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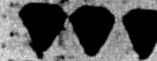


## UNION WATCHWORD

Laborers together with God—1 Corinthians 3:9

## YEAR'S WATCHWORD

Enlarge—spare not—lengthen—strengthen.  
—Isaiah 54:2



## July



THE YEAR'S at the noon—

Pause for a minute!

Midsummer's noon

Hath witchery in it.

Summer's high tide

Brought you to earth:

Celebrate now,

With rubies, your birth

Is this the moon,

Tender and glowing,

Shone when you wed—

Love smoothly flowing?

With full hearts rejoice

In the goodness of God:

Let your glad life

Tell it abroad.

Rubies—so red!

Life in them gleaming,

Precious, 'tis said,

Beyond all seeming.

Thus, then, we'll render—

Both you and I—

Praise to the Sender

Of radiant July!

—Mrs. F. W. Withoft, Ga.

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## WHERE IS YOUR FAITH?

Mrs. W. J. Cox, President W.M.U.



THE HOSTS that attended the annual meetings of southern Baptists in Chattanooga heard again this question of the Master propounded to His disciples, "Where is your faith?" That question reveals Christ's desire that His followers test His resources; act on His promises.

Members of the Woman's Missionary Union also felt afresh the stirring words of the Prophet Joel, "The day of Jehovah is near in the valley of decision". Our Union truly faces the valley of decision. Only seven months remain of our Ruby Anniversary year. These months are the valley of decision. They will determine defeat or victory. We must come to grips with the situation. While our organizations, enlistment and gifts have increased, yet to reach our goal, we must organize 4046 new societies by the end of the calendar year. Less than one-third that number have been organized this past year. 3275 new organizations for young people must be formed.

What does this present attitude indicate? It signifies that the missionary organizations having the vision must double their efforts these coming months. You will not under-rate the importance of your attitude in enthusiastic support, your continued activity in enlistment, organization and gifts. Edmund Burke said, "There is a chastity of honor which feels a stain like a wound". Our Union is conscious of this chastity of honor. It would feel the stain of defeat, without a proper effort, as deeply as a wound. As yet, this great organization has not roused itself to an action commensurate with its ability and the goal. As we go down into the valley of decision, each organization must marshal its reserve force, for this task is worthy to challenge our every resource.

This Ruby Anniversary is a gigantic, far-reaching program. Kelvin, the scientist, once told his students, as he placed a piece of chalk on a mountain side that, if were there instruments delicate enough to measure the influence, they would see that the piece of chalk strained the whole globe. Its influence was none the less vital, real or far-reaching because of ignorance concerning its power. Our hearts pause in amazed contemplation of the influence of so signal an effort as the Ruby Anniversary Program. It is a torch in eternity's pageant.

You have watched a great ocean liner being brought to dock. That powerful vessel, empress of the waves, is helplessly towed to its landing place by busy little tug boats. It is a picture of the great Ruby Anniversary Program. Prayer and ceaseless effort are the tug boats that will bring this beautiful vision into the harbor of victory. Are you willing to pledge your life these remaining months as a tug boat? Will you daily pray for the safe landing? Won't you work for the victorious completion of this goal?

One feels a sense of vastness amidst a task so great and unconsciously casts about for something familiar, something tangible. A little boy, orphaned by the loss of his mother, was being taken to live with a family in the country. As they rode along in the wagon the man taking the little boy to his new home noticed that the little fellow at intervals thrust his hand inside his blouse. Curiosity prompted the man to ask what it was he had inside his waist. The child answered: "It's just a piece of Mother's dress. When I get kinder scared, I like to feel it". In these

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## INTO HER HEAVENLY HOME



CHRISTIANS confidently await the summons to join the "Choir Invisible" but few have their spirits wafted thither by the songs of friends whom they have lovingly served. Such was the privilege of Mrs. James Pollard of Baltimore, Md., her translation taking place while in attendance upon a "Mothers' Meeting" in one of the missions established and nurtured during its fourteen years by her devoted spirit.

Four score years and four months her beautiful but frail body had been intemped and so it is no marvel that as "her mothers" sang that afternoon—Tuesday, May 22—she remained seated. Their song at her request was "Higher Ground" and, as though God would set the seal of His approval

on her tireless effort to "plant" their feet thereon, He lifted her up to where her faith "caught the joyful sound—the song of saints on higher ground".

Another large service rendered by Mrs. Pollard was through the Chinese Sunday School of Eutaw Place Baptist Church, having the joy of seeing many Chinese become Christians. In all of her work she had the devoted cooperation of her daughter, Mrs. H. M. Wharton, who for many years directed the Union's personal service and who is recording secretary of Woman's Missionary Union.

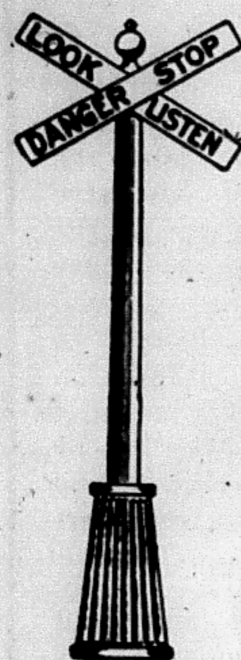
A perfect ruby was the span of Mrs. Pollard's years of interest in W. M. U. life, for at the 1888 session in Richmond she was elected recording secretary, in which capacity she served for four years, giving four subsequent years as a local member of the Union's Executive Committee and during the last fourteen years of her life preparing the monthly Bible studies in this magazine, her manuscript having been received through this coming November. The very last message which came from her contained the following precious insight into the significance of the Ruby Anniversary:

*God's Jewel Case*—Eph. 1:3-7—containing the riches of His grace and the key of prayer—Eph. 1:16-21—You will find:

I—The Jewel of Forgiveness: Eph. 1:7—Peace, the pearl of great price; Christ, our peace: Eph. 2:14-18; Micah 7:19

II—The Jewel of Redemption—the Blood, the ruby of sacrifice: Heb. 13:11,12

III—The Jewel of Eternal Life: John 17:2,3—This is the magnificent diamond of power. This life is in His Son: John 1:12.



## SIGNALS to WATCH

**L**AST WINTER the daily papers carried notices of the marriage of Dr. John A. Harriss and of the death of Mr. G. Herb Palin, the very interesting information being that Dr. Harriss was a millionaire traffic expert, who originated the light system for traffic control, and that Mr. Palin introduced the slogans: "Eventually—Why not now?" and "Safety First". The many daily accidents would indicate that a host of people either do not know about or will not heed the traffic signs and the safety slogans. Perhaps they are pessimists and in fear of the "eventually" rush into the "why not now?" Nevertheless in prevailing optimism safety signs and slogans have been multiplied almost ad infinitum, all ROYAL SERVICE readers no doubt being quite familiar with Dr. Harriss' system and can thus easily follow the analogy in considering the W. M. U. statistical reports as rendered at Chattanooga.

In the first place it is well to remember that "it does not mean anything" unless there is the central control and the inner light. Far truer is this in contemplating the dependence of Woman's Missionary Union upon the guiding hand of God and upon the light of His indwelling Spirit. In all gratitude be it said that He has "kept watch".

Humanly speaking many societies did likewise during the past year, the record showing that 7389 of them gathered to pray for state missions, 8530 for home and 8935 for foreign missions. The danger signal flashes quickly to call attention to the fact that the year before there were 1619 more societies which observed the December Week of Prayer. May it be heeded and may wide-spread, concerted plans be made for the seasons of prayer this year.

Another signal to watch is the fact that while 4779 new organizations were formed there was a failure to foster 2536 which had been organized, so that the real gain is only 2243, making a total of 26151. This means that, if the Ruby Anniversary goal of a total "33000 organizations" is to be more than a "mere song", there must be earnest, efficient enlistment work during the remaining six months. Since they are strong enough to bear it, Women's Missionary Societies should have the danger signal flashed in full view for had they organized women as faithfully as the young people were organized there would scarcely have been any short-coming. Have you ever watched people rushing across a street when the danger-lights begin to come on? Even so must every Woman's Missionary Society make haste to help the general Union reach its Ruby Anniversary organizational goal.

A steadying safety sign is seen in the remarkable Standard of Excellence showing. The figures indicate that one in less than every three W. M. U. organizations reached at least four points on its respective standard—9,473 out of 26,151—and that of these standardized organizations there were 2,896 which were A-1, an average of one in nearly every nine. One of the finest points in the record is that the year's gain in A-1 organizations was 515; in those of the B-grade, 155; and in the D-grade, 167. Lift high the standard this new year!

Again the danger-signal flashes, this time warning against a decrease of 621 in mission study classes over the record of the preceding year. The Bible proverb says: "Where there is no vision the people perish". Certainly it behooves southern Baptists, with the heavy debts on the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, to lift up their eyes and look on the fields. Therefore, W. M. U. members and organizations, while being praised for the 20393 classes and the 133,061 seals of the past year, are urged to have a "mind to study".

Just one more "sign" can be noted, it being a most reassuring one to the effect that there was a gain of 286 in the number (1,126) of S. B. C. churches which have the Full Graded W. M. U. work and that there has also been a gain in the number of churches which have four of the Union's organizations and in the number which have three. Thus encouraged, hasten to enlist through W. M. U. organizations the unreached 11,849 S. B. C. churches.



## COUNTING the DAYS till VICTORY



**T**WO "DAYS OF GRACE" give 184 days to the second half of this year in contrast with the 182 days of its first half. However, this phenomenon in nature's arithmetic occurs every four years, whereas it has taken forty years for Woman's Missionary Union to come into possession of these two extra days in the second half of its Ruby Anniversary year. Therefore, ten times more eagerly than will nature hasten toward the new year, should the spiritual forces of the Union bend every energy to capitalize on these two "days of grace", to make every day count for the most, to esteem each month as though it were the closing one, to round out the quarters, to win the victory in this last half of the year. Gracious—aye, gallant—is it that the Leap Year, time thanked for its bona fide extra day, should have been coincident with the Ruby Anniversary. Why not determine that to the limit of your ability the 366th day of 1928 shall ever stand for Ruby Anniversary Victory Day?

Watch the calendar accordingly. Keep the following one for your personal record and make a large one for your circle or society. At each meeting mark off the days that have passed, having at the same time the records announced as to new members, societies organized, payments on apportionment. Plan quickly and eagerly to meet each short-coming.

If your society did not have a Ruby Anniversary Party in June, why not signalize July by such an occasion? The program as given on page 5 of the June issue of this magazine and the stirring poem on its 35th page are called to your attention. See also the exquisite lyric on the front cover page of this issue. "Every day in every way" please make the second half of this calendar year count for the RUBY ANNIVERSARY VICTORY.

## 184 DAYS—"Then Cometh"—? VICTORY

| JULY    |     |     |     |     |     |     | AUGUST   |     |     |     |     |     |     | SEPTEMBER |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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## SUMMER ASSEMBLIES



### TENNESSEE

Monteagle, July 3-13



OR more than forty years Monteagle has been known as the "Chautauqua of the South". Fortunate are Tennessee Baptists in securing this mountain top for their summer encampment. It is fifty miles north of Chattanooga and one hundred miles south of Nashville.

Dr. George Truett, Dr. E. Y. Mullins, Dr. W. O. Carver, Dr. Kyle Yates, Dr. Fred Brown and Dr. Prince Burroughs are some of the speakers. These named guarantee a great program.

No classes will be taught, but conferences on various phases of the denominational work will be held daily. The W. M. U. conferences will be led by Mrs. George Truett, Mrs. R. L. Harris, Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Miss Victoria Logan and the state W. M. U. secretary. Visitors from all over the south will be welcomed.—*Mary Northington*



### NEW MEXICO

July 9-19

UP ABOVE the clouds, nestled in the foot-hills of the Rockies, at Montezuma College—the Gem of the Golden West—our Baptist Assembly for New Mexico meets. This is a most beautiful place shut away from the hurry of the towns and cities and affords an ideal time and place for the summer vacation. Baptists of the Sunshine State are looking forward with much anticipation to the time of this meeting.

Because we are so far from the majority of the Baptists of the south, few of us get the inspiration of the great gatherings of our people and the personal touch with our leaders. This meeting will afford these pleasures. We

will have representatives from the Sunday School Board as well as from the Woman's Missionary Union. We are anxiously awaiting the inspiration that will be ours in the mission study class to be led by Mrs. Taul White, W. M. U. field worker. We will have demonstration classes in W. M. U. organizations for young people. Special features of the Ruby Anniversary Enlistment Campaign will be presented.

Dr. Inlow of Oklahoma City will be the inspirational speaker for the assembly. We will be lifted to higher spiritual planes by his messages.—*Harriet K. Gatlin*



### SOUTH CAROLINA

THE W. M. U. part of the summer assembly at Furman University, Greenville, will be held July 16 to 22. A feature of this year's program will be the teaching of the Acts and the Epistles by Dr. W. O. Carver of the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville. A period each day will be devoted to messages by our missionaries at home on furlough, while Saturday and Sunday, July 21 and 22, will be "Missionary Days" at Furman and in the churches of Greenville. Mrs. J. D. Chapman, state president, will teach "Woman and Stewardship" for a half hour each day.—*Vonnie E. Lance, Cor. Sec.*



### LOUISIANA

"ON TO MANDEVILLE" is the slogan of Louisiana Baptists as time draws near, and their hearts begin to yearn for the assembly since they can spend their vacation at a delightful place, cooled by the salt-laden breezes from Lake Pontchartrain and the nearby Gulf of Mexico. There they can have a complete repose from strenuous work among the beauties of nature, God's own handiwork, and there draw

closer to Him, spending the time in real worship, study and recreation.

We are anticipating a great time during our W. M. U. hour. Classes will be arranged for every grade of our W. M. U. work. Some of the latest mission study books will be taught.

In addition to our State-wide Encampment, July 17-26, classes in our W. M. U. work will also be taught in the Northwest Encampment at Mansfield, July 8-15; the Southwest at Dry Creek, August 7-16; and the Northeast near Delhi, August 19-26.

We are looking forward to large crowds and enthusiastic interest at each of these assemblies.—*Georgia Barnette, Cor. Sec.*



### NORTH CAROLINA

NORTH CAROLINA ASSEMBLY will be held at Ridgecrest, July 17-27. This year we hope and believe we are to have the greatest gathering of our people that we have ever had. Ridgecrest is one of the most attractive spots in the state and everything is there for comfort and study and pleasure. Mrs. R. K. Redwine will lead the class for women and Y. W. A. and classes will be provided for all grades of our W. M. U. work with story hours for the children.

Many of our missionaries and leaders "summer" at Ridgecrest and the inspirational hours both at eleven o'clock in the morning and at the evening hour promise all that one may desire.—*Edna R. Harris*



### ILLINOIS

THE annual encampment of Illinois Baptists is held at Ewing. The date for 1928 is July 23-29. In connection with this assembly will be held the third annual Y. W. A. Camp of Illinois. Classes for all ages are provided for in Sunday school, B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. courses; one class is conducted for the brotherhood. Dr. Austin Crouch is to be the assembly pastor and

many more of the southland's noted men will be members of the faculty. The R. A. Encampment will be held at Hiller's Lake near Pinckneyville, June 25-29.

The recreational activities are wholesome as well as instructive. The entire program is worth while and deserves the attention of all Illinois Baptists. These occasions offer splendid opportunities for advancement and should be largely attended.—*Annabel Wall*



### MISSOURI

VARIOUS ASSEMBLIES are located in different sections of Missouri and carry on a similar program. In each there are classes for the full-graded W. M. U. along with the Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work, as well as missionary addresses and other special features.

This year unusual plans for our State Baptist Assembly at Arcadia Heights have been made by our S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Department whereby all faculty members will be southwide workers. Equally good talent has been provided for the W. M. U. Department with Mrs. Geo. McWilliams for the W. M. S. class; Miss Juliette Mather, Y. W. A.; Mrs. Ralph Davidson, G. A.; Rev. Frank Connely, R. A.; and Miss Hilda Huppert, Sunbeams. The state corresponding secretary and young people's leader will assist with conference and camp work. The dates are August 5-17.

The women of the William Jewell Assembly, July 24 to August 3, will be fortunate indeed to have the privilege of both a mission study class and conference periods under Mrs. Taul B. White. And the girls of the Camp, in connection with the Baptist Hill Assembly, July 21 to 29, are looking forward to having Miss Mather again. All other teachers for W. M. U. classes, including those for the Ozark Assembly, July 15 to 21, will be Missouri talent. The same will be true for the Van Buren Assembly and a new assembly at Hardin College, Mexico.—*Reitha Hight*

## BIBLE STUDY

### TOPIC—Full of Joy and Peace

Romans 15:13

Gymn: *When Peace like a River*

I. *The Song of Simeon*: Luke 2:25-35. This righteous and just man was waiting for the consolation of Israel; he was right with God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless, Rom. 10:4-11; 1:16. It is by grace through faith that we receive the free gift of Christ our Saviour which brings joy and peace. Isaiah 11:10 shows Christ the Redeemer lifted up as an ensign to whom the nations will look for salvation. "The commands of the Lord of glory can only be performed by a steady reliance upon the assistance of His grace." May God, in whom all our hope is placed, fill you with a lively joy in your conscience, with harmony of a pure unadulterated faith because of your peace with God, Heb. 13:20; Rom. 14:17. The spirit of holiness, love and consolation works and produces in us faith, hope, joy and peace, Gal. 5:22. Purity of mind arises from faith in God's Word, Matt. 5:8, and to the spirit of grace and love belongs the office of purifying the believer.

II. *The Covenant of Peace*: Malachi 2:4-6; 3:1; Num. 25:11-13. What is here said of the covenant of priesthood is true of the covenant of grace made with all believers as spiritual priests—a covenant of life and peace, assurance of all happiness both in this world and in that to come the covenant of peace because by it peace was made and kept between God and Israel. They received that they might give, as Christ Himself did, Ps. 68:18, 19. The tribe of Levi gave signal proof of their holy fear of God and their reverence for His name, Ex. 32:26. For their zeal God bestowed blessings on them, Ps. 106:30,31. Those only who fear God's name can expect the benefit of the covenant of life and peace. It is an honor to be God's messengers and we should seek instruction from such selected by God, II Tim. 2:25; Isa. 21:11,12.

III. *The Legacy of Peace*: John 14:27. Peace is for all good, for reconciliation and love; Christ is our peace, Eph. 2:14-18. This peace the smiles of the world cannot give nor the frowns of the world take away. Those interested in the covenant of grace and entitled to the peace which Christ gives need never yield to griefs and fears, John 16:33. Christ is the only true peace, Micah 5:5. Through Him we have peace with God, Isa. 57:15-19,21; Rev. 6:2. The ransomed of the Lord with this precious promise of peace will be in endless joys and rest for the soul, Isa. 35:1-4, 10. Under the guidance of the Redeemer they shall be presented "faultless at the coming of Christ's glory", Jude 24; Rev. 7:17, and shall enter into the joy of the Lord.

IV. *The Joy of the Redeemed*: Rev. 5:8-12. Joy and thanksgiving will fill Heaven and earth when the redeemed are gathered home. Such a hope as the Christian has of being worthy to unite in this rejoicing cannot allow him to remain dumb but he must speak and give reasons for his hope, II Pet. 1:3-8, 11, so the apostle encourages a bold confession, I Pet. 3:15. It is one of the noblest weapons, it is one of the greatest privileges to witness of the peace and joy which God gives to him who accepts salvation, Heb. 10:19-25. God's salvation is immediate justification; to accept it fully is complete sanctification; to witness fully and freely is complete service, Heb. 10:36-39. Jesus is the author and finisher of faith, Heb. 12:1, 2, and with Him we live in the presence of the God of our salvation. By prayer we draw near in full assurance of faith that what He has promised He is

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## FAMILY ALTAR

### TOPIC—FULL of JOY and PEACE

Prepared by Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

**H**ENCE, but from Heaven, could men unskilled in arts,  
In several ages born, in several parts  
Weave such agreeing truths? or how or why  
Should all conspire to cheat us with a lie?

Then for the style, majestic and divine,  
It speaks no less than God in every line—  
Commanding words, whose force is still the same  
As the first fiat that produced our frame.

—Dryden

#### *The Song of Simeon*

Sunday, 1st

Luke 1:46-55

Monday, 2d

Luke 1:68-78

Tuesday, 3d

I Samuel 2:1-10

Wednesday, 4th

I John 3:1-3, 21-24, 5:1,2

Thursday, 5th

Psalm 146:1-10

Friday, 6th

Psalm 100:1-5; Luke 1:28-33

Saturday, 7th

Isaiah 61:1-8; Revelation 5:9-14

#### *The Covenant of Peace*

Sunday, 8th

Acts 3:25,26; 4:22-33

Monday, 9th

Isaiah 2:1-4; I Corinthians 1:3-8

Tuesday, 10th

Psalm 29:1-11

Wednesday, 11th

Luke 3:4-6; Acts 8:55,56

Thursday, 12th

Psalm 72:1-8; Malachi 4:2

Friday, 13th

I Corinthians 15:20-27

Saturday, 14th

Isaiah 52:6-10; Hebrews 8:10-12

#### *The Legacy of Peace*

Sunday, 15th

Philippians 4:1-9

Monday, 16th

Psalm 98:1-9

Tuesday, 17th

Luke 2:10-20

Wednesday, 18th

Hebrews 13:14-21

Thursday, 19th

Proverbs 16:7; II Corinthians 4:1-7

Friday, 20th

Ephesians 6:14-16; Colossians 1:18-20;  
Hebrews 3:1-6

Saturday, 21st

Psalm 122:6,7; II Corinthians 1:3-7;  
20-22

#### *The Joy of the Redeemed*

Sunday, 22d

Isaiah 12:1-6

Monday, 23d

Psalm 89:1-18

Tuesday, 24th

Psalm 111:1-10

Wednesday, 25th

Psalm 47:1-9

Thursday, 26th

I Thessalonians 3:7-10; I Peter 1:3-5

Friday, 27th

John 14:1-4, 23-27

Saturday, 28th

Psalm 48:2; I John 1:1-5

Sunday, 29th

Isaiah 55:6-13

Monday, 30th

Acts 2:16-21, 32-38

Tuesday, 31st

Revelation 21:1-7; 23-26



## 'PRAY YE'



ESTABLISHED by GRACE



URN to your King James Version of I Peter 5:10, letting its apt alliteration arrest your attention, your mind and heart withal being stimulated as by a tonic. Drink it in, deep draughts: "The God of all grace . . . stablish, strengthen, settle you". Then turn to Hebrew 13:9, the revised version of which is quoted as the title for this article. Clearly do the passages show that there is "an anchor of the soul".

In testing to feel the anchor holding, what in the category of Christian privileges is comparable to prayer? It is the passport into the very presence of Christ who is the Grace of God as revealed on Calvary; therefore, when one prays in His gracious name, there is renewed assurance that God does "stablish, strengthen, settle you" even though, as Peter prophesied, it must first be "after that ye have suffered a while". Constantly seeing proof of the anchorage of prayer, Woman's Missionary Union would commend it to W. M. U. members and organizations, urging that the societies and circles so arrange their programs that much time shall be devoted to intercessory prayer, the groups assembling earlier or lingering to pray. As the Spirit guides, please intercede for:

Gratitude because of the grace which establishes  
Faith to believe that Christians "can do all things in Him that strengtheneth"  
Christian courage the world around  
Full-up work of Baptist World Alliance  
Native leaders in mission fields  
Deepening sense of Christian stewardship  
Steady increase in W. M. U. tithers  
Ruby Anniversary: (1) gaining new members; (2) organizing new societies; (3) fostering organizations; (4) meeting apportionment; (5) winning complete victory  
At least \$400,000 for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering  
S. B. C. \$2,000,000 Thank Offering at Christmas time



**PH** ye, who sigh and languish  
And mourn your lack of power,  
Hear ye this gentle whisper,  
"Could ye not watch one hour?"

For fruitfulness and blessing,  
There is no royal road;  
The power for holy service  
Is intercourse with God.

**TEACH** me, my God and my King,  
In all things Thee to see  
And what I do in anything  
To do it as for Thee.

This is the famous stone  
That turneth all to gold,  
For that which God doth turn and own  
Cannot for less be told.

—George Herbert

## Calendar of Prayer

July, 1928

Prepared by Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

"**C**OME thou apart and rest awhile,  
I heard the Savior say;  
So sweet His tone, so fond His smile  
I turned aside to pray.

"**H**E led me to a place apart  
Far from the busy way;  
He gently drew me to His heart  
And whispered, 'Let us pray'."

"Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name;  
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."

### Topic: Perseverance of Japanese Baptists

#### 1—SUNDAY

Pray that America as a nation may  
honor God.  
Who is like unto the Lord, our God?  
—Psalm 113:5

#### 2—MONDAY

For \*Miss Euva Majors, educational  
work, Kweilin, China  
I delight to do Thy will, O my God.  
—Psalm 40:8

#### 3—TUESDAY

For Rev. E. O. Ware, cooperative  
missions, Alexandria, Louisiana  
He that shall humble himself shall be  
exalted.—Matthew 23:12

#### 4—WEDNESDAY

For \*Miss Jennie L. Swearengen,  
Bello Horizonte, Brazil  
He that keepeth Israel shall neither  
slumber nor sleep.—Psalm 121:4

#### 5—THURSDAY

For †Miss Pearl Johnson, educa-  
tional work, Wuchow, China  
He (the Lord) shall preserve thy soul.  
—Psalm 121:7

#### 6—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. B. W. Orrick  
(on furlough), evangelistic service,  
Montevideo, Uruguay  
In all things showing thyself a pattern  
of good works.—Titus 2:7

#### 7—SATURDAY

For Miss Anna B. Hartwell, evan-  
gelistic work, Hwang-Hsien, China  
Thou art my hope, O, Lord God.  
—Psalm 71:5

#### 8—SUNDAY

Pray that we make known the  
saving power of the Son of God.  
God raised Him from the dead.  
—Acts 13:30

#### 9—MONDAY

For Dr. C. E. James (on furlough),  
medical work, Harbin, China  
Let your heart, therefore, be perfect  
with the Lord our God.—I Kings 8:61

#### 10—TUESDAY

For messengers returning to foreign  
lands from Baptist World Alliance  
They that feared the Lord spoke often  
one to another.—Malachi 3:16

#### 11—WEDNESDAY

For Miss Leonora Scarlet (on fur-  
lough), evangelistic work, Kong  
Moon, China  
And the truth shall make you free.  
—John 8:32

#### 12—THURSDAY

For †Miss Mary Crawford, educa-  
tional work, Tsining, China  
Be of good cheer; I have overcome the  
world.—John 16:33

#### 13—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Tumblin,  
educational work, Bahia, Brazil  
All flesh shall see the salvation of  
God.—Luke 3:6

#### 14—SATURDAY

For †Miss Olive Lawton (on fur-  
lough), educational work, Cheng-  
chow, China  
A little while and ye shall see me:  
—John 16:16

#### 15—SUNDAY

For fellowship of Christians in serv-  
ing, in praying, in giving  
Let brotherly love continue.  
—Hebrews 13:1

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

## Calendar of Prayer

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"MY DOVE", He said, 'My undefiled,  
Thy sins are put away;  
In Me believe, My Father's child  
Draw boldly near and pray.

"TIS MINE to intercede for Thee  
And help from day to day  
In all of thy infirmities  
My trusting child to pray'."

"Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors."

### Topic: Perseverance of Japanese Baptists

#### 16—MONDAY

For Rev. S. J. Williamson, Home  
Board worker in Canal Zone, Chris-  
tobal, Panama  
For mine eyes have seen Thy salva-  
tion.—Luke 2:30

#### 17—TUESDAY

For †Miss Mary N. Lyne (*on fur-  
lough*), educational work, Shanghai,  
China  
When He, the Spirit of Truth, is come,  
He will guide you into all truth.  
—John 16:13

#### 18—WEDNESDAY

For \*Miss Irene Jeffers, educational  
work, Yangchow, China  
In the Lord put I my trust.  
—Psalm 11:1

#### 19—THURSDAY

For Rev. and \*Mrs. Rex Ray,  
evangelistic service, Wuchow, China  
Looking diligently lest any man fail  
of the grace of God.—Hebrews 12:15

#### 20—FRIDAY

For Rev. and \*Mrs. W. C. Taylor,  
educational work, Pernambuco, Bra-  
zil  
Continue thou in the things which  
thou hast learned.  
—II Timothy 3:14

#### 21—SATURDAY

For †Miss Eva Inlow, Havana,  
Cuba  
The Kingdom of God is come nigh  
unto you.—Luke 10:9

#### 22—SUNDAY

Pray for a revival of congregational  
singing and a wider use of good  
hymns.  
Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and  
glorify Thy name?—Revelation 15:4

#### 23—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Reno,  
evangelistic and educational work,  
Victoria, Brazil  
Jesus Christ Himself being the chief  
cornerstone.—Ephesians 2:20

#### 24—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Millard T. Ran-  
kin (*on furlough*), educational work,  
Canton, China  
Ye shall be My sons and daughters,  
said the Lord Almighty.  
—II Corinthians 6:18

#### 25—WEDNESDAY

For Mrs. A. N. Porter, work among  
Mexicans, Waco, Texas  
In whom ye also are builded together  
for an habitation of God  
—Ephesians 2:21

#### 26—THURSDAY

For †Miss Clifford Barratt (*on  
furlough*), evangelistic work, Po-  
chow, China  
That ye may know what is the hope  
of His calling.—Ephesians 1:18

#### 27—FRIDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. T. Neil John-  
son, educational work, Shanghai,  
China  
I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith  
the Lord.—Zechariah 2:10

#### 28—SATURDAY

For Rev. W. M. Bostick, Home  
Board evangelist, Memphis, Tennes-  
see  
Thou shalt know that the Lord of  
hosts hath sent me unto thee.  
—Zechariah 2:11

#### 29—SUNDAY

For guidance in lives seeking to wit-  
ness for the Christ  
I will not fail thee nor forsake thee.  
—Joshua 1:5

#### 30—MONDAY

For Rev. and \*Mrs. J. J. Cowser,  
evangelistic work, Rio de Janeiro,  
Brazil  
Is not My work like as a fire? saith  
the Lord.—Jeremiah 23:29

#### 31—TUESDAY

For Miss M. E. Moorman (*on fur-  
lough*), educational work, Yang  
Chow, China  
Now, therefore, O God, strengthen my  
hands.—Nehemiah 6:9

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

## PROGRAM PLANS

### WITH the PROGRAM COMMITTEE

**J**ULY—the middle of the summer, the middle of the year, and *this July* the middle of the Ruby Anniversary! How many in the church, in the society, have made pledges: how many have paid them to date? The Program Committee may well make a place for a discussion of this in the meeting.

From the treasurer's and the secretary's books various charts can be made illustrating the progress thus far made. One chart might represent a long road, divided into four parts for the four quarters. At each quarter set a milestone bearing in red figures the proportionate amount to be reached by that time. At the last there should be a large milestone with the full aim in money and new members. At each of the two milestones passed, draw a flag bearing the amount actually contributed. If it is equal to the figures on the milestone, draw the flag flying; if it is in advance, let the flag fly with an upward slant; if it is less, let the slant be downward. To represent the members added each quarter, cut out paper figures such as you cut as children, folding the paper so the little paper ladies join hands. These should be in a bright color contrasting with the chart paper. The secretary should explain this part of the chart following the treasurer's talk on the figures.

It was suggested last month, that at the June meeting plans be made for an offering of a special meaning in July, the ruby "birth-month" of the year. The plan proposed was that each woman should give some amount that represented some definite thing in her own life—a dollar, fifty cents, twenty five cents, ten cents, any amount the individual chose for every year of her life; every year of married life; for each child; for each grandchild. For illustration, a woman with five-grandchildren would give five dollars, two dollars and a half, one dollar and a quarter or fifty cents: maybe it would be twenty five or fifty dollars—the limit up or down the scale is for the individual. In a small society or circle, the meaning of each gift might be read by the treasurer, either with or without the amount and giver's name, as may be decided. Where the contributor wishes, the meaning of the gift may be withheld.

The program on Japan will be found easy to arrange since it is another given us by a missionary. "Japan the Country; Women of Japan and the W. M. U.; Our Missionaries in Japan, Where They Live and What They Do; Young Japan in America"—all of these would make suitable topics for talks or papers.

July is the month of fire-crackers and many of these are made in Japan. It would, therefore, be suitable to write items about Japan, roll them in red paper and hand out to be "fired".

For the social hours form a receiving line of all who have birthdays in July or who were married in July. If it be the fortieth wedding anniversary, give special honor to that one. Since the ruby is the stone for this month, feature it in preparations for the meeting. Since the Japanese are lovers of gardens and flowers, it may be possible to hold the meeting in the garden of some member of the society.

### BIBLE STUDY—(Concluded from Page 10)

able to perform, Rom. 4:21. We have the hope of eternal life because we judge Him faithful, Titus 1:2, Heb. 11:11; I John 2:25.—Mrs. James Pollard

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.

Prepared by Mrs. W. Harvey Clarke, Japan

Hymn—"The Kingdom Is Coming" (See page 36.)

Bible Study—(See page 10.)

Beautiful Japan

Roll-Call of S. B. C. Missionaries in Japan

Prayer for missionaries to Japan and for their work

What Kind of Mission Work Are We Doing in Japan?

Advancement of Women in Japan

W. M. U. in Japan

Japanese Flag

What Religions Do We Have to Combat in Japan?

Prayer for the priests of Japan, that the scales may fall from their eyes and that they may see Jesus

Our Duty to This Country Which We Opened to the World

Our Duty to the Japanese in the United States

Hymn—"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

NOTE: In the pronunciation of Japanese words every vowel ends a syllable; each syllable receives the same amount of accent, no syllable being more accented than another. The vowels have the following sounds: a as in father; e as in say; i as in see; o as in oh; u as in you.

### SOUTHERN BAPTIST MISSIONARIES in JAPAN

*Fukuoka:* C. K. Dozier, Mrs. Dozier, Miss Florence Conrad, Miss Effie Baker

*Hiroshima:* J. Franklin Ray, Mrs. Ray

*Kokura:* J. H. Rowe, Mrs. Rowe, Miss Cecile Lancaster, Miss Naomi Schell  
Miss Lolita Hannah

*Kumamoto:* Norman F. Williamson, Mrs. Williamson

*Nagasaki:* E. O. Mills, Mrs. Mills

*Shimonoseki:* E. N. Walne, Mrs. Walne, Miss Mary Walters, Miss Florence Walne

*Tokyo:* W. Harvey Clarke, Mrs. Clarke, G. W. Bouldin, Mrs. Bouldin

### BEAUTIFUL JAPAN

A BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY indeed is the island Empire of Japan. As you see from your map, it is a group of islands, four large and perhaps two or three thousand small ones. If we could see Japan from an aeroplane, we would be entranced at the emerald fields of waving rice, the islands with beautiful trees sheltering sacred Shinto shrines, the mountains always near, terraced up the sides and in high state of cultiva-

tion, with here and there a volcano sending out smoke and lava, the short and often turbulent rivers, the water falls, the quaint little villages with their thatched roofed houses and, everywhere, flowers! Every season has its special blossoms: chrysanthemums, iris, cherry, wisteria, maple, lilies, peonies.

Great crowds throng the mountain sides when the maples turn to crimson. The plum and cherry blossoms are the occasion for picnics and "hanami"

(flower seeing) parties by grown-ups and children everywhere.

Pilgrimages to famous shrines and temples are not only a religious duty to the Japanese but also a source of aesthetic pleasure to one who loves beautiful things and beautiful places. For sheer beauty of scenery, the Inland Sea, which separates two of the large islands from the mainland, is a rival to Lake George and Lake Champlain and the St. Lawrence River with its Thousand Islands. Nikko, which one must have seen before saying "kekko" (*magnificent*), with its grand old cryptomeria trees hundreds of years old and its magnificent old shrines, the tombs of the Tokugawas, is one of the beauty spots of the world.

May we not consecrate ourselves to the task of sending the pure and undefiled religion of Jesus across the sea, so that our little sisters in Japan may be as beautiful within as are the autumn leaves which spill their beauty over the hillsides of Nikko and Chuzenji; or the fragrant flowers which give to the Island Empire the right to be called the Land of Flowers; or the grandeur of the snow-capped mountain peaks raising their heads above the clouds, calling forth the adoration and worship of a superstitious people, so that the hearts of the people may be as lovely as are the eternal beauties of "Beautiful Japan"?

### WHAT KIND of MISSION WORK ARE WE DOING in JAPAN?

THE OBJECT of all our mission work is to evangelize, to give the Gospel to those who have it not. In Japan we have evangelistic, educational and literary work. These three branches all overlap to a great extent: for the objective of the educational missionary is to see his pupils saved; and the reason for literary work is to write, translate and publish the glad tidings of salvation, so that people may read and understand and believe in Jesus Christ who alone has power to save.

Some of our missionaries preach, visit in the homes and teach Bible classes; some teach in our Boys' School—Wil-

lingham Memorial at Fukuoka or our Girls' School at Kokura, or in one of our five kindergartens in Nagasaki, Fukuoka, Kokura, Tokyo or Shinden, or in the Theological Seminary at Fukuoka; and some devote most of their time to writing, translating and publishing tracts and books without which our evangelistic work would be much less effective. If the printed page means much to those in lands where Christ is known and worshipped and where children, at least from Christian homes, are brought up in Sunday school from the cradle roll to the adult class, what must it mean in a land where Buddha has been worshipped for centuries and where children know nothing of the Saviour who loved little children and said: "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God"?

We have churches in main stations with Sunday schools and W. M. U. work and in some of the stations Y. W. A., G. A., R. A. and Sunbeam organizations. Pray for these faithful men and women, both missionaries and native workers, that they may be given strength, faith and courage to "carry on". Many of them are doing the work that should be done by two or three; some have broken in health; some have made the supreme sacrifice and laid down their lives; but the work goes on and it is our privilege to go and send help to those whom we have promised to support.

### MY PEOPLE

Whether it rain or shine,  
I have only one care;  
The burden of this heart of mine  
Is how my people fare.

—The Good Emperor Mutsuhito

### ADVANCEMENT of WOMEN in JAPAN

IT HAS not been many decades since women of the middle and upper classes in Japan were sheltered from any contact with the outside world. It was not considered necessary in those days for girls to have very much education. They were taught cooking, housekeep-

ing, sewing, tea service, flower arrangement and, possibly, the "koto"—the most reputable musical instrument. The parents chose the husband for their daughter and in all things the daughter was expected to be submissive to the will of "the powers that be" in the family. Gradually as Christianity has been introduced and western civilization has been studied, conditions have improved for women and much more liberty is being given them today than was theirs even twenty-five years ago.

Girls' schools have sprung up all over the country, even of the higher grades—colleges and universities—and women are being fitted for a broader life. In recent years Japanese women have entered many fields of business hitherto supposed to be reserved for men. There is an ever increasing number of new fields of work being opened up to women of the intellectual classes. There is a band of women in Japan working definitely for disarmament and peace, and in 1921 they perfected the organiza-

tion of the Woman's Peace Association of Japan.

Women have come to the front in literature, art and music and even on the stage, where formerly all women's parts were taken by men. Such strides have been made in education that there are more women than men teaching in the schools of Japan. They have studied stenography and typewriting and are in demand in banks, offices, post offices, stores of various kinds, as telephone girls calling "moshi moshi"—instead of "hello"—as waitresses, as trained nurses, as conductors on the large busses of Tokyo, as factory girls, and one-half of the railway tickets sold in Japan are sold by women. We do not like to think of what would become of mission work without our Bible women, Sunday school teachers, kindergarten workers and other Christian leaders among the women.

It is unquestionably true that Japanese women are living up to the best that they know. Are we?

What use to me the gold and silver hoard?  
What use to me the gems most rich and rare?  
Brighter by far—ah! bright beyond compare  
The joys my children to my heart afford!

—Written by a Japanese Provincial Governor  
of Some 1200 Years Ago

What a wonderful opportunity we Christian American women and girls have to lead our little sisters in Japan on to the greater heights, to help in their spiritual development, which has been more neglected than any other part of their education. Let us teach them that it is *great* to become efficient in business; *greater* to achieve success in literature, art and music; but *greatest* to become cultured in soul, to grow spiritually into the beauty of holiness after the manner of Him who "increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man".

#### W. M. U. in JAPAN

FROM the days of the first woman missionary in Japan to the present, one of the most effective departments of the work has been that among the

women. Groups of women everywhere are glad to gather around the missionary to learn about the care and training of children, something of foreign cookery, a bit of fancy work and always and foremost the Bible. At first it was difficult to get the women who have been so carefully trained in self-repression to take any definite part in a public way, even in women's meetings. But the missionaries have told of the wonderful things being accomplished by our W. M. U. auxiliary to the S. B. C. in America. We have taught by precept and example that it is right for women as well as men to be able to give a reason for the faith that is in them and that women should be soul-winners, witnesses for Christ.

All of this led gradually to the band-

ing together of these individual societies formed in the missionaries' homes into a W. M. U. patterned as nearly as possible after our own organization here in the homeland, with standard of excellence, motto, woman's hymn etc. It has brought great joy to the missionaries to see the zeal and enthusiasm of the native Christian women as they have "studied to show themselves approved unto God, workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth".

They are giving time and diligence to Bible study. One woman who was baptized by Mr. Clarke in Kumamoto when she was seventy-nine lived a joyous Christian life for her remaining six years. When she died at eighty-five she had read the New Testament through twenty-five times and knew thirty hymns by heart.

Not only Bible study and prayer but personal service and missions are being developed among these earnest Christian women who are so eager to learn all that their western sisters can teach them. Mrs. Takahashi is the efficient president of the Japan W. M. U.

#### The JAPANESE FLAG

TO ONE who has lived under the protection of the Japanese flag for twenty-five years, there are few banners more beautiful than that bearing the white background of purity and integrity, with the sun in crimson in the center. Is it that the Japanese love their flag more than we who have only the stars and stripes, which makes them display their beautiful emblem on all holidays?

It is a fact that the Japanese and American flags are the only ones of the great nations of the world today that have not suffered defeat. This should create a bond of sympathy and mutual respect sufficient to draw our two countries and flags closer together.

A missionary's little boy once asked his mother: "If America is so much bigger than Japan, why is it that we have only the stars on our flag, while the Japanese have the sun?" How the na-

tives of Dai Nippon love and reverence the flag and their love is echoed by many aliens from western lands who have found protection neath the floating banner of the Rising Sun. And may we not strive more diligently to bring in the day when the banner of the Son of Righteousness shall float over Japan, and when the east and the west shall be able to say, "His banner over us is Love"?

LAGS a-flutter up and down  
Every street in every town;  
Be it Jimmu Tenno's day,  
Or the boys' feast day in May.

Flags a-flutter white and red,  
On their flag poles overhead;  
Hearts beat faster, maidens run  
Hither, yonder seeking fun.

Flags a-flutter New Year's Day,  
When all creditors we pay;  
Or Mikado's birthday great  
Celebrated is in state.

Flags a-flutter, soldiers stand,  
Sword, gun, haversack in hand,  
Waiting for command to go,  
Victory to win, or woe.

Flags a-flutter, heroes ride  
Through the town with bouyant pride,  
Or with muffled drums and slow,  
Funerals to the graveyard go.

Holidays of every kind,  
Glad or sad, we always find  
Flags a-flutter, up and down  
Every street in every town  
In Japan.

—Lucile Daniel Clarke

#### WHAT RELIGIONS DO WE HAVE to COMBAT in JAPAN?

SHINTO—"the way of the gods"—is the native religion and is a system of ancestor, nature and hero worship, beginning with the Emperor and including ancestors and heroes of all times who have wrought well and lived heroically.

Confucianism is a system of moral teaching which has made comparatively

little headway in Japan except among a few of the higher class people and especially the scholars.

*Buddhism* was introduced into Japan from India through China in the sixth century. It found ready soil and has flourished until there are many thousands of temples scattered throughout the country. Many different sects of Buddhism have appealed to the different classes of Japanese, but none of them satisfy the hungry soul or give salvation to the lost. Shinto argues that Christians are traitors because instead of worshipping the Emperor as the Son of Heaven, they worship Christ as the King of Kings. Buddhism teaches no Heaven, only Nirvana or annihilation. Buddha taught of no God, no Saviour, only "the gods" in a vague sort of way; but his followers made him a god. The Shin sect, the largest in Japan, has built just recently one hundred and twenty-five new temples in the Hokkaido and is flooding Honolulu with missionaries and temples and has invaded the United States on the Pacific Coast. There is a heart hunger on the part of the pagan adherents to a Christless religion that is lacking in the lives of Christians. The battle is on, but the final outcome is sure, for it is written: "As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God"—Romans 14:11.

"Poverty makes great men;  
Deeds are born in distress.  
Through snow are the plum blossoms  
white,  
Through frost are the maples red.  
If a man know Heaven's will,  
Can he live in slothful ease?"

—Saigo Takamori

#### OUR DUTY to THIS COUNTRY WHICH WE OPENED to the WORLD

IN 1854 there was a little Island Empire lying peacefully in the Pacific just east of China. Fast closed doors kept the natives at home and served to exclude the barbarians of other nations. Statesmen in our own land realizing the opportunity for trade—and we shall

hope with a desire to help the people of a secluded nation—sent Commodore Perry, who knocked at the closed door of Japan. While the door was not opened immediately, Perry's determination and his ingenuity finally won admission for him and his countrymen.

Since it was our country which opened the doors through which a mixture of good and evil has gone, is it not in an especial sense our duty to give the Gospel to these people upon whom we have forced our civilization? Let us give to them the best of our civilization and pass on to them the best gift that God has given to us—the knowledge of Jesus Christ our Saviour and the Saviour of all men who will look unto Him and live. We Americans often take pride in our country and in our wealth, but if we do not give the bread of life to these people whose country we opened to the world, and who are hungering and thirsting after righteousness, let us remember that "there is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty". If we in the land of the free and the brave advocate freedom and seek not to give to those who have it not, the truth which shall make them free, then we ourselves are not free but are bound by the chains of selfishness.

If we believe we walk in the Light and give not the Light of the World to those who sit in darkness, we betray our trust and prove that we have only a false light. We may even give our millions in times of earthquake and catastrophe, but unless we give our sympathy and our love it will be as sounding brass and a tinkling symbol.

We are told to love our neighbors as ourselves. Let us love these nearest neighbors across the Pacific, for whom we are especially responsible, and send them the message of love—the love of the true and living God who "so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life".

A man succeeds by overcoming himself and fails by loving himself.

—Saigo Takamori

And He who came to bring peace to the world said, "Whosoever will have his life shall lose it, and whosoever shall lose his life for My sake and the Gospel's, the same shall save it".

#### OUR DUTY to the JAPANESE in the UNITED STATES

THE COMING of the Japanese to our shores is in response to our invitation to them to open their long closed doors. Only a few decades since there were no Japanese in America; then about two hundred came to the Pacific Coast, and now there are about two hundred thousand engaged in every department of industry, usually with marked success, including twelve hundred bright students in our colleges and universities.

The recent survey which was made to secure accurate information regarding the Japanese in our country showed that there are about one hundred thousand on the Pacific Coast; that they are sober, industrious and law abiding; that they are remarkably progressive; and that they have made a large contribution to the development of arid land in California through irrigation and intensive farming. They began as laborers, then as tenants, and are now owners of much of this former arid land now in a high state of cultivation, producing a large per cent of the vegetables and fruit for which California is so famous. With this progress there has developed a loyalty to the state and country which has made their success possible.

Of these one hundred thousand Japanese in California, about thirty thousand are native born Californians and consequently full American citizens, enjoying all the rights and privileges of citizenship. The remaining Japanese are located largely in New York and other large cities; engaged in importing and exporting and various kinds of business; while some are found in Florida, Texas and Louisiana engaged in vegetable and fruit farming.

One of the most noted chemists in New York City is a Japanese, and his

faithful and successful labors have brought him both fame and fortune in America and in Japan. The largest individual producer of potatoes in California, if not in the United States, is a Japanese and is known as the potato king of Sacramento valley.

A thirteen year old Japanese girl won a silver trophy in the California Legion Contest by writing the following creed:

"I pledge allegiance to you, flag of my United States, in word and deed. I believe that you will help me to be a loyal citizen in peace and war. I believe that you will lead the world, not only in strength but also in righteousness. I believe that your stars and stripes are the shining symbol of the eternal brotherhood of man in this world. Old Glory, as I stand and salute your heroic colors of red, white and blue, I promise to follow your ideals of liberty, justice and peace, not only for America, but for the world".

This beautiful expression of a youthful, loyal and brilliant mind shows the power of true patriotism regardless of ancestry and the traditional influences of centuries before America was discovered. Let it no longer be said that Japanese cannot make good American citizens, when their loyalty is shown not only in words but in deeds in time of peace and war, fighting on the battle fields of France and Belgium in the American army for their native land and the land of their adoption.

The most promising class of Japanese in America are the students, twelve hundred of whom are in our highest schools. They are studying us and what we have to offer them and will return, when their period of study is over, to represent us among their own people in the land which is the gate-way, the teacher and the balance of power in the orient. Consequently these students should be so treated during their stay among us as not to misrepresent us, after they return to their native land, but to trans-

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## Y.W.A. PROGRAMS



Material found in the general program on pages 16-21 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.

### SUGGESTED OUTLINE for FIRST MEETING

(Material for this will be found in the W.M.S. Program according to references made.)

#### Topic—"Beautiful Japan"

Hymn—"The Kingdom Is Coming" (See page 36.)

Beautiful Japan (See page 16.)

Prayer for Japan's beauty to be spiritual as well as physical

The Things That Mar Her Beauty (See "What Religions Do We Have to Combat"? page 19.)

The Flag That Waves Above (See "The Japanese Flag", page 19.)

Prayer that the emblem of the sun on her flag may be significant of the Son of Righteousness

Cherry Blossoms (See "Advancement of Women in Japan", page 17.)

How We Can Add to Japan's Beauty (See "Our Duty", page 20.)

What Our Missionaries Are Doing (See "What Kind of Mission Work Are We Doing"? page 17.)

Hymn—We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

Prayer that we may send or go

(In each of these programs Japanese costumes could be used, if only to suggest the change in dress of the modern business and professional woman of Japan. Costumes suitable for each class of Japanese woman spoken of in program would not be so different from ours. These might be contrasted in each case by the less advanced Japanese dressed in kimono etc.)

### SECOND MEETING

#### Topic—Islands of the Morning

Hymn—The Morning Light Is Breaking

"Ohoyo"

Prayer that the dawn may turn to noon-day bright "Ohoyo"

Japanese Womanhood Awake

"They Shine as Lights"

Prayer for them as they seek to let their lights shine

Lighting the Nation

Lifting Others unto the Light

Prayer for the host of native women doctors and nurses

Reflecting His Light of Life

Prayer for native Christians to be strong

Shadows of the Morning

Prayer that we may dispel the shadows through letting our lights shine

#### Poster

Draw a "Sun" on cardboard. Cut pictures of Japanese women and paste them so as to face the sun. They might be standing on a map of Japan. Print the topic "Islands of the Morning". Then below quote the Scripture verse: "The entrance of Thy Word giveth light"—Ps. 119:130. Give time and place of meeting.

## "OHoyo"

"Good-morning" (Ohoyo) Japan!



NDEED it is as if we were greeting a nation that is awakening from a sleep when we speak to Japan, so often called "Islands of the Morning". And so true of Japan is it that she has seen the dawn and is greeting the morning of a new day. How significant is her flag which bears the almost blood red sun of the day, for it is in the early dawn that the sun appears as a ball of fire. Japan presents a picture of a nation watching the sunrise in all of its glory and blessing—drinking in its light and warmth—for as she has seen the spiritual dawn she has found joy, warmth and light in the Son of Righteousness who has brought to her a new day.

It would no doubt be an awakening to us if we should see new Japan today so changed from the Japan of a few years ago. Should we in reality greet Japan some morning we would wonder about the jinrikisha of old as we would board an electric, an automobile or train. Instead of the lunar calendar we would find Japan's day being regulated by the clock, the time table and the factory whistle just as our American day. We'd find the business men walking the streets not with their hair tied at the crown of the head but with neat hair cuts; not in long kimonos but in European costume; not shod in sandals but in shoes much like our own. We might observe that her movies and operas are patterned after our own (*much to our shame*). We would probably see notices of baseball games, golf and athletic meets, tennis tournaments etc. which would remind us of America. If we should go to a fashionable Japanese hotel for breakfast we might be expected to sit on our feet before a tiny table to be served the meal of tea, rice and raw fish which many Americans say is really good. Of course we could go to a more cosmopolitan hotel where we might feel more at home. We might be surprised though to go into a home

for breakfast. For if this should be an up-to-date home of the middle or upper class we might be served with fruit (*with real cream*) and toast. The toast might be toasted on an electric toaster. Another meal might bring radishes, lettuce, tomatoes and other garden delicacies that Americans enjoy. A peep into the school room would find the children sitting on chairs or benches as in many homes and clothed almost altogether in European dress. A peep into the homes of the educated class would find, at least in one room, furniture something like ours. Because of the change from the padded Japanese costume to thinner European clothes the homes often have stoves, gas fire-places and even furnaces. In a Sunday school exercise recently on what Japanese call Flower Sunday, twenty children out of twenty-six in a primary class wore European costume. Seventeen girls in the intermediate class of thirty-six wore western dress. So, truly, we cannot look any more at Japan as she was a few years ago than we can see our own country as it was once.

#### JAPANESE WOMANHOOD AWAKE

IN 1869 two Japanese women were baptized in Tokyo—the first protestant Christian women of Japan. Since the days when two women began (1867) to teach a little group of Japanese girls in Yokohama, the entire system of education has so developed that it includes work from kindergarten to university and recognizes the importance of education of women. No force is having more influence in the turning of the Japanese nation toward the Sunrise than that of Japan's new Christian womanhood. Since in this Ruby Year we are emphasizing the part woman has had in the spreading of the leaven throughout the world we might look particularly at women as we see new Japan today. Christian education is taking her from behind the paper-doored houses and sending her powers into every phase of Japanese life. The streets of new Japan are filled with women as well as men. Not with the doll ornament type who rides in the jinrikisha, dressed in her

pretty kimono and wearing fans in her hair, but of the new type of woman whose powers are to be developed and used in the world. They are dressed very much as American girls are because we are their "text-book". They are hurrying to offices where they perform efficiently as secretaries, stenographers and executives, to schools, colleges and universities where they study or teach beside their brothers; to almost every phase of activity that the business and professional world calls its women in America. Of Japan's daughters 128000 are enrolled in high schools and many in universities and schools of special training. Student life is pondering and searching for a satisfactory answer to the question, "What is life?" There was once no word in the Japanese language for service. One has been made and many of Japan's new youth have caught a vision of its meaning and are seeking to make the word a reality in their lives. Some consciously and all unconsciously are moving Christward. Someone has said that nations as well as individuals pass through an adolescent period and that Japan is just turning the corner from adolescence to maturity. She is taking her place among nations. Prince Tokugawa said: "With malice toward none, good will toward all we would march in the path of progress with all nations of the world". No people in Japan are making faster progress than the women.

#### "THEY SHINE AS LIGHTS"

**A** LOOK at one city will reveal something of the transforming power of Japan's new type of Christian women. In the large city of Kobe, look first at Zako San, a bed-ridden cripple for thirty years. She cannot sit up or even turn over in bed but she can do some other things more important than either of these. Her caller just now is a pastor who has come to talk over his work with her or to plan for an evangelistic meeting in her room. She supervises a bookstore which is in her room and the girls of the school come in all hours of the day to make purchases and to talk

with her. She has been writing a letter with her poor twisted hand to one of her many shut-in correspondents. She makes every minute and opportunity count and it is said that she has led more people to Christ than any other person in Kobe.

The next picture is of the "Home for Women" sponsored by the W. C. T. U. of Kobe. Then see not far away the Christian Orphanage with its force of capable Japanese women.

See "The Home for Aged Women" begun by a woman (*foreigner*). Mrs. Jo, an outstanding Christian character in all Japan, first led the institution but, seeing the need of an institution for young girls, founded such a one. One of the shadows of Japan's morning is the host of young girls coming from the broad rice fields to the crowded, sinful cities where many are swallowed up. She began with six girls but her work has grown until she has adequate buildings including a chapel and private devotion rooms as well as dormitories. Native pastors of Kobe hold evangelistic meetings in the chapel but if it happens to be impossible to have a preacher Mrs. Jo herself fills the pulpit effectively. The support of this institution comes almost wholly from the Japanese through the influence of Mrs. Jo.

Japan is realizing the value of kindergartens and has called upon missionary boards to establish more of them. The mayor of one Japanese city when questioned as to the best kindergarten said, "Go to the Baptist kindergarten if you want to observe best methods". Instead of supporting only five our Foreign Mission Board wants hundreds. They are the very greatest agency for breaking down prejudice and winning the parents. Japanese support several schools for training kindergarten workers and have turned out hundreds of native workers. Miss Takamori is a fine example. Seeing the fields white unto harvest she has prepared herself for such a work as training kindergarten workers. She has four diplomas from Kiwassin Girls' School and is a graduate of the Chicago Kindergarten School and has an M. A.

degree from Columbia University. No greater work could southern Baptists do than to furnish Christian kindergartens for Japan's nearly four million children of that age.

#### LIGHTING THE NATION

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN** (*both missionaries and Japanese*) saw the need of educating the mothers in the homes on such subjects as home discipline, children's question about sex, hygiene in the home, food etc. They formed the "National Mother's Association" which has blessed many of Japan's homes and has helped her to turn toward the sunrise. It distributes thousands of leaflets. Included in them are those teaching of the Christian atmosphere in the home. Other press issues including splendid magazines for the home and its problems are printed and edited by women, many of whom are the natives.

The W. C. T. U. is the oldest woman's Christian organization of Japan. Organized through an American it began in 1886 (*two years before the organization of our W. M. U.*) This organization had for its president for thirty years a native who is called the "Frances Willard of Japan". She was an educator as well as a reformer. She was the first licensed woman teacher of Japan. She wanted to learn English and was attracted to work with a missionary for the purpose of learning it and about the Christian's God. She came to know and serve Him and for thirty-four years served in a Girls' School in Tokyo. The passage of Japan's first prohibition bill in 1922 was a monument not only to Mr. Nemoto, who introduced the bill to parliament 25 years before, but to Madame Yajima who went abroad in her eighty-eighth year to a world's W. C. T. U. meeting.

Mrs. Komoki was led to Christianity after a disastrous marriage had left her with the responsibility of a little daughter. After conversion she applied to the Salvation Army for a life appointment for social service. She is a captain in the Salvation Army and finds contacts with thousands every year in

her rescue work among the girls in factories and crowded tenement sections.

#### LIFTING OTHERS UNTO THE LIGHT

**THERE** are hundreds of Japanese women efficiently practicing medicine in their own country and even in other countries where the call comes for women physicians. Most of them have received training in the Tokyo Woman's Medical School which stands today as a monument to the heroic efforts of Mrs. Yoshioka who founded and conducts the school. There are several hundred women today in that school. She is herself a physician and received her education at the Saisei Medical School before women students were excluded. Seeing the need for such a school for women she established a medical school. In 1912 it was recognized by the Department of Education and licensed to give degrees. There is no Christian Medical School in Japan though and consequently very few women physicians are Christians. What a wonderful opportunity for southern Baptists to be losing. Most of Japan's nurses have received their training under the Red Cross Society. A Christian nurse in Japan as in all lands has the greatest approach to the soul of the body.

#### REFLECTING HIS LIGHT OF LIFE

**AS** THE GOSPEL of old was carried by fisherman, housewife, tax-collector and physician, so now is it that the individual wins to Him. It is the individual touch through which multitudes of Christian women are making their influence felt in Japan as everywhere. Said a friend in Japan, "My daughter's prayers have been answered: her husband is to be baptized next Sunday". Many homes have been won through one who heard of Christ.

The Bible women go into the homes, talk personally, read and explain the Bible and pray. No surer way is there to reach into homes where the male-missionary cannot go. These Bible women are trained before they are sent out with our missionaries. They are

natives who have had the Gospel story told to them and are anxious to tell their Japanese sisters. Besides these who give their full time to the work there are those who are volunteers. They work in Sunday schools, in missionary societies, in Y. W. A. and B. Y. P. U. Of course this opportunity isn't open for many since such organized work is scarce. The W. M. U. of Japan took for its theme last year "Soul-Winning" and continued it as the main subject of study and work through the year. From Japan's new type of woman comes those who are banding themselves together in groups and at the same time realizing the individual responsibility of witnessing for Him. As we are at work this Ruby Anniversary year seeking individually to enlist lives and gifts of substance, it is good to remember that around the world are women of the W. M. U. whose lives have been touched and who also seek jewels for His crown. Japan's W. M. U. consisting of 17 missionary societies and 20 young people's organizations joins us in sacrificial giving. Last year their per capita gifts averaged five dollars. What about your Y. W. A.?

#### SHADOWS OF THE MORNING

**IT IS BEAUTIFUL** to talk of Japan's morning—the sunrise of a nation once in darkness. There among the rays of light one sees also shadows. These shadows touch none with more effect than the young women of Japan.

Of the more than 3 million people who have been swept from the rice fields into the factories and crowded city life, half

of them are women and many under twenty. This march of thousands to the city that is without Christ brings tragedies. Thousands upon thousands of girls enter into the most horrible of vices for financial reasons. There are also 59,000 "geisha" girls, professional dancers and entertainers, who are under the influence of worldly powers. Campaigns of enlightenment are being carried on by the few Christian people but what can so few do among so many millions? Efforts have been made to prohibit the system of licensed vice and it is encouraging to know that several thousand Japanese had courage enough to vote for such a prohibition even though it did not pass.

Of this host of people in crowded city life only 50% have had primary school education. Only 1/10 have had higher education. In a recent survey of 1400 such employees it was found that 92% still have idols in the home. One-half expressed a disgust for pagan priests and prayers that did not work. Only 14% were hostile to Christianity. When asked where they conceived their God to be, 2/3 said: "In the universe, in environment, on the god-shelf and in the heart". One day-laborer said: "Over and over as I go about my work—hard work—I look up into the sky and wonder if there is anyone who knows, anyone who understands, anyone who cares". Back of such a groping and stretching forth of lame hands are hearts hungry and waiting. Back of such opportunity and waiting lies our responsibility.

**THE NIGHT** lies dark upon the earth and *we* have light;  
So many have to grope their way and *we* have sight;  
Foot-sore, heart-weary, faint they on *their* way,  
Mute in their sorrow, while *we* kneel and pray;  
Glad are they of a stone on which to rest,  
While we lie pillowed on the Father's breast".

We must not get an idea that Japan is today a Christian nation. Oh! that we might have such certainty, but she has only seen the dawn which looks toward the noon-day sun. Shintoism is still the native religion—the religion of ancestor worship. Confucianism is the

system of moral teaching and is yet effective in the higher class. Buddhism is still a dark shadow over Japan. Buddhism teaches no God, no heaven, no Saviour. Many thousands seek a Saviour through such a blind avenue. They are becoming discontented and

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## GRACE McBRIDE Y. W. A.



### "AND HEAL"



**OWN** the street the shrill claxon of the ambulance and quietly in the hospital the winsome nurse waiting with gentle hand to soothe and relieve the sudden pain or quickly the telephone call for a nurse to stand and watch by a dear patient at home! Constantly we are needing the services of splendid capable nurses: what are we doing to develop them as young women with Christian fortitude ready to serve "in His name"? Woman's Missionary Union has planned a special department for nurses in the Young Woman's Auxiliary of her graded missionary organization. Into 16 hospitals the organization has gone according to reports of early 1928; they are to some extent at least imperfect reports; there are doubtless more organizations. Are the nurses in the hospital near your W. M. S. feeling its fostering through the Grace McBride Y. W. A.?

"They come and take us driving sometimes." "They let us come to their homes for real meetings and have a lovely social hour afterwards." "They really seem to care about us and not treat us just as machines." These and other appreciative comments are made by young women in Grace McBride Y. W. A.'s. "We had a Y. W. A. at home and I certainly did miss it before we got ours started here", said one gracious nurse. "We needed it badly", added another.

And she was right. Busy in difficult tasks, wearied with unusual temptations to face, our nurses need in a peculiar way the holding strength of Young Woman's Auxiliary ideals. Talk it over with the superintendent of the hospital and the director of nurses and see just how eager they will be for your helpful counselor's leadership, for the courtesies your whole society will extend as their expression of fostering interest.

Summer is a good time for the regular Y. W. A. to have a garden party and invite the nurses, or a boating fete or whatever choice relaxation they can provide that will fit into the hospital schedule. Let the Y. W. A.'s. have a splendid missionary program attractively ready to greet the Grace McBride Y. W. A.'s. as well as the purely social feature. Remember that a short meeting will be necessary. "Make it snappy" and repeat it at some other time rather than run over on time the nurse must be asleep, studying or on duty.

Sometimes the "adopted mother" plan is followed. Each W. M. S. member has a nurse-daughter for whom she prays, to whom she is attentive, listening with patience to the intimate things the nurse-daughter would like to confide to some understanding heart, advising, encouraging.

The need for nurses—Christian nurses, denominationally loyal, listening to God's call to special service—is so insistent that W. M. U. must not fail to help as much as possible and the Grace McBride Y. W. A. is her finest possibility for service in giving compelling world visions and wooing Christ-like impressions. "Sent them forth to heal" says the account of Jesus' commission to the disciples: W. M. S. must enlarge the Christian loyalty of nurses that the healing may be two-fold in His name.

**BE strong!**

We are not here to play, to dream, to drift;  
We have work to do and loads to lift;  
Shun not the struggle, face it: 'tis God's gift!"

## OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

### JULY'S JOTTINGS

**A** WISE counselor will certainly have a note-book in which she jots down with her particular ever-ready pencil things that are possible for her auxiliary activities. July holds many joyous, opportune possibilities; here are some of the miscellany one might see in the wise counselor's jots.

Purchase the new book, *Telling You How or Leading into Missions*. It costs 50c from your Baptist bookhouse or depository. No one book can tell everything, but this is helpful and suggestive. Read it carefully and alertly.

Summer rallies—use the young people in anyway and every way. Maybe the associational superintendent won't know that young people can do things: you could remind her that all can do something, suggest definite contributions to the program—ushers, girls to take denominational periodical subscriptions—special music—devotionals led—R. A's. could help direct parking of cars even—a pageant or demonstration, short or long as desired: (*get list from W. M. U. Literature Department, 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.*) Some young people will help announce rally by making posters—others would help serve (don't keep any of them out if the main address comes just before noon—let all be in the session, then have a few moments of social time while finishing touches are put on the meal.) Girls and boys will be glad to use cars to meet trains or go for special people. They like to tell about their organized activities. They like to talk about Ridgecrest Y. W. A. and R. A. Camps too.

Summer is a good time to do a lot of Ruby Anniversary organizing. The girls and boys will enjoy trips to neighboring churches. Take picnic lunch perhaps. Is an associational camp possible this summer? Work on this and see.

If someone goes to Baptist World Alliance invite that person to speak especially to young people. Thus the young people can ask questions about Baptists around the world.

Watch out for summer visitors. Some will bring good ideas to the young people's organizations.

Summer mission study classes—big possibilities. Use the morning hours. College girls will be glad to tell Sunbeams stories or teach G. A. and R. A., even Y. W. A. mission study classes, if proposition is put up fairly and squarely to them. They may be timid about offering: ask them urgently.

**Africa and Stewardship are the studies to be stressed this summer, books to be purchased from State Baptist Bookstore:**

**Camp-Fires in the Congo** by Mrs. John Springer, price 50 and 75c—For R. A. and G. A.

**Black and White** by Mrs. Henry W. Peabody, price 25c—**for Sunbeams**

**In Stewardship—Stewardship Stories** by Morrill, price 50c; **Stewardship in the Life of Youth** by Wallace and Williamson, price 50c.

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## TRAINING SCHOOL

### IMPRESSIONS of HOUSE BEAUTIFUL

*Expressed by a Northern Baptist Missionary in a Letter to a Friend in China*

Dear Esther:

My Board calls, so this train is taking me away from "House Beautiful", where I have had one very profitable month. It reminded me of dear old Riverside in so many ways that I felt right at home, and it was with very real regret that I said farewell.

You gave me permission to do anything I wished, you remember, in order to get freshened up during my furlough. I decided that assuming the role of school-girl again, among some eighty vivacious young women, each keenly alert to do her bit to bring in the Kingdom of God, might help me recapture my youthful energy and zeal. I'm sure you would agree they have had a good effect on me.

I soon found there were no capitalists in House Beautiful, sitting in silk and lace to be waited on by others, but every dainty maid did her part in making it a comfortable smooth-running home. All are "sisters" and their dearly beloved Mrs. Bose is "Little Mother" to all. I have a picture in my mind just now of the sweetest live doll you ever saw, standing decorously behind "Little Mother's" chair in the dining-room, ready to anticipate the slightest need of the eight hungry people around her table.

Do you wonder then that I felt I was really adopted into the family when Miss Warren gave me, too, a little job of dusting? Where doing your bit is so popular, one would feel discriminated against to be left with no household task.

Besides these home duties each girl does some bit of community service, which helps to vitalize the evening prayer time, for they devote the prayer half hour on Wednesday evening to group meetings where they discuss problems they have met with in their field work and pray specifically for cases of special need. Then Friday evening all groups meet together and different students report on their work and give their appraisal of work they have observed others doing. The impression I carried away from these meetings was "the joy of service".

Many of the girls have college degrees and nearly all of them have had some college or nurses' training. Half or more have had some experience as teachers or workers along some line, so their class-room discussions show some maturity. You remember my mania for student expression, so you know that I enjoyed the periods of discussion more than the mere recitation of book material, though I realize it is easy to get shoddy without a due amount of the latter.

The girls themselves lead morning chapel and prepare their talks very carefully. The one who led the day before I left told me several girls had prayed with her about hers and that she realized if she failed it would be because she trusted in herself.

Once a month they suspend classes to attend inspirational meetings on missions. Do you wonder that many of the girls want to be missionaries? That evening prayer time is a "Praise Service", for which every girl dresses in white. They all love these "Praise Services".

Playing with these girls in the gymnasium and swimming pool, studying with them and praying with them (*for they really took me in as one of them*) has done me good in body, mind and soul. I hope you will know some of them in China some day, for several want to come.

Lovingly  
DORA ZIMMERMAN

## CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS

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

*It is impossible to believe deeply in the love of God as Christ reveals it without dedicating ourselves to a missionary task.—S. McCavert*

**T**HE U. S. BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION has released statistics for the period of five months ending November 30th which show that in those five months 142,315 alien immigrants were admitted to the United States.

**T**HE SUNDAY SCHOOL of the Japanese Baptist Church of San Pedro, Los Angeles, California, has an enrollment of 400 with an average attendance of 300. It is said to be the largest Japanese Baptist Sunday School in America.

**F**OR FORTY YEARS faithful workers have supported a Chinese Sunday school in connection with the Eutaw Place Baptist Church in Baltimore. A similar work is done at Calvary Baptist Church in Washington.

**T**HE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD of National Missions is seeking to enlist the interest of 10,000 Presbyterians in a fellowship looking toward the evangelization of the Jews of this country. The movement is known as "The League of 10,000 for Christ and Israel".

**T**HE WATCHMAN-EXAMINER reports that the American Baptist Home Mission Society recently received a small gift to be used for the circulation of the Scriptures among the Jews and considers this the beginning of what ought to be a very important feature of Jewish evangelization. It will be interesting also to know that for the past three years the W. M. U. Literature Dept. has furnished leaflets for free distribution by Rev. Jacob Garten-

haus of the Home Mission Board, having recently given him 25,000 copies.

**M**AX YERGAN, the product of a home mission school for negroes and now a missionary in Africa, pays the following tribute to such schools and colleges: "It would be almost impossible to overstate the influence of the denominational colleges in negro development in America. In every department of our life—home, religion, education, business—there is to be seen the palpable stamp of a first class contribution which has been made through these institutions".

**F**ROM the headquarters city of the Woman's Missionary Union there has come a report which proves that work among negroes is worth while. Twenty-five women chosen from the Bible classes among negroes in Birmingham, Alabama, have done excellent missionary work, making 3,940 religious visits, distributing 6,005 religious leaflets and helping 266 families.

**T**HERE are in the Northern Baptist Convention 217 Royal Ambassador Chapters. An application was received recently by the Department of Missionary Education, which department fosters the R. A's. in the Northern Convention, for a chapter to be located in the Federal Hill Italian Church, East Providence, Rhode Island. Thus the Order of Royal Ambassadors first promoted by the Woman's Missionary Union is growing.

**"I**T IS NOT 'frenzied finance' that will fill the missionary treasuries", says a

Baptist editor, "It is the home training in stewardship. A man was once asked, 'How does it happen that you are able to give hundreds of thousands of dollars for missions?' He replied: 'It does not happen at all. When I was a little boy my mother taught me to set aside for the Lord's treasury a certain part of all the money I had. I simply have more money than I had then'". Enlistment and training in stewardship in the homeland will undoubtedly project itself across the seas and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

**A** MONUMENT already marks the spot in Africa where David Livingstone died and his body rests in Westminster Abbey, but a movement to acquire his birthplace—which is not far from Glasgow—and to make it a shrine and center of missionary education and inspiration has been organized in Scotland and is spreading throughout the world.

**O**N MARCH 10th representatives from northern and southern American Baptists and from British, Swedish, German, Polish, Czechish and Swiss Baptists met in Vienna to unite with the Baptists there in paying homage to Balthasar Hubmaier, who four hundred years ago was burned at the stake for loyalty to doctrines such as Baptists hold today. The little company went to the section of Vienna where Hubmaier was burned and after prayer deposited wreathes on the ground in an open park near the spot where this Baptist martyr gave up his life. They then went to a bridge over the Danube where our own missionary to Italy, Mrs. D. G. Whittinghill, spoke a few fitting words commemorating the death of Mrs. Hubmaier who with a stone tied to her neck was thrown into the Danube because of her loyalty to her husband and to her convictions. Flowers were scattered on the waters of the Danube by the women. Other memorial services were held in the little Baptist church in Vienna. At what price this freedom of ours!

**S**HANGHAI BAPTIST COLLEGE in China now has a cultured, consecrated Chinese gentleman as its president, Dr. Herman C. E. Liu, who is a third generation Christian. Some time ago Dr. Frank J. White, for years the successful president, expressed the hope that before his work in China should end a Chinese would be president of the college. Dr. White lived to see his hope realized and on the day of Dr. Liu's inauguration the first spadeful of earth was turned for the new library building now being erected in honor of Dr. White.

**D**R. JOHN SAMPEY, the distinguished professor of Hebrew at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, with his wife, sailed from New York in May for a three months' visit to Brazil. He has been engaged by the missionaries there for services that will occupy the entire time of his stay.

**F**ROM different papers we have gathered the information that in the past few years there has been an alarming decrease in gifts to the missionary budgets of the following denominations: the Methodists of the north, the Presbyterians U. S. A., the Congregationalists and the Baptists both north and south. There are also others no doubt. Since 1920 southern Baptists have added 565,996 to the membership of the churches and in 1927 gave to *all causes both local and general* over \$6,000,000 more than in 1920. Yet in 1927 southern Baptists gave over \$6,000,000 less to *missions, education and benevolences* of the Cooperative Program than in 1920.

**W**HEN Lloyd George was asked recently what he thought of foreign missions he replied: "If Christian missions should fail, the rest of us had better close up shop. The missionary program represents the most successful enterprise for the reclamation of mankind that the modern world has ever seen. We cannot dispense with that program".



## FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



(NOTE: The magazine regrets more than a year's delay in publishing the following article. However, it is still vibrant with interest, especially as the year's mission study is emphasizing Africa.)

### W.M.U. PROGRESS IN ABEOKUTA

**T**HE week-end of May 14-16 was a happy one for your Abeokuta missionary women and also for the native women in the Abeokuta district. At eight thirty o'clock on Saturday morning about eighty women and children came together at one of the Baptist churches in the city for the purpose of organizing the women of this district into an association. Previous to this, the Oyo district alone had been organized, and under the leadership of Mrs. Powell those women had proved that progress comes with associational work.

Very early in the program of Saturday morning the Sunbeam Band from our Girls' School gave a demonstration. One of the native teachers, who helps Miss Perry with the Sunbeam work, was in charge of the program. From the time when they began marching until the last song was finished the children showed that they were already at home in W. M. U. work. There will be some capable W. M. U. leaders in a few years. The aim of the association was very clearly given by Miss Young and Miss Anderson, and there was a sweet spirit of interest and co-operation on the part of all present. Two of our capable pastors were present, and they heartily agreed with the plan. You see, even Nigerian pastors have learned that the women can give valuable information to the men!

We met again in the afternoon at another of our Baptist churches. An instructive playlet on tithing was given by members of the Y. W. A., G. A. and Sunbeam organizations from the Girls' School. Miss Edens directed it. The women thoroughly enjoyed it, because it represented something which is gripping their hearts and lives. When once they realize that non-tithers are robbers

they begin tithing. Miss Young is placing much stress on this part of the work. Later in the afternoon the associational officers were elected. With the exception of one, all are native women. Among the officers there is a personal service chairman and also a tithing secretary.

The last meeting was held on Sunday afternoon, at which service the pastor gladly gave the preaching hour to the women. The new superintendent presided, doing so without embarrassment and with a great deal of poise and dignity. Miss Young was more than delighted. It must be a real comfort to her to have helpers of this kind. The women liked the W. M. U. song, "Revive Us Again". The three societies from Abeokuta gave a demonstration program. They did not use notes and when they talked their voices and knees didn't seem to tremble.

In every respect we feel that the meetings were a success. There were only five native women present who had been to our general Convention in Ogbomoso. Will the associational meetings mean anything to them? There was one representative present who came from a little out-station church where ten months ago there wasn't one Christian woman. As we left the church on Sunday afternoon the women expressed their joy by singing native songs. We are deeply grateful and thankful for Miss Young, whose interest, foresight and faith are counting for a steady W. M. U. progress; we are thankful, too, for the native women with their willingness and love for the Lord. But, most of all, we are thankful to God, with whose kindness and blessings our work is being watched over, abundantly and constantly!—Mrs. I. N. Patterson, Africa

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## BOOK REVIEWS

1928

Reviewed by Mrs. Julian P. Thomas, Va.  
**BAPTIST MISSIONS in NIGERIA**

**A**VIVID picture of Africa and southern Baptist work there is "Baptist Missions in Nigeria", by Louis M. Duval, who has been one of our faithful missionaries in the Dark Continent for twenty-seven years. Beginning with the early tradition of the country that its birthplace was the town of Ile Ife, or "The House of Love", he tells of the relics of a former civilization found there, showing that a superior race at one time inhabited the country. Here, too, are found indications that some form of Christianity was known and practised at some remote period. A full account of their social customs and their religious ceremonies enables us to picture the daily life of the natives.

Most interesting is the story of an earlier effort than that of southern Baptists to Christianize the people of West Africa. In 1792 a band of colored people from America, led by David George, a negro from Essex Co., Virginia, whose life had been a series of adventures, taking him to Georgia and Nova Scotia, settled in Sierra Leona. Later, Lott Carey and Colin Teague

went out, sent by "The Richmond African Missionary Society".

Many graves, especially of women, mark the course of southern Baptist missions in Nigeria, though the founder, Thomas Bowen, lived to make his work permanent, returning then to America, where he died many years afterward. Progress was made in spite of hardships till the Civil War, when everything stopped for a time, and no new missionaries were sent out till 1875. From that time the growth has been steady, and progress has been shown by the efforts of the natives for self support and self determination and by the organization of a convention and, later, associations like those in America. Of special interest to our women should be the rise and development of the work among women from the individual society to the full fledged W. M. U. of Nigeria. This interesting story of our work in Africa closes with the sending out of home missionaries by the native churches.

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### Y. W. A. PROGRAM—(Concluded from Page 26)

even suspicious that these religions are false. They are ready to follow something better. Heathen temples and shrines are being built because they know not where else to go. A young student heard the music of a Christian church, finally entered and heard a message on power. Being much impressed the student said: "I am seeking power, I came to this city of Tokyo to find power. I have searched at Buddhist temples, Shinto shrines. I have poured over books, I've inquired of men of great mind but I am yet without power and am fighting a losing fight with sin. If Christ gives power I beseech you guide me into His presence",

and that student found Christ before leaving. Another student said: "I have reached one goal in my life but alas I awoke at midnight conscious of a great hunger in my heart. I cannot, I simply cannot face the responsibilities of life with this unspeakable hunger gnawing at my heart". So it is that Japan as a nation has turned toward the morning but how many thousands are yet looking out into dawn trying to discern the dawn as they cry "My soul thirsteth after God". The faithful practice of tithing in our southern Baptist churches would turn Japan's morning to the noon-day bright and Christ's great Kingdom would come on earth—the Kingdom of love and light.

# EDITORIAL

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great union tasks, it helps to place our hands on some verity, some familiar object of love. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering—over our hearts for forty years—holds the comfort, the reality of our missionary interest. It gives courage and renewed consecration to turn our hands to it in loving gratitude. Last year, the W. M. U. pledged itself to send back forty missionaries through this offering, pay their salaries each succeeding year and their return passage home. We have set our hands to the plow, we must not turn backward. The remainder of the offering, after the payment of the salaries, will be used for the support of native evangelists, Bible women and native workers. \$500,000 is the Board's annual appropriation for this native work. Should our Union raise that sum, during the Week of Prayer for World-Wide Missions—December 3-7—it would release a like amount, usually expended on this native work to apply on the debt of the Foreign Board.

The Southern Baptist Convention takes for its goal a \$2,000,000.00 Thank Offering at Christmas time for the liquidation of the debts on the southwide causes. The members of the Woman's Missionary Union hope to give one-fifth of this amount as it did in the 75 Million Campaign. To meet these emergencies our people must know a glad and generous abandonment in giving. Southern Baptists have a program stupendous enough to arouse the interest of the people and stir hearts to a spirit of giving. Why have southern Baptists withheld their offerings from God? Surely, because our vision of the work has been small. Because our eyes have been blinded to the glory of Kingdom enterprises. The strength of indifference is mighty but God is Almighty. Let us seek the Lord and thus be moved to high and holy things.

## PROGRAM FOR JULY (Concluded from Page 21)

plant among their people the best that we can give them, not only of the fruit of our civilization but that which has largely produced it and upon which it is founded—our Bible which reveals Jehovah God and His Christ.

Japanese students in America have responded to the Exclusion Act, barring Japanese immigrants from our soil, by establishing a scholarship to send an American student to Japan. The idea was suggested by a Japanese student, and they have raised fifteen hundred dollars for this object. A committee of award has been appointed, applications are open to native born Americans, men and women, and the scholarship will be given to the successful candidate. The object of this splendid undertaking is to cultivate a better understanding by

knowing each other better and by cultivating friendship and cementing the bonds of good-will which have lasted for sixty years.

Even though a larger number should never come, the proper treatment of those now guests and citizens of our free country is the least contribution which we should make to uphold our good reputation at home and sustain our international relations abroad. If we give the Gospel to these strangers within our gates and show them that we believe in the brotherhood of man as well as the Fatherhood of God, we shall be hastening the day when "they shall come from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south, and shall sit down in the Kingdom of God".

"In the land of Japan far, far away,  
There's a quaint little motto, the people say:  
No evil see, though it appear;  
No evil hear, though it be near;  
No evil speak, no evil do,  
See, hear and speak what's pure and true."

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

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Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, Treasurer

| Reported by State Treasurers as Having Been Remitted by Them to the Respective Boards |              |              |                    |                     |   |                 |                    |                  |                  | Received by W. M. U. Treasurer |  |  |  |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------|---|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| STATES  | Foreign      | Home         | Ministerial Relief | Christian Education | State and Other Objects in S.B.C. Program | W.M.U. Specials | Sisterhood Special | Training School  |                  | Cash Total                     |  |  |  |
|   |              |              |                    |                     |   |                 |                    | Scholarship Fund | Current Expenses |                                |  |  |  |
| Alabama   | \$ 7,267.40  | \$ 6,882.07  | \$ 864.96          | \$ 8,076.68         | \$ 11,378.19                              | \$ 550.00       | \$ 3.75            | \$ 450.90        | \$ 264.09        | \$ 35,738.04                   |  |  |  |
| Arkansas  | 4,037.81     | 3,141.65     | 232.63             | 1,608.97            | 11,415.28                                 | 750.00          |                    |                  | 30.30            | 21,216.64                      |  |  |  |
| District of Columbia  | 1,591.33     | 1,591.33     |                    |                     | 1,591.33                                  |                 |                    |                  | 62.02            | 4,836.01                       |  |  |  |
| Florida   | 4,046.75     | 1,888.11     | 719.28             | 2,430.28            | 8,721.28                                  |                 | 20.00              | 418.25           | 177.11           | 18,421.06                      |  |  |  |
| Georgia   | 16,379.62    | 9,093.65     | 1,761.93           | 8,682.13            | 15,073.70                                 | 1,100.00        | 25.00              |                  | 219.35           | 52,335.38                      |  |  |  |
| Illinois  | 474.97       | 587.39       |                    |                     | 3,470.31                                  | 125.00          |                    |                  | 17.28            | 4,674.95                       |  |  |  |
| Kentucky  | 11,520.04    | 9,275.48     | 1,483.51           | 5,484.65            | 11,724.31                                 | 2,343.00        |                    | 107.30           | 372.15           | 42,310.44                      |  |  |  |
| Louisiana   | 2,770.90     | 6,267.72     | 498.77             | 6,528.24            | 7,427.97                                  | 225.00          | 15.00              |                  | 188.13           | 23,921.73                      |  |  |  |
| Maryland  | 1,079.11     | 1,846.47     | 144.89             | 265.64              | 1,767.83                                  | 400.00          |                    | 5.00             |                  | 5,508.94                       |  |  |  |
| Mississippi   | 4,873.97     | 6,499.75     | 410.60             | 6,915.32            | 14,952.06                                 | 504.99          |                    | 549.99           | 358.47           | 35,065.15                      |  |  |  |
| Missouri  | 7,765.96     | 4,660.56     | 460.36             | 3,042.06            | 4,216.02                                  | 570.00          | 10.55              | 300.00           | 247.38           | 21,272.89                      |  |  |  |
| New Mexico  | 857.06       | 805.19       | 64.49              | 136.46              | 2,040.45                                  | 37.50           |                    |                  | 4.55             | 3,945.70                       |  |  |  |
| North Carolina  | 11,742.42    | 14,403.44    | 2,021.58           | 31,579.24           | 13,029.69                                 | 382.58          | 31.50              |                  | 301.80           | 73,492.25                      |  |  |  |
| Oklahoma  | 7,059.71     | 2,417.01     | 424.65             | 2,745.38            | 34,928.24                                 | 387.18          | 30.00              | 311.40           | 3.55             | 48,307.12                      |  |  |  |
| South Carolina  | 8,171.85     | 5,555.70     | 1,174.30           | 1,993.14            | 14,688.14                                 | 500.00          | 30.00              | 620.00           | 630.55           | 33,363.68                      |  |  |  |
| Tennessee   | 10,779.01    | 13,435.90    | 1,626.29           | 10,913.49           | 12,193.14                                 | 500.00          | 50.00              |                  | 509.50           | 50,007.33                      |  |  |  |
| Texas   | 14,310.33    | 10,566.54    | 2,559.40           | 13,057.14           | 116,398.57                                | 1,200.00        | 140.00             |                  | 547.60           | 158,779.58                     |  |  |  |
| Virginia  | 19,844.52    | 16,690.20    | 2,547.99           | 11,321.51           | 21,097.89                                 | 1,880.00        | 45.00              | 700.00           | 1,069.38         | 75,196.49                      |  |  |  |
| Total   | \$134,572.76 | \$115,608.16 | \$16,995.63        | \$114,780.33        | \$306,114.40                              | \$ 11,455.25    | \$ 400.80          | *\$ 3,462.84     | \$ 5,003.21      | \$708,393.38                   |  |  |  |

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## HYMN for YEAR

*In Acknowledgment*—Ability to publish the music along with the words of the suggested song for the year is made possible by the courtesy of Mr. Robert Coleman, song book publisher of Dallas, Texas. The song is found in several of his publications, notably "The Modern Hymnal".

Copies of the song with the music may be purchased for 2c each or 10c a dozen from W. M. U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. When thus purchased they should be pasted in a hymnal for preservation and convenience.

### The Kingdom is Coming.

Mrs. M. B. C. Slade.

R. M. McIntosh.

1. From all the dark plac-es Of earth's heathen rac-es, O see how the  
 2. The sun-light is glanc-ing O'er ar-mies ad-vanc-ing To con-quer the  
 3. With shouting and sing-ing, And ju-bi-lant ring-ing, Their arms of re-

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thick shad-ows fly! The voice of sal-va-tion A-wakes ev-'ry na-tion,  
 king-doms of sin; Our Lord shall pos-sess them, His pres-ence shall bless them,  
 bel-lion cast down; At last ev-'ry na-tion The Lord of sal-va-tion

D. S.—The earth shall be full of His knowledge and glo-ry.  
 FINE. CHORUS.

Come o-ver and help us, they cry.  
 His beau-ty shall en-ter them in. The king-dom is com-ing, O  
 Their King and Re-deem-er shall crown!

As wa-ters that cov-er the sea.

As wa-ters that cov-er the sea. D. S.  
 tell ye the sto-ry, God's ban-ner ex-alt-ed shall be!