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Laborers together with God—1 Corinthians 3:9

WATCHWORD FOR 1925-26

"Go ye into all the world; and ye shall be My witnesses."
—Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8

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EDITORIAL



"VIEWING THE LAND"



AS CHRISTIAN in Pilgrim's Progress journeyed with his fellow-travelers from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City, he came to a "delicate plain called Ease, where they went with much content; but that plain was but narrow, so they quickly got over it. Now, at the further side of that plain was a hill called Lucre and in that hill a silver mine".

Christian pilgrims today reach this same delicate plain called ease, where they go with much content. Like Paul, our leaders everywhere are constantly stirring up our pure minds by way of remembrance that this plain is but narrow and that our time and opportunities are fleeting.

Physiologists tell us that the first part of the body to go to sleep is the feet. If the feet are warm and quiet, sleep soon comes. Our missionary interests are the feet of the soul. Unless we are wide awake and continually active the feet of our soul go to sleep.

The vast and challenging fields of home missions call us to enlist, during our Week of Prayer for Home Missions, many whose feet of missionary endeavor and activity have fallen asleep on the delicate Plain of Ease. The worthy causes fostered by the Home Mission Board are enumerated elsewhere in this issue for your study, and they plead for the divinity of service. The work of each department speaks eloquently of Him who said, "I am among you as one that serveth". These causes bring missions to our very door, to our street, to our city, state and southland.

The work of this great Board is our signal fire to foreign fields. It must blaze high and hotly with the zeal and consecration of our people.

Through our March Week of Prayer program we will, like the Hebrew spies of old, view the land and see whether it be "fat or lean". We find it is a goodly land, flowing with milk and honey. But, in the midst of it we will see the delicate Plain of Ease and the silver mine of the Hill of Lucre. We will see the Home Mission Board as a cloud by day and a pillar by night attempting to meet the southwide hunger for Christ. We will see that in the face of obstacles, discouragements and debt, this great Board has pressed on. "God made trial of them and found them worthy of Himself."

Our women caught the spirit of the "Love Gift for Foreign Missions". Let us now show the same high loyalty and love by a Self-Denial Offering for Home Missions. We must bear in mind that, while most of the offering will go toward clearing the debt on the Home Mission Board, the first \$3,000 of our gift has been designated for enlargement of the much needed work among Jewish people in the south.

This offering will call for real self-denial. The Woman's Missionary Union would seek no gift that would interfere with our pledges to the 1926 Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists, but gratitude to God, like a bubbling spring, overflows, goes the second mile in giving. This gift must come from hearts burning with the vision of Christ on the cross; from hearts yearning with compassion for the needs of men and women, poured out in a gift of gratitude.

After a famous battle, Napoleon gave his men a medal inscribed with the name of the field and this simple sentence, "I was there". May such an invisible inscription be written on the heart of every Baptist woman in our southland, testifying to her prayerful and self-sacrificing participation in the Week of Prayer for Home Missions.—Mrs. W. J. Cox



"PRAY YE"



"SOMEWHERE TO STAND"



CAREY'S challenge keeps ringing through the years: "We will go down into the well but you must hold the ropes!" Faithfully have they been held by many a devoted Christian hand—uplifted in prayer, outstretched with gifts. Remembering these graphic words of Carey, the Home Mission Board recently displayed a chart bearing this significant sentence:

"We cannot 'hold the ropes' unless we have somewhere to stand".

Obviously this is true and so searching is the truth thereof that one marvels that such a "stand" is not guaranteed. You have watched men on a river-bluff hoisting the boat's merchandise up from the landing and you know how they brace themselves, how they seek a foothold which will not give way beneath them, thus causing them to stumble or slip. If the rainy season is on and the banks are slippery they move back from the edge as far as possible, drive deeper the stakes for the coiling of the rope—they even permit their own bodies to be held by other workmen. In short, they are given "somewhere to stand" for those for whom they work know that they must hold the ropes!

Even so is it with the work of the Home Mission Board. In a very unique and encompassing way it is expected to enlist southern Baptists so that they will be strong holders of the ropes of Christian work the world around. To do this it must not only have vital points of contact with its constituency—contact such as may be gained through home mission literature and field workers, but it must also make possible even more permanent "standing-room", such as church buildings, schools and Good Will Centers. If the Home Mission Board were relieved of its debt it could issue many more tracts on evangelism than it now does with its limited income. Picture the strong foundation which would result if the Board were financially able to carry forward its evangelistic ideals—every heart thus won would mean additional "standing-room" for praying and giving. Then through enlistment many of these "babes in Christ" would in turn win others and thus the Kingdom would more speedily come. Or imagine how multiplied in strength would southern Baptists be if the Home Mission Board were given a budget commensurate with its mountain school opportunities—verily it would be typical of the great mountains themselves.

The analogy could be carried through each of the other departments of Home Board work for Cuba and the Canal Zone, seamen and soldiers, the foreigner, the Jew, the Indian, the negro and for the sick who are brought to the S.B.C. hospitals at El Paso and New Orleans. Through each person thus evangelized and enlisted another "rope-holder" would be gained—another "somewhere to stand" would be assured.

All of these "ifs" are hardly as stable as the slippery bluff of the river, however, for with a debt, which amounted in January to \$1,400,000, the Board hardly has standing-room for its present activities much less for enlargement. And yet it must stand, the ropes must be held! Those "who have followed in the train" of Carey call to southern Baptists: "We 'have gone' down into the well. You must hold the ropes!" Two ways there are of doing so—two interdependent ways—(1) praying; (2) giving. With both of these the March Week of Prayer and Self-Denial is vitally linked. (See pages 4, 6, 7, 13-15, 32, 33.)

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CHURCH BUILDING LOAN FUND

WE COUNT our Church Building Loan Fund as one of the outstanding features of our Home Mission Board work. Southern Baptists, one of the largest religious bodies in America, have been perhaps negligent in preparing suitable places of worship. One of the chief reasons for this has been the inability of the churches to borrow funds at a reasonable rate of interest and on such terms as would enable them to build and at the same time do something towards helping sustain our mission work which, of course we realize, is the most important of all our activities. To meet our growing needs, our people must have suitable places of worship and especially is this true when our Bible schools are growing by leaps and bounds.

In order to take care of this part of our denominational needs, the Home Mission Board established the Church Building Loan Fund in 1900, the nucleus of which was the Tichenor Memorial Fund. The first large gift to this fund was from our Sunday School Board. This was later supplemented by a magnificent gift from our Woman's Missionary Union in the sum of \$20,000.

By this time the growing need of such a fund was more fully realized by our Baptist people, and the Home Mission Board, in accordance with the instructions of the Southern Baptist Convention, projected a plan to raise a fund of \$500,000. This was found to be entirely inadequate and shortly thereafter we increased the aim to \$1,000,000 which was finished two years prior to the close of the 75 Million Campaign.

It is most fitting just here that we pay tribute to the former superintendent of this department of the work, Dr. Louis B. Warren, who, through his perfect devotion to the work and untiring efforts, succeeded in raising the amount beyond \$1,000,000 before his retirement from the Board, which was necessary on account of the loss of vision. While he has left us to enter the evangelistic field his interest in this department continues and is evidenced by the subscriptions which come to us from his loyal friends.

Memorials may be established in the Hall of Fame. These memorials, in a sense, become living monuments and help to further the interest of this great and important part of our work.

The funds of this department are held as trust funds and used only for this part of our work. Our charter so limits their usage.

We would not undertake to make a comparison of our loan fund with those of other denominations. Suffice it to say that other denominations with smaller membership have funds far in excess of our own.

Especially is the Church Building Loan Fund helpful in building country churches. Churches in the country and also in towns of less than 10,000 population are almost prohibited from borrowing from insurance companies. In the last decade there has been such an influx of people to our cities that the country churches have found it almost impossible to exist. The appeals from these churches in many instances are pathetic. Some of them are holding services only through the summer months due to the lack of proper housing facilities.

These appeals should reach the heart of every true Baptist and if one is not able to make gifts outright they can at least invest in one of our annuity bonds. May God touch the hearts of our friends in such a way that they may realize their duty and responsibility to this important phase of our work.—C. S. Carnes, Treasurer of Home Mission Board

IT is suggested that March 3 be a "Day of Prayer and Fasting" before the ingathering of the Self-Denial Offering.

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"



For His cross and for my country
I promise to pray and give
as never before for the
March Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for
Home Missions

Putting into my "Alabaster Box" the
Equivalent of some or all of the following self-denials:

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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. One Meal a Day | 5. Sunday Eggs |
| 2. Sunday Desserts | 6. One Churning a Week |
| 3. Spring Clothes | 7. Greeting Cards |
| 4. Corsage Bouquets | 8. Spring Trips |
| 9. Amusements and Luxuries | |

FROM the state W.M.U. headquarters (address on page 2) may be secured free the "Alabaster Boxes" mentioned above. Give one to each person who will use it for this home mission offering. Make a large "Alabaster Box" to keep prominently before the society and, if advisable, before the church. Have a poster made of the cross and flag design, combining with it the nine "Self-Denials" and whatever else will visualize the immediate need of sacrifice for the debt on the Home Mission Board. Use the poster at each meeting of W.M.U. organizations whether for women or young people. If agreeable to the pastor and deacons it might be suggestive of sacrifice if in the church there is displayed a white cross draped with the U. S. flag. Each Sunday, as the congregation passes into the morning service, have the poster held very reverently by two young people in clear view of all in the vestibule. The W.M.U. organizations for the young people can take turns in this "silent service for sacrifice" that there may be

**DAILY SELF-DENIAL
for
DEBT ON HOME BOARD!**

WITH THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

HOME MISSIONS are studied each year by the missionary society and the committee will need to put careful thought in getting new ways of presenting the phases of this great work. The word "Romance" may be used as the introductory word for each subject. Romance appeals to the imagination. It usually relates to things outside of one's experience. Its eyes are turned to the past or to the distant future. The present is but a link between these two. Romance relates to new and unusual things: to new countries, to unusual people, to the opening of new undertakings, to the beginning of untried enterprises.

Judged by these standards home missions are full of romance. The committee might get pictures or make objects to be used by those taking part on the program. The following are suggested:—

Romance of Immigration: Small sailing vessel such as the Pilgrim Fathers came in; large ocean liner of today; possibly airship in future

Romance of Migration: Covered wagon (spool-box made into one) of early frontier days; trains of today etc.

Romance of the Mountains: Early mountain schools and late developments

Romance of Freedom: Cuba's fight for freedom of government and religion (use flag and Bible)

Romance of Building: Church build-

ings of the early days; the Church Building Loan Fund and its future
Romance of Great Achievements: Panama Canal, opening the gateway of nations and opening the Zone to the Bible

Romance of Vanishing Nations: Indian bow and arrow or pictures

Romance of Helpfulness: To the Jews the pearl of great price; to the seamen a lighthouse; to the negroes the anchor of faith; to the deaf mutes the trumpet of salvation

Other subjects and other emblems will suggest themselves. A closing talk may be made on "What We Are Doing Today That Will Seem Romantic Tomorrow"; or "Is There Any Romance in Debt?"; or "How Can Romances of the Past Be Realities of the Future Unless We Bind Them by Wiping Out the Debt?"

Another plan for the committee will be to have ladies or girls in appropriate costumes represent the lines of home mission work. They should speak in the first person as "I am the Romance of the Immigrant" and give the experiences of an immigrant.

Another plan is the "Home Mission School": *Lesson in Geography*, show home mission territory; *History*, a review of home mission work; *Arithmetic*, show amounts spent, amount of debt, amount needed; *Song*, "America" or "America the Beautiful"; *Reading*, a home mission story. This should be carried out with teacher and class.

LEAFLETS FOR MARCH HOME MISSION WEEK OF PRAYER

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BIBLE STUDY



TOPIC—Reliance upon God

I. God Cannot Fail: Gen. 50:22-26; Heb. 11:22. In this command of Joseph to his brethren and his children he showed by this sign that throughout all the sorrows and trials he had endured he lived by faith in the God who was with him in all and sustained him, Ps. 105:14-23. While we often feel we have to wait long for the blessing upon our work we must feel constantly the abiding presence of the Lord when we are doing His command, Matt. 9:35-38; Matt. 28:18-20. Our country and community have a right to expect service of every true Christian. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself emphasized the importance of service when He talked with the disciples, Matt. 20:20-28, and gave the example, John 13:1-17. The first thing to be done is to set ourselves in a right relation to God, John 3:3, 5-8; John 6:35-45, then all other relations will fall into their proper places. God will complete the work that He commences. Love to God and man will prompt and guide to appropriate efforts, I Cor. 9:19-27.

II. Faith Must Grow Strong: Ps. 106:1-12. As Christians we are to grow from faith to faith; step by step and day by day acquainting ourselves with the Word of God, meditating on its teachings under the recognized guidance of the Holy Spirit. Abraham is an example of depending faith, communion and worship, Gen. 12:1-8; 15:4-17; his life was faith, Heb. 11:8-19. He was the friend of God, John 3:29; John 15:13, 14; John 8:39-59. If ye have not the faith of Abraham, if ye do not the works of Abraham, you have no right to use that holy man's name. The appeal is: will you become the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus? Children of God must endure chastening, this is the seal of sonship, Heb. 12:3-15.

III. Value of God's Promises and Blessing: Gen. 28:10-17; Gen. 28:15; Deut. 30:1-10. Jacob showed his dependence upon God, Gen. 32:9, 10. In the revelation of God's love we shall be quick to discover God, Gen. 28:16, 17. God is really in every place, the more we exercise faith in Christ the more we are enabled to believe, the more we believe the more we receive and thus are able to work for God, Heb. 2:1-4; 9:18; 11:6; 12:15. Let us not be unbelieving in the promises when we are planning work in our home mission fields. God promised Abraham, Gen. 13:14-18, and we know His promise is sure; so with us, in faith we must depend upon the promise to faithful workers, Gen. 31:42; Ps. 126:6; Eccles. 11:6; Isa. 55:10-13; Matt. 13:23; Luke 8:4-15.

IV. God Hath Not Forgotten: Ps. 104:28. See with what ease God supplies the wants of all His creatures; "like as a father ... so the Lord", Ps. 103:13, 14. The Lord delivers spiritually, He comes invisibly; a thousand angels start on their journey when He bids them arise and depart and save those who are in extremity. Ps. 46:4, there is a river, a little stream more useful than the sea, more powerful than the Atlantic, a deep calm which God gives to His people. Hosea 1:10, what a wealth of light is this, what an infinity of peace—God will complete the work that He commences. The soul panting after God is natural; the understanding needs God, the heart in all its tumult of emotion and agony of dissatisfaction needs the living One, Ps. 42:1. When God creates an appetite, the thirst of the soul, He provides for its satisfaction, Ps. 78:25. Nothing less than God will satisfy the panting soul. If we can say "Lord Thou knowest all things, Thou knowest that I love Thee", John 21:17, Thou knowest that we want a higher life, a clearer conception of duty. We know God has not forgotten to provide for this longing, John 7:37, 38.—Mrs. James Pollard



DAILY BIBLE READINGS



TOPIC—Reliance upon God

FATHER of mercies, in Thy Word
What endless glory shines;
Forever be Thy Name adored
For these celestial lines.

God Cannot Fail

Monday, 1st
Genesis 17:1-8; Romans 4:13-25; Hebrews 6:13-20

Tuesday, 2d
Genesis 25:5, 11; 26:1-5; 28:1, 10-15; Romans 11:26

Wednesday, 3d
Genesis 35:27-29; 37:1, 2, 23-27; 41:14, 38-44

Thursday, 4th
Genesis 50:22-26; Hebrews 11:20-22; Psalm 105:14-22

Friday, 5th
Joshua 1:5; 21:45; Numbers 23:19-23

Saturday, 6th
Deuteronomy 7:9; 32:4; Psalm 114:117; 9:10

Sunday 7th
Isaiah 49:15, 16; Zephaniah 3:17; II Corinthians 1:20

Faith Must Grow Strong

Monday, 8th
Romans 12:3; 14:1; 4:20; Matthew 4:31; Isaiah 40:31

Tuesday, 9th
Matthew 9:28, 29; Luke 17:5, 6, 12-16; Matthew 15:22-28

Wednesday, 10th
II Corinthians 1:18-22; 13:5; II Peter 3:17

Thursday, 11th
Colossians 2:1-10; Romans 4:20, 21; 14:1-4; Psalm 27

Friday, 12th
I Corinthians 15:57, 58; Ephesians 6:10-18; II Thessalonians 1:12

Saturday, 13th
Luke 17:5, 6; 22:32; Jude 20-25

Sunday, 14th
I Peter 1:3-9; II Peter 1:3-8; Revelation 2:25-28; 3:10, 11

MAY these heavenly pages be
My ever dear delight;
And still new beauties may I see
And still increasing light."

Value of God's Promises

Monday, 15th
Genesis 3:15; Exodus 13:21, 22; 14:19, 20; Genesis 9:13, 14

Tuesday, 16th
Deuteronomy 32:10-12; Hebrews 11:8-11, 40; Psalm 47:4

Wednesday, 17th
Romans 4:3, 20-25; Hebrews 11:6, 39, 40

Thursday, 18th
Genesis 18:14; Matthew 19:26-30; I John 2:25-29

Friday, 19th
Hebrews 11:17-19; Romans 4:21; II Thessalonians 5:23, 24

Saturday, 20th
Hebrews 10:22-24; 13:5, 6; Luke 12:4-7, 29-32

Sunday, 21st
Mark 11:22-24; II Corinthians 1:20, 21; Matthew 28:20

God Hath Not Forgotten

Monday, 22d
Psalm 13:1; Isaiah 49:14, 15; 44:21, 22

Tuesday, 23d
Numbers 23:19; Hebrews 7:19-28; 8:12, 13

Wednesday, 24th
Hebrews 6:17-19; II Peter 4:19; Psalm 37:5-7

Thursday, 25th
II Peter 3:3-18; Isaiah 55:8-11

Friday, 26th
Psalm 79:8, 9; 34:18; Luke 23:42, 43; Romans 10:13

Saturday, 27th
Psalm 77:7-19; Lamentations 3:31, 32

Sunday, 28th
Deuteronomy 4:31; Hebrews 6:10; Luke 12:6

Monday, 29th
Jeremiah 31:34; Hebrews 8:12; 10:17

Tuesday, 30th
Proverbs 18:10; Isaiah 31:1, 5; Psalm 9:10; 103:10-14

Wednesday, 31st
II Timothy 1:12; I Thessalonians 5:24; Revelation 1:8

Calendar of Prayer

March, 1926

"None that trust in Him shall be desolate."

THE soft sweet summer was warm and glowing;
Bright were the blossoms on every bough;
I trusted Him when the roses were blowing,
I trust Him now.

IF I trust Him once, I must trust Him ever;
His way is best though I stand or fall;
Through wind and storm He will leave me never.
I trust through all."

Topic: The Romance of Home Missions

1—MONDAY

For enlistment work of the Home Mission Board, that many church members may resolve to be more useful
There remaineth yet much land to be possessed.—Joshua 13:1

2—TUESDAY

For Rev. M. F. Roberts, superintendent of work in Canal Zone; also for North Carolina W. M. U. annual meeting at Raleigh
Thou hast wrought all our works in us.—Isaiah 26:12

3—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. H. H. McMillan and Christian student body, Soochow, China
Trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord.—Isaiah 61:3

4—THURSDAY

For Revs. J. N. Lee and J. K. Henderson, preaching Christ to Indians in North Carolina
Rejoicing that they were counted worthy.—Acts 5:41

5—FRIDAY

For officers and Board members of National Baptist Convention
Fear not: for I have redeemed thee.—Isaiah 43:1

6—SATURDAY

Thanksgiving for blessed work of Rev. and Mrs. Stephen Witt, Pacific side of Canal Zone
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.—Psalm 121:4

7—SUNDAY

Pray for the 9000 white Baptist churches in the south reporting no baptisms last year.
Put on the whole armor of God.—Ephesians 6:1

8—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Sallee (on furlough) and Miss Josephine Ward, evangelistic and educational work, Kaifeng, China
I am the Lord their God.—Leviticus 26:44

9—TUESDAY

For Dr. J. W. O'Hara, superintendent of our thirty mountain schools
I will trust and not be afraid.—Isaiah 12:2

10—WEDNESDAY

For the important work of State Mission Boards and officers
Not by might nor by power but by My Spirit.—Zechariah 4:6

11—THURSDAY

That Church Building Loan Fund meet the great needs of the coming year
A spiritual house, acceptable to God.—I Peter 2:5

12—FRIDAY

Thanksgiving for Spirit-directed school work of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Moore, Chefoo, China
They ceased not to . . . preach Jesus Christ.—Acts 5:42

13—SATURDAY

That Home Mission Board be divinely guided in evangelistic campaign for coming year under superintendency of Dr. Ellis A. Fuller
Preach the Word.—II Timothy 4:2

14—SUNDAY

Pray for the 13,000,000 unevangelized adults in the south.
Ye shall bear witness because ye have been with Me.—John 15:27

15—MONDAY

Praise God for fruitful service of Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Thrift, Atlantic side of Canal Zone.
Thou maintainest my lot.—Psalm 16:5

16—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Sadler, Baptist College and Seminary, Ogbomoso, Africa
Under His wings shalt thou trust.—Psalm 91:4

Calendar of Prayer

March, 1926

"MY face I hold to the stormy heaven,
My heart is as calm as the summer sea,
Glad to receive what Thou hast given;
I'm trusting Thee.

"NEVER a care my heart is pressing,
Never a fear disturbs my breast,
Everything He sends is a blessing;
I trust and rest."

Topic: The Romance of Home Missions

17—WEDNESDAY

For work among Choctaw Indians in Mississippi in charge of Rev. S. E. McAdory
My kindness shall not depart from thee.
—Isaiah 54:10

18—THURSDAY

That faithful service of Miss Grace Clifford and Mrs. George F. English among Indians in Oklahoma be richly blessed
The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety.—Deuteronomy 33:12

19—FRIDAY

For continued blessing on work for soldiers and seamen at Jacksonville, Florida, under direction of Chaplain Karl Frost
When he had spoken . . . I was strengthened.—Daniel 10:19

20—SATURDAY

For work of Missionaries Robert Hamilton, T. D. New and William Harris, among Indians in Oklahoma
If we hope . . . then do we with patience wait.—Romans 8:25

21—SUNDAY

Pray earnestly for pastorless Baptist churches in the south.
The Lord is nigh to all that call upon Him.—Psalm 145:18

22—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Carson, soul-winning educational work, Ogbomoso, Africa
Their righteousness is of Me.
—Isaiah 54:17

23—TUESDAY

For Rev. L. A. Weathers, Missionary to the Indians in Alabama
The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him.
—Psalm 34:7

24—WEDNESDAY

For Dr. H. F. Vermillion, Southern Baptist Sanatorium for Tubercular Patients, El Paso, Texas
His compassions fail not.
—Lamentations 3:22

25—THURSDAY

That our prayers and gifts encourage Revs. A. Velez, P. C. Bell and J. W. Newbrough in their work for Mexicans in Texas
In His Word do I hope.—Psalm 130:5

26—FRIDAY

For work of Missionaries M. B. Hurt, C. W. Burnett and Solomon Kent, among Indians of Oklahoma
He is faithful that promised.
—Hebrews 10:23

27—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Hatchell, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Benson and Mrs. J. S. Cheavens, work among Mexicans, San Antonio, Texas
The Lord went before them.
—Exodus 13:21

28—SUNDAY

Pray for an awakening campaign among inactive southern Baptists.
Cry aloud . . . shew My people their transgression.—Isaiah 58:1

29—MONDAY

Thanksgiving for splendid medical evangelism under care of Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Neal, M.D., Toluca, Mexico
He hath sent me to bind up the broken hearted.—Isaiah 61:1

30—TUESDAY

That Rev. F. E. Graham win many to Christ, work for Indians in New Mexico
He will not fail thee.
—Deuteronomy 31:8

31—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Davis, Mexican Baptist Publishing House, El Paso, Texas
They shall . . . talk of Thy power.
—Psalm 145:11

W.M.U. Training School Alumna

W.M.S. PROGRAM FOR WEEK OF PRAYER

FOR HOME MISSIONS

SUNDAY

SUBJECT: Prayer and Praise
HYMN FOR THE YEAR: "Revive Us Again"
REPEATING IN UNISON (All Standing): Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people.—Prov. 14:34

HYMN: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING for privilege of witnessing as Christians

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Sacrifices of Praise: Psalm 96: 7-8; 50:14-15; 4:5; Nehemiah 12:43; Psa. 27:6; 119: 108; 20:1-3; 1 Samuel 15:22; 1 Chronicles 29:17; Ezekiel 20:40-44; Hosea 6:6; Micah 6:6-8; Mark 12: 28-34; 1 Timothy 6:17-19; Hebrews 13:15-16; Psa. 110:3; Malachi 1:11; Psa. 50:23; Revelation 5:9-13

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING that God gets glory through Christian worship
HYMN: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

TALK: God's Goodness to America
HYMN: "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"
REPEATING IN UNISON (All Standing): He hath not dealt with us after our sins nor rewarded us after our iniquities.—Psa. 103:10

TALK: Christian Patriotism
PRAYER that Christians may increasingly try to win America to Christ
HYMN: "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?"
RECITING OF POEM (by G. A. Member): "What Do I Owe?"

(Order leaflet for 2c from W. M. U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Age-Herald Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

TALK BY PRESIDENT: Debt on Home Mission Board
(See pages 1-5 of Summary by Home Mission Board.)

BLACKBOARD DEMONSTRATION:
Daily Self-Denial
for
Debt on Home Board

FIVE MINUTE TALK: Suggestions on Saving for Week's Offering
SEASON OF PRAYER that every member may sacrifice for the lifting of the debt
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Plans for the Week
REPEATING IN UNISON (All Standing): He hath not dealt so with any nation; and as for His ordinances they have not known them. Praise ye Jehovah.—Psa. 147:20
PRAYER BY PASTOR

MONDAY

SUBJECT: To the South—Cuba and Canal Zone
HYMN FOR THE YEAR: "Revive Us Again"

REPEATING IN UNISON (All Standing): Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people.—Prov. 14:34
HYMN: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING that religious liberty in Cuba was brought about through American intervention
PRAYER that increasingly American influence on Cuba may be Christian

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Christ, the Saving Sacrifice: Isaiah 1:10-18; 53; Hebrews 5:5-10; 1 Peter 2:1-5; Ephesians 5:2; Heb. 10:1-18; 9:11-44, 24-28

HYMN: "There Is a Fountain"
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING that Jesus came "to seek and to save" the lost
HYMN: "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?"
REPEATING IN UNISON (All Standing): He hath not dealt with us after our sins

nor rewarded us after our iniquities.—Psa. 103:10

TALK: Geography of Cuba
TALK: History of Cuba
READING OF LEAFLET: History of S. B. C. Missions in Cuba
HYMN: "Out of My Bondage"
TALK: Report from Cuba
(See pages 10, 24-26 of Summary by Home Mission Board.)

SEASON OF PRAYER for Cuba: (1) Un-saved; (2) Christians; (3) Schools; (4) Churches; (5) Native Workers; (6) Missionaries

READING OF LEAFLET (by Y. W. A. Counselor): Coals of Fire
(Order leaflet for 3c from W. M. U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Age-Herald Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

HYMN: "I Love to Tell the Story"
TALK: Report from Canal Zone
(See pages 10, 26-29 of Summary by Home Mission Board.)

PRAYER for work and workers in Canal Zone

TALK BY PASTOR: Need for Home Missions

FIVE MINUTE TALK: Why and How to Sacrifice for Week's Offering

BLACKBOARD DEMONSTRATION:
Daily Self-Denial
for
Debt on Home Board

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Plans for Week
HYMN: "America the Beautiful"

REPEATING IN UNISON (All Standing): He hath not dealt so with any nation; and as for His ordinances they have not known them. Praise ye Jehovah.—Psalm 147:20
PRAYER BY PASTOR

TUESDAY

SUBJECT: Southern Negroes
HYMN FOR THE YEAR: "Revive Us Again"

REPEATING IN UNISON (All Standing): Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people.—Prov. 14:34

HYMN: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING that the "fervent prayer of the righteous availeth"

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acceptable Sacrifice: Exodus 29:36, 37; Leviticus 3:1; Deuteronomy 12:5-13; Genesis 4:4; Hebrews 11:4; 1 Samuel 24:18-25; 1 Sam. 2:29-30; Malachi 1:10-14; Matthew 5:23-24; Mal. 3:1-4, 7-12; Luke 21:1-4; Matt. 26:6-13

HYMN: "Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross"

TALK: History of Southern Negroes

READING OF LEAFLET (by Sunbeam Leader): "Thinking Black" in America
(Order leaflet for 4c from W. M. U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Age-Herald Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

READING OF ARTICLE: Our Negro Neighbors
(See article by Dr. B. C. Henning in Feb. issue of this magazine.)

SEASON OF PRAYER: (1) Gratitude for fidelity of slaves during Civil War; (2) Thanksgiving for Christian leadership of negro preachers; (3) Concern for Christian solution of inter-racial relationships

REPEATING IN UNISON (All Standing): He hath not dealt with us after our sins nor rewarded us after our iniquities.—Psa. 103:10

TALK BY PASTOR: Negro Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville

HYMN: "Faith of Our Fathers"

FIVE MINUTE TALK: When to Sacrifice for Week's Offering

BLACKBOARD DEMONSTRATION:
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PRAYER that offering may be truly sacrificial

HYMN: "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?"

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Plans for Week: Arrangements for Ingathering of Offering

REPEATING IN UNISON (All Standing): He hath not dealt so with any nation; and as for His ordinances they have not known them. Praise ye Jehovah.—Psalm 147:20

PRAYER BY PASTOR

WEDNESDAY

SUBJECT: Jews, Foreigners, Indians

PIANO SOLO: "Home, Sweet Home"

SILENT PRAYER OF GRATITUDE for Christian Homes

HYMN FOR YEAR: "Revive Us Again"

REPEATING IN UNISON (All Standing): Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people.—Prov. 14:34

HYMN: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING for the Patience of God

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Thank-Offerings: Exodus 25:1-2; 35:4-9, 20-29; 36:1-7; Matthew 10:8; Ezra 8:28; I Corinthians 9:17; Ezra 1:5-6; 2:68-69; II Cor. 8:1-3; I Chronicles 29:1-9; Psalm 54:6; 116:16-19

SEASON OF PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN: "Come, We That Love the Lord"

REPORT OF JEWISH WORK

(See pages 10, 11, 30-33 of Summary by Home Mission Board.)

READING OF LEAFLET: Pioneer Work among Southern Jews

SEASON OF PRAYER for: (1) All Jews in South; (2) Especially for Unserved Jews; (3) All Christian Workers among Jews; (4) Especially for Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus; (5) Zeal for Salvation of Israel

REPEATING IN UNISON (All Standing): He hath not dealt with us after our sins nor rewarded us after our iniquities.—Psa. 103:10

HYMN: "Oh, Zion Haste"

(Order words with music from W. M. U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Age-Herald Bldg., Birmingham, Ala., price 2c each, 10c a dozen.)

REPORT OF WORK FOR FOREIGNERS

(See pages 9, 10, 18, 19 of Summary by Home Mission Board.)

RECITING OF POEM (by R. A. Member): Scum of the Earth

(Order leaflet for 2c from W. M. U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Age-Herald Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

PRAYER for Christian Workers among Foreigners

HYMN: "In the Cross of Christ"

READING OF REPORT ON INDIAN WORK

(See pages 9, 10, 18, 19 of Summary by Home Mission Board.)

READING OF LEAFLET: Indian Work of Home Mission Board

RECITATION BY G. A. MEMBER: My Neighbor, the American Indian

(Order leaflet for 5c from W. M. U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Age-Herald Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

SEASON OF PRAYER for: (1) Forgiveness for Christian America's Treatment of Indians; (2) All Indians in S. B. C. Territory; (3) Especially All Christian Indians; (4) All Christian Workers among Indians

SEASON OF PRAYER: (1) Dr. B. D. Gray, Corresponding Secretary of Home Mission Board; (2) Dr. J. W. Beagle, Superintendent of Department of Independent and Direct Missions, Including Work among Jews, Foreigners, Indians, Negroes, Deaf Mutes, Soldiers and Seamen; (3) All Employees of Home Mission Board; (4) Members of Home Mission Board; (5) Southland; (6) Lifting of Debt of Home Board

READING OF HOME BOARD'S APPEAL
FIVE-MINUTE TALK: "Freely Ye Have Received, Freely Give"

BLACKBOARD DEMONSTRATION:
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for
Debt on Home Board

TALK BY PASTOR: Gifts by Bible Women

SEASON OF PRAYER for: (1) Thankful Hearts; (2) Self-Denial Gifts

HYMN: "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?"

HYMN: "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

INGATHERING OF SELF-DENIAL OFFERINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Plans for Rest of Week; Suggestions as to Gleaning Other Gifts

REPEATING IN UNISON (All Standing): He hath not dealt so with any nation; and as for His ordinances they have not known them. Praise ye Jehovah.—Psa. 147:20

PRAYER BY PASTOR

THURSDAY

SUBJECT: Southern Mountain Schools

HYMN FOR YEAR: "Revive Us Again"

REPEATING IN UNISON (All Standing): Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people.—Prov. 14:34

HYMN: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING that Christians may "lift up their eyes unto the Lord from whence cometh their help"

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Sacrifices for Sin: Hebrews 5:1-3; Leviticus 4:3-4, 13-14, 22-24; 9:1-11, 22-24; Numbers 9:13; I John 3:4; Psalm 32:5; 119:11; Heb. 10:1-18; 7:26-28; I John 1:5-7

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING for "the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world"

HYMN: "There Is Power in the Blood"

HYMN: "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?"

TALK: Sacrifices on Mountains in Bible Days

TALK BY PASTOR: Characteristics of Southern Mountaineers

PRAYER BY PASTOR for all Christian work in southern mountains

REPEATING IN UNISON (All Standing): He hath not dealt with us after our sins nor rewarded us after our iniquities.—Psa. 103:10

TALK: Report from S. B. C. Mountain School Work

(See pages 9, 20-23 of Summary by Home Mission Board.)

READING OF LEAFLET: History, Growth, Principles and Products of Home Mission Board Mountain Schools

SEASON OF PRAYER for: (1) All Mountain People; (2) Unserved in Southern Mountains; (3) Christian Mountaineers; (4) S. B. C. Mountain Schools, Faculties, Students, Graduates; (5) Mountain Youth Eager to Enter Christian Schools

HYMN: "Oh, Worship the King"

READING OF LEAFLET (by Y. W. A. Member): "Jest Gals"

(Order leaflet for 2c from W. M. U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Age-Herald Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Plans for Friday's and Saturday's Programs; Report from Self-Denial Offering

FIVE MINUTE TALK: Why Others Should Deny for the Debt

BLACKBOARD DEMONSTRATION:
Daily Self-Denial

for
Debt on Home Board

INGATHERING OF OFFERINGS not Previously Secured

REPEATING IN UNISON (All Standing): He hath not dealt so with any nation; and as for His ordinances they have not known them. Praise ye Jehovah.—Psalm 147:20

LORD'S PRAYER in Unison

FRIDAY

SUBJECT: Evangelism and Enrollment

HYMN FOR YEAR: "Revive Us Again"

REPEATING IN UNISON (All Standing): Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people.—Prov. 14:34

HYMN: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING that every Christian may evangelize, may enlist

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Peace Offerings: Leviticus 9:1-7, 18-21; II Samuel 6:17-19; I Kings 3:3-15; 9:25; Luke 2:14; Matthew 5:9; John 14:27

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING for the Prince of Peace

HYMN: "Joy to the World"

PRAYER that Baptist women in all nations may unite in prayer for world-wide peace

TALK BY PASTOR: Bible Reasons for Evangelizing

PRAYER BY PASTOR for Unserved People in South

TALK: Why Enlist Christians?

HYMN: "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?"

REPEATING IN UNISON (All Standing): He hath not dealt with us after our sins nor rewarded us after our iniquities.—Psa. 103:10

TALK: Report on Evangelism and Enrollment

(See pages 8, 9, 12, 16-17 of Summary by Home Mission Board.)

READING OF LEAFLET: Evangelism by Southern Baptists

PRAYER for Supt. Fuller and all associated with him

HYMN: "Sowing in the Morning"

READING OF ARTICLE: A. B. C's of Enrollment

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

PRAYER for Miss Emma Leachman and others connected with enrollment work of Home Board

READING OF LEAFLET (by G. A. Counselor): Personal Evangelism

(Order leaflet for 2c from W. M. U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Age-Herald Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

SEASON OF PRAYER that society members may realize the personal privilege of winning souls and enlisting the saved

FIVE MINUTE TALK: Gleaning Gifts for the Debt

BLACKBOARD DEMONSTRATION:
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for
Debt on Home Board

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS Not Previously Secured

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Plans for Saturday's Program; Report of Total of Self-Denial Offering

REPEATING IN UNISON (All Standing): He hath not dealt so with any nation; and as for His ordinances they have not known them. Praise ye Jehovah.—Psalm 147:20

SILENT PRAYER

SATURDAY

SUBJECT: Other S. B. C. Interests in South

HYMN FOR YEAR: "Revive Us Again"

REPEATING IN UNISON (All Standing): Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people.—Prov. 14:34

HYMN: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING that it is not the will of God that any should be lost

HYMN: "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?"

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Burnt-Offerings: Exodus 29:38-42; Leviticus 9:1-7, 12-14; Numbers 28:1-14; Genesis 8:20-22; Psalm 66:13-15

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING that Christian prayers rise as incense before Jehovah

REPORT OF WORK FOR SOLDIERS AND SEAMEN

(See pages 6, 11, 35-41 of Summary by Home Mission Board.)

READING OF ARTICLE: "For Those in Peril on Land and Sea"

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

HYMN: "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

HYMN: "Throw Out the Life-Line"

SEASON OF PRAYER for: (1) All U. S. Soldiers and Seamen; (2) Soldiers and Sailors from Other Lands; (3) Parents and Families of Such "Defenders"; (4) Chaplain Frost and All Other Christian Workers among Soldiers and Seamen

REPORT ON CHURCH EXTENSION

(See pages 10, 42-43 of Summary of Home Mission Board.)

READING OF ARTICLE: Church Building Loan Fund

(See article by Mr. C. S. Carnes in this magazine.)

PRAYER FOR HOMELESS S. B. C. CHURCHES

HYMN: "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

REPEATING IN UNISON (All Standing): He hath not dealt with us after our sins nor rewarded us after our iniquities.—Psa. 103:10

READING OF REPORT ON HOSPITAL WORK OF HOME BOARD

(See pages 6-7, 11, 44-46 of Summary by Home Mission Board.)

SEASON OF PRAYER for Christian Hospital Work

HYMN: "The Great Physician Now Is Near"

REPORT OF WORK FOR DEAF MUTES

(See pages 11, 33-34 of Summary of Home Mission Board.)

SEASON OF PRAYER for: (1) Rev. J. W. Michaels; (2) All Deaf Mutes; (3) The Blind; (4) All Christian Work for Handicapped Southerners

HYMN: "Oh, Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

FIVE-MINUTE TALK: The Joy and Justice of Self-Denial for the Debt

INGATHERING OF OFFERINGS Not Previously Secured

TESTIMONIES concerning Blessings from Week's Services

ANNOUNCEMENTS as to Total of Self-Denial Offering

HYMN: "America"

REPEATING IN UNISON (All Standing): He hath not dealt so with any nation; and as for His ordinances they have not known them. Praise ye Jehovah.—Psalm 147:20

DOXOLOGY

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PROGRAM FOR MARCH



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 Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

THE ROMANCE OF HOME MISSIONS

Hymn—While for All Mankind We Pray
Prayer for All Home Mission Endeavor
Bible Study (See page 9.)
Hymn—Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling
Personal Service Period
Sentence Prayers for Needy Churches
The South as a Mission Field
“Land of the Pilgrims’ Pride”
“The Disciples Multiplied in Jerusalem”
Hymn—My County, ’Tis of Thee
Home Mission Search-Lights
Eighty Years of Home Mission Romance
Prayer for Our Home Mission Board
Hymn—The God That to Our Fathers (Tune: “The Morning Light Is Breaking”)
Closing Exercises

“THE God that to the fathers
Revealed His holy will
Has not the world forsaken,
He’s with His children still.
Then envy not the twilight
That glimmers on their way;
Look up and see the dawning
That broadens into day.

“’T WAS but a far-off vision,
The fathers’ eyes could see;
The glory of the kingdom,
The better time to be.
Let us today be faithful
As were the brave of old,
Till we, their work completing,
Bring in the age of gold.”



“Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread”

THE SOUTH AS A MISSION FIELD

ONE may travel around a world and look admiringly upon beauties never seen in one’s own land, yet there is a loveliness at home that is more appealing than the loveliness of fairer countries. Just in the same way do we as southern Baptists admit the great need of the Gospel message in all parts of the United States but we are very sure that our own section, the southland, is the greatest home mission field operated by any Baptist group on earth. Among other reasons for this claim Dr. E. P. Alldredge, secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Sunday School Board, gives the following: “(1) We have the greatest numbers to be found in any other section, at least 6,476,759, counting both whites and blacks. (2) We have all the organization and institutions needed to carry out the greatest program of world missions. (3) We have more doctrinal purity, virility and aggression than can be found in any other great body of Baptists on earth”. These three claims constitute three great challenges to the southern Baptist host, now occupying a field reaching from Maryland to Florida and from the east coast of North Carolina to New Mexico, 1,081,842 square miles. In this territory there are 13,104,000 persons ten years of age and up, counting whites and blacks, who are wholly unevangelized; of which number at least 7,000,000 are Baptist in sentiment. Here lie the hidden riches of southern Baptists; here lies the preventative of future hindering debts on our Boards. To reach these precious souls and bring them to Christ is the task of our 28,000 Baptist churches. We pray for thousands of conversions but were our prayers answered even to the winning of one half of the whole 7,000,000, there would not be standing room for them in our churches. For those already in the fold there is lack of good church housing. There are approximately 5,181 rural and 252 urban churches in our Baptist membership without houses of worship. The congregations of these churches are forced to hold services in school houses, lodge halls or use rented quarters. In addition to these there are about 15,000 churches which have only the old time one-room building and are without any Sunday school equipment whatever.

Figures may be dry reading but you can hardly imagine a millionaire being bored by the study of his wealth and his opportunities for increasing it. He is cheered by the figures on the credit side and not at all alarmed by those on the debit side when he knows there are good chances for transferring them. When we look upon the riches of our opportunities in the south and believe that by prayer, evangelization, education and personal witness we can turn our opportunities into men and women won for Christ, churches built for His worship and money sufficient to send His Word to the very rim of the earth, the figures of our annual reports, even those on the debit side, will be far from dry reading. This is not an impossible dream but something which can really be accomplished and in a very short time too. The millionaire can count on every dollar doing a dollar’s worth of work. In our case God can so abundantly bless each dollar that eternity alone will reveal its working power. “He hath shewed His people the power of His works, that He may give them the heritage of the heathen.”

“LAND OF THE PILGRIMS’ PRIDE”

WE call our country the “land of the Pilgrims’ pride”. We wonder what would be the quality of the pride of the Pilgrim Fathers if they knew that the few struggling churches of those early days had become thousands. There are those who say that our country is over-churched. Certainly the churches are not over-peopled for there are thousands who never enter a church door, nor does the membership of these churches overcrowd them. No, the Pilgrims’ pride would not consist in the number of churches but in the spiritual truths for which they were standing. Yet it is interesting to know that including everything that could be classed as a church

—Jewish, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Greek Orthodox, Jacobite, Holiness, Christian Science, Salvation Army, Spiritualist, Vendanta, Volunteers of America and protestant churches of all denominations—there were in 1922 reported to be 242,600 churches in the United States. Of this number 27,715 are southern Baptist, 8,797 northern Baptist and 21,868 are negro Baptist in the south, making a total of 58,380 Baptist churches in the United States. This report also made the statement that the number of public school buildings exceeded by 27,000 the number of church buildings. We need the schools but if religious literacy is to keep pace with secular literacy we will need many more evangelical churches. When we remember that the schools are in action five days in the week and that many of the churches are but feebly functioning—one evangelical denomination with some 6000 churches reporting 1000 of them without religious ministry—it would seem that we are in danger of being over-educated and under-evangelized. The three R's are very important for the upbuilding of the country but the fourth R, religion, is by far the greater need if we are to claim America for Christ. Only the churches preaching the true Christ can make America Christian; therefore America is not over-churched as long as there remains the literally thousands of communities as yet unreached by any protestant denomination. These churches must provide the religious training for the rising generation. The task is large but not too large for the Christians of America if we have a mind to pray and work. The Baptist denomination has made a noble record in the religious history of the world but there are unwritten pages to be filled and we are now writing either progress or decline upon them or we are simply marking time. We are set as watchmen upon the walls of Jerusalem "which shall never hold their peace day nor night: Ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence and give Him no rest till He establish and till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth".

"THE DISCIPLES MULTIPLIED IN JERUSALEM"

IF our Home Mission Board could arrange a roll call of the churches benefited by its Church Extension Department and allow short testimonies from each one, days and even weeks would be spent in hearing these thrilling tales. Only a few of these testimonies have come to our personal knowledge but they are gems and typical of many others. Here are two from Mississippi as told by Dr. W. A. McComb:

"In 1900 when Dr. F. H. Kerfoot was corresponding secretary of the Home Board he attended the Mississippi Baptist State Convention held in the First Baptist Church of Jackson. This church was weak in numbers, burdened with a debt of \$9000 and terribly discouraged. Dr. Kerfoot made a plea and a pledge, telling the convention that the Home Board would pay one third of the debt if the State Board would pay one third and the church itself the remaining third. The challenge was accepted and the debt quickly paid. Since that time progress has been steady. At that time this was the only white Baptist church in Jackson; today there are four, two of them among the leading churches of the state.

"Another Mississippi church, the First Baptist Church of Gulfport, testifies of remarkable growth after a loan of \$10,000 granted by the Home Board. This was used to complete and furnish a fine brick building. This loan has placed the church in a position from which has come a phenomenal development. The spiritual development has kept pace with the material prosperity. Today there are two strong self-supporting churches within the city limits and three others in nearby districts. It is not necessary to say that these churches are standing by the Home Board in its present need".

From the First Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, comes another testimony from Dr. J. M. Dawson with a fascinating bit of history attached:

"Romantic Waco gets its name from a tribe of Indians of that name. The

first Gospel sermon delivered in this church was preached by Judge R. E. B. Baylor, for whom Baylor University was named. A Home Board missionary, Rev. N. T. Byars, organized the church in 1854 with four charter members. This was the same preacher in whose blacksmith shop at old Washington the Texas declaration was signed in 1836. At the time of organization this church was forty miles from any other Baptist church. Missionary Byars was succeeded by another messenger from the Home Board, Rev. S. G. O'Brien, who was largely instrumental in moving Baylor University from Independence to Waco. Many notable pastors have served this church, the greatest of whom was Rev. B. N. Carroll who held his pastorate for twenty-eight years. Today fourteen white Baptist churches are active witnesses of what the Board has done for the Baptist cause in Waco. By adding the colored Baptists Waco can claim every third person as a member of the Baptist denomination. In a population of 38,500 this is a splendid record".

From Florida comes the story of the early struggle and slow-coming but sure success of the First Baptist Church of Tampa:

"True to tradition these Baptists came in the bow of the first boatload of settlers. As they built their homes they also built their church home. Although this was but an arbor built of palmetto branches, it served them for many years. War and pestilence almost disorganized this body of believers but they held on. When Dr. W. H. Osborne, a college graduate, became their pastor they felt that a new day had dawned. By this time they were worshipping in a tiny wooden structure with a seating capacity of about one hundred. Dr. Osborne, a man of vision, culture and influence, saw a great future for this people. But to secure this a large building must be erected. On the other side of the river from the site then occupied a remarkable situation presented itself. But how were they to meet the price of the lot, \$2,500 (now valued at \$300,000), much less

the cost of building, \$18,000? The people threw up their hands in horror. 'Never mind', said Dr. Osborne, 'just wait a week'. Few if any of them had ever heard of the Home Mission Board, but to this Board he wrote. In those days, as now, the Board was administered by men of faith and vision. Their reply was, 'Go to it! We are with you'. This happened thirty-two years ago and the fine building is still the pride of the town. The church has now nearly 2200 members". Dr. Claude W. Duke, who is responsible for this inspiring story, has been preaching in this church for eighteen years and further tells us that the church now enjoys thirteen children churches and several grandchildren churches, the latter called "Missions". The total membership exceeds 6000 and church property has a value of over \$2,000,000. The Home Mission Board is still counting its assets from this splendid investment in precious souls.

Assistance and encouragement from the Home Board has also been given to other Florida churches, among them those of Jacksonville, Miami, Tallahassee, Orlando and Key West. In all these and in many other places the followers of Christ have been greatly multiplied and have gone forth telling of how great things He has done for them.

SEARCH LIGHTS

WHILE looking for several nights at the wonderful revolving lamp of the Lizard Lighthouse on the southmost point of the rugged Cornish coast of England the well known slogan, "The light that shines brightest at home shines farthest away", came repeatedly to mind. But the light suggested something else as it fell and rested for an instant on the various high points of the nearby coast above and below the lighthouse, then swept far out to sea, returning again and again to its basal watchcare. It will not tax our imagination too much to liken this wonderful light to our Home Mission Board. In its world relation the Board has sent its light far out from the home shore through men and women converted and

trained in our mountain schools, mission schools, rural and city churches and other service stations. As this light flashes upon these stations let us take a glimpse at their occupations:

The Indians

We have 158,563 of these native Americans living within the bounds of thirteen Southern Baptist Convention states, Oklahoma having the larger share. For these thousands there are but 152 Baptist Indian churches. Many of these are provided with educated Indian pastors, mostly supported by their own people. In several of these states the Board has placed superintendents of Indian missions, in others but a single missionary and in still others there is no organized work at all. The Indian is not a vanishing race for it is now believed that there are more Indians in the United States than when Columbus discovered America. Many of our Indians are wealthy and many more are miserably poor. They are eager for education and our government and mission schools are full to overflowing. When educated they efficiently fill posts of honor and trust. Prohibition has been a great boon to the Indian, decreasing crime among them fifty per cent. A light thrown upon a duty will do no good unless we have the eyes to see it. Let us look into our duty to the Indian and help our Board to carry out its splendid plan of work for them.

The Negro

And now the light rests for an instant upon what we used to call our negro problem. There was a white problem left behind when many of them migrated to the north, a problem of lack of labor and an overflow of foreigners seeking to fill this need. The problem may change its color but our responsibility remains the same. The negro of the south is forging ahead but still needs the protecting care of Christian white people. Our women have a peculiar privilege in living Christ before their household help. When in trouble the black servant instinctively turns to the good mistress for counsel and aid.

The Foreigner

We have had Africa at our doors for many years; added to this people we now have Italy, Spain and Central Europe across the street. Our Lord Jesus Christ placed them there. Our Home Board employs sixty-five workers to reach them for Christ. These men and women need our help in their local work and our prayers everywhere. Good Will Centers are centers of light and comfort to foreign women and children and large factors in solving the race problem in the south.

Deaf Mutes

Are there any deaf mutes in your community and do they have the Gospel interpreted to them through the sign language? There are 40,000 of these "silent ones" scattered throughout the south. The Home Board missionary to deaf mutes, Rev. J. W. Michaels, has prepared a "Handbook of the Sign Language". This manual is not difficult and might be learned by our young people for the benefit of the deaf in their community.

Soldiers and Seamen

Close to the shore and close to our hearts is the work for soldiers and seamen. At the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, and at the port of Jacksonville, Florida, our Home Board supports an ever increasing work, one which includes the soldiers in the various camps. What a woman can do is always needed in this work. Have you sent any gift of bedding or towels to the Seamen's Institute at Jacksonville, Florida? Such gifts will help the Home Mission Board maintain this great work.

The Jews

We are surrounded by God's peculiar people yet how little we know about them! We think of them as the Bible Jew, the Shakespeare Shylock, the over-reaching trading Jew or the wealthy Jew intruding himself into choice gentile neighborhoods. The real classification of the Jew we know little about. In part it is as follows: "The orthodox Jew, one having a zeal of God without knowledge (Romans 10:2); the reformed Jew who hates Christianity but consents to look upon Jesus Christ as

a great Jewish reformer; the socialistic Jew who considers all religions as the ally to autocracy, aristocracy and capitalism, all of which he desires to overthrow; and the Zionist Jew who is seeking the rebuilding of Palestine as a Jewish home". All Zionists are not converted to Christianity and to many of them this movement has a national rather than a prophetic significance. Nevertheless to thousands of Christian Jews events in Palestine are a literal fulfillment of prophecy and they are joyfully believing that "when ye see these things come to pass, know that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand" (Luke 21:31). Let us remember that whatever we think of the Jew "God has not cast away His people, whom He foreknew". Miss Christobel Pankhurst, author of "Some Modern Problems in the Light of Bible Prophecy", writes: "The Jew in Palestine is the most joyful thing that has happened since the resurrection and ascension of our Lord because it is a decisive sign of His returning". (See book review on page 35.)

Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, Home Board missionary to the Jews in the southern states, is one who knows well his field and his people. Wisely and lovingly he meets all queries and arguments with the Word of God. The spiritual results of his work among the 400,000 Jews in southern Baptist territory prove the merit of his methods. Dr. Gartenhaus sends us this heartening message: "Don't be discouraged. Our Lord held on for over eighteen centuries. His footsteps are now heard in Palestine and the end is in sight. The first national mission to reach its goal is the mission of Israel. When that is gained all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of God!"

Cuba and Panama

The early romance of the Home Mission Board work in Cuba is well known to all Union workers. (See ROYAL SERVICE February 1924.) Dr. N. M. McCall who has recently closed his twentieth year as superintendent of missions in this "fair isle of the sea" gives

a resume of his work as follows: "From 1905 to 1925 the Lord has been leading His people in Cuba. The seven churches of the first year have become thirty-eight, and the three hundred members have become three thousand. Instead of one building, the property of the Home Board, there are now nineteen. The native force of seven preachers has increased to forty. The small struggling churches of that first year gave nothing toward helping themselves; in 1925 they reported \$13,000. The Sunday school attendance grew from three hundred to four thousand. Our Seminary training class begun eighteen years ago for young preachers now has furnished more than half of our present pastors. While the results are positive and encouraging our task has scarcely begun. Among two millions of people only one in seven has heard the message of the King. Cuba has no closed doors to the Gospel except those which our lack of ability has failed to open. One young native preacher evangelist describes it thus: 'The doors are wide open and the multitudes are hungry for the message of life'."

There is no period in the history of a country when Christ is not needed, but the "now" is the period which should be most important to us. Years ago we claimed Cuba for Christ and sent our messengers to that island. Cuba needed Christ then and she needs Christ now. Our daily papers tell us of plots to sovietize Cuba; of the drink evil which is destroying her; of the gambling fever of her people. Now is the time to increase our evangelizing forces and enlarge our equipment. With our Home Mission Board burdened as it is with debt this looks impossible, but we surely have intelligence enough to realize that just as long as we withhold our aid in lifting this debt we are holding fast the doors against those seeking to enter that they may find Christ. It is to our heavenly Father who has so favored our own land that we must answer for our failure to meet the present needs of Cuba.

Panama

The churches of the Canal Zone are reported as being in fine spiritual condition. To preserve this quality of faith is the earnest desire of our missionaries on both the Pacific and Atlantic sides of the Zone. If the work be well sustained by southern Baptists these churches will in a few years become self-supporting and able to extend their work into new fields. The opportunity looms large and only awaits means from the Home Board to finance this undertaking. These "open doors do tempt the saints" and certainly they long to enter into them and lead lost souls to safety. Prayer can work miracles and its power in our hearts will open more doors than we ever dreamed of. When circumstances seem to be against us prayer can change them into God's machinery for giving us the desires of our hearts.

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Our mountain schools, like the hills on which they stand, look at God all day and His light is reflected in the lives of both teachers and scholars. Each year more conversions are reported; last year three hundred and forty confessed Christ, and each year more ministerial students are sent out to preach the Gospel. The wise selection of teachers, both for efficiency and spirituality, explains why almost every student at the close of term has accepted Christ as his or her Saviour. It is easy to believe that Dr. J. W. O'Hara, superintendent of mountain schools, is able to say that: "Service, efficiency, spirituality, religious activity and the highest principles of manhood and womanhood are the aims of these schools. We seek to build citizens and send forth Kingdom workers. Trained minds, sound bodies, cultured souls and readiness for service are preeminent in the standards of the school". What a joy these mountain schools must be to our heavenly Father as He looks down upon them from day to day!

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COLLEGE Y. W. A.



NOW THE THANK OFFERING

THE response college girls made to the appeal of the Foreign Mission Board for lifting of the debt in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering assures the heart in regard to the part they will take in the Thank-Offering for Home Missions this month of March. The reports are not yet complete in stating the amounts from various College Y.W.A.'s. but Bessie Tift College had given \$150 before December came; Westhampton College girls gave \$103; the Y.W.A. at Florida State College for Women gave \$101.50. What part did your Y.W.A. have in the Love Offering? It will be interesting to know so that next year you can do even better. A more important question immediately to be answered is what part will your Y.W.A. have in the Thank-Offering to be applied on the Home Board debt? The observance of the prayer program counts as one of the points on the College Y.W.A. Standard of Excellence but more than that by the ingathering of the offering indicates the excellence of your knowledge of southern Baptist needs and the generosity of your willingness to answer them for His sake. College girls can sacrifice and March is a favorable month from the standpoint of opportunity. Springtime wardrobes afford a chance to do without the new dress, to wear last spring's hat and give that money to relieve the crushing debt. Spring fever can be overcome without the frequent drug store visit! Don't fail to provide knowledge of the needs sufficient to restrain the unnecessary spending so that the money may be devoted to His cause. The program suggested will be

sent from your state headquarters. If possible use an extra chapel service to present the matter, with much of earnest petition lay it on the hearts of the student body in advance and keep it there by frequent reference and constant prayer. A poster bearing the words

DAILY SELF-DENIAL for DEBT ON HOME BOARD

will help in driving deep the desire for real self-denial.

March tells college girls that the year is hurrying by and final report of its Y.W.A. achievements must presently be sent in. There is still possible time to have the mission study class required according to point six. Most of the other points have been reached or not reached as the case may be but if the old officers will go over the whole matter in studied detail with the new officers it will be helpful for attaining A-1 next year. Joint Council meetings for two times or three will facilitate progress in a marked degree because they will allow the incoming officers great profit by the experiences of those who have served well during this year. Plans for beginning the work next fall will not come amiss even this early. There are many matters for decision—representatives at Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp—welcoming students next September—making Y.W.A. more and more powerful in bringing girls to **YOKE, WORK, ABIDE**, but first the Thank Offering.

IN your engagement book
underline in happy anticipation

June 15-25

Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp

Of course you'll be there this summer!



Y. W. A. PROGRAMS



Material found in the general program on pages 16-23 as well as other items in this issue will be quite helpful to supplement the following program. It is hoped it will be freely used in this supplemental way. The leaflets suggested on page 3 will also prove attractive additions.

FIRST MEETING

Topic—O, Ye Gates

Hymn—"Love Lifted Me"

Devotional—Isa. 45:1-8; Psa. 24:7

Prayer that We May See the Open Gates

Gates Open

First Gate

Second Gate

Third Gate

Fourth Gate

Other Gates

Stories of Two Men

Hymn—"Open Mine Eyes that I May See"

Prayer

(NOTE: The program committee will find splendid material in the general program as noted above. Thus more gates can be lifted up than space permits in this department. To each Y.W.A. has also been sent the most recent "Summary of the Home Mission Board" for use during the March Week of Prayer, but its contents will be very helpful with the following programs. If your auxiliary has not received its copy of the "Summary" please write to your state Y.W.A. leader. If possible, have the "gates" of mountain schools, negroes, hospital work, Cuba and Canal Zone. The program can be made more effective by making a gate large enough in which to stand, so those representing the different phases of home missions may appear one by one in the gate-way. If it is used as a pageant, the words of the guard may be spoken by "Home Missions". Use the chorus: "Lift Up Your Heads, O, Ye Gates". As a visible proof of the results of the meeting try to get all, who have not done so, to sign tithing cards and make pledges to the 1926 Co-operative Program.)

Announcement Poster

EITHER draw a gate-effect or cut from paste-board the two sides of a double gate and paste it on cardboard in such a way that it will appear to stand open. Print your subject, followed by an invitation to come and enter these open gates with other Y.W.A. girls. Announce time and place.

Gates Open

A HISTORY of our great home mission work reveals to us the fact that not always have the gates of opportunity been swinging open to us. Our Lord said, "The gates shall not be shut", and in answer to such a promise He has opened before our very eyes gates that reveal to us hidden treasures of the earth. He also said "I will give thee the treasures" and, in confidence that the Great Captain will make sure His promises, the Home Board lifts up these gates before us that we may behold the wonder of such promises.

The First Gate

OVER this gate we only glance to see an inscription, "The Dark Prison of Sin". "Oh" says someone, "these must be heathen people who have come from dark ignorant lands", but the guard says, "The inmates of this prison are your own brothers and sisters of America". We look with astonishment because the faces staring from behind these bars seemed to be accusing us of their imprisonment. Thousands upon thousands of voices plead that we tell them of the One who can pardon and set them free. We could see the face of Jesus as He pointed to them and then to us, saying "Ye are my witnesses; go ye therefore".

The Home Board tells us that we can help to free these prisoners by supporting the work of home missions, for

through the Board's evangelists, Good Will Centers and work of enlistment it is freeing thousands each year. How grateful we are for this agent through which we may work to get pardon and freedom for such a host.

The Second Gate

WE feel sure there are no more gates opening into such tragic scenes, but the guard tells us that we have seen only one of several that stand open. We follow him to one above which we read, "Destroyed for Lack of Knowledge". These he said are your Indian brothers and sisters who wander in discontent and ignorance. You perhaps think there are only a few but there are even thousands inside this gate who want you to show them the Jesus road. This gate has not always been open to you because of their suspicion but today this also is your opportunity. Behind this gate are some of the greatest treasures for, when an Indian finds Jesus, He becomes a real living Shepherd to him. This is an interpretation of the first of the 23rd Psalm given by an Indian who has found the Jesus road: "The Great Father above is a Shepherd Chief. I am His and with Him. I want not. He throws out to me a rope, and the name of the rope is love and He draws me to where the grass is green and the water not dangerous, and I eat and lie down satisfied".

We bow our heads before a God to whom we are responsible as we pray:

"Saviour like a shepherd lead *them*,
Much *they* need Thy tender care,
In Thy pleasant pastures feed *them*,
For *their* use Thy folds prepare".

The Third Gate

WE pass on and, as we come to the next gate, we pause to listen to a conversation just inside. It is between one of our Home Board teachers and an Italian woman who had just finished her third lesson in English at Good Will Center.

"Lady, you protestant?" "Yes", responded the teacher. They waited while the Italian woman struggled to find her English words. Finally she said slow-

ly: "Sometimes me, my girl, in dark, go stand by church, hear sing". "Why don't you go inside?" the teacher said.

Lifting her shoulder and spreading her hands in an expression of pity she answered, "Everybody look strange at us".

Behind these gates are a host of immigrants, those who come to America with high hopes because they have heard that America is Christian. We lend our ears to hear other comments from these foreigners.

One who had been in America seven months said, "Christianity is no doubt good but it is not easy to find a Christian". Another who had been in an American college over a year said, "I know only two or three men here whom I would call Christians".

A Chinese student said, "A Christian country full of pagans!" A Hindu who had lived in America three years and had not been spoken to about Christianity said, "Here and there I notice a flicker of the Christian Spirit".

We felt ashamed of our Christian America for the first time. We plead with the Home Board to advance with its work among foreigners and we promised to try to create among our own people a feeling of love for those who came all the way to America to find Christianity only to find a selfish, unkind America.

The Fourth Gate

OH, and do you mean we are responsible for the Jews when they had their chance and refused it? We were asked this question: "Because one member of your family rejects Christ and perhaps helps to crucify Him with a sin and disgrace would you want Christians to say that you didn't deserve a chance to follow Christ?"

We listen to the guard as he says: "There are behind this gate 500,000 Jews. It is estimated that 80% of them never attend any sort of worship. The Home Board has only one missionary for these 500,000 Jews and funds are limiting his work among them. Thousands of Jews have never seen a New Testament. "How can they believe in

Him of whom they have not heard?"

"Great is the tragedy" says Rabbi Blau. They are leaving Judaism and as a result have nothing—which makes the approach to Christianity easier. Do you know that missionary work among the Jews is five times more fruitful than among any other non-Christian people? (Discussion)

Stories of Two Men

TWO men visited the Grand Canyon of Arizona. They stood a moment looking down. Presently one of them remarked, "Pretty big hole, Tom, but pshaw! let's go. I wouldn't give a paper of pins just to see a big hole". Nothing to him were these wonders. The other man stood looking down a mile into the yawning chasm, then thirteen miles across to the other wall and was speechless. His eyes filled with tears, his flesh began to creep and his hair to stand.

Again one day two men stood at the entrance of many wonderful gates of need and opportunity—gates behind which gazed thousands, yea millions of people. One man said, "Pretty big bunch of them, Tom, but let's go, I don't like to look at them". They meant only that many unfortunate people to him. The other man stood speechless as he saw in those faces the souls of so many—hungry, ignorant and lost. To him they were calling, to an unconcerned world they were calling and as he felt the burden of a responsibility heavier than he could carry he turned to the Great Shepherd and said, "Father like a Shepherd lead them". Then he opened up his storehouse of tithes and gave unto Jesus that his prayer might be answered.

SECOND MEETING

Topic—"Let the King of Glory in"

Hymn—"America"

Devotional—Psalm 24

Prayer that we may let the King in America's King?

The King of Glory

Who Is the King?

The King and the Alabaster Boxes

Hymn—"Oh Worship the King"

Consecration Service

Announcement Poster

CUT from a magazine and paste on cardboard a king on a throne. Print the words: "Who Is the King?" Then invite the girls to come and help decide who the King is. Announce time and place.

America's King

WE as Americans love to remember that we do not have a temporal king to rule over us. How would it strike you for some one to say that America's king is not Christ? Would you resent the accusation that "money" seems to be America's king? Facts will make us think before we deny it.

The Manufacturer's Record for December tells us that America is immensely wealthy in dollars. It bases its statement absolutely on gathered statistics from all parts of our land. Gov. Whitfield of Mississippi, a Baptist deacon and son of a Baptist minister, on returning from a meeting of all the governors of our southern states, said that the south is just beginning to see her material wealth and that her development is but a small dust in the balance of the future. So we are becoming more and more wealthy. The future will astound us.

Someone says it takes money to run our great civilization. Indeed so, but that is not the great sin in our America as a result of our wealth. Our sin is that we spend our wealth unwisely and disgracefully. When we speak of wealth we are not speaking, in an exclusive sense, of people who have their thousands but of girls like even you, Y.W.A. girls, who have necessities and something over.

Nor is the sin of America's unwise spending committed altogether by the girl who has autos, trips to the orient and all she wants left over. Neither could we say exactly that America's sin is in spending for these things but it lies in her unequal consideration of spending for worthy and unworthy causes. She spends 3/4% on church interests while she spends 36% on luxuries and waste. We find that 24 1/2% is America's actual living expense. 22

billions of dollars were spent for luxuries last year: one-third of this in the south and one-third of that by Baptists! 750 millions of dollars our girls spent on cosmetics. We may have a right to spend our money so, but certainly not until we have tithed, for who could spend the Lord's tithe for face powder, pretty clothes and movies? Surely no real Christian can. "Search me, O God!"

The King of Glory

WHAT would it mean if we should let the King of Glory into our lives to rule? It would mean that He would soon be King of our whole land. Just a tithe of what American girls spent for powder would be 75 millions of dollars in one year. This would provide means for running all our southern Baptist work in a worthy way for perhaps 5 years. A tithe of our luxuries for one year would run our S.B.C. work the same way for more than 15 years. Unbelievable isn't it, to realize what American girls could do? Most Y.W.A. girls have either a salary, a husband who has one or at least money to spend. Must you have the luxuries, the amusements etc.? If so, could you enjoy them without having paid to God the tenth which is not your own at all?

"These are necessities of life?" you say: are they more necessary than life? Is your life more precious than the lives of millions who "perish for lack of knowledge"? Then we want to be careful how we spend not only our money but our lives.

Who Is the King?

A LITTLE boy had only one penny as he wandered from counter to counter in the candy store. His mother, getting impatient, called for him to hurry. "But mama", he said, "I've got only one penny to spend and I must spend it carefully". He probably would not have been so careful if he had possessed more than one penny, but he had

only one. If we had several lives to spend we might be careless with the spending of at least one of them, but how careful we must be since we have only one. In whose service shall we spend it? Who is the King?

The King and the Alabaster Boxes

THE Greek alabaster was a box made from a precious stone, for keeping precious jewels, or it was a vial, vase or case for holding perfumed ointments which were very expensive. There is a wonderful story told of a young woman and her alabaster which held perhaps everything that she possessed: "And while He was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster cruse of ointment of pure nard very costly; and she brake the cruse (the seal) and poured it over His head. Jesus said: She hath wrought a good work—she hath done what she could". She had given all she had. There is a similar story which runs like this: Now there was in America a young woman who had a beautiful alabaster made from the precious sparkling stones that bruised the body of Jesus. This glittering alabaster held all that was precious to her—jewels for which Christ had paid the price of His life. Jesus came to this young woman. As He sat at meat with her, she opened her heart which was the seal of her alabaster and poured out to Him a life—which was her gold, her silver, her rubies and her diamonds—her love, her talents, her time, her possessions. Jesus said of her, "She hath wrought a good work, she hath done what she could".

(NOTE: A consecration service would be fitting at the close. How many of our talented Y.W.A. girls hold their "alabasters" sealed tightly. How many hold back, in their alabaster money boxes, tithes which belong to Him who said, "The gold is Mine, the silver is Mine". Let who will, sign tithing cards and pledges to 1926 Co-operative Program.)

W.M.U. headquarters for the May meeting in Houston, Texas, will be at the Rice Hotel.



OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



SPRING PLANTING

SOMETHING in the air lures home-keepers out to see about the garden flowers and fruits and vegetables. For the sake of the summer coming on and the autumn and winter ahead there will be many an hour spent in planning and planting that effects may be lovely to behold, that the harvest may be rich and plenteous.

Surely something in the souls of Kingdom-builders urges our women to see about the garden in girlhood hearts, to plant mission interest in the innermost fibre of growing boys. For the sake of the days of womanhood used for the Master or wasted, for the prime of a manhood giving proof of loyal allegiance to Christ's world program, planning and planting require many hours in the springtime days of youth.



AS eagerly as flower lovers pore over the seed catalogues, so may the counselor of a Girl's Auxiliary or Royal Ambassador Chapter, the leader of a Sunbeam Band bend over her organization manual. Compactly printed in its pages will be found directions for many a situation that needs careful handling as well as the regular suggestions of customary activity. The choice of mission study books is almost as bewildering as the display of varieties of sweetpeas but one is safe to follow the up-to-date suggestion of the year—a South American book and a home mission study. Makers of South America, The Land of the Golden Man, Latin-American Primary Picture Stories suit R.A., G.A. and Sunbeam Band as foreign mission texts. Uncle Sam's Family, The Land of All Nations, Next Door Neighbors have been announced for home mission use. March spring days, questionable weather for outdoor playing, give auspicious

occasion for the mission study class. Spring fever will be vanishing in missionary organization work if the study books and programs are made sufficiently interesting.

The study class will suffice for but one corner of our missionary garden; the Standard of Excellence plots it all off well with a balance of stately rows of tall upstanding programs with smaller flowers and bushes in the attendance records in front of them. There must be the walks laid out in neat array with borders of seed of joyous service. The birds will fly about your garden to carry reports regularly to the state office and the upspringing mission seed will spread with rapidity surprising if planning and planting and care are shown for it all.

This month especially one of the three select choice blossoms must be arranged for. The Love-Offering gave fragrant perfume in December; now is time for the opening of the March Thank-Offering for Home Missions. The Home Mission Board debt should be so earnestly presented to our young people that every boy and girl will be seconding the beauty of the W.M.U.

DAILY SELF-DENIAL for DEBT ON HOME BOARD

This blossom concerns us most immediately; no canker worm of selfishness, no cut worm of ignorance, no drought from lack of discussion must prevent a beautiful opening in great offering.

Because our young people will be eager to know the real amount which they gave to the Home Board debt offering be sure to indicate on the envelope or check sent in to the state headquarters from which organization

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TRAINING SCHOOL



CHRISTMAS WEEK IN HOUSE BEAUTIFUL

"There's a song in the air,
There's a star in the sky,
There's a mother's deep prayer
And a baby's low cry."

A HUSH fell over the dining room as the daughters of House Beautiful listened to that "song in the air" coming from the lips of fifteen Good Will Center children. It was the supper hour on Sunday before Christmas. The girls had just sweetly breathed the evening blessing in song, "Abide with Me", when that other song floated out on the air. There they were outside the window—little foreign children singing the story of Christ who came as God's love gift to all the world. Inside sat ninety girls listening—girls who had consecrated their lives to the telling of that story to all the world. Thus began Christmas week at House Beautiful.

Monday night came the Christmas party. The guests were welcomed amid a lovely setting of Christmas decorations and went quietly to the chapel for the pageant. There were enacted again the incidents of the dearest story of all with the shepherds, the kings, the angels, the madonna loving and adoring. It had been prepared with much care and prayer that it might convey the true message of "peace and good will". Again the hearts of those who saw and heard were stirred and they silently renewed allegiance to Him—the good and perfect gift.

On the morrow the girls were granted an opportunity to give outward expression to their love, for Tuesday was the day set for the opening of the alabaster boxes. For weeks they had been praying that the way would be opened to lift the debt from our boards. As they prayed there had come the conviction that they too should bring love gifts to the King. As they gathered for their morning service one of their number brought a beautiful message from

His Word. Then Mrs. Bose led a prayer of consecration, after which a girl sang

"Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee".

The girls placed their gifts in the basket—

"Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold".

The breakfast hour was tense. Hearts had been touched. Many prayed anew:

"Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine".

Quietly, Mrs. Bose, with her "little mother" heart overflowing, announced that over two thousand dollars had been given. Spontaneously all joined in "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow". The gifts had meant sacrifice—a watch, a cameo pin, a thousand dollar check (most of one girl's paternal estate) had been given. Others had done without things in order to give. But when there is heart-room for Christ in the life such gifts are made freely and joyously.

This was the high point of Christmas week in House Beautiful. The girls had given outward, visible expression to their pent-up love and devotion in a way to glorify the Christ of Christmas. Because of this the carols were sweeter when they went carolling on Christmas Eve. Because of this the Christmas chapel service was fraught with fuller meaning as Mrs. Bose spoke about doing the little things—the little deeds of love and kindness—as well as the big things of life. The true "Spirit of Christmas" dwelt in the hearts of the girls, deepening their gratitude to God for all His earthly blessings, not the least of which are those over the southland who contributed so wonderfully to the joys of Christmas-tide. In all things He had the pre-eminence. The key-note of it all was

"Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne".

—Genevieve Tims, Ark.



STEWARDSHIP SUGGESTIONS



BIBLE COMMANDS FOR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

"Fear God and keep His commandments for this is the whole duty of man."

HOW shall we know God's commands? By searching the Scriptures: "All Scripture is given for doctrine (teaching), for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works".

When Roman Catholicism came into power the right to search the Scriptures was denied the people for a thousand years. The Dark Ages followed. Missionary activity ceased until Carey and Judson with others, searching the Scriptures, started the revival of missions which swept the world. During this same period, when the masses had no Bible, clouds of ignorance obscured the tithe as one of the fundamental laws of the race and which is, therefore, like the institution of prayer, applicable to all dispensations—patriarchal, Jewish and Christian. Slowly, very slowly are the clouds lifting and the tithe is being recognized as a doctrine of the Word of God and is being given again its rightful place as the financial program for the Kingdom.

"The tithing idea runs through all the annals of mankind and, like a silver stream with its source in the Garden of Eden, touches all lands in all ages." We read of its source in the second chapter of Genesis: "And the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden (to own it? no!) to dress and keep it. Of every tree of the Garden thou mayest freely eat"—but two were set apart, the "Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil" and the "Tree of Life". Here we have the separated portion that proclaimed God's ownership. The sin of Adam and Eve was to take that which God had reserved for Himself.

The first account found in the Bible

of an attempt to observe the tithe is that of Cain and Abel in Genesis 4:2-7. Each brought an offering from the fruit of his own labor—one from the field, the other from the flock. One was rejected, one was accepted. What was the matter with Cain's offering? He did not bring the choice products of the soil, did not observe the order of first fruits; he had not "divided aright", he held back some of God's portion. Genesis 14 is an account of Abraham as a tither; Genesis 28 of his grandson, Jacob, paying his tithing vow. Four hundred and thirty years after Abraham's time the law is reaffirmed, as the Lord spake unto Moses saying: "And all the tithe—is the Lord's.—The tenth shall be holy unto the Lord".—Leviticus 27:30-32. This is a fundamental law, reaffirmed, so the abolition of the Mosaic law does not destroy the law of the tithe.

The New Testament left this law where it found it. There were many reasons why it should remain. Jesus plainly commends upon at least two occasions the ancient law of the tithe: Luke 11:42 and Matthew 23:23. Twice He says plainly of the tithe: "Ye ought!" He, Himself, must have paid the tithe. Jesus was a Jew, reared in the home of Joseph and Mary, obedient to them: Luke 2:51; Joseph kept the law: Luke 2:21, 39-41; therefore, he must have kept the law of the tithe and have taught it to his household. Jesus paid the annual tax for the upkeep of the temple: Matthew 17:24-27. Had He not paid the tithe, the Pharisees would have so accused Him, as they many times accused Him of not keeping the Sabbath.

Tithing in the year 1926 rests upon exactly the same foundation as it did in the days of Abraham: it is man's acknowledgment of God's ownership. Tithing is putting God, not self, first. It is "seeking first the Kingdom of God".—Mrs. W. P. Hawkins, Missouri



"THY PEOPLE ISRAEL"



THE CONVERSION OF A JEWESS

WHILE visiting in the Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta one day I saw an ambulance drive up and stop in front of the building. A woman got out, then they took out a girl who appeared to be a child. This person was taken out on a stretcher and carried into the hospital. Her companion followed her into the hospital. As I left the hospital and was going up Luckie Street toward town I heard someone walking rapidly behind me. I looked to see who it was. It was the woman who had carried the girl to the hospital. I stopped to console her in the illness of her child, and she said: "You are mistaken, she is not my child, she is a young woman from the Working Girls' Home. Mrs. Cook, I would like for you to go to see her, she is a Jew". I replied that I would be glad to do so. I found her very approachable. She was interested in the Christian message, which seemed to me to be unusual. I visited her quite frequently as long as she stayed in the hospital. When I found out that she wanted to be saved I asked her if I might send the missionary-to-the-Jews to see her. She said she would be glad to see him so I sent Mr. Gartenhaus. After she had gotten over her operation she went back to the Working Girls' Home. I visited her there and finally got her interested in our Bible School at Capitol Avenue Baptist Church which she attended regularly. In a short time she was gloriously saved. She was with us sometime after that and we helped her along material lines. One of the members of the mothers' class said she would board her for just a small sum. The class promised to pay it and boarded her until she was able to go back to work.

When I first went to see her at the hospital I talked about various subjects until I felt the way was clear for me to approach her on her soul's salvation when I asked her if she was saved. She

said she was not but wanted to be. I gave her Bible references. She was very much interested. Later I gave her a Bible and she studied it every day and I have never seen a girl, gentile or Jew, more interested than that Jewess. She urged me to pray for her. I prayed for her and remembered her in all of my petitions. She joined the church and was baptized three months after she left the hospital. She married and led her husband, who was a Jew, to Christ.

This little Jewess says that their young people are ignorant of the Bible and that they have no conception of Christianity. She stood up in a crowded church in Atlanta and told of her conversion and her hope of what she would be able to accomplish and I understand she is now actively engaged in her service for the Master.—*Mrs. M. M. Cook, Ga.*

WINNING OF A JEWISH GIRL

SHE was a bright, beautiful Jewish girl of eighteen years with lovely, sparkling eyes which seemed to the teacher of the Fidelis Class to have a hungry, pleading look in them. The teacher, whose one great passion was the conversion of her girls and whose heart longed especially to see the salvation of this Jewish girl, asked her class to pray with her. In response to a cordial invitation to come to Sunday school, Ruth came one beautiful Sabbath morning to visit the class. It seemed to the teacher that the Holy Spirit had never spoken through her as on that morning, when she presented Christ in the lesson she taught. The next Sunday found Ruth in the class, this time as a member. As the teacher again told of Jesus and His love, tears filled the beautiful eyes. The week following she came to the teacher with her burdened heart and told of her longing to accept Christ; then with a sob she said: "Surely this Jesus is the promised Messiah for whom

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HOME DEPARTMENT



ALIENS

AS the good ship "America" was nearing the English coast a passenger from the United States received her landing card from the ship's officials. On this card she was designated as an alien. It had not occurred to her that an American was an alien in other lands than her own. The remembrance of this fact gave her a queer little feeling of being unwelcome as she prepared to land in the old, old town of Plymouth. And why? Because in the heart of the average American there is an almost unconscious distaste for the alien, thousands of whom have come to our country within the last fifty years. These have been looked upon as intruders rather than possible citizens. But now, being a bit of an alien herself, our American passenger more fully realized the sad bewilderment of the newly arrived immigrant seeking a home in a strange land. If, under the most happy circumstances of a kindly welcome, this American, English-speaking woman felt herself a stranger in England, how much more desolate would the worn and weary woman of foreign tongue find herself as she landed in America? How un-Christian and un-American is our attitude to the foreigner! Un-Christian, because we forget that "God is no respecter of persons. But in every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness is accepted with Him". Those of us who bear the sign and name of Christian

should receive these "little ones" in the spirit of Christ, for in so doing we receive Him.

Later as our American passenger stood on the spot in the Plymouth harbor from which, in 1620, our Pilgrim Fathers embarked for America, and as she looked upon this and upon the old but well preserved house where they had gathered for preparation and prayer, a shame for our national selfishness crept into her consciousness. How un-American to begrudge a welcome into a land which might never have been but for those early immigrants to whom we owe evangelical Christianity in America! American history is a part of the history of Christianity—to be truly American—we must be truly Christian. When we were "aliens from the commonwealth of Israel God made us fellow-citizens in His household", and His Son, Jesus Christ, tells us: "I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done to you".

More than three hundred years have passed since the Pilgrim Fathers landed in America and now our gates are almost closed to the immigrant. Much Christian work has been done among them but there is still very much to be done "that we lose not those things which we have wrought". Our Good Will Centers are mediums through which the Woman's Missionary Union can follow the blessed example of our Lord.

Monthly Missionary Topics for 1927

Jan.—Intercession for Revival

Feb.—What Is a Missionary?

March—The Effect of New Industrial Conditions on Home Missions

April—New Movements in the Orient

May—Our Convention: Its Organization and Purpose

June—Children and Missions: Their Organizations and Literature

July—Our Summer Schools

Aug.—Missions in Latin Countries

Sept.—Some Phases of Medical Missions

Oct.—The Heathen Invasion of America

Nov.—The Questioning Jew

Dec.—A Character Study: Christ and Confucius



UNION NOTES



ROUND TABLE

HAVING touched once more the life in the "Power-House of Prayer" your young people's secretary goes on her way strengthened, renewed in spirit. To find Mrs. Bose slipping gracefully into the principalship of W.M.U. Training School was to know with new assurance that God guides. Mrs. Eager's presence and counsel are a benediction at House Beautiful, the new Good Will Center will be a blessing untold through the years, Miss Carrie Littlejohn fits in as associate principal in a satisfying way, proving that the school does produce superior young women. The course in W.M.U. work increases in value with Miss Bucy's constant planning. The young women are exceptionally splendid in appearance and character and the "Sister Spirit" continues to link them in warm friendliness with graduates around the world. It was good to enter into the daily life once more. Leisure is as rare for a visitor—as for a student—with a city council luncheon meeting, a city young people's rally, a visit to the Grace McBride Y.W.A. at the Baptist hospital besides the evening chapel talks. There followed immediately five days at Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, La., similar in spirit of consecration and high purpose. All departments of religious education in the plans of southern Baptists were represented by various leaders, Miss Georgia Barnette teaching the Manual of W.M.U. Methods, Mrs. Stallworth, In Royal Service and the young people's secretary holding conferences on young people's work. Again there were the additional meetings with the First Church W.M.S. and the Institute Y.W.A. Fascinating New Orleans is always proudly displayed but

few people see it under such delightful auspices as the visitors to the Institute for the Denominational Week. Dr. Cleverdon, head of the department of religious education and Miss Gaines, principal of the Training School, received much praise and gratitude for their gracious planning for both work and play. Friends in Louisville and New Orleans have endeared themselves increasingly by these latest visits and one wishes there were new "thank you" words which could be invented for expressing appreciation on such occasions.

—Juliette Mather

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the gift is sent. This is not a matter of "credit"—spring time flowers ask no credit, but gardeners like to say "my pansies had more blossoms and larger ones than ever before": just so the counselor wishes to know that this year her members have advanced in their giving, she likes to compare her organization's gifts with those from all over the south, the young people find the totals stimulating, it is a matter of record which a minute of time can turn to great good in His Kingdom. To urge the boys and girls to give and then not let them follow the amount with a touch of personal interest may dampen the ardour of giving again—purely a matter of psychology.

And why not a real garden for G.A.'s to care for and have as a source of supply for flowers to decorate the church, to cheer some shut-in? And the R.A.'s may look to the church lawn and its shrubbery, for it probably needs attention. There are many phases of spring planting but the many are useful in missionary education.

W.M.U. annual meeting commences in Houston, Texas, on Monday night, May 10.



BOOK REVIEWS



SOME MODERN PROBLEMS IN THE LIGHT OF BIBLE PROPHECY

TO those who desire to be aided in reading the signs of the times in the light of Bible prophecy Miss Christobel Pankhurst's book "Some Modern Problems" will come as a clear and authentic teacher; clear because her diction is simple, like that of a familiar and well informed friend; authentic because each statement is based on God's Word. The introduction of the book, written by Dr. F. B. Myer, heartily endorses the author's interpretation of world conditions and their alignment with prophecy in the Old and New Testaments. These high points of history pass before the reader as a pageant of Scripture fulfillments. Here an historical event, there God's sure word of prophecy, in which He warns His people and calls them to repentance.

After the introductory there are five chapters which cover the following topics: Some Modern Problems and Their True Solution; The Final Years of This Age; The Lord's Return as Sun of Righteousness; The Lord's Return as Day Star; and Precious Promises. These chapters also include the outstanding features of current history with which the reader is familiar, such as: Menace of War, Votes for Women, The Labor Question, Zionism, The Unrest in Europe. The future events treated are: Rome Restored, The New and Last Caesar, The Antichrist, The Tribulation, Armageddon, The Lord's Return, The Millennial Reign, The Blessed Hope, Resurrection and Life Eternal.

Miss Pankhurst closes this remarkable book by calling the attention of the reader to the promise given to the disciples, a second time bereft, as they watched our Lord ascend into heaven: "This same Jesus shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven". To those who are patiently waiting for this return and to those who are missing the comfort of such a hope

this book will bring refreshment and blessed assurance. Price, cloth, \$1.50 from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

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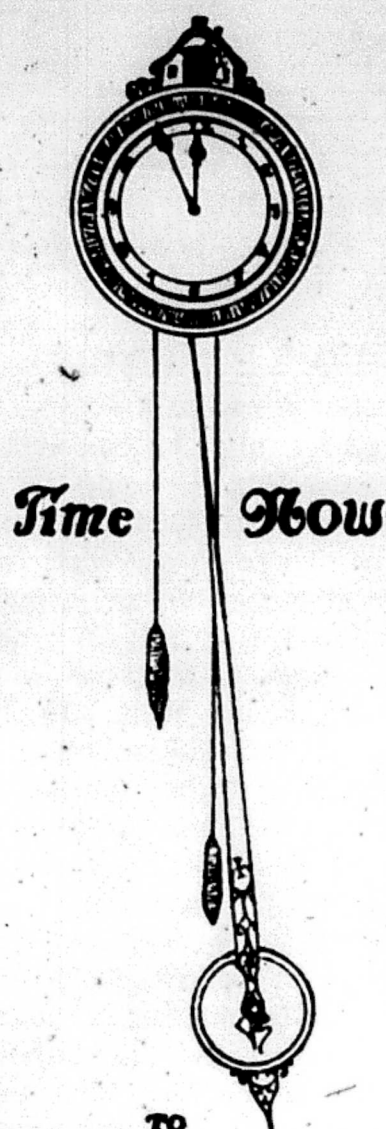
we have waited so long, but to accept Him would mean that I would be as dead to my father, mother, brothers and sisters who are dearer to me than life. It would mean that I could never enter my home again".

The teacher turned to the promise of Jesus and read from Matt. 19:29: "Every one that hath forsaken houses or brethren or sisters or father or mother for My name's sake shall receive an hundredfold and shall inherit everlasting life". She told her how the promises of God were never broken and that by forsaking all to follow Jesus she might be the means of winning her loved ones to accept the Saviour, without whom they would be eternally lost. For a month she held back, although longing to accept Him. To quote her own words: "The songs were sung just for me, especially 'Have Thine Own Way Lord', so I gave my heart to God and no one knows, but the Saviour and the one saved, the joy of a full surrender to Him".

Not long after her baptism she was married, the girls of the class decorating the church in which she had been baptized, reserving seats for her family who came and seemed very happy, three of her sisters having already joined classes in the Sunday school. Her husband, who was not a Jew, was asked by a friend what kind of a girl he married. He answered: "She is a Jewish girl but is a Christian and we are both so happy because of all He has done for us".

May God lay the desire upon each of our hearts to be the means of leading the Jews to Christ. May we realize that without Him "His Chosen people" are lost.—Mrs. Fred Pfau, Va.

ROYAL SERVICE HOUR



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Ala.	4906	3338	1568
Ark.	1875	1335	540
D.C.	94	46	48
Fla.	2725	2909	184 (O. K.!)
Ga.	4857	3927	930
Ill.	1385	940	445
Ky.	5855	3999	1856
La.	2720	2075	645
Md.	500	319	181
Miss.	4510	3141	1369
Mo.	3187	2414	773
N.C.	5705	4135	1570
N.M.	345	248	97
Okla.	3613	1807	1806
S.C.	4403	2980	1423
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