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EDITORIAL



REVIVE US AGAIN

CALL it superstition or dietetic discretion, as you please, but the cook in many a southern kitchen will serve "greens" with the New Year's dinner, meeting the protest of the turkey-minded mistress with the promise that "if you eat greens on New Year's day you will keep well the whole year through". Colored mammies or somebody else have also taught that each of the first twelve days of the year is "prophetic" of the weather of the corresponding month. The present-day popularity of iron-yielding, weight-reducing "greens" has proved the "superstitious" cook to be instinctively wise at least for the New Year's dinner and perhaps the weather bureaus may yet decide to forecast the year by the record of its first twelve days, thus receiving only monthly instead of daily blame or blessing! But back of such primitive practice lies the powerful principle that "a good beginning presages a good ending"; and that "forethought is often finer than after-thought".

Thinking in spiritual terms, especially as pertaining to Woman's Missionary Union work, it has been conclusively proved that those societies which observe the "January Week of Prayer for World-Wide Missions" are quite apt to sustain a missionary vision throughout the year, are apt to "advance upon their knees" to larger giving of self and substance. It is one of the marvels of God's grace that He is "nearer than hands and feet" to each one who prays in Christ's name, granting blessings which are nothing short of miracles of mercy. Thus does Isaiah (64:4) gratefully record it: "For from of old, men have not heard nor perceived by the ear neither hath the eye seen a God besides Thee, who worketh for him that waiteth for Him".

Therefore, Union members are earnestly urged to observe each day of the January Week of Prayer. The full W.M.S. program is published in this issue (pages 11-16) so that every subscriber may, in having her own copy, feel all the deeper interest in the programs and in particular in the petitions for prayer. Elsewhere in the magazine (pages 27-31, 35) will be found articles from missionaries, who thus emphasized their dependence upon prayer. The programs suggest a use for each article. While the programs for the young people's prayer services are not given in this issue, copies have been supplied for their leaders and each Woman's Missionary Society is urged to encourage them in the use thereof. Nothing could presage the future usefulness of the church more surely than when its young people are praying and studying about world-wide missions.

Many societies have doubtless already brought in their Lottie Moon Christmas Offering but, even so, there may be members who have not yet done so. Do not forget the lesson taught by Ruth and the generations of gleaners but ingather every possible gift great or small from men, women and children. However gratifying may have been the December "love-gifts" for the clearing of the debt on the Foreign Mission Board it is easy to fear that they fell short of the full \$1,813,000. Therefore, every additional offering will materially help. Try to forward with unusual promptness all such gifts so that the full total may be known by the Foreign Mission Board when it meets in Richmond on Wednesday, January 13. On that day the Board may be forced to recall many missionaries and close several stations if the debt has not been largely paid by the Christmas offering. As Baptists, whose very name presupposes a sacrificial devotion to world-wide missions, contemplate such a catastrophe, surely they will fall to their knees and will pray: "Revive us again; fill each heart with Thy love".



"PRAY YE"



"GIVE THE HAND UNTO JEHOVAH"



THE TITLE for this article is the foot-note rendering in the revised version of II Chronicles 30:8, familiarly quoted: "Yield yourselves unto Jehovah". Turn to the front cover-page and as you contemplate the many meanings of "Praying Hands" as painted by Durer, there will come gratitude for the foot-note of the Old Testament writer: "Give the hand unto Jehovah", for His nail-pierced Hands have "no hands but our hands". As a Christian thinks of His hands lifted not only on the cross but also in intercession for the sins of the people surely that Christian will yield to Jehovah, will lend His work a helping hand, will pray for His guidance and grace.

An immediate need may be cited. On the second Wednesday of this month, the 13th, the Foreign Mission Board will meet as explained on page 4. Please read the statements there, for it will doubtless be the most momentous meeting ever held by the Board. In behalf of it, ask your pastor to preach about foreign missions on the first or second Sunday in January and to urge his entire congregation to pray without ceasing that no stations may have to be closed, no missionaries recalled. If your society does not have a meeting on Wednesday, the 13th, please plan for a prayermeeting for an hour or so that day that hearts and hands may be lifted in prayer to God. The very life-work, not to mention the blood, of the missionaries depends upon the decisions of January 13, so before and on that day "give the hand unto Jehovah", asking great things of God and expecting great things from Him. Please pray for this January 13 meeting each day of the Week of Prayer for World-Wide Missions.

Prayer is the "policy" of missionaries. Dr. John W. Lowe of Tsinan in north China told at a recent meeting the following story. It seems that a certain missionary doctor was very ill and that to the gate of the compound came a delegation of Chinese men, few if any of whom were Christians but all of whom were deeply grateful for the sacrificial service of the doctor. When they were told that his life was despaired of, they betook themselves to a quiet grove and, prostrate on the ground, they prayed: "Oh God of the Christian doctor hear our prayer in his behalf. Take from the life of each of us one year and add the fifty years to his life". Can it be said of southern Baptists that they pray in such faith and will sacrifice their very lives in such a way? If so, then it is easy to believe that God will gladly give victory on January 13.

You have doubtless also been following the suggestions made on this page each month since August. Try to get your society and its circles on each meeting-day to plan so that at least a few of the membership will gather for prayer along lines similar to the following:

- Gratitude for blessings of past year
- Guidance during new year
- Burning zeal for saving of souls
- Every member enlistment in pledges and gifts to 1926 Program
- Determination of each Graded W.M.U. to be A-1 in 1926
- Meeting of general W.M.U. Executive Committee, Birmingham, Jan. 26-28
- Prayerful observance of Week of Prayer for World-Wide Missions
- Profound gratitude for work of foreign missionaries
- Sympathy for the struggling bands of native Christians
- Continued gifts to relieve Foreign Mission Board
- Guidance of God at Board's meeting on January 13



PROGRAM PLANS



WITH THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

THE three topics for the month though seemingly widely different are really closely united. (1) *Sunday School Board Bible Fund*; (2) *The Margaret Fund*; (3) *W. M. U. Training School*.

We have considered mothers and children in our programs for the past two months and we may still hold to this general thought. For the first topic use, "My Mother's Bible". This may be a talk or paper using the thoughts: (a) "How My Mother Got Her Bible". This would include a sketch of the great Bible translations and the great Bible Societies and printing houses. (See chap. IV of "The Bible and Missions".) Give the story of Mary Jones, the little Welch girl who walked two miles to read a Bible owned by a relative. After years of this she saved enough money to buy a copy, then walked twenty-eight miles to secure one. Her earnest longing for the Book so impressed Mr. Charles that he told her story. Rev. Joseph Hughes, a Baptist minister of England, heard Mr. Charles' plea for a Bible published for Wales. Mr. Hughes was deeply moved and uttered these historic words, "Surely a society might be formed for the purpose. But if for Wales, why not for the Kingdom (of Great Britain)? Why not for the world?" Thus the British and Foreign Bible Society was formed in 1804. Tell something of our own Sunday School Board Bible Fund. (See page 16.) (b) "What My Mother Did with Her Bible". Let the second part of the paper or talk lay stress upon the quiet daily reading and meditation on the Bible: how mother applied it to her daily life, teaching its stories and truths to her household. Suggest plans for the family altar; also for strengthening the local Sunday school by home teaching.

II. The Margaret Fund. (a) Its Purpose—To help the children of our missionaries who have gone to give the

Bible to all the world. Give a sketch of the establishment of the Fund. (b) Its accomplishment. See minutes of W. M. U. 1925 for report of committee on this Fund. At present there are sixty-seven students receiving full scholarships and several others on part scholarships. By countries they are: Africa 1; Argentina 7; Brazil 14; China 26; Europe 1; Italy 4; Japan 2; Mexico 9; Panama Canal 2. Girls and boys who have had scholarships show great appreciation. Many have gone back as missionaries to the countries in which they were reared. They already know the language and customs of these countries and love the people, so are peculiarly fitted for their work. But what this fund means to the parents can be realized only by mother hearts. A few thoughts suggest (1) Appreciation of their work; (2) Their children need not miss the advantages of education that would be denied them in foreign lands; (3) Their children will be given loving attention while far from them.

III. Woman's Missionary Union Training School. Under this head the following subjects are suggested: (a) Training to carry the Bible. (b) Our Sunday School Board gifts to the W. M. U. Training School. (c) Students from our state at the Training School. (d) Sketch of the new principal, Mrs. Janie Cree Bose, (See *Royal Service July, 1925*.) (e) Readings from Training School notes in this issue and in the December number.

Closing thought, "Giving the Bible to the Whole World," (a) By gifts; (b) By prayer; (c) By being living epistles known and read of all men.

Note: The question and answer method might be used for this meeting. Put facts as answers to questions and have them distributed and read. A dialogue could be arranged on each subject, the first between a mother and young daughter; the second between two mothers; the third between mother and older daughter, wishing to attend Training School.



BIBLE STUDY



TOPIC—Let Us Go On to Perfection

I. The Work of Righteousness: Hebrews 6:1, Isaiah 32:17. In the work of righteousness every one must "study to shew thyself approved" II Timothy 2:15, "able also to admonish one another", Rom. 15:14, in the good work, Phil. 1:6, 7, with confidence that true children of God will persevere unto the end. It is the solemn duty of those who are leaders to withhold nothing that is profitable for the development of Christian character so that the children of God may comprehend with all saints, Eph. 3:17-21, "the love of Christ". This will include the fundamental truths of the Gospel, the character of God, I John 4:7-10; the origin of the world and of man, Gen. 1:1-5, 26, 27; sin and unbelief, Rom. 3:23-26; the grace of God, Rom. 5:15; II Cor. 8:9; salvation, Rom. 1:16; faith, Eph. 2:8; Rom. 5:1; Christ our High Priest, Heb. 5:14-16; our Coming Lord, I Thess. 4:16, 17; King over all the earth, Dan. 7:13, 14.

II. The Work and Labour of Love: Heb. 6:10; Matt. 25:40. Christ is our righteousness and if we abide in Him we shall draw all wisdom, life and strength from Him, John 15:1-5, Gal. 2:20. The labour of love brings forth fruits through the Spirit, Gal. 5:22, 23; I Tim. 6:17-19; "repentance from dead works", Heb. 6:1. This refers to the truth that apart from God and from the life which His grace implants even our good works are without life. They are unfruitful, they do not glorify the Father, John 15:8, and there is not the reward and blessedness which Scripture connects with good works wrought in God. Christ crucified, Phil. 3:10, is the sum of our knowledge, the foundation of our faith, the source of our love and obedience, of our strength and hope. The essence of faith consists in receiving what God has revealed and is that trust in Jesus Christ whom God hath sent, which receives Him as Saviour and Lord and impels to loving obedience and good works with power and authority, John 1:12; James 2:14-26; as a working principle in life, the uses of faith are illustrated in Heb. 11:1-39.

III. Things That Accompany Salvation: Heb. 6:9. Jesus went about doing good, Acts 10:38, the servant should walk as He walked, I John 2:6; 3:16; I John 3:22-24. There must be unselfishness in service, Rom. 15:14, Phil. 1:6, 7, doing simply, kindly, lovingly in the Christly spirit whatever ministry we may to the saints, Col. 1:10, with humility, in faith, patience, diligence, with prayer and steadfastness as true children of God persevering to the end. What we have to do is to go on with the work, which is self-revealing and like Nehemiah direct attention to the work and not to self. Christianity needs no defense when its effect is seen in regenerated hearts, elevated lives, its spirit of consecration, broad unselfishness, its generous sympathy. Quote the miracles, tell about those you have seen who have leaped into newness of life, whose hearts are full of praise to God.

IV. Assurance of Hope: Heb. 6:11; 7:25; John 10:10, 14, 28, 29; Jude 1. Assurance is the full conviction that through the work of Christ alone, received by faith, we are in possession of a salvation in which we will be eternally kept, and we have these promises if we believe, John 11:26; this fulness of hope, Col. 2:2, 3, I Thess. 1:5, Heb. 10:22, means a living, constant and firm expectation of the Coming of our Lord Jesus who will give rest and glory unto all who wait for Him. The simple Gospel as taught by the Apostles embraced not merely teaching concerning the holiness of God but also the doctrine of the gift of the Holy Ghost and the work of the church as well as the doctrine of the second coming and kingdom of Christ of which all Scripture testifies and this is the fulness of hope. Heb. 10:36, 37, Acts 1:11, Phil. 3:20, Rom. 22:20—*Mrs. James Pollard*



DAILY BIBLE READINGS



TOPIC: Let Us Go On to Perfection

THE sacred Book no longer suffers wrong,
Bound in the fetters of an unknown tongue,
But speaks with a plainness art could never mend—
That simplest minds can soonest comprehend.
And of all arts sagacious dupes invent
To cheat themselves and gain the world's assent
The worst is—Scripture warped from its intent.—COWPER

The Work of Righteousness

Friday, 1st
Isaiah 32:17; 33:15-17; 45:24, 25

Saturday, 2d
Romans 3:21-26; Psalm 51:15-19;
Malachi 3:3

Sunday, 3d
Ezekiel 3:15-21; Romans 14:13-23

Monday, 4th
Matthew 25:19-30; Proverbs 11:18

Tuesday, 5th
Isaiah 62:1-7; I Peter 2:9-20

Wednesday, 6th
Isaiah 61:10, 11; 64:6-9; Psalm
71:16; Jeremiah 23:6

Thursday, 7th
Matthew 6:33; II Timothy 2:15;
Psalm 71:15-17, 23, 24

The Work and Labor of Love

Friday, 8th
John 3:16; Romans 5:6-11; 1 John 4:
7-10; Hebrews 6:10-12

Saturday, 9th
John 13:34, 35; I Peter 4:8-10;
Proverbs 10:12

Sunday, 10th
Mark 11:25, 26; Luke 6:35-38;
Ephesians 4:32

Monday, 11th
Ephesians 5:1-9; Galatians 5:22-
26; 2 Corinthians 9:10

Tuesday, 12th
Titus 3:5-8, 14; Ephesians 2:4-10;
1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Wednesday, 13th
James 2:14-26; 3:13-18; Philippians
2:12-16

Thursday, 14th
Ecclesiastes 9:10; John 9:4; Gala-
tians 6:9; 1 Corinthians 15:58

Things That Accompany Salvation

Friday, 15th
1 Corinthians 1:18-25; Hebrews 6:4-9

Saturday, 16th
Colossians 2:6, 7; Isaiah 61:3, 4;
Ephesians 2:10, 19-22

Sunday, 17th
Acts 10:34-43; John 3:3-7; Philip-
pians 1:11

Monday, 18th
Jeremiah 1:6-8; James 1:5, 6; Pro-
verbs 3:5, 6

Tuesday, 19th
John 14:27, 28; 15:11-16

Wednesday, 20th
Philippians 3:13, 14; II Corinthians
3:5; James 1:17, 18

Thursday, 21st
Luke 12:32; James 2:5; Romans
8:17; Philippians 1:6

Assurance of Hope

Friday, 22d
Hebrews 6:11, 12, 18, 19; Isaiah
32:17-20; Jude 1

Saturday, 23d
John 10:10-16, 28-30; 11:26

Sunday, 24th
Colossians 2:2, 3; 1 Thessalonians
1:5; II Timothy 1:12, 14

Monday, 25th
John 5:20-24, 28-30; 14:19; Revela-
tion 22:4

Tuesday, 26th
Hebrews 7:25; 10:14-17; I Timothy
1:12; Romans 8:35-39

Wednesday, 27th
2 Thessalonians 1:10; 1 John 3:2;
Colossians 3:4

Thursday, 28th
James 5:7, 8; Titus 2:13, 14; He-
brews 10:36, 37

Friday, 29th
Psalm 78:7; 146:1-10; 48:14

Saturday, 30th
I Peter 1:3, 21; I John 3:3; I Thes-
salonians 5:8-11

Sunday, 31st
Romans 1:16; Jude 3, 20, 21; Revel-
ation 14:6, 7, 13

Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists

January, 1926

“O **TENDER** Christ, forgive past years,
Nor let us waste Thy time in tears!
Grant us new days of faith and prayer,
New tasks to do, new burdens bear.

“**B**LOT out the shame of tasks forgot,
So bless, that we forget Thee not;
Use our deep penitence to prove
Thy mercy and Thy glorious love”.

Topic: Special W.M.U. Objects

1—FRIDAY

That in the coming year we may be
saved from the peril of withheld
gifts
O Lord, correct me . . . lest Thou
bring me to nothing.—Jeremiah 10:24

2—SATURDAY

For Dr. J. F. Love, corresponding
secretary, and Dr. T. B. Ray, asso-
ciate secretary, of Foreign Mission
Board, as they administer its grave
concerns
Ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.
—I Corinthians 8:23

3—SUNDAY

For God-directed development of all
W.M.U. departments of service
Not that we are sufficient of ourselves
. . . sufficiency is of God.
—II Corinthians 3:5

4—MONDAY

That the hand of God uphold Dr.
B. D. Gray and all officers of the
Home Mission Board
Their Redeemer is strong.
—Jeremiah 50:34

5—TUESDAY

That the all-sufficient grace of our
Lord be with Mrs. W. J. Cox, presi-
dent Woman's Missionary Union
That the power of Christ may rest upon
me—II Corinthians 12:9

6—WEDNESDAY

For Miss Kathleen Mallory in her
responsible duties as corresponding
secretary of Woman's Missionary
Union
I will bless the Lord, who hath given
me counsel.—Psalm 16:7

7—THURSDAY

For Miss Juliette Mather, young
people's secretary, and Miss Ethel
Winfield, assistant to corresponding
secretary, Woman's Missionary
Union
Servants of Christ, doing the will of
God—Ephesians 6:6

8—FRIDAY

For Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, treasurer
Woman's Missionary Union
In Thy light shall we see light.
—Psalm 36:9

9—SATURDAY

For Mrs. H. M. Wharton and Mrs.
Sumter Lea, Jr., recording secretary
and assistant recording secretary
Woman's Missionary Union
I am continually with thee.
—Psalm 73:23

10—SUNDAY

Pray earnestly for Chinese Chris-
tians that they be kept in the faith.
The Lord will not forsake His people.
—I Samuel 12:22

11—MONDAY

That, in His strength, all W.M.U.
vice presidents foster missionary
zeal in their respective states
My grace is sufficient.
—II Corinthians 12:9

12—TUESDAY

That long years of service of Rev.
and Mrs. S. L. Ginsburg, Rio de
Janeiro, Brazil, be crowned with
great blessing
Our Lord Jesus Christ . . . hath given
us everlasting consolation.
—II Thessalonians 2:16

13—WEDNESDAY

For God's blessing on life and labor
of Mrs. R. H. Graves and Rev. and
Mrs. John Lake, Canton, China
We have trusted in His holy Name.
—Psalm 33:21

14—THURSDAY

For Misses Willie Kelly and H. F.
Sallee and their blessed service,
Shanghai, China
It is God that girdeth me.—Psalm 18:32

15—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Allen,
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and for mis-
sionaries going from Brazil to Por-
tugal
He led them forth by the right way.
—Psalm 107:7

†W.M.U. Training School Alumna

Calendar of Prayer for Southern Baptists

January, 1926

"INTO the hand of Him who died,
Who evermore doth live,
This strange and solemn New Year's path
In trustful prayer we give.

"ENOUGH for us to hear His voice,
To feel His guiding hand,
To know each step is bringing us
Nearer to Emmanuel's land."

Topic: Special W.M.U. Objects

16—SATURDAY

For evangelistic work of Misses Margie Shumate and Alvada Gunn (on furlough), Shiu Hing, China
Ye are complete in Him.

—Colossians 2:10

17—SUNDAY

Thanksgiving for preservation of our missionaries working in war section of China
The angel of His presence saved them.

—Isaiah 63:9

18—MONDAY

For Rev. Abernathy, Tsinan, China
It shall be well with thee.—Psalm 128:2

19—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. D. H. LeSueur, Chihuahua, Mexico, that God strengthen them for service
My help cometh from the Lord.

—Psalm 121:2

20—WEDNESDAY

That Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Ayers, Hwang-Hsien, China, be refreshed of the Lord
Called into the fellowship of His Son

—I Corinthians 1:9

21—THURSDAY

Thanksgiving for soul winning work of Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Quarles and Miss Minnie D. McIlroy, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Great is your reward in heaven.

—Matthew 5:12

22—FRIDAY

For all departments of work of Home Mission Board, that hearts fail not
Let us lift up our heart . . . unto God.

—Lamentations 3:41

23—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Norman F. Williamson (on furlough), Kumamoto, Japan
In the shadow of Thy wings will I rejoice.—Psalm 63:7

24—SUNDAY

That W.M.U. plans for the coming year be worked out through prayer and loyalty
Thou hast wrought for them that trust in Thee.—Psalm 31:19

25—MONDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. D. G. Whittinghill, preaching the Word in Rome, Italy
He that watereth shall be watered also himself.—Proverbs 11:25

26—TUESDAY

For evangelistic work of Rev. and Mrs. Frank P. Lide (on furlough) and Miss Florence Lide (on furlough), Hwang-Hsien, China
He careth for you.—I Peter 5:7

27—WEDNESDAY

Give thanks for blessed service of Rev. W. D. T. McDonald and Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Hart, Temuco, Chile.
Strong in faith, giving glory to God

—Romans 4:20

28—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Everett Gill, missionary representatives in Europe, London, England
God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness.—I Corinthians 1:30

29—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Herring and Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Lawton, Chengchow, China
The word that God putteth in my mouth . . . that shall I speak.

—Numbers 22:38

30—SATURDAY

That God's favor attend labor of Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Powell, Oyo, Africa
Our heart shall rejoice in Him.

—Psalm 33:21

31—SUNDAY

Cry with deep earnestness to our God that debts upon our Boards be speedily lifted
That they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness

—Malachi 3:3

†W.M.U. Training School Alumna

W. M. S. PROGRAM FOR WEEK OF PRAYER FOR WORLD-WIDE MISSIONS

SUNDAY

SUBJECT: Praise Service for the Privilege of Prayer

HYMN FOR THE YEAR: "Revive Us Again"

HYMN: "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

HYMN: "Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING for the Christian's Great High Priest

SCRIPTURE: The Privilege of Prayer; Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 9:14-29; Luke 11:5-13; Matthew 9:37-38

PRAYER that the members may be grateful for the privilege of prayer

TALK: Bible Women Who Prayed

PRAYER that southern Baptist women may be mighty in prayer

HYMN: "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

TALK: Blessings from the Family Altar

HYMN: "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

PRAYER that many family altars may be established during this week of prayer

TALK BY PASTOR: Prayer's Place in the Life of the Church

PRAYER that S. B. C. churches may increase their usefulness through prayer

HYMN: "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

TALK: Prayer Life of Christians on Foreign Fields

(Abundant help for this talk will be found in "Prayer and Missions", price 50c from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.)

READING OF LEAFLET: "What the Heathen Do for Me"

(Order leaflet for 2c from W.M.U. Literature Department, 1111 Age-Herald Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

PRAYER that the child-like faith of Christians on foreign fields may call southern Baptists to their knees

HYMN: "The Morning Light Is Breaking"

SEASON OF PRAYER for S. B. C. Foreign Mission Work

(For statistics to stimulate definite prayers see "grand totals" on pages 41-43 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board.)

PRAYER for Margaret Fund Students

(See page 23.)

PRAYER for young people in training for or awaiting appointment to foreign mission service

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Plans for the Week

REPEATING IN UNISON: W.M.U. WATCH-WORDS: "Laborers together with God"; therefore, "Go ye into all the world and ye shall be My witnesses"

WOMAN'S HYMN: "Come Women, Wide Proclaim"

(Order words with music for 2c a copy from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Age-Herald Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

PRAYER by Pastor

MONDAY

SUBJECT: Japan's Need of Christian Prayers and Gifts

HYMN FOR THE YEAR: "Revive Us Again"

HYMN: "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

HYMN: "Jesus Keep Me near the Cross"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING that Christian missionaries are permitted to work in Japan

SCRIPTURE: God's Inheritance in the Saints; I Chronicles 16:23-35; Isaiah 42:8; Ephesians 1:3-21; 5:5

PRAYER of rejoicing that missionary work in Japan has enriched God's inheritance

TALK: Prayer Life of Heathen Japanese

PRAYER that such zealous, though misguided, devotion may spur southern Baptists to pray more earnestly

TALK BY PASTOR: Opening of Japan to Western Civilization and Religion

DISCUSSION: General characteristics of Japanese; position of woman in Japan; care of childhood by Japanese; Japan's educational progress; Japanese attitude toward war, toward America

TALK: S. B. C. Work in Japan

(See pages 31-33 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board.)

SEASON OF PRAYER for S. B. C. Work in Japan

(For statistics to stimulate definite prayers see pages 41-43 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board.)

BLACKBOARD DEMONSTRATION

Or—Mem. Gifts per

Name organized bers Capita

Southern Baptist Con. 1845 3,574,531 \$10.42

S. B. C. Mission in Japan 1890 1,511 \$5.68

READING OF LEAFLET: Upkeep of Kokura

PRAYER that each of the seven stations in Japan may speedily receive all necessary equipment

HYMN: "I Gave My Life for Thee"

READING OF LEAFLET: From the Women of the East to the Women of the West

(Order leaflet for 2c from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Age-Herald Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Plans for the Week

EXPRESSIONS OF PERSONAL CONCERN for the Evangelization of Japan

HYMN: "Come Every Soul by Sin Oppressed"

REPEATING IN UNISON: W. M. U. WATCHWORDS: "Laborers together with God"; therefore, "Go ye into all the world; and ye shall be My witnesses"

HYMN: "How Firm a Foundation"

PRAYER by President

TUESDAY

SUBJECT: Brazil's Need of Christian Gifts and Prayers

HYMN FOR THE YEAR: "Revive Us Again"

HYMN: "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

HYMN: "Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross"

READING OF LEAFLET: The Call of South America

(Order leaflet for 2c from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Age-Herald Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

SCRIPTURE: Inheritances Promised in Old Testament; Psalm 37:1-11; Isaiah 55:10-13; 61:1-7; Jeremiah 17:1-10; Joel 2:15-17; Malachi 3:7-12; Psalm 84:11-12; 85:12-13; 2:8; Isaiah 56:5

TALK: Application of Aforesaid Scripture to South America

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING that the plan of salvation "includes" South America

TALK BY PASTOR: International Relationships between North and South America

HYMN: "Jesus Shall Reign"

TALK: S. B. C. Work in North Brazil

(See pages 12-14 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board.)

READING OF ARTICLE: Pressed Down in Pernambuco

(See "From Our Missionaries" in this magazine.)

SEASON OF PRAYER for S. B. C. Work in North Brazil

(For statistics to stimulate definite prayers see pages 41-43 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board.)

READING OF ARTICLE: Disappointment for Parahyba
(See "From Our Missionaries" in this magazine.)

HYMN: "Work for the Night Is Coming"

READING OF LEAFLET: Meaning of Debt to Minas

TALK: S. B. C. Work in South Brazil
(See pages 14-17 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board.)

READING OF LEAFLET: Needs in Nictheroy

SEASON OF PRAYER FOR S. B. C. Work in South Brazil

(For statistics to stimulate definite prayers see pages 41-43 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board.)

READING OF LEAFLET: Distressing Delay in Pelotas

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Plans for Week
READING OF ARTICLE: Heavy Hearts in Bello Horizonte

(See "From Our Missionaries" in this magazine.)

Y. W. A. HYMN: "Oh, Zion, Haste"

REPEATING IN UNISON: W. M. U. **WATCHWORDS:** "Laborers together with God"; therefore, "Go ye into all the world; and ye shall be My witnesses".

PRAYER by Y. W. A. Counselor

WEDNESDAY

(If the program suggested for December 27 has not been used and if the Lottie Moon Christmas offering has not been ingathered, it is earnestly hoped that the program for December 27 will be blended with the following one and that the offering will be duly ingathered and forwarded. If the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of your society is brought in along with gifts from other members of the church, extra care should be taken so that every offering from a W. M. S. member is in a Lottie Moon Christmas Offering envelope, with the member's name on it. Try to see that the offerings from the young people belonging to W.M.U. organizations are also in their respective envelopes. In this way an accurate record can be secured from the church treasurer as to the amount given by each W.M.U. organization. If the offering is ingathered at some other service, similar care should be observed so that the offering may be duly recorded and forwarded as Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for the clearing of the debt on the Foreign Mission Board. Remember that these gifts are not a part of any pledge and are to be forwarded according to the directions from your state W. M. U. headquarters. For Dec. 27 program see page 14.)

SUBJECT: China's Need of Christian Prayers and Gifts

HYMN FOR THE YEAR: "Revive Us Again"

HYMN: "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

HYMN: "Jesus Keep Me near the Cross"

PRAYER OF PRAISE for the privilege of giving to God's work

SCRIPTURE: Giving versus Receiving: Luke 12:22-34; Psalm 84:11; 85:12; 112:9; II Corinthians 9; Proverbs 19:17; Matthew 14:13-21; Romans 8:32; James 1:17; Matthew 10:8; Acts 20:35

TALK BY PASTOR: Political Situation in China

TALK: Central China Mission
(See pages 18-21 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board.)

PRAYER for Work in Central China
(For statistics to stimulate definite prayers see pages 41-43 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board.)

HYMN: Lead On, O King Eternal

TALK: Interior China Mission
(See pages 21-23 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board.)

PRAYER for Work in Interior China

(For statistics to stimulate definite prayers see pages 41-43 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board.)

READING OF ARTICLE: Promises Past Due in Training
(See "From Our Missionaries" in this magazine.)

TALK: North China Mission

(See pages 23-26 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board.)

READING OF ARTICLE: Heedless of Harbin

HYMN: "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

READING OF ARTICLE: Hindering or Helping Hwanghien, Which?
(See "From Our Missionaries" in this magazine.)

READING OF ARTICLE: Soul-Seekers in Lailchow

(See "From Our Missionaries" in the December issue of this magazine.)

PRAYER for Work in North China

(For statistics to stimulate definite prayers see pages 41-43 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board.)

TALK: South China Mission

(See pages 27-29 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board.)

PRAYER for Work in South China

(For statistics to stimulate definite prayers see pages 41-43 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board.)

HYMN: "Send the Light"

BLACKBOARD DEMONSTRATION

Name	Or-	Mem-	Gifts per
	ganized	bers	Capita
Southern Baptist Con.	1845	3,574,531	\$10.42
S.B.C. Missions in China	1845-1914	31,606	4.92

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING that, though surrounded last year by civil war and extreme poverty, Chinese Baptists baptized 3,200 and gave \$155,507 to God's work

READING OF LEAFLET: The Rope-Holders
(Order leaflet for 2c from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Age-Herald Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

HYMN: "Give of Your Best to the Master"

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Plans for Week

READING OF ARTICLE: "Still" in China
(See "From Our Missionaries" in the December issue of this magazine.)

REPEATING IN UNISON: W. M. U. **WATCHWORDS:** "Laborers together with God"; therefore, "Go ye into all the world; and ye shall be My witnesses".

PRAYER by Pastor

THURSDAY

SUBJECT: Africa's Need of Christian Prayers and Gifts

HYMN FOR THE YEAR: "Revive Us Again"

HYMN: "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

HYMN: "Jesus Keep Me near the Cross"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING that because of the negroes in their midst southern Baptists have had a rare opportunity to understand the needs of Africa

READING OF LEAFLET: So Much to Do at Home

(Order for 2c from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Age-Herald Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

HYMN: "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning"

SCRIPTURE: Inheritances Promised in New Testament: Matthew 7:7-12; Romans 8:32; John 6:27, 32-35; 15:16; 10:27-28; 11:1-3; Ephesians 1:3-14; Colossians 1:9-12; I Timothy 6:17-19; Revelation 22:12-14; I Peter 1:3-5

TALK: Application of Aforesaid Scripture to Africa

TALK BY PASTOR: Biblical References to Africa

HYMN: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

TALK: S. B. C. Work in Africa
(See pages 7-9 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board.)

READING OF LEAFLET: Longer Delay for Lagos

SEASON OF PRAYER for S. B. C. Work in Africa

(For statistics to stimulate definite prayers see pages 41-43 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board.)

BLACKBOARD DEMONSTRATION

Name	Or-	Mem-	Gifts per
	ganized	bers	Capita
Southern Baptist Con.	1845	3,574,531	\$10.42
S.B.C. Mission in Africa	1850	14,908	1.15

PRAYER OF PRAISE for every generous-hearted giver in S. B. C. and in Africa

HYMN: "Faith Is the Victory"

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Plans for Friday's and Saturday's Programs

PRAYER for faithful completion of week's program

REPEATING IN UNISON: W. M. U. **WATCHWORDS:** "Laborers together with God"; therefore, "Go ye into all the world; and ye shall be My witnesses".

G. A. HYMN: "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

(Order for 2c from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Age-Herald Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

PRAYER by G. A. Counselor

FRIDAY

SUBJECT: Europe's Need of Christian Prayers and Gifts

HYMN FOR THE YEAR: "Revive Us Again"

HYMN: "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

HYMN: "Jesus Keep Me near the Cross"

LORD'S PRAYER in Unison

SCRIPTURE: Old Testament Rules for Avoiding Debt: Proverbs 30:7-9; 3:27-28; Ecclesiastes 11:1-6; Genesis 28:20-22; Hag-gai 1:2-11; 2:1-9; 1:14; Malachi 3:7-12

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING that "He giveth to all liberally", requiring only that a steward be found faithful

TALK BY PASTOR: Political Situation in Europe

READING OF LEAFLET: Here and There
(Order for 3c from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Age-Herald Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

TALK: S. B. C. Work in Hungary and Jugo-Slavia

(See pages 29-30 and 32-34 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board. Additional help will also be found in recent issues of "Home and Foreign Fields", price \$1 from Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.)

PRAYER for S. B. C. Work in Hungary and Jugo-Slavia

(See statistics on pages 41-43 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board. Additional help will also be found in recent issues of "Home and Foreign Fields".)

HYMN: "Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult"

TALK: S. B. C. Work in Roumania, Russia and Siberia

(See page 39 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board. Additional help will also be found in recent issues of "Home and Foreign Fields".)

PRAYER for S. B. C. Work in Roumania, Russia and Siberia

(See statistics on pages 41-43 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board. Additional help will also be found in recent issues of "Home and Foreign Fields".)

HYMN: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

TALK: S. B. C. Work in Palestine-Syria

(See pages 37-38 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board. Additional help will also be found in recent issues of "Home and Foreign Fields".)

READING OF ARTICLE: Yearning over Jerusalem

(See "From Our Missionaries" in this magazine.)

PRAYER for S. B. C. Work in Palestine-Syria

(See statistics on pages 41-43 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board.)

HYMN: "O, Little Town of Bethlehem"

TALK: S. B. C. Work in Spain and Italy
(See pages 30-31 and 40 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board. Additional help will also be found in recent issues of "Home and Foreign Fields".)

PRAYER for S. B. C. Work in Spain and Italy

(See statistics on pages 41-43 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board.)

HYMN: "Fling Out the Banner"

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Plans for Saturday's Program

REPEATING IN UNISON: W. M. U. **WATCHWORDS:** "Laborers together with God"; therefore, "Go ye into all the world; and ye shall be My witnesses".

R. A. HYMN: "I Am a Stranger Here"
(Order for 3c from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Age-Herald Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

PRAYER by R. A. Counselor

SATURDAY

SUBJECT: Argentina's, Chile's and Mexico's Need of Christian Prayers and Gifts

HYMN FOR THE YEAR: "Revive Us Again"

HYMN: "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

HYMN: "Jesus Keep Me near the Cross"

SCRIPTURE: New Testament Plans for Preventing Debt: Luke 12:22-34; Matthew 25:1-30; II Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 6:27-38; Matthew 19:16-22; I Timothy 5:8; James 2:15-16; Ephesians 4:28

TALK: S. B. C. Work in Argentina
(See pages 9-12 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board.)

PRAYER for S. B. C. Work in Argentina
(See statistics on pages 41-43 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board.)

TALK: S. B. C. Work in Chile
(See pages 17-18 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board.)

PRAYER for S. B. C. Work in Chile
(See statistics on pages 41-43 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board.)

TALK BY PASTOR: Political Situation in Mexico

TALK: S. B. C. Work in Mexico
(See pages 34-37 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board.)

PRAYER for S. B. C. Work in Mexico
(See statistics on pages 41-43 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board.)

READING OF LEAFLET: Tarry Not
(Order for 2c from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Age-Herald Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

HYMN: Onward, Christian Soldiers

BLACKBOARD DEMONSTRATION

Name	Members	Gifts per
		Capita
Southern Baptist Convention	3,574,531	\$10.42
S. B. C. Foreign Stations	117,923	\$3.32

PRAYER OF PRAISE that native Christians, though few in number and untrained by Christian ancestry, give as liberally as \$3.32 per capita

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS that the host of southern Baptists, representing unnumbered generations of Christians, withhold not only their offerings but \$112,000,000 of tithes.

BLACKBOARD DEMONSTRATION

S.B.C. Gifts per Capita to Home Churches	\$7.66
S.B.C. Gifts per Capita to Foreign Missions	.40
S.B.C. Members Remaining at Home	3,574,531
S.B.C. Members Sent to Foreign Fields	589

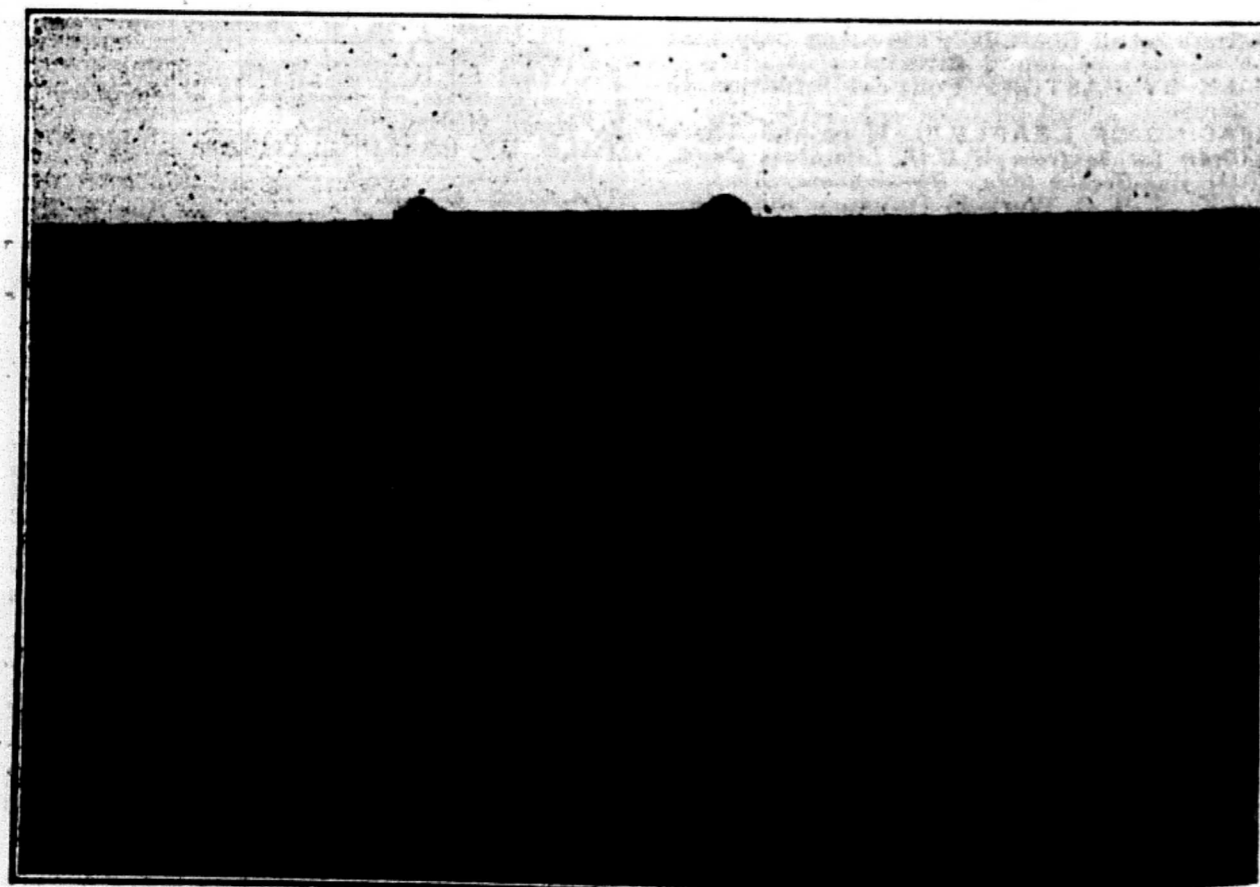
PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS that southern Baptists have on foreign fields only one to every 6631 members and that they spend on their own churches 19 times what they send to the foreign fields

EXPRESSIONS OF BENEFIT from week's program
REPEATING IN UNISON: W. M. U.
WATCHWORDS: "Laborers together with God"; therefore, "Go ye into all the world; and ye shall be My witnesses".
SUNBEAM HYMN: "Be a Little Sunbeam" (Order for 2c from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Age-Herald Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)
PRAYER by Leader of Sunbeam Band

**REPRINT OF PROGRAM
 FOR
 USE ON OR NEAR DECEMBER 27**

(See note on page 12.)
HYMN: "Holy Night, Silent Night"
SILENT PRAYER
 HYMN: "Joy to the World"
SCRIPTURE: God's Unspeakable Gift: Isaiah 9:1-7; 11:1-10; Luke 1:26-38; 2:7-20; John 1:1-17; Psalm 2; John 3:16; II Corinthians 9:15
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING for God's Blessed Christmas Gift
 HYMN: "O, Little Town of Bethlehem"
READING OF APPEAL from Foreign Mission Board
TALK BY PASTOR: Further Facts about Board's Debt
 (See pages 4-7 of Summary by Foreign Mission Board.)

Pages 11-14 are perforated so that they may be removed without injury to the rest of the magazine, thus increasing the number of programs for use in observing the Week of Prayer.



**NEW BUILDING OF
 BAPTIST GOOD WILL CENTER
 LOUISVILLE, KY.**

PRAYER that every member may realize that the debt is a personal responsibility
DIALOGUE: Conversation between a Missionary from Interior China and a Faithful Co-Worker in the Home-Land (See "From Our Missionaries" in December ROYAL SERVICE. It will be more effective if this dialogue is given from memory.)
PRAYER for the unreached millions of women and children in China
 HYMN: "Away in a Manger"
READING OF LEAFLET: Lessons to Learn from Lalehow
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING for the missionaries' brave spirit and child-like faith
 HYMN: "More Love to Thee, O Christ"
READING OF ARTICLE: Pingtu's Plight (See "From Our Missionaries" in this magazine)
READING OF LEAFLET: Miss Lottie Moon As I Knew Her
PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE for: (1) Miss Moon and for all who have "followed in her train"; (2) opening up of Pingtu field and for marvelous growth thereof; (3) native Christians in Pingtu field
INGATHERING of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Plans for Week of Prayer
 HYMN: "O, Worship the King"
PRAYER by Pastor

PROGRAM FOR JANUARY

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.

SPECIAL W.M.U. OBJECTS

Hymn—Jesus, Saviour Pilot Me
 Prayer for Grace to Follow Our Guide
 Bible Study (See page 7.)
 Hymn—Jesus Calls Us (First and Second Stanzas)
 Personal Service Period
 Reading—Psalm 85
 Hymn—Jesus Calls Us (Third and Fourth Stanzas)
 The Enrichment of Prayer
 Our Bible Work
 Do You Remember
 Our House Beautiful
 Hymn—Jesus Still Lead On
 United Prayer—Psalm 117 (Write this on blackboard.)

THE winding ways of our yesterdays,
 Were aglow with God's good cheer,
 So we turn to face with a smiling grace
 The paths of another year.

FOR He leads aright through the dark and bright
 To the land of the leal, we know,
 And no ill betides wherever He guides
 As on through the years we go.—Alice M. Kyle

THE ENRICHMENT OF PRAYER

SO ENRICHED by prayer are the Old and New Testaments that were every reference in them relating to prayer or praise collected and printed under one cover we would still have a book of considerable size containing God's Word. An organization equally enriched by its prayer life will find indeed that there is nothing too hard for God. Realizing that fervent, believing prayer is the moving force of all Christian endeavor the Woman's Missionary Union urges individual and united prayer in all departments for service. During this month of January it especially urges this grace for the three following departments of which

we are to study in our missionary societies: the Sunday School Board Bible Fund; the Margaret Fund; and the Woman's Missionary Union Training School at Louisville, Kentucky. We know that God answers prayer and that "prayer changes things". If, so believing, we pray, no earthly power can prevent the fulfillment of our desires for soul winning and soul culture in any of these branches of Union service. Enrichment of prayer removes all anxiety about money for it will bring into our treasury funds sufficient for every need. Let us pray for more prayer; let us use our faith lest we lose it; "let us, therefore, come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in every time of need".

LORD, knowing Thou art kind,
We heed Thy call to prayer.
There are souls to save
And hearts which need a double share
Of hope, faith, diligence and patient care;
With meekness, grace and lowliness of mind.
Lord, wilt Thou grant all these
To those who pray, nor let us sit at ease?"

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD BIBLE FUND

IN THE BRITISH Museum, London, a large room is given exclusively to the exhibition of rare copies of the Bible, showing its various translations. Hours could be spent in their study and every hour so spent would but increase the wonder of its marvelous preservation and fill the heart with praise that it has been so preserved. We know that the Bible, being God's Word, could not be lost but its wanderings through these various translations without losing its original purpose—the revelation of God to man—and its unchanged plan for man's salvation give it a history, the like of which no other book has ever presented. Looking upon the old but carefully preserved pages of the Luther, Tyndale and Coverdale editions, the pages of Hebrew and Greek side by side with the English translations made one feel that they were almost on holy ground and that the Bible was indeed the Book of books. The escape of the Bible from repeated efforts to destroy it makes sure the power of God. The God who could preserve the text of the Bible will keep His covenants of the Old and New Testaments with His people. This Book, gloriously true and matchlessly written, has been committed to us as the "holy" Scriptures which are able to make us wise unto salvation which is in Christ Jesus; given by inspiration of God and profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly furnished unto all good works". Holding this precious commission of spreading the Gospel as a sacred trust the Woman's Missionary Union contributes annually to the Sunday School Board Bible Fund. In 1897 this Board offered to give, for Bibles to

be distributed through our home and foreign missionaries, a dollar for every dollar given for this purpose. In addition the Board will give Bibles for use in Good Will Centers, for distribution by W. M. U. workers engaged in such work, to aliens receiving their naturalization papers, to foreign speaking peoples, in needy places and to prisoners. The Union has adopted a system of apportionment for this fund and lovingly urges each state to carry forward its plans for meeting its respective apportionments.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

WHEN an organization reaches that period of its existence in which the older members love to recall early incidents and interests and say oft to one another "Do you remember?" it is an indication that their organization has not lost its place in their affections and that its early days are fondly remembered. So we say, "Do you remember the Margaret Home?" Yes, we remember when it was established in 1904 in Greenville, S. C., as a temporary resting place for our missionaries and their children, especially for the latter when left in the homeland to attend school. By 1914 changes on the foreign field made it possible for parents to keep their children with them until about the high school age, thus necessitating a change in the administration of the Margaret Home gift. Instead of this becoming a dropped stitch in the fabric of the Union it became a closer part of the whole. Since the Union's evident wish was to have a part in the education of the missionaries' children and inasmuch as it contributed annually to the Margaret Home, it was deemed wise to dispose of the property and reinvest the money, devoting the interest thus accruing together with annual sums from the states—not less than formerly given annually to the running expenses of the Home while in operation—to founding scholarships for missionaries' children as they might be needed. This change was made with the full indorsement of the donor of the original gift, Mrs. Frank Chambers of New York, she feeling,

with the Union, that by so doing we would best serve the interests of our missionaries' children. Still retaining the name, Margaret, which was the name of the beloved and sainted mother of Mrs. Chambers, the fund has happily served its purpose from year to year.

In the report of the Margaret Fund Committee we read that sixty-six children have been beneficiaries of the fund this past year. Most of these are teenage boys and girls several thousands of miles from their homes. These children are placed in various colleges and schools, chiefly in the south, and are carefully mothered by members of the committee and other friends. All of the states report increased interest as manifested by more numerous letters, boxes, visits, gifts and loving attentions than ever before.

In the light of increasing requests for scholarships it has become necessary to create a standard of admission. This standard requires that no scholarships be granted to graduate students, except in the case of students who are volunteers for medical mission service; or to married students or students applying for a scholarship the first time who are twenty years of age or older.

The Margaret Fund Committee recommends that this object of the Union continue to be given a place on state and associational programs; that state chairmen strive to interest all societies in these students and that we continue to pray for, guide and protect, comfort and love these boys and girls committed to our care by their parents who are serving in our stead on the mission fields at home and abroad. For this year's list of students, giving their respective colleges and countries, see page 23.

OUR HOUSE BEAUTIFUL

AMONG the larger things planned by the Union in its annual session, May 1907, none was larger than the adoption of the three year old Training School, located in Louisville, Ky. At this time its organization was completed and it became the Baptist Woman's Mission-

ary Union Training School for Christian Workers, Louisville, Kentucky. The story of the school is too well known to need repetition. (See "In Royal Service", pages 194-205.) The success of the school vindicated its need and assured us of God's favor upon its life and work.

The school is conducted on behalf of the Union by a Board of Trustees consisting of one member from each state, territory or district connected with the Union, together with the president, corresponding secretary and treasurer of the Union; a Board of Managers composed of twenty-one Baptist women of Louisville, Kentucky; and an Advisory Board of nine members, two of whom are connected with the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, four of whom are Baptist laymen of Louisville or vicinity, the remaining three being the corresponding secretaries of the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board and the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. These boards are elected annually by the Woman's Missionary Union. Through the courtesy of the above mentioned seminary the students are admitted to the classes of that institution.

The W. M. U. Training School opened its winter session last September under the direction of its new principal, Mrs. Janie Cree Bose, with eighty-seven students. This number has since increased to one hundred, many of whom are college graduates. Mrs. Bose in a recent report speaks encouragingly of the condition of the school, its beautiful spirit and the industry of the students. "The days", Mrs. Bose tells, "go happily and busily by; the only sadness among us is the burden of debt upon our boards. The students are putting gifts saved by small sacrifices into their alabaster boxes, hoping to have a large offering from the school to help in the payment of the debt on our Foreign Mission Board".

The outstanding interest during the summer vacation was the bringing to completion of a splendid building, up-to-date in all respects, for a model Good

Will Center, the gift of the Woman's Missionary Union. This building was dedicated and opened on October 16, 1925, Miss Eliza Broadus acting for the Union as donor and Mrs. Bose acting as recipient for the school and in turn committing the care of this enlarged work to Misses Carrie Littlejohn and Alice Johnson, supervisor and director, respectively, of the Good Will Center. It would have been a joy to have had on this day Mrs. Maud R. McLure, the beloved first principal of the school, and Miss Emma Leachman, field worker for Home Mission Board, as well as many other friends who love and foster the school. (See page 30 of December issue of this magazine, also page 14 of this issue.)

Added to the watching of the new building rising into usefulness, the moving into it and attending to its furnishings our Training School faculty and Board of Managers took further vacation rest (?) by putting into shape the Maud R. McLure Reference Room. Of this proceeding Mrs. George B. Eager, the guardian angel of the school, says: "Gifts from Mrs. W. C. James, from Miss Evie Brown's estate, a generous collection taken at the Memphis meeting to honor the twenty-fifth birthday of the school and a splendid gift of books on Christian education from the Sunday School Board have enabled us to make a fine start on a working library for the school when the seminary has moved from our vicinity".

It is gratifying to know that the removal of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary to its new home will not deprive our Training School girls of its privileges. The faculty of the seminary has assured the Training School that the same close co-operation between the two institutions will be maintained in the future. This continued co-operation has only distance to combat. (See page 25.)

"The highest reward for gaining an education comes not in the sense of having more information than your neighbors; not in the fact that you can sell your efforts at a higher figure than a

person not educated; not in the mere privileged possession of culture. The highest reward comes in the enlarged capacity to *live*, to live with other persons, more *thoroughly, abundantly and usefully*." After quoting these remarks Miss Fannie E. S. Heck said, "No one can visit our Training School without feeling the pulsing of a life that is at once thorough and abundant and useful, so close is its touch with the spirit and the power of Christ our Lord". The passing years have made Miss Heck's words no less true today than they were when she spoke them twelve years ago.

CONCERNING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

THE work of Christ in America and on almost all foreign fields has passed the pioneer age. Outstanding missionaries of the early days such as Carey, Livingstone, Judson and scores of others would no doubt have stood the test required of applicants for mission work by the Christian mission boards of the present day. These boards might need their wise instruction for many of them have come to a period of their missionary administration where the sending out of workers has become a very serious business, this is especially true of the foreign fields. Not only must education and training be considered but there are also the expense of sending men and women to great distances; the supposition that the whole life may be spent on their field; their ability to build churches and conduct the teaching and training of future native workers and their physical strength for the work and climate. The needs of the work make it very necessary that applicants for service be qualified for their important calling. Just now, however, many mission boards are confronted by a far more serious problem than education and training and that is the spiritual fitness of the individual missionary to carry the gospel of Christ to a lost world. One cannot read the current religious magazines and papers and be blind to the fact that there is much discussion regarding the attitude of mission boards on this point. To us it seems an unnecessary discussion. How

could a message be delivered if lost on the way? No less can a message be delivered if rejected on the way. "The Holy Spirit does not mean that preachers and teachers should be appointed who reject the clear testimony and teaching of the Holy Scripture", says one who has gone deep into this subject.

Southern Baptists, as a body, stand fast and "earnestly contend for the faith (Gospel) which was once delivered unto the saints". Believing as we do that our Boards and educational institutions are of true and evangelical faith, it is hard to understand their financial problems. If they were not true and faithful it would be right to withhold our money; this not being true it is wrong to withhold our money.

At this time in the history of Christianity when many who profess His Name and are not in harmony with His teaching, when even missionaries of the cross(?) are questioning the Sonship of Him who died upon it for their

sins, it behooves us to stand back of the truths of the Bible with every power God has given us, to pray for it and contribute to its proclamation. Let every southern Baptist woman con over in her heart these precious truths; let her consider their worth to her soul, what they have been in her life, how they have saved her kindred from spiritual death; then let her honor her Saviour with a thank offering that will surprise herself. Let her say "What I have in such abundance I must pass on to those who do not know my Lord and Saviour". After such a beautiful decision she will want to make an additional offering in deep thankfulness for the Christlike men and women God is using on our foreign mission fields and for the reliable Christian men and women whose leadership in southern Baptist forces is founded on the trustworthiness of God's Word. If we do this, and we can, the debts on our Boards will melt away in the sunshine of our gratitude as the snow melts in the sunshine of His heavens.

QUESTIONS ON PROGRAM TOPIC FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

- 1—What is the best tonic for a weak missionary society?
- 2—Where and how should this be used?
- 3—How does prayer change things?
- 4—Have you a prayer-room in your house or do you pray in every room?
- 5—How does the Woman's Missionary Union conduct its Bible distribution?
- 6—Which is the most costly education or ignorance?
- 7—What is the only value of Christian education?
- 8—Why should Christian education be founded on the fundamental truths of the Bible?
- 9—Can wrong teaching lead to right doing?
- 10—Is a girl suited to mission work who does not know and believe the Bible?
- 11—What does Matthew 28:19 mean to you?

"THEREFORE PRAY" FOR

Establishment and Maintenance of Family Altars
Distribution of Bibles by Personal Service Committees
Bible Publishing Houses and Colporters
Students of the Bible in All Nations
Missionary Parents, Their Sons and Daughters
Mrs. Frank R. Chambers, Donor of Margaret Home
Margaret Fund Students (See page 23.)
Former Margaret Fund Students Now on Mission Fields
W. M. U. Training School Faculty, Students and Alumnae
Similar Schools and Seminaries around the World
Young People Contemplating Missionary Service



Y. W. A. PROGRAMS



Material found in the general program on pages 15-19 as well as other items in this issue will be quite helpful to supplement the following programs. It is hoped it will be freely used in this supplemental way. The leaflets suggested on page 3 will also provide attractive additions.

FIRST MEETING

Topic—Training School Days

Hymn—Lord Speak to Me

Prayer for girls at W.M.U. Training School

Hymn—We Would See Jesus

Devotional—Seeing Jesus

Hymn—Take Time to Be Holy

A Day at House Beautiful

Don't You Remember Those Days?

The Day Never Ends for Training School Girls

A Day's Questions

Could Your Days Be There?

Closing Hymn—Abide with Me

Poster Suggestion

FROM WORLD COMRADES or W.M.U. Training School catalogue cut a picture of House Beautiful. Use purple and gold colorings because they are W.M.U. Training School colors. Print

Come share the happiest of days

at Y.W.A. meeting

on.....night at.....o'clock

Seeing Jesus

SCRIPTURE Reading—John 12:20-

26. The watchword of our W.M.U. Training School is "We would see Jesus". Wherever you see those words on a gold pin shaped like an open book with the sword handle and point protruding, symbolizing the open Bible, the sword of the Spirit, you may know that the wearer of the pin is a Training School girl. But all of us may seek to see Jesus. On the gold coast of Africa when heathen are converted they do not speak of the change in those customary words but they ask of a new convert, "Have you seen the Lord?" The hunger of human hearts everywhere was expressed by the Greeks, "Sirs, we would see Jesus".

"We are the offspring of a golden age,
With freedom, beauty, thought, our heritage.
Ours is blind Homer's glorious epic lay;
Ours, deathless Marathon's victorious day;
Ours is Demosthenes with tongue of flame
And Pericles and many another name
That cannot die—great souled men who unfurled

The flag of progress that floats o'er the world.
Yet all this glory we lay at His feet,
To gain the greater glory, full, complete—
We would see Jesus."

When they came seeking, Jesus gave them the central principle of His life in answer, the spirit of sacrifice. For this exemplified in our own lives we must seek, whatever clouds the realization of this vision in our hearts must be gotten rid of—envy, jealousy, ambition, pride and so on—we too "would see Jesus".

A Day at House Beautiful

THIS is the schedule of an ordinary day at House Beautiful (Previously copy on blackboard that all may see.) Read it over, comment on conservation of every moment, strong bodies necessary for the hurried strain of action and study.

6:00 A.M.—Rising bell

6:45—Chapel led by girls, subjects assigned

7:15—Breakfast

7:40—Household tasks

9:00—Start for classes at Seminary

9:15—Classes, continue through morning

1:00—Dinner

Afternoon spent in field work

5:30—Tuesday afternoon's informal prayer service in principal's room

6:00—Supper

6:30—Chapel, Y.W.A. and student government, field prayer serv-

ices, culture and health addresses

7:30—Study hour

9:45—Preparation to retire

10:00—Lights out

Don't You Remember Those Days?

(Let four girls impersonate graduates of W.M.U. Training School talking together at a state W.M.U. meeting.)

RUBY:—Well, do tell us where Virginia is. I haven't heard in ages.

AGNES:—She's teaching in a mountain school now. It's awfully hard work, miles from railroads and conveniences but she's happy and serving—but have you heard from Jane?

SARAH:—Jane married Tom and they are pastor and wife up in Virginia, just as happy as can be.

MARGARET:—I heard from Beatrice a little while ago. She's teaching music in Japan and simply adores the opportunity that gives of telling her Japanese girls about Jesus.

RUBY:—That's what I like best about my Good Will Center Work, I can tell people about Jesus. My factory girls especially are hungry to know Him. I wish I had a helper but I know others need helpers too. Marion wrote me of all the things she has to tend to as educational director or pastor's assistant, whatever title she has she really is "general flunky" for the church.

SARAH:—Don't talk about being busy, the work in my association that needs to be done! I do hope I can make some impression on it, I love trying and of course one association is just one, think of Frances with a whole state to direct in missionary activities. Isn't it wonderful to think of all the different kinds of service our Training School sisters are doing?

AGNES:—Just see how many we've named in these minutes—mountain school teacher, Good Will Center directors, foreign missionaries.

MARGARET:—Pastor's wives and pastor's assistants, state and associational leaders

RUBY:—Educational directors and we didn't mention directors of religious activities in a college—you know Helen

is doing that over at the state university.

SARAH:—Nobody said nursing either and we wouldn't leave out doctors, there're Mary and Virginia.

MARGARET:—Don't you remember those days at House Beautiful when we talked of all the variety of things to be done? And now we are all out trying here and there, it's glorious to work for Him, isn't it?

RUBY:—Glorious! It's more than that, it's finding His joy, His peace.

The Day Never Ends for Training School Girls

THERE is no sunset at the end of the day for graduates of House Beautiful for they circle the globe and while some sleep, others labor. Of 1,200 graduates 149 are in foreign lands witnessing in many different ways—as evangelists, teachers, doctors, nurses. The others here in the homeland do His bidding. (It will be interesting to write your state leader asking for the names of the girls now at House Beautiful so that you may pray for them; also ask for a list of the Training School graduates at work in your own state and for those who have gone from your state to foreign lands.)

A Day's Questions

TWENTY-FOUR likely questions, one for each hour in the day. Let 24 girls stand, one asking the questions, the others answering in turn.

1. When was Woman's Missionary Union Training School opened? October 1, 1907
2. Where is it located? 334 E. Broadway, Louisville, Ky.
3. Who maintains it? Woman's Missionary Union
4. What courses are taught? At the Seminary, in the classes with the men students, New Testament, Old Testament, Church History, Missions, Christian Sociology, Sunday School Pedagogy, B.Y.P.U. Work, Biblical Introduction, Theology. At the Training School, Expression, Personal Work, Music, Sight Singing, W.M.U. Activities
5. What is the expense of a student for a year? Allow \$3.00 a week for

board, and \$200 will cover board, room, heat, light, bath, laundry, books and incidentals.

6. Don't the girls starve on \$3 a week? No, the W.M.U. has a Current Expense Fund provided by gifts of W.M.U. organizations which pays for the household expenses and salaries.
7. Has our Y.W.A. sent anything for the W.M.U. Special? (Do so; likely a suggested amount has been set as your goal, ask your W.M.S. treasurer.)
8. Who is principal? Mrs. Janie Cree Bose
9. Who are the teachers? The girls have the same splendid teachers that the men do at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. Robertson, Dr. Sampey, Dr. Carver, Dr. Mullins and the others. At the Training School are Miss Littlejohn and Miss Bucy and Miss Warren in their several departments.
10. What kind of discipline governs the school? The girls all belong to a student government association which selects three officers from the senior class and two from the junior girls. The Honor System prevails.
11. What are the domestic duties? Every girl has a household assignment. This varies each month and may be breakfast dishes, serving supper, clearing dinner tables, sweeping east stairs, dusting lobby, assisting in the infirmary and so on.
12. What is the Praise Service? A special consecration service at the evening chapel hour of the monthly Missionary Day on which classes are suspended in favor of addresses
13. What is the Practical Work? Each student has a practical mission assignment such as teaching a Sunday school class, leading a settlement club, visiting for Associated Charities, holding services in hospital, jail, eleemosynary institutions, directing a B.Y.P.U., being

counselor for a junior missionary organization.

14. What is the Good Will Center? The settlement house property of W.M.U. Training School in an Italian and Jewish community
15. What if a girl gets sick? On the third floor is a fully equipped infirmary, she has the care of the house nurse, Miss Coombs.
16. Do the girls ever have good times? Every moment is a happy one. Saturday evenings are free for frolics, there are plenty of social affairs also planned by various organizations.
17. Do the girls of our state get together? Each state has a state prayer meeting weekly.
18. How are the rooms furnished? Two single beds, two closets, double desk, bookcase, lavatory, dresser, rug, two straight chairs and rocker.
19. What is the Quiet Hour? Each day each girl has a precious half hour alone in her room for prayer and Bible study.
21. Why the Tuesday afternoon prayer meeting? A time of "family worship" praying that the standards of the school may be kept high
22. Can those who have not volunteered for special service go? Yes, they could hardly accept scholarships but even a few months' study would be a blessing.
22. How can scholarships be obtained? Write to your state Training School trustee or your state corresponding secretary. The W.M.U. tries to provide scholarships for girls ready for training.
23. Is there any educational requirement for entrance? A high school graduation required, college degree preferred
24. Is there any age limit? Students must be at least 21 years of age.

**Could Your Days Be There
In the Power House of Prayer?**

LET the counselor bring a brief message of consecration. Follow by quiet consideration of the question. If a
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COLLEGE Y. W. A.



MARGARET FUND STUDENTS 1925-26

From Africa

Virginia Green, Averett College

From Argentina

James Fowler, Mercer University
Margaret Fowler, Bethel Woman's College
Dorothy Logan, Bethel Woman's College
Kathleen Logan, Bethel Woman's College
Victoria Logan, W. M. U. Training School
Benjamin Sowell, University of Richmond
Annie Sowell, Virginia Intermont College

From Brazil

Albert Bagby, Baylor University
James Muirhead, Baylor University
Margaret Reno, Bucknell University
Elizabeth Jackson, Carson-Newman College
Ernest Jackson, Carson-Newman
Judson Jackson, Carson-Newman
Virginia Jackson, Carson-Newman
Kathleen Maddox, Carson-Newman
Paul Maddox, Carson-Newman
Edgar Dunstan, Emory University
Grace Dunstan, Georgia State Normal School

Kathleen Joyce, Greenville Woman's College
Eyleen W. Nelson, Oklahoma State Normal School

Ida Shepard, Virginia Intermont

From China

Helen Newton, Averett College
Roby Newton, Averett College
Bentley Glass, Baylor University
Lois Meadows, Baylor University
Paul Meadows, Baylor University
Arthur Hayes, Brown University
Harriet King, Carson-Newman
Percy King, Carson-Newman College
William Tipton, Carson-Newman
Sadie Lawton, W. M. U. Training School
Deaver Lawton, Furman University

Wesley Lawton, Furman University
Sam Bostick, Columbia University
Wade Bostick, Mars Hill College
Reba Lowe, Mars Hill College
George Lowe, William Jewell College
Paul Marriott, William Jewell College
Mary Herring, Meredith College
Clarissa Poteat, Meredith College
Jennie McCrea, Mississippi Woman's College
Nell Mewshaw, Simmons University
Muriel Chambers, Nurses Training School, Baltimore
Morrison Chambers, University of Richmond
Charles McDaniel, University of Richmond
Virginia McDaniel, Westhampton College

Mariel Evans, in France
From New European Work
Elizabeth Gill, Stephens College

From Italy

Mary Stuart, Stephens College
John Stuart, Stephens College
Diana Whittinghill, University of Grenoble, France
George Whittinghill, Sevenoaks School, Kent, England

From Japan

Virginia Rowe, Redlands University, California

J. Franklin Ray, Yale University

From Mexico

Jaime Benson, Baylor University
Maurice Benson, Baylor University
David Cheavens, Baylor University
Frank Cheavens, Baylor University
Allie Veda Le Sueur, Baylor College
Mildred Boone, Baylor College
George Lacy, Breckenridge High School, Texas
Minnie Lacy, San Marcos Academy
Staten Hatchell, San Marcos Academy
From Panama Canal Zone
Esther Witt, Baylor University
Dorothea Witt, Baylor College of Medicine



OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



FORGETTING—PRESS FORWARD

JANUS was the old Roman god who stood looking two ways, forward and backward at the same time. January inherits his supposed ability in a very real way, especially so with the change of yearly reports to this month. The books of Woman's Missionary Union now close on December 31, that means that January must get reports in at once and begin writing history for 1926 as well.

Don't forget to get the reports off at once. Be sure to see that if your church took its offering for foreign missions on December 27, the money has already gone, if the collection is taken at the regular January Week of Prayer it should be sent on immediately. Be sure to mark carefully on the amount from your junior missionary organization: Credit to Sunbeam Band, Girls' Auxiliary, Royal Ambassadors, Y.W.A.'s. This will keep our records clear and let us know whether we increased over our last year's gifts as we should have done. The Foreign Mission Board hopes to have report from all these ingatherings of love offerings before the most important meeting on January 13: this means forward funds at once. There is not a moment to lose, see that the church treasurer follows the Foreign Board's wish without delay.

Looking forward we anticipate the day when because of stewardship and intelligent missionary training there will be no more debts so crushing. To this end see that all members of W.M.U. young people's organizations have made pledges to the 1926 Program. It is still not too late. Let every counselor urge this participation once more. Be sure that the members know what the 1926 Co-operative Program includes—foreign missions, home missions, state missions, ministerial relief, Christian education, orphanages, hospitals. In January **WORLD COMRADES** you will find a

"question and answer" message from Dr. J. E. Dillard, Chairman of the Co-operative Program Commission for 1926. Introduce the young people to him and let them hear his message.

Paul may have been in a January mood when he wrote "Forgetting the things that are behind, I press forward". As leaders there are many discouragements to forget, but there are many goals to which we must press forward. "Defeat should be not a nail in the shoe but a spur." If you didn't enlist John in R.A.'s. or Jane in G.A.'s. or if Janet was not interested in Sunbeams during 1925 now that 1926 is here there is a new chance to give to whichever one of them is your especial problem a real appeal that will bring them heartily into enthusiastic missionary loyalty. Has it been a casual invitation you and your membership committee have extended? Then in 1926 take time to explain to John and Jane the real value that R.A. and G.A. would be to them. Talk once more to the mothers in W.M.S. about reminding their sons and daughters to attend, call for a quiet persuasive conversation on the individual mothers who are neglecting missionary training for the younger members of their household. The general atmosphere of "new resolutions and beginning again" will be conducive to a ready hearing of your urging that the big business of missions be not omitted from their development longer. As counselors realize more and more the real worth of our missionary organizations in implanting the rich ideals of Christian living as expressed by W.M.U. in the lives of our young people, His work will grow in power. Even some counselors have not glimpsed the great influence the ideals of their organizations, as presented in their manual, may have on young lives. Study the Manual and Year Book again at

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TRAINING SCHOOL



GOOD NEWS FROM W.M.U. TRAINING SCHOOL

*"So lightly falls the foot of Time
That only treads on flowers."*

THE FIRST quarter of 1925-26 has glided by so rapidly—each day full of earnest work and joyous experiences that one is reminded of the belated school boy who complained, "Tempus fugit".

Since the session opened September 21st, new and interesting relations and happenings have marked the weeks and days. It has been a great happiness to note the admirable fitness of our principal, Mrs. Janie Cree Bose, for all the varied and delicate details of her new and splendid task. As leader in all plans for the welfare and progress of the school, as hostess and model in the social activities of many young women, as a spiritual guide in all that touches the deeper life of those about her and as the "Little Mother" to the young people who perchance were longing for a mother's understanding sympathy, she has justified the confidence that selected her to carry on the work so nobly done by Mrs. Maud R. McLure.

Mrs. Bose has made several visits during the autumn when her timely and helpful messages have been deeply appreciated. She has spoken at Student Conferences in this city and in Nashville—attended W.M.U. annual meetings in Tennessee, Missouri and Washington City.

Perhaps the most interesting matter just now in connection with the school will be the assurance that the removal of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary during the early months of 1926 will not deprive our students of the valued privileges they have enjoyed in the past under the great scholars that make this Seminary pre-eminent in theological training. Several years ago in a conference between the Executive Committee of W.M.U. and a committee

from the faculty of the Seminary assurance was given that close co-operation between the two institutions would be continued, and a recent conference with Drs. Mullins and Carver reassured us. Hopefully and trustfully shall we pray for such adjustments as will continue the relationships of elder brother and younger sister, that have been gratefully recognized for twenty-one years. The faculty, the Board of Woman's Missionary Union Training School, the present student body and the hundreds of alumnae in all the corners of the earth are earnestly praying that Woman's Missionary Union will build its love gifts into a unit of the splendid new seminary, a temple worthy of the God we love and serve and of the six noble women who have led us to great achievements.

On October 16th interested friends were invited to "come and see" what W.M.U. had given the school as a workshop for its religious welfare activities. The new building at 524 East Madison Street is "a thing of beauty" and we believe is destined to be indeed "a joy forever". Miss Broadus, honored vice president emerita, in behalf of the Woman's Missionary Union presented it in her own beautiful way to Mrs. Janie Cree Bose for the school. In well chosen words it was accepted and in turn committed to Miss Littlejohn, supervisor of all the practical mission work in the school, and to Miss Alice Johnson, special director of Good Will Center activities. Pastors and prominent laymen, enthusiastic members of the community, all took part and a member of the Mothers' Club, useful and valued in the days when Mrs. McLure and Miss Leachman were "Head Ladies", was the orator of the day. She told vividly of how "a new Heaven and a new earth" had opened

for many because of that life saving station.

The health, the spirit and the faithful work of the school have been all that could be desired. The thoughtful remembrances of the friends far and near have cheered the hearts as well as the bodies of our healthy, hungry girls. Christmas hints were early in the air, and Dr. and Mrs. Mullins were cordially invited to share Christmas turkey from Oklahoma, cakes from several states and various kinds of Christmas cheer that comes laden with love from all over our southland. Here's to a blessed New Year to each and all from the grateful hearts of students, faculty and Boards of Woman's Missionary Union Training School.—Mrs. George B. Eager

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Training School graduate is available ask her to talk and put this question.

Abide with Me

AT SUNDAY night supper the first verse of "Abide with Me" is sung as the blessing, let us sing it in closing.

SECOND MEETING

Topic—The Two Funds

Hymn—O Zion, Haste

Prayer that Y.W.A's. may begin the New Year well

Hymn—Revive Us Again

Bible Study—Five Profits in God's Word

Prayer that everyone may have God's Word

Hymn—Thy Word Is like a Garden, Lord

The Margaret Fund (See pages 16-17, 23.)

Many Thank You's (See WORLD COMRADES, page 30.)

Hymn—Holy Bible, Book Divine

Our Bible Fund (See page 16.)

What My Bible Means to Me—General Discussion

Are you the *u* in Fund?

Five Profits in God's Word

II Timothy 3:14-17. Paul writes to Timothy that the Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for (1) doctrine, (2) reproof, (3) correction, (4) instruction in righteousness, (5) that man of God may be perfect. All of these factors we have need of. Do we prize God's Word enough? Do we read it enough?

Are You the *U* in Fund?

W.M.U. has no other provision for taking care of the Current Expense Fund at House Beautiful, for paying the boarding scholarships of the 73 Margaret Fund students, for continuing to give Bibles, except that Y.W.A's. and other W.M.U. organizations help by their gifts to these three W.M.U. Specials. Have you put the *u* in Fund?

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

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the threshold of the New Year that you may walk over the doorway to much larger work, intensively and expansively.

Yes, forgetting that they haven't come before, win them now at the beginning of 1926. And forgetting that in the past programs have sometimes dragged a bit, guarantee that future ones shall be vigorous and commanding. More subscriptions to WORLD COMRADES will help here. "A minimum of 5 to every organization" is our slogan based on best experience for best meetings.

Forgetting the past mediocre giving let us press forward to real stewardship. Many young people heartily resolve to keep stricter account of their money, earned, allowance or gift, be sure that the new diaries and account books have a place for God's tithe, then urge real stewardship handling of the 9/10 remaining.

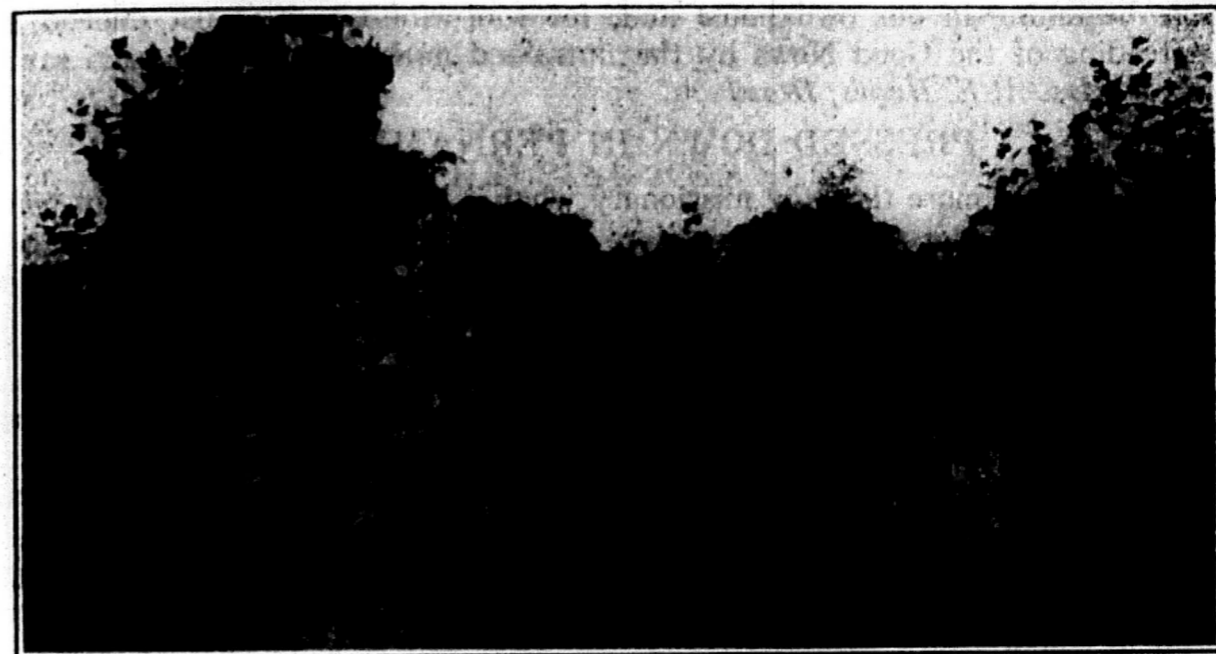
The New Year presents many bigger possibilities for making habits of heart and mind count for missionaries. As counselors let us Forget—and Press Forward.



FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



(NOTE: Each of the following articles is needed with the January Week of Prayer programs. The picture from Brazil will be doubly effective if shown when the leaflet "Distressing Delay in Pelotas" is used.)



"OUR" SCHOOL CHILDREN AND TEACHERS—Pelotas, Brazil

HEAVY HEARTS IN BELLO HORIZONTE

SHOULD the debt on the Foreign Mission Board be paid, the Baptist College in Bello Horizonte, Brazil, would quite likely receive some help for a much needed new building and some money for equipment. We would be enabled to admit into the college a large number of Baptist boys and girls who have been turned away for some five years on account of dormitory and classroom space. This Baptist college is the only college maintained by the Baptists in a state of more than seven millions of inhabitants. Why should not our hearts rejoice in bringing in the Kingdom of Jesus in such a needy field?

Should the debt not be met, the college here will be compelled to continue in the small residence where we have been for the last five years. Hundreds of splendid Baptist boys and girls will be compelled to delay their training in the Master's service until no one knows when. My husband and I will be forced to work alone in that school until some provision be made. We will have no building for classrooms or dormitory. We must work away with our hands tied and our hearts heavy with a useless weight until such time as pleases God's children to do what they can for the cause there. Who would not weep at such waste in such time of possible plenty? God help each of us to stand up to the plumb-line of full duty in these days of such tremendous responsibilities and follow the leading of Jesus.—Mrs. F. A. R. Morgan, Brazil

DISAPPOINTMENT FOR PARAHYBA

MAY I tell you a bit of the disappointment we must carry back with us to our field in Brazil? Disappointment—not only to us but also to every Baptist in each of our churches and to many others who are "interested".

Our field comprises three adjoining states in north Brazil, we having taken over this work less than a year before coming home on furlough. There already existed six Baptist churches in this area and two more were soon organized. So

great is our need of trained workers that it was necessary for Mr. Hayes to serve as pastor of four of these churches. How we had hoped that by 1925 the Board would be able to send us a missionary couple for each of two states, leaving us only one to look after! The believers are confidently expecting that we will return with means for opening a school to teach their children and many others who are eager for the training of a *Collegio Baptista*. We must go back to them without financial help toward broadening our work. The school must make an humble beginning in our own home and, for soul-winning, we must depend on the spreading of the Good News by the untrained natives who have been saved already.—*Mrs. A. E. Hayes, Brazil*

PRESSED DOWN IN PERNAMBUCO

NO ONE realizes more than the missionary what it means if the debt is not paid. In spite of the fact that there are more responsibilities than last year we could not ask the Board for a larger appropriation. Will we take care of this work or will it be left to suffer? As far as is in our power, we as missionaries will shoulder it.

Not to pay this foreign mission debt means:

1. We must say "No" to the many girls who are ready to give their lives in special Christian service but have no training
2. Must be limited, on account of space, to less than thirty girls in the boarding department
3. Must turn down requests, from even Catholic parents, to take their girls under twelve years of age, the time when they would be so easily influenced and lead to Christ
4. The few whom we can take must be crowded into small rooms, with all too few conveniences, the thing that tends to the tearing down of a sweet disposition
5. Denied the new dormitory that we sorely need for the girls
6. It means the breaking down of our already too few women on the field, because each must shoulder more than an ordinary woman can do.

To have the debt paid would mean:

1. More dormitory space and the educating of many more girls and, through their lives, the teaching of the Gospel to the multitude that have not yet heard
2. The lifting of the spirits of those on the field with new recruits to help carry the load
3. No more "marking time" but going forward by leaps and bounds with the work of our Master

The thing that holds us fast is that He said, "And lo I am with you even unto the end". As one who would be a mother to these girls and teach them right, I beg that you pray and give that our work may prosper.—*Mrs. John L. Bice, Brazil*

YEARNING OVER JERUSALEM

If the debt was paid:

MISSIONARIES might come to take the responsibility for the promising Arabic work in Galilee and Syria. Native workers might reach into these neglected villages that are pleading for teaching and leadership. Modest equipment, at least, might be provided for the carrying on of this work. And in Jerusalem *desperately needed* provision might be made for holding together the little church of Jewish Christians. More literature might be distributed, a school for children of Jewish Christians might be opened, property and other equipment for forwarding the whole cause might be bought and other Jewish workers might be placed in various other centers where there are groups ready and waiting for Christian instruction and influence, as sheep without a shepherd!

If conditions remain as they are:

ONE MAN must continue to superintend both Jewish and Arabic work. Would you expect one to "carry on" successfully among both Chinese and Japanese? Jews and Arabs are just as different in language, traditions, customs and religions and, maybe, more bitter in their hatred for one another.

The hearts of these villagers now yearning for a knowledge of a Saviour will go unsatisfied and perhaps be closed to the "Good News" before we reach them, and what we believe to be one of the most marvelous opportunities for reaching the Jewish people that has even been given of God to any mission will be lost. There is little hope of going forward under the shadow of this debt. We can't stand still. Shall we go backward? Woe unto us southern Baptists if we fail to accept such a challenge from our God!—*Mrs. J. W. Watts, Palestine*

HINDERING OR HELPING HWANGHIEN—WHICH?

Unpaid Debt Demands:

1. **GIVING** up one of our Chinese doctors, thus cramping work and overloading already too heavy work of others
2. Giving up one or both of our Chinese head nurses and thus demanding the full time of both Miss Bradley and myself for actual hospital housekeeping and routine work, which can be done efficiently by the Chinese
3. Cutting down of fuel during winter, thus making the care of seriously ill patients next to impossible
4. Raising our prices, thus cutting out the poorer classes from our work
5. Discontinuing our White Cross gifts (because we have no funds to pay duty) and slumping to a make-shift way of keeping patients clean and comfortable.

Debt Paid Permits:

1. **KEEPING** up the work which has been steadily growing, having had last year a great soul-winning record
2. Keeping our head nurses and thus allowing more of our time for personal work among patients and nurses and giving us time to keep up a moderate amount of Chinese study
3. Keeping up of moderate fires in the wards, enabling us to care for very ill patients in the winter
4. Keeping up the present moderate charges, doing much charity work and giving His message to all classes
5. Keeping up our White Cross gifts, which in a very practical way show Christian love for the Chinese.—*Lucy Wright, China*

SUMMER EVANGELISTIC WORK

LAST WEEK at the meeting of the Hwanghien Woman's Missionary Society the pastor's wife suggested that the members use some time this summer for evangelistic work in the nearby villages. She said when she heard the evangelists speak of the cordial hearing that was being given them now she just longed to go out into villages near her home to the south and west of the city to talk to the women. She could not go alone but if some of the women could go with her she would be glad to use some of her vacation time in such work. Volunteers were called for and sixteen gave in their names, some to go once a week and some twice. The plan agreed on was for the women to go out in groups of three or four, one or two groups each afternoon, and starting about four o'clock reach the villages late in the afternoon when the women and children are out in the doorways and the open spaces of the village to enjoy the cool of the day. As it is not dark before seven-thirty or nearly eight o'clock there would be time for two hours of preaching and then get home before dark.

The reports I have heard of the work for this week are very enthusiastic; everywhere they have met with a cordial reception. I went both Monday and Thursday afternoons with the pastor's wife to a large village just outside the south gate of the city. Many of the women have been into our city church at the special meeting of the Chinese New Year season when they can leave home to get out to see the sights but no women have ever gone into their village to speak about Jesus.

As we neared the village we were espied by a group of village boys who were out playing and looking for anything that promised a bit of interest—there were eight or ten of them from eight to twelve years old—and as soon as they saw us they raced over in our direction. We saw two women out on an open space under the trees with their handwork so we went toward them and the pastor's wife told the boys to all run home and invite their mothers to come out to visit with us. They darted away with the message and immediately the mother of one of our school girls, who I did not know lived in that village, came out of the door nearest to us. As I was her daughter's teacher, of course she gave us a very cordial welcome and stayed outside with us until we left at dusk. She did very little listening herself but her presence and her cordial reception gave us all the introduction we needed. Ten or more women came out and sat down to talk to us and to listen and the crowd of boys came and went at pleasure, with just as much fun and just as much noise as such a crowd of youngsters anywhere in the world. While I was talking to the women the boys came rolling through the crowd in the old Chinese game of skinning the snake and there was nothing to do but for everybody to join in a hearty laugh as it is one of the most ludicrous sights I ever saw when played by a group of lively boys. I knew I had to capture that crowd of boys if I was ever to finish my preaching to the women, so I called to them to come and sit down in a row as if they were in school and I would teach them a song. Instantly they were seated at my feet in two rows with expectant faces lifted to mine. We had a good time learning the chorus of "Jesus Loves Me" and then they sat still and quiet until I finished talking to the women.

Thursday afternoon we went back to the same village, only nearer the center of it, and we had such a good crowd—about thirty women and half grown girls, my same group of boys, eight or ten men seated quietly on the outskirts of the crowd and I made no attempt to count the children. The boys sang "Jesus Loves Me" for us and then helped me teach it to the little girls. Then I taught them the verse and chorus of another song. When we started to leave one of the boys came up to me to ask what day next week we were coming back. We had planned to go again today but rain will interfere. I am sure for Mrs. Dzang and myself these visits will be but the first of many we shall make to that village. I shall look forward eagerly to the next meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society to hear the reports of the different groups as they tell of the villages they have visited.—*Clifforde E. Hunter, Hwanghien, China*

WONDERFUL MEETING IN SHANGHAI

EARLY in October we had a wonderful meeting at Old North Gate Church. The church was marvelously revived and then over four thousand heard—gladly—the message that was given to them. We closed with 250 names and during the latter part of the month we sent out 195 letters, the other addresses being illegible. To the mid-week prayer service many came and we divided up into three classes, twelve of our church members volunteering to take charge of the classes.

Let me tell you how the revival began. A deaf lady, Chow Ta Ta, was ill last spring and promised that if she got well she'd "preach the Word" more faithfully. She said that she had been a Christian for twenty years and had done nothing for her Lord and Savior, so she gave me \$100 and asked me to use it for her. The strike was on and we were not allowed to have public gatherings, so we waited until the middle of September. Then our Evangelistic Committee of six members got busy, meeting about ten evenings for prayer and consultation. We printed attractive posters; wrote hymns on long strips of white cloth; practiced them with a special choir; made stands on which to hang the hymns; one girl drew two large pictures—one of a lost sheep and the other of the prodigal; and a young man drew two—one of sin separating us from God with Christ coming in between and the other of a man laboring under a burden of sin and laying it

down at the foot of the Cross. We hung these pictures on the platform and then wrote "Jesus Saves" on a piece of colored glass and put electric bulbs back of it, so that it could be flashed on when needed. We printed 2000 posters and paid the "bill posters" to put them up all over the city. Mr. Y. C. Ling wrote one poster and Mr. K. T. Wong, the other.

Then a native of India—think of it—was invited to preach four nights to the Christians. He preached in English and Mr. Ling translated in an inspired manner. The church was filled with Christians and he certainly preached the old-fashioned Gospel. One night he sang a most telling hymn which he had composed: "I have a Savior that is mighty to save, mighty to save". He rang the changes on that until he got the meaning into their hearts. This preacher is from four generations of Christians and was led to Christ in a Methodist mission school. When he felt called to preach he was immersed and then started out. He is now in Gen. Feng's army, preaching to his soldiers.

After he left our meeting we had Mr. Kaung, a famous evangelist, to preach in Chinese to the heathen. The church members came and ushered and "preached" on the streets and stood at the door, over which was hanging a long banner with red letters announcing the grand "poo dau" or meeting. The best thing was that the Chinese did most of it themselves. The interest was wide spread and wide felt. The deaf lady came every night and was so happy to see the crowds and the interest. Pray for us that we may press on to yet greater things and that these inquirers may all be led out into the marvelous light and liberty of our great Gospel.—*Willie H. Kelly, China*

PROMISES PAST-DUE IN TSINING

TO EACH MISSIONARY on the foreign field has come the news that no money will be granted for equipment etc. this year and to us in Tsining the blow seems almost unbearable, for the work has reached such a climax that only the equipment is needed to make it go forward at a remarkable rate. If it were merely a question of standing still we feel sure we could hold our own but during the rainy month of July the mud walls of our school dormitory, teachers' room and dining room caved in. Last year Miss Crawford gave over her own study for a class room because there wasn't another room in the place available. We had set our hopes upon a new brick girls' school building. Then there is our boys' school which has no dining room nor adequate teachers' quarters. We are so short of room that when our country evangelists come in we have absolutely no place to house them, although when we visit their homes we are given the best of everything they have.

Last of all I would mention our own home which we are in hopes will be built after these others. We are at present living in a Chinese house. Unless the people come up with their pledges how can we carry on God's work out here?—*Mrs. J. T. Littlejohn, China*

PINGTU'S PLIGHT

MR. BRYAN is in charge of the evangelistic work for men in this Pingtu field, having a constituency of about seven thousand Christians in thirty churches and over 200 country schools and a heathen constituency of more than a million. However, in addition to that, for most of this year he has been responsible for the women's evangelistic work, the Girls' Boarding School and the Boys' Boarding School, both in the city of Pingtu. These are both large schools: the boys' school has a big industrial department requiring really one foreigner's entire time. Shortage of missionaries has caused this multiplying of jobs on one man's hands. He has sustained it so far, due to having dray-horse endurance and Christian faith to believe that relief *would* come. But now all his best efforts and hopes are nullified with the last word from the Board that no new missionary can come to help carry on and that sufficient money to carry on is not available. The almost

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STEWARDSHIP AS TAUGHT IN THE BIBLE

"Render unto God the things that are God's."

IF I AM a tenant farmer in the south I pay rent—"the third and fourth" (a fourth of the cotton and a third of the corn); or I pay a "standing rent" which is estimated on that basis. If the land owner furnishes the stock and agricultural implements also I pay him half and am a "share cropper". Half the crop is his, and if I attempt to retain any part of it I am stealing. It belongs to the landowner and I do not own it, even though I worked and made it.

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof—for every beast of the forest is mine and the cattle upon a thousand hills—the silver and gold is mine", saith the Lord. Not only does the Lord own the land and all the means by which gains are obtained but "It is the Lord which giveth thee power to get wealth".

To begin to enumerate the gifts which we have from God is to begin an endless task, but mention may be made of some of the things which in His Word are expressly given: "It is He that giveth strength and power unto His people—He will give grace and glory—No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly". He giveth might, wisdom, knowledge, understanding, joy and all the diversities of gifts which set us apart for special service. "He giveth us richly all things to enjoy—Every good and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom there can be no variableness". He has given us the privilege of being His stewards: "Go ye into all the world, and ye shall be My witnesses—As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same, one to another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God". He has given us the great privilege of prayer; was greater gift ever given to

man, aside from the Supreme Gift? Then, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" David answers his own question and this is part of the answer: "I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people".

Of our substance He does not ask half but that one-tenth be turned back into His treasury. "The tithe is the Lord's" and "Render unto God the things that are God's" should be clear enough and settle the financial side of a steward's obligation. "Moreover it is required in a steward that he be found faithful." We are all tenants in the earth which is the Lord's, so the question is not "Am I a steward?" but "Am I a faithful steward?" Since faithfulness is required, punishment will come to the unfaithful steward. God says: "Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed Me". When people withhold the tenth which is God's, they not only lose that but always more. Robbing comes higher than tithing: for when God's portion is brought into His storehouse He has never yet failed to keep His promise of the poured out blessing: "And the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly—And the man of God said, "Since the people began to bring the offerings into the house of the Lord, we have had plenty—and have left plenty; for the Lord hath blessed His people and that which is left is a great store".

If southern Baptists would render unto God the things that are God's our secretaries would have to speak to the people as Moses did: "And they spake unto Moses saying, 'The people bring more than enough for the service of the work which the Lord commanded to make'. And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, 'Let

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UNION NOTES



ROUND TABLE

THESE TRIP notes of your young people's secretary will sound by their brevity like a train caller's announcement. Did space permit one could fill in with delightful accounts of generous courtesies extended, of conferences with eager leaders and enthusiastic young people, with details of each splendid meeting that would reassure faith in Kingdom progress. Starting west, stop off at Little Rock for a beautiful Y.W.A. banquet of Immanuel girls, at Ouachita College for the second annual state R.A. Conference of Arkansas, a rousing affair; progress to Waco, Texas, for the largest Baptist student convention Texas has ever had, spend Sunday night at Baylor College and then visit Fort Worth Training School, inspiring from its home on the hill. Kentucky's first R.A. Conference follows at Bethel College, attendance curtailed by sudden snow but a splendid week-end for nearly 100 boys; next Louisiana Baptist student conference at Baton Rouge, small in number compared to some other states but with excellent earnestness of spirit. Alabama W.M.U. meeting was successfully held in Eufaula with reports that showed effort in His work and zealous plans for the future. Regretting to release Mrs. Samford from the presidency Alabama W. M. U. counted herself fortunate in the selection of Mrs. Carter Wright of Roanoke as president. Georgia W.M.U.'s "best yet" sessions were held at Vineville Church, Macon, the keynote being "Pray ye". The new secretary Mrs. A. F. McMahon is already taking up well the duties laid down by Miss Laura Lee Patrick. A wee visit to Bessie Tift was inspiring in contact with excellent Y.W. A. work, a number of volunteers and Life Service Club members. The Nashville City Y.W.A. mission study week was a decided success, with more than

110 enrolled students in the three classes each night, plus visitors. During the week there was opportunity to meet with First Church W.M.S. and with the Federation of Nashville G.A.'s on another afternoon. The popularity of City Y.W.A. and G.A. prove the contagion of cooperation in plans and activities. So November passed in ways to make one surprisingly grateful; December held more student meetings and college visits.—*Juliette Mather*

NEW indeed is the "leaf" in the ledger of W.M.U. records, for beginning with January the Union enters in a real way upon its plan to have its reports, both financial and statistical, coincide with the calendar year. As is rather generally known, this decision was reached at the W.M.U. meeting last May, the ruling taking immediate effect. Therefore, with December closed the "short year" of eight months, the achievements of which will comprise the reports to be made by the Union this coming May. Accordingly with January the full new page is turned and on it is registered the hope that every W. M.U. organization will determine to do its very best each month of the new year. There is the added hope that every fully Graded W.M.U. will have each of its five required organizations attain the A-1 Honor Roll, so that to its church there may be presented in May of 1927 the Union's pennant. Let it be understood that no Graded Union will be eligible for such a pennant unless it has maintained during each of the twelve months of 1926 each one of the five required organizations—Sunbeam Band, G.A., R.A., Y.W.A. and W.M.S. So right now in January try to organize in your church any one or ones which may be lacking and do your best to keep them actively at work each succeeding month.

"WESTWARD, Ho!" was certainly the itinerary of the W.M.U. corresponding secretary during November. First, there was a week-end at Russellville, Arkansas, for the state conference of Baptist students under the direction of the state W.M.U. college correspondent, Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, and the state B.Y.P.U. secretary, Rev. H. V. Hamilton, with the hearty co-operation of the local pastor, Rev. C. V. Hickerson. At the Saturday noon meal it was a pleasure to meet with the leaders of the church's Graded W.M.U., the pastor being R.A. counselor. Journeying west to Muskogee, Oklahoma, two days were spent at the W.M.U. annual meeting of that state. Most excellent reports were given by the president, Mrs. R. T. Mansfield, the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Berta K. Spooner, the young people's leader, Miss Elizabeth Watkins, and by others representing the varied Union activities. The hostess society and its pastor, Rev. A. N. Hall, were "attention personified", this being particularly proved by the presentation of the young people's pageant. Further on the "Ozark Trail" led to Alamogordo where the New Mexico Baptists were in session. "Beautiful for situation" is this city, surrounded by mountains and productive apple orchards, but it is literally hundreds of

miles from many of the 167 Baptist churches in the convention, so the attendance was not large. However, the reports were highly encouraging: for instance, during the past seven years the membership has nearly doubled and the gifts for the past year were more than three times as great as those of seven years ago. As at Muskogee, the Alamogordo Baptists, led by their pastor, Rev. W. C. Taggart, were altogether cordial. At the close of the convention, in company with Miss Amy Goodman, hospitable societies with thoroughly co-operating pastors were visited at Carlsbad, Loving, Artesia, Hope, Elida, Portales and Clovis, the last named city being hostess to the quarterly rally of the Associational W.M.U. "Right about—face—east" then became the journey's course, the first stop being a week-end at the Training School on Seminary Hill, Texas. President L. R. Scarborough and Mrs. W. B. McGarity, the principal, along with the entire student body were altogether cordial, one result of the large mass meeting on Sunday afternoon being the enlistment of an R.A. leader, thus completing the Graded W.M.U. of Seminary Hill Church. After Thanksgiving week in Birmingham, two days were spent at the W.M.U. Training School in Louisville, Ky.

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neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary'. So the people were restrained from bringing. For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work". And this might be true of southern Baptists if they would give according to His plan, if Christian women among southern Baptists pray for God's plan of stewardship to prevail among His people.

It is not all of stewardship to tithe nor all of service to give, but paying tithes and giving offerings are beautiful

expressions of love, devotion, consecration; they are attributes which cannot be measured. God so loved that He gave—gave the best that He had, and when southern Baptists so love that they are willing to give the best they have—themselves and all they have, all their lives—realizing "Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price", then they will never again withhold God's portion and there will not be room enough to receive the blessing which God will pour out.—*Mrs. R. B. Gunter, Mississippi*

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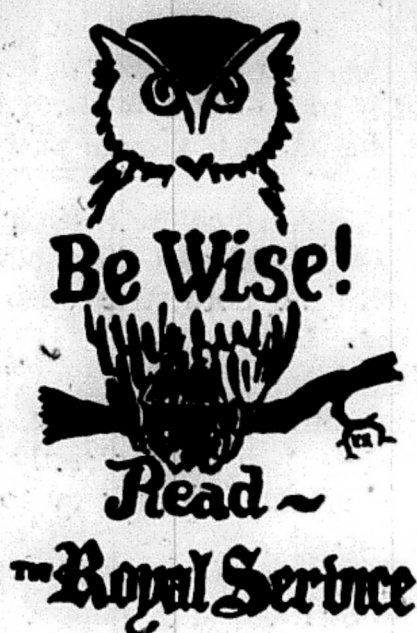
inevitable prospect now is that the boys' school must close, for this year at least. In this case it will be one less burden on his mind—that is true—but how about the increased burden on his heart—to see that, in spite of his utmost, a large part of his efforts are fruitless?

I must add this word. If he were here he would not countenance my writing all this, because his endurance is still enduring and his faith still holds, for the promise has been proven over and over: "Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass".—*Mrs. David Bryan, China*

NOT WITHOUT A WITNESS

In the city of Luichau I witnessed a sight which was pitiful and pathetic. In this section of south China people worship the devil. They pray directly to him, calling him by name (Moh Kwai) and invoke his aid and blessing on their undertakings. Mr. Snuggs and I had just finished our evening meal and were reading. All at once an unearthly howl reached our ears, coming from the front of the house. It was so uncanny and terrible that our dog jumped up bristling and barking and ran to the scene. The howl changed to a scream and cry, lasting some minutes. We looked at each other in silence, but the thought ran simultaneously through our minds of a child being cruelly punished. We sat listening until we could stand it no longer. Going to the front of the house, this is what we saw: Just outside our bamboo fence, so close that we could touch them, sat two girls, fifteen or sixteen years old. They were on little low stools, their heads resting on a low table in front of them; their arms hanging by their sides. On this table burned a small peanut-oil lamp, a bowl of rice stood on one side, some money was scattered over the table and on the other end incense sticks were burning. To one side another girl was burning little bits of paper in the flame of the peanut-oil lamp: these were written prayers. Seated by the girls was an old woman chanting musically. But it wasn't all this that held our attention and caused us to hold our breath—it was the sight of one of the girls. She was screaming and crying as loud as she could, shaking with sobs and trembling from head to foot. Every now and then a scream would be louder than the others. She was working herself up into a state of coma. Her face and hair were wet with the tears which coursed down her cheeks. For some time she continued this, seemingly urged on by the low chanting of the old woman. By this time the girl who was burning prayers was crying softly, gazing at the screaming girl with looks of pity and love. Suddenly, the crying ceased as quickly as it had begun; only a low moaning could be heard now. The old woman ceased her chanting and turned directly to the young girl. She was sitting limp on the tiny stool; one cheek pressed against the top of the small table, the other upturned showing a swollen and distorted face. Quickly she spoke in answer to a question from the old woman; then other questions and answers. Through the old woman many other women and girls in the large audience assembled asked her questions. Her answers were greeted chiefly with laughter, although now and then a stern silence was the result. What was she doing? This poor child was in a trance and was in direct communication with the devil, thus revealing the past and future to her audience. And the assembled crowd took her words as coming from an oracle. We stayed until we could bear this sight no longer and then passed on into our house, our hearts too full for words. How much the Christ is needed in China in the emancipation of women from the power of Satan himself!—*Mrs. H. H. Snuggs, China*

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