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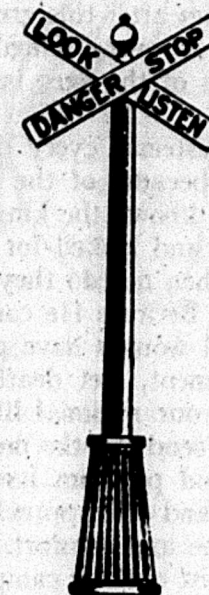
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June—A Baptist "Palaver" in Africa	Dec.—What of China?

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EDITORIAL



BECAUSE

Mrs. W. J. Cox, President Woman's Missionary Union

he wise men said, "For we have seen His Star in the east and are come to worship Him". Because the star shone over Bethlehem, the centuries echo with progress, peace, beauty, love, service and eternal life. Twenty centuries after this greeting we find in it a majestic unification and expression of every Kingdom purpose and achievement. The gigantic missionary program of the ages is the direct result of the message of the Star.

While the Christian esteems every day as the Savior's birthday, we rejoice anew each Christmastide because of the birth of the Prince of Peace. Prior to His coming the world had known the king, the conqueror, the scholar, the genius, the prophet but it longed and looked for a Savior. Temporal power and human grandeur did not satisfy then nor do they now satisfy the desires of the immortal soul. We need a Savior. Because He came all life has a new meaning. Because of faith in Him, men and women have gladly endured persecution, suffered imprisonment, borne banishment, met death. Because of Him and His wondrous teachings incorporated in our national life we, from comfortable homes, modern offices, adequate churches send out the message of the Star.

The Christian life and program have grown easier. Perhaps we accept it without acknowledgment and full appreciation of all it has cost. Ours is a day of scientific invention, ease and comfort. We are called upon to suffer and sacrifice for the cause of Christ nothing comparable to other generations. Our Christian lives are comfortable. Comfort can become a lust. It is a soft and silken thing with a grip of iron. The comforts of our age tend to lull our consciences to rest. It is easy to forget the peoples that lie beyond our shores when comfort has tamed and mastered the nobler impulses of the soul. Comfort turns to mock us today as we realize how easily the world could be brought to Christ. A great missionary said if there were more abiding in Christ, there would be less abiding at home.

What does it mean to you that there are peoples and tribes that have not seen His Star in the east? Do you long to be God-filled, God-possessed in the effort to carry this glad message? Are you willing to be salvation's herald in human binding? As long as there are unalleviated suffering, preventable deaths and ignorance of the Savior's mission we must not succumb to the comfort of inactivity.

Shortly we, as members of the Woman's Missionary Union, observe the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Because we have seen His Star surely we can and will meet daily during the week in prayer and study. Comfort will intrude with many selfish excuses, but because we have seen and know the Christ, because all the blessings of life rise in gratitude, we will meet the call of the week. A Spartan at Thermopylae when told that the Persians were so numerous that their darts would darken the sun replied, "Then we will fight in the shade". Would that our spirits would be as dauntless in the face of seeming hindrances and difficulties.

At every possible opportunity the purpose and object of the Week of Prayer with its Christmas Offering should be enthusiastically presented by members and leaders. "If the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?"

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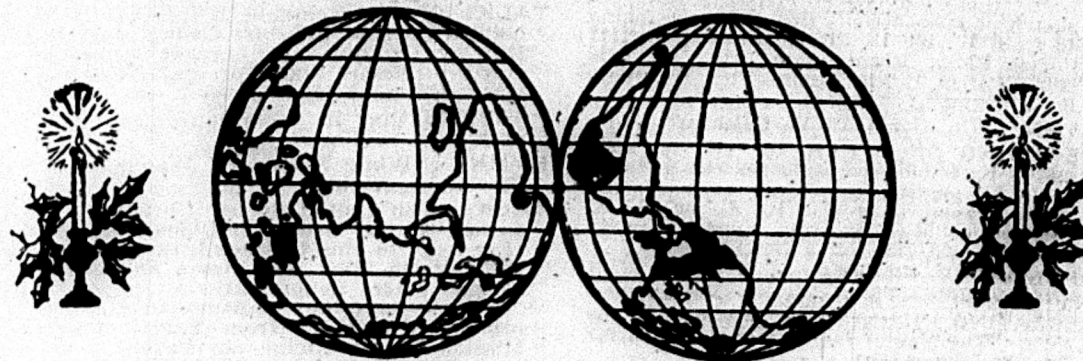
Week of Prayer World-Wide Mission Program

for

All Grades of W. M. U. Organizations

NOVEMBER 28-DECEMBER 2 INCLUSIVE, 1927

Theme: How the W. M. U. Is Following the Star



Jesus said: *The field is the world: . . . go ye into all the world.*—Matt. 13:38; Mark 16:15

These good tidings shall be preached in the whole world.—Matt. 24:4, 14

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.—John 3:10, 16

I came . . . to save the world.—John 12:47

The Bread of God . . . giveth life unto the world.—John 6:32, 33

I am the Light of the World; . . . ye are the light of the world.—John 8:11, 12; Matt. 5:14

MONDAY

U. S. SUBJECT: Around the World with Our W. M. U.

HYMN: "Holy, Holy, Holy"
BIBLE LESSON: Christmas Carols
In Scripture: *From Mary the Mother:* Luke 1:46-56; 2:1-7

HYMN: "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem"
TALK: Organization and Growth of Woman's Missionary Union S. B. C. (Help for this talk will be found in: "In Royal Service", pages 125-170, this history to be purchased for 60c from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.; "Manual of W. M. U. Methods", pages 10-25, this manual to be purchased for 50c from Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.; and "W. M. U. Year Book", pages 26-45, the Year Book being for sale at 10c from W. M. U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

HYMN: "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

PRAYERS of Praise and Thanksgiving

TALKS: How the W. M. U. Is Following the Star in: (1) China; (2) Japan (Help for these talks and the ones on Europe and South America will be found in the leaflets furnished free with the program and also in the free copy of the "Summary of the Report of the Foreign Mission Board", there being four leaflets on China, one on Japan, two on Europe and two on work in South America. If a world map is kept prominently before the audience the talks will have a more lasting effect. A map showing the location of each S. B. C. foreign mission station may be purchased for \$3.75 from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. In practically every S. B. C. foreign mission station there are one or more W. M. U. organizations.)

PRAYERS for Christian Work and Workers in the Orient, including 105 Women's Missionary Societies with 2,134 members

READING: The Awakening (Order leaflet for 3c from W. M. U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

READING: The Eternal Feminine in Japan (Order leaflet for 4c from Birmingham address given above.)

HYMN: "Oh, Worship the King, All Glorious Above"

TALK: How the W. M. U. Is Following the Star in Europe

PRAYERS for the Evangelization of Europe and Palestine, Remembering the 4620 Members in the 167 Women's Missionary Societies

READING: Christianity's Opportunity in Europe (Order leaflet for 4c from W. M. U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

READING: Stories from Hungary (Order leaflet for 4c from Birmingham address given above.)

PRAYERS for Christian Work and Workers in Africa, Remembering 44 Women's Missionary Societies with 730 members

READING: On the Trail with a Missionary (Order leaflet for 4c from W. M. U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

HYMN: "Hail to the Brightness of Zion's Glad Morning"

TALKS: How the W. M. U. Is Following the Star in: (1) Brazil; (2) Argentina; (3) Chile

PRAYERS for Christian Work and Workers in South America and Mexico, including 6,916 Members in 296 Women's Missionary Societies

READING: Idolatry or Christianity? (Order leaflet for 3c from W. M. U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

PRAYERS for the successful completion of the 1927 S. B. C. Cooperative Program and for loyal pledging during the every-member canvass for the 1928 Program, December 4-11

HYMN: "More Love to Thee, Oh Christ"

READING OF LEAFLET: Miss Lottie Moon—As I Knew Her (In addition to this free leaflet there may be purchased a different sketch of Miss Moon's life, the price being 4c from W. M. U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala., its title being "Miss Lottie Moon—The Heavenly Book Visitor".)

HYMN: "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful"

RECEIVING OF OFFERING (It is suggested that the receptacle for the gifts be made by pasting a colored map of the world around a bowl. R. A. or G. A. members could easily draw, color and paste such a world-map on a bowl.)

DEDICATORY PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS of Week's Meetings

REPEATING IN UNISON: Watchword for Year—"The Master is come and calleth for Thee": John 11:28

HYMN FOR THE YEAR: "Jesus Calls Us"

TUESDAY

UBJECT: Our Service Flag
HYMN: As with Gladness Men of Old
BIBLE LESSON: W. M. U. Training School Motto: John 11:21 "We would see Jesus"; Compare Matthew 5:8, Hebrews 11:27

(All the world in all ages in all places in all times has sought Jesus, the Messiah, the One who would show men God. Seeing Him lives are changed. See John 4:42: 1:36. We must see Him and show Him. Is Christ so born in our hearts that we reveal Him to others?)

SPECIAL QUARTETTE: We Would See Jesus, for the Shadows Lengthen (See page 36 of October ROYAL SERVICE.)

VALUE OF W. M. U. TRAINING SCHOOL (See October ROYAL SERVICE and leaflets about W. M. U. Training School.)

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE FLAG (See October ROYAL SERVICE. A map showing places where W. M. U. students are now at work in foreign lands would be interesting. Use gold and purple ribbons radiating from Louisville to their locations. Such a map may be rather easily made from the one given in this folder, the school having representatives in every S. B. C. mission field.)

SERIES OF PRAYERS for those who are identified with House Beautiful (If a former Training School student is available she can add much to the discussions.)

OUR TRAINING SCHOOL IN EUROPE (Help for this talk and the following one will be found in the free leaflet: "A Flying Trip to Our Schools for Women in Foreign Lands".)

READING: Around the World in Our Schools and Colleges for Young Women

HYMN: Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning

VALUE OF CHRISTIAN TRAINING: "We Speak" (Impersonations by Y. W. A's.)

STORY (Told from Leaflet) The Star or the Sword? (Order from W. M. U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala., price 2c.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS of Week's Meetings

HYMN: There's a Beautiful Star

GATHERING OF OFFERING (Use basket with Christmas Star on handle.)

WEDNESDAY

UBJECT: Revelation of Life and Teachings of Jesus Produce Revolution in Life of Men and Nations

HYMN: "There Is No Name So Sweet on Earth"

BIBLE LESSON: Christmas Carols in Scripture: By Men of Old: Isaiah 7:14; 11:1-5, 10; 52:1-2, 7-10, 13-15; 9:6-7; Matt. 2:1-6

HYMN: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

TALK: New Movements in the Orient (For help with this talk see leaflet with this title by Dr. Ray, also current secular literature, Home and Foreign Fields and state denominational paper.)

PRAYERS that in these movements many may turn to Christ

HYMN: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night"

TALK: The United States' Christian Obligation to the Orient and South America (For help for this talk see leaflet with this title by Dr. Ray, also Home and Foreign Fields, state denominational paper and "Today's Supreme Challenge to America", prices 60c and 75c from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.)

PRAYERS that American Christians may measure up to their opportunities

PRAYERS that every member of the church will redeem the pledge to the 1927 S. B. C. Cooperative Program and will pledge generously—December 4-11—to the one for 1928

HYMN: "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

TALK: Effect Upon the Work of Recalling Our Missionaries (Help for this talk will be found in the leaflet with this title by Dr. Love, also in Home and Foreign Fields and in state denominational paper.)

READING OF APPEAL from Foreign Mission Board

PRAYERS that southern Baptists will speedily make it possible for the 100 women missionaries and more than 60 men missionaries now on furlough to return to their fields

HYMN: "Hark, Ten Thousand Harps and Voices"

READING OF LEAFLET: For Return of Forty Missionaries

PRAYERS for Foreign Mission Board, its 191 Men Missionaries and 322 Women Missionaries, the 137,734 Baptists in Foreign Fields and the Unevangelized Millions

OFFERING
ANNOUNCEMENTS of Thursday's and Friday's Meetings

HYMN: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

BENEDICTION by pastor

THURSDAY

UBJECT: Our World Comrades

HYMN: "Jesus Calls Us"
G. A. WATCHWORD (by G. A's. in Unison)—Isa. 60:1

R. A. WATCHWORD (by R. A's. in Unison)—II Cor. 5:20

BIBLE LESSON: The Message of Our Watchword

(I) By a G. A.—The Jews were in dark despair looking for a Savior. He came; He was the light of the world. Isaiah's prophecy was fulfilled. People came at His birth, wise men and shepherds and no doubt other travellers who were at the Inn. His glory and power were seen by angels. If we let Him into our hearts we too will be light in the world for Him. He said "I am the light of the world" and "Ye are the light of the world." We must shine

G. A. HYMN: "We've a Story to Tell"
(II) By an R. A.—Christ came as God's ambassador to represent the Father in this world. Now that He has gone back home we must represent Him here in the world. The duties of an ambassador every one knows. The king and kingdom represented are judged by the behavior of the ambassador: we are ambassadors. We must represent the King and the Kingdom for His sake.

R. A. HYMN: "The King's Business"

TALK: What G. A's. Are Doing

TALK: What R. A's. Are Doing

HYMN: "Christ for the World We Sing"

BANKUMBAXI'S PLEA (Story told by G. A. from leaflet by that name to be ordered from W. M. U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala., price 3c.)

STORY: How Pulling Teeth Helped a Missionary to Preach the Gospel (Story told by R. A. from leaflet by that name to be ordered from W. M. U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala., price 2c.)

IMPERSONATIONS: G. A's. and R. A's. from around the World

HYMN: "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

TALK: Importance of Boys and Girls in World Evangelization (Talk by pastor or one of counselors)

HYMN: "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

OFFERING (Use aeroplane into which to put gifts.)

ANNOUNCEMENT of Friday's Meeting

CLOSING PRAYER

FRIDAY

UBJECT: The Little Boy of Heavenly Birth

HYMN: "Jesus Loves Me"

BIBLE LESSON: The Christmas Story (Told by a Sunbeam)

PRAYER that children may love Jesus

TALK: What Sunbeam Bands Are Doing

SUNBEAM SONG

TALK: What Our Name Means

SONG: "Jesus Bids Us Shine"

TALK: The Business of Sunbeams (Told by two smaller Sunbeams)

1. To give light (Quote John 8:12)

2. To give life (Quote John 3:12)
STORY: A Dog That Went as a Missionary (Story told by an older Sunbeam—Order leaflet from W. M. U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala., price 2c.)

TALK: Jesus Came for All but Some Do not Know at All (Talk by Leader)
Sunbeams Bringing Children to Jesus (Action)

HYMN: "Away in a Manger"

TALK: Jesus Came for You; Make Room in Your Heart (Talk by pastor)

PRAYER that Sunbeams may give Jesus the gift of their hearts this Christmas

CHORUS: "O Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus"

Sunbeams in Unison (Bringing of Offerings): Because of God's great gift to us

We bring our gifts to Him.

CLOSING PRAYER

What Sunbeam Bands Are Doing

There are 5295 Sunbeam Bands in our southland. Last year they reported gifts of \$3,450 in Christmas Offering. We have our mission study or mission story classes and learn about the children of the world. We are learning to love all the children of the world no matter where they live or if they are a little different color from us.

Sunbeams Bring Children to Jesus

As the leader finishes telling about the world-children who do not know Jesus, several Sunbeams will ask, "May we bring them to Jesus?" Six children will have been kept at the rear of the room or in adjoining room if there is one. These six will be dressed in costume for China, Japan, South America, Africa, Europe, Palestine. More than six may be used if desired. The Sunbeams will leave the platform and walk down the aisle to the rear of the auditorium. Taking these children by the hand they will lead them up the aisle and near to the manger. When all are gathered round the manger one Sunbeam will repeat Luke 2:8-12. Then all the children will join in singing "Away in a Manger" after which they will be seated while the pastor talks. In bringing their offerings let the Sunbeams walk up and put their gifts in the manger.

Leaflets for Week of Prayer for World-Wide Missions

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BIBLE STUDY



TOPIC—Jehovah Is King

Hymn: "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Psalm 100

he psalms of the King end with this full-toned call to all the earth to do Him homage. It is all ablaze with grateful adoration.

I. *All Nations Shall Bow before Christ*: Ps. 100:1, 2. Like the signal blast of a trumpet it rings out a summons to all the earth. As the sacrifices of thanksgiving were offered this psalm could well be sung, Lev. 7:12. This breathes the same gladness as psalms 93 and 99; it is filled with the same hope that all nations shall bow before Jehovah and confess that He is God. This contains a promise of the triumph of Christianity, Ps. 22:27, 30, 31; Ps. 72: 19; Isa. 2:2-5. He is our Lord and, therefore, He is to be served with joy. "Come before His presence with singing", a joyful sound with devotion approaching God; the praise of a congregation is a fit anticipation of the worship of Heaven. Ps. 72:11; Isa. 45:23; Rom. 14:11; Phil. 2:10, 11

II. *He Is Our Creator and Sovereign Ruler*: Ps. 100:3; 119:73; 139:14-16; 149:2; Eph. 2:10. Jehovah is God in the fullest and most absolute sense: He is God alone. Only those who recognize His God-head can offer acceptable praise. "We are His people and the sheep of His pasture", John 10:11-16. It is Christ as a living person that we must set before us. We must have a personal knowledge of the Lord's Anointed before we can appreciate the prophecies about Him. We must be filled with the Spirit whose office it is to take of "the things of Christ and show them unto us", John 16:15. The avowal of our relation to God is in itself praise; when we recount His goodness we are rendering the best adoration. Only a mind that has been touched by the Spirit of Christ can apprehend the person of Christ as sovereign and ruler of our lives. We are at His disposal because we are the sheep of His pasture, Ps. 95:7.

III. *He Is the God of Infinite Mercy*: Ps. 66:13-16; Ps. 116:16-19. The Lord's mercy is a fountain that never becomes dry or exhausted. Our thanks must abound like incense, Exod. 40:34; I Kings 8:10, 11. So long as we are receivers of mercy we must be givers of thanks. Mercy permits us to enter into His gates; let us praise that mercy. The innermost court is now open to the earnest Christian, and we enter into that which is within the veil, Heb. 10:19-22, worshiping in the highest. Let praise be in your heart as well as on your tongue. Bless Him when He takes away as well as when He gives; bless Him under all circumstances. All sacrifices will be abolished, but the sacrifice of thanksgiving.

IV. *He Upholds All Things by His Power*: Ps. 100:5. The Lord is good and therefore does good. The depths of heart-breaking sorrow have been sounded in many a psalm, but unless there were some strains of unmingled joy as in this 100th psalm all the moods of the devout soul would not be reflected in the Psalter—"His truth endureth to all generations". These things we know of the Lord Jehovah: (1) That the Lord is God, verse 3; (2) that He is our creator, verse 3; (3) that He is our rightful owner, verse 3; (4) that He is our sovereign ruler, verse 3; (5) that He is the God of infinite mercy, verse 5; (6) that He is our bountiful benefactor, verse 5; (7) that He is a God of truth, verse 5. No word of His shall fall to the ground. The promise is sure from age to age. The everlasting, unchangeable mercy of God will call forth praise unwearied from hearts that never faint. The inexhaustible fount is the goodness of God. The ever-flowing stream is the mercy of God. The fathomless ocean is the truth of God.

Mrs. James Pollard



FAMILY ALTAR



Jehovah Is King

THE WORD

"When thou goest it shall lead thee, when thou sleepest it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest it shall talk with thee; for the commandment is a lamp, and the law is light."

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy whereunto we do well to take heed as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn and the day-star arise in your hearts."

"If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another; and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin."

All Nations Shall Bow Before Christ

Thursday, 1st

I Chronicles 16:31-33; I Samuel 2:10; Psalm 110:5, 6

Friday, 2d

Nahum 1:2; Psalm 2:1-12; 147:19, 20

Saturday, 3d

Isaiah 1:24-28; 5:13-17; Matthew 25:40, 45

Sunday, 4th

Revelation 16:13-21; Joel 3:19; Revelation 6:10, 11, 15-17

Monday, 5th

Revelation 11:16-19; Daniel 7:23-27; 4:3

Tuesday, 6th

Matthew 25:31-46; Revelation 20:5, 11-13

Wednesday, 7th

Isaiah 11:1-5; Zechariah 14:9-19; Revelation 21:3-7

He Is Our Creator and Sovereign

Thursday, 8th

Genesis 1:1; 2:4, 5; Proverbs 26:10

Friday, 9th

John 1:3, 10; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 2:10

Saturday, 10th

Genesis 1:2; Job 26:13; Psalm 104:30

Sunday, 11th

Genesis 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26; Psalm 33:6

Monday, 12th

Proverbs 16:4; Hebrews 2:8, 10; Revelation 4:11

Tuesday, 13th

Romans 1:20; Isaiah 40:26, 28; Psalm 19:1

Wednesday, 14th

Isaiah 45:11, 12, 18, 22, 23; Acts 17:24, 27

He Is the God of Infinite Mercy

Thursday, 15th

Exodus 34:6, 7; Deuteronomy 4:31; Psalm 86:5-7; 107:1

Friday, 16th

Psalm 116:5; 130:7; 145:8; Lamentations 3:22, 23

Saturday, 17th

II Kings 13:23; Psalm 111:4; 145:8; Daniel 9:9

Sunday, 18th

Mark 2:7; Luke 5:21, 24; Isaiah 43:25; 55:7

Monday, 19th

Nehemiah 9:17; II Peter 3:9, 15; Psalm 130:3, 4

Tuesday, 20th

I Timothy 1:16; Romans 15:4; 2:4; Joel 2:13

Wednesday, 21st

Lamentations 3:25; Isaiah 30:18; Hebrews 10:30-39

He Upholds All Things by His Power

Thursday, 22d

I Chronicles 29:11; Matthew 6:13; Job 26:14

Friday, 23d

Jeremiah 32:17; 27:5; Psalm 66:7; I Corinthians 15:24, 25

Saturday, 24th

Luke 4:14; Acts 10:37, 38; Matthew 28:18; Ephesians 3:20, 21

Sunday, 25th

Luke 10:19; Acts 4:33; 6:8; II Peter 1:3

Monday, 26th

Genesis 17:1; Exodus 6:3; Psalm 115:3; Jeremiah 32:17, 27

Tuesday, 27th

Matthew 19:26; Mark 10:27; Luke 1:37; 18:27

Wednesday, 28th

Ephesians 3:20; Isaiah 40:26, 28; Romans 1:20

Thursday, 29th

Job 38:4; 40:2, 9; Revelation 19:6

Friday, 30th

Philippians 4:13; Ephesians 1:10, 11; Luke 24:49; Isaiah 40:10

Saturday, 31st

Psalm 93:1, 2; Nahum 1:3; I Chronicles 29:11-14



"PRAY YE"



Unto the HEART of HEAVEN

 oming from out the Old Testament (Deut. 4:11-12), the heartening title of this article seems to associate itself naturally with the Christmas message of John 3:16. How inexpressibly blessed it is that from the earliest revelation of God there has been the assurance of His loving interest, manifesting Divine power in behalf of His people. No wonder, therefore, that by the time of David—"a man after God's own heart"—there are found such confident expressions as: "Jehovah will hear when I call unto Him.—Oh Jehovah, in the morning shalt thou hear my voice; in the morning will I order my prayer unto Thee and will keep watch.—I have called upon Thee, for Thou wilt answer me, Oh God.—Remember, Oh Jehovah, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving kindnesses for they have been ever of old".

The 23rd Psalm and the Gospel of John put, as it were, the seal of approval upon the teaching of Scripture—namely, that there is a "Heart in Heaven" and that the coming of Christ into the home of Mary revealed that "the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind". Surely no Christian need fear to pray unto the Heavenly Father and certainly not as the Christmas season draws near with its reminder "of the heart of mercy of our God, whereby the Day-Spring from on high hath visited us".

Into this worshipful season of the year the Woman's Missionary Union enters through its Week of Prayer for World-Wide Missions (*see program, beginning on page 5*). In addition to those "Sweet 'hours' of prayer" and in addition to the individual and family prayer-times (*see Calendar of Prayer and Family Altar Department*), it is earnestly hoped that each society and circle will so plan for their meetings that much time will be spent in intercessory prayer for missions. In so doing, it will doubtless be well to intercede for:

Hearts that give thanks for the coming of Christ
Lands that know not the meaning of Christmas
Missionaries on furlough from such lands
Young lives eager to "go"
Observance of Week of Prayer
Ingathering of Christmas Offering
Every-Member Canvass for 1928 Program, Dec. 4-11
Redeeming of Pledges to 1927 Program
Personal service of Christmas season

EDITORIAL

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Because we are conscious that all the abounding mercies of life come from above, we will desire to make a gift. The return of forty missionaries is a worthy effort. The payment of their salaries and return passage will relieve the Foreign Mission Board of much anxiety. It gives each woman, each society, each state a definite, personal interest in forty lives invested in the mission enterprise. The excess will be applied to the Foreign Board's debt or as deemed necessary by the Board.

What infinite possibilities and opportunities are comprehended in this significant enterprise! Let us pledge ourselves to attend, to pray, to study to give because we have seen His Star in the east and worship Him. "Joy is love looking at its treasures."

Calendar of Prayer

December, 1927



eastern skies with glowing ray
Delight to greet the coming day,
So may my soul delight to greet
The new day at my Saviour's feet.



hen noontide's splendour floods the
sky
And queenly day holds sway on
high,
Then haste, my soul, to make thy prayer
To Him who placed His glories there.

Topic: A Character Study: Christ and Confucius

1—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. T. F. McCrea
(on furlough), in their blessed
evangelistic service, Chefoo, China
That the power of Christ may rest
upon me.—II Corinthians 12:9

2—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Earl Parker,
evangelistic work, Pingtu, China
Take hold of My strength.—Isaiah 27:5

3—SATURDAY

For Misses Mary D. Willeford and
Bertha Smith, Bible and Girls'
School, Laichowfu, China
Blessed be God . . . who comforteth
us.—II Corinthians 1:3, 4

4—SUNDAY

That the Gospel of Christ win
thousands from the doom of a false
hope
What concord hath Christ with Belial?
—II Corinthians 6:15

5—MONDAY

That evangelistic and educational
work of Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Stan-
ton and Miss Mattie Baker be
blessed of God, Sao Paulo, Brazil
God, whom we serve is able.
—Daniel 3:17

6—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Moyer (on
furlough), evangelistic work, San-
tiago, Chile
Made strong by the hands of the
mighty God.—Genesis 49:24

7—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Culpeper,
evangelistic service, Laichowfu,
China
The God of Jacob defend thee.
—Psalm 20:1

8—THURSDAY

For educational work of Rev. and
Mrs. G. A. Bowdler (on furlough),
Buenos Aires, Argentina
That they might have My joy fulfilled
in themselves.—John 17:13

9—FRIDAY

For Misses Olive Edens, Susan
Anderson (on furlough) and May
Perry, Girls' School and woman's
work, Abeokuta, Africa
He maketh intercession for the saints.
—Romans 8:27

10—SATURDAY

Thanksgiving for long and faithful
evangelistic service of Rev. and
Mrs. W. E. Entzminger, Bello Hori-
zonte, Brazil
My help cometh from the Lord.
—Psalm 121:2

11—SUNDAY

That more Christians more diligent-
ly study the Word of God in meet-
ing the problems of the day
Lest Satan should get an advantage of
us.—I Corinthians 2:11

12—MONDAY

For Florida W.M.U. annual meeting
and Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Moore,
educational work, Chefoo, China
The Lord is round about His people.
—Psalm 125:2

13—TUESDAY

For Misses Agnes Graham and
Marjorie Spence, Girls' School,
Temuco, Chile
I will strengthen thee: yea, I will help
thee.—Isaiah 41:10

14—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Newton
and Mrs. S. E. Stephens, evangel-
istic work, Tsingtau, China
Thy mercy, O Lord, held me up.
—Psalm 94:18

15—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. Q. Maer,
educational work, Santiago, Chile
He ever liveth to make intercession for
them.—Hebrews 7:25

16—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Muir-
head, educational and woman's
work, Pernambuco, Brazil
All things are for your sake.
—II Corinthians 4:15

*Attended W.M.U. Training School
*Attended Southwestern Training School

Calendar of Prayer

December, 1927

 hen evening star adorns the west
And birdlings sleep in downy nest,
Oh then, my soul, thy tent unfold
Beneath the hovering wings of God.

 hen silently the soft dark night,
With gentle hand turns out the
light,
Then rest, O soul, nor stir, nor move:
Thy sleepless God keeps watch above.

Topic: A Character Study: Christ and Confucius

17—SATURDAY

For blessing on evangelistic service
of Rev. and *Mrs. L. L. Johnson,
Pernambuco, Brazil
He dwelleth with you and shall be in
you.—John 14:17

18—SUNDAY

For strong Christian centers among
heathen worshippers in America
The Lord alone shall be exalted.
—Isaiah 2:11

19—MONDAY

For Misses Ruth Pettigrew (*on furlough*),
†A. M. Sandlin and †Nellie
Lee Putney, educational evangelism,
Shiuchow, China
Let your light so shine . . . and
glorify your Father.—Matthew 5:16

20—TUESDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. E. G. Wilcox
(*on furlough*), educational work,
Pernambuco, Brazil
Lord, lift up the light of Thy counte-
nance upon us.—Psalm 4:6

21—WEDNESDAY

Thanksgiving for educational work
of Rev. and †Mrs. S. E. Ayers (*on furlough*),
Pingtu, China
It hath pleased the Lord to make you
His people.—1 Samuel 12:22

22—THURSDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. Robert S. Jones
(*on furlough*), Pernambuco College,
Pernambuco, Brazil
I will instruct thee.—Psalm 32:8

23—FRIDAY

For faithful service of †Miss C. A.
Miller, hospital work, Laichowfu,
China
Meet for the Master's use . . . unto
every good work.—II Timothy 2:21

24—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Quarles,
literary work, Buenos Aires, Argen-
tina
In the sight of God speak we in Christ.
—II Corinthians 2:17

25—SUNDAY

Praise God for the Unspeakable Gift
of His Son, our Lord and Saviour
Glory to God in the highest, on earth
peace, good will toward men.
—Luke 2:14

26—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Saunders
(*on furlough*) and †Miss Mary Al-
exander, educational and woman's
work, Canton, China
Of the Lord ye shall receive the re-
ward.—Colossians 3:24

27—TUESDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. T. B. Stover,
Baptist young people's work, Rio de
Janeiro, Brazil
He that loveth Me shall be loved of My
Father.—John 14:21

28—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Sadler (*on furlough*),
College and Seminary,
Ogbomoso, Africa
Blessed are they that hear the Word
of God.—Luke 11:28

29—THURSDAY

Ask for blessing on evangelistic work
of Rev. and *Mrs. John L. Bice,
Maceio, Brazil
They shall speak of the glory of Thy
kingdom.—Psalm 145:11

30—FRIDAY

For Misses †Ruth Kersey and Nan-
nie David (*on furlough*), hospital
work, Ogbomoso, Africa
Blessed are the merciful.—Matthew 5:7

31—SATURDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. W. H. Carson,
Boys' School, Ogbomoso, Africa
I am with thee, saith the Lord.
—Jeremiah 1:8

†Attended W.M.U. Training School

*Attended Southwestern Training School



PROGRAM PLANS



WITH THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE



gain a Christmas meeting to plan; again a great urge for a large Christmas Offering! Whether the Christmas Offering be taken at this meeting or during the Week of Prayer or at some special meeting, the program should lead to and strengthen the purpose for a larger offering than ever before. A special place should be given on the program to the discussion of the offering. Explain that the plan this year is to use the first \$48,000 for returning forty missionaries to their fields.

All are familiar with the slogan that appears everywhere some six weeks before Christmas: "Do Your Shopping Early". The committee might take this idea and make a number of posters for various places in the church: "Do Your Giving Early". Below these words might be printed the amount hoped for from the church for the Christmas Offering. Pictures of missionaries or of people boarding trains or boats with a few words to explain might decorate the posters. "Please send me back to China" or such messages would be suitable.

The plan of buying miles might be followed. The slogan here would be "Miles for Missionaries". Below use the words: "At 3 cents a mile, how many miles will you send me?" The society or whole church might choose a certain distance and work toward a special amount. Again this year women are giving to the offering instead of to each other. The ones who followed that plan last year are eager for it again.

For the society program there is fine material given on pages 14-20. A sketch of the life of Confucius should be given first, then a talk on the "Teachings of Confucius". Much help for such talks will be found in the priced leaflets as listed on page 3, particularly in the one by Miss Doris Knight of China, its title being "Christ and Confucius—a Study". Where there is access to a public library help can be secured for this. Use may be made of your State Library Commission to get material for such a talk.

"Parallels in the Teachings of Confucius and Christ" would be helpful in understanding the Chinese. These might be written on slips and distributed, putting the same number on the two parallel passages. Have one member read a saying of Confucius, another follow with our Savior's word on the same subject. See Personal Service Department on page 28.

Two other thoughtful talks might be made on "China under Confucius" and "America under Christ". Each would show how far short the nation has fallen below the high teaching given.

Close the meeting with many of Christ's promises written on slips and read by different members. Call this: "Promises Confucius Could Never Make". Other topics that might well be added to the program or used in place of those suggested are: Women and Children under Confucius and under Christ; Women Leaders of China and Their Attitude toward Confucius' Teachings.

Since Christmas in our hearts stands for "Childhood, Motherhood, the Home and the Church" as glorified through Him whose birthday we celebrate, each of these may be put in the program and certainly in the prayers. Make a special effort to interest every mother and every child in the December program and in the Week of Prayer with its Christmas Offering.

See List of Christmas Plays on Page 29



PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER



The programs given month by month present the present-day conditions in our home and foreign mission fields. Societies just beginning mission study or those wishing to review past history of any subject treated will find what they desire in the mission study books, a list of which will be furnished, on request, by Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. For a few cents leaflets suggested in this number can be obtained from W.M.U. Literature Department, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham, Ala. See also book references on page 3.

A COMPARATIVE STUDY of the TIMES and TEACHINGS of CONFUCIUS and CHRIST

Hymn—Christian Dost Thou See Them? (1st and 2d Stanzas)

Bible Study (See page 8.)

Prayer for Those Blinded by False Teaching

Personal Service Period (See page 28.)

Hymn—O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Sheep without a Shepherd

Who Was Confucius?

The Teachings of Confucius

Confucius Ignores Womanhood

Hymn—The Son of God Goes Forth to War (1st, 2d and 4th Stanzas)

The Rising of the Day-Star

The Silent Years

The Teachings of Jesus

The Apostles of Jesus

Christ Honors Womanhood

Christ the Incomparable

Hymn—Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning

Prayer—Thanksgiving for the Birth of Christ

SHEEP without a SHEPHERD

In order to get some idea of the influence of Confucius on the religious life of China it will be well to take a glance at conditions in that country as they existed in his time. More than a glance would be proportionately informing.

Long before the appearance of Confucius a form of religion was practiced in China. This religion, if religion it could be called, was animism—a belief in spirit or soul quite apart from matter. These spirits, either good or bad, lived in everything—sun, moon, the stars, wind, rain, clouds, thunder, fire, the earth, seas, mountains, rivers, rocks, stones, animals, plants and particularly in the souls of the dead. Everything good came from the spirit of good; everything bad came from the spirit of evil. These spirits swarmed everywhere

in uncountable numbers and were universally worshipped; especially were the spirits of ancestors honored and pacified by prayers and offerings. Fear was the moving power of such worship. Imagine a people who were in continual fear lest they might unintentionally offend the soul of their great grandfather and thus bring untold misery upon themselves; a people winding their way through a world of unseen demons which lurk in their homes, fields and among the trees. When a child was born these evil spirits were supposed to surround the mother, lying in wait to claim the child for evil. If the mother or child died the demons received the credit. Offerings were made to the good spirits in order to buy safety and to the evil spirits to pacify them and thus divert calamity. There was no love, no thanksgiving or penitence in this worship as only physical salvation concerned

these people: the spiritual needs were lost sight of. While there was a hazy belief in a supreme power which governed the spirits this seemed too far away for intercession. The worship of Heaven became the annual duty of the sovereign of China. This was the state of the religious mind of China when Confucius was born.

The political state of China at this time was one of the waning power of what is called the Chow dynasty, a feudal kingdom, which means a system of lords governing different territories, corresponding to the dukes, earls and barons of feudal Europe. These princes of territories gave allegiance and paid tribute to the reigning king or emperor. In the days of Confucius there was no king in China and every prince "did what was right in his own eyes".

There was in China during the fifth, sixth and seventh centuries before the birth of Christ much literary culture. Every feudal court had its historian, musician and poet. Yet this period was one of widespread suffering and disorganized government. At this crisis in China's religious, political and literary history Confucius appeared.

WHO WAS CONFUCIUS?

 Confucius was born 551 B. C. The name Confucius is a Latinized form of Kung Fu-tze, meaning "Philosopher of Kung". Although he traced his ancestry from very illustrious parentage he was born in poverty. His father, who was over seventy when he was born, died before Confucius was three years old, leaving his young wife and son to struggle with poverty. At fifteen his mind was set on learning, at nineteen he was married and the next year his only son, Li, was born. For some years he was employed by the chief of his clan as superintendent of parks and herds. At twenty-two he became a teacher of history and the doctrines of the great past. For ten years he continued to study and teach, adding music to his accomplishments. During these years there gathered about him a few devoted disciples. In 517 B. C. he

began to be recognized as a great mind and was much appreciated by the principal men of his own province. When this province fell into political disorder he and his disciples fled to a neighboring state. For thirteen years this group wandered from state to state seeking a ruler who would accept the morals taught by the code of Confucius. Had he been a believer in God and the coming of His Son what a change there would have been in the history of China today! How different his counsel to those rulers! In the meanwhile his disciples increased to three thousand; among them were scholars of great ability. The most attached to him were never long away from his presence. He was free and unreserved with them and it is a high testimony to his character that they revered and admired him and spoke of him as the greatest of mortal men. While traveling about Confucius frequently came across scholars who had retired from the world in disgust. He urged them to abandon this habit for said he, "It is impossible to withdraw from the world; the suffering ones of this world need our efforts". Defeated he might be but he was true to his ideals and to his mission even though his doctrine was but a high form of morality. What a power he might have been had he been a believer in the true God and in the coming of His Son, and how differently would read the history of China today!

In his sixty-ninth year Confucius was recalled to his native province and though an official position was offered him he refused it. Only a few years remained to him and these he devoted to his literary compilations and the continuation of his lessons to his disciples. The next year marked the death of his son; his wife had died many years before. He met these losses with great calm as became a philosopher, although in his early youth he had bitterly mourned the death of his mother. In 478 B.C. came his own death told on this wise: "Early one morning as he slowly moved about dragging his staff and crooning over and over these lines:

'The great mountain must crumble,
The strong beam must break,
The wise man must wither away like a plant'".

This became true of himself for he took to his bed and after seven days expired. The reverent attendance of his disciples was with their great sage to the last. There, however, was no expectation of a future life or a forward look of any kind. Thus Confucius passed from among men without an uttered prayer or an expression of hope. He was buried with great pomp. Often neglected when alive, his death called forth unbounded admiration; this admiration with great reverence still lives in China.

The TEACHINGS of CONFUCIUS

 Confucius left no writings in which he teaches the principles of his moral and social system. There are several volumes written by others which give, or are said to give, his discourses and sayings. Those compiled by his disciples are the most trustworthy since they were the devout hearers of his lectures on history, poetry and constitutional works of the nation. The literature of China existed before the time of Confucius and to this he had devoted his study, not thinking it necessary to put down his own thoughts. However, some of his scattered writings have been preserved and several books have been ascribed to his authorship which it were more credit to him not to have written. "The examination of his literary labors", says one historian, "does not increase our appreciation of him. We get a higher idea of the man from the accounts which his disciples have given us".

Confucius' conception of the Golden Rule is very human and does not soar above human powers of forgiveness. He taught that we must return kindness for kindness and justice for injury. To recompense good for evil he considered contemptible and cowardly and ascribed it to personal fear. Heaven was a vague, impersonal term which took the place of the divinity in his discourses; there was no glow of piety in any of his senti-

ments neither was there mention of a divine love nor any thought of a God who is love. There is no sympathy for the poor, the outcast or the sinful expressed in his teachings.

He thought it better that men should occupy themselves with themselves and that while "respecting spiritual beings, to keep aloof from them". This attitude he called wisdom. Much of this wisdom prevails today, even in the church of God.

The same moral value of the example and teaching of Confucius which attracted his disciples still holds the best part of the Chinese men of learning to his doctrines. His sayings have gone far to form Chinese character. Hundreds of thousands of the literary classes of China can repeat every sentence in the classical books, in some of which are Confucian maxims and moral precepts. These have had a beneficial effect on the mind of China but what of her soul? "The letter killeth, but the spirit giveth light."

CONFUCIUS IGNORES WOMANHOOD

 Confucius never appeared to give the evils of polygamy a thought.

No generous word about woman as woman ever passed his lips. The best he could say was that "man is the reproduction of heaven and is supreme in all things. On this account woman can determine nothing of herself and should be subject to three obediences—to her father, husband and son. Her business was to prepare food. Beyond the threshold of her own apartment she should not be known for evil or for good". Of this attitude Robert E. Speer writes: "Just as in the case of every non-Christian religion Confucianism breaks down in its attitude toward woman". The teaching of the Chinese classics is that the nature of woman is as different from man as is earth from heaven and that while women were regarded as human beings they were of a lower order and should be kept under

the power of men; that they should live and work for men and that the same fate awaited them in another world.

We have heard and read of this un-Christian belief in regard to the women of China so often that it will be unnecessary to go into the detail of their humiliation. But in every city and large town in China where stands a temple of Confucius there will be found women passing and repassing it with unbound feet and spirits set free by the Gospel of Christ. The temples may crumble but the spirit of freedom in Christ will live on in the women of China and their daughters from generation to generation. Moreover, the Chinese Christian fathers and husbands and sons are rejoicing in this new Christian womanhood. No longer are baby girls being named "Want a Boy", "Much Trouble" and "Too Many Girls"; these names have changed to "Little Love", "Precious Flower", "Little Joy" and other affectionate titles.

Confucianism called for the superior man and claimed that upon him must the righteous and peaceful state be built. Recent events in China's national life do not loudly proclaim the reign of righteousness and peace, and one may well doubt the wisdom of Confucius in choosing man as a national foundation. Only "the foundation of God standeth sure"!

The RISING of the DAY-STAR

 No human pen can write of the beginning of the existence of Christ because He is from eternity. The only begotten Son was in the bosom of the Father before the foundation of the world. The promise, given through the holy prophets, of His coming in the flesh to dwell among men was as a light shining in a dark place. Of this period in the world's history Charles Haddon Spurgeon writes: "No one can read the major prophets, or for that matter, the minor prophets of the Old Testament without appreciating how dark were their days. All they were privileged to see with the natural eye was apostasy and captivity with all the evils that attend them. These prophets of

God knew they were living in that dark hour which is the herald of dawn. With their spiritual eyes they saw the shining of His coming. In other words they believed in the Christ to come". In the books of these prophets we read of how they implored those who sat in this darkness to believe their report; to look forward to the daydawn; to welcome the Day-Star which would arise in their hearts if only they believed in the coming redemption. These prophecies "came not by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost", and were written in a time of decline and apostasy in Israel.

Then came the fulfillment of these glorious prophecies of which there is no more beautiful story on earth. Heralded by a Heavenly host of angels; begotten of the Holy Ghost; born of a virgin; the Holy Child, the Son of God and man, came to dwell in the flesh among men; to become the light of this dark world, the Christ Child, whose birth we celebrate this month. "Not a child born since that wondrous day need lead a hopeless life or die a hopeless death." The glory of the birth of Christ has shone in Christian hearts of all ages with a glow that never wanes. No other was ever born of whom this can be said. Good and great men have come into the world, have served their generation and have been gathered to their reward. Christ alone lives forever for in Him alone is life, "the life that is the light of men"!

The SILENT YEARS

 f the childhood and early manhood of Jesus the Gospels are silent except for one single glimpse, but this glimpse is very significant (Luke 2:40-52). The statement of His growth in spirit and wisdom with the grace of God upon Him is very significant, as also is His attendance upon the feast of tabernacles; His place in the temple; His questions and answers while sitting in the midst of the doctors (teachers); His ready yielding and implicit obedience to His earthly parents while fully understanding that He must

be preparing for His Heavenly Father's business. That He "increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man" tells all we need to know of those thirty years of almost total silence. Many secular writers have irreverently intruded upon those years with imaginary tales which dishonor the reticence of God and are hurtful to the reader. Let us keep such books from our reading-table. Did not God give us this one opportunity to look into the youthful face of the Christ that we might find it sufficient to furnish us with an insight into the whole of His youth?

For eighteen years after His recorded appearance in the temple the carpenter's workshop was a part of the schooling of Jesus. The Son of God would for our sakes know the lot of the laborer. He could have known this without toil but it was for love's sake He became a man and did a man's work, did it that we might, with greater certainty, depend on His sympathy and understanding. He was God's beloved Son in the workshop as well as in the temple sitting among the doctors.

Of the method of communion between the child Jesus and God the Father we know nothing, but it must have been different from that used in speaking to the prophets. Of this communion it has been beautifully written: "Jesus had no visions; God did not speak to Him as one outside of Himself; God was in Him; He drew from His own heart all that He saw of the Father; He lived in the bosom of God; He hears the Father

without need of thunder or burning bush or revealing tempest".

The TEACHINGS of JESUS

 merging from the silence of His early youth we find Jesus preaching to and teaching those who were "astonished at His doctrine; for He taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes." Although many learned men had lived before Jesus he did not quote from them long lists of wise sayings. His teachings were from the knowledge and truth within Himself. He was His own authority. He was the "Way, the Truth and the Light". He was God indeed.

From the baptism of Jesus where the trinity was fully manifested in the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Son and in the voice of the Father, to the giving of the Great Commission our Lord went about preaching the Gospel and healing—doing good everywhere. His preaching was simple, persuasive and tender but stern and filled with warning when occasion required. "His subjects", says Dr. W. B. Riley, "were the great essentials. He spake of the Kingdom of God; He taught concerning the Son of Man; the Father; the Holy Ghost. He taught concerning the church; the immediate and final effects of the Gospel; His second coming; the millennium; the judgment and the future. No small theme ever engaged His tongue. 'Never man spake like this man!'" To compare these great topics with those of the teachings of Confucius is as a candle light to the sun of heaven; as the source of light to a sputtering taper.

 hen, like a stranger on our sphere,
The lowly Jesus wandered here,
Where'er He went, affliction fled,
And sickness reared her fainting head.

"The eye, that rolled in darksome night,
Beheld His face—for God is light;
The opening ear, the loosed tongue
His precepts heard, His praises sung.

"With bounding steps the halt and lame,
To hail their great Deliverer came;
O'er the cold grave He bowed His head,
He spake the word and raised the dead."



The APOSTLES of JESUS

o doubt our attention has often been called to the fact that in choosing His disciples (*pupils*) Jesus did not call men from idleness. No idle philosophers were among those early followers of Christ our Lord. The call came to James and John while mending their nets; to Peter and Andrew while casting their nets; to Levi at the seat of customs and so on for every

one of the twelve. They forsook whatever they were doing and followed Him. He called them into His school of preparation that they might teach His Gospel after He no longer walked among them. The agony in the garden and the suffering of the crucifixion must have shown them the price of apostleship, yet they rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer in like manner for His name's sake.

 glorious band, the chosen few
On whom the Spirit came,
Twelve valiant saints, their hope they knew,
And mocked the cross and flame;
They met the tyrant's brandished steel,
The lion's gory mane;
They bowed their necks the stroke to feel:
Who follows in their train?"

e study of a lifetime would not reveal the whole meaning of the love that provided the atonement for our sins, but the fact of redemption remains and we "joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ by whom we have received the atonement";—and there is heaven where we will understand all mysteries and spend eternity in "wonder love and praise".

CHRIST HONORS WOMANHOOD

e early prominence given to women was an important result of the ministry of Jesus. Elizabeth, Anna, Mary, the mother of Jesus, became early witnesses, however unconscious, to the dignity and worth of women in the Christian system. The women mentioned by Paul in his epistles were examples of devotion and wisdom in the spread of the Gospel", says Bishop Hurst in his *History of the Christian Church*.

Christ honored womanhood and in the years which have followed His ministry many noble Christian women have cheerfully welcomed martyrdom rather than renounce their faith in Him. The pages of church history are filled with instances of loyalty of such women who, either by their death, life or written testimony, did all in their power to advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This they did through "peril, toil and pain".

Christianity is the one religion which has taught from the beginning the equality of man and woman and upon this foundation the Christian home has been built. This feature cannot be overestimated and is acknowledged by students of church history in all lands. Confucianism can recount no such history as this!

And what shall we render to our Lord Jesus Christ for all He has done for the women of Christendom? Many voices are calling us; many things demand our attention. It is hard to choose which is the most important. The sorest need of the world is the knowledge of Christ. We have this knowledge; it is a precious gift. Shall we carefully fold it away in the napkin of our selfishness or shall we invest it where it will bring others into this knowledge? The answer of Jesus Himself is this: as we have "received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God".

CHRIST the INCOMPARABLE

e who with all authority has said, "No man cometh unto the Father except by Me", and who also said, "I am the Light of the world" was Jesus Christ. His words were startling indeed, but His claims have been overwhelmingly attested and proved true. Consider the person of Christ! He is

both God and man; he has the reverence and idealism of the children of Shem, the refinement of the children of Japhet and the vigor and vitality of the descendants of Ham. The Christ is the universal life.

The Master sits at the ruler's table; He takes the hand of the beggar at the roadside, the child of the streets and mingles with the common people. The wise men follow the star in the midnight heavens, yet illiterate shepherds worship with them at the Christ-child's shrine. The aged Simeon at life's extreme hails the coming of His salvation. With outstretched arms the glorious Master welcomes little children to His embrace. He has all the tenderness and faith of woman, all the manly gifts of strength and leadership.

He is a loyal Jew, fulfilling the law of Moses and the prophets, yet His Gospel is "for all people" and gentiles have come to His light in every land. Confucius was oriental. Christ is a world-Saviour. He belongs to all life, to all lands, to all ages. He is the universal man because He is more than man. This cosmopolitan influence is due to no rank or station. Christ was born in a manger. He was crucified be-

tween two thieves as a blasphemer. His life was threatened in His earlier days. His parents delivered Him narrowly by flight into a strange land. His boyhood home was in corrupt and iniquitous Nazareth. He spent an obscure youth. He followed the humble trade of a carpenter. He taught for three short years. His associates and followers were chiefly fisherfolk. He employed no sensational methods to advertise his mission. He spoke simple yet revolutionary words. He enjoyed no earthly triumphs or emoluments. He had many fierce enemies and few friends. His own people were His persecutors and His murderers.

Nevertheless this man, after nineteen hundred years have passed, controls the life of the noblest souls of the world. His teachings are wrought out in our highest civilization, acknowledged by the profoundest scholars, interpreted by the foremost thinkers. The power of Christ is supreme because spiritual; permanent and unique because divine. Christ lives the perfect life. Christ speaks the final word. The spirit of the teaching ever refers to the person of the Teacher. Christ the incomparable is the Christ of our Christianity.—*Watchman-Examiner*

QUESTIONS on PROGRAM TOPIC for STUDY and DISCUSSION

1. What are the contrasts and similarities of the times in which Christ and Confucius lived?
2. What have you learned of the character of Confucius?
3. What have you learned of the character of Jesus?
4. What authority had Confucius for his teachings?
5. From what source did Jesus derive His teachings?
6. State the difference between the followers of Confucius and the disciples of Jesus.
7. Where did Christianity place the womanhood of the world?
8. Why was the birth of Christ the greatest event in the history of the world?
9. What verse of Scripture gives most clearly the Christmas message?

Given, not lent,
And not withdrawn, once sent,
This Infant of mankind, this One,
Is still the little welcome Son.
New every year,
Newborn and newly dear,
He comes with tidings and a song,
The ages long, the ages long;

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Even as the cold
Keen winter grows not old,
As childhood is so fresh, foreseen,
And spring in the familiar green:
Sudden as sweet
Come the unexpected feet,
All joy is young, and new all art,
And He, to, whom we have by
heart.

—Alice Meynell

Y. W. A. PROGRAMS

Material found in the general program on pages 14-20 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—A Star of Light and of Darkness

Hymn—The Light of the World Is Jesus

Prayer that His light may shine in all dark places

Scripture—Verses on "Light"

The Star That Became Darkness

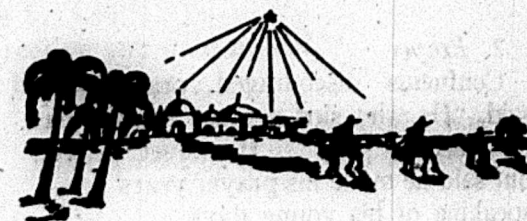
The Morning Star

The Lights from Each Star

The Light of the World—The Crystal Christ (See General Program, pages 19, 20.)

Hymn—The Bright and Morning Star

Prayers of praise for the light of the world



Announcement Poster

Place cut pictures of stars in a crayon coloring of the blue heavens. Print below:

"High Lights in the World's History"

Come Study These with Us at the Y.W.A. Meeting Place

The Star That Became Darkness

Have you ever seen a star shoot or fall, as we sometimes call the disappearing of a star in the heavens? It is said that many stars that once could be located have fallen from the ceiling of the blue sky and have left darkness in their trail.

The life of Confucius might surely be thought of as a star that fell and left darkness in its trail or as a star that became darkness. He lived in a day when loyalty and good faith between man and man were scarcely known and when moral purity was not even an ideal. He shined out as a star among men because of his clean and upright dealings with men and his noble system of morals. He sought ever to become the "Superior" man but often acknowledged the lack of required traits. He was a seeker and not a finder of the truth. The star, which shone in his day as a moral example, failed beyond the human extent and became as a falling star. He left

darkness in his trail, for today there are 250 millions following him, groping in despair if haply they might find the "Light of the World". (See W.M.S. program for facts concerning birth and life of Confucius.)

The Morning Star

Christ, on the other hand, might be likened unto the Morning or Eternal Star for His coming into the world brought that Light which shines forever unto the Eternal Day (See W.M.S. program for this talk or read the Christmas story as recorded in Luke 22, including the record of the wise men following the "Star" to Bethlehem, as recorded in Matt. 2.)

The Lights from Each Star

Perhaps the very best way to look at these lights would be to make a character study of Confucius and Christ. To do this best we might briefly study some of their teachings. (The following should be presented in two parts responsively).

1. The Insufficiency of Confucius

Confucius himself realized the insufficiency of his philosophy in the regeneration of character. He said in his old age: "The character of the 'superior man', carrying out in his conduct what he professes, is something I have not attained unto. Not being able to move towards a righteousness of which I have knowledge and not being able to change what is not good—these are things which give me concern".

2. Prayer

Confucius discouraged prayer. He said, "He who sins against heaven has no place to pray". He never prayed but said he made his prayer years ago—speaking of his young days.

3. Sin

Confucius, though inconsistent with his teaching, taught that man is as naturally good as water is inclined to flow down hill. Wrong was not sin to him but it was lack of goodness.

4. Man's Sufficiency

Though Confucius acknowledged his own failure, he taught that there are only four requisites for the attainment to the "Superior Man": To study what is good, enquire about it, reflect on it and practice it.

5. A Temporal Kingdom

The greatest kingdom Confucius knew was the Chinese Empire that he regarded as a visible heaven and the emperor as the son of heaven holding dominion over all the earth.

6. *The Golden Rule* which Confucius taught was negative and passive and does not rise above human powers: "What you do not like when done to yourself, do not to others".

7. Faith

Confucius lacked faith in the victory of his own life and also his teachings. Toward the last of his life he said, "My principles make no progress".

Response 1—*The Sufficiency of Christ*
Christ was mindful of His place and power in the world. He said, "I and the Father are one. I am the Light of the World, I am the Bread of Life. I am come that they might have life. Come unto Me and I will give you rest. All power is given unto Me in Heaven and in earth".

"In Him was there no sin". Not only was He sufficient in the perfection of His own life but He was and is sufficient for all others.

Response 2—Prayer

Christ encouraged prayer. He Himself went apart often to pray. He taught His disciples to pray. He taught us that "If we sin we have an advocate with the Father".

Response 3—Sin

Jesus taught that all men are sinners and that none are good, "no not one". He taught the necessity of a new birth to free man from sin.

Response 4—Man's Insufficiency

Christ taught that these attainments could not be reached by man himself. Confucius admitted it in his last days. Jesus said, "I am the true vine. Ye are the branches. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine, no more can ye except ye abide in Me. Without Me ye can do nothing".

Response 5—Spiritual Kingdom

Jesus knew of a greater kingdom. He said, "My kingdom is not of this world. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness".

Response 6—*The Golden Rule* taught by Christ is positive and active and soars above mere human powers: "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them".

Response 7—Faith

Christ was confident of His own ultimate triumph and of the progress of His principles. He said, "Fear not, I have overcome the world."

8. *Social life* under Confucianism is tyranny. Women are slaves and children have no rights. The child must deify the parents but has no consideration in return.

9. Confucius offers no hope for the future. His attitude is shown in these lines quoted just before his death:

"The great mountain must crumble;
The strong beam must break
And the wise man wither away like a plant".

Response 9—Christ inspires us with hope for the future—

"I go to prepare a place for you.
I will come again and receive you unto myself.
Because I live ye shall live also".

10. *Truth*—Confucius was a seeker after the truth which he never possessed or knew.

Response 10—*Truth*—Christ was the embodiment of truth. He was truth itself.

11. Confucius—A Man

Not knowing truth he knew not the principle of becoming great by becoming servant to all. Not knowing how to lose his own life in order that he might save it, he was helpless to save man.

Response 11—*Christ—the Savior of Men*

Jesus taught and lived the principle of becoming great by becoming servant to all. Coming into the world as a man He lived as the greatest man. Going to the cross and suffering a human death for all men He became servant and Savior of the world.

SECOND MEETING

TOPIC—Christmas "Night" in China

Hymn—Joy to the World the Lord Is Come
Prayers of praise for His coming

Scripture—(See Bible Study Department for devotional, using also the Christmas story.)

Christmas Lights in America

The Night Is Dark in China

Lights That Dot the Night

The Dawning

Lights That Shine Farthest

Hymn—Send the Light

Prayers that we may make truly sacrificial gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Signing of pledge cards for 1928 S. B. C. Co-operative Program

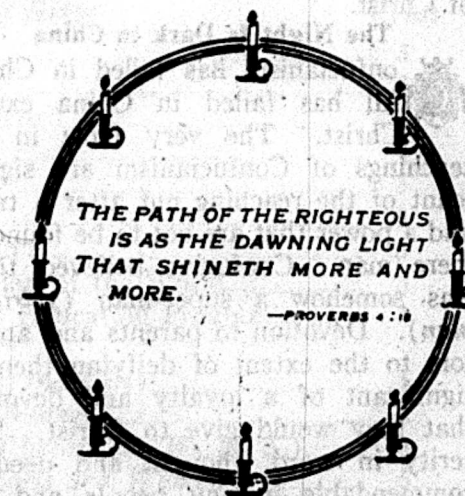
Announcement Poster

Draw two candlesticks with candles on a cardboard. Make one with a small light—the other a bright light with its rays extending much farther. Print below: Have you trimmed your light for Christmas? If so, prove it by coming to Y.W.A. meeting.

If you have not, come and learn how it can be done.

Time

Place



Christmas Lights in America



It is right that we all have a feeling that the Christmas season is the prettiest of all those which we celebrate. Light is cheerful while darkness is depressing. Candles that glow here and there, the Christmas tree tinsel that flashes its sparkles in the candle rays, the light of the Christmas star that sends forth its beams over the tree of gifts—all remind us that in our hearts there is the true Light from Christ that is being brightened. What sweeter season than this one at which time our hearts are drawn closer to brothers, sisters, mothers, daughters, fathers, sons and friends and to Christ as we sit in the midst of Christmas light and cheer. But might we feel, this Christmas, one unhappiness in the absence of our Christ-brothers and sisters of China as we sit around our firesides with our loved ones and with God our Father? May we remember that as we sit in the midst of Christmas light and love China sits in the midst of Christmas "Night" except for the light that shines in a few who know the Light of Christ.

The Night Is Dark in China

Confucianism has failed in China. All has failed in China except Christ. The very facts in the teachings of Confucianism are significant of the reaching out after a truth and a power that are not to be found in mere man. Confucius believed there was somehow a super-man (*spiritual man*). Devotion to parents and ancestors to the extent of deifying them is significant of a loyalty and devotion that they would give to Christ. Sincerity in word, thought and deed is commendable in any people and the struggle in Confucianism even though it be vain is significant of a willingness to deny themselves for the principles of a Christ who is unknown to them. Confucianism knows only an earthly kingdom whose emperor is the son of heaven holding dominion over all the earth. Their sacred regard for earthly rule would signify their probable sacred re-

gard for Divine rulership in their lives. Lights That Dot the Night in China

A Chinese Christian man said of China, "God is testing the Chinese church in its capacity to love.— Lovest thou Me more than anything else?"

Many Chinese individuals are being personally tested and are answering, "Yea Lord, Thou knowest I love Thee". (Tell the story found on page 30.)

The Dawning of Christmas Light

Occasionally we hear either a pessimist or one who has too small faith say, "The war will be the end of China". We are proud of the faith of our missionaries backed up by their earnest prayers for China that makes them say, "This day is not night but the beginning of light". One of the Chinese Christian clergy studying in the United States writes of the anxiety he feels for his family in China saying, "I am sorry and feel ashamed of the unnecessary tide of anti-foreign and anti-Christian uprising in China. But it is just one more instance of people's knowing not what they do and today we need your prayers and sympathy in going through the trials and sufferings of the church which is Christ's Body in China today more than ever". In the last of his remarks we find this joyful exclamation that "it will not be always night for the dawn of a new day in China can be seen".

Mo Zoo, one of the brilliant young men of China, addressed a meeting of missionaries in China recently. He said: "God is leading China today as He led the children of Israel through the wilderness into the Promised Land. We too have our wilderness to go through but we shall get through to the Promised Land or our children will". Such hope and faith in the hearts of Chinese Christians challenge us to make our best contribution of sympathy, love, prayers and gifts of money. As we sit in peace and harmony and in the midst of Christmas gifts and blessings may we not remember that "It is more blessed to give than to receive?" As we meditate over Christ's Christmas gift

of salvation to us and the price He paid for it, may we offer to Him a real sacrifice? May we give no less to the Christmas Offering than the largest gift we give to earthly friends!

Lights That Shine Farthest

Someone has suggested that some of us give ourselves diligently to foreign missions, some to home missions and many to "omissions". I wonder if it might not be well for each of us to decide in which of these classes we belong. It is certainly true that most of our Y. W. A.'s. have some who belong in the o-mission class. How many in your Y. W. A. say "Oh Missions? Yes they are so needed" and yet in their lives the O represents what they do for missions? As a getting-ready for January, which begins our Ruby Anniversary year, let us not forget to emphasize the enlistment of hearts and gifts for missions. Every girl, who has amounted to zero this year in the missionary enterprise, has a chance to pour out her soul in the Lottie Moon Christmas Of-

fering for Foreign Missions, thereby becoming a real missionary instead of an o-missionary. Every girl who wants to help take the "O" out of omission can do so by making her pledge to missions larger for 1928—the year that we must make memorable for larger giving.

It has also been happily suggested—since there are so many of us who would love to be Go-missionaries but for many reasons cannot find our ways to foreign fields—that we may be called Co-missionaries. As we pray for the fields, the work and the workers we supply a force that God can use in His work and that our missionaries feel as they do His work. As we give to missions we do a very necessary part of the work of every mission station in our fields. If we could realize that we truly are Co-missionaries surely the urge and the thrill of it would bring us to the place of being willing to sacrifice equally with the Go-missionaries. A real sacrifice in our giving would bring a new thrill in our living.

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



Cooperative Villa
November 3, 1927

Dear Headquarters Friends:

You have been so good about answering questions that I keep right on asking. Maybe this one isn't quite fair to bother you with but--has W.M.U. anything to suggest for Christmas gifts that would be worthwhile and help missionary interest? And what about this Week of Prayer, I don't quite understand how to manage with the program this year? Do you suppose it will seem like a Christmas Offering coming so early in December?

What would you do about these two matters? Thank you.

Mrs. Wm. R. Willing

November 12, 1927

Dear Mrs. Willing:

It is interesting to receive your questions. We know that Cooperative Villa leaders are alert for the Kingdom since we hear so frequently. That's fine.

There are many Christmas gift suggestions that are in line with missions. There are the pins for each different grade in our Union. Mothers can give them to children or to young people; counselors can use them for gifts; children can give them to each other and to counselors. You surely have seen the pictures and prices but we are showing them again,--page 35, December issue of ROYAL SERVICE.

Then the books of biography and story are so fine. If your children haven't noticed the list on the back of December WORLD COMRADES look there, or write to the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Va. for a catalogue. The new life of Miss Lottie Moon (\$1.25 or 80c) by Mrs. Lawrence is splendid and if your daughter hasn't received "Star Trails" by Mrs. W. J. Cox (\$1.00) don't fail to give her a copy at this Christmas season.

WORLD COMRADES is a wonderfully fine gift in itself for your R. A., G. A. and Sunbeam members. Be sure to urge your W.M.S. mothers to get the magazine as a

gift for their boys and girls. It lasts all the year with continuous joy and profit to the readers and one dollar is a low price for so satisfactory a gift.

As to the Christmas Offering date. It may seem a little early but the Christmas feeling should be in our hearts all the time anyway and early December is a splendid week because it will avoid the last rush of preparation and will give quiet days for real welcome to the Christ-spirit. Help the young people to understand the real meaning of Christmas and you will add to their joy and enlarge their souls too. We do want to have a very generous Christmas Offering. Encourage really thoughtful, loving giving as if the young people were truly bringing their gold and frankincense and myrrh as they followed the star.

Please don't hesitate to ask about anything with which we can help.

A Merry Christmas with "with echoes of the angel's song and sweet heart carols flowing free".

W. M. U. Headquarters

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PERSONAL SERVICE



PERSONAL SERVICE of CHRIST

CONTRASTED with NEGATIVE TEACHINGS of CONFUCIUS

 here are two pre-eminently great men among all the characters of all the ages: Christ and Confucius, the philosopher of China. Both preached the gospel of peace. One invoked the aid of a Higher Power than man, to give "that peace that passeth all understanding"; the other through the medium of self-control expected a soul-satisfying peace. Christ said: "Ask, believing, and thou shalt receive"; the other said: "Offer sacrifices to propitiate the powers of darkness". Christ said: "Do unto others as ye would they should do unto you"; Confucius' creed was: "Do not do to others what you do not want them to do to yourself".

Our Savior said: "Resist not evil, but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also"; Confucius said: "Do not quarrel with those who offend you". The Son of Man tells us: "Love your enemies"; the Golden Rule of Confucius was: "Requite kindness with kindness and an injury with justice". Christ told us: "Judge not that ye be not judged"; Confucius' philosophy was: "You must be possessed of good qualities, and then you can require them in others".

Christ's mission was "to seek and to save that which was lost.—He came that we might have life and have it more abundantly". He preached the Gospel of helpfulness through love—the Gospel of salvation through faith—the hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ—"Love your neighbors as yourself"—the spirit of the brotherhood of man permeating and making practical our faith.

Confucius preached the gospel of fear—fear of evil spirits—fear of life in a continued state, no belief in a spiritual life. He placed all dependence on moral rectitude, no hope after death, no confidence in earthly conditions and no faith in a higher state.

Christ went about doing good to others; Confucius taught personal goodness. Christ laid great stress on the power of God and prayer; Confucius' creed was individual morality. He believed in the moral power of deeds. Christ promised life eternal. Confucius said, "We cannot understand this life, why should we expect another life beyond this?"

Christ said the "truth shall make you free". Confucius kept the people in the darkness of superstition, until we find them today bound with the shackles of ancestor worship and steeped in the same pagan beliefs that were taught them by this philosopher of centuries ago.

Confucius was merely a preacher of righteousness. His trust in rituals and rules of conduct does not touch the springs of existence in spiritual matters. Confucianism has no uplift, for Confucius is dead and buried, leaving only his example, which is deficient in truth. There is no recognition of the need of the soul—no need of the daily cleansing at the fountain opened for sin—no comforting thought in the "recompense of our reward"—no "Well done, good and faithful servant".

"Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these, My brethren, ye did it unto Me." Did Confucianism as such ever feed the hungry, cloth the poor? It is a creed of selfishness.

As followers of our Savior we should not "hide our candle under a bushel". "Let your light shine!" said Christ.—*Mrs. W. M. Foster, Texas*



BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES



OBSERVANCE of SEASON of PRAYER



Charles M. Schwab says that the biggest single asset of the Bethlehem Steel Co. is not its plant, its machinery or any of its material possessions but its wonderful organization of men. Can we as women not feel that this is largely true of the W.M.U.? There is nothing of more importance undertaken by a Woman's Missionary Society than the observance of the Weeks of Prayer. The Business Woman's Circle should participate in this phase of the work as well as others.

Yet how can the business woman leave her office, shop or school room and attend or conduct this meeting? Our idea is not just to have a "representative" from the Business Woman's Circle possibly to lead a meeting but so to arrange as to have a meeting with the entire circle present and in charge. Haven't you observed that it is the difficult task to which we give our best efforts and thereby obtain best results?

We solved the problem discussed in this article by arranging the time of meeting either for a Sunrise or Sunset Service the Woman's Missionary Society changing its regular hour for this one meeting. In the Sunset Service we use the same time for meeting as for our regular meetings immediately after business hours. For the Sunrise Service we have had every business woman present *and on time*. What could be more beautiful and helpful than a group of God-fearing women coming together just at the beginning of a new day to place themselves in harmony with Divine plans, praying to the "Sun of Righteousness" to illumine their hearts and make them mighty instruments in the bringing in of the Kingdom!

Help your Business Woman's Circle to study and plan for the business of our Master. Help the members that they may have a larger part in the great unfinished task of sending the glorious light of Christianity into the benighted corners of the earth by arranging at least one meeting of the Week of Prayer for such a time as will be possible for them to attend.—*Alabama*

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FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



NOTHING but the BLOOD of JESUS



n a queer little Chinese house boat propelled by a single big oar we leisurely entered Tsong Zien. It is a small village about fifty miles from Soochow, on the banks of a beautiful canal. There we have several church members. We had visited there several times previous to this occasion, and on each succeeding visit we found new doors and broader opportunities open to us. All of our Christians there are men, but the women in their homes have always received us kindly and have listened with increasing interest as we have told them about Jesus.

There is one young man among the Christians, Lee Kung Yer, who has always seemed particularly to "rejoice in the Lord". We went to his home on the second day of our visit and were more cordially received than usual. In his home are he, his mother, father and a younger brother. In the course of our conversation I said half playfully to Lee Kung Yer, "When will you bring a bride to your mother's home?"

"In two months", some one answered for him.

"Then I must ask your father not to have any heathen ceremonies at your wedding", I said. This is one of the hardest temptations that many of our Christians have to withstand.

He answered quickly, "He has already promised me not to have any! And he says I may have a Christian wedding in our church and that we will not have any heathen ceremonies in our homes afterward".

"Is your fiancée a Christian?" I asked in surprise.

"No, she is not."

"Then her parents are Christian?"

"No, they are not, either."

"Since your parents are not Christians, I do not understand how you can

have a 'new fashioned wedding', I said.

"Oh, but my parents believe", he cried happily. "I will tell you about it". And this is the story he told with his bright face moving from time to time under strong emotion.

"This summer you know there was a veritable plague of cholera. Many people in our village died of it. Some who had lighter cases recovered, but they were few. The weather was unspeakably hot. Then my mother fell ill. The disease developed rapidly and my mother was soon past the stage where we could hope for recovery. No one else who had been as ill as she had recovered. Many relatives gathered in to help us. One suggested that we send for Buddhist priests, another that we send for Taoist priests, and still another that we call in a witch, hoping to overcome the evil spell that was upon her. Then I begged them with all my heart not to do these things but to pray to Jesus, who has all power in Heaven and on earth. And because they love me they said, 'All right, you pray to Jesus'. I knelt there on the floor and begged Jesus to save my mother and show forth His power and His glory in our home.

"And", he said radiantly, "He heard my prayer. He healed my mother. Every one was astonished, and one particularly fearful one said, 'Now I will go to the priests and buy a 'Vu' and hang it over the door and the evil spirit cannot come back. (A "Vu" is a Chinese "character" or writing on paper.)

"Again I begged them not to, reminding them that it was not the priests who had healed my mother but Jesus, our Lord. Then they said with childish simplicity, 'Yes it was Jesus, but we do not know how to serve Him'".

He held his little finger out and meas-

ured on it not half its length saying, "We did not light a candle even that long but I went quickly to a teacher and had him copy this hymn and I hung it there to remind ourselves of what Jesus had done for us". There hanging over the dining-table in the smoke and dimness of the kitchen was a snowy square of paper on which was written the hymn, "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus". That old hymn, which is so dear to our hearts is perhaps even more beautiful in the Chinese translation. It is more like this: "Only Trusting in the Precious Blood of Jesus".

"Yes", I said, "Jesus can heal our bodies and, if we trust in Him, He also will save our souls".

"I know His gracious power", said the mother, "and I believe in Him".

—Hannah Plowden, Soochow, China

PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS of MISS MOON

One most beautiful trait was her trait of hospitality. Her cosy little home was very dear to her and, after the ceaseless work of a country trip with its throngs of questioners and its untiring labor of teaching, the peace and seclusion of her own home were very dear to her. No one could have blamed her if she had chosen to keep her home to herself in the times between her country trips but her heart was ever seeking ways of service to others, and missionaries from interior stations were invited to make her house their home. She had rooms specially fitted up for visitors. The second Joiner baby was born there and in the summer of 1892 she invited the Pruitts with their children there to have the benefit of the sea air. Our John was born in her bedroom, gladly relinquished by her. Indeed, I remember many summers when we from the interior enjoyed her hospitality. Our children who loved her devotedly must often have disturbed her rest and broken into the quiet for meditation that she so prized when in the haven of her own home.

The children of the Presbyterian and Baptist missionaries in Tengchow al-

ways looked forward to being entertained at Miss Moon's once at least in every vacation. It was often her pleasure to give them a candy-pull.

Not only was she hospitable to the Americans, but the Chinese came in for full share in her generosity. In her last days she spent more in feeding the poor women whom she had rescued from starvation than in providing the milk and other nourishing foods that she needed for herself. I attribute her untimely breakdown to stinting herself that she might minister to others. Her pensioners were often most unlovely and unsightly but their need appealed to her. One old woman she found on the street so far gone that the maggots were already at work in her putrefying sores. Miss Moon took her home, sent for the doctor and with her own hands washed the wounds with strong disinfectant. Another was a very bad tempered old woman who had wasted all her husband's fortune with extravagant living. Miss Moon did not work for the thanks of her charity cases nor because she saw in them good material for the church but solely because their need appealed to her. She truly spent herself for others.

Sabbath afternoons she loved to sit down at her organ with her hymn-book or other devotional literature. I recall her speaking of one special favorite, "I worship thee, sweet will of God".

Miss Moon had such a fear of being the proverbial "Old Missionary," who stood in the way of progress and allowed no initiative to the newcomer, that when she was the senior missionary in the Tengchow station and the younger members wished to be told what to do and how to do it, she absolutely compelled them to depend upon themselves. Her sympathy with the young people and her desire that they have full freedom to work out their own ideas were the greatest possible. They always knew they could come to her for sympathy, though not for advice. She was an old missionary who never grew old.—Mrs. C. W. Pruitt, Hwanghsien, China



UNION NOTES



ROUND TABLE



Christmas is synonymous with giving, the desire of the really thoughtful donor being to give useful as well as appropriate presents. Thus it is that many W.M.U. members delight to give a year's subscription to ROYAL SERVICE to some friend—deeply interested in missions or waiting to be enlisted by the monthly reading of this missionary magazine. Sometimes it is a society wishing to remember at Christmas time a faithful W.M.S. officer or deacon or pastor. To any one wishing to make such a gift ROYAL SERVICE will gladly send a very attractive card in Christmas green on buff paper, bearing the missionary message and greetings with explanation as pictured by the illustration on this page. All that is necessary is for the request for such a card to be sent in with the subscription. Then, into the envelope with the receipt of the 50 cents for the year's subscription the Christmas card will be enclosed so that the subscriber may mail it to her friend. Please do not ask the magazine to send the card to the friend.

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Helpful indeed to W.M.U. interests is the artistic skill of Miss Emma M. Whitfield of Richmond, Va. Not only did she give to the magazine the Christmas card drawing as shown above but she also graciously designed



the Union's pin (see page 35) and the Week of Prayer illustration as shown on the front cover page. The hope is that many will give the pins as Christmas presents and that many will use the illustration for the posters announcing the coming of the week with its blessed Christmas Offering. See page 4 for the president's appeal in behalf of generous giving.

Remember that the suggested dates for the Every-Member Canvass of the 1928 S.B.C. Co-operative Program are December 4-11. While the pastors and deacons will have the heaviest responsibility in this undertaking, it is also true that W.M.S. and Y.W.A. members can render invaluable assistance. Let it be the "holy zeal" of every W.M.U. organization to have every one on its roll, who is a church member, pledge to the 1928 Program, effort also being made to get non-church members to pledge or give cash.

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Important is it also that pledges be redeemed in full to the 1927 Program. To be sure, reminders along this line will need to be tactfully made but prayer will prepare the approach and the Spirit will call to remembrance such Scripture as: "God so loved that He gave.—God loveth a cheerful giver.—It is more blessed to give than to receive.—Let each man do accordeth as he hath purposed in his heart: not grudgingly!" Leaders of W.M.U. organizations and officers of Women's Missionary Societies can render large help by having the full apportionment of their societies met before the close of the calendar year.

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Study, please, the Week of Prayer programs which begin on page 5. The pages bearing it are perforated so that they may be detached without injury to the rest of the magazine. Thus many societies will have extra copies for the observance of the week. Among the many things which will enhance interest in the program are the display of a large missionary map and the study of the biography of Miss Lottie Moon. The map (size 98 x 41 inches) may be secured for \$3.75 from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. The biography of Miss Moon's life, as written by Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, costs 80c in paper binding and \$1.25 in cloth from Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

The priced leaflets on page 7 will also prove decidedly attractive.

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Trying to make ends meet is a part of the endless grind of many enterprises. Certainly this is true in the publishing of this magazine, it having been estimated that even with the most meticulous care it costs over 48½ cents to provide each subscription, which in turn is sold for only 50 cents. The margin of less than 1½ cents is too close to admit of many courtesies which would otherwise be gladly extended. One heavy drain is due to the many requests for change in name or address before the year's subscription has expired. To change even an initial on a subscriber's plate requires the making of a new plate, the cost to the magazine for time and material thus used being more than 6 cents. Therefore, it will be a real help to the magazine if those who desire changes made in an address previously sent in by them will accompany the new address with 6 cents in postage, preferably three 2 cents stamps. ROYAL SERVICE sincerely thanks you!

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Any Union workers have come to feel that a W.M.U. organization which does not hold a missionary meeting each month of the calendar year should not be eligible, no matter how excellent its grading otherwise, to qualify for that calendar year as a Standard A-1 W.M.U. organization. The feeling has also come that it is not fair to all concerned for W.M.U. work to be combined with either Sunday school or B.Y.P.U. organizations. Therefore, at the mid-year meeting of the W.M.U. Executive Committee and of the W.M.U. Secretaries' Conference both of these problems will be discussed in the hope that the new rulings will be made effective with the first of January. In order to be altogether "eligible" should the changes be recommended, all W.M.U. organizations are urged to hold a missionary meeting in January and all such organizations which now function through the Sunday school or B.Y.P.U.

are asked to consider an independent existence. Ere January comes, it is also essential to think in terms of reporting according to the state plan. Faithful reporting is the very genius of Woman's Missionary Union.

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 All G. A. and R. A. leaders will welcome a Bible study book written to bring out the missionary message of God's word. Miss Blanche Carrier in the Kingdom of Love has provided an excellent study in the life of Christ as He taught and lived the principles of brotherhood and love for all mankind. The missionary impact cannot be missed as counselors and members study together. The presentation of Jesus Christ, the method of the study, the challenge of the mission plan of God will combine to reach the hearts of the members. The cost of the book for the counselor is \$2.00 but the pupil's books will be only 25c each. The study of the Lord's Prayer and of the last days of the life of our Lord on earth is especially inspiring. We earnestly hope that G. A. and R. A. counselors will avail themselves of the splendid new study quickly.

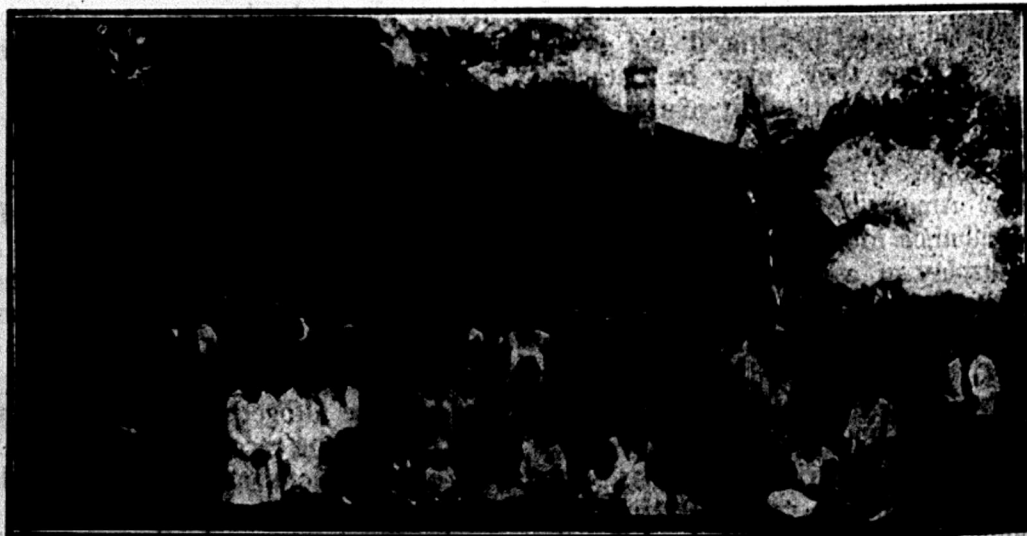
The Kingdom of Love by Blanche Carrier, price \$2.00 for counselor's copy, 25c for member's book. Order from

At the request of Mrs. Maud R. McLure we are correcting what seems to be a misunderstanding as to the Training School service flag described in October ROYAL SERVICE. Mrs. McLure did not give the flag to the school, but she took it to the W. M. U. annual meeting at Kansas City in May 1923 and told its story to the women.

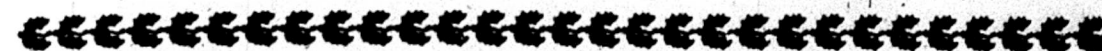
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"From Every Tribe and Nation" by Belle M. Brain, price \$1.50, from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.—Reviewed by Juliette Mather



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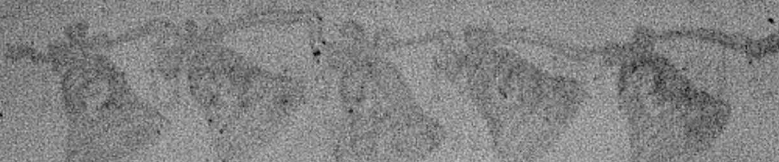
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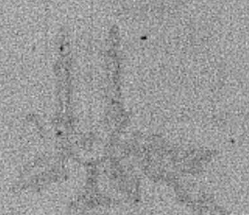




When the Spring of the Anacle Is Spring

And earth has grown old with the burden of care,
And the heart of the world is grown old and fair,
And the soul of the world is grown old and fair,
When the spring of the anacle is spring.

— Phillips Brooks



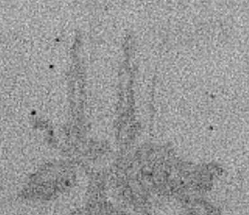
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— Martin Luther



The Gift - The Gift

Oh Jesus, my child, my child,
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A perfect gift, the Father asks of thee —
Thyself with all thy powers, yet all will be
Imperfect, weak and in captivity,
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To God and to thy brother, day by day.

— Theodore C. Williams