-known for his fine missionary spirit. Three days of the next week were given to the annual meeting of Missouri Baptists, when they "went up" to Carthage. The weather was as golden as the pumpkins and the large delegation showed decided interest in each session. Of particular help to Union members was W.M.U. day, which was ably presided over by Mrs. F. W. Armstrong with the hearty co-operation of Mrs. J. G. Reynolds and Miss Reitha Hight. The "chief charm" of the day was the banquet to the Missouri missionaries, four of whom brought convincing messages from China: Mrs. J. W. Lowe, Mrs. C. C. Marriott, Dr. Jeannette Beall and Miss Ethel Ramsbottom. Between the Missouri meeting and a similar one of southern Baptists in Illinois, appointments were filled at Carlinville, E. St. Louis, Carbondale, Dowell and DuQuoin, with a "post-convention" meeting at Cairo. The convention met at Anna, its first day being used for a preachers' conference and for the W.M.U. annual gathering, the missionary guest of which was Miss Pearl Caldwell of China. That night over one hundred men, women and young people attended the "Mission Study Banquet", the toasts being very artistically and appealingly "said in flowers": China, *narcissus*; Japan, *chrysanthemum*; Italy, *lily*; Africa, *marigold*; Mexico, *cactus*; Brazil, *laurel*. Steadily is Illinois W.M.U. work growing under the leadership of Mrs. L. C. Biggs, Miss Aretta Beswick, Miss Pearl Baugher, Mrs. I. E. Lee, Mrs. W. A. Rhine, Miss Helen Greif and the host of other women and young people "that publish the tidings" through prayer, study and gifts. It was an unspeakable joy to find not only at Anna and the other Illinois places but also at Carthage and Dublin a deepening determination to help materially in clearing the debt on the Foreign Mission Board. God grant that southern Baptists may thus express their gratitude for His Christmas Gift!

“THY PEOPLE ISRAEL”

FIRST INTERNATIONAL HEBREW-CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

JACOB GARTENHAUS, Atlanta, Ga.

JF THE spirit of God moves there is no need for human boosters. If the Lord builds the house, the laborers do not work in vain. Human instruments need only resign their will to His will and then they become mighty workmen.

Such was the great realization of those present at the First International Hebrew-Christian Conference, held in London, England, Sept. 5-12. The influence of the Holy Spirit over the entire proceedings was felt keenly.

A Two-Fold Returning—"If He gathereth together, who shall hinder Him?" Prophecies which speak of Israel's returning are many. We are told that dispersed Israel shall be gathered from all corners of the earth, not only to their own land but to their long rejected King Messiah. Just as surely as Israel was dispersed, so shall she be gathered together again, nationally and spiritually. "For I will take you from among the nations and gather you out of all the countries and will bring you into your own land. A new heart also will I give you and a new spirit will I put within you."—Ezekiel 36:24-28

The student of Bible prophecies needs only to hear reports of the marvelous happenings in Palestine and of the inward awakening and acceptance of Christ in large numbers—then such prophecy at once becomes history. Such an awakening is unprecedented. The coming together of Hebrew-Christians from all parts of the globe to form an International Conference came about as a direct result of the awakening. We gathered from Russia, Poland, Jugo-Slavia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Germany, Austria, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Persia, Palestine, Great Britain, Australia, United States and Canada. So filled with the desire to be present was an Australian delegate that he traveled steadily for six weeks. A remarkable experience is that of Bro. Lewis, who is described as the "Apostle of the Bush". In twenty-five years he has traveled through the interior of Australia, 140,000 miles, of which he walked 51,000 miles, preaching the Gospel. Like the Apostle Paul he realized that not only did the Jew need the Gospel but the gentile also and thus we account for nearly all of the six thousand souls he won being gentiles. It was a heavy cross to practice the new-found faith, as for all Jewish Christians.

At an early session of the conference the following important resolution was proposed: "That this conference proceed to the organization of an International Hebrew-Christian Alliance". This was enthusiastically received and immediately we became an incorporated body, firm in our stand for Christ.

The conference then proceeded to the election of its officers. Many names were offered as probable candidates for the presidency, but undoubtedly the Holy Spirit laid His hand upon one who at first was afar off in the eyes of the people. In nominating him it was said of him: "Whom the king delighteth to honor" should also be honored by the people. Sir Leon Levinson, a man who distinguished himself by his charitable deeds and literary works, a man who endeared himself to the hearts of the delegates, was unanimously acclaimed president.

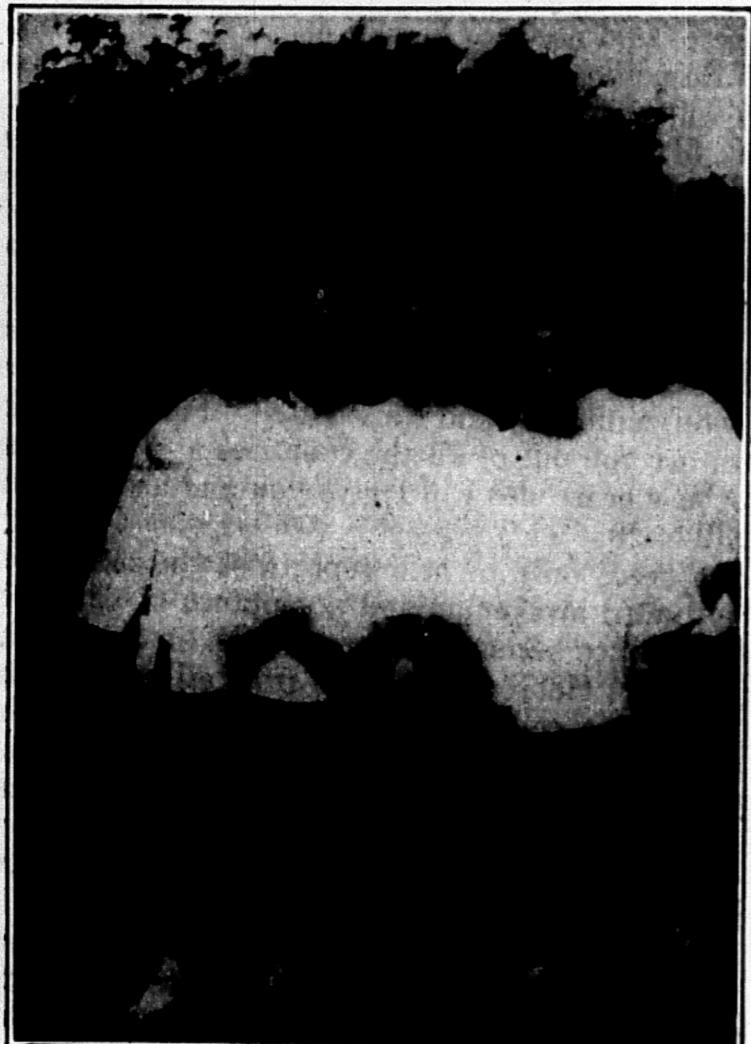
The impressions and invaluable experiences gained by contact with some of the greatest Hebrew Christians of the day have so broadened your missionary's vision that he feels better equipped for the great task and opportunities confronting him. He wishes to express here his deepest thanks to the Women's Missionary Societies, not only for the share they had in making his trip possible but for their ever increasing interest and prayers for the salvation of Israel. Indeed Israel's harvest is ripe but, to our deep sorrow, the laborers are few.



FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



SOUL SEEKERS IN LAICHOW



THIS picture of our vacation evangelistic band shows five pupils of the Woman's Bible Training School in Laichow, who were left here when the 1925 spring term closed. Two of them came from the far west and will not return till their three years of study are finished, while two others have no home to which they can go. A letter came to the fifth one, saying it would be difficult to provide for her, so she could not go to be a burden even to home people.

When all were gone these "left-overs" set up housekeeping in the school and you may be sure they were busy doing what they could find to do to support themselves. Some are experts at making tatting and are doing lovely work

pupils thus had a fine opportunity to exercise their special gifts.

We have learned out here to be almost as busy on the Sabbath as you people back at home—lesson preparation, then Sunday school, in which four of these women teach; then church services, dinner, a rest; after this our W.M.U. meets, and in the long summer days we still had time left to go to our mission schools where crowds of children and some women were given an hour of instruction. Some of these are in the city; one of special promise is in a village nearby, in which after twenty years of seed-sowing a rich harvest is promised. Will you not pray for these dear women as well as for all others in the school?—*Mary D. Willeford, China*

CONVERSATION BETWEEN A MISSIONARY FROM INTERIOR CHINA AND A FAITHFUL CO-WORKER IN THE HOME-LAND

Missionary—How we do need another Bible woman!

Co-Worker—For what place?

Missionary—Our outstation field near Kaifeng where there are 300,000 women and children who should be evangelized and taught to read God's Word. At present we have only two Bible women.

Co-Worker—It seems that such an enormous undertaking would require the help of a number of Bible women instead of only three.

Missionary—Indeed it does! And we hope eventually to get them. However, we are now asking for only one.

Co-Worker—Why did your request not reach us?

Missionary—It was mentioned, but several in the mission suggested that, since our Board is burdened with debt, this request for the salary of a new Bible woman be deferred.

Co-Worker—Yet think of the 300,000 to be reached!

Missionary—Yes, think! 300,000 souls who might be won to Christ, if only there were money enough to pay the workers—deplorable!

Co-Worker and Missionary—Oh, let us pray and let us give that the debt of our Foreign Mission Board may be speedily wiped out!—*Addie Cox, China*

"STILL" IN CHINA

TARRYING on the coast of China as I read the W.M.U. watchword for the year my thoughts wander back to the little crowd of disciples waiting for the promise of the Father again: the Lord of Hosts has called His disciples to meet Him and to "tarry ye". This time the place is the coast of China and the time, the year of nineteen hundred twenty-five. The Lord's messengers in China are waiting on the Lord on the doorsteps of China. They know that "God is working His great purpose out" and hence they are "assembling themselves" and "in the closets" praying at His feet to be empowered from on High. They know that the Great Commander wishes their bodies to be presented as *living sacrifices* for He has kept them even in the face of grave dangers. Not only to the missionaries is the Great Commander ordering "tarry ye", but to the hosts of the Chinese Christians this order has come and they too are being drawn to Him who is able to guide, guard and lead.

But soon the command will come, "Go ye", and Chinese and missionaries united in heart and clothed with power from on High will go forward to carry the Light to every part of this land. Baptists of the southland—men, women, boys and girls—when the door of opportunity swings wide in China are you going with us! God grant that you will! !—*Nell Putney, Shiuchow*

BECAUSE the debt on the Foreign Mission Board had by October grown to \$1,813,000, the Board decided to ask each state to urge each of its churches to take a special offering on Sunday, December 27, the offering to be used toward the clearing of the foreign mission debt. Unless the offering of that Sunday is at least \$1,000,000 there is every reason to believe that the Board will, at its special meeting on January 13, recall many missionaries and close some stations. Pray, oh pray, that the million will be raised on or before December 27! If your church decides to help in this way, please be very careful to have all members of W.M.U. organizations, whether women or young people, use their Lottie Moon Christmas Offering envelopes so that the record may be accurately kept. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is this year to be applied on the foreign debt so give and get others to give as never before!



TRAINING SCHOOL



WHEN DREAMS COME TRUE

AS MANY of us looked again and again at our splendid new Good Will Center building on the night of the formal opening Friday, October 16, we felt that a beautiful dream had come true. In imagination we went back to another October Friday in 1912, when the first little rented building was thrown open to the people in that same neighborhood. We reviewed the success of that first year which caused the new work to outgrow its rented quarters. We rejoice that the Executive Committee of Woman's Missionary Union had the vision to invest in the original plant on our present location, where the work has been carried on since the fall of 1913. We remembered with gratitude the cheering message that came from the Executive Committee last January announcing its decision to rise up and build a model plant for its Training School Good Will Center. We saw the transformation that the last five months had wrought and we rubbed our eyes, as if waking from a long sleep, and realized that the dream had in truth become a reality.

To Mrs. Frank E. Short, who has so efficiently served as chairman of our building committee, and to her husband, who has built for us such a commodious, convenient and beautiful house, coming well within the appropriation, we are under everlasting obligations.

Though the rain poured in torrents throughout the opening day, a goodly number of Louisville people came to inspect the new house. At the opening program in the evening in Mrs. Eager's absence, Mrs. Short represented the local Board of Managers; Miss Broadus, the W.M.U.; Mrs. Bose, the Training School; Misses Littlejohn and Johnson, the Good Will Center; Dr. R. H. Tandy and Rev. F. G. Tucker, the Baptist ministers, and two of the char-

ter members of the Friendly Circle represented that club, the oldest organization at Good Will Center. From all the clubs representative groups in costume took some part on the program in song or demonstration. The auditorium holding about 250 people was crowded with eager, interested friends and neighbors.

The following is a verbatim report of the speech made by one of the mothers on this happy occasion. With no outside help, she wrote the words, memorized them and gave them with the poise and earnestness that any one of us might covet:

"It is indeed a pleasure and an honor to have the privilege to speak for the Mothers' Club, known as the Friendly Circle of Good Will Center. If I were to review the history of the club since its organization nearly 13 years ago; if I were to tell of all the good that has been done; if I were to tell of all the benefits and blessings that have been received by the members, including myself, it would require days and days of time and half would be left untold. However, as time is limited this evening, I can only tell that Good Will Center has been a real true life and soul-saving station. It has been a true beacon light to me and to many others from this community as well as many other sections of the city. Only mothers with large families and limited means, mothers who know the problems, the joys, the sorrows, the ups and down of a growing family can realize and understand what the Good Will Center and Friendly Circle could mean in their every day lives. Here we find recreation, relaxation, education, fellowship, sociability and last, but best and above all else, we learn to love and serve our dear Lord by the study of His Word in our meeting. (Concluded on Page 32)



SOCIETY METHODS



ENLISTING THROUGH GIFTS

THROUGHOUT the Christian world today men and women are deeply concerned at conditions confronting our mission fields because of lack of funds to carry on the work. In proportion to the decrease in contributions, opportunities both at home and abroad have multiplied. This situation is not peculiar to any one sect but is the problem of all denominations. In no uncertain tones the leaders of our own denomination have spoken, calling upon southern Baptist women to help meet the need of the hour.

The plan of "enlisting through gifts" the other woman is worthy consideration. Every woman can number among her circle of friends one or more persons, who could be enlisted through her gifts, once her interest is aroused. The task calls for personal consecration, a belief in God's power and a burning desire to see the advancement of the kingdom of God on earth.

We need to have the same enthusiasm in this work of enlistment that we have in explaining the merits of the latest labor-saving device or in recommending some favorite recipe. The object is to get the interest of the individual; there can be no doubt as to the response. The visiting committee will find opportunities for giving information through tactful conversation, following the visit by mailing appropriate leaflets and denominational literature. The mission study class is another unfailing source of information, for to study is to know. If in our work of "enlisting through gifts" we succeed in developing the spirit of love and a feeling of responsibility with its resultant benevolent attitude, we have, as long as that condition lasts, only to bring to the attention the real need and opportunity, to find a ready response.—*Mrs. Samuel R. Barnes, Md.*

ENLISTMENT THROUGH SEASON OF PRAYER

THE seasons of prayer should be the highest of the high peaks of inspiration during the year. Truly these have power because of the united efforts and because of the large number of women praying at the same time, for in union there is strength.

In nearly every society there are the active and inactive members. Upon the former depends largely the success of the work. There may be one, two or three women in the society who are deeply interested in devotional study. These would render a great service as a committee in preparing the programs for the week of prayer. Dr. Willingham said on one occasion, "Know, grow, glow, go!"

A wise committee will KNOW the beginning and purpose of each season, will read the material to be used for the programs, study the individual members and assign parts long before the meetings. The committee can study the weak and the strong points of the last program and thus try to make each one better. In this way the society will GROW in wisdom, increase in membership, the social life will become sweeter and the spiritual life deepened. As the active members grow in prayerful missionary spirit the unenlisted sisters will be drawn into closer fellowship with the Master and, through them, streams of prayer will GLOW to make the desert blossom.

Intercession is one of the hardest yet greatest privileges of a Christian. Those who cannot go in person to a certain field may set apart certain periods to pray for definite detail mission work: thus we may GO by proxy, as we feel the pulling on the heart-strings of our missionaries, also of the natives with whom they work, and all lifting our hearts to the Heavenly Father.

A few suggestions may be helpful to the committee:

1. A prayerful atmosphere should permeate every movement.

2. It should be a season of prayer, not a season of programs only—but one of consecration and intercession.

3. The study of a foreign mission book preceding the season of prayer for foreign missions and a home mission study preceding the season for home missions will render valuable assistance.

4. Showers for missionaries following the seasons of prayer have enlisted the uninterested members.

5. In the country churches, women in different communities may assemble in private homes for the programs; likewise, circles in societies of the town churches and, sometimes, women from all the Baptist churches in a city assemble for prayer, with different societies having charge of the programs.

6. Good, well planned programs will enlist the women; attractive posters etc. will catch their eye. Often public programs given by all the W. M. U. organizations will add interest to the church membership.

Our aim is that every member be wholly enlisted—in sympathy, in love, which comes through knowledge and will result in the giving of self and substance—all coming from the one great Source—talking to God and God working through us. Our duty is not only to send missionaries but to hold the ropes of prayer. May we carry out the great injunction of our Master—“*Pray ye!*” Pray in the home, pray in circles, pray in society meetings and as a Union.—*Mary Warren, N. C.*

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learning how best we can serve our neighbors, thereby enriching ourselves by building character. We thank our Heavenly Father for friends from all over the city, for the workers, for the Training School girls who give so unselfishly of their time and for the Woman's Missionary Union of the entire southland, who has made this house possible for us. We thank them all.—*Carrie U. Littlejohn*

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

As explained on pages 4 and 29 the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, which goes this year toward the foreign mission debt, may be ingathered on or near Sunday, December 27, if the church observes “Love-Offering Day”, since the offering of that day will be for the debt. However, each W.M.U. organization will please observe unusual care in getting a detailed record of gifts thus made by its members, for the Woman's Missionary Union is very eager to know through the regular W.M.U. reporting system exactly what is given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. From your state W.M.U. headquarters address on page 2 may be secured a special program for December 27 and for the January Week of Prayer.

The first Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was about \$3,000. Would it not be wonderful if it could be increased an hundred-fold this Christmas? Pray and give, please, that it may be at least \$300,000 and that the men of the churches will give not less than \$700,000. Ask your home-people not to give you any Christmas presents but the rather to add the money to your offering for this debt-clearing. You will not miss the tangible presents in your joy over thus helping to save the foreign mission work of southern Baptists.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Second Quarterly Report, July 1, 1925 to October 1, 1925

MRS. W. C. LOWNDES, Treasurer

As Reported by State Treasurers

States	Foreign	Home	Christian Education	W. M. U. Specials	Endowment & Enlargement	Scholarship Fund	State Missions	Orphanages, Hospitals & Miscellaneous	Cash Total
Alabama	\$ 2,040.59	\$ 836.47	\$ 14,759.21	\$ 667.00	\$ 72.41	\$ 295.50	\$ 3,075.76	\$ 2,319.79	\$ 24,473.64
Arkansas	1,111.19	410.80	143.00	1,244.38	600.00	92.50	300.00	1,756.16	1,589.18
Dist. of Columbia					100.00	2.08			102.08
Florida	3,668.12	1,532.77	756.63	3,451.90	1,114.07	174.16	400.00	6,305.91	18,339.57
Georgia	7,961.14	3,387.72	1,693.86	3,387.71	1,715.36	227.80	250.00	16,938.58	35,469.04
Illinois	676.92	273.78	136.39	1,515.55	7,505.33	111.77	100.00	621.76	4,823.60
Kentucky	8,230.37	3,078.10	1,707.43	671.78	6,141.99	892.00	487.86	7,644.30	33,015.80
Louisiana	3,157.35	1,343.57	1,013.78	1,920.86	1,741.23	174.14	120.00	4,606.49	19,281.82
Maryland	5,976.00	1,707.43	1,008.00	7,741.23	1,131.61	168.48	10,671.44	10,671.44	21,342.87
Mississippi	4,062.59	2,016.00	1,008.00	7,741.23	1,131.61	168.48	120.00	2,592.26	4,521.28
Missouri	7,163.70	3,823.62	865.05	4,058.65	1,131.61	13.30	13.30	8,595.22	22,235.50
New Mexico	10,457.18	4,028.65	1,694.90	12,260.88	1,136.00	55.95	1,125.00	1,046.70	1,589.37
North Carolina	1,342.44	244.10	119.90	819.58	385.00	35.57	800.00	4,509.26	43,193.83
Oklahoma	10,430.99	1,458.46	1,019.13	6,008.65	44.00	903.80	284.58	7,953.98	5,491.20
South Carolina	6,698.22	2,850.30	1,425.14	8,265.88	500.00	265.46	300.00	20,987.11	10,380.51
Tennessee	17,298.89	6,711.70	2,763.75	18,665.61	2,089.24	11,244.75	41.53	61,922.51	35,954.80
Texas	12,915.98	4,274.43							32,411.06
Virginia									128,615.03
Undesignated Gift									43,184.22
Total Gifts	\$103,191.67	\$37,977.90	\$17,323.01	\$109,191.97	\$7,297.12	\$2,384.20	\$4,678.36	\$108,658.18	\$502,631.80

Value of Boxes to Missionaries, \$14,962.10

The “W. M. U. Specials” comprise the gifts to the Sunday School Board Bible Fund, the Margaret Fund Scholarships and the Current Expenses of the W. M. U. Training School at Louisville, Ky.

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"CHRISTMAS GIVE"



Kindly study the following tables so that your state may joyfully acclaim:
"Merry Christmas! Royal Service!"

STATE	QUOTA FOR YEAR	RECEIVED BY SECOND QUARTER	DUE BY MAY 1st.
Ala.	4906	1885	3021
Ark.	1875	718	1157
D. C.	94	25	89
Fla.	2725	1002	1723
Ga.	4857	2024	2833
Ill.	1385	619	766
	5855	2516	3389
	2720	1139	1581
	500	149	351
Iowa	4610	1821	2689
Mo.	3187	1185	2052
N. C.	5705	2303	3402
N. M.	345	134	211
Okla.	3613	1063	2550
S. C.	4403	1668	2785
Tenn.	4685	1776	2909
Texas	9286	3121	6165
Va.	5724	2437	3287
Miscellaneous		172	
	66376	26707	40668

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