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W.M.U. WATCHWORD FOR YEAR

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



"Enlarge--Spare Not--Lengthen--Strengthen"



TH WOMEN of the southland, the years have proved you true;
Clear, ringing down the halls of time, comes now a call to you—
A call to larger service, to the millions lost in sin—
"Enlarge" the curtains of your tents and take the whole world in!

You can help to reach these dying ones, if you will meet God's
test:

Push back your tents of selfish ease and give to Him your best!
"Spare not" your time, your strength; your all lay down at His dear feet
And join your hands, your prayers, your gifts in loving service sweet.

"Lengthen the cords!" Let all men know the depth of God's great love;
Not for the few, but for the world, He left His throne above.
Reach out to "whosoever will" His pardoning, saving grace,
Till in the shelter of His love "these least ones" find a place.

"Strengthen thy stakes!" Fear not at all, though stormy winds may blow;
Safe on the rock Christ Jesus, His peace your soul shall know.
As He shall lead, go forth to serve and conquer in His name;
Lift high the cross, till all shall know for them the Saviour came.

Mrs. J. S. King, Oklahoma



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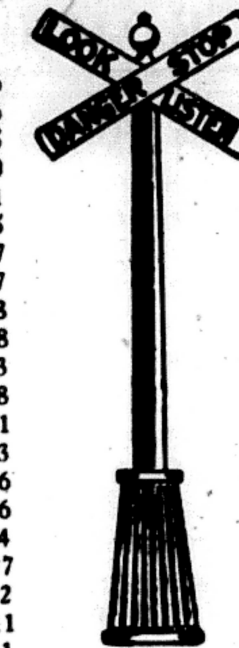
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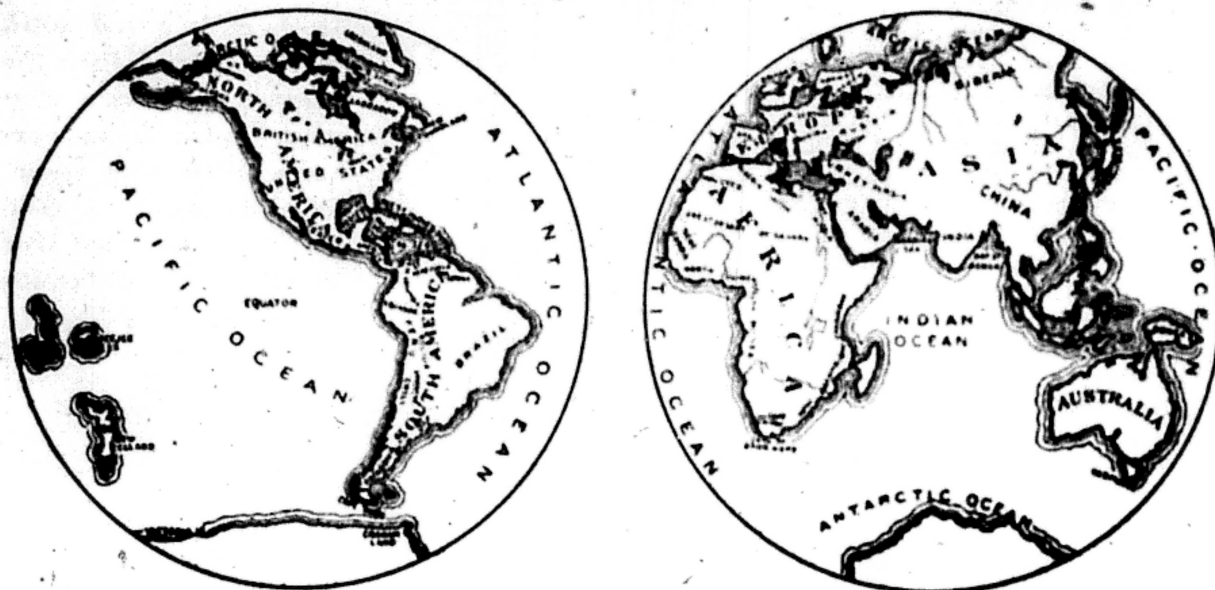
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The WORLD in REVIEW



ON THE ANNUAL MEETING PLATFORM in Chattanooga in clear view of the audience was a large world globe, thanks to the courtesy of Mr. Dietrich Hermes of the St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans. There it stood, silently arresting attention. Well was it so, for the middle name of the W. M. U. is missionary and the circumference of the world is the measure of the missionary enterprise. At the closing service there was also displayed, through the courtesy of the Foreign Mission Board, a very large map of the world, which brought clearly into view all at the same time every country the world around. Thus the globe and the map impressed their lesson—the globe showing only one side at a time but ever suggesting the sailing of ships to lands on the other side—the map emphasizing the fact that close at hand is mission territory and that just beyond is other work to be done and that those who “lift up their eyes and look” through prayer and study may keep the entire world in review.

This fact was further emphasized because of the presence of over forty women home and foreign missionaries. Many of the talks and most of the prayers were made by them. Perhaps all but two of the lands in which southern Baptists work were represented by one or more of these missionaries, greetings being received from all the countries. The closing session on Wednesday evening was devoted to the missionaries. With their platform chairs arranged in a semi-circle around the globe, they told to the far larger—and, let it be hoped, complementing—circle, the audience, the story of their life investments in home and foreign missions. This they did through song and prayer and spoken word. Few will ever forget the anchoring hope for world evangelization which was engendered as in one foreign tongue after the other and then all at once, the audience joining with English, the missionaries recited the watchword for the year: “Enlarge—spare not—lengthen—strengthen”.—Marvelously impressive also was their rendition in the many languages of the year’s hymn: “The Kingdom Is Coming”.

Two other ways in which the world passed in review at the Chattanooga meeting may well be noted. One was in the large plans as outlined for the observance of the December Week of Prayer for World-Wide Missions. The week’s study and prayer will be concentrated upon the work as done on the various fields by

native evangelists, teachers, Bible women, colporters and the like. Always have the Boards of Foreign Missions known that the Kingdom is coming through the personal witnessing of native Christians, but the upheavals in China have emphasized this. Fortunate, therefore, is Woman’s Missionary Union that in its Ruby Anniversary year its Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is to be given largely for the encouragement of native work in foreign fields. The Foreign Board’s annual appropriation for such work is above half a million dollars. Perhaps it will not be possible for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to cover the appropriation but it is earnestly hoped that the minimum goal will be \$400,000, all of which will count on the Ruby Anniversary aim for four million dollars. The preferred date for the ingathering of the offering is December 7.

Still another way in which world needs were presented in Chattanooga was when the Southern Baptist Convention recommended that in behalf of the debts on the southwide causes an effort be made to raise a \$2,000,000.00 Thank Offering at Christmas time. It is earnestly hoped that, in addition to the raising of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering on or near December 7, Woman’s Missionary Union members and organizations will give generously to this admirable plan for partial if not complete relief to the debt-laden Boards and other southwide agencies. As a rule, investigation proves that W. M. U. members give more than a fifth of what is raised by southern Baptists. Therefore, in this \$2,000,000 effort the Union has set \$400,000 as its minimum goal, it being understood that the record of all W. M. U. gifts toward the \$2,000,000 will form a part of the Ruby Anniversary aim of \$4,000,000.

Can all this money—at least \$400,000 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and at least \$400,000 for the S. B. C. Thank Offering—be ingathered by Woman’s Missionary Union in the one month of December? Yes, it can if W. M. U. members keep singing: “The Kingdom Is Coming” and if they determine in order to hasten its coming that as individuals and as organizations they will “enlarge—spare not—lengthen—strengthen”.

ONLY FIVE MONTHS REMAIN to WIN RUBY ANNIVERSARY VICTORY

This means 153 days in which to pray, enlist, give.

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	OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
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BIBLE STUDY

TOPIC—"Other Sheep I Must Bring"

Luke 19:10

Hymn: Saviour, like a Shepherd Lead Us

I. *The Good Shepherd*: Psalm 23:1-6. This Shepherd cares for us, watches over us and preserves us, Isa. 43:1-7; I Pet. 2:21-25; 3:12. He gives us His Spirit, feeds and guides us by His Word. Through Him eternal life is mine with the promise that all I need will be added, John 10:10, 11, 14. Life is inclusive of all good and is in opposition to death threatened, Gen. 2:17. Christ makes possible more abundant than that which was forfeited by sin, more abundant than that promised by the law of Moses, John 1:17. This life is a development, John 10:27, 28. We shall live eternally because we now live spiritually in communion with the Holy Spirit, John 14:26. Phil. 2:5 sets forth a Gospel pattern for our imitation, the example of our Lord Jesus Christ. The true sheep know the Shepherd's voice and they shall never perish, John 10:27-29.

II. *Other Sheep I Must Bring*: John 10:16. The bringing in of the gentiles was in the divine counsel, part of the Messianic work which Christ must therefore needs do, Rom. 10:12-20. It would result from His being lifted up, John 12:32; 11:47-53. God's purpose is that all men shall be drawn unto Him; this is to be accomplished in the mission work of the church, Isa. 40:10-15, 28-31; John 10:14, 15. These scattered sheep shall hear His voice, for the conscience which knows the voice of God is the heritage of all men, Matt. 8:11; Rom. 11:13-25. Matt. 8:5-13 is an instance clearly that our Lord saw in the centurion the first fruits of the rich harvest of the future: the nations of the earth on condition of their faith. The Old Testament prophets had foretold the coming of the gentiles, Isa. 52:7-10; Micah 4:2. The whole mission work of the church and every effort of Christianity implies also the power of man to reject Christ, but this must be overcome.

III. *Let Us Redeem the Time*: Eph. 5:16. Buy up for yourselves the seasonable time, Col. 4:5, the opportune time afforded to you for the work of God. "Redeem" implies the preciousness of the opportune season, a jewel to be bought at any price. "The days are evil"; life is so exposed as to make it necessary to make the most of a seasonable opportunity as long as it lasts, Eph. 6:13; Gen. 47:9; John 12:35. A scrupulous carefulness should mark our entire conduct, for the opportunities of life are precious, and the will of God should be our guide. Our time is a talent given us by God for some good end and we must endeavor to redeem it by doing our duty, Eph. 5:17; II Peter 3:9; Ezekiel 33:11; Matt. 20:28; I Timothy 2:4.

IV. *An Invincible God*: Hebrews 7:23-25. The Levitical priesthood brought nothing to perfection, but the priesthood of Christ carries in it and brings along with it a better hope; it shows us the true foundation of all the hope we have toward God for pardon and salvation. Our ever living high priest is able to save to the utmost all who come to God by Him, Romans 8:34. He leads and represents His people and is the medium of their approach to God. The wonderful promise of Isaiah 43:1, 2, for the redeemed, for we must all pass through water and through fire, but not alone, Daniel 3:19-25. Water and fire are symbolic expressions of all manner of trials because under God's power, Luke 9:43 to be fearful is to be faithless. Our Lord gave His life for His sheep, Heb. 10:19-20. Jesus overcame death and Satan. "Praying always", Eph. 6:18, Phil. 1:19, in the power of the Holy Spirit, Acts 2:4.—Mrs. James Pollard

FAMILY ALTAR

TOPIC—"Other Sheep I Must Bring"

Prepared by Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

"**B**REAK THOU the bread of life,
Dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves
Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page
I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word.

"**T**HOU ART the bread of life,
O Lord to me,
Thy holy Word the truth
That saveth me;
Give me to eat and live
With Thee above;
Teach me to love Thy truth,
For Thou art love." Amen

The Good Shepherd

Wednesday, 1st
Ezekiel 34: 11-15, 23, 24
Thursday, 2d
Psalms 79: 13; 85:6-13
Friday, 3d
Psalm 63: 1-11
Saturday, 4th
Romans 3: 20-28
Sunday, 5th
John 3: 27-36
Monday, 6th
John 6: 51-58, 68, 69
Tuesday, 7th
John 7: 16-18, 24, 33-39

"Other Sheep I Must Bring"

Wednesday, 8th
Galatians 3: 6-14
Thursday, 9th
John 4: 21-26
Friday, 10th
Isaiah 55: 1-5
Saturday, 11th
John 3: 16, Matthew 16: 21-27
Sunday, 12th
I John 4: 10-16
Monday, 13th
Matthew 18: 11-14; John 18: 36, 37
Tuesday, 14th
I Kings 8: 38-43

Let Us Redeem the Time

Wednesday, 15th
Deuteronomy 11: 1-9
Thursday, 16th
Matthew 5: 13-16; John 6: 27-34
Friday, 17th
Deuteronomy 6: 1-5, 24, 25
Saturday, 18th
Titus 2: 7-15
Sunday, 19th
Isaiah 42: 1-10
Monday, 20th
Titus 3: 1-8
Tuesday, 21st
Hebrews 4: 12-16

An Invincible God

Wednesday, 22d
Luke 5: 18-26
Thursday, 23d
Hebrews 8: 1-11
Friday, 24th
Matthew 20: 20-28
Saturday, 25th
Matthew 21: 18-27
Sunday, 26th
Matthew 23: 8-12
Monday, 27th
Matthew 28: 9-20
Tuesday, 28th
Mark 2: 1-12
Wednesday, 29th
Mark 13: 1-10
Thursday, 30th
Luke 4: 1-13
Friday, 31st
Luke 4: 14-30



"PRAY YE"



"A NEW SONG—EVEN PRAISE"

ISRAEL'S sweet singer gratefully acknowledges (*Psalm 40:1-3*) that his patient waiting for Jehovah was rewarded by the hearing of his cry and the establishing of his course, the joyful climax being:

"He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God:
Many shall see it and fear
And shall trust in Jehovah".

Few can sing like David and yet there is a theory that it is as natural for a person to sing as it is to speak. Undoubtedly it is natural for a Christian to sing praise unto God, thus like David to have a new song in the mouth. Meditation upon this fact must inevitably lead to the practice of praise that the song may become all the richer and fuller in the realization that the words of the mouth bring glory to God.

David gives an additional reason for praising the Lord, namely that others may "see it and fear and shall trust in Jehovah". Do Christians really believe that their prayer-life leads others to trust in God? Clearly does the Bible teach it—convincingly has history proved it. Therefore, the Ruby Anniversary has staked its success upon the prayers of W. M. U. members and organizations. If like David you wait patiently upon Jehovah, He will incline unto you, He will establish you in your zealous service for the anniversary and, ere you realize it, what seemed work will change to a song of praise, which will attract others who in turn will serve in loving praiseful trust for the success of the undertaking. In her annual message Mrs. Cox quoted from Andrew Bonar saying, "If we had prayed more we need not have worked so hard". With only five months remaining for the winning of the Ruby Anniversary victory, it well behooves every W. M. U. member and organization to invest much time in prayer—in fact, to heed Paul's admonition (*1 Thess. 5:17*): "Pray without ceasing". Many have said that the Ruby Anniversary marked the turning-point for southern Baptists, bringing hope in the midst of the depressing debts and pointing the way out of many if not all of the denominational difficulties. Thus in a very beautiful way the anniversary's praise unto God for His guidance and goodness during the Union's forty years has put a new song upon W. M. U. lips, the added blessing being the winning of others to lives of praise.

"Therefore, pray ye!" Pray in your closet (*pages 9-10*), at your family altar (*pages 7, 9-10*), in your circle and society meetings. Try to arrange such meetings so that through much prayer, either before or following them, "there may come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord" (*Acts 3:19*). In such prayer services the Spirit may guide you to pray for:

A truly grateful attitude of mind and heart
Patience to wait for God to "incline His ear"
Lips made sweet by the song of praise
A consciousness that prayer leads others to trust
Increased interest in Bible and mission study
Returning of all missionaries to their waiting, whitening fields
S.B.C. Co-operative Program:

Regular redeeming of pledges
Securing of additional pledges and payments
Plans for 1929

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Calendar of Prayer

August, 1928

Prepared by Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

BE NOT afraid to pray—to pray is right—
Pray, if thou canst, with hope; but ever
pray,
Though hope be weak or sick with long delay;
Pray in the darkness if there be no light.
—Hartley Coleridge

IF I AM RIGHT, Thy grace impart
Still in the right to stay;
If I am wrong, O teach my heart
To find that better way.
—Pope

Topic: Activities of South American Churches

1—WEDNESDAY

For workers among Mexicans, Mrs.
P. C. Bell and *Miss Gregoria Gar-
cia, Bastrop, Texas
The hand of the Lord was with them.
—Acts 11: 21

2—THURSDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. W. W. Stout
(on furlough), educational work
Hwanghsien, China
Many believed in the Lord.—Acts 9: 42

3—FRIDAY

For follow-up work of May meet-
ings in Chattanooga and June meet-
ing in Toronto
In Him we live and move and have
our being.—Acts 17: 28

4—SATURDAY

For Misses †Flora Dodson and
Laura Coupland (on furlough), edu-
cational work, Canton, China
Bear ye one another's burdens and so
fulfill the law of Christ.
—Galatians 6: 2

5—SUNDAY

That we teach faithfully the Son-
ship of Jesus Christ, our Savior
Thou art the Christ.—Mark 8: 29

6—MONDAY

For *Mrs. W. L. Moore, worker in
Havana, Cuba
My words shall not pass away.—
—Mark 13: 31

7—TUESDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. J. R. Allen,
evangelistic work, Bello Horizonte,
Brazil
Jesus Christ the same yesterday and
today and forever.—Hebrews 13: 8

8—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. Robert Hamilton, worker
among Indians, Okmulgee, Okla-
homa
Looking unto Jesus, the author and
finisher of our faith.—Hebrews 12: 2

9—THURSDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. J. McF. Gaston,
medical work, Laichow-fu, China
Preaching the Gospel and healing every
where.—Luke 9: 6

10—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Paul C. Porter,
evangelistic work, Campinas, Brazil
God is love.—1 John 4: 8

11—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Jackson,
evangelistic work, Shanghai, China
Go, thou, and preach the Kingdom of
God.—Luke 9: 60

12—SUNDAY

Pray that God's Book, God's House,
God's Day be revered.
Rejoice, because your names are writ-
ten in Heaven.—Luke 9: 20

13—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Snuggs,
evangelistic service, Wuchow, China
Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and
thou shalt be saved.—Acts 16: 31

14—TUESDAY

For Misses E. E. Teal (on furlough),
medical work, and †Hazel Andrews,
educational work, Yangchow, China
That He might make known the riches
of His glory.—Romans 9: 23

15—WEDNESDAY

For Misses †Martha A. Dabney and
†Lillie Aldredge, workers among
Italians, West Tampa, Florida
More than conquerors through Him
that loved us.—Romans 8: 37

16—THURSDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. J. Hundley
Wiley (on furlough), educational
work, Shanghai, China
He sat down and taught them.
—John 8: 2

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

Calendar of Prayer

August, 1928

MORE things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore
let thy voice
Rise like a fountain for me night and day.

FOR what are men better than sheep or
goats
That nourish a blind life within the brain
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of
prayer
Both for themselves and those that call
them friend?
—Tennyson

Topic: Activities of South American Churches

17—FRIDAY

For Miss Emily Beck, educational
work, Sao Paulo, Brazil
Even so in Christ shall all be made
alive.—I Corinthians 15:22

18—SATURDAY

For **Miss Mildred Ballinger, work-
er among foreigners, East Saint
Louis, Illinois

Be strong in the Lord and in the
power of His might.—Ephesians 6: 10

19—SUNDAY

That Christians everywhere may
show the spirit of Christ
Be ye holy; for I am holy.
—I Peter 1: 16

20—MONDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. P. E. White
(on furlough), evangelistic work,
Kweichow, China

Wilt thou revive us again, that Thy
people may rejoice in Thee?
—Psalm 85: 6

21—TUESDAY

For Misses †Sarah Funderburke and
Elizabeth E. Rea (on furlough),
evangelistic work, Kong Moon,
China

Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God and
serve Him.—Deuteronomy 6: 13

22—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. J. W. Shepard,
evangelistic and educational work,
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

He that abideth in the doctrine of
Christ, he hath both the Father and
the Son.—II John 1: 9

23—THURSDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. J. T. Williams
(on furlough), literary work, Shan-
ghai, China

The entrance of Thy words giveth
light.—Psalms 119: 130

24—FRIDAY

For Rev. F. E. Graham, worker
among Indians, Farmington, New
Mexico

Stand fast therefore in the liberty
wherewith Christ hath made us free.
—Galatians 5: 1

25—SATURDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. Edward M.
Bostick Jr., educational work, Soo-
chow, China

Known unto God are all His works
from the beginning.—Acts 15: 18

26—SUNDAY

Pray for the awakening of unenlist-
ed churches in our southland.
It is high time to awake out of sleep.
—Romans 13: 11

27—MONDAY

For †Miss Grace Wells, educational
work, Chinkiang, China

The Word of the Lord endureth for-
ever.—I Peter 1: 25

28—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Bagby,
evangelistic and educational work,
Sao Paulo, Brazil

He will teach us His ways.
—Micah 3: 2

29—WEDNESDAY

For Dr. Ethel M. Pierce (on fur-
lough), medical work, Yangchow,
China

They that are whole have no need of
the physician, but they that are sick.
—Mark 2: 17

30—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Jackson
(on furlough), evangelistic work,
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

I will therefore that men pray every-
where.—I Timothy 2: 8

31—FRIDAY

For †Miss Mary H. Phillips (on
furlough), educational work, Chin-
kiang, China

In His days shall the righteous flour-
ish.—Psalm 72: 7

†Attended W. M. U. Training School
**Attended Baptist Bible Institute

PROGRAM PLANS

WITH the PROGRAM COMMITTEE



THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE will recall that Brazil is often known as the "Land of the Southern Cross". We will remember from our school days that this title is acquired from the brilliant constellation, the "Southern Cross", that seems to hang like a heaven-embazoned sign above Brazil and the other countries of the southern hemisphere. The four most brilliant of the stars seem to stand at the extreme ends of a cross, thus giving name to the constellation. If school days are far behind and astronomies lost, any school dictionary will give a small picture of this group of stars (see: *Southern Cross*).

Now for our program plan: may we not build up our study around this thought of the Southern Cross? The four large stars may stand for the four countries in which we have work—Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Uruguay. On a large sheet of paper or a blackboard these four stars may be pasted or drawn. The leader may begin with a talk, explaining the Southern Cross and giving very brief statements about these countries, their size population and government. Any geography or encyclopedia will furnish these facts.

Other smaller stars appear also in the Southern Cross constellation. These may be used to represent our various forms of work: 1—Sunday Schools; 2—Hospitals; 3—Orphanages; 4—B. Y. P. U's; 5—Schools; 6—W. M. U.

Each of these "stars" should be told about by a separate woman. For data see pages 14-17. Additional information may be secured from "Home and Foreign Fields", Report of Foreign Mission Board etc. In each subject the peculiar difficulties should be explained as well as the opportunities. A very enlightening talk, before these six subjects are presented, would be on "Social Customs and Conditions in South America". This talk will make it easier to understand the objections of conservative natives to B. Y. P. U. and Sunday school work.

In addition to the stars that stand for forms of work may be stars that stand for workers—they who indeed "turn many to righteousness and shine as stars forever and ever". Among these are "Claudia", "Donna Maria" and our missionaries.

There are still "stars of the earth". The last talk may be on the types of churches in which they are found (page 13.)

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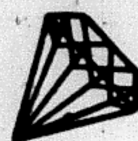
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SOUTH AMERICA and ITS CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Program Outline and References for Advanced Missionary Societies



Prepared by Mrs. W. D. Pye, Arkansas

Hymn—Send the Light

Devotional Topic—The Two Gates: Ezekiel 44:1,4,5; 43:1,2

Prayer—That we of the "north gate" may be willing to send the Gospel message through the "gate to the east"

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

Topic 1—A Contrast—a. The Gate to the East—South America

b. The Gate to the North—North America

Topic 2—Why the East Gate Was Closed

Hymn—The Morning Light Is Breaking

Topic 3—Traveling toward Opportunity

Topic 4—What Lies behind the Barrier

Prayer—That southern Baptists may have renewed zeal to possess the land

Topic 5—When the Gate Swings Open

Topic 6—Baptist Activities Revealed

Hymn—The Kingdom Is Coming

Prayer for Divine guidance for the Foreign Mission Board

ON THIS PAGE every month there will be given an outlined program and reference material for missionary societies whose members are willing to do some research in preparation for the monthly missionary programs. We may not agree with every word in every book recommended, but valuable program helps may be found in each one listed if the reader will discriminate between that which is really helpful and that which is not.

For the devotional we recommend Scripture which contrasts two gates. Certainly this pictures the two American continents and their religious condition. For help with the devotional service and also topic 1, read "Across South America", chapters 4 and 27, by Hiram Bingham; "The Two Americas", chapters 3 and 21, Rafael Reyes; "The New Latin America", chapter 1, J. Warsaw. For topic 2 consult the Catholic Encyclopedia, volume 1, page 303, volume 2, page 747, volume 3, page 662, for the Catholic version of the religious condition of Argentine, Brazil and Chili. It will be enlightening. Also read "South America", chapters 1 and 4, Robert Speer. "Across South America", chapters 1 and 3, Bingham; and "The Two Americas", chapter 6, Reyes, will be helpful references for topic 3. To prepare for topic 4 read "South American Problems", chapters 2 and 3, Speer; "The New Latin America", chapter 13, Warsaw; "Southern Baptist Handbook for 1922", pages 31-39, 55-65, by E. P. Alldredge. Helpful material for topics 5 and 6 may also be found in the "Handbook for 1922", chapters 2 and 3; also in chapters 5 and 6 of "South American Problems", Speer, and the program material on pages 13-19 of this issue of ROYAL SERVICE.

Additional help may be found in "For Better Relation with Our Latin American Neighbors", pages 13 to 56, Robert Bacon; "The Two Americas", chapters 7 to 13, Reyes; "Problems in Pan Americanism", chapters 5, 7, 9 and 10, Samuel G. Inman; "Brazil and Her People of Today," N. O. Winter; "The Real Argentine", Hammerton; "South America", by Thomas B. Neely, as well as many other books on South America to be found in most libraries. Consult back numbers of Home and FOREIGN FIELDS and ROYAL SERVICE if such files are available.

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PROGRAM FOR AUGUST

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

Prepared by Mrs. W. E. Allen, South America

ACTIVITIES of SOUTH AMERICAN CHURCHES

Hymn—To the Work, to the Work

Prayer for guidance in the study of the lesson

Bible Study (See page 6.)

Where We Are at Work (Introduction)

Types of Churches

Sunday Schools

Hymn—Count Your Blessings

Hospitals and Orphanages

B. Y. P. U's.

Schools

Prayer for God's blessings upon these phases of activity

Beginnings of W. M. U. Work

What the Women Have Achieved

Liabilities and Assets

Prayer for our South American sisters and for southern Baptists that they may heed the challenge of our work in South America

Hymn—The Kingdom Is Coming

WHERE WE ARE at WORK

OF THE Baptist churches in South America, by far the largest percentage is worshipping in inadequate remodelled storebuildings. With a constituency made up largely from the rank and file of the poor unlettered masses, the propagation of the Gospel is most effectively done through the witness of individual Christians, both by word and daily living. Argentina, the second country entered by our missionaries; Chile, a daughter of the missionary zeal of Brazilian and Argentinian Christians; Brazil, our oldest and largest field; and Uruguay, closely allied with Argentina in its work, are the four countries in which southern Baptists are laboring at the present time.

I. TYPES of CHURCHES

THE TYPES of churches are as diverse as the communities in which they are found. There is the great city church,

such as the historic old First Church of the Rio de Janeiro, now worshipping in the finest evangelical church building of any denomination in all South America. Early in its history, preaching points were established at strategic points over the city which today have developed into flourishing churches; ten daughters and two granddaughters, each one following in the footsteps of the mother in reaching out to win the people of its district.

There is the suburban church which is close enough to the city to enjoy the advantages of the more highly organized city work and, at the same time, serve a country constituency. Preaching points established in the homes of members reach out toward the interior, extending the influence of such a church far beyond the city atmosphere. Moving into a new community where the Gospel is unknown, the little Christian

family begins to witness. Through conversations with the neighbors and new friends, the Gospel seed is sown. At morning worship the beautiful Christian hymns are sung, and many times the first interest manifested is in the songs. Learning to sing "Count Your Many Blessings" or "I Need Thee Every Hour" melts prejudice, and an invitation to hear a passing evangelist or preacher is accepted. Mud floors and walls and the faint light of a small kerosene lamp have witnessed many a spiritual struggle and victory, the small beginnings from which have developed a great Christian community. The great majority of our churches have started in some humble believer's home.

There is the *college church*, the congregation made up in part of the large groups of students who, hearing the Gospel during the week in school, hear it again on Sunday in the atmosphere of God's sanctuary. It is a seedplot in which many a new life germinates and springs into life eternal. There valuable lessons in church membership are learned and the young man or woman returns to his or her community equipped to begin or help carry on Kingdom work, where for lack of leadership little or nothing had been done.

Then there is the *great country church*, with its simple house of worship, often apparently isolated from the whole world, yet extending its influence silently in all directions as the leaven works in a mass of meal. Sunday schools at far scattered points, directed by members of the church, teach the way of life.

II. SUNDAY SCHOOLS

ONE of the most potent agencies of the church is the Sunday school. There all classes—the ignorant, the illiterate, the educated, the child, the adult, black and white—build up their faith in and increase their knowledge of the Book that so recently was forbidden them—the Book whose reading they were told would even damn their souls. There the interested, in small discussion groups, can present their religious problems and work out their solution. In one such inquirers' class, taught by the

pastor of the church, John 3:16 was the lesson text Sunday after Sunday during the whole year. Salvation, the free gift of God, in sharp contrast to the salvation by works as taught by the Roman Church, was presented time after time until man after man saw the truth and yielded his heart to Christ.

The Sunday school is a *great seed-sowing institution*. Ten-year-old Claudia went to Sunday school one day with a little girl friend and joined a class taught by a consecrated missionary. She noticed that all the other children had books of their own. Someone told her they were Bibles. She had never seen a Bible. The teacher asked her if she would like to have one for her very own and promised to bring her one the following Sunday. In the Bible she marked certain passages on the plan of salvation. Each Sunday she showed the children where to find the lesson for the following Sunday and each Sunday Claudia carefully marked both that passage and the lesson studied that day. Hurrying home from church she read and explained the lesson to her mother just as the teacher had taught it to her. For some months she came regularly, never missing a Sunday, and then one day she disappeared. The family had moved to another community inquiries revealed. Saddened to think that she had not had the joy of finishing a work that seemed so promising, the teacher took Claudia's name from the roll and after a time she passed from memory. Some two or three years later, visiting a Woman's Missionary Society in another locality, a slender fairhaired girl came up to the missionary and asked her if she remembered her. It was Claudia and with her was her mother, now president of the Woman's Missionary Society at that place, won to Jesus through the Sunday school lessons taught her by the little girl who each Sunday had first learned them in the missionary's class. With tears in her eyes, the mother thanked her for giving her child the Bible which had led to the conversion not only of herself but also of her whole family.

Through the Home Department many have been won to Jesus. D. Maria had been invited by friendly neighbors to attend the Sunday school at the Baptist church but had refused all invitations, as her husband's dinner hour coincided with the Sunday school hour and he had to have his dinner on time if she was to live in peace with him. One day the superintendent of the Home Department visited her and left with her the literature explaining how she could be a member of the Sunday school and still stay at home. Delighted, she studied her lesson each week and sought opportunities to talk over with her friend the precious truths that she was learning in the hitherto unknown Bible. Before many months had passed she gave her heart to Christ in her home. Earnest prayer was offered that the husband would permit her to attend the preaching services, and God heard that prayer, for one day she came asking baptism. With her was her sister whom she had led to Christ, and both today are active workers in that community for Jesus Christ.

III. HOSPITALS and ORPHANAGES

BRAZILIAN BAPTISTS of the state of Rio de Janeiro possess the only Baptist hospital in South America. This mission field is the only one in all our southern Baptist foreign mission work that is self-supporting. The missionary on the field serves in an advisory capacity only. The Brazilians themselves direct their work, finance their schools and hospital and carry forward the work as planned by the National Baptist Convention. With hospital facilities woefully inadequate in almost all communities, there is a wonderful field of service lying fallow awaiting the day when the Baptist constituency will be able to establish and support such greatly needed institutions. The evangelistic opportunity of a Christian hospital in Latin lands is like that in a heathen country, unlimited in its scope.

In the city of Victoria, Brazil, district nurses are doing a pioneer work which is being used marvelously

to break down suspicion and prejudice and to open the doors of homes that heretofore have been tightly shut against the missionaries. Through the relieving of pain, the giving of sympathetic aid in a sick crisis, calling the doctor when necessary or acting in the doctor's stead when he could not come, hearts become responsive to the story of the Great Physician who can heal the soul. An invitation to attend worship at the Baptist church is accepted, often the children are sent to the Baptist school, and the reading of the Bible and the distribution of tracts are gladly permitted—all because the door was first opened through the ministry to bodily needs. No field of service is more fascinating in its possibilities for evangelistic results than this.

Brazil boasts of two Baptist orphanages, one in the Federal District and the other in the state of Sao Paulo. Many a believer, bereft of his companion and unable to maintain the home after his bereavement, has had to place his orphaned children in a Catholic orphanage and, with a breaking heart, see his loved ones reared away from his own faith into the mummery of a faith that he knows cannot satisfy or prepare them for life. Thousands of children of evangelical parents are lost to the denomination because there is no Christian orphanage in which they may be reared. It is no wonder that these institutions hold such a tender place in the hearts of the believers and are so loyally supported. Shall we not pray for these institutions already established and ask that others may soon be founded to care for the thousands who are left destitute from year to year?

IV. B. Y. P. U's.

NEWEST among the major activities of our South American churches is the work with the young people. With social standards so different from our own, the beginnings of B. Y. P. U. work have been fraught with perils which only time and wise leadership can remove. Born and reared in a civilization that knows nothing of the fine Christian

comradeship between the sexes that North Americans accept without thought, it is only as the love of Christ in the heart and life purifies these relationships and gives higher ideals that the South American young people come into their new heritage and begin to work side by side in the great task of enlisting others for Christ. Socials which in the beginning tend to resolve themselves into "sparking bees" soon take on the atmosphere of a wholesome jollification, and the lessons learned in play are applied to the more serious tasks of training in church membership. Often the older members of the church have opposed the young people's work at first. Converted themselves after reaching maturity and having never had the advantages of training, they fail to see either the need or the opportunity and with the best of intentions seek to check the very work that is putting new life and vigor into the church and drawing under its influence the young people of the community whom heretofore they have been unable to reach. Nearly four thousand earnest young Christians are enthusiastically preparing themselves in this training school for future responsibilities in the church. The temptations and pitfalls are many and subtle, and the atmosphere in which they live is not conducive to the building of robust Christian character; so that they need our prayers that, through the work begun, they may be perfected into strong men and women, the Christian leaders of tomorrow.

V. SCHOOLS

"Um-m-m-m. Daddy, it is just dandy here", was the way a young son greeted his relieved father upon the occasion of his first visit to the Baptist school in which he had placed his boy. Suspended from four or five other schools before coming to the Baptist College, for unruly conduct and antagonism to the school regime, he found just the attitude and atmosphere that challenged the best in him and developed into one of the most law-abiding and dependable students in the school.

In Brazil and Chile (*Shee-ly*) the public school system is far from adequate to the needs. In Brazil, where 78% of the school population is unprovided for, our Baptist schools are a tremendous factor in gaining the attention and goodwill of the people. In attempting to open work in a new community, the missionary has often found that where the people remain indifferent or are hostile to the preaching of the Gospel, they eagerly patronize an evangelical school, and through the school contacts are made that swell the congregation and lead to numberless opportunities for preaching the Gospel. In Argentina a fine public school system and certain governmental regulations make educational work much more limited and difficult. A fine seminary and school for boys are located in Buenos Aires, and some other smaller schools in Mendoza (*Mendoughza*) and other outlying stations are maintained.

In the three national Brazilian Baptist schools, the College and Seminary at Recife (*Ray-see-ji*) the Rio College and Seminary, and the Girls' School at Sao Paulo (*Soun Pow-low*) close to two thousand young people, the cream of the Brazilian youth, feeling very much toward the school as the boy quoted above did, hear the Gospel preached every school day and are ground in the principles of Christian ethics and morals. Here one hundred and fifty Baptist young people are preparing themselves for the ministry or teaching profession. In Temuco (*Tee-moo-co*) Chile, our great Baptist school stands like a lighthouse, the light of its influence felt throughout the length and breadth of that land.

No less important are the academies, supported by the churches through the state conventions, and the individual church schools: tiny lights, many of them, in the dense darkness of ignorance and sin. Children of believers, instead of being forced to worship images of Mary or the saints or else suffer ridicule and even punishment, in the evangelical school fill their hearts with Bible verses and are taught to love God,

while beautiful Gospel hymns gladden the days filled with study. The transformation of a community has more than once dated from the coming of a consecrated teacher to open a little school in which the fear of God was taught along with the A. B. C's.

VI. W. M. U. WORK

SIX THOUSAND five hundred women are laborers together in Baptist W. M. U's. for the bringing in of the Kingdom in South America. Of this number five thousand five hundred are scattered throughout the reaches of the great Brazilian republic, seven hundred are in Argentina, and an earnest group of nearly three hundred Chilean women are rapidly developing under the inspiring guidance of our women missionaries.

1. Beginnings

Twenty years ago a little group of missionary women, recognizing the need of a central organization, formed themselves into a central committee and at the meeting of the Brazilian National Convention in 1908 called together the Baptist women to organize the Woman's Missionary Union of Brazil. From such a small beginning has grown our most flourishing woman's organization in South America. Some years later the Argentine women banded themselves together in a similar manner and, within the past decade, the women in Chile also.

2. Achievements

The present Brazilian Central Committee, composed about equally of native and missionary women, makes plans for organized work in 13 of the 21 states of the republic. Its headquarters are in the Baptist Publishing House of Rio de Janeiro; the Brazilian women themselves raised a fund for its equipment a few years ago. Unity in plans and work is rapidly becoming a fact, not having been achieved in years past because of difficulties in travel and communication, and the huge territory to be covered with no special workers for the task. Miss Minnie Landrum, the traveling secretary, through visits to all parts of the country has been able to clear

up difficulties, inspire and inform the women and to create a national attitude toward the work that is sending the Brazilian W. M. U. forward by leaps and bounds.

The graded W. M. U. includes the W. M. S., Y. W. A. and Sunbeams called Children's Societies. Most of the churches with a W. M. S. have also the children's organization for the women feel keenly the need for their training. Only a few Y. W. A's. have been organized, as sympathetic, wise counsellors for the young women are difficult to find. The young women work with the older ones in the W. M. S. The College Y. W. A's. are doing a splendid work, veritable workshops for the girls who, when they leave school and scatter to all parts of the country, become leaders in their community and put into practice every bit of knowledge they have of W. M. U. work. Emilia S. is an example. A fine student, each summer when she returned home on her vacation she gathered the women and young people of her community together and conducted an informal summer school, teaching them all the W. M. U., S. S. and B. Y. P. U. courses she studied during the winter months. The people of her town have a vision, interest and knowledge far above that of the average because she shared with them before finishing her course, thus preparing the way for a bigger work when she returned permanently.

Literature—The creation of appropriate literature has been one of the most valuable achievements. Today the Brazilian women have their own magazine, "Revista das Senhoras" (*Ray-vees-ta das Seen-yo-ras*), similar to ROYAL SERVICE but issued quarterly, with programs for all organizations; their manual of methods, the study of which entitles them to a W. M. U. diploma; a well defined study course offering books on Bible study, personal work, doctrine and missions; literature on special programs and seasons of prayer. One month of each quarter of the year is dedicated to a daily Bible study on some great topic such as prayer, love,

faith etc. Scripture passages with a short comment arranged for each day are prepared in leaflet form and in many of the churches not only the women but the men join in the study, for outside of the Sunday school quarterly they have no commentary on the Scripture.

Another type of literature, a by-product, is a series of tracts for mothers on the care of children, prenatal care, proper diet, clothing etc. Away from the coast, ignorance and superstition are the most powerful doctors and infant mortality is terrible. The simplest facts of personal hygiene, treatment of common ailments etc. are unknown or ignored. So W. M. U. joins hand with the government in attempting to better the condition of its women and children.

Giving—In the grace of giving, South American women have far outstripped us. The Argentine Christians give more per capita than any of our mission fields, and Chile and Brazil are not far behind. Out of deep poverty, such as one rarely sees in this country, they give. The tithe is much more universally accepted than here at home. Thirty percent of the Brazilian women tithe and the number is increasing constantly. Some of them begin to tithe even before they are members of the church. In a certain community a woman presented herself to the church for baptism. That morning she had been legally married to the man with whom she had lived, united by a common law marriage, for eighteen years. Invited by a neighbor to attend services at the Baptist church, she had heard the Gospel and been converted. She knew that she was living in sin and begged her husband to take steps for their legal union. The law moves slowly in Brazil so it was months before the papers were ready. Brazilian Baptist churches receive no one divorced or united under the common law, so she had to wait until after marriage to be baptized. Each Sunday she handed the treasurer her tithe during the months of waiting, and at the church business meetings the amount was read out as a gift from a friend of the cause!

For two years the Brazilian women have been supporting a missionary teacher among the Indians of interior Brazil. When the Brazilian Foreign Mission Board appointed the first young couple to go to Portugal as missionaries, it was a Woman's Missionary Society in Rio Novo, state of Rio de Janeiro, that paid the salary of the wife.

Spirituality—Deeping of the spiritual life has been the most glorious achievement. Coming out of a faith stereotyped in its forms and manner of expression, the new Christian is like a tender plant reaching toward the light. She must have protection and direction. In little prayer groups, such as the Argentine women have found so precious, the timid Christian learns to express herself. Friends and neighbors, who would refuse an invitation to go to church, come gladly to the Christian neighbor's home, where in prayer and praise and singing of hymns, the seed is sown in their hearts. By taking part on the society programs, serving on committees, doing systematic personal work, studying about the Kingdom and the King, Christian character develops. Bitter persecution only refines out the dross of impatience and independence, material want only draws her closer to the Master and enhances the value of her tiny gift, and the constant hunger to know more and more about Jesus helps her overcome bodily weakness and pain, indifference and antagonism from loved ones, until miracles of grace are wrought in humble hearts.

3. Liabilities and Assets

In any business there are always factors that work for and against success. So it is in the business of the Kingdom. There are five factors among others that are liabilities in our work: illiteracy, lack of initiative on the part of the women, poor transportation, a shortage of workers and lack of funds to develop the work.

Forty percent of the people in Argentina and Uruguay and 85% in Brazil are illiterate. Outside the cities, the percentage runs as high as 100%. Daily

reading of the Bible and study of Christian books and other literature are denied the man or woman who can neither read nor write. He falls easy prey to the superstitions and isms that are abroad in the land.

Old World customs still largely prevail outside the coast cities in South America, and the woman's place is in the home where her will and desires are subservient to her husband's. Shy and backward, she finds it very difficult to assert herself. Directing a society meeting, planning or taking part on a program and serving on a committee are often impossible tasks for her. Leaders among the women are more difficult to train, being few and far between for this reason. The responsibility for leadership must fall on heavily loaded missionary shoulders.

With half the mission force at home on furlough, and the funds for W. M. U. work cut off, the task of holding the

lines is difficult. Retrenchment rather than advance seems to be the marching orders.

But the assets far outweigh the liabilities. A burning eagerness to learn, a willingness to try and try again even at the expense of ridicule in order to master some new and difficult bit of service, an open mind to receive suggestions, a patience that bears up under untold handicaps, a love that purifies the dross of personal limitations and leaves shining the golden beauty of a life hid in Christ, a spirit sensitive to the challenge of a world task and willing to sacrifice to aid in world redemption . . . these are some of the factors in the King's great enterprise that in the eternal scales outweigh all of nature's obstructions or man's neglect. The day has dawned in four of our sister republics. What am I doing to hasten the coming of the full light of noonday?

QUESTIONS for STUDY and DISCUSSION

1. In how many South American republics are southern Baptists doing missionary work?
2. Describe four types of churches in Brazil.
3. Show the importance of the Sunday school in missionary work.
4. Locate a hospital owned and operated by South American Baptists.
5. Show the value of hospitals and orphanages in such a field.
6. What do you consider the chief difficulty to be overcome in the training of the young people in our South American churches?
7. If the perils are great, are not the needs proportionately greater in their training?
8. Discuss the importance of our schools in South America as a means of evangelization.
9. Tell of the beginnings of the Brazil W. M. U.
10. Mention the achievements which show the progress being made by South American Baptist women.
11. What are some assets and liabilities in Kingdom work in South America?

PRAY YE—(Concluded from Page 2)

**A deepening sense of responsibility as Christian stewards
Large increase in W.M.U. tithers
Southern Baptist Thank Offering at Christmas time
Ruby Anniversary:**

**Winning 40,000 new members for existing organizations
40% increase in women's and young people's organizations
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of at least \$400,000
Financial victory of \$4,000,000 for year**



Y.W.A. PROGRAMS



Material found in the general program on pages 13-19 as well as other items in this issue will be quite helpful to supplement the following programs. It is hoped it will be freely used in this supplemental way. The leaflets suggested on page 3 will also prove attractive additions.

FIRST MEETING

TOPIC—Discovering Again the New World

Hymn—Send the Light

Scripture—The True Gospel—John 3

Prayer that South America may have the True Gospel.

The Accident of the First Discovery

The Incident of This Discovery

Signs of Approaching the New World

Hindrances to Development of Resources

Other Hindrances—"Ourselves"

What Else Are We Doing and Not Doing?

The Challenge to Adventure

Hymn—Throw Out the Life Line

Prayer that we may discover South America's possibilities and our opportunities

Poster

Pictures from history will add to a poster such as the three ships that sailed with Columbus and certainly the one in which Columbus sailed. Why not have a large poster map? The three ships sailing to South American shores and also ships sailing from our shores bearing missionaries headed for South America would be very suggestive. You might also have ships returning our missionaries. Why not send out notices of your meeting printed on tiny ships? It will be effective at the close of the program to call attention to the ships which are bringing our missionaries home and by asking when we will return them. Give time and place of meeting.

The Accident of the First Discovery

THE STORY of the discovery and conquest of the New World is a romance familiar to the whole world. We remember with thrills the record of the days of anxious watching, the threats of the crew that had not the vision but with it all the splendid Martino who studied the mind and heart of Columbus, knew his desires and hopes and who pledged himself to stand with his master admiral until the end of his dream came. We almost strain our eyes as we read of the sight of the first seaweed, birds and branches. We all but let our faith weaken with theirs as we remember the ship being driven by the severe gale until they lost sight of shore and began again the days of looking

and waiting. From the standpoint of Columbus it was a mere accident that turned the ship south to a landing on South American shores and ignorant was he of the short distance that had stood between him and a new world that might have been North America. Probably we do not appreciate as we might the mere accident of a gale which must have been God's way of saving us from the evils of Catholicism which was naturally the religion of the Spanish explorers.

The Incident of This Discovery

THE discovery that we want and ought to make of that country of South America cannot be done by accident, for it reaches out beyond boundaries of maps and spaces of water into the beat-

ing pulses of men and women. It is a process that cannot be done even in the length of days that Columbus and his party were en route. It is much akin to the discovery that Columbus made, however, because it must be accompanied by the same anxious looking and longing, the same spirit of adventure. We must have even greater faith in our Captain than Martino had in Columbus. There have been those who have conquered and have been fascinated with the results of their exploits. They have been our representatives who have had visions as they have made discoveries. We have representatives there today exploiting and spending their lives in trying to fulfill dreams. As the doorway of the great new continent was opened by dauntless conquerors so has the door opening into that greater world of hearts and souls been opened by men and women of courage and faith in the great big adventure. Days of privation, discouragement, nights of anxious watching for the day have these missionaries of ours spent there. They have sent back to us news of a new world with all of its inviting possibilities.

Some of the South American republics that have four and five millions population could support ten times the number because of their rich resources that are natural. Her greatest attraction however lies in her undeveloped spiritual resources. There is a new longing, a new reaching out and grasping the truth—these make up her greatest resources and her greatest hope for a new world.

Signs of Approaching the New World

MARGARITA was the daughter of a wealthy French judge. Her father had learned of Christ and held services in his home with his family just as faithfully as a pastor would for his church. Margarita learned to love the Christ of whom she heard and became very devout in her practices. Her father was a wonderful musician and she had inherited an unusual talent. At first her father taught her but, seeing her

rare abilities, he was anxious for her to study in some conservatory. They moved into a city where there were several splendid ones and in one year she was graduated. She was offered a place as teacher while she might do her graduate work but Margarita had other plans. She longed to serve her Lord and wanted to be trained. She wanted to go to the Seminary which her friend, who was to be a minister, was attending but no! a woman couldn't. She was engaged already so she married and entered school with her husband. Today her husband is preaching in one of the churches left vacant by our missionaries and Margarita remains as loyal and positive in her Christian life as when she gave up a musical career, which was bright with possibilities, that she might praise Him with the music of a life.

Clara was one of eight children. The father had deserted them and the support of the family fell on the mother and Enrike, who was Clara's brother. Clara stayed at home with the smaller ones and kept house for her mother who left early and came in late. Years before a man had come into the town with some strange books which he called "Treasures".

One had fallen into their hands but it had been powerless because no one could read it. It was kept in the trunk. Clara had heard that it contained something about God and she treasured it. She longed to have its message and after her day's toil, while the children played in the street, she would get out the treasure and hold it close. Her need made her wonder if it had any comfort in its message. One night her mother came home with great news. The man was returning to tell what was in the "treasure". (The man was Mr. Fowler, one of our missionaries.) Clara and Enrike went to hear. Enrike could read some and each night would find these two trying to get the full message of the "treasure". Clara finally went to live with two of our missionaries in Argentina and they testify of her devotion to her "treasure". She works in the Sunday school and in every place that

she is called. When the missionaries left they were touched as they listened to Clara's words, "Please hurry back with more missionaries". Lives are powers in South America just as in North America. They are some of the surest signs of approaching a new world. These are examples of the young people of South America who came in touch with the Gospel.

Hindrances to Development of Resources

JUST as there are thrilling encouragements in this new discovery, so are there discouragements and hindrances. Everyone knows that South America is a land of beads and crosses. There are many who do not realize that these crosses are lifeless and without meaning. The real significance of the cross is unknown. Still there are some who say "Why send missionaries to convert Catholics?" Let us see just what such a religion means in South America. First, it means ignorance of God's Word. The true story goes that one of our missionaries was approached by a priest who said furiously, "How long will you continue to sell these false books in our city?" The missionary tried to defend the Book which was meaning life to all who were reading it. The priest showed him to his room and pulled out a copy of the Latin Vulgate. The missionary tried to explain that the original was either in Latin or Spanish but that he could take even that translation and give the truth to the people. The priest became angry and demanded that he not remove the book from his room for it was not for the people. Here was a priest claiming to be a minister of Christ, who had in his possession the book that forbids idolatry, yet he carried in his possession a doll-symbol of Mary before whom he would fall down and worship daily. The attitude toward the Bible is even hostile. It has not only failed to give it but has forbidden it.

Mr. Hawkins of Argentina tells of a woman whose worldly son had died. The priest had said that he might be able to pray him out of sinful purgatory but that it would cost her a large sum.

Thinking that it would save her boy she was willing to give all she had. A thousand dollars would pay him one step out but time after time the priest said he was not yet out and another thousand would have to be paid. On and on she gave until she had poured out her life to pay the priest for such folly. This is one of dozens of stories our missionaries can tell.

Other Hindrances—"Ourselves"

WHY what are we doing to hinder? It may be more surely "what we are not doing". However, we can first trace this hindrance to what we are thinking. Paul says "Because of our sin, foolish prejudices and conceit we have broken our brotherhood". We might say "Because of our sin, foolish prejudices and conceit we have never formed a brotherhood with our sister continent".

Probably one reason why we are so passive in our interest is because we are in the class with the visitor to South America who walked the streets of an up-to-date city and said: "Why, these people are as civilized as we are: I see no need of sending missionaries here". It is true that in some of the cities there are many who could teach us in matters of culture, fashion and even literary education but we recall the question that the missionary asked the visitor, "Did civilization save you?" If we think, we'll answer as did the visitor: "No indeed". Neither can anything except the name of Jesus save South America. Then we do not want to forget that these sections of civilization, culture and education do not hold even a large percent of that continent's population. There are uneducated masses, great areas of whose sections where morals are degraded and peoples even uncivilized. One of our missionaries said he was astounded to find great numbers of Indians as pagan and almost as barbarous as were their ancestors. God will require at our hands surely these, our brothers, who have long cried and have heard no answer save the echo of their own voices.

What Else Are We Doing and Not Doing?

ONE of our missionaries in Argentina (Mrs. Hawkins) was asked to tell what the cut in the funds sent from our Foreign Board meant. She responded by giving only a few of the many concrete examples: "When the news of the last cut came to the school, where we were trying to carry on already on funds that had been cut, we wondered what we would do. It meant that we had no more funds for scholarships.

"The cut meant that Enrika who was through high school and ready now to enter normal school must be told of his fate. How could we tell him when he was working to pay half his expenses and the other was so small. But the Board had not even that small amount. It meant that one of the native teachers in the school must have his salary cut again. He had a family of several and was going to school one-half day and teaching the other. (*They teach only half days in South America.*) His salary of 160 pesos can be estimated by dividing it by $2\frac{1}{2}$. Such a meager salary of about \$65.00 per month must be cut. He couldn't understand but was willing to stand by the work. It meant that Antonia, getting a smaller salary, must get only 100 pesos (\$40.00). She said she would not only accept the cut but would teach both sessions a day for 'she would starve with the school'. It meant that a school of nearly one hundred students and several teachers must have only 175 pesos (\$70.00) to run it. It meant sending all boarding students away. It meant closing the school unless salaries could be arranged. It meant that the twice tithes of missionaries would go into those salaries and keep up as long as they could make sufficient sacrifices. It meant that the evangelistic part of our work must stop. We had finally sacrificed to pay for a Ford, had secured a tent for meetings but all running expenses must be cut off. It meant that thousands of souls will be lost".

The Challenge to Adventure

THROUGH His servants Christ is throwing out a challenge to you and

me. Rev. A. E. Jackson of Brazil gives an acrostic of the word and it pictures to us the challenge of that land and people. It is probably characteristic of the whole of South America.

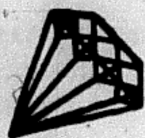
- B**—reminds us of that Bibleless land, Bibleless because Catholicism is a Bibleless religion and because we have not sent them the Word of God.
- R**—reminds us of Rome and the oppression of Roman Catholicism.
- A**—could remind us that she abounds in natural resources and also in undeveloped spiritual resources.
- Z**—reminds us of her zeal without knowledge, her desires and hopes.
- I**—reminds us of our failure and the inadequacy of equipment with which God's servants work.
- L**—might picture her longing—longing for the love which Jesus has for them but of which they know not.

The last letter might truthfully remind us of our laziness as Christians and that God is ashamed of us. In Prov. 10:5 we find these words: "He that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame".

"Look on the fields how harvest is wasting
Waiting for reapers to garner it in;
He that is faithful receiveth wages—
Joy everlasting the reaper shall win."

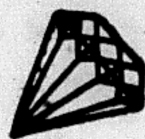
In the spirit of those first explorers of the new world let us join strength with our Admiral who is Christ Himself and go forth to conquest. Remember how Columbus, when so many became as quitters, said to Martino, "I cannot sail the ships without men". Neither can our Admiral sail the missionary ships without men and women. Our prayers, our interest manifested by our sacrificial gifts must go with Him. God needs for us to have the same spirit of determination and loyalty to stand by Him that Martino had. When he said

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE and COLLEGE PAGE

Dedicated to Prize Y. W. A. Tithing Story



All of Woman's Missionary Union has been interested in the Tithing Story Contest. We publish herewith the best Y. W. A. story. You recall that each state was requested to send its best story written by a Young Woman's Auxiliary member to Birmingham that the southwide best might be chosen and the story read by its author at the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, S. B. C., in Chattanooga. Since you could not all hear the story read, we offer it to you on these pages. Many of the best stories written by juniors in the several states will be printed in **WORLD COMRADES** from time to time. Congratulations to Miss Martin of Tennessee!

GOD'S GARDEN

Gladys Martin, Winchester, Tenn.



SLOWLY the slender black-clad woman walked home in the pale February sunshine. Her mind was busy with thoughts suggested by the minister's morning sermon. She recalled his text, taken from the thirtieth chapter of First Samuel: "... but as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall share alike".

He had told in simple words the story of the controversy in David's army; how the soldiers who had fought the successful battle did not want to share the spoils with those who had been left behind to guard the equipment. He told how David had settled the question with the words of the text, not only for that occasion but for all time, making it one of the permanent laws of his kingdom.

The minister had frankly commended the ones who stayed with the baggage, the unrecognized heroes of some of the world's great battles. He had said that some one must do this; that it was as necessary as the fearless bravery of the battle field. Some must fight the spectacular battles and win great fame; others must stay where they are and also fight battles but without recognition. But both battles, well fought, win equal honors from God, the Great Judge.

Mrs. Jameison was doing some real thinking now. What was she doing for God? Was there something she could do? The minister had said, "Each one of us has work to do for Him". What was hers?

The questions crowded closer. Was life really worth-while? Could there be something left for her outside her care for her sons? This new thought was indeed incredible.

Three months ago she had returned to her old home with her two small sons after the death of an adored husband, who had been killed in an automobile accident. When everything was adjusted, it was found that there was almost noth-

ing left for the support of the little family except Mrs. Jamieson's childhood home which had become hers at the death of her mother two years before.

The house itself was in very good condition, but the grounds had been neglected. The whole place wore an untended air which had been little changed since her arrival. All her time had been spent in sewing, in order that she might have money for her immediate needs. There had been no money for the church; and very little time had she cared to go to church. Once or twice she had gone but each time had come away unimpressed. Her mind had been so centered upon her own cares that the thoughts and actions of others meant little to her.

Today seemed different. She had not intended to go to church. And yet she had found herself preparing to go. Now she wanted to serve with those "that tarry by the stuff", as the minister had said.

But how? She had no money, no apparent resources. The care of her children made it impossible for her to leave home during the day. Her health, at no time quite vigorous, had been completely broken by the shock of her husband's sudden death. She was not strong enough to undertake any work.

What, then, had she to give? She had hardly enough to enable her to live. It was madness to think of giving out of such poverty. But the Lord's tithe, the part that belongs to Him already—what was she doing with that?

"I am stealing from God", she thought hopelessly, "when I do not give Him this tithe. I pay my grocery bill because I must; but I have been giving nothing to God, not even my time".

Then suddenly the solution came. It was so simple that at first it seemed valueless. She needed no money! The ancient Jews, who lived as God's people and gave Him back a tenth of their possessions, had no money. They tithed their flocks and their herds. They tithed their harvests. Abel brought his offering from his flock and God accepted it.

She would do the same thing. There was her mother's glorious old flower garden: neglected, it is true, but still there. She would grow flowers and give God a tenth of them. She would give a tenth of her time to Him. She would visit the sick and do little kindnesses for those in need of them.

Swiftly she began to plan. Her visits to the sick began almost at once. There was an old woman in the neighborhood who was an invalid. She knew the old lady was crabbed and difficult but, until she called, she did not know just how hard it is to cheer some one who does not care to be cheered. She came away feeling that the effort was almost too great for her strength.

But gradually, as she made more visits, it became less difficult. There was a little girl who was recovering from a severe illness. The small shut-in became an inspiration to her. Some of the bright hopefulness of the sick child seemed to transfer itself to the visitor as she called again and again, bringing with her each time a toy or a story-book.

As the days grew warmer she began to investigate her gardens. She remembered where the tulips used to grow and the long rows of daffodils. There were a few straggling plants in the perennial border. The roses needed pruning and the climbers had fallen away from the trellises and fences where they were accustomed to trail their pink and white and yellow splendor.

There was much to do and she had little strength for it. But because the desire had such a hold on her, she worked in the garden for a short while each day. She painted the trellises and the latticed fences white; she pruned the roses, dug the matted grass from about the edges of flower beds and cleared away the dead grass and plant stalks. She remade some of the flower-beds. Others which she remembered contained bulbs and those whose contents she was not sure of she left until later, when the plants should begin to grow.

When at last the earliest daffodils came the garden was ready for them. The

first six brightened the day for a neighbor who was ill with influenza. The next ones went to church to be a golden spot of joy to minister and congregation alike.

Almost every day brought its new delight as she visited the garden. Here in a corner she would find wood violets showing themselves above the brown earth; there the snowdrops were almost ready to burst into bloom. Over near the stone flagging she could see the broad green swords of the iris. When she remembered the great clumps of peonies, she went to find them, half fearing they had been smothered out by weeds. But the hardy stalks were already out of the soil.

She bought seeds and carefully planted them, some under glass, some in the outdoor soil. She would have flowers, masses of them, all during the long, beautiful summer months.

On the Saturday before Easter-day her tulip beds were a flame of glory. As she looked at them her heart was filled with a sort of quiet ecstasy, closely akin to worship. They were to be the flowers for the Easter service. Carefully she selected the perfect blossoms and placed them in the beautiful old brown jars which she had found in her mother's cellar.

Although for days she had visualized the little church abloom with her tulips, she was amazed when she beheld the perfect beauty which seemed to be reflected in the soft, rosy glow from the stained glass windows. Never had the church looked so lovely and never, she thought, had the service been more beautiful.

The next morning as she answered a knock on the door, she recognized a woman whom she had seen in the congregation the day before.

"Those marvelous tulips!" the visitor said, "Would you sell them?"

Mrs. Jamieson's heart almost stopped. The opportunity for which she had prayed had come. She hesitated only long enough to steady her voice.

"I shall be glad to let you have as many as you want", she answered, looking at the mass of color to her right which was dozens of tulips just touched by the morning sun.

When the visitor went away she carried with her an armful of tulips and Mrs. Jamieson went into the house to count what was to her untold wealth. It was her first money from the garden, a tenth of which was to go back to the Lord of all growing things, the Giver of gifts!

This first sale was followed by others as the spring grew into summer. Roses began to bloom. Iris, lilacs, peonies, lilies filled the garden with beauty. She added new plants to her garden and spent much time tending them.

People came to Mrs. Jamieson's garden whenever they needed flowers. Strangers stopped to gaze at the well-kept garden with its white trellises, its wide flagged paths and its riot of color. Many times they went in and bought flowers from the sweet-faced woman they found there.

Long ago the sewing had been abandoned. Suddenly one day she awakened to the realization that she was well again in mind and body. The garden had given her back her strength and a peace which had not been hers for months.

She had a bank account which was increasing. Each Sunday morning she brought to the church the most beautiful blossoms from her garden, "the Lord's tithe", she called them. Each Sunday her offering grew larger, for she was tithing her money as well as her time and her flowers.

Her children, too, were learning the same blessed privilege. They were the proud possessors of a small flock of white leghorn chickens. Carefully she had explained to them that, when the eggs were sold, one tenth of the money was to go into God's treasury. With her help they counted this out and each Sunday morning placed their tithe into the collection plate. The other nine tenths were their own, some of which went into a tiny savings account which they had started.

From this small beginning, which cared for the immediate needs of her family,
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"For a MEMORIAL of HER"



PRECIOUS beyond words to describe is the account (*Mark 14:3-9*) of the anointing of Jesus with the "alabaster cruse of ointment of pure nard very costly". The narrative closes with the words which through the ages have encouraged women in Christian service: "Whosoever the Gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, that also which this woman hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her".

Among the many who have poured forth their lives in perhaps an equally devoted way was Mrs. W. R. Nimmo of Baltimore, whose picture is to the left. When she passed from earth to Heaven last November she left a really fragrant record of many years of Christian service through Woman's Missionary Union. For twenty-one of those years she prepared programs and much other material for the Union's magazines, *OUR MISSION FIELDS* and *ROYAL SERVICE*. For even a longer period of time she was tireless in her

literary efforts for the W.M.U. Literature Department.

Eminently appropriate was it, therefore, that at the May meeting in Chattanooga it was decided to give "for a memorial of her" one thousand dollars out of the reserve capital of the W.M.U. Literature Department. Half of this amount will be sent through the Foreign Mission Board to the China Baptist Publication Society, the interest of the \$500 to be used in translation work in connection with Chinese W.M.U. literature. The other \$500 will be sent through the Home Mission Board to the Cuban W.M.U. to be similarly used in its publication work. Thus through the years Mrs. Nimmo's interest in mission literature "shall be spoken of for a memorial of her".

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there grew a business which increased from year to year. A greenhouse was added and more outdoor room for growing plants. In a few years Mrs. Jamieson was the owner of a successful florist's business. Her health and happiness were restored to her; and her sons were being taught the principles of Christian living. But in all these years of success she kept her account with God, giving Him the first fruits.

Some of her neighbors called it luck, but Mrs. Jamieson knew it was the protecting, guiding hand of God. He needed her, not to go out into the world carrying His message; but to teach it at home, "to tarry by the stuff", living a planned life and doing for others a great number of small kindnesses in the Saviour's name. She had indeed brought her whole tithe into the storehouse and God had opened the windows of Heaven and poured her out a blessing such as is received only by those who consecrate their lives wholly to Him.



FOSTERING THE SUNBEAM BAND AT PILOT CHURCH

THE Junior Y.W.A. of the Tabernacle Baptist Church organized on Sunday afternoon, October 11, 1925, a Sunbeam Band at Pilot Mill Baptist Church with twelve children present, all of whom joined. We have now twenty-six little Sunbeams.

We keep the children interested in mission work. They enjoy mission stories of all kinds. We have to make our programs interesting in order to have a good crowd and keep all of the children from going for a Sunday afternoon ride or walk. Therefore, we have what interests them most and that happens to be stories of the little Japanese, Chinese, African, Mexican, South American and other foreign boys and girls. We gave out individual pictures of all the foreign children so that our Sunbeams could see how their costumes and manner of dress differed from the American children. We made Japanese and Chinese villages, too, last year in order to understand how the people in these countries live.

Children love pictures and so we have posters to illustrate our Scripture verses and for learning new songs. Each Sunbeam is given a blue-bird to put on his card when he learns a verse from the Bible. Our singing is always good when the children have illustrations of the song before them.

Last year we had a fish pond in order to get new members. The little girl who caught the most members and who had the most fish in the pond at the close of the quarter received a prize. This year we are giving the little paper doll boys and girls to those who bring others.

We have gradually trained the children until now they will unhesitatingly lead in prayer. We let them tell what

they are thankful for and what blessings they have and what good gifts are theirs and after they have talked freely about these things they are in a spirit of devotion and are ready to thank Him who is the Giver of all things.

At different seasons of the year our Y. W. A. girls plan surprises for the Sunbeams. This makes our meetings more interesting because they never know when they will have a surprise gift of some kind.

We meet every other Sunday and some of the Sunbeams beg to meet every Sunday, so that proves that they enjoy being Sunbeams. We hope that we are training these little children so that they will always be so anxious to come to God's "Holy House" and then our mission will not have been in vain.
—*Lillie Mai Scruggs, N. C.*

HOW ONE W.M.S. IS HELPING to FOSTER ANOTHER

THE Ruby Anniversary has been a real joy to our Woman's Missionary Society because we have had a part in it. We organized a W.M.S. with four members in a small country church. In a short time they had twelve and there are now seventeen, sixteen of whom are active. The members say that the W.M.U. work has been a spiritual uplift and that they found much joy in having a part in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and other gifts to missions.

Each of our circles subscribes for ROYAL SERVICE for them and one circle writes a message of love and encouragement each month. We are offering our mission study books to them. The president also writes often and meets with them whenever possible. Through love and prayer these things are accomplished.—*Mrs. H. P. Flaughner*

A HUNGRY JEWISH HEART

Jacob Gartenhaus, Atlanta, Ga.

THE pastor in whose church I was scheduled to speak, desiring to give my meeting some publicity, telephoned the city editor, giving him some information about me and suggesting that I be interviewed. Thereupon the editor invited me to his office where more information could be given. I had not been there long when a reporter was called in and the remainder of the interview was with him. His looks alone, as far as the writer was concerned, betrayed his nationality: immediately I knew him to be an Israelite but what puzzled me was the fact that from among all the reporters in the office, he should have been chosen for me.

During the first part of our interview he was unusually silent, except to ask questions. It was when I referred to myself as a Jewish Christian that his features suddenly took on a new interest.

"I am like you", he said with a smile.

"But what do you mean", I asked. Was it possible that I was meeting with a brother Jewish Christian?

Then he told me some of his history—how he had set out upon the career of a rabbi but during his studies had become dissatisfied with orthodox Judaism and all its empty ceremonies, customs and traditions, on the one hand, and with reformed Judaism with its lack of spirituality, on the other hand. He paused here for a while, as if pondering deeply on what he had disclosed. Then quite suddenly he asked: "What made you become a Christian and join the Baptist church?"

"Well, I shall try to tell you briefly", I replied. "Upon a careful study of the New Testament in the light of the prophecies of the Old Testament con-

cerning the Messiah, I was amazed to find that the prophecies were fulfilled in the most minute manner in the life and work of the Christ of the New Testament. But to accept this Jesus who was hated by our forefathers was quite another matter, and especially did my Jewish spirit rebel against accepting a religion of idols, which I had seen practised with my own eyes in Europe, and placing my faith in a Messiah in whose name and by whose followers our people had been cruelly persecuted and ruthlessly slaughtered.

"But"—I continued—"as I perused the New Testament more deeply, I discovered that this religion of Jesus was not an idol religion; on the contrary, His teachings were decidedly against idolatry; Christianity is a belief in one God and no more. I found also that, instead of persecution, Jesus everywhere taught the right of individual conscience and the utmost freedom in religion. He even went further than Moses and taught that we should love our enemies and do good to those that hate us and despitefully use us. Why should we, then, hold Christ responsible for persecutions executed in His name, when in truth He taught His followers to love all and forgive? Surely this was an injustice to Him.

"I kept up my study of the New Testament until one day it was very clear to me that to accept Jesus was not turning against Judaism which I, like so many of our Jewish people, believed. No, indeed! It was merely the acceptance of the fulfillment of the hope of the prophets, and to reject Him meant the rejection of Him for whom our forefathers have been hoping.

"Now in regard to your other question as to why I became a Baptist: I in my studies found that both the be-

lief and teachings of Baptists coincide with the New Testament and, further, I discovered that throughout all their history Baptists have never persecuted the Jews". I paused.

"If that is what Baptists believe, then I am a Baptist", he said.

I gave him some literature on the subject, for which he thanked me most profoundly. Thus our interview became a deep discussion of Christ and the principles of the Christian faith.

The next evening I spoke in a church which was located three miles from the center of town. It was a cold night and the rain was coming down in torrents. Imagine my utter surprise to see, as I faced my audience from the pulpit, none other than my reporter friend enter the church. Immediately I changed my subject, remembering throughout my message that enquiring

Israelite who fairly drank in my words. After the service he manifested even a greater interest than before, telling me how he had taken a taxi in all the rain to come and hear me. He invited me to his home for dinner the following day, when we resumed our interesting discussion.

Thus we have the true picture of a hungry Jewish soul who, having failed to find joy and peace in the Judaism of today, severed his relations with it, searching in vain for something that would satisfy. Our cities are filled with such young men, and how deplorable that they are seldom, if ever, approached by those who can offer them that for which they long! May our readers unite in earnest prayer for this capable and brilliant man and others like him, that they be brought into touch with Him who came to seek and to save such ones.

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to Columbus, "I'll not turn back"—the reply came, "I've need of friends like you".

Will we prove our friendship for South America and for our Christ? Will we?



SUGGESTED OUTLINE for SECOND Y. W. A. PROGRAM

Material referred to will be found in W. M. S. Program, pages 13-19.

TOPIC—Like unto Leaven—Matt. 13:33

The quiet, pervasive and persuasive influence of the missionaries and the church activities they have established has truly been "like unto leaven" that a woman put into a measure of meal. It is spreading and spreading, making its influence felt throughout the continent.

Hymn—Wonderful Words of Life

Scripture—False Worship and True: Ps. 115:4-5; I Cor. 8:4; John 4:21-24

The Leaven in the Churches

In the Sunday Schools

In the Hospitals and Orphanages

In the B. Y. P. U's.

In the Schools

Woman and the Leaven (W. M. U. Work)

The Spreading of the Leaven (Achievements)

Shall the Whole Be Leavened? (Liabilities and Assets)

Hymn—Jesus Calls "Me"

Closing Prayer

CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James

Only as new tides of spiritual life are set flowing in the church can the tasks be met.—John R. Mott

AT THE Jerusalem meeting of the International Missionary Council there gathered 240 men and women from fifty different countries for the purpose of discussing changing conditions on the mission fields and how to meet the situation. In the council there were sixteen who were known to be Baptists. They came from England, United States, Canada, Japan, China, the Belgian Congo, Calcutta, Burma, Turkey and South Africa. The meeting was held on the Mount of Olives in a building provided by German Christians several years before the World War as a place of rest and retreat for missionaries. It was returned to their possession barely in time for them in their own name to tender it to the International Missionary Council for their meeting March 24-April 8.



IN THE first half of the year the 100th anniversary of the birth of Jean Henri Dunant, the real founder of the Red Cross movement, was observed by fifty-six nations. Dunant's flag, that of Switzerland, is red with a white cross and was just reversed to make the banner with which we are all so familiar. This banner as we all know is white with a red cross in the center.



THE BRITISH INDIAN CENSUS a few years ago gave 5,396,895 as the Christian constituency of India of whom 440,000 were Baptists. The next largest denomination is the Church of England. The Fundamentalist group in that church, who are known as the Bible Church Men's Society, practice only immersion in all their mission fields.

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CHILE, SOUTH AMERICA, has declared for separation of church and state. Priests of the Roman Catholic Church may teach in the public schools *without state pay* but the same privilege is granted protestant ministers also.



A BAPTIST LAYMAN of the Northern Baptist Convention, traveling in South America, writes in an article in "Missions": "In South American countries during 400 years of power, the Roman Catholic Church seems to have utterly failed to build up in her people that moral background which makes strong nations. In Uruguay the people have revolted against the Catholic Church and have become agnostic".



"REPORTS from the mission fields in China bring the story that when Charlie Hartwell, one of the best known among southern Baptist missionaries, died at the post of duty recently, it was decided to bury his body at Chefoo, a distance of some hundreds of miles away. Lacking the facilities of a train or motor car for the transportation of the body, the fellow missionaries were planning to use coolies instead. But so loyal were the Chinese students of the missionary that they declared: 'Not a coolie shall touch him—we will carry him'. And carry him they did!"



A SUNBEAM BAND in Shanghai, under the leadership of a fine Chinese young woman, Alice Wong, last year raised the sum of \$240 (Mexican—about \$120 U. S.) for a library of their own.



TRAINING SCHOOL



SOME PICTURES SEEN in HOUSE BEAUTIFUL by a SOUTHERN BAPTIST MISSIONARY

IT WAS my privilege not long since to spend a week in our Training School. It is with great pride I use that possessive pronoun. I believe that the heart of every southern Baptist woman would thrill with joy if she could visit House Beautiful and realize that it is ours: ours by reason of our gifts to it, our interest in it, our prayers for it, and our girls who are being trained there to become efficient workers for the Master of it.

The building has been described and pictured so often that even those who have not seen it must feel that they know exactly how it looks. Indeed it is beautiful but it is of the spirit of the house I wish to speak. From the time the door opens to receive a guest until it closes after the good-byes have been said, the presence of the Unseen Guest makes it truly the House Beautiful. His presence is felt in the loving service each of the other and in the very apparent desire to be helpful to others. So evident is this that one comes to believe that each student has for her motto: "Others, Lord, yes others. Help me to live for others that I may live like Thee".

The week passed all too rapidly, but the pictures retained in my memory will always stay with me: pictures of groups of young women, with serious, earnest faces, clustered together preparing for an examination or shivering together over the possible results; groups of young women around the dining-room tables trying to talk of other things while minds were busy reviewing the lectures for which they were to be held responsible that afternoon; the picture of the student-body lined up in the hall, making a triumphant arch by clasping hands high overhead. Under this arch walked their "Little Mother" while bright faces smiled tenderly at her as they sang of their loving appreciation of what she means to them. They certainly believe in saying it with words as well as with flowers at our Training School.

But most beautiful of all the pictures my memory recalls is the one of the early morning service in the chapel. My heart thrilled within me as I waited with the Little Mother for the chord to sound which would bring the young women marching down the long aisle, two by two, and quietly slipping into their places. Their earnest young faces, as they sang the morning song and as they listened to the message, will long be an inspiration. In this service comes an understanding of why the spirit of the school is so beautiful. Starting the day with song, with prayer for guidance, with an eager interest in Kingdom work, with an earnest desire to have a part in that work and, above all, with a sincere longing to have Him use the life, no wonder this group of young women is so different; no wonder the school is known over the south as the House Beautiful. I am most grateful to the Giver of all good gifts for this intimate glimpse of this power-house from which will go the knowledge of Him to give light to all the world.—Sallie Priest, China

CURRENT EVENTS—(Concluded from Page 31)

"THE distribution of Bibles in Russia continues" writes Dr. Rushbrooke. He adds that the Baptist Union of U. S. S. R. holds permit to print 25,000 Bibles in Moscow and only the lack of funds prevents the publication and distribution of the Scriptures on a much larger scale.



PERSONAL SERVICE



TURN the FAUCET!

IT seems but yesterday since our village was astir with the laying of pipes and the installing of plumbing, necessary for an efficient modern water system. Most grown-ups were familiar with the equipment needed, but many youths kept busy investigating, asking innumerable questions. When a small neighbor boy was told that a bounteous supply of good cold pure water would pour through the pipes, he would scarcely leave the faucet for days before the water was turned in. When at last he turned the faucet and a clear fresh stream gushed through with tremendous force he became more excitedly curious than ever. He must see the source miles away. He had observed that the pipes were useless when empty. now he observed that the abundance of water was useless unless accessible and that, even if the pipes were full, it was not only useless unless someone turned the faucet but that it would become harmful by stagnation.

And so it is with us: God, the Great Source of all our benefits, has poured out to us a constant stream of blessings. Too often we have kept them, gloried in them, sought even others. From observation, I believe there is where we fail most in our W. M. U.

We have failed to turn the faucet. Many around us are perishing for the cup of water we could give them—just for the word we are too busy to speak.

We see the need, we have it in our hearts to help, we want to lead the lost in the Way but our time is taken up enjoying our friends in our weekly meetings, delighting in keeping in perfect running order the beautiful system our W. M. U. leaders have worked out for us. We so exult in the smooth whirl of the machinery as we pursue the same routine that we neglect the chief motive: that of leaving the ninety and nine and seeking the one.

We need as individuals to turn off on a tangent that leads into the by-ways to search out and bring in the thirsting. We need most of all to lead the auxiliaries, which we are fostering, into this "in-as-much" channel. For many years by following our W. M. U. plan we have been diligent in securing the best material available to lead our auxiliaries, assuaging our conscience that we have done our full duty and have been satisfied to thus dismiss the missionary training of our children.

Not for one moment would I minimize the importance of the teaching service, daily Bible reading, mission study, keeping of reports, the necessity of keeping the machinery in excellent running order—either in our adult or auxiliary organizations—but since the plastic age is the most valuable time to lay the fundamentals of life, I would that we might become aroused to immediate and constant activity in impressing our children that "freely ye receive, freely give" is the chief motive of all their activities. Once this ideal is implanted deep in their lives there will be less need to stress personal service in the succeeding adult organizations.

There has always been a high premium on hand-made articles. The salesmen stress hand-sewed, hand-embroidered, hand-carved, hand-polished articles. The government with all the machinery at its command has found no better way to polish stamps than by hand.

We need to learn again the lesson of the personal touch from our Great Teacher. He set the example as "He went about doing good". Much more is said of His individual deeds than there is said concerning His preparation, His teaching or His preaching.

If stressing personal service reports
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Reviewed By Mrs. Julian P. Thomas, Va.

ROYAL PARTNERSHIP

STARTING with the words of Jesus, "Henceforth I call you not servants but friends", M. E. Melvin, D. D., general secretary of the Stewardship Committee of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., has given in his "Royal Partnership" a book to make us look closely into our relationship to Christ. He goes into the meaning of the words *fellowship* and *partnership* as used in the New Testament and shows that in the original they are the same word; then gives very fully the thought intended to be conveyed by that word.

He says that his purpose in writing the book is not primarily for increased giving but in the simplest and most fundamental way to deepen the faith of men and enlarge their Christian life. He urges the practice of "Royal Partnership" as the only cure for many of the social problems of the age.

Order from Baptist Foreign Board, Richmond, Va., price in paper 50c.

OWNERSHIP

THE author, Miss Clementina Butler, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, says that her book, "Ownership", was written for the "average woman". The "average woman" will find it both interesting and stimulating.

Though it is one of the many books now issuing from the press on stewardship, it is in reality an appeal for the recognition of God's sovereignty and ownership of the world. She bases her argument for giving, beginning with the tithe, on the obligation to the ruler of the universe. The threefold stewardship—of prayer, personality and possessions—is urged as incumbent on all who call the Saviour Lord.

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CHRISTIANITY and SOCIAL PROBLEMS

"CHRISTIANITY and Social Problems" by J. M. Price, director of the Religious Education Department in the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, endeavors to show us how we, as Christians, may live in present conditions and help to solve the problems these social conditions create. The author tells us the book is intended for those who have not made a special study of sociology, and he therefore begins with an introduction of two chapters on the nature and functions of the social order. He then takes up in Part I the "Social Principles of Christianity", and in Part II he gives the problems of the present day and tells wherein we have failed and how we may, in some measure, remedy prevailing conditions.

While we may not always agree with him, we shall find his suggestions stimulating and helpful. His bibliography will prove most useful to students of social conditions.

The book may be obtained from the Sunday School Board, S. B. C., Nashville, Tenn., price \$1.60.

The CHRISTIAN APPROACH to the JEW

IN APRIL, 1927, something unique in the history of the world happened. The protestant churches of the world, awakened to their duty to the Jews, met in conference, under the auspices of the International Missionary Council and the Conference of Missionary Societies of Great Britain and Ireland, at Budapest in Hungary and Warsaw in Poland, for the purpose of considering Jewish evangelization. Dr. John R. Mott, of the U. S. A., was chairman and Dr. MacDonald Webster, of Edinburg, secretary, with representatives from Europe, Asia, Africa and America. The general topic

was: "The Christian Message to the Jews".

The findings of this Conference have been published in a volume with the title, "The Christian Approach to the Jew". Introductory to these findings is a "Report of the Conferences" written by Dr. James Black, minister of the United Free St. George's Church, Edinburgh. This report greatly enhances the value of the findings, giving the history of the enmity between Jews and gentiles, the gradually changed heart of Christians towards our Jewish brothers, the preparation for the Conferences and an account of the manner of holding them.

Sessions of the whole conference were at first held, chosen speakers opening up each sub-section. This was followed by general discussion. Translators rendered these talks into English or German as needed. Delegates were then allotted to various "Findings Committees" and retired to discuss and present later the results of their work.

Dr. Black says of the atmosphere of the conferences that the delegates felt they were living in a day of big opportunity and that, like the apostles, they told of the great things God had done

for them. There was a large number of Christian Jews among the delegates, and the discussions were from both the Jewish and gentile angles. Every side of the subject was discussed, and the findings are presented in the most concise and forceful language.

Prior to the conferences, questionnaires were sent to approved missionaries and church workers of many denominations. A digest of the information thus received was drafted, and a summary of it is presented in this volume. In addition to this, special papers covering many important aspects of the Jewish question, written by outstanding authorities on their subjects, are given in the appendix.

The volume thus presents an authoritative expression from the best minds in all our churches on this all important matter of the evangelization of the Jews and should be carefully studied by every denomination that proposes to take up this branch of mission work. It makes a mission study book of thrilling interest and should help break down any prejudice against our Jewish brethren.

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PERSONAL SERVICE (Concluded from Page 33)

stimulates mission activities in our W. M. U. let us emphasize them "ten times doubly so" in our auxiliaries. Our present report slips would seem to cover the field but, unless by tabulating results we are led to our full possibilities, it is our duty properly to emphasize in all our meetings the importance of the personal touch. Judging from total reports I have studied we are not doing this. I find very few checking "Efforts to Win to Christ" and "Tithers", the two services most indicative of our Christian living. By properly emphasizing these continually in all meetings,

especially for those above the primary age, I believe we would observe gratifying results and, by including "Special Service to Parents and Others in the Home" in the reports for the smaller children, we would teach unselfishness and thoughtfulness.

Our leaders are not to be censured. They have designed and handed us the "blue prints". No perfection of our organization, no system of committee work, no mere missionary machinery will take the place of the personal touch glorified and quickened by the love of Jesus.—Mrs. S. W. Hopkins, Okla.

In Apology—A very prosaic error was made in the eleventh word of the poem on the front cover page of the July issue. The word should have been moon. Please correct your copy accordingly.

On to Victory

Tune: Loyalty to Christ

THE bugle's thrilling sound proclaims to all around—
Lo! forty years, forty years, Baptist women brave
Have clasped each others' hands in missionary bands
To send the light, clear and bright, the lost of earth to save.

Chorus

"W. M. U. all hail! you can never fail;
I, your Captain, will lead on!"
We'll answer Him and say, this anniversary day,
"We'll follow on—follow on—yes, on to victory".

O, wondrous Ruby Plain we've gained through toil and pain:
Close by Thy side, Faithful Guide, there was naught to fear;
Our rubies and our gold are Thine to have and hold;
Our service Thine, King Divine, our Friend and Savior dear.

From Ruby Plain behold we view the heights of gold,
Where crimson fades, jasper shades thronged with faces, see
They watch us in the race, they bid us quicken pace
And forward go: ruby glow must end in victory.

—Mrs. Alex F. Burnley, Tennessee

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