

Royal Service

SUCCESSOR TO OUR MISSION FIELDS



Ruby Anniversary

Tune: "Jesus Calls Us"



UTY calls to Chattanooga,
Our reports must pleasing be;
Forty years of faithful service:
Ruby Anniversary.

Sacrifice, ye favored southland,
Reach your goal, enlist and pray;
Consecration, celebration:
Ruby Anniversary.

Precious ruby, may thy emblem
Lead us to our Master's feet;
Through our watchword may success be:
Ruby Anniversary.

Hand in hand and heart with heart we
Make our pledge and it shall be
Pleasing to our loving Master:
Ruby Anniversary.

—Mrs. Mason Maddux, Va.

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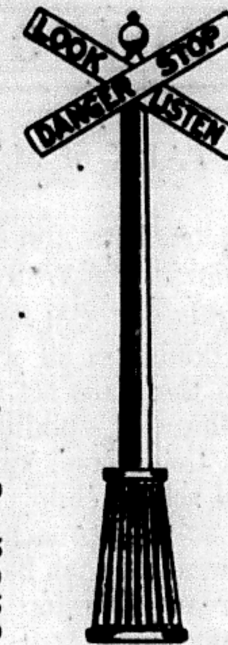
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"To TALK of MANY THINGS"



OTHERS, teachers and children are familiar with Lewis Carroll's rhyme, "The Walrus and the Carpenter", from which the title for this editorial is selected. Just as the children and the poet are doubtless all who get other than nonsense out of the rhyme, so the plans set forth in this editorial are apt to appeal only to those of childlike faith as they "launch out into the deep" of the second quarter of the Ruby Anniversary year.

Largely because women and school children "stop to think" in April as to spring cleaning and shopping and as to approaching "finals" and also because the business world and W. M. U. organizations have learned the psychology of "squaring with each quarter" of the year—therefore, it seems opportune to say: "The time has come . . . to talk of many things".

As a glow to light all such plans shines forth the Ruby Anniversary. New helps for it are noted on page 35. The card and poster there described should add greatly to the celebration, especially if renewed study is made of the suggestions given in February ROYAL SERVICE and in the Ruby Anniversary Booklet. The booklet is not needed by those who have the February issue of this magazine but otherwise a copy may be secured free by writing to the state W. M. U. headquarters (address on page 2). Attention is called to two inaccuracies in articles carried both by the booklet and the February issue of this magazine. Please make the changes accordingly: (1) on page 15 of the booklet and 5 and 34 of the magazine the sailing date of Luther Rice and his two fellow-missionaries should be changed to February 18 as they sailed on the "preceding" and not the "following" day the Judsons did; (2) on page 29 of the booklet and 48 of the magazine, in speaking of the W. M. U. promise to the Baptist 75 Million Campaign, the expression "one-third" should be changed to "one-fifth". The Ruby Anniversary song is linked with the May meeting in Chattanooga by the verses on the front cover page of this magazine.

While it sings its way into your heart, turn to the back of the cover and see the picture of the splendid auditorium in which the annual sessions of Woman's Missionary Union and of the Southern Baptist Convention will be held, May 14-20 inclusive. Then after you have read the article on page 7—"Straight from Chattanooga Baptist Hearts"—you will surely agree to accept the invitation by your presence or prayers or pledges paid—by all three, please!

At the Chattanooga meeting emphasis will doubtless be placed upon law enforcement, such being one of the ways in which circles and societies may have directed personal service. Happy is this magazine in furnishing to its readers this month a prohibition article by Mrs. Ella A. Boole, who is the president of the National W. C. T. U. After studying it—"An Appeal" on pages 5-6—surely Union members will put forth renewed efforts in behalf of law enforcement.

At least three other "innovations" in this issue should be mentioned. One is the pronunciation in brackets of the foreign words used in the W. M. S. program. For this timely help thanks are due Dr. T. B. Ray and Miss Mary Hunter, of the Educational Department of the Foreign Mission Board. Another is the decision to have the second Y. W. A. program given merely in outline, the hope being that large use will thereby be made by Y. W. A's. of much information as set forth in

(Concluded on Page 33)



AN APPEAL

Mrs. Ella A. Boole

President of National W. C. T. U.

THE adoption of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Amendments to the Federal Constitution has increased the responsibilities of all women and of Christian women especially. It was Christian women who organized the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union. They started out confident that God had called them to a specific work. At the very first convention they declared in favor of closing all the saloons in the land by law. In less than fifty years the saloons were closed by law and the Eighteenth Amendment was imbedded in the Constitution.

We need not recount the years of seed-sowing, the campaign of education and the crystallization of public sentiment that resulted in prohibition being adopted as the policy of the United States government in dealing with the liquor traffic. Prohibition is the law and it is a good law.

The developments since prohibition was enacted show that the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is still needed, that boys and girls must still be trained in total abstinence, that scientific temperance instruction must still be given in the public schools, that law observance is another name for total abstinence and that the citizenship of the country must be rallied to the support of law enforcement. American women can well ask themselves these questions:

Do I observe the letter and spirit of the law?

Am I helping to finance the bootlegger by purchasing his liquors?

Am I keeping alive drinking customs by serving or partaking of intoxicating liquors in public or private?

Am I saying a good word for prohibition whenever I get a chance to tell of its benefits?

Am I giving moral support to prohibition officers in the performance of their duties?

Am I supporting dry candidates for office and refusing to support the candidates of my party when by personal example and personal activities they oppose prohibition?

Am I informed on the question through reading a temperance paper which tells about the real accomplishments of prohibition?

Do I belong to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union or some other organization with similar aims, and by my influence, my association with other temperance workers and my gifts of money am I helping to promote law observance and law enforcement?

Let us ask ourselves these questions. Then humbly and reverently accept our share of responsibility.

Within the last three years 170,000 new women have identified themselves with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, thus accepting responsibility for law observance and sharing in the many-sided efforts to build public sentiment for law enforcement. The membership now totals about 600,000.

We must continue to appeal to Christian women to identify themselves with this body of women who are wholeheartedly committed to helping the United States get full benefit out of this method of dealing with the liquor traffic. Be not deceived with the idea that you are not needed. Listen to some of the reasons why the Woman's Christian Temperance Union should carry on:

Its work is not done. The fight for law enforcement may be as long and bitter as for constitutional prohibition. Every local union is a center through which sentiment for law enforcement is made.

It is adaptable to the needs of city and country alike and to every nation. It is a training school in reform methods and it has the machinery to promote such reforms. Its many-sided activities commend it to people of varied interests.

It is a law observance organization. Every member is pledged to obey the law, and because of this basic fact it lays foundations for obedience to all laws.

It is a promoter of good legislation and good principles. It emphasizes the importance of the use and the right use of the ballot.

It is needed to meet the attacks of our organized enemy and through its official organ to broadcast information throughout the world about the benefits of prohibition.

It encourages and helps the women of other nations to do for their country what the W. C. T. U. has done for America.

It is an organization of women of all church affiliations; as such it promotes Christian fellowship and is needed in every community.

Its form of organization is ideal, binding together the women in local, county, state, national and world units. It has been built up at great expense of time and energy and with a sacrificial spirit. It is still needed.

It is Christian in origin, evangelistic in spirit, educational in character and an organized movement for protection to the home.

Will you not join and thus make the Woman's Christian Temperance Union the channel through which you carry on your temperance work? There are local unions in nearly every community.

Help these women! If Christian women do not help, who will?

"Law enforcement" is listed under "Moral Standards" of "W. M. U. Fundamentals" (page 10 of W. M. U. Year Book). The first item of the Personal Service clause (page 13 of Year Book) pertains to the "reporting to proper authorities of non-enforcement of law". Delegates at the W. M. U. annual meeting last May pledged "hearty and unflinching devotion to the cause of law enforcement".



ANNUAL MEETING



STRAIGHT from CHATTANOOGA BAPTIST HEARTS



WITH every Baptist in this entire city and its many suburbs and surrounding towns enthusiastically looking forward to the fourth coming of the Southern Baptist Convention and of the Woman's Missionary Union, which meet here May 14-20 inclusive, and with many of the leading members of every church in the community actively at work in connection with the various committees appointed to make arrangements for the big meeting, delegates and visitors will find Chattanooga prepared to give them a royal welcome—such as Baptists deserve. With the experience of entertaining the gathering three times before—in 1896, 1906, 1921—on which to base plans for this year's meeting, the goal of the arrangements committee is to surpass former efforts and give the Baptists the greatest meeting they have ever had anywhere. (See picture of Memorial Auditorium on page 36.)

Because of its central location in the very heart of the Southern Baptist Convention's home territory and the many railroad lines, bus lines and automobile roads leading into it from every part of the south, there is every reason to believe that this year's gathering will be the largest in point of numbers that has ever been held. Advance information from many sections would seem to indicate this already. In view of the expected inpouring of Baptists, arrangements are being made to house everybody comfortably. Chairman I. B. Merriam, whose address is the Lookout Boiler and Tank Company, is making a check of the hotel rooms available—Chattanooga has many first class hotels—and will soon make a list of the Baptist homes of the city where delegates and visitors may find convenient and comfortable quarters. Chairman Merriam and the members of his committee stand ready to make prompt replies and provide full and complete information as to prices, locations and other necessary and helpful information.

So that everybody will be satisfactorily located, plans are also being made to take care of all those who come to the convention without arranging in advance for their accommodations. It is hoped, however, that all who plan to attend will make their arrangements in advance so that with the least possible delay and confusion they may on arrival be shown to their quarters.

Baptist women of the city are not behind the men in the business of making arrangements in order that delegates and visitors of the W. M. U. may find everything to their liking. These committees of women are backing their good works with prayers for the success of the meeting here and everybody knows what happens when Baptist women set themselves earnestly to working and praying.

The arrangements include not only providing quarters for everybody but preparing necessary meeting halls in the great Memorial Auditorium, where all gatherings of the Southern Baptist Convention and the W. M. U. are to be held under one roof, planning decorative effects to please the eye, looking after transportation facilities, mapping out entertainment programs and seeing to the hundred-and-one other details of properly handling a gathering like that which May will bring around. Women who have attended W. M. U. conventions in other cities and those who have never attended a convention before will find a joyous occasion awaiting them in Chattanooga, for Chattanooga Baptists are promising themselves that this will surpass any other meeting which Baptists have ever held. An invitation straight from the hearts of Chattanooga Baptists is extended to every Baptist in our whole southland.—Mrs. Raleigh Crumbliss, Publicity Chairman

THE JAMES MEMORIAL BUILDING

Everett Gill, European Representative

IT is our beautiful W. M. U. building in Bucarest, capital of Rumania. It stands at the junction of two streets that run north and south, one branching from the other something like an inverted letter X. The building stands on the left side of the junction and thus can be seen for some fifteen minutes by one coming up the street from the right. Not far away is a beautiful park that was planned and partially laid out by three queens.

The building is of brick, covered over with strong lime and cement. The front, or street, side will be of cement and hammered so as to look like cut-stone. Counting the beautiful and dry basement, the building is five stories high. It is complete in itself, having its own kitchen, dining-room, laundry, ironing and storage rooms, besides a large library and reception-room combined, class-rooms, apartments for the directress and teachers, and dormitory accommodations for fifty young women.

The courses of study will be arranged for two classes of students. The first course is for the great majority who will take a two years' course in elementary subjects, home economics and Bible. The second one will be longer and for those specially selected by the denominational Boards for missionary service in Rumania. Thus we hope that in a comparatively short period we shall be able to train many hundreds of the future home-makers of that fair land who will, naturally, become the leaders in their local churches in Sunday school and women's work, while the others will be the general denominational leaders in the work among women.

The women of the W. M. U. may well be proud of the splendid service that they will render to their Rumanian Baptist sisters and to the Rumanian nation. The W. M. U. Training School housed in the "House Beautiful" of the James Memorial will gradually and surely change for good the whole denominational life of Rumanian Baptists.



FACULTY and STUDENTS of RUMANIAN "HOUSE BEAUTIFUL"

Calendar of Prayer

April, 1928

Prepared by Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

WE kneel, how weak; we rise, how full
of power!
Why, therefore, should we do ourselves
this wrong—
Or others—that we are not always strong,
That we are ever overborne with care?

THAT we should ever weak or heart-
less be,
Anxious or troubled, when with us is
prayer,
And joy and strength and courage
Are with Thee? —Trench

Topic: European Missions

1—SUNDAY

For all ministers of the Gospel who
seek to proclaim the truth in love
Consecrate yourselves today to the
Lord.—Exodus 32:29

2—MONDAY

For Rev. J. W. Michaels, deaf-mute
work, Mountainburg, Arkansas
Show me Thy glory.—Exodus 33:18

3—TUESDAY

Pray for Arkansas W. M. U. annual
meeting, Fort Smith, April 3-6.
If Thy presence go not with me—
Exodus 33:16

4—WEDNESDAY

Ask God's blessing upon annual
meeting of Mississippi W. M. U. at
McComb, April 3-5.
Let Israel hope in the Lord.—Psalm
131:3

5—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. Edgar Davis,
Baptist Publishing House for Span-
ish speaking peoples, El Paso, Texas
Be ye followers of me.—I Corinthians
11:1

6—FRIDAY

For Misses *Nannie Bland David
(on furlough) and †Ruth May Ker-
sey, trained nurse, Ogbomoso, Af-
rica
Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God.—
Hebrews 10:9

7—SATURDAY

For Rev. E. N. Walne, publication
and literary work; Mrs. Walne,
evangelistic service, Shimonoseki,
Japan
Whoever believeth on Him shall not
be ashamed.—Romans 10:11

8—SUNDAY

That the fact of the resurrection be
real to Christians in all lands
Because I live, ye shall live also.—
John 14:19

9—MONDAY

For Misses *Essie Fuller and *Ber-
tha Lee Hunt, educational work,
Pernambuco, Brazil
I will delight myself in Thy command-
ments.—Psalm 119:47

10—TUESDAY

For Louisiana W. M. U. annual
meeting, New Orleans, April 10-12
Let my God, I pray Thee, go among
us.—Exodus 34:9

11—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. Sidney M. Sow-
ell, educational and evangelistic
work, Buenos Aires, Argentina
The Lord is the strength of my life.—
Psalm 27:1

12—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Everett Gill (on
furlough), in charge of southern
Baptist work in Europe
Thy statutes have been my songs.—
Psalm 119:54

13—FRIDAY

For Rev. W. Y. Everton, Seaman's
Institute, Jacksonville, Florida
I will declare Thy name.—Psalm 22:22

14—SATURDAY

For Mrs. Valeria Page Greene (on
furlough), Training School for Wo-
men and evangelistic service, Can-
ton, China
She openeth her mouth with wisdom.—
Proverbs 31:26

15—SUNDAY

That Sunday school teachers may
present the Word faithfully and in
faith
Blessed are they that hear the Word
of God.—Luke 11:28

16—MONDAY

For South Carolina W.M.U. annual
meeting, Charleston, third week in
April
There am I in the midst of them.—
Matthew 18:20

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

Calendar of Prayer

April, 1928

GOD holds the key of all unknown,
And I am glad:
If other hands should hold the key,
Or if He trusted it to me,
I might be sad.

I cannot read His future plans,
But this I know:
I have the smiling of His face
And all the refuge of His grace
While here below."

Topic: European Missions

17—TUESDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. Nelson A. Bryan,
Warren Memorial Hospital,
Hwanghsien, China
And He healed many that were sick.—
Mark 1:34

18—WEDNESDAY

For Dr. I. J. VanNess, correspond-
ing secretary of Sunday School
Board, Nashville, Tennessee
Praying always . . . in the Spirit—
Ephesians 6:18

19—THURSDAY

For Dr. J. W. O'Hara, superintend-
ent of mountain schools, Asheville,
North Carolina
Desiring to be teachers of the law—
I Timothy 1:7

20—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Ambrose C.
Duggar, evangelistic work, Rio
Grande do Sul, Brazil
Let us hold fast the profession of our
faith.—Hebrews 10:23

21—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Arthur R. Gal-
limore, evangelistic work, Shiu-
chow, China
Out of every nation under Heaven—
Acts 2:5

22—SUNDAY

That W. M. U. ideals of temper-
ance be kept before our young peo-
ple (See pages 5-6.)
Know ye not that your body is the
temple of the Holy Ghost?—I Corinth-
ians 6:19

23—MONDAY

For Rev. Ellis A. Fuller, superin-
tendent of Home Mission Board
evangelism
O the depth of the riches both of the
wisdom and knowledge of God!—Ro-
mans 11:33

24—TUESDAY

For Rev. W. T. MacDonald, evan-
gelistic work, Temuco, Chile
He that believeth on the Son hath
eternal life.—John 3:36

25—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. N. Lee and
Rev. J. K. Henderson, work among
Indians, Cherokee, North Carolina
For we walk by faith.—II Corinthi-
ans 5:7

26—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. C. G. McDaniel
(on furlough), Yates Academy,
Soochow, China
Walk in wisdom.—Colossians 4:5

27—FRIDAY

For Misses—†Cornelia Brower (on
furlough) and †Nora Agnes Gra-
ham, Girls' School, Temuco, Chile
For ye serve the Lord Christ.—Colos-
sians 3:24

28—SATURDAY

For Miss †Mary Strange, Good
Will Center for Italians, Birming-
ham, Alabama
It is God who worketh in you.—Philip-
pians 2:13

29—SUNDAY

That worship and prayer find a
larger place in the lives of all Chris-
tians
Keep the Sabbath day to sanctify it.—
Deuteronomy 5:12

30—MONDAY

For Mrs. Janie Cree Bose, princi-
pal, and for commencement of Wo-
man's Missionary Union Training
School, Louisville, Kentucky
They go from strength to strength.—
Psalm 84:7

†Attended W. M. U. Training School



"PRAY YE"



"THROUGH FAITH and PATIENCE INHERIT"



AMONG the many exhortations in Hebrews occurs the following
(Hebrews 6:11-12):

We desire that each one of you may show the same dili-
gence unto the fulness of hope even to the end: that ye be
not sluggish but imitators of them who through faith and
patience inherit the promises.

Since "Scripture . . . is profitable for teaching" it would seem justifiable to learn
from the foregoing quotation that the faith which prompts to prayer and the
patience which perseveres in it will finally inherit the promises concerning prayer.
It is but another way of saying: "Effectual, fervent prayer availeth", for "ef-
fectual" implies perseverance, while "fervent" has the glow of faith, and "availeth"
is the human side of inherit.

Whether or no these deductions be logical, every Christian will admit that
two prerequisites to prayer are faith and patience. Ethnologists in their writings
as to the races of the world have revealed that "man is incurably religious", that
one need not wonder that Paul found in Athens "an altar with this inscription:
'To an Unknown God'". Just as he plead with the Athenians to "seek God, if
haply they might feel after Him and find Him", so through exercising one's faith
by praying there comes the assurance that God "is not far from each one of us, for
in Him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:27).

Granted that one has faith in God's power to answer prayer, is it not also
true that the real test is in putting that faith into practise—in other words, in
having patience to pray regularly, "in season and out of season", "without ceas-
ing"? To encourage the faithful, patient pursuit of prayer Woman's Missionary
Union recommends the use of the Calendar of Prayer (pages 9-10), the Family
Altar (page 12) and the setting aside by circles and societies of as much time as
possible for prayer before or during or after the meetings. If guided by the Spirit
of God please pray for:

Thankful hearts in contemplation of God's goodness
Faith that inspires prayer
Patience that perseveres steadily in prayer
Hope that "lays hold" on the promises of God
Societies as they enter third quarter of Ruby Anniversary
Faithful tithing by W. M. U. members
Organizing and fostering of new societies
Chattanooga committees planning for May 14-20
Mrs. W. J. Cox and all taking part on programs at Chattanooga
Hearts that prompt gifts—"not grudgingly or of necessity"

Each state W. M. U. is entitled to 40 delegates including the vice
president. Thus each state delegation can be a "ruby". Try to
make yours so. Delegates' cards are secured through state W.
M. U. headquarters (address on page 2). Visitors do not need
cards.

FAMILY ALTAR

TOPIC—A Spiritual Labor Union

Prepared by Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

“**O**PEN the Book of God
And read a portion there
That it may hallow all thy thoughts
And sweeten all thy care.

CONVERSE in mind with God;
Thy spirit Heavenward raise;
Acknowledge every good bestowed
And offer grateful praise.”

God's Fellow-Workers

Sunday, 1st

Isaiah 6:1-3; Mark 16:19, 20; Acts 6:2-8

Monday, 2d

II Corinthians 6:1-10

Tuesday, 3d

Romans 12:3-8; Colossians 1:24-29

Wednesday, 4th

Luke 9:12-19; I Timothy 4:10

Thursday, 5th

I Kings 5:1-12; I Thessalonians 5:12-24

Friday, 6th

Psalms 127:1; Matthew 9:37, 38

Saturday, 7th

Matthew 10:1-15

Preparation for Service

Sunday, 8th

Matthew 11:25-30; 18:1-6

Monday, 9th

Nehemiah 1:3-11; 4:6; 6:15

Tuesday, 10th

II Samuel 7:18-29; 9:1-13

Wednesday, 11th

Acts 1:13, 14; 2:46, 47; 12:24; 13:2, 3

Thursday, 12th

Luke 11:1, 2; I Peter 1:7-11; 5:6-11

Friday, 13th

I Samuel 7:3-6, 9, 12, 13, 15, 17

Saturday, 14th

Romans 12:1-21

"Seeing We Have This Ministry"

Sunday, 15th

Romans 1:1-12, 16, 17

Monday, 16th

Philippians 1:1-11, 21, 25-30

Tuesday, 17th

Romans 5:1-8, 19; 18:1-4, 14, 35-39

Wednesday, 18th

John 8:32, 36; 15:8-17

Thursday, 19th

Colossians 1:1-17; 3:12-17

Friday, 20th

II Timothy 1:7-14; 2:15, 19

Saturday, 21st

Proverbs 31:30, 31; Isaiah 66:1, 2; Micah 6:8; Malachi 3:16-18; Matthew 5:16

Perseverance

Sunday, 22d

Proverbs 4:5-8, 13-15, 18, 23-27; Psalm 19:7-11

Monday, 23d

Job 17:9; 19:25-27

Tuesday, 24th

I Corinthians 15:57, 58; 16:13-18

Wednesday, 25th

John 6:35-40; I Peter 1:3-9

Thursday, 26th

John 17:9-26

Friday, 27th

Psalm 37:1-11; Psalm 124

Saturday, 28th

Luke 22:31, 32; Romans 6:22

Sunday, 29th

Isaiah 45:17-19, 22-25; Matthew 10:22; 13:23

Monday, 30th

Psalm 86:9-12; Revelation 1:18; 22:16-21

BIBLE STUDY

TOPIC—A Spiritual Labor Union

Hymn "Rescue the Perishing"

I. God's Fellow-Workers: I Cor. 3:9, 10; 15:10. Behind the Christian worker is the everlasting Father of mankind, who will not allow anyone to be disappointed in His love and His care, Luke 6:13; Acts 9:15; I Cor. 1:27, 28; Matt. 18:11; Luke 15:4-7; Phil. 2:15, 16; 4:3; Col. 1:27-29. "Strong Son of God, Immortal Love!" must be the cry of every heart that has measured the purpose of Christ to save this sin-enslaved race. "Behold I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves", Matt. 10:16; this reaches beyond the personal ministry of the twelve and covers in a general sense the sphere of service during this present age. God expects every Christian to reveal Christ in a fully developed spiritual life, Acts 20:17-21, Romans 15:1-3, Galatians 6:1-5. The test of the Gospel is grace, Gal. 1:6-9; if the message excludes grace or denies the fact of guilt of the sinner it is another "gospel". Rom. 3:10-20, 23

II. Preparation for Service: Prayer, Matt. 9:35-38; John 14:16, 17; Acts 1:8; 2:4, 42; 4:24-31. "Prayer is the golden thread through the story of missions." Only as we co-operate with God in believing prayer can we make a channel for the power of God, Rom. 1:16, 17, 20. "We need a new baptism in the spirit of prayer, a new realization that God invites us to a most glorious partnership with our almighty Father in the salvation of His world." Begotten by the Holy Spirit we must testify the Gospel of the grace of God. The same Holy Spirit, who taught Bezaleel—Exodus 31:3-6—and filled him with the spirit of God, has been at work in the hearts of men, that a way may be made for the Gospel, Luke 3:5, 6, that the chariots of King Jesus may run smoothly, Isaiah 40:3-5. There is a present need of believing prayer; mightier tasks wait the church today than ever the past achieved; the realization of success must be that God's people have learned how to pray, Gal. 2:20.

III. Seeing We Have This Ministry: II Cor. 4:1-7. As it is great mercy and grace to be called to be the saints, especially "to be counted faithful", I Tim. 1:12, so it is owing to the mercy and grace of God if we persevere faithfully in the work committed to us. The mercy, which has helped us hitherto, we may rely upon to help to the end. Christ came to save the lost, Matt. 18:11, for there is no other means of salvation, Acts 10:35-43; John 12:31; II Cor. 4:4; the devil has influence and power over multitudes in the world and in the hearts of his slaves, darkening the understanding and increasing the prejudices of men so that they do not "behold the light of the glorious Gospel". The grace of God creates light in the soul, Eph. 5:8. The treasure of Gospel light and grace is put into earthen vessels, like Gideon's lamps in pitchers, Judges 7:16. We must speak of the power in the Gospel of Christ to enlighten the mind, convince the conscience, convert the soul and to rejoice the heart—all power from the God of our salvation.

IV. Perseverance: John 13:1; 10:28-30; Isaiah 32:15-20; Jude 1. Assurance is the Christian's full conviction that through the work of Christ alone, received by faith, he is in possession of a salvation in which he will be eternally kept and this assurance rests truly upon the Scripture promises to him who believes, Romans 8:28-34. It shows us the unfailing purpose of God through the Gospel. God's everlasting love wherewith He is said to have loved, Jer. 31:3, is the same as His foreknowledge of the saints and of His owning them, Ps. 1:6; II Tim. 2:19; I Peter 1:2; Gal. 6:9; I Cor. 15:58. "The Lord God hath sworn by His holi-

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PROGRAM PLANS

WITH the PROGRAM COMMITTEE

THE Program Committee is fortunate this month in having first-hand material from one who has visited some of the mission fields discussed. Mrs. James has been especially active in securing help for the Rumanian young women about whom she writes. The committee should make note and have mentioned that the House Beautiful of Rumania was built through the plea of Mrs. James and the Woman's Missionary Union and the Sunday School Board gave the money for the building in loving appreciation of Mrs. James' valuable service as president of the Union (page 8).

Mrs. James makes the following helpful suggestions for carrying out the program:

"If I were 'sitting in' with those who make suggestions to the program committee I would suggest that the names of the countries where we have work in Europe be displayed at the society meeting in some conspicuous way so that the names of these countries may be impressed on the members through the eye-gate as well as the ear-gate. Bands of paper each with the name of one of the six countries pinned diagonally from shoulder to hip on the dresses of six persons with each one rising and standing as her country is discussed in the third paper would help to fix the countries in the minds of the women. I would also suggest that the questions drawn from the papers be discussed immediately following the paper."

Another plan for the committee would center around a map. We know the present craze for old maps, crudely executed with dolphins and sea monsters adorning the waters. Have some one make a rough map of this type of southern Europe. Buy about six yards of smooth brown paper from a hardware or dry goods store. Cut in half and paste the three yard strips together. After sketching the outline of southern Europe, go over the boundaries with a brush dipped in black or red ink. A small map with faint outlines is useless in a group of more than three people. (See map on page 15.)

A study of the program material will suggest suitable pictures to pin on the map at the meeting. For instance: as Italy is discussed, pin to the map a picture of a church; Spain, a hymn book; Jugo-Slavia, a law book or a group of young people; Russia, a closed door; Hungary, two young women or the names of the special workers mentioned; Rumania, the "House Beautiful" or a group of girls.

Before the map study there should be several short talks: the first showing on the map the territory reached by the apostles and early Christians; next, "A Free Gospel and the State Church"; third "The Flander's Farmer"; fourth "Oncken of Germany" (the story of Oncken was charmingly given in *WORLD COMRADES in the summer of 1924*); the fifth talk should be "The London Conference of 1920". This should embrace conditions after the World War that led to the conference, then three results of the conference: 1. Bales of Old Clothes; 2. The Policy of Co-operation; 3. The Fields Distributed.

The above could be put into one or two longer talks. However, the information is necessary if the map study is understood.

As little souvenirs of the meeting, buy the smallest size paper lace mats. On one side of each write: "All the women that were wise-hearted did spin with their hands and brought that which they had spun, both of blue and of purple and of scarlet and of fine linen". They gave their work". On the reverse side

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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.

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EUROPEAN MISSIONS

Hymn—Jesus Calls Us

Prayer that each may hear the "call" in the messages and lessons of the hour Bible Study (See page 13.)

Personal Service Period (See pages 5-6.)

Hymn—There's a Royal Banner

Standard Bearers

A Free Gospel and the State Church

Hymn—Blest Be the Tie

Aftermath of the Great War

Hymn—Am I a Soldier of the Cross?

A "House Beautiful" in Rumania

Prayer for the Foreign Mission Board and European Missions



I—STANDARD BEARERS



STANDARD bearers who oftentimes fought their way through fierce and cruel opposition and whose courage and patience opened the paths for their comrades and successors should never be forgotten. It is all important that those of us who enjoy rare privileges because of them keep before us clear pictures of such men and their achievements.

A study of the Acts of the Apostles and of the Epistles of the New Testament with Europe and her religious life in mind would help us to understand more clearly the history and present condition of European Baptists and to appreciate more fully the opportunity of fellowship with them. Likewise, a study of the development of the state church in later days will make us see more clearly the kinship between pioneer Baptists and the standard bearers of apostolic days.

The names of Paul and Silas, of Timothy and Apollos, Gaius and Aristarchus, of Silvanus, Titus and others crowd into our minds when we think of those who labored and suffered that the "Banner of the Cross" might be lifted up in Europe. Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Corinth and Rome are reminders of persecutions dictated by greed, superstition, bigotry and the love of power. Our hearts are stirred with indignation when we read of these persecutions particularly on the part of the Jews whose worship of God had degenerated into mere formalism wholly devoid of the spirit of worship. But we are shown not only the dark side but the bright and hopeful view as well. Our hearts are made to throb in joyful sympathy with Paul when we read of the faithful Christians in the churches of those cities: how they abounded "in everything—in faith and utterance and in knowledge and in all earnestness and in love".

Out of their poverty they gave generously and "beyond their power because they had first given themselves". Paul must have rejoiced that he could write to the church at Thessalonica commending it as an example for good to all Macedonia because said he—"From you hath sounded forth the word of the Lord". When we think of such men, and women too, in the churches we are not surprised that by the end of three hundred years the Gospel had been preached in Europe from Macedonia to Spain, from Italy as far north as Germany and over into England.

Though persecution was not always the rule everywhere in Europe yet great philosophers and scholars and humble Christians alike gave up their lives during bitter persecutions. "Christianity was established in the life blood of white haired patriarchs, of strong men and women in their prime, of youths glowing with the joy and hope of life, and even of little boys and girls." One mother called to her son who was being led away to martyrdom saying: "My son, be not afraid; it is not thy life

they will take away today. They will only change it for a better!"

It was a very simple form of church life and worship the early Christians had. The very existence of little groups of men and women who believed and tried to live the "good news" probably had much to do with the victory of Christianity. But, as Christianity progressed in spite of the many handicaps, people who thirsted for power came to believe there must be something in it that would help them in their worldly ambitions. No doubt there were weak and unworthy church members whose lives were such as to lead people to such a conclusion. However, large numbers began to claim conversion who had not become Christian at heart, and Paul's fears as expressed to Timothy began to be realized in the churches: "But evil men and impostors shall wax worse deceiving and being deceived.—The time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine but, having itching ears, will heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts and will turn away their ears from the truth and turn aside unto fables".

Early in the fourth century when Christianity was made the official religion of the Roman Empire thousands accepted Christianity who knew nothing of its vital truths and cared less. Consequently rules and regulations and ceremonies were adopted for the control of church members and as an outward form of worship which were entirely foreign to the teachings and spirit of Jesus. Much of Europe was converted to Christianity by royal influence or by military force. It took Charlemagne thirty years to force the conquered Saxons into "conversion". One of his laws was: "If any Saxon shall try to hide himself unbaptized and shall scorn to come to baptism and shall wish to remain pagan, let him be punished by death".

First pagans and Jews persecuted the early Christians. Later we have the sad spectacle of those claiming to be Christians persecuting pagans and Jews.

If we should interpret the expression,

"the conversion of Europe", as meaning that Europe had become Christian it would be a sad mistake. Had Europe really become Christian, life there

would have been different indeed and the sad stories of the Reformation and of Baptist beginnings in modern Europe need never have been written.

QUESTION on PART I for STUDY and DISCUSSION

What compensation did the early "standard bearers" of the Cross enjoy?

II—A FREE GOSPEL and the STATE CHURCH

WE must not think that the pure free Gospel was wholly lost even in the darkest ages before the light of the Reformation broke upon Europe. There were those in the church who raised their voices against extending Christianity by worldly power. The following, voiced by one, was the sentiment of many when things seemed darkest: "God will not have a forced homage. Woe be the times when the divine faith stands in need of earthly power".

Instead of seeking to advance themselves in such a world, large companies of Christians turned aside and sought to develop really Christian communities of those who tried to live and worship according to the teachings of the New Testament. It is good to remember that, though suppressed and driven under the surface for a time, there were men and women who remained true and that there was yet a remnant who in the fullness of time would "restore Israel".

In the sixteenth century when such men as Luther, Zwingli, Knox and Calvin were protesting against practices in the Catholic church there arose men who proclaimed their belief in the separation of church and state and in absolute religious liberty. Many of these likewise declared their belief that faith imposes personal obligations, that only those who had been baptized upon a profession of their faith constituted a real church and that baptism and the Lord's Supper were the only Christian sacraments. Along with the reformers these men had their share of persecution and some suffered martyrdom.

Unfortunately the protestant churches that grew up as a result of the Reformation clung to the old idea of a state church and as a consequence those, who

believed as Baptists of today do, were persecuted so that many fled to America and others were again suppressed. The seed was not exterminated, however, as the Baptist movement of modern Europe proves. Though the Baptist denomination was making great advances in Europe and Great Britain, not until after 1815 was there any evidence of a real Baptist movement in Europe.

In French Flanders, whence protestants had been uprooted in the days of persecution following the reformation, a farmer in 1810 found in the corner of his old house a Bible that had long remained hidden and unused. He read it eagerly and lent it to his neighbors. As a careful reading of the Word always changes things, these friends began to try to follow the teachings of the New Testament. Years passed, however, before they were discovered by Baptists. From this small beginning Baptist work, later helped by American Baptists, gained some headway.

Though there was this handful of Baptists in France and some few in other places it cannot be said that the movement which has gained such headway in Europe was begun until 1834 when J. G. Oncken (*On'-ken*), known as the "Father of Continental Baptists", and six others were baptized by an American minister and the Baptist church of Hamburg, Germany, was constituted with Oncken as its pastor. The vast majority of Baptist church members in Europe today are found in communities established by Oncken and his workers or those influenced by them. Early in his ministry the American Baptists made Oncken their missionary for Europe and commissioned him to travel in the interest of the Baptist movement. Consequently he visited many countries in Europe winning converts,

baptizing them and starting churches.

All W. M. U. members will be interested to know that the records of a society in South Carolina show that their entire collection in 1840 was voted to help "Brother Oncken". Thus we learn that southern Baptist women before the day of the Southern Baptist Convention were interested and co-operated with the work in Europe through the American Baptist Mission Board. In addition to the personal conquests of Oncken and his co-laborers, much of the success of these "standard bearers" was the fruit of the scattering of the "Word of God".

In a number of countries, as in Russia and Hungary, those who were converted to the faith Baptists hold had experiences similar to that of Oncken himself. Having come to the conclusion that loyalty to the Bible, which lay at the base of their religious lives, demanded that they should accept baptism as believers, they had to wait years for the long desired "Philip" who could administer the ordinance.

Since every outside movement in any country of Europe, however pure or holy, must be suppressed in the interest of the state church, the law was therefore set in motion at the instance of the clergy and bitter persecutions arose wherever the Baptist movement gained any headway. But because the leaders of the movement were far-seeing, consecrated, enthusiastic and diplomatic men, good at organization and effective in their preaching and because Baptists knew the Christianity they presented could never be an instrument of the state for tyranny and persecution, they pressed on never doubting. The common man for whom the state church had no message except a demand for submission found himself wondrously uplifted in a Baptist church because he was in the church as a brother and an equal. This simple democratic Christianity appealed to such great numbers that by 1900 there were 220,000 Baptist church members on the continent of Europe. Of them an observing non-Baptist said: "They call themselves 'brothers' and they are".

QUESTIONS on PART II for STUDY and DISCUSSION

1. Explain difference between a state church and the Baptist belief concerning a church.
2. When and where did the great Baptist movement on the continent of Europe have its origin?

III—AFTERMATH of the GREAT WAR

THROUGH all the years since the Baptist movement started in Europe, American Baptists, both north and south, and English Baptists had had very sympathetic fellowship with European Baptists and had rendered aid when and where it seemed advisable. At the beginning of this century the Baptists of Europe had secured a firm foothold in almost every country and the future was bright with promise. Suddenly war clouds broke over many of the countries and the normal peaceful development was checked. Fellowship with Baptists of other countries was interrupted and it was impossible to know just what the situation was. Immediately after the armistice was

signed, however, Baptists of America and Great Britain made efforts to re-establish and extend cordial and co-operative relations. Representatives sent to make investigations soon discovered that the Baptist cause had suffered great loss and, if the ground gained by labor and sacrifice was to be held and the cause advanced, immediate relief must be given. Those who could had valiantly labored to keep the work going and true to their motto—"Every member a missionary"—many in the army had used opportunities to tell the "good news" of the Kingdom to their comrades in arms. But poverty and disease in the war worn countries seemed about to destroy all hope that remained. New boundary lines had

been established so that Baptist church members of one nation became subject of another where their activities were looked upon with suspicion, which in some cases led to renewed persecution. Baptist preachers who were longing to be at the work, to which God had called them, through poverty were bound down to daily toil desperately struggling to provide bread for their children while the work which they loved was being neglected.

In view of such evidence and with a desire to help, a conference of representatives from twenty-two general Baptist organizations met in London in July 1920 to consider what could be done and to make recommendations to the organizations they represented. It developed that the relief of material distress was the most pressing need. Consequently it was decided that such relief as the stronger Baptist bodies would make possible should be administered in the countries where most needed according to Scriptural injunction, "to do good to all men and especially to the household of faith". All W. M. U. workers will remember how for three years money and bales of clothing were sent to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

Just as the call of Macedonia and the response of the Apostle Paul to that call were the appeal of and the response to Europe's needs so the recommendations of the London conference constituted a call to the Baptists of the world to enter doors of opportunity which the "guns of war had jarred open". The stronger Baptist organizations were asked to assist in the work in war torn countries and in countries where there was need of mission work. Each mission board was to be left free to decide in consultation with the Baptist Unions of the countries they were to assist just the character and extent of their assistance. In the distribution of the work six countries, namely—Italy (*where we were already at work*), Spain, Jugo-Slavia (*Yugo-Sla'via*), southern Russia including Siberia, Hungary and Rumania were settled upon

as those to be assisted by southern Baptists. (*See map on page 15.*)

No board adopted the general policy of sending missionaries to Europe. They had their own preachers who were eager to be at work. Consequently our Foreign Mission Board contributes to the salary of the native preachers and as economic conditions improve and the work grows this help will be diminished. It is necessary, however, that the Board keep in close touch with the work so as to administer funds wisely. Accordingly Dr. Everett Gill was made the representative of the Board for all the S. B. C. work in Europe except in Italy where Dr. and Mrs. Whittinghill have been missionaries for years.

Dr. and Mrs. Gill travel from country to country counseling and advising with the workers, reporting to the Board and making recommendations. Mr. and Mrs. V. L. David are in Spain and Mr. and Mrs. Dan T. Hurley in Rumania where they help sustain the work. Church houses have been built or rented for the most needy congregations and a fund has been created to help other churches in the erection of buildings.

Several years ago in an address, "The Appeal of the Baptist Program for Europe", Dr. Love said: "In this work we shall increase the number of those who herald the truth by furnishing facilities for the education of young women and young men whom God has called but who for the want of training have been compelled to defer their hopes". To accomplish this purpose the Foreign Board now has schools for preachers in four of the six European countries where southern Baptists are at work. These are in Italy, Spain, Hungary and Rumania; they are owned and are wholly or in most part financed by the Foreign Mission Board.

"*They of Italy salute you*"—*Heb. 13:24*—Baptists claim kinship with those early Christians of Italy who doubtless heard the Gospel first in Jerusalem on Pentecost, before Paul was brought a prisoner to Rome. The

dark pools in the catacombs and the beautiful baptistries of Italy are silent witnesses to the fact that New Testament Christians practiced immersion.

Baptist work as we know it now was begun in Italy in 1863 by the English and in 1872 by southern Baptists. The English and American Missions were always on the best of terms; consequently after the London conference, it was not difficult to unite the work under the direction of southern Baptists.

When many think of Italy they usually think of the Roman Catholic power centered there, of historic ruins, great cathedrals and masterpieces of art in Venice, Florence, Rome, Naples and such cities. But let us in our thinking remember Paul and his martyrdom and that of thousands of other Christians, of present persecutions after years of toleration, of the struggling seminary, of the young people's work, the publishing work and of the orphanage on the hill Monte Maria, which overlooks the ancient city, and out the Appian Way, so famous in history. Let us pray for the pastors of the 48 churches and 66 outstations who with their faithful members are giving themselves to build a living church of souls transformed into the likeness of the "Master Workman", even Christ Jesus.

Spain—This country of superstition where the spirit of that "baptism of blood", the Inquisition, still lives, needs our thought and prayers. The great mass of people still cling to their images and charms and are taught that to read the Bible is sinful and those who do venture to read the "Book" are subject to bitter persecution. In one city recently the preaching hall was closed on the pretext that the singing of Gospel hymns "disturbed the religious sentiments of the Roman Catholics". But with courage the banner of Jesus is held high by the preachers and the one thousand faithful church members in Spain while the seminary trains new workers and the publications promote interest in the work.

Jugo-Slavia—This country to the east of the Adriatic Sea is officially known

as "The Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes", being a state built around the old kingdom of Serbia. The work there is difficult because it must be carried on among at least five groups speaking as many different languages. It is a great field for Baptist work, however, as here Roman and Greek Catholicism meet and because of their antagonism there are losses to both. The new state has the principle of religious freedom written in its constitution and it is hoped that as the Baptist work grows Jugo-Slavia will be true to the principle. Persecution is not wholly unknown for we have only about one thousand members there who as yet have attracted but little attention. Among these are many young people who have surrendered themselves to God and are vitally interested in the work. There are hungry hearted and purposeful young men who are pleading for the opportunity to prepare themselves for service and therefore Jugo-Slavia is calling to us to provide modest quarters for a preachers' school where they may receive instruction.

Russia—Formerly a land of Greek Orthodoxy but now an enigma as to religion, Russia a few years ago furnished the most striking illustration of Baptist growth. Though Baptist work among Russians was not started till 1871 yet in 1922 one million was a most conservative estimate of the number of Baptists there.

Today Russia's door is closed but now and then a bit of light filters through—enough to let us know the Baptists are still "carrying on". The news that in their concern for the heathen and Mohammedans about them they have organized a "Mission Society" and out of their poverty are giving to promote work among these people is cheering news. In December of last year they opened their preachers' school at Moscow with thirty students present and twenty others expected.

Hungary—Here is a country whose people, the Magyars, differ in race, language and tradition from all their neighbors. To them New Testament

Christianity has come with as great an appeal as to any race of people in Europe. Before the World War Baptists in Hungary had made a greater advance in proportion to population than in any country in Europe. At that time they had about sixteen thousand church members but the transfer to other nations of territory in which there were strong Baptist churches cut their number in half. However with faith in God and courage high they took up their work and now have more than eleven thousand members. Hunrich Myer of Germany, known as the "Apostle of Hungary", was one of the outstanding Baptist pioneers and did a magnificent work in Hungary. The father of Kathe and Amalia Gerwich is the pastor of the great church he established in Budapest (*Boo' da pest*). It will be interesting to those who helped to sponsor Kathe and Amalia while they were in the W. M. U. Training School in Louisville to learn that Kathe is doing what she can among the young people of her father's great church and that Amalia is the happy wife of the young pastor of a church in another city where she has large opportunity for service and also in the eleven outstations connected with the church. Rev. Andreas Udvarnoki (*An' dreas Oo' var no' ki*), the leading Baptist preacher in Hungary, is president of the Brown Seminary, named for Miss Varina Brown of South Carolina who gave the property, and also of the Hungarian Baptist Union. Mrs. Udvarnoki is at the head of the woman's

work. Their son is the director of the great chorus at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville where he is studying. Fine young preachers who have been trained for their work here and in Europe are fast coming to the front in Hungary.

Rumania—This kingdom has been brought into prominence because of the failure of the Rumanian government to recognize Baptists as constituting a religious denomination and because of the unusual severity of the persecutions suffered by them. Before the war the number of Baptists in the old kingdom of Rumania was small but in the transfer of territory in 1919 large numbers were added as there were many strong churches in the newly acquired territory. With the exception of Russia there are now more Baptists in Rumania than in any of the six European countries where southern Baptists are at work. Altogether there are about 35,000. The great majority are in Transylvania where in the years just preceding the war they had religious freedom under the dominion of Hungary and where under Rumanian authority they have been sorely persecuted. It is no wonder that Baptists rejoiced everywhere when the news came out that the Rumanian Cabinet had finally acknowledged the legal status of Baptists in Transylvania and indicated that such would be the case in other provinces also. All persecution may not cease. The Greek Catholics may yet find ways to annoy, but it means the dawning of a new day for Baptists in Rumania.

QUESTIONS on PART III for STUDY and DISCUSSION

1. In how many and in which countries of Europe do southern Baptists have work?
2. In what ways does the Foreign Mission Board cooperate with the Baptists in these countries?

IV—A "HOUSE BEAUTIFUL" in RUMANIA

IN the past few years Woman's Missionary Union through "Our Sisterhood Special", given by the College Y. W. A's., has made it possible for three young women from Europe to be trained in this country for service in

their native lands. Two have returned to work in Hungary and one in Rumania. Others longed to come but the combination of circumstances made it impracticable. But four girls in Rumania who felt they could not wait longer a short while ago knocked at the doors of the Baptist seminary in

Bucarest (*Boo' ca rest*), asking that they might enter the classes there. That was granted but there was no place provided for women students to live. Like the "big four" of the Training School in Louisville who made a home for themselves in uncomfortable and cramped quarters that they might attend the seminary, so these four lived in a shack on the seminary property that they too might study in Bucarest. Just as the number in Louisville grew so has the number grown in Bucarest and, just as "missionary-hearted" women in Louisville and afterward Woman's Missionary Union took the girls in Louisville under their motherly care and built for them a "House Beautiful" in which to live and work, so the members of the Union, figuratively speaking, have reached out across the water and taken these courageous girls in Bucarest to their hearts and provided them a "House Beautiful". The Union gave \$7,000 to erect a building to be their home and workshop and, just as when more money was needed for the Training School in Louisville the Sunday School Board lent a helping hand, so in the case of the building in Bucarest the Sunday School Board supplemented the amount already given by a gift of \$3,000. Through the Foreign Board other friends have recently added \$2,000. The building stands near the seminary on property owned by the Foreign Mission Board. It has a capacity for fifty young women and though not quite completed is occupied by the nine who are now in the school. Ludovica Cristea, whom many will remember as the "Rumanian Heroine" of Dr. Mullins' leaflet and by others because they knew her when she was in America, is "dean" of the school and is

putting into practice the many fine things she learned at the Training Schools in Louisville and Ft. Worth. A Rumanian Baptist doctor, who is a woman, lives in the school and looks after the health of all the students. (See picture on page 8.)

Dr. Gill writes: "We hope to find the small sum wherewith to finish the building next spring. It will be our Rumanian 'House Beautiful'. We confidently expect great things of this new phase of our educational work in Rumania". (See article by Dr. Gill on page 8.)

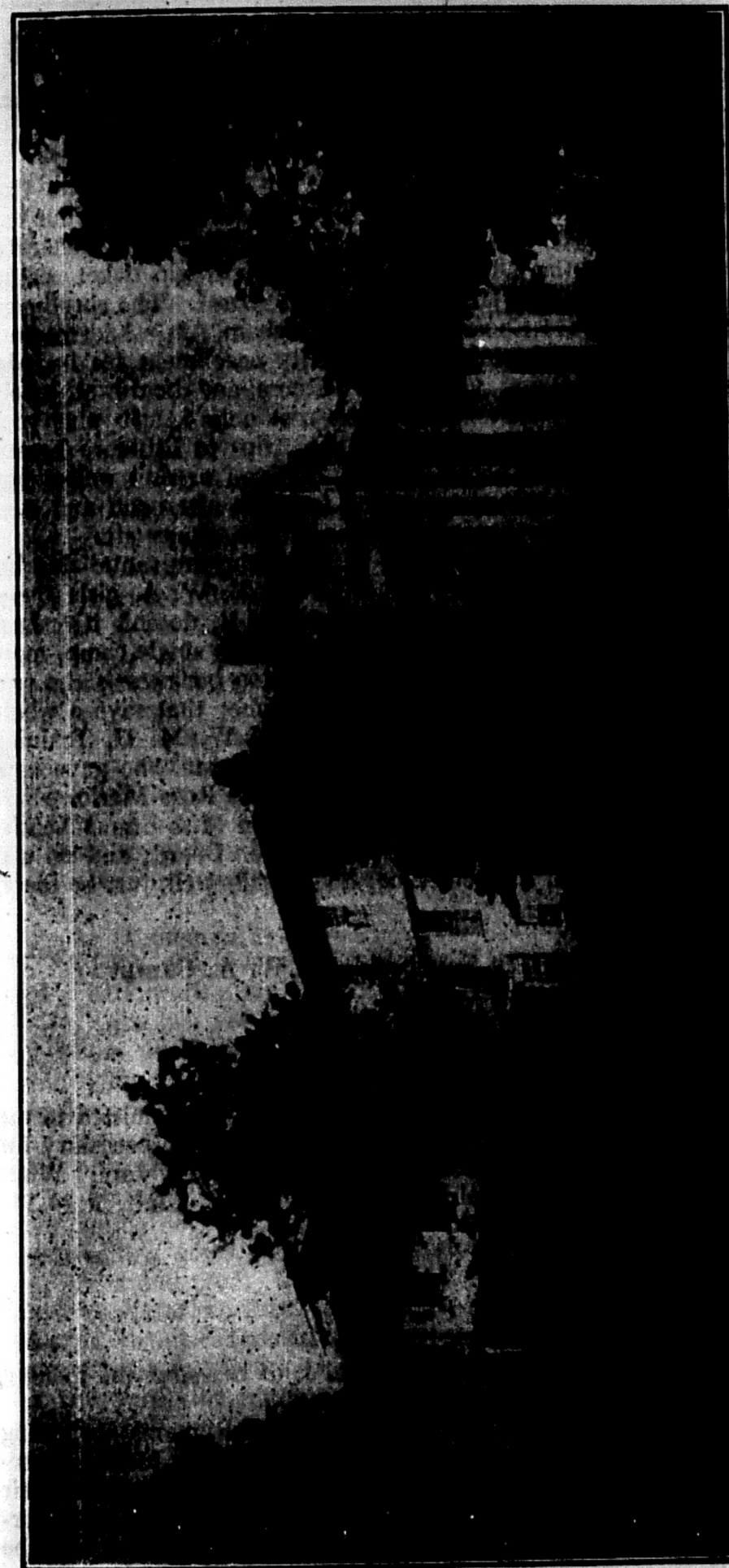
Already the women's societies of Rumania are following the example of southern Baptist women by sending provisions for the pantry. Dr. and Mrs. Gill are planning to furnish the dining-room and hope to have the women provide the doilies for the table of their beautiful handiwork, just as has been done for the school in Louisville.

As the student body of our school in Louisville has ever been ready to take their share in all phases of denominational activities, the girls in Bucarest are showing the same spirit. At odd times and during vacation they have been making and selling beautiful handiwork and giving to the poor. From now on it is their purpose by this means to support a woman worker to visit the societies in Rumania to stimulate them and help them in their work. So through the gifts of those who love and believe in the work of women, do we look forward to the completion and furnishing of this school for girls in Bucarest, and may the day soon come when each of our countries in Europe can have its own "House Beautiful".

QUESTIONS on PART IV for STUDY and DISCUSSION

1. Do you believe that trained women as well as trained men are needed in the work of the Kingdom?
2. How are Rumanian Baptists answering this question?

Ruby Anniversary W. M. U. Annual Meeting, Chattanooga, Tenn., May 14-20



PRITCHELLE HALL
Where our Fifth Annual Y. W. A. Camp will be in progress June 15-22

THE COMFORTABLE ROOMY HOTEL AT RIDGECREST, N. C.

Come climb the mountains, consider life values, gain inspiring visions of world service with us.

COLLEGE Y.W.A.

RIDGECREST RINGS HER Y. W. A. INVITATION

RIDGECREST Y. W. A. Camp dates are June 15-22, 1928. Write that down in your date book, mark it in gay red on your calendar, ask your employer for vacation time, ask your parents for the trip, plan, pack, come. Reduced tickets are on sale by Southern Railroad June 14, round trip ticket costing only that of the one way fare plus a dollar (*remarkable but true*). The enrollment fee is \$2.50 and is to be sent to 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. Address your letter to Juliette Mather, Camp Director. The two-fifty enrollment fee includes your books for mission study classes, you know. Room and board at lovely Pritchelle Hall costs \$2.00 a day; that makes camp cost only \$18.50 plus your railroad fare; some girls spend additional sums for auto trips to Biltmore Estate, Mt. Mitchell, Chimney Rock, or for horses to ride, but you needn't unless you want to, because there is always planned recreation for each afternoon and even those who go elsewhere hate to miss those good times—hikes, games etc.

Really the "and so forths" of Ridgecrest Y. W. A. Camp are tantalizing because no one can tell everything good that comes to the Y. W. A. girls there. Everybody who goes once wants to go again—that proves it, doesn't it? Last year, the fourth, we discovered that nearly 20 had not missed a single camp, more had been 3 times and many had been twice. This repeating business is the real test. Mrs. Cox will be back with us for vesper services time; that says a whole big treat to those who know Mrs. Cox. Dr. McGinty of W. M. U. Training School will speak each morning. Miss Naomi Schell from Japan who gave us a sample call last June will stay the whole eight days; and Miss Rose Marlowe will be there from China; and Mrs. W. E. Allen from Brazil; and Miss Emma Leachman and Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence from the Home Mission Board; and we will borrow our Indian chief from the R. A's. sometime; and—and—well, just be there, that's all!

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BIBLE STUDY

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ness", Amos 4:2. Holiness never gives way: if our whole soul is committed to the cause of God we know He will never yield to failure. The condition necessary for the vision of God's presence is genuine unselfishness, which is very rare. When the Christ spirit of unselfishness is revealed the power is felt, Matt. 6:24-34; 7:21-23; 10:37-42.—Mrs. James Pollard

PROGRAM PLANS

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write: "And he made laver of brass, and the foot of it of brass, of the looking glasses of the women'. Will we give our possessions?"

Explain in giving the souvenirs that the young women of Rumania are giving their beautiful embroidery as the women of old gave their handwork to the Tabernacle. Other Jewish women gave their cherished mirrors, sacrificing even their means of beauty for that article in the Tabernacle that represented purity in worship. Are we as willing to sacrifice today that the purity of the Gospel may be given to all the world?

Y.W.A. PROGRAMS

Material found in the general program on pages 15-22 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 Gilded Patchwork

Hymn—Faith of Our Fathers

Scripture—Acts 16 (Use map and trace Paul's journey.)

Prayer—(Have prayer oftener than suggested in programs.)

A Modern Patchwork—(Have map before you; see page 15.)

Europe Gives to America—(Prayers of thanks afterwards)

Land of the Setting Sun

Waiting for the Sunrise

From Sunrise to Sunset

May We Give as Europe Gave

Prayers to That End

Hymn—We'll Work

Announcement Poster

Do you know how to do patchwork pillows and spreads? Come to Y. W. A. Meeting..... and see the greatest piece of patchwork in the world. You need not bring needle or thread.

A Modern Patchwork

EVERY girl knows the meaning of patchwork for almost every home has yet one of the beautiful quilts which was made by grandmother and handed on to daughter. Nearly every girl also remembers the day that grandmother sat with her eyes wide and bright as she put gilded edges on every piece in the quilt with such words as: "This was a piece of my wedding gown, this of my second-day dress and etc." Old days are new days now, for at least the patchwork idea is popular today. But because most of the patchwork cloth is bought by the yard, the patches having been put together in the weaving, there is lacking that beautiful history that adds charm to the patchwork spreads and pillows now found in every girl's boudoir.

There is, however, a patchwork today that has many sacred incidents of history to gild its edges—modern because the World War and other tragedies have made many changes. Look at a map of Europe. Isn't it a real patchwork of odd sizes and shapes? See Switzerland, brow-stitched in by the Alps, Roumania by the Danube, Jugoslavia and Italy by the Adriatic Sea etc. History calls us to see ancient ruins and review records that stir our hearts with appreciation of that great country.

"A glory gilds this sacred page,
Majestic like the sun;
Its truths upon the nations rise—
They rise and set no more."

Europe Gives to America

THE world's greatest artists have been Christian. "No power so great could be of any other source than God and no work so great could have been visioned except accompanied by the inspiration of a Christian heart and eye". Europe has given to the world its greatest religious paintings. Millet contributed "The Gleaners" and "The Reapers" with many others. Murillo gave us many of the Scriptural subjects as "Moses Striking the Rock" and the "Miracle of the Loaves". We remember that Rembrandt gives that wonderful picture "The Night Watch", also "Paul in Prison" and "The Supper". Rubens' greatest painting was "The Descent from the Cross", one that stirs every heart. Raphael pictures to us the most important events of sacred history and the "Sistine Madonna".

Europe's gift of music is not to be forgotten, for music lifts the world. The Greeks were the first people to apply rules to music. Germans have produced the world's most spiritual music and we know music reflects the character and life of its composers. We certainly re-

member that Mozart, Bach and Beethoven are ours because of Europe. Opera too was a gift of the Greeks. The musical recitation of Greek rhapsodies was probably the origin. The greatest writers of opera were Rubenstein, Handel, Paderewski, Wagner and others.

Europe's contribution in the realm of literature is to be brought to mind. Greek literature probably has a greater and more pervasive influence on the world than that of any other country.

American architecture was crude and lacking in refinement until we borrowed and inherited ideas of European architecture. Ruins of Greece and Rome such as the Coliseum, the Forum and the Parthenon will never cease to be monuments of the world's greatest architecture.

Where do we get our select Haviland and Bavarian chinaware, our Dresden and English porcelains, our art glass and designs? Whose wedding dress is not made more exquisite by a piece of Italian point or Point de France lace? And the raw silk of which the dress is made is a gift of Europe.

Other Gifts?

YES! the most wonderful gifts of Europe to America are not yet mentioned. There are many we could name. Should we not remind ourselves that we are indebted to her for the English Bible? When we look at England embroidered around the edge with blue waters we think of Wycliffe, called the Morning Star of the English Reformation. Driven from Oxford he retired to a quiet parish and prepared the most powerful answer to his enemies by translating the Bible from Latin into English, the language of the common people.

Wordsworth writes of the casting of Wycliffe's ashes into a brook that ran into the Avon. The act was significant of the spreading of his doctrine.

"THE Avon to the Severn runs,
The Severn to the Sea,
And Wycliffe's dust shall spread abroad
Wide as the waters be."

The greatest national gift coming to us out of God's providence was the com-

ing of the Pilgrim Fathers. Persecutions grew unbearable during the English Reformation and they migrated to Holland where surely God prepared them in a peculiar way to be bearers of the Christian message to America. Hardship and discouragements drove them to our own America where they planted the faith they had been living. For the missionary spirit in the early days of the Germans, French and people of Denmark we should be thankful; for the first Moravian missionaries to America; for England whose "concert of prayer" kindled a missionary fire in the hearts of American Christians. Truly "a glory gilds this sacred page, majestic like the sun".

Land of the Setting Sun

THE word "Europe" comes from the Greek and was derived in turn from an Arab word meaning "darkness or sunset". How truly significant is this meaning for it is a land of spiritual darkness except for the comparatively few Christians in a population of 400 millions.

It is not generally known but in southeast Europe there are still today nearly three and a half million followers of the Arabian Prophet Mohammed—chiefly in Greece, Turkey, Bulgaria, Albania, Jugo-Slavia. This means a tragedy—that there are in Europe, that gave us Christianity, these millions who believe it is blasphemy to teach that God had a Son who died for the sins of man. France is almost wholly ignorant of a Christ and the Bible—all religious instruction has been banished from the public schools. The Catholics have in their hands the religious education of the children. They do not have the New Testament, having only the overdrawn pictures given in their catechism. There are exceptions of course where the Bible is read.

In Armenia the Christian work has been practically wiped out by the invasion of the Turks. An Armenian who sits now in the writer's presence says there were 100,000 young Armenian women taken into captivity and that it is estimated that there are about 10,000

still under their cruel treatment today.

Waiting for the Sunrise

TRULY the European world is waiting for the sunrise, and there are signs of the dawn for which many wait. Even in terrible Turkey what a change has come! She is following the west to a very great extent. The head of the Turkish government made the following statement: "The dress of civilized peoples becomes our nation perfectly—we will be shod with shoes, we will wear trousers, shirt, waistcoat, collar and tie, we will put on a brimmed headgear, dinner coat, a dress coat—and if there are those who hesitate I will say they are stupid and ignorant. That is the cause of our backwardness and misfortunes that have befallen us. We must advance". Discarding the fez (*hat*) and the making of new laws that ignore and eliminate the traditional laws of the Koran seem significant surely.

For convenience in commerce they are wanting to adopt the Christian Sunday which may not mean much now, but all such changes will help their attitudes toward also accepting a new religion. Educational systems are changing. Youth is demanding a religion that provides education. Women are being admitted into universities. The Turkish government has sent a university graduate to England to study kindergarten work. She will return and supervise this work through Turkey. This means education for the children. Four years ago Turkey expected mission schools to withdraw and wondered why they didn't. Three years ago Turks began attending these American schools and hoped they would not close. Two years ago the Turks flocked to such schools and now the government officials in large numbers seek to get their own children in. Southern Baptists have no work there but surely God is opening the way to the hearts of this Mohammedan center.

The light is breaking in other parts of Europe. A native protestant preacher writes from Bulgaria: "Our colporteur has recently visited some villages where the people are eagerly waiting

for a Gospel of comfort and peace. They stood in one village for two hours in the blazing sun to hear the Gospel preached".

Over 100 students were enrolled in a "School of Methods for Sunday School Teachers" held under the auspices of the Sunday School Association (*Interdenominational*) of Czecho-Slovakia. All parts of Slavia were represented by students attending through eleven days. Daily devotional periods and lectures were also provided.

One of the suggestions of new conditions in the Baltic States is that the students of universities are taking positive stands against strong drink. They are finding student bodies ready to rally in large numbers to their support.

From Sunrise to Sunset

OUR own Baptist missionaries labor earnestly from morning till night as they represent us there. Our part is so small in Europe compared with the tremendous task. We have Dr. and Mrs. Everett Gill cooperating in the work as our southern Baptist representatives. He tells us that out of their meager finances Hungarian Baptists gave \$40,000 last year. They have a well organized National Convention with 400 native pastors and workers of protestant denominations. They have three new native pastors fresh from our Baptist Seminary, Louisville. Brown Seminary in Hungary has been running now over a year. Slowly (*because of no funds*) but surely (*because of God's purpose*) will this prove to be a power house for the preparing of those whom God would have to proclaim His gospel to the hosts.

ITALY is a source of griefs and joys. Dr. and Mrs. Whittinghill are our missionaries there and they are the only American Baptist representatives in their station. Persecutions are not so terrible now and they write that they live in a land of sunshine, song and superstition. There are 48 protestant churches, 66 outstations, 41 pastors (*native*) and 19 church houses. The work there is the work of the London Baptist Missionary Society that our Foreign Board took over. We took over

also their seminary, orphanage and publication house and held some of their experienced workers. The property there is valued now at \$700,000.

JUGO-SLAVIA is dissatisfied with Catholic and Greek Orthodox priests and churches, because they recognize the sinfulness of priests and the deadliness of the church. Opportunities are great but we are spending in that work only about as much as it takes to run a country church on half-time preaching.

RUMANIA has been before our eyes recently because of so much suffering and persecution. A telegram from Bucharest came to Dr. Rushbrooke in February stating that the Baptists were granted freedom and recognition on the part of the government. He says that he is stirred with hope that this ends once for all the dismal period in which the authorities beat, fined and imprisoned preachers in order to silence them and forbid public worship. Our two missionaries in Rumania are Rev. and Mrs. Hurley. Surely they and Rumanian Baptists wait now for the sunrise.

SPAIN has also undergone persecution. One of our churches was closed on pretense that the hymns disturbed Catholic sentiment. In spite of such, however, God is greatly blessing the work there under Rev. and Mrs. David,

in co-operation with Dr. and Mrs. Gill. All the greater pity that five of the small force of workers had to be dismissed because last year we cut the annual appropriation by one-third. The Theological Seminary is in its third year. Because they see no chance of support in the ministry, few are volunteering as preachers but laymen are taking theological training and expecting to preach Christ in their business lives.

HUNGARY now has about 11,000 evangelical Christians. The father of Amalia and Kathe Gerwich is a fine pastor. Kathe is working in his church among the young people. Amalia has married a preacher and will work among the women. Ludovica Cristea is matron in our House Beautiful at Bucharest. (See "House Beautiful", W. M. S. program, pages 8, 21.)

May We Give as Europe Gave
EUROPE gave to us. We could not be Christians and be ungrateful. We could not be grateful and be unwilling to return our best gifts to her. However, not because of Europe's merit must we give, but for Jesus' sake are we willing to take Europe as our responsibility. Are we able? Of the 84 trillions of dollars deposited in world banks last year 52 trillions were put in banks of our U. S. That proves where
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SUGGESTED OUTLINE for SECOND MEETING

(To Be Made Up from the W. M. S. Program, Pages 15-22)

TOPIC—"Through a Glass Dimly—Now Face to Face"

Hymns—Who Follows in Their Train, Send the Light, Publish Glad Tidings

Scripture—Dan. 12 (Repeating watchword and purpose of Y. W. A. in unison)

The First Standard Bearers—The Apostles (See pages 15-16.)

The Early Churches (See pages 16-17.)

Days When the Vision Grew Dim ("A Free Gospel and the State Church", Page 17)

After the War (See pages 18-21.)

Face to Face—Conditions Today (See pages 19-22.)

Introduction to Topic

SURELY as the Apostles looked through their eyes of vision they saw at least dimly the great plan God had for spreading His Gospel. Later there came pioneer missionaries and Christians who saw dimly that God meant to use Europe's Christianity to kindle a fire in the New World. Today we are face to face with God's purpose in giving to rich America the Gospel. May we be faithful to the task He has put into our hands—that of carrying Christ to the whole world.

Woman's Missionary Union
Birmingham, Ala.

Cooperative Villa

Dear Headquarters:

This is April first but this is no "April-Fool" letter. Here it is—one quarter of 1928 has gone already: We should be one-fourth along on all our aims, shouldn't we? Some things we are doing pretty well. We did organize a new R. A. and it is growing well but I notice that the G. A. doesn't increase in number of members and our young people's gifts are not where they should be. What can we do? You see, I'm young people's director in my W. M. U. now and I think I'm supposed to help all the counselors? Is that right?

And, please, I've noticed announcements about Ridgecrest Y. W. A. Camp for four years now but isn't there something for boys to go to, also? What are the Y. W. A. Camp dates? We want our girls to be sure to go this time. Thank you once again.

Mrs. W. R. Willing

Dear Mrs. Willing:

Birmingham, Ala.

April is such a splashy month it sometimes seems a bit discouraging but it does have sunny days and there are many hopeful, cheering things about the work. It is fine that you have one new young people's organization started. That will help on the general 40 per cent goal in new organizations among our young people.

To increase the attendance urge the members to each and all feel an enlargement responsibility. Help them to see that it is selfish not to bring others to share their benefits. Use some special invitation posters or real personal invitations by mail. Urge the W. M. S. mothers to be eager for their young people to be enlisted. To be sure, there are schemes—friendly rivalry: "twin" day when everyone brings a new member possibly as twin; "double-you" day; or "living admission ticket" day; and all that—but real enthusiasm generated is the best policy. "Keep on keeping on!"

Ridgecrest Y. W. A. Camp is June 15-22 and there is at the same time at Ridgecrest about a quarter of a

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TRAINING SCHOOL



MRS. WOODY'S MESSAGE at JOINT SESSION of W. M. U. Executive Committee and Corresponding Secretaries

I AM glad to bring you this message from the Local Board of your Training School though there is a feeling of sadness at the absence of our dear Mrs. Eager. In the old days when we worked together, she was always the spokesman of the partnership. Then last year, Mrs. Bose came to thrill you with her message, but this time she couldn't come, so I'll have to ask you to bear with my slowness of speech. It gives us new courage for this and succeeding years when we think of the five new members of our Board being such splendid, outstanding women. They are: Miss Latta Greer, a fine consecrated young business woman who has become our treasurer; Mrs. Richard Bean, Mrs. John R. Sampey, Miss Jennie Graham Bright and Mrs. Robert Pryor.

Thirteen states are represented in our student body: Ala. 4, Ark. 1, Fla. 5, Ga. 6, Ky. 6, Miss. 3, Mo. 3, N. C. 19, Okla. 3, S. C. 9, Tenn. 5, Va. 14, Ohio 1. In addition to the 79 boarding students we have enrolled 44 day students, making a total for this year of 123 students, with still others wanting to enter. Of these, 35 per cent are college graduates and 46 per cent have had some college work. Among this unusually fine group of students eight are trained nurses and two plan to go as physicians to the foreign field. In spite of the present discouraging conditions about one-third of the entire student body are preparing for foreign service. Isn't that a challenge to us to make it possible for them to be sent out when ready? The spirit of the school is truly beautiful.

Miss Reynolds is proving a real treasure in the house and the students are most enthusiastic about her W. M. U. course. The usual blessings have already come in the visit of Miss Mallory during the Week of Prayer, Miss Mather soon after, and later Mrs. Cox, to give her beautiful address at what we called the "Little Commencement". This was when two girls finished the course in mid-year and were given diplomas before going out to their fields of work.

Many birthday offerings have come in during the year, but none gladdened our hearts more than the lovely china and silver you sent. The students' Christmas Offering went quite a bit over \$400. Our full quota (11) went to the Student Volunteer Convention at Detroit and brought back much of the enthusiasm to those who could not go. The work at Good Will Center is going well under the leadership of Miss Littlejohn, the students getting much out of this "Missionary Clinic". We are increasingly grateful for our gifted and consecrated principal. She is indeed a worthy successor of dear Mrs. McLure and truly an inspiration to these daughters of House Beautiful. During all the years to come, they "will rise up and call her blessed". To quote Mrs. Eager, "the thought of the past in us doth lend perpetual benediction", but we look forward to a future of continued and blessed growth.—Mrs. S. E. Woody, Chairman Local Board



Y. W. A. PROGRAMS (Concluded from Page 28)

the world's greatest wealth is. That proves who Christ expects to bear the responsibility of supporting His work.



A chart by Mrs. Carter Wright of Alabama says: "As his share is who goes and prays and works so shall his share be who sends and prays and works". Will you be in one of these classes?



CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS



Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Ky.

Our knowledge of missions is the measure of our Christian attainment.—Mabie

FROM a statistical digest of Baptist progress in the United States we learn that the valuation of church property increased in the last year \$35,500,000 and that the current expenses of the churches increased more than \$2,000,000, while missionary contributions decreased \$1,000,000. The receipts of our own Foreign Mission Board were less than the previous year and the Home Board shows that it received, from May 1927 to February 1928, \$9,000 less than was received during the same period a year ago. For Baptists of the whole country there was only one baptism to every twenty-six members. Some think such a showing as the above cannot continue long without bringing disaster.



WITH the echoes of the Student Volunteer Convention in Detroit still sounding it is interesting to hear from the Student Volunteer Union in Brazil, which is composed of students from Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist schools. "The Union is full of life and enthusiasm", writes a member of the advisory committee. "During the recent meeting several of the students expressed a desire to go as missionary workers into Portugal or even into Portuguese Africa and a number declared it to be their purpose to carry the Gospel into the wild and unChristianized interior region of Brazil itself".



THE Baptist girls of Hungary held a conference in Budapest January 30 to February 2. Amalia Gerwich (now Mrs. Wm. Bretz), a W. M. U. Training School graduate, spoke on Y. W. A.

work in the south and on foreign missions.



MARCH the eleventh marked the 400th anniversary of the martyrdom of Balthasar Hubmaier, who ranks as one of the four great leaders of the Reformation. Because he refused to stop half way with protestants but went all the way to the Baptist position, he was persecuted by both protestant and Romanist. Though there are Baptists today who will not hold with all his views as some did not when he lived, yet wherever Baptists are found Hubmaier is honored as a Baptist martyr. Since European missions is our topic for study this month it is well to call to mind the forerunners of Baptists in Europe and to remember with gratitude Balthasar Hubmaier, who was burned at the stake in Vienna, March 11, 1528, remembering also his wife, Elizabeth, who was drowned in the Danube River three days later.



AFTER eighteen years such another conference as the one held in Edinburgh, Scotland, will be held on the Mount of Olives just outside Jerusalem, March 24 to April 8, with 200 delegates in attendance. Of these delegates 91 are to come from lands to which missionaries are sent, 85 from lands which send out missionaries, while 24 were chosen because of some particular experience or some advisory contribution they could make to the conference. The officers of the International Missionary Council are asking that all unite in prayer for the conference. All those (Concluded on Page 33)

Reviewed by Mrs. Julian P. Thomas, Va.

FROM over the BORDER

FROM over the Border, a Study of the Mexicans in the United States", by Vernon Monroe McCombs, is a strong appeal for these people from old Mexico, who are coming by thousands into our territory to fill the need for low priced labor. Dr. McCombs is superintendent of the Latin-American Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church with headquarters in Los Angeles. A missionary himself, and the son of a missionary, he is well fitted both by birth and training for his work. He served for four years in the Andes as superintendent of missions, and for the past fourteen years he has worked among Latin-American immigrants, especially the Mexicans.

His comprehensive knowledge of Mexico and the Mexicans and his sympathetic attitude towards them enable him to interpret for us their needs and the best ways of approaching them with the Gospel story. He deprecates our tendency to look down upon them, and by argument and story he endeavors to make us see the many admirable qualities of the Latin-American and at the same time finds reasons for those qualities of laziness and procrastination etc., so hateful to the businesslike, practical American.

He makes live again for us the religious history of this southwestern section of the states, the three hundred years of Roman Catholic domination, then the coming of evangelical denominations with the open Bible. It is interesting to Baptists that he accords to Baptists the honor of first entering New Mexico as missionaries.

In the last chapter he gives practical details of successful work among the Mexicans and describes minutely a community center in a large city which, though he does not give the name, is presumably Los Angeles. The book

will well repay careful study and is suited to Y. W. A's. as well as Women's Missionary Societies.

Postpaid, in paper 50c, in cloth \$1 from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

NEW PATHS for OLD PURPOSES

A BOOK that stirs the heart to its utmost depths and mists the eyes with tears is Margaret E. Burton's "New Paths for Old Purposes". In it she puts the many experiences of her eventful life as executive secretary of the Department of Education and Research of the National Board of the Y. W. C. A., as member of the Board of Education of the Northern Baptist Convention, as a world traveler in the interest of missions.

The new fields of opportunity which she lays before us are in the industrial life, both at home and abroad, in our racial attitudes towards oriental races and towards the negro at home, in our foreign policies (*China and Mexico*) and in the call to fellowship. In the closing chapter she urges appreciation of other peoples, sympathy with them in their search after God and assures us that not until we go to them as fellow-workers pursuing our tasks together, side by side, shall we be of real service to them.

By many quotations from the peoples to whom we have sent missionaries, she proves that to the question, "Should we still send missionaries?" the answer is a most emphatic "Yes". She notes the distinction which the people of the orient are making between Christ on the one hand and western Christianity on the other. Altogether it is a most interesting presentation of the new possibilities for missions.

Order from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., postpaid, in paper 60c, in cloth \$1.

EDITORIAL

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the W. M. S. program. The third is truly an innovation, namely the department (page 31) under the title "Current Missionary Events" as discussed by Mrs. W. C. James. Make effective use of them in your meetings, please.

It is a decided coincidence that the W. M. S. program for this month is also prepared by Mrs. James and that on page 8 there is an article concerning the James Memorial Building in Bucarest, Rumania. Underneath the article will be seen a picture of those who live in the building thus described by Dr. Everett Gill, who also presented the picture.

Self-praise is twin sister to self-pity but ROYAL SERVICE is herewith risking in both ways. First, by rejoicing in the increased number of renewals and subscriptions, which are averaging about 300 per day. At this rate the Ruby Anniversary goal of 80,000 will be assured, provided each organization aids its state in reaching its quota as set forth on page 36 of March ROYAL SERVICE. So much for praise—now for the "pity" part, which is the statement that it costs the magazine six cents (.06) when an address has to be changed before the subscription has expired. Therefore, it will be a help if those desiring changes in their addresses will accompany each request with six cents. Of course this is not desired when the magazine has erred in entering the subscription. Just here it cannot be amiss to say that under ordinary circumstances it requires five days after a subscription is received for it to be duly entered, the addressograph plate to be made and the envelope mailed. Please, therefore, get yours in as early as possible and be patient over any seeming delay.

In the rhyme mentioned at the beginning of this editorial the climax comes in the verse beginning "But wait a bit". Heeding it, nothing further will now be "talked about", attention merely being called to the following list of monthly missionary topics which will be used by Woman's Missionary Union during the calendar year of 1929:

January.....	Personal Consecration (<i>Stewardship of Life</i>)
February.....	Where Races Meet
March.....	The New Negro—A Missionary Challenge
April.....	Faithful to the Trust (<i>Stewardship of the Gospel</i>)
May.....	Christianity's Contribution to World Progress
June.....	Youth and the Changing Age
July.....	Persistent Prayer (<i>Stewardship of Prayer</i>)
August.....	The Frontier
September.....	Woman's Responsibility in the New World
October.....	Money and Missions (<i>Stewardship of Possessions</i>)
November.....	Our Unchanged Task in a Changing World
December.....	Building World Fellowship



CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS

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interested in missions will look eagerly for the reports from this conference because of the vital issues to be discussed, in which the mission boards and missionaries of all denominations are keenly interested.

THE Burma Missionary Convention held its sixty-second annual meeting last October. This mission was started by Adoniram Judson 100 years ago. A pageant was given depicting the progress of the work during those years. Some of the participants were descendants of the first Christians.



FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



A WORTHY AIM

MR. Koo To Chung, one of the strong Christian teachers of Yates Academy at Soochow, China, shows a gratifying interest in the all-round development of the boys and girls who come under his care in the lower primary grades. His pupils, like other boys and girls of China, do not have yards to play in such as our children have: they play either in their poorly ventilated homes or out on the narrow streets which are no more than our alley-ways. Consequently their mothers are always glad to get them off to school and Sunday school as early as possible, where there is a playground. By 8:30 a. m. the children are generally on hand.

One day Mr. Koo came to Mrs. McDaniel and me and said in substance: "I want this hour before Sunday school begins, from 8:30 to 9:30 o'clock, to count for something in the religious development of my pupils. Will you two missionaries come and help in a service for these children, Mrs. McDaniel to

tell Bible stories and Mrs. McMillan to help in the singing of Gospel songs?" Of course we were delighted to meet with those pupils and their faithful teacher from Sunday to Sunday.

This is but one instance of many where he has manifested a fine interest. His worthy aim for his pupils is already bringing results, for though young in years his pupils are each year numbered among the candidates for baptism and church membership. They show by their works an interest in the "Scripture Memorizing Contest" which is held each year in our Sunday school. (See page 18 of Dec. 1926 issue of this magazine.)

Let us thank God that as a result of the work of Christian missions we have such teachers as Mr. Koo To Chung in our mission schools. Their influence and service are counting in leading large numbers of boys and girls into the likeness of Him "who grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man".—Mrs. H. H. McMillan, China

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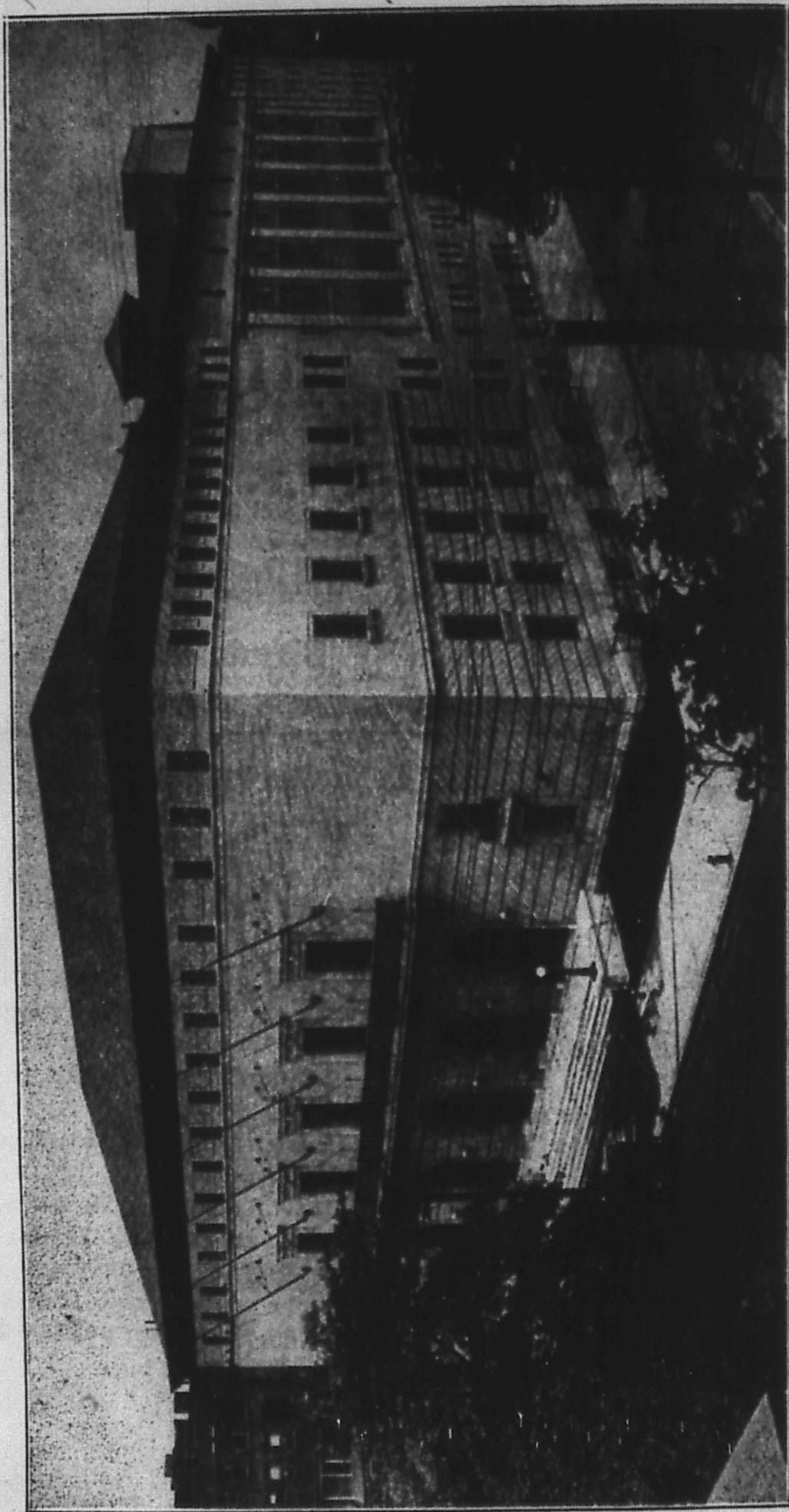
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