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"The Master is come and calleth for thee."—*John 11:23*

Jesus Calls Us

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JESUS calls us o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild restless sea;
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth,
Saying, "Christian, follow Me".

Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store;
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying, "Christian, love Me more".

In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still He calls, in cares and pleasures:
"Christian, love Me more than these".

Jesus calls us: by Thy mercies,
Savior may we hear Thy call,
Give our hearts to Thine obedience,
Serve and love Thee best of all.

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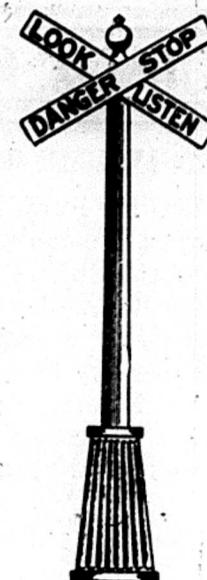
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EDITORIAL



"GIVE ME THY HAND"



LAUNCHING the Ruby Anniversary in commemoration of the fortieth year of Woman's Missionary Union was one of the chief features of the Union's annual session in Louisville. The major part of the Wednesday afternoon program was given to it. On the upper platform with the president, Mrs. W. J. Cox, was the Ruby Anniversary Program Committee composed of Mrs. Carter Wright and Mrs. R. T. Anderson of Alabama, Mrs. W. D. Pye of Arkansas, Mrs. W. J. Neel of Georgia and Mrs. Eugene Levering and Mrs. H. M. Wharton of Maryland, while on the lower platform was the group of state chairmen for the anniversary.

As chairman for the committee, Mrs. Wright set forth the chief goals of the program to be:

- (1) Forty ~~per cent increase in membership~~ ^{thousand new members} by the close of the calendar year of 1928
- (2) Forty per cent increase in W. M. S. organizations and 40% increase in the total number of W. M. U. organizations among the young people by the close of the calendar year of 1928
- (3) During the calendar year of 1928 the raising of at least \$4,000,000 for the 1928 Co-operative Program, the offerings of the Weeks of Prayer, the W. M. U. Specials and any other gifts to the causes which may be represented in the 1928 Co-operative Program.

Having thus explained the enlistment and financial goals of the anniversary, the chairman then referred to a placard which was in clear view of the audience, bearing the words from Psalm 20:5:

In the name of our God we will set up our banners.

As she did so there were raised aloft the banners of the five constituent grades of W. M. U. organizations: W. M. S., Y. W. A., G. A., R. A. and Sunbeam, thus showing that both the women and the young people must take a definite stand as "laborers together with God" to win the anniversary goals.

As a further means of enthusiastic enlistment the chairman called to mind the story of Jehu and Jehonadab (II Kings 10:15, 16), where Jehu said:

"Is thy heart right as my heart is with thy heart?"

Jehonadab answered:

"It is".

"If it be, give me thy hand" and he gave him his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot. And he said:

"Come with me and see my zeal for Jehovah!"

Quick as a flash, thereupon, was the appeal made from the Union's president out to the wide circle of the large delegation, for the chairman said:

"Mrs. Cox, is thy heart right as my heart is with thy heart?"

Mrs. Cox answered:

"It is".

"If it be, give me thy hand" the chairman answered as they clasped hands to work together toward the high aims of the anniversary.

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SUMMER ASSEMBLIES



OCEAN-SIDE CHAUTAUQUA VIRGINIA BEACH

July 11-15 Inclusive

LONG have W. M. U. classes been the best attended classes on the Beach during our state assembly. This summer we hope to have the best faculty we have ever had. Mrs. Janie Cree Bose will speak at the conference period each day. Miss Ida Patterson and Mrs. George W. Leavell of China, Miss Marguerite Butler, Miss Elizabeth Hale, Rev. Rush Loving, Rev. H. L. Arthur and the writer will teach mission study and methods classes. Mrs. G. R. Martin will have general charge of W. M. U. activities, especially our three camps. While our Y. W. A. Cottage is only two years old, we expect its enrollment to grow to fifty in number this year. Mrs. L. B. Allen will act as counselor of our Y. W. A's. Our G. A. Camp, with Miss Katherine Harris in the counselor's chair, will have as many as 100 in attendance. Dearest of all is our R. A. Camp. Rev. Edward Willingham will meet our R. A's. again this year and we believe that at least 75 boys will be with him in this camp. Our Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. secretary, Dr. Joseph T. Watts, is most generous in planning for W. M. U. hours and camps. This generosity has caused us to love our assembly most loyally.—*Blanche S. White, Corresponding Secretary*

NEW MEXICO

Place of Assembly—Montezuma College, "The City set on a hill that cannot be hidden".

Time of Assembly—July 12-20

WE are looking forward to a great time this summer in our assembly courses with Miss Juliette Mather with us. She will teach the Y. W. A. class. The book is yet to be selected. She will also conduct a conference on young people's work. The class for the W. M.

U. will be taught by the state secretary. The class for G. A. and R. A. is as yet without a teacher. The Sunbeam Story Hour will be conducted by Miss Isabelle Smith of Carlsbad, who is now in Southwestern Seminary for advance work in kindergarten methods.

In addition to this, our general assembly for the state, there will be classes in W. M. U. work in the new camp just established this year in the Ruidoso Mountains, in the Groom Creek Assembly in Arizona near Prescott. Then there will be W. M. U. Conferences at the camp near Santa Rosa at the Twin Lakes.

We are looking forward to great crowds and enthusiastic interest in each of these.—*Harriet K. Gatlin, Corresponding Secretary*

LOUISIANA

On to Mandeville on-the-Lake

JULY 19-29 will find a great host of Baptists gathered on beautiful Lake Pontchartrain attending the annual state encampment. Five mission study classes have been arranged for during the W. M. U. hour. Mrs. F. W. Withoft, Georgia, Mrs. C. A. Leonard, China, are members of the W. M. U. faculty. The other members are from our own state. Mr. George Hortman, one of our best R. A. leaders, will have charge of the R. A. work.—*Georgia Barnette, Corresponding Secretary*

FLORIDA

FLORIDA Baptists appreciate their state assemblies and strive to extend their influence. Much of the following information pertains to June meetings but is, nevertheless, interesting.

One assembly has been added this year to be held at Sebring (June 6-13) where Baptists are endeavoring to build a junior college. Local talent will be largely used. Following is the schedule for the other three:

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BIBLE STUDY



TOPIC—MARVELS of SALVATION

Psalm 98

Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

The 98th Psalm is a coronation hymn proclaiming the conquering Messiah as monarch over the nations.

I. *The Son of God, the Redeemer of the World:* Ps. 98:1-2. Idols have fallen, superstitions have withered, systems of error have fled, empires of cruelty have perished. His acts have proved His deity: This Jesus is God; therefore we sing unto Him as the Lord who as our Redeemer has surmounted all the difficulties that lay in the way of our redemption. He hath spoiled principalities and powers, Col. 1:15; Isa. 49:24, and has given death and Satan their death-wound. Jesus our King lived a marvelous life, died a marvelous death, rose by a marvelous resurrection and ascended marvelously into Heaven. By His divine power He had sent forth His Holy Spirit doing marvels, and by that sacred energy His disciples have also wrought marvelously, Acts 2:1-4; 2:32-36, 41; 3:1-26. "The Lord hath made known His salvation", Acts 10:36. Salvation denotes the redemption itself and righteousness the way in which it was wrought, by the righteousness of Christ "all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God".

II. *The Lord of Love:* "Rejoice and sing praise", Ps. 98:4. Jesus was proclaimed King with hosannas, Matt. 21:9, and hallelujahs, Rev. 19:6. Express your joy as the glory of a victorious King is celebrated as He goes forth conquering and to conquer, with "trumpet and cornet", Ps. 98:6. The song must come from our hearts as we magnify the God of our salvation and "rejoice before the Lord", Ps. 97:12. We must praise God in our actions, in our contemplation, in our words, praise Him in our works, in our life and in our death, for we should be temples of praise of His Holy Spirit, I Cor. 6:19, 20; II Cor. 9:15. It will be glad music from a redeemed world when the swelling chorus echoes throughout the earth, of the redemption wrought by the death of Jesus our Saviour, the Lord of love, to the melodious commingling voice and instrument, Isa. 44:23; 49:13; 52:9; 51:3. The psalms are full of the one utterance, His Coming, and they portray the moment in Heaven when the whole universe shall be attuned in rhythm to the music of His kingly descent, Ps. 80:1; 98:9.

III. *The Creator:* Verses 7-9. "Let the sea roar and the fulness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein": these appeals to nature, of the sea in its might and the earth with its floods and its hills, Isa. 55:12, form a call upon Christians to recognize God as the God of creation, Ps. 24:1-6. The King of Glory takes the throne for the coming of Christ and the salvation wrought out by Him has quite altered the troubles and terrors of the world, so that the waves of the sea rejoice with us. "Let the hills be joyful together before the Lord". The hills, that trembled for fear before God when He came down to give the law at Mount Sinai, dance for joy before Him when His Gospel is preached and the word of the Lord goes forth from Zion in a still small voice, the voice of the Spirit. The Kingdom of Christ will be a blessing to the whole creation when delivered from suffering and death, Rom. 8:18-23, and inferior creatures will declare the glory of the Creator, Ps. 19.

IV. *The Beauty of the Lord:* Eph. 3:8-10. Salvation is the result of Christ's righteousness, Ps. 7:17; 31:1. The union of mercy and truth, Ps. 47:3; 85:10,

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FAMILY ALTAR



TOPIC—Marvels of Salvation

The Bible—This Book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true and its decisions are immutable. Read it and be wise, believe it and be safe, practice it to be holy. It is the traveler's guide, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword and the Christian's charter. Christ is its grand object, our good its design and the glory of God its end. Read it slowly, frequently and prayerfully: it is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened in judgment and will be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labors and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.—*Author Unknown*

The Son of God

Friday, 1st
Psalm 2:7, 12; 45:6, 7, 17; Hebrews 1:4-13

Saturday, 2d
Isaiah 7:14; 9:6, 7; Jeremiah 23:5, 6; Hebrews 1:1-3

Sunday, 3d
Matthew 1:8-25; Luke 1:26-38; John 1:1, 2, 14

Monday, 4th
Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; 9:2-7

Tuesday, 5th
Luke 3:21, 22; 9:28-35; II Peter 1:16-21

Wednesday, 6th
John 8:42; 13:3, 20; 14:1-6; 16:27, 28; 17:5-8

Thursday, 7th
I John 5:1-12, 20; Psalm 98:1, 2

The Lord of Love

Friday, 8th
Psalm 98:3, 4; Exodus 34:5-7; Deuteronomy 4:31-40; Psalm 86:5

Saturday, 9th
John 3:16; I John 4:7-10, 16; John 3:35, 36

Sunday, 10th
I John 2:2; Titus 3:3-7; Romans 1:16

Monday, 11th
John 15:9-14; 17:20-26; Ephesians 3:17-19

Tuesday, 12th
II Thessalonians 3:3-5; Galatians 2:20, 5:22-25; Jude 20:21

Wednesday, 13th
Romans 5:5-11; Ephesians 2:4-8; Romans 8:35-39

Thursday, 14th
Psalm 145:8-21; 107:1-8; 111:4

The Creator

Friday, 15th
Genesis 1:1, 26, 27; 2:1-7; 5:1, 2

Saturday, 16th
John 1:1-5, 9, 10; Colossians 1:16-19; Hebrews 1:10-12

Sunday, 17th
Genesis 1:2; Job 26:10-13; Psalm 104:30-34; Zechariah 4:6

Monday, 18th
Genesis 1:1; Hebrews 11:3; Psalm 19:1-6

Tuesday, 19th
Genesis 1:1, 3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26, 27; Psalm 33:6

Wednesday, 20th
Psalm 104:24-31; Isaiah 40:26-31; Romans 1:20

Thursday, 21st
Isaiah 45:11, 12, 18, 22, 23; Acts 17:24-31; II Peter 3:4-9

The Beauty of the Lord

Friday, 22d
John 8:53-58; 17:5-26; II Corinthians 4:5-7

Saturday, 23d
John 3:13-17; 16:30-33; Jude 25

Sunday, 24th
Hebrews 1:6-12; Psalm 45:6-8, 17; Hebrews 13:18

Monday, 25th
Ephesians 3:8-12, 16-21; Colossians 2:2, 3; Matthew 11:27

Tuesday, 26th
John 4:25, 26; 3:31-36; 18:33, 36; Colossians 1:10-14

Wednesday, 27th
John 17:5, 24-26; 8:23; 6:38-40, 62; I Thessalonians 4:16-18

Thursday, 28th
Luke 24:46-53; Acts 1:8-11; I Corinthians 15:51-57

Friday, 29th
Psalm 96:9-13; Hebrews 8:12, 24, 25, 26, 28; Philipians 3:20, 21

Saturday, 30th
Hebrews 1:1-8; 2:9-12; 3:1-6; Matthew 25:31

Sunday, 31st
Revelation 1:4-8; 15:1-4, 8; 17:14; 19:16; 22:12-21



"PRAY YE"



BEHOLD! the MISSIONARY PRAYETH



FIFTY women missionaries, a large majority of whom were from S. B. C. foreign mission fields, attended the recent meeting in Louisville of Woman's Missionary Union. Granted the privileges of the floor at each session, they were especially in mind at the closing session on Wednesday evening. It was a thoroughly missionary program, the introductory remarks of the presiding officer, Mrs. Eugene Levering of Maryland, calling to mind the missionary heritage of the Union with its obligation to "keep faith" with the past by passing the heritage—decidedly enriched—on to the next generation. Missionary also was the music as rendered by the W. M. U. Training School Chorus led by Mrs. E. A. McDowell, Jr. One of its exquisite anthems was "Listen to the Lambs", during the singing of which one got a new realization of the Shepherd Heart of Christ in His search for all "who like sheep have gone astray". The three addresses were impressively missionary, Miss Emma Leachman representing the Home Mission Board and Miss Willie Kelly and Dr. W. B. Bagby pleading for China and Brazil respectively.

At the close of Dr. Bagby's address a very solemn service took place. Upon the upper platform of the church there were grouped all the women foreign missionaries who had given seven or more years on the far-away fields, while on the lower platform stood those who had served less than seven years, the women home missionaries standing with them. These fifty missionaries were further distinguished by being grouped by countries and by four sections in the case of China. More impressive than words can describe was the repeating by these groups, in the language of their mission fields, of the watchword for the year: "The Master is come and calleth for thee". Then the great audience of perhaps more than 1,500 people arose and repeated the watchword in English while the missionaries again gave it in the foreign tongues. While the audience stood in reverent awe, the missionaries knelt low in prayer, three of the number voicing the petitions.

Soul-searching was the experience, for it typified at least three things: first, that a great host of missionaries was at home—"Wherefore?" the earnest heart cried. "Chiefly because of the debt on the Foreign Mission Board" the stricken conscience answered—second, that the missionaries believe in and are depending upon prayer to make possible the return of many if not all of their number to the field and third, that if southern Baptists win in the struggle against self-indulgence they, too, must fall upon their knees in humble, intercessory prayer. It called to mind two passages of Scripture: first, Acts 9:11 where the disciple Ananias is sent to the aid of Saul "for behold, he prayeth"; and second, Matthew 17:21, where Jesus said to His disciples: "This kind goeth not out save by prayer and fasting".

Remembering, therefore, that the missionary is depending upon prayer and that the miracle of clearing the debts from the mission Boards will be performed chiefly if not wholly through prayer and resultant fasting in sacrifice, there is added need that Woman's Missionary Union lay special emphasis upon prayer as fundamental to its every activity. Thus it is that circles and societies are urged to give as much time as possible to prayer for missionary zeal and causes, arranging for these extra prayer periods either before or during the regular meetings of the organization. If the Spirit so guides, please pray for:

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Calendar of Prayer

July, 1927

"BEGIN the day with God;
Kneel down to Him in prayer;
Lift up thy heart to His abode
And seek His love to share.

"GO through the day with God,
Whate'er thy work may be;
Wher'er thou art—at home, abroad—
He still is near to thee.

Topic: Our Summer Schools

1—FRIDAY

For those in charge of summer schools and for speakers and teachers
Keep that which is committed to thy trust.—I Timothy 6:20

2—SATURDAY

That Rev. and †Mrs. I. N. Patterson be greatly used of God, evangelistic service, Abeokuta, Africa
Called according to His purpose
—Romans 8:28

3—SUNDAY

For a deepening spiritual power in our summer schools
That thy profiting may appear to all
—I Timothy 4:15

4—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Bratcher, Rio Baptist College, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
The God of peace shall be with you.
—Philippians 4:9

5—TUESDAY

For Misses †Rose Marlowe (on furlough) and Louise Willis (on furlough), educational and clerical work, Shanghai, China
My Father hath sent Me; even so send I you.—John 20:21

6—WEDNESDAY

That God's favor rest upon educational work at Morelia, Mexico
Ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.
—I Corinthians 3:23

7—THURSDAY

That God's guiding care attend Rev. and *Mrs. Victor Koon, evangelists, Chengchow, China
Fear not, neither be discouraged.
—Deuteronomy 1:21

8—FRIDAY

That evangelistic and educational work of Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Christie, Petropolis, Brazil, magnify His name
The name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.—Acts 19:17

9—SATURDAY

For evangelistic work of Misses *Viola Humphreys and †Grace Stribling, Kaifeng, China
Faithful in the Lord
—I Corinthians 4:17

10—SUNDAY

That our young people be safeguarded from sinful attractions and distractions which mar the Christian life, that they
May grow up unto Him in all things
—Ephesians 4:15

11—MONDAY

For evangelistic work of Rev. and **Mrs. Z. Paul Freeman, Concordia, Argentina
The Lord shall be thy confidence.
—Proverbs 3:26

12—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Morgan, literary and evangelistic work, Tsingtau, China
His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.—Psalm 91:4

13—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. Franklin Ray (on furlough), evangelistic work, Hiroshima, Japan
Blessed are they that keep My ways.
—Proverbs 8:32

14—THURSDAY

Remember in prayer Rev. and †Mrs. J. Hundley Wiley, Shanghai Baptist College, Shanghai, China.
Thy mercy, O Lord, held me up.
—Psalm 94:18

15—FRIDAY

For Misses *Irene Jeffers and Mary C. Demarest, Girls' School, Yangchow, China
It shall be well with them that fear God.—Ecclesiastes 8:12

†Attended W.M.U. Training School

*Attended Southwestern Training School

**Attended Baptist Bible Institute

Calendar of Prayer

July, 1927

“CONCLUDE the day with God;
Thy sins to Him confess;
Trust in the Lord's atoning blood
And plead His righteousness.

IE down at night with God,
Who gives His servants sleep,
And when thou tread'st the vale of death
He still will guard and keep.”

Topic: Our Summer Schools

16—SATURDAY

That our Educational Board be Spirit-guided in its plans for Christian instruction
The Lord giveth wisdom.—Proverbs 2:6

17—SUNDAY

Pray earnestly for southwide Baptist schools, that teaching Christ be of supreme importance.
That we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus—Colossians 1:28

18—MONDAY

For Misses †Mary Crawford and †Lila Watson, school work, Tsiningchow, China
Trust the Lord with all thine heart.
—Proverbs 3:5

19—TUESDAY

For evangelistic work at Santiago, Chile
God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness.—I Corinthians 1:30

20—WEDNESDAY

For educational work of Rev. and *Mrs. J. R. Mashburn, Pingtu, China
He shall thoroughly plead their cause.
—Jeremiah 50:34

21—THURSDAY

For school work of Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Tumblin (*on furlough*), Jaguara, Brazil
Lord, be Thou my helper.—Psalm 30:10

22—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Lee (*on furlough*), educational work, Kai-feng, China
Thou hast been my defence . . . in the day of trouble.—Psalm 59:16

23—SATURDAY

For evangelistic service of Rev. and †Mrs. P. W. Hamlett, Wusih, China
My times are in Thy hand.
—Psalm 31:15

24—SUNDAY

Pray for continued spiritual objective of our mountain schools and for their devoted teachers.
Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory.—I Corinthians 15:57

25—MONDAY

Pray for evangelistic work of Rev. and †Mrs. I. V. Larson (*on furlough*), Laiyang, China
Unto you, therefore, which believe, He is precious.—I Peter 2:7

26—TUESDAY

Seek God's blessing on evangelistic work of Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Bagby, Santos, Brazil
I am thy part and thine inheritance.
—Numbers 18:20

27—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Stout (*on furlough*), Theological Seminary, Hwanghsien, China
They that feared the Lord spake . . . and the Lord hearkened.—Malachi 3:16

28—THURSDAY

Thanksgiving for devoted service of Mrs. W. T. Lumbley, Girls' School, Abeokuta, Africa
The Lord shall guide thee continually.
—Isaiah 58:11

29—FRIDAY

For evangelistic work of Rev. and Mrs. Paul C. Porter, Campinas, Brazil
Thou hast girded me with strength.
—Psalm 18:39

30—SATURDAY

Thanksgiving for long and faithful evangelistic service of Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Britton, Wusih, China
The Lord is round about His people.
—Psalm 125:2

31—SUNDAY

That our summer schools enrich the world through the Word of God
The Word of the Lord endureth forever.—I Peter 1:25

†Attended W. M. U. Training School

*Attended Southwestern Training School



PROGRAM PLANS



WITH THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

MANY of the assemblies and camps will be in session or over when this program is given in the society. If any member of the church or Sunday school has attended one, be sure to invite him or her to come to the meeting and tell about it. Should there be no one to do this, the committee could gather from the material given the things that are being done in the assemblies and camps for the different grades of societies. Let one take the things done for R. A's., another the G. A's. etc.

A dialogue could be arranged very effectively. Have one woman with piles of railway folders and advertisements of summer resorts. As she looks from one to another of these, a visitor comes. They discuss finding a place that will suit the whole family from the young lady daughter to the little children. The visitor tells of the assembly or encampment of your own state.

A profitable study would be "God's Plan for a Vacation for His People". See Leviticus 23:33-43. The keeping of this vacation is described in Nehemiah 8:1, 2, 13-18. The result of this vacation is given in Nehemiah 9:1-3 and 10:28-39. Note that the effect was shown upon all the people, "upon their wives, their sons, their daughters, every one having knowledge and having understanding". Among the results were, an oath to walk in God's law and do His commandments; to keep their sons and daughters from associating with the heathen around them; to observe the Sabbath; to contribute to the support of God's house; to make an offering of the first fruits; to bring their tithes; and not to forsake the "house of our God".

If this meeting could be held in a large yard, in a quiet corner of a park, or somewhere in the open, it would be a pleasant change and possibly give an afternoon's vacation to some members who are not planning a trip. This should be made a happy meeting, remembering that with the Jews in their feast, "There was very great gladness" (Neh. 8:17).

In Memory of Dr. Wm. Lunsford

WHILE this magazine was being proof-read word came of the entrance into the "city not made with hands" of Dr. William Lunsford, corresponding secretary of the S. B. C. Relief and Annuity Board. It is easy to believe that he carried abundant sheaves to lay at the feet of the Christ, for surely no one in this generation has cared as did Dr. Lunsford for the aged southern Baptist preachers. Had they been his actual brothers in the flesh he could not more earnestly, more effectually have poured out for their support his very own life-blood. Though his hair was pure white he never seemed to think of himself as at all in the class of those whose cause he appealingly kept before southern Baptists but on the contrary he manifested in their behalf endurance of physical strength, keenness of mind and gentleness of heart which stabilized the Board of Relief and Annuities in the thought and plans of southern Baptists. Of him it may well be said that he not only served his own generation but also by the will of God that he bore in his heart the needs of the older generation which lingered yet awhile and that he strove to make old age easier for many southern Baptist preachers yet to be called into the ministry. Therefore, in common with Christians throughout the south the Woman's Missionary Union gives thanks for his unselfish, beneficent life, taking comfort in the Scripture (*Psalms 116:15*) which says:

"Precious in the sight of Jehovah
Is the death of His saints"



PROGRAM FOR JULY



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

JUST as I am, Thine own to be,
Friend of the young, who lovest me,
To consecrate myself to Thee—
O Jesus Christ, I come!

"In the glad morning of my day,
My life to give, my vows to pay,
With no reserve and no delay—
With all my heart, I come!

Note: This poem was an inspiration in the life of young William W. Borden ("Borden of Yale", see "Book References" on page 3) and kept by him all through his college and seminary years. It was among his special papers to the last.

OUR SUMMER SCHOOLS

- Hymn—Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak
- Bible Study (See page 6.)
- Prayer for the Spirit of Christ in Our Teaching
- Personal Service Period (See page 31.)
- Hymn—Summer Suns Are Glowing
- Prayer for Denominational Assemblies, Conferences and Camps
- The Joys That Await You
- Southern Baptist Summer Schools (*Different Persons Speaking of States*)
- Planning for State Student Conferences
- A New Day for Conferences
- Hymn—Fairest Lord Jesus
- Closing Prayer

The JOYS THAT AWAIT YOU

AMONG the joys that await you at the summer school, conference, assembly or camp so thoroughly enjoyed by southern Baptists are first of all the spiritual contagion, the uplift of the face-to-face Christian greeting and the exchange of Christian experiences. These joys together with the educational features are very definitely linked up with every plan of denominational service. Out of these summer schools have come leaders in the local churches who have helped in the missionary program and thereby made no small addition to the missionary offering. This means a better quota for the annual budget. The joy of giv-

J WOULD live ever in the light,
I would work ever for the right,
I would serve Thee with all my might—
Therefore to Thee I come!

"Just as I am, young, strong and free,
To be the best that I can be
For truth and righteousness and Thee—
Lord of my life, I come!"

ing lasts from one summer conference to the next one, and on and on, for these summer gatherings are a growing inspirational and educational force in Christian work.

Southern Baptists are not behind in learning the value of this department of service. In seventeen of the eighteen S. B. C. states there are one or more of these midsummer educational centers. The leaders of these schools and camps are outstanding men and women of deep devotion, enriched by experience, and full of interest in the development of youth. To come into such an atmosphere means much to our boys and girls. To take up Bible and mission study will add a fresh glow to the joy

of young and old. In one camp the ages ranged from six to ninety. It would be hard to find a happier person than one meets at Ridgecrest, Blue Ridge or Braddock Heights, and this may be said of any one of our summer assemblies. Music, recreation and rest make more vivid the information gained in the classes and lectures. The beauties of nature are as a lovely frame around a lovelier picture. Hang this on

memory's wall and enjoy it all the year round.

Said one young woman, "I learned more of the love of Christ and the needs of the world this summer at our Y. W. A. Camp than ever before". Another gave this testimony, "While at our summer school I decided to give my life wholly to Christian work". Many other joy notes could be sounded could we but hear them.

SO forth to the hillside I go, where in glad summer weather
The trees of the forest break out into singing together.
Forgetting all sadness, all cumbering care—
For the Voice of the Lord fills the sweet air—
I go forth His servant to be,
Whose blessed Word hath set me free!"

SOUTHERN BAPTIST SUMMER SCHOOLS

IN speaking of the summer denominational activities the word school is a very hard worked noun. It may mean conference, assembly or camp, but in every sense these temporary gatherings are educational centers. In these summer schools Bible and mission study take the chief place and are conducted by well qualified and devoted men and women. Beautiful locations are selected for these meetings: seashore, riverside or mountain top become prayer, praise and study centers for a part of each summer. The inspiration and knowledge gained are hard to forget as each lesson or incident is connected with some beauty spot or personal contact: to think of one brings memory of the other. To have attended one of these happy camping-grounds is to immediately plan for going to the next one. One woman who had done "summer boarding" for a number of years was at last induced to change her plan and attend a conference or a series of conferences held in the mountains of North Carolina. After this experience she never returned to the rocker and crochet and gossip of the hotel porch of her former summers and marveled that she had endured their dullness for so long. If it is your wish to have good fall and winter missionary meetings in

your home church rescue some of your members from the boarding-house porch and place them safely in the auditorium or leafy class-room of the summer school before they petrify. How they will thank you for it!

Do not let it be supposed that the summer schools referred to in this program are the only ones we have, as it is impossible to give a complete list of them. While no one of these schools is the counterpart of the other their intent and operation are the same. Through selected speakers, teachers and leaders they all conduct preaching services, classes and amusements, to the end that there may be a firmer movement toward denominational spirituality, intelligence and responsibility: in other words that the Baptists of the south through the joy of fellowship, added information and love to Christ may become better Christians, wiser leaders and more liberal givers to the cause we promised to support when we publicly took Christ to be our Saviour. Are you seeking a "closer walk with God"? Seek the place where the people of God are gathered to learn of His Word and work. Are you seeking "a calm and Heavenly frame"? Seek it in His "woods and templed hills".

Alabama

In Alabama a week in June is given

to the W. M. U. Assembly, with mission study classes for the graded organizations. It is the plan of this body to prepare educationally at least one worker in each association that she may go out among the rural churches to teach mission study classes during the summer. There is also a school for mission study held in each association in the month of July. Special attention is given to Bible and mission study classes for young people, the best available teachers taking charge of them. Associational camps for W. M. U. (*some of them including all grades*) and Y. W. A. have been very effective in increasing interest and cooperation on all lines of missionary service.

Arkansas

Arkansas has a splendid summer assembly held at Siloam Springs—a real training camp and vacation for Christian workers. For at least ten days of the year this spot of a "Million Smiles" merits its name for in every class, hike, auto ride and any other recreation the smiles multiply themselves until there are "miles and miles" of them, faces are just covered with them and their influence is felt in every heart and carried home for winter use. The informal conferences on all phases of W. M. U. work also provide for future use in planning winter (*women's and auxiliary*) meetings. These Spirit-directed conferences are felt all over the state as hundreds come to this summer school from all parts of Arkansas.

Florida

Florida, "where summer comes to spend the winter", no more W. M. U. work is done in one season than the other, but this all-the-year-round state has three well-attended assemblies with sixteen mission study classes in each one. The constant coming in of new people seems to develop efficient leadership to meet and assimilate them. The attendance at these assemblies increases each year, followed by marked interest in Bible and mission study among all

grades of W. M. U. workers. (*See page 5.*)

Georgia

The summer educational work carried on by Georgia Baptists centers and radiates from their assembly which convenes annually at Blue Ridge, Ga., for a ten days' session. These sessions are followed by lasting results. All organizations are represented. The president of the assembly, together with the W. M. U., Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. leaders, forms the program committee which provides each meeting with an overflowing spiritual and intellectual feast. A morning watch and vesper service open and close the day. Inspirational addresses and classes in Bible and mission study fill the in-between hours. All grades are provided for in these studies. The music and recreation are directed by trained leaders.

Kentucky

Georgetown College holds its summer school each year. Last year these earnest girl students felt they were missing something good, so they asked that they might have a Y. W. A. for the summer school girls. Consent was gladly given. This organization is now doing most creditable work. Their money gifts go to the Cooperative Program. A beautiful service on Christian education was held on Young People's Day during the assembly. The spirit created among the girls of the Summer School Y. W. A. has been an inspiration to the College Y. W. A. throughout the winter, last year being one of the best in its history.—As the summer Y. W. A. gathered on the hillside at Clear Creek Mountain Springs to "keep tryst" the leader and girls talked of Christian life and its responsibilities and all realized that Jesus must have first place in their hearts. Girl after girl told of how His love had come into her heart and how she would be better able to go back to her everyday life through the inspiration of her blessed summer experience. One young woman went home to organize a large

group of girls into a flourishing Y. W. A. These early morning and late twilight hours of "keeping tryst" with Christ and each other can never be lost in the lives of these girls but will live and speak to others of Him whom they met there. May all hear and obey His call!

For four years, in connection with the assemblies, the R. A's. have held camps. One of the boys of the first year is now Chief-Counselor of the chapter in his church, another is in college using his camp experience in creating missionary zeal among his classmates. This boy was called upon to take the place of the state R. A. leader in organizing a new chapter; he did this gladly and well. These R. A's. have found that missions and good times go hand in hand and that being an ambassador for Christ makes life a challenge to big adventure or, as one of them expressed it, "Who knows, some of us may become another 'White Man of Work' in Uganda!"

Louisiana

On beautiful Lake Pontchartrain to the east of New Orleans the Baptists of "lovely Louisiana" meet in annual assembly in July. So Druid-like are the many moss-hung oaks and so refreshing are the waters of the lake that the assembly grounds are not only choice for Christian culture but are invigorating physically. From all parts of the state the Baptists come by train and auto, their delight in companionship one with another being one of the chief attractions of the assembly. W. M. U. work is accorded many advantages, chief among them being the W. M. U. Building which the Louisiana Union built in honor of its beloved secretary, Miss Georgia Barnette. The upper floor consists of two large screened-in sleeping porches, while the first floor is divided into several rooms for the teaching of the various W. M. U. classes for women and young people.—*Contributed—(See page 5).*

Maryland

Maryland uses two of her charming beauty-spots for summer assemblies, one among the hills of Braddock Heights and one at Cambridge—its "Shore School". Braddock Heights opens its eleventh session this month (*July*). The conference period includes every phase of W. M. U., Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work, with Bible and mission classes suited for each organization.

Among the attractions which have increased the interest and attendance are the Y. W. A. House Party and the R. A. Camp. For the house-party the young women secure a cottage, taking their meals at nearby dining-cottages. The R. A. Camp, opened only last summer, has increased the attendance from eight to fifty, enrolled for this summer.

This year will mark the eighth annual session of the Cambridge Assembly. What has been said of Braddock Heights is also true of our "Shore School", except that the work for boys is more advanced. Splendid results from both of these summer schools have been very noticeable. Our own field worker, Miss Jeanette White, found her inspiration for larger service at the Cambridge Assembly. Two young women now in training in large Baltimore hospitals heard the call to Christian work through messages given at Braddock Heights.

In almost every Baptist church in Maryland the junior organizations are planning to send their own representatives, on the 50-50 basis (*the delegates paying one-half of their own expenses*), to either one of these assemblies. The R. A's. are about to adopt this plan. Our beloved state W. M. U. corresponding secretary, Mrs. Samuel Barnes, tells us: "As I have talked with these splendid young people year after year it is a great joy to know that deep down in each heart is the desire to *serve*. Even when training is lacking they find opportunity for helping others and, as their summer school experiences increase, they go back to their respective

churches ready for leadership and find great joy in so doing. The churches reap the benefit of the consecration and devotion of these young people who gather round us in the summer schools”.

Mississippi

Mississippi has but one summer assembly. Last year this was held on the Gulf Coast. This delightful conference includes, as do all others, Bible and mission study classes for W. M. U. and Y. W. A. organizations, a story hour for troops of little people and class work for R. A's. and G. A's. Every grade of the W. M. U. is emphasized in the Mississippi summer school and its influence lingers throughout the year.

North Carolina

From the seven a. m. bugle call to the ten-thirty p. m. “good night” taps the Southern Baptist Summer Assembly held at Ridgecrest is filled with worship, work and recreation, with resting periods between. The beauty of the situation is of the “Land of the Sky” variety—one of unquestioned beauty. From the Y. W. A. Camp in June to September fifth the program is a continuous inhalation of inspiration from the various conferences held throughout the summer. The topics cover all forms of Christian work, evangelism, theology, home and foreign missions, Christian education, church music and methods of mission and church work. The large auditorium and dining hall are close to the greatly improved hotel while lovely cottages surround these buildings. Just to be in the mountains of western North Carolina is a rest to the weary, while the splendid addresses and singing stimulate the spirit.

Of the Y. W. A. Camps Miss Juliette Mather, W. M. U. young people's secretary, has this to say: “The value of the ten days of complete vacation is seen as we follow the girls of other years. Today some of our girls are on the foreign field; some in the W. M. U. Training School at Louisville; others

planning to be there at the close of their college course. One Georgia association has taken on a new and vigorous interest in Y. W. A. work as the result of reports from two young women on their return from Ridgecrest. One young woman from Arkansas has sent a monthly check to the Ridgecrest camp ever since the summer of 1925 to be used in educating two native African girls. Another visitor sent a gift of \$100, asking that it be used for those who had never heard of Jesus and His love. At the last session the girls speak of the help they have received at Ridgecrest; of their new purposes as they return home, either to study or teach in the Sunday school, missionary organizations or B. Y. P. U.”

A Summer School of Theology of eight weeks' duration is one of the outstanding features of Ridgecrest. The Seminary at Louisville, the Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, the Baptist Bible Institute at New Orleans, and Educational Department of the Mercer University (Ga.) provide the faculty and will give full credit in degree courses for all work covered. For detailed information write to Baptist Education Board, Birmingham, Ala.

South Carolina

The two summer assemblies of South Carolina, one held at Myrtle Beach and one at Furman University, Greenville, embrace many phases of Christian training. At Greenville the W. M. U. is well represented on the program, an especial feature being a fine G. A. encampment. Two upper floors of Geer Hall are reserved for the G. A's., each girl having a cot in a small separate room. The five days spent at Greenville at the cost of \$1 per day plus traveling expenses are an investment that will bring untold returns in the life of a girl, making her a better, finer, more worthwhile personality. She soon realizes that while camp life is full of fun and frolic this is not its whole purpose. Such girls make strong auxiliaries. The morning watch and the intimate twilight services

touch the real girl-heart and foretell the devoted W. M. U. worker.

At Myrtle Beach the first camp to be held was for the R. A's. The result far surpassed the fondest hopes of the leader, Miss Azile Wofford. The next year a G. A. Camp was opened by the gifted young people's state leader, Mrs. George E. Davis, attended by the same good results achieved by the boys' encampment. A year later something quite new was started—a “Sunbeam Camp”. Many looked upon this venture with misgiving but it proved a great success. If you want to know how it was done write to Mrs. W. J. Hatcher, Sunbeam leader for South Carolina. Christ blesses little children and those who bring them to Him.

Tennessee

The most successful assemblies in Tennessee are the Y. W. A. camps where the members become the “big sister” to the G. A., usually camping with them. As they assemble in the woods by the river, joyous sounds of song and laughter come from the tents and the one “tree house” built among the leaves of four big trees. A regular schedule of Bible and mission study, plans for work, devotional meetings and play fill the hours of the happy days. The evening campfire is an especial joy to the girls. Around its cheer they gather for sweet fellowship, closing the evening with the vesper service. Other encampments are held at two mountain schools, taking the same joys to those who cannot come to other camps. How pleasing in the sight of the Father must be this unselfish service!

Texas

Texas has for its summer schools twenty assemblies which are educational meetings. The full denominational program is put on with the usual classes for the W. M. U. and its junior organizations. Devotional services, addresses, a round table and recreation are a part of the daily assembly life. At one of these gatherings an R. A.

Camp has been a successful feature and will be repeated this summer. Just take one good assembly meeting and multiply it by twenty and you will see that Texas is actively engaged in the Master's business.

Virginia

Virginia conducts two assemblies at Virginia Beach and Bristol. In connection with the Virginia Beach Assembly, camps for Y. W. A's., G. A's. and R. A's. are enthusiastically held. In all these gatherings the lectures, sermons and addresses have been a spiritual strength to young and old. The camps for girls and boys are permanent. Each camp is required to take at least two classes a day and usually one of the encampment lectures in addition to the vesper service in their own camp. Joseph Barker, one of the R. A. boys, writes of his beloved camp as follows: “Last year the W. M. U. of Virginia gave us a camp building. All the boys thank the ladies for this handsome building. We also thank the camp counsellors who have given so much of their time in helping us in so many ways. Our building was dedicated Sunday, July 11, 1926. After the dedication services many visitors inspected the camp and were favorably impressed. Our building has a spacious dining hall, a large front porch, eleven bed rooms, each one quartering eight boys, and a modern kitchen. We are very near to both the auditorium and beach. We have our classes and vesper services and sometimes a talk from a missionary and very often an evening lecture. But not all of our time is taken up this way. We have lots of fun. Before breakfast we take a swim: this peps us up and makes breakfast taste twice as good. At eleven we take another swim and also at four in the afternoon. We play base ball, pitch horse-shoes or rest just as we wish. One day we dine early and go in a bunch to Cape Henry to see the lighthouses. We have beach parties, watermelon feasts and marsh-mallow roasts and do competitive stunts.

No boy in our camp can say he is not having a wonderful time, both spiritually and socially. Ask any one of the fifty-five boys who went to Virginia Beach last year and hear how he will answer you!" (See page 5.)

PLANNING for STATE STUDENT CONFERENCES.

At a recent and very successful South-wide Student Conference at Birmingham, Ala., where fifteen hundred students gathered to represent three hundred southern colleges, it was decided that the Inter-Board Commission on Student Religious Activities of the Southern Baptist Convention inaugurate a series of state conferences this fall, when it is expected that many times the number of students will be reached with the message and helped by the program as were touched by the southwide gathering. It has, however, been tentatively decided to hold at least one Southwide Conference in four years in order that every Baptist student may have the opportunity of contact with the larger gathering and the best students from other states at least once during his or her college course. Places in which these state conferences will be held will be announced as well as the exact dates for meeting.

The individual state conferences held each year together with the southwide gathering every four years will strengthen the spiritual life and enlarge the vision of this splendid student body from which must come our future leaders. Our heavenly Father alone knows how rich will be the fruitage of these conferences of eager young men and women! Do not let us accustom ourselves to thinking that this movement can go forward without much prayer, individual and united. Wait on God for our summer schools, conferences and assemblies!

A NEW DAY for CONFERENCES

THE *Missionary Review of the World* in speaking of a new day for conferences, schools of missions and denominational encampments says in part:

"During the past two years conference leaders have been studying the situation in a series of conferences on conferences, striving to find out how efficient these are and to devise plans whereby they may result in a greater practical value to all concerned. In spite of the fact that from eight to ten thousand young women, girls and boys attend the various schools and camps every summer there is still a shortage of trained leaders for mission study classes and other tasks of missionary organizations. The program may pass off smoothly but loses in result unless followed up by wise direction. One may be stirred by a wonderful address on race relations but if not translated into a changed attitude toward other races it fails in its purpose. The wise leader will emphasize the practice in personal life of the lessons learned in the addresses and classes: in other words give them a carrying power, make them something more than an "emotional kick".

"In this new day for conferences the greatest emphasis should be placed on the *development of youth*. The younger woman must have a larger part both in the programs and preliminary plans. They can be trained in leadership in discussions on vital topics and how to demonstrate them. Often a group of young women can 'think through solutions' because they see from youth's standpoint. They can plan and conduct twilight hour and similar services, try out self-government in camps and young women's departments. Do not think for a moment that this will be revolutionary or will make radical changes, for these attempts must ever be under the loving oversight of experienced men and women.

"The whole purpose of education in the summer school is to bring Christ more intimately into the life the year around; to make life more worthwhile to ourselves and others; and the conference which does not produce such results is a failure. A really successful conference is one in which every per-

son in attendance finds herself farther along in interest and service at its close than when she came; finds herself enriched in knowledge of God's Word and better equipped for a more useful life".

QUESTIONS on PROGRAM for STUDY and DISCUSSION

1. What is the whole purpose of education?
2. What are the separate advantages of the regular winter school and the summer camp school?
3. What do you know about the denominational summer gatherings in your state?
4. If you have ever visited an R. A. or G. A. camp what are your impressions?
5. Do you think the joyous intimacy of camp life conflicts with Christian development? Give reasons for either opinion.
6. How can the purpose of these schools be maintained?
7. Why is the selection of a trained leader necessary for best results?
8. Would you send your boy or girl into camp simply for a good time?
9. What should be the qualifications of a delegate?
10. Did Christ teach in the open air? Where? Did any young people hear Him?
11. How can we be sure of His presence in our summer gatherings?
12. Explain why a message cannot go forward without prayer?

SUMMER ASSEMBLIES

(Continued from Page 5)

East Coast Assembly, Delray Beach, June 21-28: Dr. Russell Owens, Coral Gables, speaker; Mr. J. W. Jelks, Miami, singer

West Florida Assembly, DeFuniak Springs, June 21-28: Rev. J. C. Sims, Miami, speaker; Mr. Carlyle Brooks, Atlanta, Ga., singer

Florida Assembly, Stetson University, DeLand, July 12-21: Mrs. J. M. Dawson, Waco, Texas, speaker; Mr. J. Fred Scholfield, Birmingham, Ala., singer

From five to ten study classes in each department, W. M. U., Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. will be taught by splendid southwide and local faculties. Woman's Missionary Union is fortunate in securing Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Tennessee, Mrs. F. W. Withoft, Georgia, Miss Clifford Hunter of China and Georgia. At DeLand a new feature of the missionary period is a class for men to be taught by Dr. T. W. Ayers of China and Bessie Tift College. Dr. Ayers will be the speaker for the missionary meeting Sunday night.

In addition to the regular assemblies there will be two tent-meetings of two weeks each at Bluff Springs and Greensboro, which will be evangelistic and

educational. The three departments have arranged for classes in their manual.—Mrs. H. C. Peelman, Corresponding Secretary

ILLINOIS

THE Illinois Baptist Summer Assembly is always held in the Ewing College buildings. Although this school is not in operation, it is dear to the heart of every Illinois Baptist and, therefore, we enjoy bringing it to life again during our assembly. The dates for this year are July 25-31.

There are classes for every organization in W. M. U. This year Rev. F. P. Lide from China will teach the men and boys; Mrs. C. D. Creasman from Tennessee will teach the women; and Mrs. G. A. Bowdler from Argentina and Miss Mary Phillips from China, the Y. W. A. and G. A. classes. With such a faculty as this, Ewing Assembly this year should be the most interesting one ever held for W. M. U. members.—Annabel Wall, Corresponding Secretary

MISSOURI ASSEMBLIES

MISSOURI State W. M. U. has no distinctive W. M. U. Assembly, yet the work of a full Graded Union is done in each of our four assemblies. They are meeting on the following dates:

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Y. W. A. PROGRAMS



Material found in the general program on pages 12-19 as well as other items in this issue will be quite helpful to supplement the following programs. It is hoped it will be freely used in this supplemental way. The leaflets suggested on page 3 will also prove attractive additions.

FIRST MEETING

Topic—"Into a High Mountain"

Hymn—More about Jesus
Prayer that we may seek to know more about Jesus
Devotional—Mark 9:2-10
"Ridgecrest for Me"
The School Bell
Our Little Brothers
Church Activities
August Breezes
"Evergreen"
Closing Prayer

Announcement Poster

Cut pictures of suitcases, hat-boxes, trunks, tennis-rackets, bathing-suits, hiking-shoes etc. Paste on cardboard. Cut also pictures of the whole family as mother, father, daughter and children. Print:

"Come on to Ridgecrest—the Land of the Sky!"

Why? Come to Y. W. A. Meeting and find out

Time Place
Devotional

WE are told that after six days (that is, six days after the wonderful occasion of Peter's confession that Christ was the Son of God) Jesus took three of His disciples up into a high mountain. This isn't the first time Jesus had gone into a mountain for thought and worship for we find that often He went alone. It is suggested by Luke that this time, too, they went to pray. The thought comes that probably this day was typical of other days in that week and that it might have been a repetition of other times when they had gone to the same place to pray for it is thought that Christ was with His disciples in and around these mountains that whole week teaching them many things. They had at the same time sweet friendly fellow-

ship one with another. How wonderful that we can go with our friends and with our Friend, Christ, into the mountains and enjoy there the sweet fellowship and be taught the things concerning Christ. The days at Ridgecrest Assembly surely bring one closer to Him who, too, loved the mountains so much that He often sought them for rest and communion with the Father.

"Ridgecrest for Me"

SAPPHIRE skies and mountains green—

That's Ridgecrest for me;
Bathed in blue with golden sheen—
That's Ridgecrest for me.
There in fellowship joyous we meet,
There, new visions of service we greet,
Blend personalities in Heaven's realities—

That's Ridgecrest for me.

E. O. Sellers, New Orleans

Many do not know that our own Southern Baptist Convention owns and controls the lovely property at Ridgecrest, N. C., and that our Convention's Education Board carries on a Summer School up there every year, beginning the third week in June and running until September 1st. This beautiful place is truly in the "Land of the Sky" and one finds the observations of nature in such hills a real school. The splendid new auditorium and dining room added, along with the new cafeteria and many new cottages, make the equipment and service entirely adequate and attractive. The hotel is 2,800 feet above sea-level. Here they have school for the whole family—mother, father, daughter, son and all the children. Of course all school and no play would make even mother and father very tired since they go for a vacation, so the afternoons are always open for sight-seeing, swimming and hiking.

The School Bell

THE school bell rings for a vacation as well as for study at Ridgecrest. The first sound is heard the middle of June. Miss Juliette Mather calls girls from our Y. W. A's. all over the south to come to their camp which lasts only one short week. Good time? Just let someone who's been there inform you. If no one in your Y. W. A. has been, take our word for it. The day begins with a "Good Morning" at the early sound of reveille. And somehow one doesn't mind the early rising in a camp like this. There is no time to loiter, for it's time for "Praise Service" or "Morning Watch" before you know it. Breakfast then comes and nobody refuses. After breakfast comes a short period of study in mission study classes, conferences on methods and ideals. Before lunch is an address by some great speaker like Dr. Sampey. The afternoons are made at Ridgecrest for rest and fun all through the summer. Fun at Ridgecrest means hiking, boating, swimming, horseback riding, auto trips and sometimes it means sleeping.

As the day comes to a close one finds that her heart reaches out for just the thing Miss Mather plans—the precious vesper service at which time we truly look "unto the hills from which cometh our strength". At the last conference these were led by our own Mrs. Cox and Miss Kathleen Mallory. Nights bring miscellaneous programs and they're always like drawing straws, for you never know what is coming to you. But every day is too short, for everyone wishes there were more hours in which to crowd more of these treats for Y. W. A. girls. Pack your suitcase now and get a "Savings Bank" so by next June you'll have railroad fare (half-fare) and \$20 for Ridgecrest Y. W. A. Camp.

Our Little Brothers

WE find little brother always wants to go somewhere to a camp. So this year we had one—a Royal Ambassador, Scout and Boys Camp at Ridgecrest,

beginning June 14. Any boy from 12 years up could go to this and have special religious training and a supervised good time. The whole family should go to Ridgecrest for you'll find there is something planned for every member of the family.

June is filled clear up with such fine treats as the Student Leadership Conference—led by Mr. Frank Leavell for student secretaries, student religious workers present and prospective. This is a great opportunity to discuss and maybe solve many campus problems.

In July there is a conference on Mountain School Work, one on Religious Education and a World Outlook Conference (*studying world conditions*). All of these are glorious opportunities.

Church Activities

FROM July 14-23 there is at Ridgecrest a hum that makes one notice particularly how much real work can be done while one is enjoying a real vacation. There are courses in Sunday school, B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. methods and work and surely no one fails to take one of these since they are taught by some of our ablest leaders.

During July, too, the evangelists and evangelistic leaders hold their conference. One might think there are no problems in this line but this conference is to discuss not only problems but new plans and methods. This is directed by Dr. E. A. Fuller, superintendent of evangelism for our Home Mission Board. At the same time there is a "Better Church Music Conference". This is always directed by the ablest of singers and players. Private lessons are also given.

August Breezes

AUGUST on the calendar brings to our minds hot days of existence. If they do, just get your suitcase ready and leave August 5 (a day when half-fare is granted) for "The Land of the Sky" where breezes always blow and days are brimming full of life.

Dr. B. D. Gray conducts a Home Mission Conference beginning the 1st.

Dr. Love leads a Foreign Mission Conference beginning the 7th.

Beginning the 14th there usually is a Bible Study Conference called "Search the Scriptures" Conference led by an able interpreter. Any man would enjoy the "Brotherhood Conference" in August every year and we're glad they plan this, for our laymen now have a meeting of their very own. August is filled this year with other conferences such as a Denominational Conference and a Looking Ahead Conference.

Evergreens

THERE are some phases of the work that must run all summer if the desired results are accomplished. The Summer School of Theology runs from July 5-August 26, giving almost two months of work. Many preachers who have not had the advantage of our seminaries can get credit for work done in this school. Our seminaries in Louisville and in Ft. Worth and the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans each give credit for such work.

Then there is a camp called Swannanoa Camp for girls from 10 to 20 years of age. This runs from June 30-August 25, almost two months. Mrs. J. M. Dawson of Texas is director of this and offers several departments of training and study along with the fun.

There are still other attractions that go along with the general Ridgecrest Assembly from beginning to end. Never before this year have we been able to offer such an array of talent for "Special Attractions". In addition to "Home Talent, Socials, Stunt Nights, Plays and Pageants" under the direction of Miss Mary Ward of New York, we will present this year (*and it isn't too late to go yet, girls, for August is the biggest month!*) Mr. Strickland Gillilan, nationally famed writer and humorist; Irene Bewley, dramatic reader; Elena de Saye and quartet; and W. Powell Hale, Chautauqua reader. In addition there will be Dr. Wm. T. Ellis, world-famous traveler; and Dr. Hutton of England, regarded as the greatest English preacher living.

There are half-fare rates to be had over the railroads on certain dates through the summer and accommodations in the hotel are very reasonable. If you've never been to Ridgecrest for a vacation try it once. Of course no one is forced to take the study courses offered but usually one gets tired of an altogether loitering vacation and finds this a happy pastime. If you can't go this summer begin packing now for next summer. By the way, Mrs. W. J. Cox who gave the vesper messages last year at the Y. W. A. Camp was requested to put these devotionals together so they could be printed. She has called the book "Star Trails". It is on sale at your State Headquarters Book Department. See review on page 35 of this magazine.

Let's all say together: "Ridgecrest for Me!"

SECOND MEETING

Topic—Vacation Days

Hymn—Jesus Calls Us

Devotional—II Tim. 2:15 (*See also "Bible Study" on page 6.*)

Prayer

Vacation Closer Home

Days Short but Sweet

Japan's Y. W. A. Camp

Daily Vacation Bible Schools

Schools of Missions

Hymn—O Savior, Let Me Walk with Thee

Sentence Prayers

Announcement Poster

On left side of cardboard have two girls conversing.

First girl says: "Do you know who needs a vacation worst?"

Second says: "No, do you?"

First Girl—"The fellow who's just had one!"

Second Girl—"You ought to try spending your vacation with me at our Y. W. A. Camp (or State Assembly etc.) then you'd come home rested in mind, body and spirit."

Y. W. A. Meeting
Time Place

Vacation—Work and Play

WHEN you were a tiny girl you learned a memory gem that went something like this:

"Work while you work, play while you play.

That is the way to be happy and gay"—

I believe this is a good policy but I also believe there should have been added this admonition: "Be sure you have some of both".

We often have an idea that a vacation means absolute play but experienced persons will say an "all-play" vacation is nearly as tiresome as an "all-work" vacation would be. Baptists have long since realized this and have sought to offer a "Two-in-One" which is an ideal vacation and can be had without going a great distance.

Because there are many who cannot go so far as Ridgecrest each summer, the different states provide their own summer assemblies. Every southern state has one or more of these meetings at some time during the summer. Some have more—Florida has five this summer, all meeting in beautiful parts of the state; Kentucky, Virginia, South Carolina and other states have two, while Texas has far more than this. These usually last from eight to ten days but in some states they run longer, as in Alabama where they give a week to each line of church activity, Sunday school, W. M. U. and B. Y. P. U. Alabama owns beautiful Mentone Springs which is her place of meeting. Louisiana has a real "Camp Ground" of her own, too, at Mandeville across the great Lake Pontchartrain from New Orleans.

In some states the meetings are held in resort places where hotel accommodations are adequate. In others they meet on the campuses of their Baptist schools and colleges where dormitory and class room space is available. If you do not know where your state assembly meets be sure to write your state leader for information. A good time? Well, you should go and see for yourself! Often the Y. W. A's. have a camp all to themselves at these assem-

blies and are not just seen but often heard, especially as they sing their good night songs accompanied by banjo and ukulele. (*See pages 14-17.*)

Days Short but Sweet

SOME of the states have conferences which are truly three-day schools, for girls come with books, pencils and note-books more eager than to high school or even college. In Arkansas such a conference is held each year at Central College at Conway. From every part of the state girls make application for registration until 150 have gained entrance, then no more can be taken because even then the generous Y. W. A. girls at Central must sleep two in a single bed in order that there may be room for their visitors. This is a G. A. Conference and a splendid one it is, for the girls learn to live by a bell and under the discipline of college life as they sit in classes, discuss G. A. problems and make reports. New methods are exchanged, demonstrations and pageants seen and needs of the home and foreign fields presented by some missionary. Truly this is an opportunity coveted for every one of our southern states. This might offer a good suggestion to you who are going to college next year. Your state leader will help you plan a really helpful program and the thrills you can bring to your G. A. sisters are worth the effort.

Georgia calls her school for G. A. a real house-party and well she does. Bessie Tift College lends her lovely home to be used while the "home folks" are away in the summer time. The girls come with tennis rackets, hiking shoes, knickers and bathing suits all ready for a good time. But they also bring along time for study and thinking and the week they spend there together with the best of teachers and most capable of leaders gives in exchange new ideas, new ambitions and new strength. Georgia Y. W. A's., don't let your G. A. sisters spend their vacation money again until they've gone one time to this G. A. House Party. Julia Allen will tell you all about it.

Japan's First Y. W. A. Camp

OH, yes, even in foreign countries can they have such splendid times for Y. W. A. girls. After months of planning and praying the Y. W. A. Conference in Japan was held at Seinan Jo Gakuin, July 21-26, 1926. Miss Naomi Schell, one of our splendid missionaries and now home on furlough, saw one of her dreams come true when these girls with whom she has worked so hard came together in this great conference.

It opened with a vesper service led by one of the Japanese girls. Then on the first evening a pageant was presented by the Japanese Y. W. A. girls. The pageant was called "The Mission of Y. W. A." Each day of the conference was begun with "Sunrise Prayer Service" and closed with an outpouring of praise and thanksgiving in a "Vesper Service".

From Thursday to Saturday the mornings were given over to study. Studies in the Old Testament were led by a Japanese teacher, while a Japanese man taught "Teachers That Teach", showing them how to teach Christ to Sunday school pupils. They also had a class in methods taught by a capable Japanese woman. Mrs. Hara, wife of the dean, and Naomi Schell showed the girls how they could band themselves into Y. W. A. groups to lead young women around them to Christ.

In the closing hours of the conference, Mrs. Takahashi, president of Japan W. M. U., spoke on W. M. U.'s hopes for her daughters, after which a consecration service was led by one of the faculty. A call was given to these girls to lives of consecration and practically every girl went forward. All left the service silent under the impress of the Spirit.

Already calls are coming for the next conference. *(This information was taken from a report written by Naomi Schell whose modesty is typical of missionaries. She had run a line through her own name where it must appear in the report.)*

At Our Doors

IT would seem that summer time is more of a school time than the winter time, and really it does seem to be Baptist school days. There are not only those who cannot go so far as Ridgecrest to our southwide school but there are many who can't go even so far as to their state assembly so there are provided many such gatherings in associations, divisions and districts. These are usually held in some resort place or in buildings owned by Baptists of the association. Many of these are decidedly worthwhile and offer training that many would never have except for these. Programs are generally carried out along the same plans as the state assemblies, courses being offered in every line of church activity. Many of these are camps for Y. W. A., G. A. or R. A. and are sponsored by the associational leaders and W. M. U. mothers. What a splendid opportunity for Y. W. A. big sisters to serve is offered in G. A. and R. A. Camps. In Georgia this July there are being held several Associational R. A. Camps. Why not plan now, you Y. W. A. girls, to do such a nice thing for the boys? Does your association have an R. A. Camp? Your state leader will help you plan it, for you should not miss so fine a thing again. What others have done you can do too. A fine way this would be to get the interest of the boys sufficient to organize an R. A. Chapter.

Daily Vacation Bible Schools

THESE are called D. for "Daily" and are called daily because they meet daily for two, three or four weeks in many churches during the summer. V. stands for "Vacation" and why they are called "Vacation Schools" one can readily know. They are called "Bible Schools" because the Bible is the principal book taught in these schools. Many Y. W. A. girls know what is meant by such schools because they have helped in them. This is a work now under the Sunday School Board and is getting to be popular throughout

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



MARJORIE'S TEST

BESS THOMAS, Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C.

NOTE: *The following story won first place in the southwide, all year Y. W. A. Tithing Contest. Miss Thomas read the story before the W. M. U. annual meeting in Louisville, her trip being the gift of this magazine.*

IT was a cold gray November afternoon. The sun was just sinking out of sight, leaving its streaks of red and gold emblazoned on the sky. Marjorie flitted lightly back and forth in the tiny, tidy little kitchen of her home, where she was busy preparing the simple supper for her grandmother and herself, the only occupants of the humble cottage. For five years she had lived here with her grandmother, her only relative, doing the work for her and going to school. Together they lived on the meager sum which came to her grandmother from her small stock in a manufacturing company in Lawndale. Marjorie was always given a certain bit of this money as her own, and she made what she could extra by embroidering towels and scarfs for people in the community. This year, however, business had not been good and the company at Lawndale had not been able to pay their usual dividend.

As Marjorie was busy seeing that the toast reached a certain delicious brown stage and carefully turning the slices of bacon, which they were to have for supper, she was also busily engaged in thinking. For three months she had been wearing the same old dress for Sunday trying to save a little sum of money for an object which was dear to her heart but recently, owing to the company giving only half of the usual dividend, all of that small sum had been taken to meet the extra expense of a doctor's bill for her grandmother. Of course she had gladly and kindly given the money, but just then as she thought of the matter it seemed that there was no possible way to regain the sum thus spent. In the early fall she had counted

up the amount necessary to be saved each week in order to have enough to buy what she had in view. Already half of the time was gone, and now she had no money in her little savings box. How was she to get the extra money? She could certainly not expect anything more than enough to meet the expenses of the little home. Then her thoughts flew to the thing which she was wishing to buy—the evening dress for the Junior-Senior Banquet to be held the first of March. Oh, what a delightful time that would be! Last year she had not gone because she had not felt that she could spare the money to buy herself a dress, but now she was a senior in high school and had been asked to be on the program. How could she refuse? By this time the supper-table was set and she called her grandmother to supper.

Her grandmother came into the kitchen with her sweet affable smile and gentle manner. After grace had been said, the two ate in silence. Grandmother Cerena, for that was her name, noticed that Marjorie lacked the blithesome, gay manner of her natural self, but she said nothing. Marjorie went on following her former train of thought. Suddenly the idea had come to her—there was her tithing money, which she gave to the church every Sunday. Yes, there was the money, and if she were to keep that for herself, the amount she would ordinarily give on the Sundays in the next three months, it would exactly amount to the same sum which she had previously saved: why not keep that? What difference would it make? After March she could start giving again. Soon the meal was finished, and her grandmother went back to the living-

room by the fire. All of the time that Marjorie was washing the dishes this new thought kept recurring to her, and by the time she had finished the dishes she was thoroughly convinced that she would do this very thing. She would go directly and tell her grandmother, for she had been worrying over this same problem ever since Marjorie had spent her money. But how could she tell her grandmother, who had always put aside her tenth for God's work? Anyway she went running into the room, exclaiming: "Oh! Grandmother, I've solved it at last! I have it—I know how I can get the money to buy my dress—I can just keep the money I have been giving to the church, and that will give me the exact amount".

Her grandmother started suddenly—just a little bit but immediately forced a smile to play over her face and simply answered: "Now, that would be a way, wouldn't it, dear?" Grandmothers are so wise.

All that evening Marjorie moved around gayly, finishing her lessons more quickly than usual. Her grandmother knitted on, but the little pucker about her eyebrows showed that she was deeply pondering over something. As the clock hand neared ten she said: "Marjorie, won't you bring the Bible and read to me before we retire?"

Marjorie gladly answered: "Yes, Grandmother", and went to get the Bible.

As she returned, her grandmother remarked: "Marjorie, you know I have been thinking a great deal tonight about some of the passages in the Bible that meant so much to me when I was making my plans in younger life and which have been an inspiration and guide to me all my life."

"Yes, Grandmother, what are they?" said Marjorie.

"There are several of them. I will call them one at a time and you may turn to them and read them. They are scattered throughout the Bible. Now, won't you read the eighth, ninth and tenth verses of the third chapter of

Malachi? That is a passage I have always remembered".

Marjorie turned quickly and read: "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed Me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it".

"Now, won't you read a passage in II Corinthians? I believe it's the ninth verse of the seventh chapter."

This time Marjorie found: "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly nor of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver".

"Are there any others, Grandmother?" asked Marjorie.

Her grandmother hesitated, pondering. Then she said, "Look over there at the twenty-seventh chapter of Leviticus. I don't remember the exact verse".

Marjorie looked, and her eye fell on the thirtieth verse:

"And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord".

"Yes, that's it. Now read that pretty verse in the fiftieth Psalm beginning 'If I were hungry—'

"Here it is", interrupted Marjorie:

"If I were hungry, I would not tell thee; for the world is Mine and the fulness thereof."

"Did you ever hear this, Marjorie? 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine?' There is another verse in Proverbs that I love—'Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst out with new wine'" quoted Grandmother Cerena. "I remember another wonderful one too—'For if there be first a willing mind, it

is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not'. Read just one more verse, Marjorie, please. It is Jacob's vow to God, and it is found in the twenty-eighth chapter of Genesis, about the twenty-second verse".

Marjorie found:

"And of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee".

Marjorie's grandmother yawned slightly: "I think we had better retire now, don't you?"

Marjorie went upstairs with a heavy heart and a confused brain. What was the matter with her? Why did she feel that way? She could not sleep. There kept recurring to her the phrase, "I will open the windows of Heaven and pour you out a blessing" and mixed with this thought the vision of the sweetest little yellow taffeta dress, so soft and light, kept coming to her mind. Finally, her brain became so confused that she dropped off into a troubled sleep. As she slept, there came before her the sight of a beautiful latticed window standing open, showing an ethereal blue in the background. There seemed to be an angel, shining and radiant, leaning over the window showering something down upon the earth beneath, but what it was Marjorie could not make out. Somehow it seemed that the angel was saying:

"Prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven and pour you out a blessing" and again:

"Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over shall they give into your bosom. For with what measure ye mete it shall be given unto you again".

Then the angel seemed to say:

"The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine".

Marjorie awoke, startled. Then she

realized she had been dreaming. She lay quite still. Instantly a resolution flashed into her mind. "Oh! I will keep on giving my tenth into the Lord's treasury. I will not rob God, even though it may mean that I must give up something that I want very much. I won't be a thief", she said.

She came down with a bright smile on her face the next morning. Though nothing was said of the money proposition, Marjorie remained firm in her resolution. Her grandmother noticed that on the following Sunday she put in her tenth as usual. Then she knew that Marjorie had been convinced. Sunday after Sunday, Marjorie continued to put in her offering, never once failing.

The weeks slipped by and at last the great event, the Junior-Senior Banquet was just three days off. Apparently Marjorie had given up all idea of going, but in her heart all this time she kept remembering, "Prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of Heaven unto you and pour you out a blessing".

As Marjorie sat down to supper two nights before the banquet, her grandmother looked up with her usual sweet smile:

"Marjorie", she said, "I have good news for you. The secretary of the Lawndale Manufacturing Company was here today. He told me that business had picked up and that I was to receive my usual dividend next week. I have been considering the matter ever since he was here, and I see no reason why you cannot get your evening dress for the banquet. Won't that be fine? I am so glad that you can go".

"Oh! Is it true?" exclaimed Marjorie, "I have proved the Lord, and He has, indeed, opened the windows of Heaven and poured me out a blessing. I have obeyed His command. I have tithed as I should have done and, now, He has rewarded me. Oh! I'm glad I met that test!"





TRAINING SCHOOL



TRAINING SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

THE twentieth commencement of the W. M. U. Training School, which was held at the Warren Memorial Presbyterian Church in Louisville on the evening of May 2, was also the opening session of the thirty-ninth anniversary of Woman's Missionary Union. Friends accustomed to attend the commencement missed the beautiful environment of House Beautiful with its Fannie E. S. Heck Chapel, but even the spacious auditorium, so graciously tendered by our Presbyterian friends, was much too small for the throngs anxious to attend. Long before the hour all seats and standing room were taken and people were being turned away from the doors. The central section of the church was reserved for the hundreds of alumnae who were here for a happy reunion. Five hundred other seats were reserved for W. M. U. messengers and other guests.

At the appointed hour the strains of the processional, which has also grown familiar and dear to many of us who are not Training School girls, sounded forth. Shall we ever forget the beauty and inspiration of the long lines of alumnae, representatives of the more than 2,000 who have gone forth from the Training School, as they came down the aisles like returning angels from their fields of service? Following after them were the forty-four members of the graduating class and the juniors singing the historic processional from "The Pageant of Darkness and Light":

After the invocation by Dr. Geo. B. Eager, Mrs. Janie Cree Bose, principal, who presided, presented Mrs. Eager, who introduced the speaker of the evening. One is tempted to pause at the name of Mrs. Eager, who for a long time was chairman of the Board and one of the guiding stars of the institution since its birth. With beautiful reminiscences, recalling the visions and devoted service of those who helped to give expression and character to the Training School, Mrs. Eager introduced "very lovingly, very gratefully, and very reverently" Mrs. Maud Reynolds McLure, as the chiefest of them all.

How fitting it was that Mrs. McLure should be the speaker when so many of the alumnae who had called her "Mother McLure" were present. It was natural too and very pleasing, that she should take as her subject "High Lights of Twenty Years". From her rich supply of memory and experience she painted beautiful pictures of glowing chapters in the Training School's history. Touched with humor and enriched by genuine eloquence, her words caught and held the vast audience. Among the pictures portrayed on a background of vision and faith were those of the historic meeting in 1907 when the great venture was made; the establishment of Good Will Center and its growing work; and the introduction of missionary pageants into the regular program of the school with their spiritual fruitage in the life of the students. Our hearts were warmed also as she spoke of the service of the more than 2,000 Christian workers scattered abroad in whom "the school lives, gloriously lives and shall live". On the hearts of the graduates she left an abiding inspiration to bear worthily their part of Christ's burden.

After this charming address came the presentation of diplomas with the principal's message to the graduates. Mrs. Bose has already made for herself an enviable place in the hearts of the students and faculty and friends of the Training School. Her graciousness and wisdom in administration have fully justified her choice as a successor of Mrs. McLure. In public address her sincerity and

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SOCIETY METHODS



ENLIST

"To enlist means to unite one firmly in a cause or principle."

Make a survey. Know your possibilities.

WIN THEM BY:

W-anting all women working to win the world

O-rganize to get them. Assign names to circles or groups. Appoint extension committees, choosing women who are:

Intelligent
Efficient
Optimistic
Cooperative
Sacrificial

R-eorganize—Change circles
Change committees
Change officers

K-eep after—Church members
Trunk Baptists
Unaffiliated women
Business women—one out of five is a business woman

HOLD THEM BY:

Programs made interesting, informing, inspiring
ins and pennants for circles having largest number
Present monthly
presence of circle members recognized
partnership with God makes task worth while

Reaching the Standard
R-ecreation quarterly
epresent at general meeting securing new plans
eport regularly

Assign suitable tasks to each member. World's discontent caused by mis-fits
Absentees noted and visited
greeable always

Young people trained to take your place
ou do your best

"Unused abilities of the churches are the exultation of hell, the surprise of Heaven, the loss of man and grief of God."

—Mary Northington, Tennessee



TITHING



The JOY

Mal. 4, 2; Ps. 116, 12-14; Jer. 7, 23; Prov. 3, 10; Jno. 15, 14; Rom. 6, 16; Ps. 146, 5; Job 27, 8; Prov. 14, 32; Rom. 6, 15; I Jno. 3, 3; Ps. 96, 8

NOTHING attracts like joy. A joyous Christian is the magnet of his community. There is nothing like the joy that obedience brings. Is there any joy without it? We may find *pleasure* for a time in wrong-doing but never real joy. The little child who is conscious of having pleased his mother bears in his eyes that look of happy well-being which is like nothing else in the world except the look of spiritual blessedness which the Christian wears. "Obey My voice", says Jehovah, "and ye shall be My people". The joy of it! But obedience is the condition.

There is the joy of possession. Do we not all know this joy, in little things or great? But this too is conditioned. "Bring ye,—and your barns shall be filled"—God requires something of us, in order that He may bless.

The joy of Divine friendship! What can be compared to it! Friends of Jesus—what a joyous exaltation—how wonderful the privilege! But it is conditioned on obedience. "Ye are My friends if—"

With the joy of accomplishment we are all acquainted; but even the finest accomplishment is as dust and ashes without the consciousness that it is for *good* to us or to others. And we cannot achieve for eternity unless we are linked up with it by a right relation to its founder. "His servants ye are whom ye obey."

The joy of *hope*! Surely nothing can keep this joy from us. The poorest can hope. Yet consider a moment: "He shall be happy whose hope is in the Lord", but only "the righteous hath hope in death!" Paul bids us "rejoice in hope", and surely we shall, if we have a right to, but John writes "every man that hath this hope purifieth himself". And surely the first step to purity is obedience.

The easiest obedience is in the material world. "Bring ye the tithes"—"Bring an offering and come—!"—*Mrs. F. W. Withoft, Ga.*

SUMMER ASSEMBLIES

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Jewell Baptist Assembly, July 12-22; Ozark Assembly, July 24-31; Baptist Hill Assembly, July 23-31; Arcadia Heights State Assembly, August 2-14. All our assembly W. M. U. work is under the general supervision of the state W. M. U., and we consider ourselves fortunate in having the promise of three outstanding out-of-state teachers. Mrs. R. K. Redwine, W. M. U. field worker, will teach at Jewell Baptist Assembly; Miss Emma Leachman, Home Board field worker, will teach at Baptist Hill; and Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, Home Board mission study ed-

itor, will teach at Arcadia Heights.

Our inspirational hours promise to be of the very highest type. For these hours we will have as speakers: Mrs. Frank Connelly, China; Mrs. J. Franklin Ray, Japan; Mrs. Kate Cox White, Brazil; Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence and Miss Emma Leachman.

We are especially featuring the Auxiliary Camps and missionary evening. At this missionary hour we will have a number of the above-named missionaries, bearing a direct message from their respective fields.—*Amy Goodman, State W. M. U. Field Worker*



PERSONAL SERVICE



GOOD WILL CENTER—An AVENUE of PERSONAL SERVICE

POSSIBLY no channel offers such opportunity for personal service as does a Good Will Center; fortunate indeed is the city in which there is one. The Good Will Center of Meridian, Miss., while owned and operated by the Baptists, is universal in its mission, offering service to all who ask, regardless of faith or creed.

Established a little more than ten years ago in the mill district Good Will Center has come to be recognized as one of the centers of the community life of that section of Meridian in which it is located. It has proven a haven of rest to hundreds, yea thousands of weary mothers and children who after a hard day's work felt as though they could find peace and contentment there. And those who knock are always bidden to enter; none are turned away from its doors without receiving benefits in a spiritual as well as material way.

Under the able leadership of Miss Millie Mae McLellan, who has directed the work for the past six years, and her present assistant, Miss Mary Poole, together with assistance of volunteer workers from the eight Baptist churches of Meridian, clubs and classes are conducted for the children of the various ages. For the tiny tots, whose mothers are compelled to leave them from early morn till late at night as they toil in the mill, there is the day nursery. At this time there are 16 dear, sweet youngsters in the nursery who are well provided for in the sun-porch of the center. This has been converted into their very own room, it being enclosed in glass so as to furnish both light and air. Their toys and cots, on which they are required to nap every afternoon, are kept in their playroom. What a good time do they have among themselves!

For the older boys and girls there are the Sunshine Club in which they are taught beautiful stories, the Blue Bird Club where they are taught to sew and embroider. There are also Royal Ambassador, Girl's Auxiliary and other similar organizations. The playground equipped with various play devices is well kept, furnishing much entertainment for the youngsters. But by far the most attractive feature is the fifty-foot wading-pool which was a gift of the Kiwanis Club, being secured through the efforts of Dr. L. R. Christie, former pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city. The blessings of this pool have been manifold, and needless to say the pool is always full of children on the days which it is open, which is every day except Sunday during the summer.

Leaders instil in the hearts of the tiniest youngster attending the center the real meaning of religion, teaching them to love and fear God. The faith of their little hearts is beautiful, being as trusting as that of the little boy who was playing with a turtle on the playground. Miss McLellan admonished him to be careful lest the turtle bite him saying that if such were to happen the turtle would not loose his grip until it thundered.

"Then what would you do, James?" asked Miss McLellan.

"I'd pray to God to make it thunder", promptly answered James.

Can one measure the value of personal service such as this in dollars and cents? No, for only the Master Himself is able to appraise its worth, for "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me".—*Helen Crook, Miss.*

Y. W. A. PROGRAMS

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our southern churches. It is said that a child gets as much instruction and learns in these three or four weeks as much as is taught in Sunday school in a whole year. The hours of teaching are longer. It is real fun to help in one of these schools. The stories to be told are given, the instructions for the hand-work are given and suggestions for every minute are provided. The W. M. U. helped to bring these schools into popularity and now we want to lend our every hand to making them count in the lives of the children in our community. Has your pastor ever asked for volunteers to help in a school in your church? Have you refused? A graded W. M. U. could come out of one of these schools. You have the children together, you have their interest, so now let's have a Sunbeam Band, a G. A. and an R. A. Chapter out of this school. Books and information for these schools can be had from the Baptist Sunday

School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Schools of Missions

THE W. M. U. has been recommending such schools in all our churches. Many have had them, others have not. What a fine time is summer time when everybody is bored without regular daily duties of business, school or college. You have girls home from college who can do splendid teaching of mission study books. If you can't put on a Daily Vacation Bible School for the children, why not a School of Missions for them as well as for the older people? Y. W. A. girls could sponsor such a fine treat. Story-Telling Hours for Sunbeams and classes for G. A.'s., R. A.'s. and Y. W. A.'s. could be easily planned for. A picnic will be a fine reward for good attendance. Your pastor or W. M. U. president will cooperate, planning classes for women and men. Y. W. A. girls can and should do many constructive things. Days of vacation should be utilized so that they may be days of refreshment for the mind and soul as well as for the body.

TRAINING SCHOOL

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fervor are always compelling and were never more so than on this occasion when she spoke a final word to the seniors.

Two of the graduates received the master's degree (M. M. T.) and forty-two the bachelor's degree (B. M. T.). Those who had completed a full year's work received a certificate of credit.

Mrs. E. A. McDowell, Jr., led the Training School Chorus in the singing of two anthems which added pleasure and inspiration to the exercises. Miss Emma Leachman, formerly director of Good Will Center, was present and led in the closing prayer and benediction.

It was fortunate both for the Training School and the many visitors that the commencement came during the annual session of W. M. U. The visitors gained a vision of Training School life and the Training School gained new friends and renewed the loyalty of old ones who will return to their churches to evoke the support which the school deserves among southern Baptist women.—Mrs. J. B. Weather-
spoon, Louisville

The 20th session of the school opens September 19, 1927. For catalogue and application blanks apply to your state trustee for the W. M. U. Training School or to

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EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

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Then the chairman put the question to her committee, then to the state chairmen, then to each of the eighteen state delegations in succession, then to the vast throng of interested visitors, each group in turn standing and clasping hands in token thereby that they, too, would join hands and hearts in the great undertaking, that they in turn might say to the women and young people in their home churches:

"Is thy heart right as my heart is with thy heart? . . . If it be, give me thy hand. . . . Come with me and see my zeal for Jehovah!"

Back to their home churches these hundreds of delegates and visitors have gone. May each of them enthusiastically, prayerfully say to the women and young people of her community and church: "Give me thy hand" . . . that others "may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in Heaven".

BIBLE STUDY

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secure the blessing of the promise, Gen. 12:3; 18:18, to all the world. Hail the Lord Jesus as your sovereign, Luke 1:31-33; I Cor. 15:28, while intelligent creatures are invited to praise, Ps. 96:11-13. If ever there was a thing to rejoice in upon this earth, it is that a Deliverer is coming, Rom. 11:26; Isa. 59:20; 60:1-3. What a store of comfort for the down-trodden, the enslaved, the needy is the announcement that the Lord is coming to avenge all evil, Ps. 98:7-9. The study of the Messianic psalms impresses us with the fact that Christ is the Savior and object of all revelation.—Mrs. James Pollard

PRAY YE

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Grateful hearts for the God who encourages prayer
Missionaries who believe in and practise prayer
Release from doubt as to the limitations of prayer in Jesus' Name
Guidance of God in work of Home and Foreign Mission Boards
Follow-up work of W. M. U. annual meeting
Enlistment plans of Ruby Anniversary Program
Spiritual results from Southwide Y. W. A. Camp at Ridgecrest, N. C.
Missionary teachings at summer assemblies
W. M. U. emphasis upon tithing
Redeeming of pledges to 1927 Co-operative Program
Law enforcement in behalf of Sabbath observance, sacredness of the home
and prohibition

EXCELLENT are the year's returns as to personal service. For instance, there is a gain of 1616 societies in the total of 7661 which are enlisted in this practical side of W. M. U. life. The total of 33,892 religious services is a gain over last year of 11,573. Also in the total of 11,285 conversions as a result, in a measure at least, of W. M. U. personal service there are 4,057 more than were witnessed last year. 1,156 more Bibles were distributed in a total of 15,502 than were given out last year. All this must surely indicate that personal service is coming more and more to be "Christlike living in one's own community".

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

First Quarterly Report, January 1, 1927, to April 1, 1927

STATES	Received by W. M. U. Treasurer									
	Foreign	Home	Minis- terial Relief	Christian Education	State and Other Objects in S.B.C. Program	W. M. U. Specials	Sister- hood Special	Training School		Cash Total
Alabama	\$ 5,973.35	\$ 3,879.19	\$ 783.77	\$ 8,023.16	\$ 32,114.41	\$ 568.00		\$ 400.00	\$ 187.95	\$ 51,929.83
Arkansas	5,574.47	1,277.79	301.61	3,184.39	4,087.02	750.00		200.00	54.99	15,480.27
District of Columbia	1,245.14	1,245.14			1,245.14		12.00			3,747.42
Florida	4,701.84	2,131.50	835.90	2,401.63	10,636.61	14.10		100.00	189.62	20,986.20
Georgia	15,140.75	5,928.72	1,286.73	6,364.68	11,700.99	1,228.81	9.00	142.00	205.55	41,964.33
Illinois	486.40	659.16			518.14	118.19		107.89	99.10	1,923.89
Kentucky	10,627.46	5,215.45	1,499.85	6,716.27	9,989.17	6.75	48.00		136.27	34,309.94
Louisiana	2,498.37	1,124.28	449.70	5,886.16	6,697.31	228.20				17,020.29
Maryland	762.57	1,678.16	79.21	145.22	1,361.42	400.00				4,426.58
Mississippi	4,889.40	4,148.94	833.99	4,301.65	4,740.59	231.00	20.00	15.00	239.43	18,920.00
Missouri	6,292.88	2,020.03	253.66	1,779.42	2,435.77	570.00	20.00	280.24	158.36	13,810.36
New Mexico	357.41	505.08	64.33	117.95	729.12				9.45	1,783.34
North Carolina	18,909.48	15,252.96	2,169.09	16,509.20	12,639.75	350.00	27.95	100.00	393.30	61,351.73
Oklahoma	3,801.59	1,049.61	362.48	624.37	15,879.19	396.33	50.00	500.00	292.22	22,663.57
South Carolina	8,602.90	4,617.13	1,391.24	3,669.39	17,396.65	2.00	10.00	450.00	292.22	36,431.53
Tennessee	9,147.39	12,790.49	1,571.11	9,659.86	12,716.18	500.00		100.00	384.21	46,819.24
Texas	18,496.71	10,361.85	3,011.54	16,104.24	22,149.17	1,353.20	100.00	800.00	274.56	271,171.27
Virginia	20,661.56	12,716.51	2,253.91	9,910.33	18,577.38	940.00	37.00		576.84	66,473.53
Totals	\$132,669.67	\$ 86,601.99	\$ 17,148.12	\$ 95,397.92	\$384,933.11	*\$ 7,656.58	\$ 358.95	\$ 3,195.13	\$ 3,151.85	\$731,113.32

Of the above total \$681,250.44 was given by W. M. S.; \$28,217.36 by Y. W. A.; \$8,520.26 by G. A.; \$4,879.69 by R. A.; and \$8,245.57 by S. B. The "W. M. U. Specials" comprise gifts to the S. S. Board Bible Fund, the W. M. U. Training School at Louisville, Kentucky, and the Margaret Scholar-ship Fund.

*This column includes \$385.35 Margaret Fund Birthday Gift. Value of Boxes to Missionaries \$10,564.73

BOOK REVIEWS

STAR TRAILS

"STAR TRAILS" is a compilation of short addresses given by Mrs. W. J. Cox, president of Woman's Missionary Union, to young people at the 1926 vesper services of the Young Woman's Auxiliary Camp held at Ridgecrest, North Carolina. At the urgent request of the two hundred young women who heard these talks Mrs. Cox consented to assemble and print them under the title, "Star Trails". To write a book fitting such a title indicates that vision lay behind its preparation; to bring the vision before the eyes of others indicates that the purpose of the vision was clearly understood by the writer. All who read this charming book will agree that vision, preparation and clear presentation have met on its pages.

The eight chapters of "Star Trails" are arranged under the following titles: "First Steps on the Star Trail", showing the upward leading of the trail, even to the seat of the Father. Following this comes "The Book of the Star Trail", which places in the hands of the pilgrim the Guide Book, the Word of God, that he may know how to start on his way, keep to the right course and make a good finish. "The Palace of Prayer", the next chapter, guides the traveler to a place of rest and refreshment, a place of blessing and encouragement without which the journey would be impossible. How to use for others the power gained in the place of prayer is pointed out in the chapter which follows, "The Shadows We Cast: Our Influence". Here the author gently reminds the followers of the trail that

they are "living epistles . . . written with the Spirit of the living God"; that their lives, pursuits and amusements must be trustworthy guideposts for those who would walk the "star trail". Dust shows footprints. In "Star Dust", the next chapter, we see the imprint of feet marching toward higher ground; to greater riches in Christ; to the winning goal. Then follows the chapter, "Star Trails That Have Grown Dim". Here the writer hangs out warning signals. We are admonished by those who have faltered or turned back that we too may become so dim that we will no longer be a part of the shining way. Flickering torches must be rekindled and kept at their highest power by close contact with the Light of the world—Jesus Christ. Then comes the radiant chapter, "Stars That Will Shine Forever". Here is the great reward: those who turn others into the "star trail" will shine ceaselessly in the Kingdom of God when their star trail ends in the brightness of His glory. The last chapter, "The Investment of Life", is a loving and reasonable call to youth to be about the Father's business; to heed the call of Christ, the Perfect One, closing with this challenge to youth: "Up, and follow the star trail!"

"Star Trails" is a really beautiful book. Its spiritual value, grace of composition, poetical selections and apt illustrations recommend it to readers, young and old. The drawings are the work of our gifted artist, Miss Emma Whitfield, and harmonize well with the spirit of the book.

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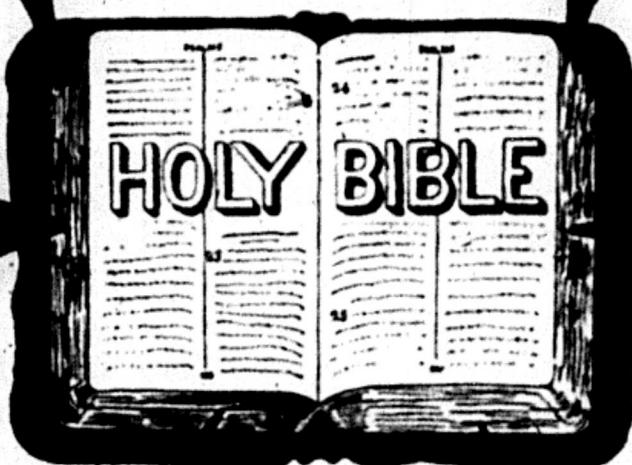
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GOD'S WORD ON TITHING

EX. 23:19

PROV. 3:9-10

LEV. 27:
30-32



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2:8

DEUT. 8:18

MATT. 23:23

**"BRING YE THE WHOLE TITHE
INTO THE STOREHOUSE" MAL. 3:10**

THE drawing which made possible the cut shown on this page was done by Mrs. J. L. Stone of Louisiana. Several of its Scripture passages are also referred to in the Y. W. A. tithing story on page 25. Especial attention is called to this prize-winning story and to the fact that the state Unions are again being urged to stimulate their young people to become tithers through the writing and reading of similar tithing stories. Attention is also called to the free tithing literature which may be secured from the state W. M. U. headquarters (*address on page 2*), one thing being the Tithing Record Card, with its simple three months' test and its attractive rewarding seals. Please secure and use such a card.