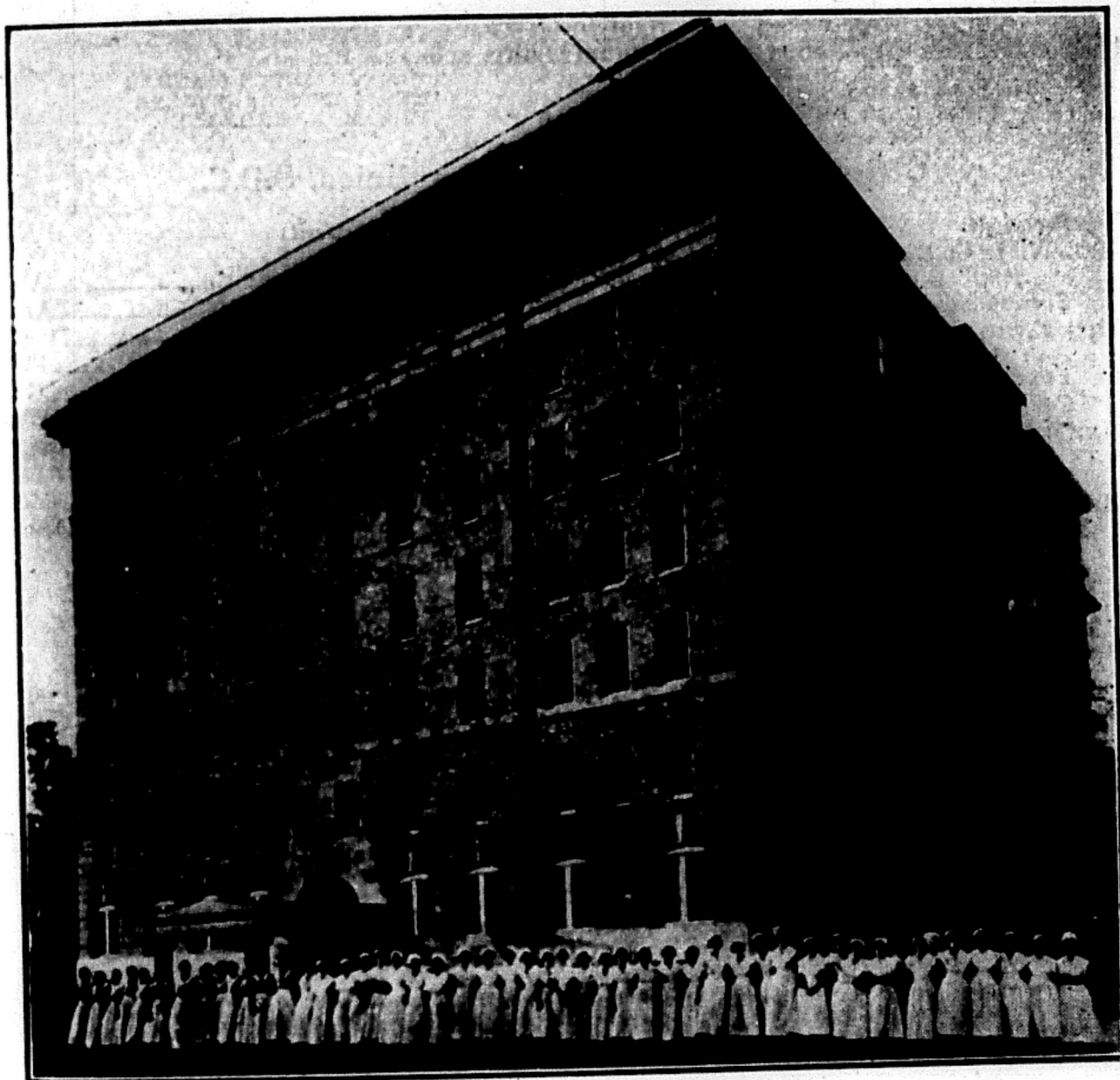


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## EDITORIAL



### "THINK ON THESE THINGS"



FLOOD of glorious history rises in our thoughts as we contemplate the coming annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union in Houston. In the life of every organization there are interesting periods. Such a time in the life of our organization is its annual meeting. It is a moment when the workers of our southland pause and put their ear to the heart of this organization and catch its reminiscences of the past and its musing of the future.

It is said that Zoroaster's followers were enjoined periodically to quench the fires burning on their hearths, that they might re-kindle them with the coals from the sacred fires in the temple of the sun and so frequently be reminded that fire was the gift of heaven. This story expresses the longing in the hearts of the workers throughout our southland to come together in a vast gathering, renew and re-kindle their enthusiasm by touching hearts and exchanging kindred experiences and, thus, be frequently reminded that our task is from God and a mighty one.

Fain would we have each heart feel the burden of prayer for this annual meeting, that it may be a time when our souls shall with one accord desire to lay hold on the greatness of God. That it be a time when we dare to believe His stupendous promises and have faith to claim them. Let us individually and unitedly pray that the presence of the Holy Spirit shall be evident and that far-reaching and momentous undertakings be revealed to us.

Special emphasis will be placed on the subjects of the Cooperative Program and tithing. The Cooperative Commission asked that on the program of the Southern Baptist Convention two and a half hours be given the Cooperative Program. Desiring to magnify this great task in our own meeting, the secretaries of the five Boards have been asked to bring us messages direct from their hearts as to the work of their Boards. Also, Mrs. J. M. Dawson of Waco, Texas, is to address our annual meeting on the Cooperative Program.

Realizing that the fundamental basis of a steady, unwavering growth and maintenance of our work depends upon a tithing people, a special session will be devoted to this subject. A committee was appointed at the mid-winter meeting of the W. M. U. Executive Committee to bring in suggestions and plans for this session. This promises to be one of the outstanding features of the annual meeting.

Wherever possible, let every W. M. U. leader and every society magnify the coming annual meeting, urging a deep interest in its sessions. Let there be much definite prayer that we may not only have large numbers in attendance but that it may be a memorable gathering because of the presence and manifest guidance of the Holy Spirit. Let every woman, who possibly can, plan to go to Houston. Should you not go—"Thou shalt be missed because thy seat will be empty" (I Sam. 20:18).—Mrs. W. J. Cox, W.M.U. President

**Seek ye first the Kingdom of God.—Matt. 6:33**

## TENTATIVE PROGRAM

W. M. U. ANNUAL MEETING  
Houston, Texas, May 10-12, 1926  
Committee Meetings, May 10  
Rice Hotel

Monday, 9 A. M.—Margaret Fund Committee  
Monday, 11 A. M.—General Board of W. M. U. Training School  
Monday, 2:30 P. M.—W. M. U. Executive Committee

### Regular Sessions of Annual Meeting

Monday Evening Session, May 10  
City Auditorium

8:00—Young People's Program

Devotional

Voices of Youth in Speech and Spectacle

The Youth of Our Southland

The House of Highest Training

The Leaders of Our Young People

Presentation of Awards

The Silent Stars

Dedication of New Stars on W. M. U. Service Flag

The Youth of the World

Announcements

Prayer

Adjournment

Tuesday Morning Session, May 11  
First Baptist Church

9:30—Hymn: "Revive Us Again"

Devotional: Mrs. C. A. Leonard, China

Organization

Recognition of Women Missionaries and Other Visitors

Welcome Address and Introduction of Local W. M. U. Committee: Mrs.

W. M. Harrell, Houston

Response: Mrs. Wesley N. Jones, N. C.

10:30—Reports from W. M. U. Officers

Corresponding Secretary: Miss Kathleen Mallory

Young People's Leader } Miss Juliette Mather

College Correspondent }

Treasurer: Mrs. W. C. Lowndes

Report of W. M. U. Literature Department: Miss Ethel Winfield

Reports of Boards of Managers of W. M. U.

Appointment of Committees

Election of Nominating Committee

Our Relief and Annuity Board: Dr. William Lunsford

12:00—Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign" (Tune: "Duke Street")

President's Address: Mrs. W. J. Cox

Prayer

Adjournment

Tuesday Afternoon Session  
First Baptist Church

2:30—Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign"

Devotional: Mrs. Lee Shahan, Tenn.



Reading of Minutes: Mrs. H. M. Wharton  
 Presentation of Plan of Work  
 Report of W. M. U. Advisory Board of Baptist Bible Institute: Mrs. A. J. Aven, *Chairman*  
 Report of W. M. U. Advisory Board of Training School in Ft. Worth, Texas: Mrs. F. S. Davis, *Chairman*  
 Hymn  
 W. M. U. Specials  
 Sunday School Board Bible Fund: Dr. I. J. VanNess  
 Margaret Fund: Mrs. Frank S. Burney, Ga.  
 W. M. U. Training School: Mrs. Geo. B. Eager, Ky.  
 Prayer . . . . Adjournment

*Tuesday Evening Session*  
*First Baptist Church*  
*Missionaries' Evening*

8:00—Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign" (Tune: "Sun of My Soul")  
 Devotional: Miss Emma Leachman  
 Introduction of Women Home Missionaries  
 Address: Dr. B. D. Gray  
 Special Music  
 Introduction of Women Foreign Missionaries  
 Address: Dr. J. F. Love  
 Announcements  
 Prayer . . . . Adjournment

*Wednesday Morning Session*  
*First Baptist Church*  
*Tithing*

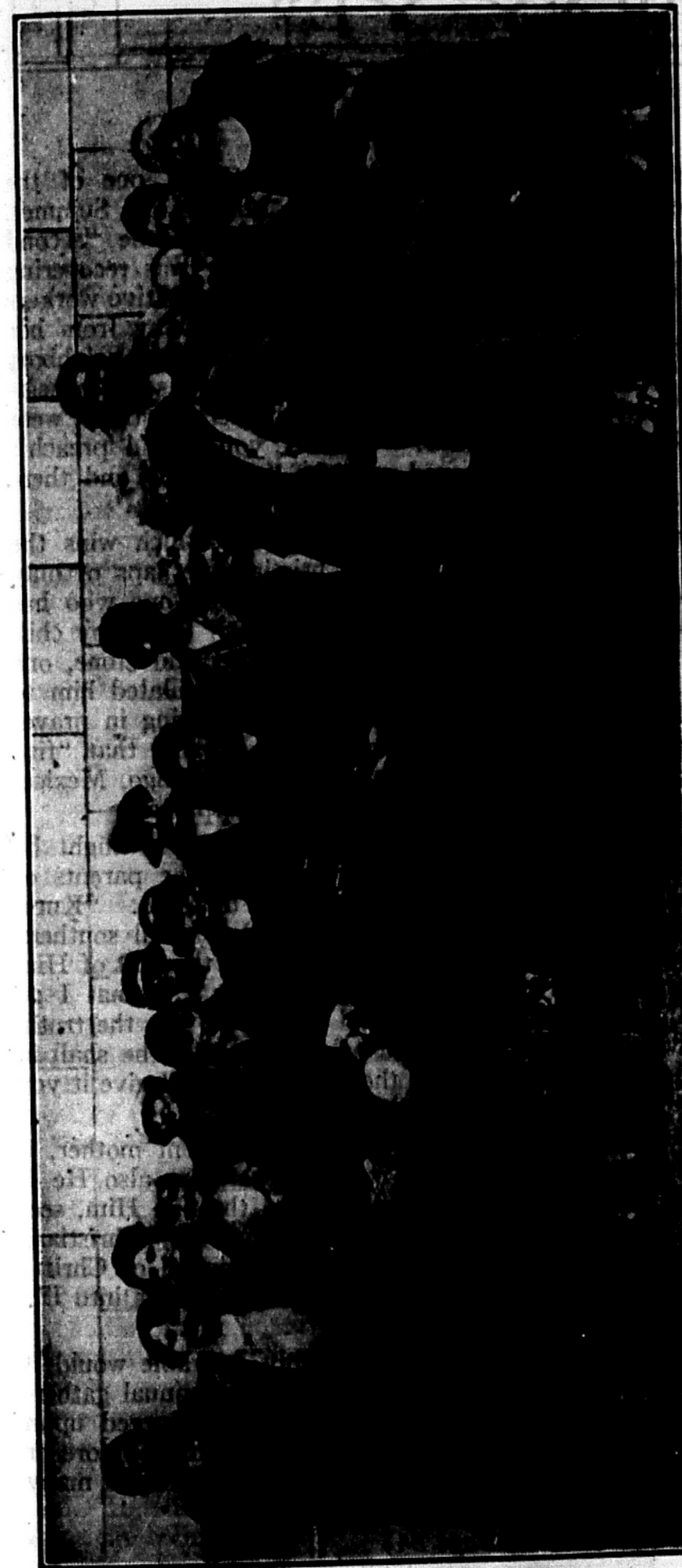
9:30—Hymn  
 Devotional  
 Reading of Minutes: Mrs. Wharton  
 Miscellaneous Business  
 10:00—Discussion and Adoption of W. M. U. Plan of Work  
 Special Music  
 Address on Tithing

*Wednesday Afternoon Session*

2:30—Hymn  
 Devotional: Miss Margaret Lackey, Miss.  
 Report of Personal Service Chairman: Mrs. P. A. Eubank  
 Address: Dr. J. W. Cammack  
 Address: The Cooperative Program  
 Memorial Service—Special Music  
 Reports of Committees  
 Nominate Boards  
 Apportionment  
 Enrollment  
 Press  
 Resolutions  
 Election of Officers  
 Reading of Minutes: Mrs. Wharton  
 Adjournment

*Council Meeting, All Day Session, May 15*  
*South Main Baptist Church*

Saturday, 9:30 A. M.—W. M. U. Secretaries' and Field Workers' Council  
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**CHAIRMEN OF W. M. U. COMMITTEES PLANNING FOR  
 ANNUAL MEETING OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, S.B.C.  
 HOUSTON, TEXAS, MAY 10-12, 1926**

<b>Mrs. W. M. Harrell, General Chairman</b>	<b>Mrs. Hans Busch, Co-Chairman</b>
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Mrs. Geo. Sligh, Local Societies	Mrs. W. W. Spivey, Noon Lunches
Mrs. E. E. Creekmore, Finances	Mrs. J. S. Southerland, Council Lunch
Mrs. Fred Crossman, Badges	Mrs. R. L. Dudley, W. M. U. Training School
Mrs. R. L. Hagen, Banners	<i>Banquet</i>
Miss Mary Lee Trammell, Young People's Session	Miss Nannie David, Home for Missionaries
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## "PRAY YE"



### "I WILL PRAY"

**F**IVE hundred miles northwest of Canton is Kweilin, China, one of the S. B. C. missionaries at that station being Miss Mattie Vie Summer. From her comes the following appealing story: One of the "second year" students was a widow who had an only son. Just as he was recovering from a long and serious illness she was urged to go with a group of native workers into a totally unevangelized section. The trip would keep her away from her boy for several weeks and she was loathe to leave him, though Christian neighbors promised to take good care of him. He and they knew that she was an earnest-hearted Bible woman and that many little children and their mothers were awaiting the Good News. So the brave boy said: "Mother, you go and 'preach'; I'll stay home and pray". Therefore he prayed and she "preached" and there was power from God.

Ever thus is it: prayer precedes and permeates all work which wins the Father's blessing but it is reassuring when a young Christian, perhaps of only the second generation of believers, adds such a testimony. Any one who has visited mission fields knows that pagan and papal mothers teach their tiny children to have faith through prayer before their images of wood and stone, one missionary recently saying how it grieved his heart and yet stimulated him to renewed effort every time he saw a heathen Chinese mother clasping in prayer the hands of her young son. The daily press reported last August that "five thousand children attended a special mass in the cathedral at Durango, Mexico, where prayers were offered for a cessation of the plague of scorpions".

"A little child shall lead them"—but whither? Would that it might be into the House of God, into His sanctuary of prayer, even as the parents of Jesus were lead when they found Him in the temple, saying to them: "Knew ye not that I must be about My Father's business?" Would that all southern Baptist women would again hear Jesus say: "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me and to accomplish His work;—it is expedient for you that I go away;—when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He shall guide you into the truth. —Whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein.—If ye shall ask anything of the Father, He will give it you in My name".

As one thinks of the Kweilin widow's son praying for his absent mother, it hardly seems irreverent to call to mind Hebrews 7:25: "Wherefore also He is able to save to the uttermost them that draw near unto God through Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them". Thus "enabled" Christians "ought always to pray and not to faint", remembering the command of Christ: "Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that He send forth laborers into His harvest".

Important at all times is intercessory prayer but doubly desirable would it seem throughout the month of May, in the midst of which is the annual gathering of southern Baptists. Therefore, in a very especial way is it urged upon W. M. U. societies and circles to arrange for extra time to pray, either before or during their May meetings, request being made that they intercede for as many as possible of the following interests:

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## BIBLE STUDY



### TOPIC—The Power of the Name

**I. In His Name:** Phil. 2:9-11; Col. 3:17; Acts 3:1-16; 4:7-12; 13: 38, 39; I Cor. 6:11. Name is used in application to God and to Christ as the manifestation of God; it always denotes Christ Himself in the whole compass of His power, John 17:6; 12-19; 20:31; Eph. 5:20; Phil. 4:6, 7; II Thess. 1:12. On account of the faith of Peter and John as the ground and condition for the act of healing God honored their faith, Acts 3:16. When one has experienced the working of divine grace he should evidence what he has experienced. Peter and John were sinful men, they disclaimed any merit of their own, the power was wholly derived from Christ, Acts 3:12; Ps. 115:1. The cure was through Christ, the Healer; Peter confirmed the great Gospel truth that Jesus Christ is the foundation of all grace and power, the great Healer and Saviour, Acts 4:12; Rom. 1:16.

**II. Faith:** Matt. 12:18-21; Isaiah 42:1-7. Christ brings salvation to the Gentiles and shows His power to banish from the earth the consequences of sin, Isa. 53:4; John 1:12, 13. Through the new birth the believer becomes partaker of the divine nature and of the life of Christ Himself. Have faith in God and in Jesus, Mark 11:22-26; Rom. 3:22. He sustains to men the relations of which His name is the index which explains the great Gospel mystery of our salvation by Christ. Peter exhorts all to become Christians, Acts 3: 25, 26, to believe that He is the Messiah promised to the fathers. Take Jesus Christ for your King and in baptism own your allegiance to Him. Take Him for your *Prophet* and hear Him. Take Him for your *Priest* to make atonement for you. There is grace enough in Christ for every one and grace suited to the case of every one.

**III. Life in Christ:** Acts 2:22-26. His works prove that He is Lord and Christ. He is the object of the Christian's faith, Phil. 3:7-14; I Pet. 4:12, 13. Life in Christ is the one great goal, all other things prized sink into insignificance. Sins of the outward and inward life must be destroyed, the new garment of Christlikeness must be put on, Eph. 2:5, 6. These results are not gained by simply sharing in Christ's victory over death and sin but, through virtue of being one with Him, in the fellowship of His sufferings, Col. 1:24. Paul as a prisoner no less than as an active missionary experienced the joy of Christ's service. This spirit should teach us the knowledge of Jesus for strength, for healing, for power, Rom. 8: 17; II Tim. 2:11-13. Christ's life is typical, as He went so His followers must go through pain to peace, through suffering to glory, Phil. 3:10; Col. 1:24; II Cor. 5:14-21. The power is of God alone and in His name, I Cor. 2:1-5.

**IV. Prayer in the Power of the Name:** John 14:14. The name of Christ stands for Christ Himself and to pray in the name of Christ is to pray in the mind and spirit and will of Christ, John 15:7; 16:23-27; I John 5:14, 15; 3:22-24. This is the law of Christ. His name shall be glorified in the assaults and trials of afflictions, I Pet. 1:7; II Thess. 1:11, 12. As Christ's prayer nature lives in us His prayer power becomes ours too, John 15:7. As we live in Him we get the spiritual power to avail ourselves of His name. Jesus went alone to pray even when multitudes were waiting, Luke 5:16. If Jesus needed long seasons of prayer surely to use His name in prayer includes this, to follow His example and to pray as He did. The lack of prayer is being felt among Christians, Mal. 1:9-11. There is some spirit of great power resisting and hindering the Spirit of God. It is the spirit of the world. Separation unto the cross of Christ is what alone can conquer, Gal. 2:20; Rev. 19:16.—Mrs. James Pollard





## DAILY BIBLE READINGS



### TOPIC—The Power of the Name

“THE heavens declare Thy glory, Lord!  
In every star Thy wisdom shines;  
But when our eyes behold Thy Word,  
We read Thy Name in fairer lines.

“HY noblest wonders here we view,  
In souls renewed and sins forgiven;  
Lord, cleanse my sins, my soul renew,  
And make Thy Word my guide to heaven.”

#### His Name

**Saturday, 1st**  
Exodus 3:13, 14; 6:3; John 8:57, 58;  
18:4-6; 8:24

**Sunday, 2d**  
Isaiah 9:6; 7:14; Matthew 1:21-25

**Monday, 3d**  
Acts 3:1-16; Philippians 2:9-11; Colossians 3:17

**Tuesday, 4th**  
Acts 10:43; 15:14; I Corinthians 6:11; Psalm 61:5

**Wednesday, 5th**  
John 17:6, 12-19; 20:31; Ephesians 5:2

**Thursday, 6th**  
John 1:12; 2:23; Luke 24:47-53

**Friday, 7th**  
II Thessalonians 1:10-12; Hebrews 6:10-12; 13:15

#### Faith

**Saturday, 8th**  
Hebrews 11:8; Deuteronomy 32:10-12; II Corinthians 5:7; Psalm 47:4

**Sunday, 9th**  
II Corinthians 12:7-11; II Samuel 1:9-11, 20; Matthew 14:36

**Monday, 10th**  
Proverbs 29:25; Lamentations 3:31, 32; Isaiah 54:7, 8, 10, 11; Micah 7:9

**Tuesday, 11th**  
Isaiah 45:11; Ezekiel 36:26, 27, 37; Mark 11:22-24

**Wednesday, 12th**  
Proverbs 24:10; Isaiah 40:29; II Corinthians 12:9; Psalm 91:15; Deuteronomy 33:27

**Thursday, 13th**  
Psalm 4:8; 91:4, 5; 121:3-5; 61:4

**Friday, 14th**  
Psalm 139:12; Romans 8:32; I Corinthians 3:23; Isaiah 12:2

#### Life in Christ

**Saturday, 15th**  
John 1:12-14; 3:6; Galatians 3:26; I John 5:1; John 20:17

**Sunday, 16th**  
I John 1:3; I Corinthians 8:6; Colossians 3:3, 4, 23, 24

**Monday, 17th**  
I Corinthians 12:12; Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 1:4-6; 4:15, 16; 5:30

**Tuesday, 18th**  
II Chronicles 6:18; II Corinthians 6:16; I Corinthians 6:19, 20; Ephesians 2:22

**Wednesday, 19th**  
Malachi 3:6; Luke 24:15; Matthew 18:20; Philippians 4:3

**Thursday, 20th**  
Ephesians 5:1, 2; Matthew 5:16; Hebrews 12:2; II Corinthians 7:1

**Friday, 21st**  
John 10:10; 3:17; Romans 6:23; Revelation 21:3, 4

#### Prayer in the Power of the Name

**Saturday, 22d**  
John 15:16; 16:23-28; Luke 11:2-4

**Sunday, 23d**  
John 14:13, 14; 16:23, 24; Matthew 18:20

**Monday, 24th**  
Ephesians 6:18-20; Jude 20, 21; I Corinthians 14:15; Colossians 1:9-13

**Tuesday, 25th**  
Matthew 21:22; James 5:16-18; I Peter 3:12; Philippians 4:6, 7

**Wednesday, 26th**  
Luke 15:18-24; Ephesians 3:14-21; II Thessalonians 2:16, 17

**Thursday, 27th**  
Acts 1:14; Romans 12:12; Colossians 4:2-4; I Thessalonians 5:17

**Friday, 28th**  
Ephesians 6:18-20; Philippians 4:6; I Timothy 2:1-8; Romans 15:30-32

**Saturday, 29th**  
Romans 8:26, 27; Hebrews 11:6; I John 2:1; 5:14, 15

**Sunday, 30th**  
Luke 11:5-8; Matthew 11:28-30; Psalm 103:13, 14

**Monday, 31st**  
Psalm 34:15; II Chronicles 30:27; I Peter 3:12-15; Revelation 22:4

## Calendar of Prayer

May, 1926

THE gates of pain had closed me in;  
I lay distraught, no longer free,  
My prison-wall a chamber small:  
“Son of David, pity me!”  
And then He came.

THE tiny room grew wondrous wide;  
In painless joy I heard Him say,  
“My child, I came through gates of pain  
To lead thee out a larger way.”  
I went with Him.

### Topic: Our Hospitals at Home and Abroad

#### 1—SATURDAY

Thanksgiving for medical and evangelistic work of Dr. and Mrs. George Green, Ogbomoso, Africa  
Who is like unto Thee . . . doing wonders?—Exodus 15:11

#### 2—SUNDAY

For the blessing of God on the tireless work of our doctors and nurses on the foreign field  
Thou hast girded me with strength.—II Samuel 22:40

#### 3—MONDAY

That service of Dr. H. F. Vermillion in Tuberculosis Hospital, El Paso, Texas, bring joy to himself and patients  
My doctrine shall drop like rain . . . upon the tender herb.—Deuteronomy 32:2

#### 4—TUESDAY

That Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Hayes, Canton, China, have renewed strength for service  
The Lord is my helper.—Hebrews 13:6

#### 5—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Lowe (on furlough) and Miss Ethel Ramsbottom (on furlough) evangelistic and educational service, Tainan, China  
Strengthened with all might.—Colossians 1:11

#### 6—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. T. F. McCrea (on furlough), evangelistic work, Chefoo, China  
He shall choose our inheritance.—Psalm 47:4

#### 7—FRIDAY

That the Great Physician walk the rounds with Dr. and Mrs. J. McF. Gaston, Laichowfu, China  
Without Me ye can do nothing.—John 15:5

#### 8—SATURDAY

For educational work of Professor and Mrs. J. Hundley Wiley and

Professor and Mrs. Gordon Poteat, Shanghai Baptist College and Seminary, China  
Follow Me.—Luke 9:59

#### 9—SUNDAY

For all doctors, nurses and attendants in our southwide hospital work  
They have a good reward for their labor.—Ephesians 4:9

#### 10—MONDAY

That divine wisdom direct decisions in sessions of W. M. U. annual meeting at Houston, Texas  
Let us exalt His name together.—Psalm 34:3

#### 11—TUESDAY

That an increased sense of God's love for the world enlarge our hearts and multiply our W. M. U. gifts  
The Son of God . . . gave Himself for me.—Galatians 2:20

#### 12—WEDNESDAY

For the Southern Baptist Convention meeting at Houston, Texas, that its deliberations be Christ-wise and effective  
Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.—Colossians 3:17

#### 13—THURSDAY

That healing and holiness bless the work of Baptist Hospital at New Orleans, Louisiana, and for L. J. Bristow, D.D., secretary-treasurer  
With us is the Lord our God to help us.—II Chronicles 32:8

#### 14—FRIDAY

Thanksgiving for medical mission at Harbin, China, and for Dr. and Mrs. Carmen E. James  
He is a rewarder.—Hebrews 11:6

#### 15—SATURDAY

That Dr. and Mrs. R. E. L. Mewshaw (on furlough) of Kweilin, China, win many to Christ in their hospital work  
It is the Spirit that quickeneth.—John 6:63

†W.M.U. Training School Alumna  
\*Baptist Bible Institute Alumna



## Calendar of Prayer

May, 1926

"**H**OLY ONE, great Lord of consolation,  
Who sojourned in this world of desolation,  
Where pain and death are rife,  
Bend to the multitude, who still are lying  
In utter misery, sick and dying,  
And touch them into life."

### Topic: Our Hospitals at Home and Abroad

#### 16—SUNDAY

For blessed service of Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Dargan Smith in Baptist Hospital, Canton, China  
He which establisheth us . . . is God.  
—II Corinthians 1:21

#### 17—MONDAY

For educational and evangelistic work of Misses †Kate Murray and \*Bernice Perry and for Miss †Winifred Moxon, trained nurse, Chengchow, China  
Who teacheth Him?—Job 36:22

#### 18—TUESDAY

For evangelistic work of Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Dugger at Rio Grande, Brazil  
I am set for the defense of the Gospel.—Philippians 1:17

#### 19—WEDNESDAY

For Misses †Mary Alexander and †Essie Smith, educational work, Canton, China  
I know whom I have believed . . . He is able.—II Timothy 1:12

#### 20—THURSDAY

For evangelistic ministry of Miss †Neal C. Young and for Miss †Ruth Kersey, nurse at Baptist Hospital, Ogbomoso, Africa  
Thou hast found grace in My sight.  
—Exodus 33:17

#### 21—FRIDAY

That rich fruitage follow evangelistic teaching of Rev. and †Mrs. W. W. Enete and Rev. W. C. Harrison, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
They shall not labor in vain.  
—Isaiah 65:23

#### 22—SATURDAY

For continued blessing on preaching and teaching of Rev. and Mrs. Pettigrew and Rev. and \*Mrs. Harley Smith, Porto Alegre, Brazil  
Before they call I will answer.  
—Isaiah 65:24

#### 23—SUNDAY

For the hospital work of Dr. and \*Mrs. Carl F. Jordan and for Miss Alice Parker (on furlough), Yangchow, China  
Calling on the name of the Lord  
—Acts 22:16

#### 24—MONDAY

For the effective Gospel teaching of Misses †Olive Edens, †Susan Anderson and †May Perry, Abeokuta, Africa  
In everything ye are enriched by Him.  
—I Corinthians 1:6

#### 25—TUESDAY

For Dr. Ethel M. Pierce and \*Miss E. E. Teal, nurse, Yangchow Baptist Hospital, Yangchow, China  
God is faithful by whom ye were called.—I Corinthians 1:9

#### 26—WEDNESDAY

Thanksgiving for long and faithful service of Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Reno and for Miss Edith West (on furlough), Victoria, Brazil  
Truly our fellowship is with the Father.—I John 1:3

#### 27—THURSDAY

For Misses Ida Patterson and Lillian Thomasson, Shanghai Baptist College and Seminary, China  
Ye shall abide in My love.—John 15:10

#### 28—FRIDAY

For Miss Cynthia Miller in her blessed work of teaching Christ at Laichowfu, China  
She hath done what she could.  
—Mark 14:8

#### 29—SATURDAY

That Misses Cecile Lancaster and †Naomi Schell be blessed in their class work at Kokura, Japan  
They went forth . . . the Lord working with them.—Mark 16:20

#### 30—SUNDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Bryan, that quickening of soul follow their medical ministry, Warren Memorial Hospital, Hwanghsien, China  
Created in Christ Jesus unto good works.—Ephesians 2:1

#### 31—MONDAY

For Misses †Pearl Johnson and F. Catharine Bryan, evangelistic teaching and Bible work, Shanghai, China  
He that sent Me is with Me.  
—John 8:29

†W.M.U. Training School Alumna  
\*Southwestern Training School Alumna



## PROGRAM PLANS



### WITH THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

**M**EDICAL MISSION WORK has always been so dear to the hearts of our women that the program committee will have little trouble in arranging the May meeting. Material furnished for this month may be used by almost any society with little change. The question before the committee will be not what to use for the program but in what form to use it to give a touch of novelty.

A large box may be fixed to look like a hospital building. The windows may be drawn or painted on it, but a wide entrance door should be cut. Put this hospital on a table in easy view of everybody. Cut figures from fashion catalogues and dress them in white paper dresses and caps such as children make for their paper dolls. A few lines drawn on dress and cap will make them look like trained nurses. To each of these attach items about our hospitals and hospital work. If the box hospital be treated as if it were in the place represented in turn by each nurse, so much the better.

With this plan a blackboard might be used to great advantage, giving a few of the figures relating to our hospital work. More than five or six will prove confusing.

The paper doll nurses may be used without the box hospital. They will prove attractive souvenirs of the meeting.

There is another plan that has been

often used. Wrap the items up in small white papers like powders from the drug store. This is easier than the other but is apt to recall rather cheerless memories.

Since this is the May meeting, another plan would be the "May Basket". Flowers are taken to the sick in hospitals, so the two ideas can be united. Have a basket of real flowers with hospital items fastened to the stems. Distribute these and call for the readings by number. Colored flowers from catalogues may be substituted.

The program committee might write to the Baptist hospital in its own state and ask for a list of needs. These may be presented to the society and no doubt many members will respond with gifts. The chairman of White Cross work in each state will give lists of supplies needed for our foreign hospitals. If the program results in the making of some hospital garments, the giving of towels, pillow cases, wash cloths etc., the committee may feel that the meeting has truly been a success.

Should an offering be taken, a milk bottle dressed as a trained nurse could be used to receive the money. Or a "May Basket" passed by tiny girls in nurses' dress will be suggestive.

"An Afternoon in a Chinese Hospital" is an impressive play for W. M. S. or Y. W. A. Order for 5c from W. M. U. Literature Department, 1111 Age-Herald Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

### FOR HOUSTON DELEGATES AND VISITORS

**P**ERFORATION has been used on pages 5-6 and 33-34, thus permitting their removal without injury to the rest of the magazine. Take them, please, to Houston as guides, particularly until registration at First Baptist Church.





## PROGRAM FOR MAY



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.

### OUR HOSPITALS AT HOME AND ABROAD

Hymn—At Even When the Sun Was Set  
Bible Study (See page 9.)  
Prayer for Earth's Sick and Suffering Ones  
Personal Service Period  
Hymn—There's a Wideness in God's Mercy  
The Book of Numbers  
New Hospitals and Enlargements in the South  
Doors of the Kingdom  
Hymn—O Love Divine, That Stooped to Share  
Medical Evangelism in China  
Autumn Gold (See page 31.)  
Our Hospital Work in Africa  
Our First Brazilian Hospital  
Telling Their Troubles to Dr. Neal  
Hymn—Come Ye Disconsolate  
Closing Prayer

**T**HE seamless robe that Jesus wore  
Diffused His grace and power;  
The weary one who touched its hem  
Was healed from that blest hour.

**T**HE seamless robe that Jesus wore  
Was bartered at the cross;  
Apart from Him no power it bore—  
A gauge for gain or loss.

**L**ET me, dear Lord, Thy vestment be,  
Through me Thy powers prove;  
Nor let me seek apart from Thee  
The ministry of love.

### THE BOOK OF NUMBERS

**A** VERY remarkable chapter in the Southern Baptist Handbook for 1925 is called "The Book of Numbers". From this chapter we cull the following interesting study of hospital work under our Home Mission Board.

"One of the noblest chapters in American Christianity is being written by Southern Baptists in their hospital building and administration. The progress they have made in building and managing hospitals surpasses any achievement in this field, outside the Church of Rome, among southern 'denominations'.

"Thirty-five years ago a group of Baptists in Missouri realized anew that the same Jesus who sent out His disciples to preach the Gospel also gave them power to heal. With the same compassion in their hearts they secured an old residence in St. Louis and spent on it a very small amount of money which was also very hard to get. They finally opened a hospital with ten beds and this, too, under the shadow of venerable houses of healing belonging to the Church of Rome and to the city. This little hospital grew at last to have 375 beds and to be valued at \$675,000.

"Seventeen years went by before the

Southern Baptist Convention planned for another hospital and then (1907) the real advance in medical missionary service began. In this year the Texas Baptist Hospital of Houston, Texas, was founded with a plant having 100 beds and costing \$200,000. This has grown to be a big institution having 200 beds and valued at \$1,000,000.

"For the next decade Baptist hospitals sprang up for nearly every year. The movement is widespread and forward, interrupted during the period of the World War, then resuming its impressive advance with increasing vigor. At the beginning of the war southern Baptists had eight hospitals in seven states as follows: Missouri, Texas (2), Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Georgia and South Carolina.

"Before the war was over they were building again: three in 1917, one in 1918, one in 1919 and four in 1920, making a total in 1920 of thirteen hospitals valued at \$3,614,728, having 2,000 beds and with six projected institutions just ahead. This was a milestone year, for in it the Southern Baptist Hospital Association was authorized and a Standing Committee on Hospitals became a part of the Southern Baptist Convention. The whole body agreed to center on a big hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana.

"The next year, 1921, showed a total of seventeen institutions and seven prospective ones, and a 'denomination'-wide hospital fund was suggested. Two million one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars of the 75-Million Campaign Fund had been apportioned to hospitals and several state Conventions added to this in state-wide apportionments.

"In 1922 the number of hospitals had grown to nineteen with a total valuation of \$8,000,000. The idea of a 'south'-wide hospital fund was endorsed by the Convention. In the year 1923 our combined hospitals showed 2,800 beds and the Southern Baptist Hospital Association finally organized and officered.

"By 1924 there were twenty-four hos-

pitals and the Convention adopted a 'south'-wide hospital policy. The Home Mission Board had completed the first unit of an immense tubercular sanatorium at El Paso, Texas, and had gotten under way the New Orleans hospital, to which the Convention pledged the support of the entire denomination.

These numbers in dollars, units and beds should be anything but a wearisome study. Think of the suffering which has been eased, the kindly Christian words spoken, perhaps to some who have never heard them before, to the thousands who have lain upon those beds and benefited by the dollars. Few of us have escaped some sort of hospital experiences, either our own or those of friends, and we can testify to the skill and care of the doctors and nurses. Add to these the blessed Christian atmosphere of the Christian hospital and then praise our heavenly Father for the hospital movement in the Baptist ranks of the south.

### NEW HOSPITALS AND ENLARGEMENTS IN THE SOUTH

**I**N 1925 the Southern Baptist Convention made the big New Orleans hospital a south-wide enterprise and set apart \$150,000 per year of south-wide funds to help finance the project. The formal opening of the first unit took place on February 10th. Dr. L. J. Bristow was made secretary-treasurer of the hospital, which is up-to-date all its appointments. The institution, even in its building process, has received the cordial approval of many non-Baptist citizens of New Orleans, several of whom have asked the privilege of equipping various departments of the hospital. This splendid plant is the property of the Convention, which body is represented in the direction of the institution by the Hospital Commission.

Another new hospital has been opened in Harlingen, Texas, in the lower Rio Grande valley. The first unit of this hospital provides for fifty beds. It is the only non-Catholic hospital in an immense section of the country and will



no doubt be a great blessing to humanity and a glory to the name of Christ.

Quite a number of our hospitals are making improvements, securing additional equipment and building new units to the present plant. The Virginia Baptists, for example, are building a second large unit to their new hospital at Lynchburg. They have been happy to receive, quite recently, a handsome gift of \$75,000 from a grateful wife whose husband was served by the institution.

#### DOORS OF THE KINGDOM

WHO does not know that the doctor's medicine and the surgeon's scalpel and lance open the doors of the kingdom on foreign fields? Who does not know that many who have entered those doors seeking health have found on the other side of them the Great Physician of souls? How many of the 12,000 and more persons baptized last year on the foreign field came through those doors we cannot tell: months after the dismissal from the hospital men and women have come to Jesus, confessing that they were first inclined toward becoming His disciples because of the Christlike help received through medical treatment. The happy relief from pain and weakness has been the opening wedge into many weary hearts, and into these hearts has come the message of the missionary doctor and nurse. Consider what the administrations of the almost 800,000 surgical and medical treatments in our thirty-six hospital buildings and dispensaries in China, Africa and Mexico meant as an evangelistic force during the past year! Medical missions have set thousands upon the road to soul welfare as well as to welfare of the body, proving how great a factor they are in the evangelization of the world—the ultimate goal of all missionary endeavor.

As we think of the compassion that burned in the heart of Jesus as He looked upon the multitudes, we know that this same Heavenly compassion in the hearts of our medical missionaries has sent them to China, Africa and Mexico—twenty in China, five in

Africa and one in Mexico. In China we also have fifteen native doctors. A great American preacher has said that "one of the supremest contributions of Christianity is the gift of a burning heart to a world out of heart. Shall not then the hearts of Christian women burn within them as Jesus Himself draws near and interprets to them the things concerning Himself? It is the Master who is suffering in the persons of those who are sick and are left uncared for, untended and unvisited". Doing these Heavenly deeds in our stead are our medical missionaries, both nurses and doctors: let us give to them the aid we ourselves would require were we doing this service in person.

#### MEDICAL EVANGELISM IN CHINA

MEDICAL work in China always interests us, even the gruesome work of the native heathen doctors, whose favorite diagnosis of all diseases is that they are caused by evil spirits and must be either drowned out, howled out or pierced and pounded out of the wretched patient. They also have plenty of drugs and fearful mixtures whose value as a cure depends upon their repulsiveness. A Chinese drug shop is very much like those of Europe in the Middle Ages; and if there are any nauseous and disgusting medicines which it does not furnish then there are none to be had in China. A missionary physician in China can probably relieve more suffering than in any other country in the world. At the same time his hospital will give special opportunity for evangelistic work. The out-patient waiting for examination and medicine listens while the evangelist (very often a native) tells of the soul-healing powers of the Great Physician; the in-patient receives a daily visit from the hospital doctor who tells him of the same compassionate Jesus who went about doing good and healing the sick in body as well as in the sin-sick soul: then always there is the ministration of the nurse who speaks words of instruction and cheer.

For a close-up view of such institutions as these let us visit our own hos-



S.B.C. HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY STATIONS IN CHINA

pitals and dispensaries in China, where the largest portion of the medical work done by our Foreign Mission Board is located. On this field we have eight hospitals and fifteen dispensaries cared for by seventeen American doctors and eight American trained nurses. Working side by side with these are fifteen Chinese doctors and about seventy Chinese nurses and nurses' helpers. All of these institutions have good buildings but most of them need more room and better equipment. The need for more doctors and nurses is deplorable.

Warren Memorial Hospital, Hwanghsien—Our first visit will be to the War-

ren Memorial Hospital at Hwanghsien, the original building of which was erected by the First Baptist Church of Macon, Georgia, as a memorial to Dr. W. E. Warren, a beloved pastor. Today three good buildings occupy splendid lots. Dr. T. W. Ayers, our oldest medical missionary, has served here for twenty-three years. Two of the presidents of China have presented this "beloved physician" with decorations for distinguished service (See page 24.) and his well-appointed office was furnished by the Governor of Shantung Province, in which Hwanghsien is located. Dr. N. A. Bryan is associated



with Dr. Ayers in this work. Only eternity can reveal the great work of mercy done by these two physicians: there are many who are now strong physically and also active spiritually because of their ministrations. Miss Blanche Bradley is our skillful nurse here. With genuine grief it is learned that Dr. Ayers is retiring from the work in China, the health of Mrs. Ayers forcing them to return to America.

In this province also another form of medical service is being rendered. In 1918-19 Dr. and Mrs. P. S. Evans, who were at that time teaching in the Shantung Christian University at Tsinanfu, the capital of Shantung, saw the great opportunity for working among Baptist medical students in the University. In the medical department Dr. Evans is doing foundation work of the highest order.

*Mayfield Tyzzer Hospital, Laichowfu*—Next we may enter the Mayfield Tyzzer Hospital at Laichowfu. This splendid building was the gift of Drs. Mayfield and Tyzzer of St. Louis, Missouri. The building for women was given by the Baptist women of Alabama and is known as the Kathleen Mallory Women's Building. This plant, composed of several other necessary buildings, is doing effective service for the body and soul of all who come to its doors for treatment. Dr. and Mrs. J. McF. Gaston and Dr. Jeanette M. Beall with Miss Alda Grayson, nurse, and a band of Chinese men and women nurses are the ministering angels of this hospital.

*The Oxner Memorial Hospital, Pingtu*—Turning south we arrive at Pingtu where we find the Oxner Memorial Hospital, the third one within the limits of our North China Mission. This hospital is named for Dr. J. M. Oxner, whose death from overwork and lack of equipment occurred in 1907. Two buildings care separately for men and women: that for women was built as a memorial to Mrs. Luella Roach Alexander of Nashville, Tennessee, by her husband. Drs. A. W. Yocum and George N. Herring are serving this hospital with loving compassion, but how

grateful they would be for additional help in reaching the ever increasing opportunities.

During the year 1925 these three hospitals in North China treated over 23,000 patients. All of these patients heard the Gospel message and were invited to attend services in the mission churches.

*Medical Work at Harbin, Manchuria*—For some time the building of a hospital at Harbin, Manchuria, has been in the hearts of our missionaries and the Christian Chinese of this district. Already funds are in sight for transforming the present dispensary into the first unit of a hospital. Leading officials and influential merchants of the city became interested, called a meeting and contributed \$2,300 for hospital equipment. Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Leonard, missionaries at this station, were most helpful in securing the interest of the Chinese for this work. Dr. and Mrs. Carmen E. James are our medical missionaries in Harbin and will be grateful to know that we are praying for them and for this soul-winning, body-healing enterprise in our most northern mission station.

*Chengchow Baptist Hospital, Chengchow*—From Pingtu we go to the Chengchow Hospital in the Province of Honan. This is the only hospital we have in our Interior China Mission. Here we have a good but small building. The equipment leaves much for which to wish. Until recently we have had two doctors in this institution but both have been called to the homeland on account of sickness in their families. In spite of these difficulties about 4,000 patients were treated last year. Chengchow is one of the most favorable cities in China for a large medical work as it is at the crossing of two railroad lines and could serve a wide range of territory. Must this wonderful medical opportunity pass out of our hands? We pray that a way may be opened to place a good staff of doctors and nurses at the Chengchow Hospital very soon.

A fine medical service is being rendered by Dr. Mary L. King at

Pochow, which is also in Honan Province. Many of the well-to-do families who came into the city to escape the bandit raids availed themselves of the dispensary privileges. Some have been won and many more have heard the Gospel which otherwise they might never have heard.

*Yangchow Baptist Hospital, Yangchow*—A little saddened by the needs of Chengchow we turn our faces to our Central China Mission. At the Yangchow Hospital the outlook is more cheerful, as the main building is one of the very best to be found in all China and is excellently equipped, though much more could be used. Many of the rooms are poorly furnished and some smaller buildings are needed. This is the only hospital in which we have three doctors: R. V. Taylor, who recently spent three years in special preparation in the Mayo Brothers Sanitarium in Rochester, Minnesota; with him are Drs. Carl F. Jordan and Ethel M. Pierce. About 5000 patients were treated last year. Here also the Word was preached through ministry and patient instruction.

*Stout Memorial Hospital, Wuchow*—In South China our Foreign Mission Board cares for three hospitals. The first one visited will be the Stout Memorial Hospital located at Wuchow, so named in honor of Rev. John Stout of South Carolina. A few years ago Dr. George Leavell completed a five-story building containing 208 beds, thus making this our largest hospital in China. One wing of the building was given by the First Baptist Church of Clarksville, Tennessee, and is so named. Situated most accessibly at the junction of two rivers much coming and going can be done on these waterways. The hospital launch presented by the First Baptist Church of Roanoke, Virginia, can often be seen itinerating up and down these rivers, bearing one or both of the physicians, Drs. Leavell and J. M. Bailey. One can readily see how this "doctors' buggy" enlarges the service of the hospital in both a spiritual and material way. In 1925 almost 23,000 patients

were treated and heard the story of Jesus' love and mercy.

*Ramsuer Hospital, Yingtak*—Our next visit will be to the Ramsuer Hospital at Yingtak, the gift of Mrs. Ramsuer of Paris, Texas. Here is a good serviceable building drawing patients from a large territory. This hospital is in charge of a fine Chinese Christian doctor and his native assistants. They skillfully treat a multitude of patients, using their gratitude for medical service as an opportunity to preach the Gospel of Christ. They are daily reaping their reward in the growing interest of their clientele.

*Kweilin Baptist Hospital, Kweilin*—In the northwestern section of our South China Mission we find the Kweilin Hospital in the city of Kweilin. This is the Mandarin-speaking section of our mission. The hospital has a splendid building that will furnish about 100 beds, but the meager equipment of this plant is a serious drawback to its usefulness. Notwithstanding this handicap the hospital reported 7,000 treated last year. Dr. R. E. L. Mewshaw, now in this country on furlough, is the doctor in charge.

*Leung Kwong Hospital, Canton*—The Baptists of the Two Kwongs Baptist Association, located in the Cantonese field, are conducting a hospital in Canton. They have bought the building which was formerly used for the Graves Theological Seminary, the seminary having a new building. Native doctors are in charge of the hospital and all expenses are borne by the Chinese with the exception of the salary of two doctors provided by our Board. These are Dr. R. E. Beddoe, who is on furlough, and Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Hayes, who most successfully serve in the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Department as well as have classes in medical science in Canton Seminary. Our Board would gladly assist in erecting some necessary buildings for this hospital but its hindering indebtedness prevents. It is still hoping to do this for our faithful Chinese Christian doctors.

*The Leper Colony*—The study of our



medical missions in China would not be complete without mention of the most Christlike service of Rev. and Mrs. John Lake among the lepers on an island about one hundred miles south of Canton. In this beautiful spot in the China Sea, provided at the solicitation of the Lakes by influential Chinese, care will be given to hundreds of lepers. This work is so riveted into the heart and soul of Mr. and Mrs. Lake that it is no wonder their prayers and labors resulted in gifts from China and America for the erection on this island of a church, hospital, laboratory for research work, separate houses for the men and women and a home for untainted children. Since a cure has been discovered for leprosy this colony will open the door of hope to these most unfortunate men and women. We do not know the meaning of the Chinese name of this island but it surely ought to mean "the door of hope".

#### OUR HOSPITAL WORK IN AFRICA

The influence of the medical missionary work in Africa is a very telling one. The responsive gratitude natural to these people is an open door into their hearts as they come in contact with the doctors, nurses and attendants in our Baptist Hospital at Ogbomoso, Africa. Drs. George Greene and W. R. Meredith, both preacher-doctors, are bearing the double burden of evangelizing and healing, nor would they wish to relinquish either duty. That both services have been faithfully given is shown in the almost 18,000 treatments given to something over 400 patients. Do you know of any two doctors who have exceeded this number? As for the soul winning work, we read of visits to out-stations being sandwiched between hospital work. On one Sunday Dr. Green baptized 124 persons at one station and at another time eight persons. If, as has been said, a medical missionary is a missionary and a half, and we class the missionary nurse with the missionary doctor, we are sure that our two super doctors and two super nurses are equal to four doctors and four nurses. This is a good

investment for southern Baptists but a bit of poor policy in the end. We wonder how far we are responsible for the precious health and strength of our missionaries? More so than perhaps we dream. "Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy".

#### OUR FIRST BRAZILIAN HOSPITAL

A humble member of the native Baptist church at Campos, Brazil, became suddenly ill and was taken to a public hospital controlled by Roman Catholics. In the absence of her pastor no one knew of her illness and when inquiries were made it was found that she had passed away and was buried without her church being informed of the sad circumstances. This incident persuaded these good people to have, if possible, a Baptist hospital where friendly ministration might surround those who were of their faith. In this way the first Baptist hospital in South America came into existence. Nictheroy was the city chosen for the hospital building and on July 19, 1925, the first unit was opened. This enterprise was conceived and financed by Brazilian Baptists of the State of Rio, but no one was more interested in it than were our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Christie. Concerning their interest says one of the building committee: "Our beloved missionaries have been the soul of this movement. Before eating, sleeping or resting they see that the more urgent needs of the hospital are attended to". With this precious spirit of Christian co-operation we may expect to see unit after unit erected on the beautiful property they have secured in the suburbs of Nictheroy. We thank God for these dear Brazilian Christians and for the house of mercy they have built and pray that many may meet their Saviour within its walls.

#### TELLING THEIR TROUBLES TO DR. NEAL

THOSE who come to our dispensary at Toluca, Mexico, to tell their troubles to Dr. Hallie Garrett Neal always receive gentle attention. Their troubles are not always of a medical nature, but,

just the same, they are listened to and helped if help is at all possible. This dispensary pays its own expenses and turns over a goodly profit to our Foreign Mission Board. Although Dr. Neal was detained in the United States for a period of three months she nevertheless treated over 5000 patients and made 302 visits last year: 903 of those treated were charity patients. Dr. Neal tells us that extreme poverty has created much charity practice and that these cases once undertaken are never neglected because of this condition. Often when they can pay but a pittance the money is returned to them to buy milk for the children. Mercy and skill walk hand in hand in our medical work in Mexico and, above all, to those who will listen and read the Gospel message is given at each visit, whether it be in the home or at the dispensary.

"Apart from Him all gain is loss,  
All labor vainly done;  
The healing shadow of the cross  
Is better than the sun."

#### HOSPITAL BELLS

IN some great hospitals a bell rings each time an accident case arrives. What a thrill of pity the sound would bring to your heart could you hear it!

All around the world such bells are ringing. Can you hear the "loud alarum" from China? A woman has been horribly burned. A crowd gathers around the screaming victim: they talk and talk but are helplessly ignorant of the most simple remedies. The Chinese doctor comes and suggests drowning the patient at which she screams louder. Some one thinks of the missionary doctor: he is summoned and comes bringing first aid of soothing ointments and clean bandages, then quickly removes the woman to the Christian hospital where she is skillfully treated. But what would be the fate of the Chinese woman if there were no Christian hospitals? Either she would die of neglect or terrible non-remedies would be applied: these also might kill. Soul and body would perish. "Well, why not?" says the heathen, "she is only a woman!" Can we as Christian women bear to think of the unrelieved suffering of a sister woman and withhold our gifts and prayers from our hospital work in China, Mexico, Brazil or Africa? Let the bell ring in our ears and sound in our hearts until, for the sake of Him who had compassion on the sick and sorrowing, we are willing to do our utmost for the suffering womanhood of the world.

#### QUESTIONS ON PROGRAM TOPIC FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. Why would you rather have a Christian physician than an unbelieving one?
2. Why is it so important for the heathen patient to have a Christian doctor?
3. Give some reasons for having the best possible equipment in hospitals in foreign fields.
4. What advantages have our hospitals on the home field over those in foreign lands?
5. Where was the first Baptist hospital in China located?
6. Where is our newest one about to be built?
7. How do our medical missionaries compare with the men who brought the palsied man to Jesus?
8. Why does the healed body sometimes bear scars?
9. Does spiritual healing remove the results of sin? Why not?
10. Can you report any personal service work done for hospitals? If not, why not?
11. What is the "office" of suffering in our earthly life?
12. Plan what your society can do for your state Baptist hospital.





## Y. W. A. PROGRAMS



Material found in the general program on pages 14-21 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—Doors of the Kingdom

Hymn—I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord  
Devotional—Jno. 9:1-41

Prayer that we may truly love God's Kingdom

Behold, an Open Door  
Jesus Used Such a Door  
The Keys of the Doors  
The Keys Are Ours

Christ's Witnesses Today Use Such Doors

Hymn—Open Wide the Doors  
Prayer that we may help open these doors



Nurses at  
Baptist Hospital  
Yangchow, China

Miss Edna Teal, Mrs. Tsung, Matron

Graduate Nurses:

Misses Tseng, Lee, Pak

### Student Nurses:

Misses Susie Wang, Lillian Wang,  
Tsen, Hwei, Tien

(Note: The Nurses' Home at Yangchow will be built as soon as conditions in central China are sufficiently settled. The money for it was provided through the Y. W. A. Christmas Offering of 1924.)

### Announcement Poster

Make from pasteboard a door that is shut. Paste this on cardboard. Then paste another one so as to appear partly open and one wide open. Print:

"The Most Important Doors in  
All the World"

Come and find out about these doors at  
the Y.W.A. meeting

Time	Place
"Behold I Have Set before Thee an Open Door"	

THE W. M. S. program so fittingly and beautifully suggests that the great medical work of our Southern Baptist Convention—our hospitals—is as doors entering into the Kingdom of Heaven and that through these doors thousands have passed during the years. As our doctors and nurses have ministered to physical bodies of these patients and as they have performed acts of surgery, they have gently probed into diseased souls and removed doubt and superstition. Surely as we think of this great work we realize that there is no more certain approach to the lost. Certainly through no other doors are more people entering the Kingdom which God is setting up in China, South America and other foreign fields.

### Jesus Led through Such a Door

CHRIST used the work of healing oftentimes as a means of approach to the inner life. John tells us of the last one of His miracles before leaving this earth—the story of how the

blind man was made to see the light of a new world from those physical eyes. After Jesus had performed this act of love the man had confidence in Him and was ready to believe Jesus could give new life when he said, "Who is He (meaning the Son of God) that I may believe on Him?" When Jesus told him that He was the Son of God, he immediately said, "Lord, I believe".

In connection with this miracle Jesus said "We must work the work of Him that sent Me", meaning to lay some responsibility on the disciples for doing the Father's works. Jesus explained that this blind man gave opportunity to illustrate to the world the love of God through Christ. So every unfortunate person in the world offers to us an opportunity to show forth God's love through our service and many times it works for the sufferer an eternal weight of glory.

### The Keys of the Doors

JESUS taught His disciples in many places, that they must take up the work which He was leaving. Luke tells us (Luke 9:1) that He called His disciples together and gave them power and authority to cure diseases. Again He said, "In My name shall they lay hands on the sick and they shall recover".

Jesus was leaving but this work must continue, that God might be made manifest. The apostle in turn would leave the same tasks in the hands of those followers of Christ who were to come afterwards.

The wisdom of God gave to our ancestors, who blazed the trails for Christian work, knowledge of healing by certain medicines. His wisdom working in man has made great scientific discoveries through the years. His wisdom has made efficiency and skill in surgery until today His wonders of healing are nothing short of miraculous.

He said to His disciples that He was going to the Father and through men He would perform His works hereafter.

### The Keys Are Ours

REV. GEO. MATHESON, the preacher and blind hymn-writer, gives a beautiful interpretation of the last miracle of healing which Jesus performed. Jesus sent the blind man away from Himself to be healed. "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam—(Siloam meant 'Sent'.) meaning to say something like this: "Hitherto I have healed with My own hand; henceforth I send to be healed: I send dim eyes to the oculist, curtained ears to the specialist, broken limbs to the surgeon, fevered pulse to the infirmary, diseased organs to the hospitals, fading strength to the summer breezes. I commit my healing to the physician, my cleansing to the pastor, my enlightening to the teacher, my charity to the philanthropist, my fallen ones to the district visitor, my care of children to the mothers of Israel". How clearly does He show us that we are to perform every service that was included in the mission of Jesus. These things done today are no less miracles than when Jesus just spoke the word and the act was performed, but He is performing them today through us instead. Surely when we see the wonders of today we are reminded that Jesus said in Jno. 14:12: "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall He do also, and greater works shall He do because I go unto the Father and whatsoever ye ask in My name I will do it".

### Christ's Witnesses Today Lead through Such Doors

A SUPERSTITIOUS Chinese woman had been suffering from the dread disease of cancer. After pleading on the part of the missionary doctor she consented to be carried to the foreign hospital where many Chinese thought they did terrible things to patients. She had been treated by the Chinese medicine men with their hot needles that must be used to chase the evil spirit that had caused the trouble. She had spent much in making offerings to appease the wrath of her god who surely must be angry with her. So she went with reluctance to Hwanghsien Baptist



Hospital. She made preparations by packing a small box with her burial clothes and bidding her loved ones farewell.

Dr. Ayers and his workers "challenged" God to perform a miracle through them, that this experience might not be a physical death but a resurrection of a body and a soul. Cancer is just as awful in China as in America and hope for cure is surely more dim with inadequate equipment and so few doctors. But God never had failed them and certainly He wouldn't now—and He didn't. Days passed, weeks passed and one day she went home with a restored physical body, a new light in her eyes and a new life in her soul. Into her home and her community she went proclaiming what great things the Lord had done for her.



DR. T. W. AYERS  
who opened the "Door of Healing and Happiness" in Hwanghien

## SECOND MEETING

### Topic—The Doors Open

Hymn—Love Is the Theme  
Devotional—Matt. 25:31-46  
Prayer

Our First Doors  
Double Doors  
The Single Door in Africa  
Doors in Brazil and China  
Doors That Stand Ajar  
Outside and Inside  
Open or Shut?

Prayer that we may do our part to open these doors

Announcement Poster

Cross-Word Puzzle? No!

But who can spell "Love" with nine letters? That will be the interest at our Y.W.A. meeting.

Time Place

(Suggestions for "spelling love with nine letters" will be found in the two acrostics on page 25.)

### Our First Doors

THESE doors are of interest certainly to us because on the knobs we can see prints of the hands of our grandfathers and grandmothers. We can almost see their tired expressions, weary from trying to pry open these doors. They were not opened without prayer and even sacrifice. But these, our dear ones, would not be disobedient to the trust which Christ had put into their keeping. They felt that to organize this great work much more could be done. So plans were made for hospitals and thus for ministering to sick bodies and souls. This story of the beginning is one that thrills our pride and ambitions.

(See the W. M. S. program for facts about the work of our southern Baptist hospitals in the homeland. Send to your state Baptist hospital and secure a story of its beginning and growth, also interesting facts about the present conditions and work. Try to make this work a vital part of your interest in the 1926 Program.)

### Double Doors Opened Recently

EVEN Y. W. A. girls of today have finger prints on these door knobs. Surely we are interested in those insti-

tutions in which we have invested our own money and prayers. As we have made and paid pledges to the 75 Million Campaign, as we have given through the 1925 and 1926 Programs, as we have prayed in our Weeks of Prayer for Foreign and Home Missions we have helped to open these doors. Only on February 10 of this year was one of them opened. (See W. M. S. program under "New Hospitals and Enlargement in the South".)

### Doors That Stand Ajar

MANY of our doors stand ajar. They cannot be thrown wide open because there is no room, no equipment, no funds. Work in our state hospitals is greatly hindered, work in our foreign fields is handicapped because the debt on our Foreign Mission Board has forced it to say: "You must cut expenses". Why are these conditions present? We must know that the responsibility can be laid only to ourselves. How could we remedy such conditions and help to open these doors wide, that all who suffer and need may find relief and life? A part of all we give to the 1926 Program goes to open such doors. Have you made a pledge? Are you paying it? Is it as large as it should be according to your ability?

### Open or Shut?

THERE are two pictures in the Bible: "And the King shall say unto them, depart from Me. For I was an hungered and ye gave Me no meat. I was thirsty and ye gave Me no drink, I was sick and in prison and ye visited Me not.—Inasmuch as ye did it not unto

the least of these ye did it not to Me". That is one picture.

Then there is this one: "Then the King will say: Come ye blessed, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you. For I was an hungered and ye gave Me meat: I was thirsty and ye gave Me drink; I was sick and ye visited Me.—Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of one of these ye did it unto Me".

Not only that we may escape punishment do we want to do the works of the Father but because of our concern for a needy humanity and because of our love for Him who came to minister. Let us bring many through the doors of our hospitals into the Kingdom of Heaven that our own joy may also be full.

### Outside These Doors—There is

H—Hunger for relief and life  
O—Oppression  
S—Sickness in body and soul  
P—Pollution physically and often spiritually  
I—Ignorance and superstition  
T—Thirst  
A—Affliction  
L—Lost souls  
S—Suffering and sorrow

### Inside These Doors—There is

H—Helpfulness  
O—Opportunity  
S—Service  
P—Power  
I—Intelligence  
T—Truth  
A—Aid  
L—Love  
S—Salvation

## TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR HOUSTON MEETING

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THE session on Monday evening, May 10, at 8 o'clock, will be the regular opening session of the Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting. It is the only W. M. U. session which will be held at the City Auditorium, the ones on Tuesday and Wednesday being at the First Baptist Church. W. M. U. registration opens at the First Baptist Church at 9 A. M. on Monday, May 10. Let every W. M. U. delegate plan to reach Houston in time to register at this church before 8 o'clock on Monday evening.





## COLLEGE Y. W. A.



### "AS THE STARS"

**T**HE stars shine brightly over the mountains at Ridgecrest, calling to hearts of the young women coming to the Third Y. W. A. Camp "come up, come up higher".



You're coming too, of course



Mrs. W. J. Cox will build her evening devotional messages on the theme "Star Trails". Dr. T. B. Ray's addresses on foreign mission work will be "Following the Far Stars". Just after breakfast each morning everybody will meet "The Morning Star" in the quiet moments of worship together on the front steps, the broad sweep of the valley, the upward reach of the mountains beguiling hearts into realms of the spirit as state young people's leaders bring brief morning watch messages. Missionaries from foreign countries will tell of the "Radiance of His Star" in their adopted lands in the morning class period and the home mission work will be presented under the class title of "The Brightness of Nearby Stars". Preceding the foreign and home mission class period there will be the conference on Y. W. A. methods "How We Star on the Standard?"—the discussion time to tell each other best methods and keenest plans, presenting problems and finding their solution.



"From two and two to far stars"

inspiration will help us reach



And all afternoon everybody plays at tennis or hiking or swimming or just doing nothing. Those who wish can have auto trips and horseback rides arranged also.



There is fun enough in the mountain  
breezes for everybody—Come and share it



And when supper is over and the sun has set behind the mountains—oh, the joy of watching it drop away!—the informal moments of Talent Hour will show us what "stars" there are among the girls from all the states, "stars" in reading and playing and acting. Presently night has come and the twinkle of friendly stars says "Good night".

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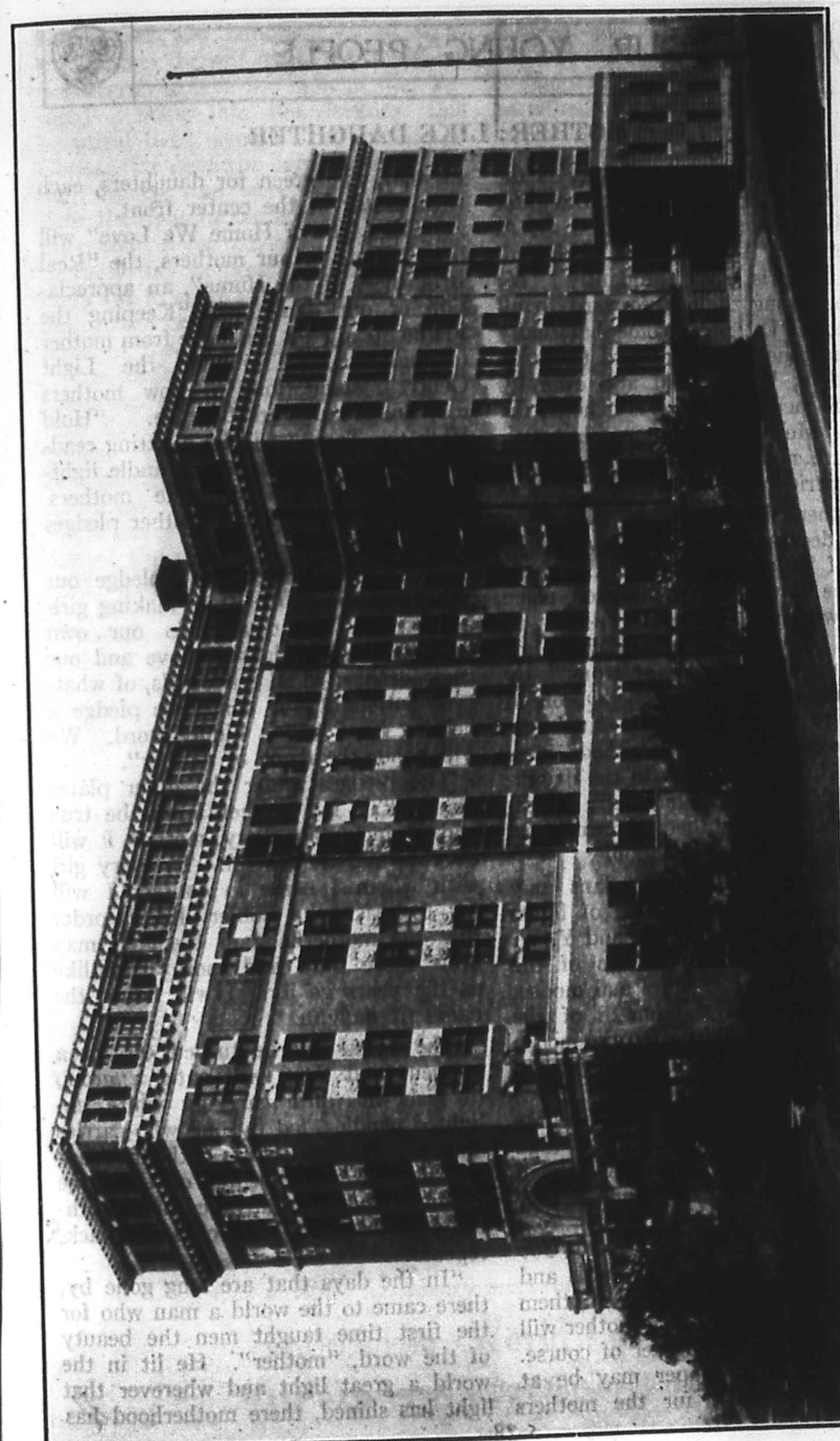
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## OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

### LIKE MOTHER: LIKE DAUGHTER

**T**HE merrie month of May is the time for a Mother-Daughter banquet. Recently at a G. A. Conference in Arkansas one of the enthusiastic girls said jubilantly "We have something to look forward to all the time". Let May come habitually to be the time looked forward to by G. A.'s. and Y. W. A.'s. but also even by W. M. S. members, because it holds the annual Mother-Daughter banquet. There are many delightful plans easy to be carried out.

A rather simple scheme will be a flower decorated banquet with the theme of "queens" carried out. There would be flower favors at each place and crowns of flowers for the girls to bestow on their "queen mothers". Toasts might be "Queen at Home", by a daughter to the mothers, "Queen in Teens" by a mother to the daughters, "The Royal Robes Unblemished" message of ideals by mother to the daughters, "Guiding the Fashioning", daughter's message to mothers showing how they may help them be noble.

More elaborate banquet plans may center around the symbolism of lights which belongs to both G. A. and Y. W. A. organizations. Decorations of the table should be silver stars and moons, the stars scattered the length of the table as if on the milky way, the moons be silver shades for the lights down the center at intervals. At each place there will be an unlighted candle, those at mothers' places larger in size than at the places for daughters. Small white cards decorated at one corner with the W. M. U. Sticker (Order from W. M. U. Literature Department, 50c for 100.) will serve as place cards and the candles will be standing on them opposite the stickers. Each mother will sit next to her own daughter of course. Gay caps of tissue paper may be at each place, lavender for the mothers

to wear, Nile green for daughters, each with a star at the center front.

"The Light of Home We Love" will be a tribute to our mothers, the "Real Brightness of the Home", an appreciation of our daughters; "Keeping the Flame Steady", a challenge from mother to daughter, "Trimming the Light Gently", suggestions of how mothers may help daughters be true. "Hold High the Torch" will be a fitting reading just here and then the candle lighting ceremony. Under the mothers plates have been placed mother pledges which read:

"We, the mothers, here pledge our help to the Lord Christ in making girlhood more beautiful. To our own daughters we pledge our love and our comradeship; to all other girls, of whatever nationality or name, we pledge a helping hand and a kindly word. We will honor the name of mother".

The pledges under the other plates read: "To my mother I will be true and loving. To every mother I will be kind and thoughtful. To every girl with whom I come in contact I will try to teach the nobler life in order that the motherhood of the land may grow more pure and more Christlike as the years go by. I will honor the name of daughter".

The lights will be turned off for a moment and there will enter a group of girls in white carrying white unlighted candles, led by one who carries aloft a very small white cathedral candle, lighted. The bearer of the large candle, standing in advance of the others who formed a semi-circle in back, repeats:

"In the days that are long gone by, there came to the world a man who for the first time taught men the beauty of the word, "mother". He lit in the world a great light and wherever that light has shined, there motherhood has

been loved and honored. It is from the mother herself that the daughter first learns to love the light of life. Tonight I bring into the darkness this beautiful light, symbolic of the life of Christ. He gave the light to a few men and women who were to go out and light the light in the homes of the people about them. So I give my light to these, my helpers, asking that they carry the light which I have given them, out to the candles on the tables, symbolic of the lights in the home".

The leader then lights the candles of the group from her candle and they in turn light the large candles on the tables. The mothers then light their candles from those now lighted on the tables and repeat in unison the pledge found under their plates. From the candles of the mothers the daughters then light their candles and repeat the pledge for the daughters.

Sweetly a soloist will sing "The Light of the World Is Jesus" and then all will join together in the missionary

message of "Send the Light". There are many suitable songs and readings in honor of mother which may be added to either program suggested above.

Nor need the R. A.'s. think they are left out of May's considerations entirely for they can really help most of all by serving the tables. "They'll be awkward", somebody objects: probably a little but give them directions for serving correctly and see how well they will do it on this happy occasion.

May Day means that Sunbeams can begin meeting outdoors often now and a May Day party would keep them from feeling that all the nice things happened to Big Sister. This suggestion comes from a successful Sunbeam leader. As she keeps the sunbonnet baby growing into a real somebody by marking the points achieved, she promises the baby to the Sunbeam who has the best attendance record at the year's close. Even the boys enjoy it for a boy won the "baby" one year and counts it among his choice possessions.



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## TRAINING SCHOOL



### FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF THE TRAINING SCHOOL

**S**HE was a full grown woman but her heart was as timid as a child's for she was taking a big step in life. A step leading into the unknown future, perhaps to difficult and trying situations, but surely to calmness and peace. She stood on the threshold of House Beautiful—that imposing, Collegiate Gothic, stone structure on Broadway at Preston. There was just a moment to think of those whom she had left at home. Then the door opened and she was greeted by smiling faces and a chorus of happy voices, "Here she is", "Another has come", "Please let me meet her", "How glad we are", "You dear! Bag heavy?" And then she too was a Training School sister.

Everywhere she looked there was beauty around her. Marble lobby and stairs, arches, mahogany furniture, statuary, brasses, oriental vases, each elegant and fitting in its setting. There were the portraits of great men and noble women who smiled down, reminding one that true success lies in service faithfully rendered. There was a beautiful Venus de Milo, lest the girls forget that God desires the workmanship of His hands to be physically perfect. As she stood drinking in the beauty and harmony of it all there fell on her ears the chimes of the half-hour. The call of Father Time that was to remind her so often, in gentle tones, that dreams must not be the master—there is yet a great work to do.

She was then taken to her own room. Mahogany did not greet her eyes there, but sturdy oak. Clearly this was a workshop. The ample desk with its sturdy lamp, the book shelves waiting for the implements of knowledge were invitations to sit at the feet

of the Master Teacher. Bodily comfort had not been overlooked by those who so carefully planned the school. The large individual closets spoke of order, the white beds invited the weary to rest, while the running water promised invigorating refreshment to meet a new day.

The call of the bell was answered by hurrying feet to the dining hall. Again there was beauty and dignity, with a very cheerful atmosphere. The bright tiled floor, the attractive table service, the wholesome food and happy voices made this one of the most pleasant phases of all Training School life. Soon she sensed that it was an added joy to the faculty members when laughter accompanied faultlessness of service and manner—when grace, reverence, enthusiasm and knowledge could happily blend into one.

Ere the close of day the new comer was led to the Heck Memorial Chapel. It seemed that every inanimate object had imbibed a spirituality that could be sensed when one stepped within those walls. Can wood and stone be inately holy? Is it Miss Heck's personality living after her? Is it the roseate hues of the sun's rays through the stained glass windows that give this atmosphere? Or is it the fact that here Jesus Christ has been so often manifest by the presence of His Holy Spirit? Rather the last, and that human means have been used to guard this sacred place. A place where prayer ascends to God's throne, and God comes down our souls to bless.

The Junior breathed a prayer of thankfulness for the past and for the future, a petition that her life might be blessed and made a blessing by her course of training in House Beautiful.  
—Mildred Carpenter, Virginia



## HOME DEPARTMENT



### AUTUMN GOLD

**O**NE day as the missionary was returning home from a full day of evangelistic work she saw near her gate a group of children intent over a game. They were gambling. They were utterly absorbed in their business, and real work it was to them. Some of them wore the anxious expression of the loser, but the face of the only girl in the group wore a keenly exultant look. She was winning hand over fist. After the missionary went into her house the memory of that shrewd little gambler stayed with her and she resolved to find the child and learn more about her. Patient watchfulness at last had its reward, for one day she finally found the child alone in her home. The home was a poor hovel but the missionary was glad to enter it and talk with Autumn Gold, as this she found was the name of the child. After awhile the mother came home and before the missionary left it she had obtained the promise that the little girl might go to the mission school. This seemed a marvel but it was cheaper for Autumn Gold to be housed and fed at the school than at home.

A couple of years passed and Autumn Gold had learned to believe the new doctrine and had accepted Christ as her Saviour. But before her faith had grown strong her parents took her out of school to be married. Then she began the life of a daughter-in-law. After some years of unhappiness her husband died. She was thrown on her own resources for a livelihood and here her native shrewdness came to her aid. She found a little heathen school and with her scanty education she undertook to teach it. As this was but a meager support she turned her thoughts to her former teacher and went to her for advice. She was gladly received into the school, developed

rapidly and became a faithful teacher. After some years Mrs. Hu, as was now her name, began to visit the hospital in her city and organized a Sunday school for the maimed and blind little ones. These children have been helped physically and touched spiritually and those who are able go out and bring other children to this school.

It does one's heart good to see her radiant face as Mrs. Hu tells of the work she is doing in connection with the hospital Sunday school. She is exultant over the throngs who eagerly attend it through rain and shine. Others tell of her splendid teaching, her tactfulness, tireless zeal and personal touch. Her Sunday school, however, is only a part of her Christian service, as she is the capable head teacher in a training school for Christian women. Those who are to be the future Bible women and day school teachers come to her to become fit for Christian service. They come, many of them, with hazy ideas of methods and Christian living. But two or three years of constant training develop them wonderfully. Mrs. Hu rejoices in this opportunity for inspiring and training those who, in turn, will inspire and train women and children in her own city and province.

The old shrewdness and enthusiasm of little Autumn Gold are turned to good account in the work of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, and so used are those newly directed qualities that big results follow. This gifted Chinese Christian woman is as intent upon her Master's business as she was on her gambling the day the missionary first saw her and as eager over it.

Who can tell what golden harvest will follow the seed-sowing of our missionaries! God has given us the opportunity of sharing in this blessed work by making it possible for them  
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## STEWARDSHIP SUGGESTIONS



### JOY THROUGH TITHING AND GIVING IN BIBLE TIMES

**A**LL abiding joy emanates from the heart. Christ gave the parable of the vine so that His disciples might have joy. The ultimate source is in Christ. Love, the king of words, carved on God's heart is the source of the supreme gift of His Son, who for the joy that was set before Him gave ("endured the cross"). The "wise men" traveling over moor and mountain, following the ever westward-leading star, brought gifts to the young Lord. They returned another way—yes, new beings filled with a fonder hope, an everlasting joy and a far nobler purpose of life.

Three touching examples of grateful joy are: Mary, who has an eternal memorial for her gift of precious ointment to Jesus; Joseph of Arimathea, who looking forward to the Kingdom of God, gratefully furnished the rich man's tomb for the Head that had nowhere to lie; and Nicodemus, the same who sought and found eternal life at night: graciously he gave myrrh and aloes for Jesus' burial.

Giving is the only sure guarantee for joy. "God loveth a cheerful giver." The great and generous Barnabas knew this joy. Spirituality, consecration, a closer touch with God, more love for Christ, greater interest in Kingdom work and increased activities were Barnabas' joy on earth, and the joy of ever abiding with Christ was his in the great beyond.

Jacob as he fled from the wrath of his brother, pausing in a strange land, forsaken, alone, unknown, saw a vision. He cried out, "Of all that Thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto Thee". Joyfully, contented with a peace in his soul, he continued his life's journey in the joy of the Lord: "Because the Lord was with him, and

that, which he did, the Lord made it to prosper".

Joy resulting from service is indeed no mean joy. Abraham whom God called out, a man of service, to whom all of the four leading religions today do homage, tithed to Melchizedek, giving one tenth of his increase.

Joy from obedience is a soul-satisfying joy. God ordered tithing through Moses and after the captivity; Solomon in his wisdom advised it (Prov. 3:9): "Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase". The succeeding verse—"So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine"—expresses the joy resulting from obedience. Malachi 3:10 also assures the joy of material blessings to those who do not rob God. In every way obey Him so that thou break not a higher commandment! Jesus appreciated the joys experienced through duty, for in Luke 12:42 He commends the tithes thus: "These ought ye to have done".

When the task of duty is finished and the heart swells high with satisfaction at hearing on that latter day, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant", our joy shall be complete. So shalt thy life be useful and thy heart happy.

"I have brought rich gifts to thee. What hast thou brought to Me?"  
—Mrs. W. S. Edwards, Gonzales, La.

### HOME DEPARTMENT

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to remain on the field and thereby gathering with them "fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together".  
—Culled from *Lives of Native Helpers*

**The tenth shall be holy unto Jehovah.—Lev. 27:32**



## UNION NOTES



### ROUND TABLE

*W.M.U. registration will be cared for in Houston at the First Baptist Church. The registration begins at 9 o'clock on Monday morning, May 10.*

**U**PON few things does the success of an annual meeting depend so much as upon the prompt and careful registration of its delegates and upon the realization by the delegates of the high privilege and sacred obligation of being a delegate. All told, there cannot be but seven hundred and two delegates and thirty-eight members of the W.M.U. Executive Committee, making a possible voting body of seven hundred and forty. The Union's former president, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, used to remind her constituency that the W.M.U. annual meeting was kept as a comparatively small delegated body so that it might admit of calm and careful deliberation, each delegate feeling the weight of her individual vote. "It is like the Senate, not like the House of Representatives", Miss Heck once said. Every W.M.U. delegate to Houston is urged to reach that city in time to register at the First Baptist Church before the program commences at the City Auditorium on Monday, May 10, at 8 p. m. Reserved seats for the registered W.M.U. delegates will be held until 7:45 that Monday evening, but no attempt will be made to seat together all the delegates from any given state. Promptly at 7:45 p. m. the reserved section will be thrown open to visitors, so once more *all W.M.U. delegates are urged to register at the First Baptist Church and be at the City Auditorium before 7:45 on Monday evening, May 10.* Those who reach Houston too late for Monday registration will please make an unusual effort to register before 9:30 on Tuesday morning. All that day and evening and on Wednesday morning and afternoon the Union will be in session in the First Baptist Church, the delegates being seated in sections reserved for their respective states. Too much emphasis cannot be laid upon the importance of each delegate being in her seat at the beginning of each session and remaining until adjournment. There will be room for many thousands of visitors at the Monday evening session at the City Auditorium and for over 2600 visitors at the Tuesday and Wednesday sessions in the First Baptist Church. In that church there will also be registration tables for all W.M.U. visitors, who are earnestly requested to register as soon as possible and to attend all six of the W.M.U. sessions.

*Credentials for W.M.U. delegates are to be secured through the state W.M.U. vice presidents. The registration committee in Houston cannot register any one as a delegate unless she presents a signed statement from her state W.M.U. vice president. No state can have over forty delegates, including the vice president of the state.*

**T**O pick up the thread of my travels from the April number of ROYAL SERVICE and wind on, there were three college visits before returning to Birmingham. These included Stephens, Hardin and LaGrange Colleges. In W.M.U. headquarters city a very important conference of superintendents of young people's organizations in the Birmingham Association was held before hurrying away for a wonderful week at Blue Mountain College in Mississippi. President Lowery had arranged the schedule of classes to allow for two mission study periods each day. Miss Addie Cox of China, Mrs. W. Y. Quisenberry, Miss Frances Traylor and I had delightful classes. The chapel service coming between the two mission study periods was used for messages from this "visiting faculty". This excellent emphasis on mission study was planned by Miss Sallie Payne Morgan, director of religious



activities at Blue Mt. College. At the close of the week I continued westward to the Arkansas Girls' Auxiliary Conference. This third annual occasion of inspiration to girls of the "Wonder State" was made possible by the hospitality of President Campbell and the Central College faculty and student body and by the prayerful preparation of Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, state young people's leader. Mrs. Janie Cree Bose of W.M.U. Training School was the chief speaker for the conference and Arkansas girls rejoiced in her challenging messages. Passing through Little Rock there was opportunity to visit Second Church Y.W.A. and Immanuel R.A. Chapter. With a few days' interim in Birmingham, once more I journeyed, this time for two division meetings in Missouri: Southwest Division at Mt. Grove and Southeast Division at Poplar Bluff. Mrs. Reynolds, corresponding secretary, and Miss Hight, young people's leader, were accompanied also by Mrs. Marriott of China and Mr. Jacob Gartenhaus of the Home Mission Board. A distinctive feature of each Missouri meeting was a Y.W.A. and G.A. banquet. The Standard of Excellence was attractively presented in toasts on the theme "Inviting Trails". In every way Missouri W.M.U. activities progress under excellent leadership. A hurried return to Alabama brought the joy of district meetings here. With Mrs. Carter Wright, new Alabama W.M.U. president, Miss Florence Thomasson, recently elected field worker, and Mrs. Ida M. Stallworth, corresponding secretary, six districts were attended. The sessions were inspiring in a way that will surely bring permanent development in the work. Gracious hospitality, fine spirit and interest characterized the meetings at Ensley, Gadsden, Scottsboro, Phoenix City, Luverne and Marion.—*Juliette Mather*

*There will be no W.M.U. session on Wednesday evening, May 12, adjournment taking place at the close of the afternoon session on Wednesday. This will enable W.M.U. delegates and visitors to attend almost every session of the Southern Baptist Convention in the City Auditorium.*

**D**URING March the Union's corresponding secretary attended two district meetings in Missouri, at Slater and Maryville, taught two mission study classes for five days at Columbia, S. C., attended six divisional meetings in that state at Spartanburg, Florence, Charleston, Columbia, Greenwood and Greenville and filled local appointments at Chester, Landrum and Greenville, S. C., and at Rome, Ga.

### "PRAY YE"

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Thanksgiving for the call to prayer  
Houston committees, caring for meetings of Southern Baptist Convention and Woman's Missionary Union, May 10-16  
Officers of Southern Baptist Convention  
Mrs. W. J. Cox as she presides over W. M. U. annual meeting  
All sessions of the Convention and Union  
Missionaries and mission secretaries on Houston programs  
Plans for remaining months of 1926  
1927 Program of Southern Baptists  
Christian hospitals in every land  
Need for Baptist young women to train as nurses in Baptist hospitals  
All S. B. C. nurses and doctors  
Students and faculties in state and denominational schools  
All home and foreign missionaries  
Courage on the part of all W. M. U. members to "seek first the Kingdom of God"



## BOOK REVIEWS



### THE DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL GUIDE

**W**HILE the difference between theory and method is well understood by the average person it is not easy to define in words. The fact that a theory is something to work from and a method something to work with may help us to appreciate the value of a very fine book of methods in work for children, "The Daily Vacation Bible School Guide", written by Rev. Homer L. Grice, secretary in charge of the Daily Vacation Bible School Department of our Sunday School Board and editor of the Southern Baptist Convention series of text books used in this department. The title of the book indicates its contents but can in no way express the completeness and adaptability of its information: only a careful reading can reveal this. The author covers every phase of vacation Bible school work, answers questions before they are asked, clearly defines the need for this service and presents the methods for meeting this need. If you want to know how to organize, how to develop and how to sustain the interest in these schools, nothing can help you more than this efficient guide book.

It will quicken our interest to know that the Daily Vacation Bible Schools are doing much to reduce illiteracy in foreign lands as well as our own. In China alone there are over 100,000 boys and girls enrolled in about 2,000 such schools. We hope their leaders, many of whom are Chinese students, may some day have our own "Daily Vacation Bible School Guide" translated into their native language: there could scarcely be a better manual or one more sure to become an authority on this particular line of Christian education than that of which Secretary Grice is the author. To those who desire to take up this work and to those who are merely interested in its his-

tory, growth and wonderful results, we strongly recommend the study of "The Daily Vacation Bible School Guide".

Price 50c, paper binding; 75c, cloth, from Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

### THE LARGER STEWARDSHIP

**F**ROM the study of various good books written on stewardship, not to speak of the teaching of God's Word on this subject, we ought to know a vast deal about our duty to God in relation to our possessions. One of the best of these books, "Stewardship and Missions", has for many years been used in our mission study classes. From the same author comes his later book, "The Larger Stewardship". In the earlier book Dr. Cook largely considered the administration of income and wealth, while in the later one he cuts deeper into human selfishness towards God as he deals with the stewardship of Personality, Talents, Calling, Influence, Opportunity, Time and Substance. These are the titles of as many chapters. Each chapter concludes with a well prepared set of questions.

A careful study of these hundred or so pages ought to result in at least three things: an appraising, entirely without either vanity or disparagement, of our personality, talents etc.; a better understanding of how to use them and a new sense of responsibility toward God in their use. Doing this we cannot fail to become better stewards of all with which He endowed us.

We know of no book which has assembled and developed the various phases of stewardship more helpfully. The student, the business man and the busy woman will find in its simple, non-technical language an avenue into higher living and giving. It is a book with a purpose and one which can be used with spiritual benefit in mission study classes for young and old.

Price \$1.00, cloth, from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.