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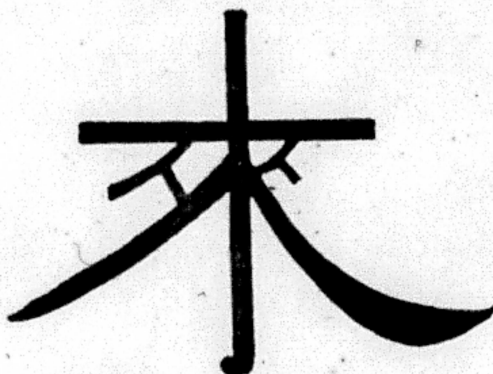


UNION WATCHWORD

Laborers together with God—*1 Corinthians 3:9*

YEAR'S WATCHWORD

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



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(For explanation, see page 5.)

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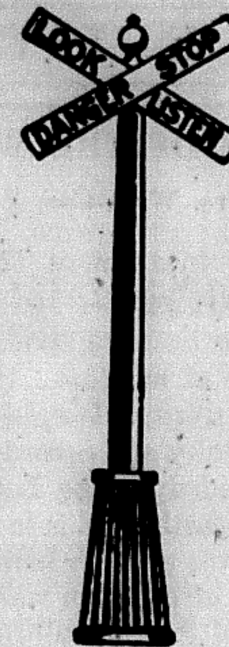
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All the World in All the Word W. O. Carver

BAPTISTS OF THE WORLD IN TORONTO

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



THE fourth congress of the Baptist World Alliance at Toronto, June 23-29, represented the Baptist spirit as a world force. It left on our hearts a vivid impression of the comprehensive, world-wide task of missions. The gathering was great in numbers, great in spirit. Despite the diversity of races and tongues a spirit of unity and accord prevailed at all times. When the voices, in various languages, blended in the Lord's prayer, the words, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven", had a new, a sublime meaning. Above the platform was a large banner bearing the words, "To sum up all things in Christ Jesus". The program was built on that foundation. So much has been written of the thrill of the roll call of the nations and other high moments of the Alliance no further attempt will be made to describe these hours. Instead, some personal impressions and lessons of the meeting will be given.

Before going to this Alliance, no word in our language seemed important or impressive enough for such an occasion. Accordingly, there were misgivings in the heart of the Union representative regarding the message to be delivered at the sectional meeting. As the first session progressed one was brought to the realization that the need of the human heart is universal. The things our own hearts were longing for, reaching, striving for, the hearts of the world were also seeking. Some were seeking blindly, others with understanding and knowledge. There came the conception of confused, surging humanity, in near and distant lands, with similar needs and problems, all seeking and yearning for the true and living God revealed through His Son, the Christ, the promised Messiah.

As one speaker from Esthonia cried, "I come from a free country, but a freedom bought at a terrible price in blood! You won't find a minister in my country that has not been in jail," one suddenly knew the reason of our lack of evangelistic fervor, our mission apathy. We are no longer persecuted for righteousness' sake. We lie at ease in Zion. One messenger said, "We not only preach Christ, we live Him!"

All Southern Baptists felt a just pride in our own S. B. C. president, Dr. George W. Truett, who presided in the absence of Dr. E. Y. Mullins. Indeed, we were proud of every southern Baptist representative on the Alliance program.

On the day of the sectional meeting, the women on the program were invited to lunch in the home of Mrs. Albert Matthews, of Toronto, president of the Women's Baptist Foreign Mission Society of Ontario and Quebec. This delightful contact with representative women from many countries was most stimulating and enjoyable. The social hour together afforded a personal acquaintance and first-hand knowledge of many points of interest. But above all we found the hearts of the women of other lands beating in unison with our own in a common purpose, a common task. This personal contact was an outstanding joy of the Alliance.

The biographers of John Ruskin state that he loved paintings and visited many art galleries. He found the continued study of the brilliant colors irritated and confused his eyes, thus temporarily affecting his vision. To counteract this loss of

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Ruby Anniversary Program

HARVEST HOME

Harvest Hymn—"Oh, Where Are the Reapers?"*Prayer of Thanksgiving* for the "Lord of the harvest"*Scripture Sheaves*—Genesis 42:25-38, 47-49; Ruth 2:1-18; Mark 4:2-8; John 15:8*Prayer of thanksgiving* that Christian living adds glory to God

"Nothing but Leaves"

Harvest Hymns "Bringing in the Sheaves"*Words of Welcome*—Lai: "Come"

On the front cover page is shown the Chinese "character" for the word "come", which is pronounced ly in Chinese. Study of it will show that the lines on either side of the lower part are similar, which lines when used separately form the Chinese character for the word "man". Study of the drawing also shows the outline of the cross. Missionaries say that when Chinese Christians look at this "character" for word "come" it has the following evangelistic appeal:

To the left at the foot of the cross they see themselves—the saved man—to the right they see the unsaved man who should be brought to the cross, to the Great Man, the Savior of Mankind, who said "Come unto Me all ye!"

Thus would the Ruby Anniversary invitation include both the saved and the unsaved, seeking to witness and to win for Christ. For additional help for this talk see article on page 28 of W. M. U. Year Book, "Come Thou With Us".

Harvest Hymn—"O Wonderful the Task" (Page 24 of W. M. U. Year Book)*Prayer of thanksgiving* that those who "come to Jesus" long to take others to Him*Talk*—"An Hundred Fold" (See page 27 of W. M. U. Year Book for help in article,

"Thirty-three Thousand Organizations".)

Talk—Into the Store-House (See article, "A Book of Remembrance," on pages 25-26 of W. M. U. Year Book, also "Why" on page 36 of this magazine.)*Harvest Hymn*—"We Will Carry It Through" (See page 7)*Prayer of thanksgiving* as co-laborers with God*Message from W. M. U. President*—"All Things" (See article on page 3 of W. M. U. Year Book.)*Talk*—Our State: a Mission Field*Prayers of Thanksgiving* for victories through state missions*Harvest Hymn*—"On to Victory" (See page 29 of W. M. U. Year Book.)*Talk*—Put Forth the Sickle, because the Harvest Is Come (Mark 4:20—Let this talk show clearly what yet remains to be done by the society to reach its

Ruby Anniversary aims as to new members, organizations and gifts.)
Repeating (in unison)

"Hark the voice of Jesus calling:
 'Who will go and work today?
 Fields are white and harvests waiting:
 Who will bear the sheaves away?'
 Loud and long the Master calleth,
 Rich reward He offers free.
 Who will answer, gladly saying,
 'Here am I: send me, send me?'"

Accepting Sickles—(To each who who will agree through devoted prayer, personal effort and sacrificial giving to earnestly strive for the church's victory in the Ruby Anniversary should be given for daily reminder in their homes, a sickle on which the unreached goals as to members, organizations and gifts are clearly written. Let the W. M. S. president hold a much larger but similarly marked sickle, holding it in her right hand over to her left shoulder and thus across her heart. Have those who accept the sickles group themselves around her, holding their sickles over their hearts while the president leads in prayer.)

TO THE PRESIDENT: The program as outlined above is, of course, merely suggestive as is the four month's calendar record shown below. The two primary ideas are: (1) the fact that only four months remain in which to win the Ruby Anniversary victory; (2) the observance of the season of prayer for state missions. The hope is that the program as given above will help to stimulate much concern for both, some societies perhaps combining it with the state program since state missions is an integral part of the anniversary. Other societies may decide to use it as a special program for the rallying of their forces after the summer vacations. In any event, it is hoped that the "harvest" idea will be borne in mind, as much "local color" and "atmosphere" being created as taste and time permit. If given in the open it would be effective to have those on the program dressed in farmer fashion, according to the local crop of cotton or grain. Doubly worthwhile it might be to have some of the songs rendered by the young people, for instance: Y. W. A.'s. and G. A.'s. to sing "Oh, Where Are the Reapers?", they bearing sickles; R. A.'s. to sing "Nothing but Leaves", they bearing branches of leaves with no fruit; and Sunbeams to sing "Bringing in the Sheaves", they bearing sheaves of grain. The other songs should be participated in by all the young people and the women. Especial attention is called to the closing scene of the program, the earnest hope being that some plan will be prayerfully presented so that at least a majority of the women and young people will realize that if they pray and work and give then in these four remaining months they will win their part of the Ruby Anniversary victory.

"There is no easy way to serve:
 This life is one of sacrifice.
 With courage and with steady nerve
 For conquest each must pay the price.

"How much of self will you bestow?
 How do you meet the sterner tasks?
 How far for conquest will you go?
 These are the questions victory asks."



"FOUR MONTHS YET — THEN HARVEST?"

This means 3×40+3 days of grace or just 123 days before the close of the Ruby Anniversary.

Shall the year be crowned with

DEFEAT or VICTORY?

Victory is assured if W. M. U. members

PRAY, ENLIST, GIVE

OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
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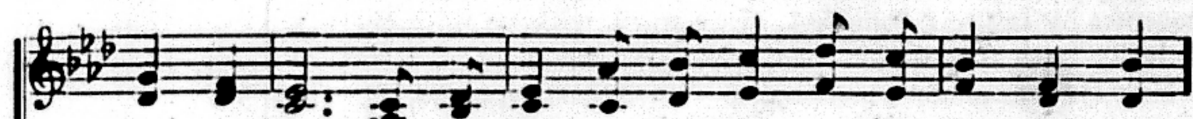
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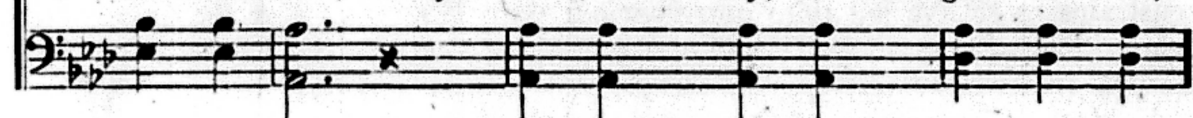
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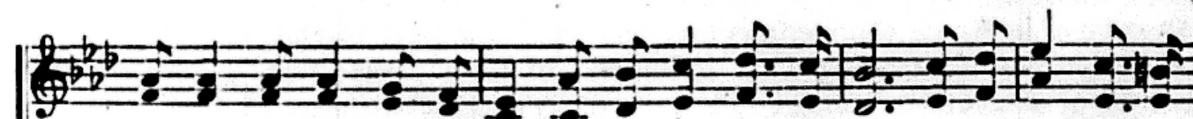
1. How our hearts burned with love as we made our vow, How we thrilled to a
2. Oh, the Mas - ter is watch - ing with lov - ing eyes, As He did once in
3. There are those who would go at the Sav - ior's call, But they wait by a



pur - pose true; We will rise in our faith to the con - flict now,
 days of yore; He is prov - ing the hearts of His chil - dren now,
 fast-closed door; Will you an - swer and say, "I have giv - en all,



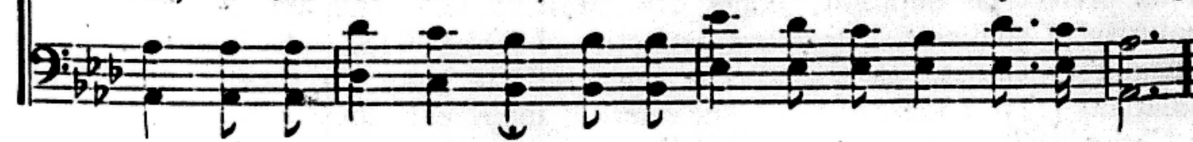
We will do what we said we'd do.
 As He waits by the treas - ury door. We will car - ry it thro', We'll
 I will give what I pledged and more."



car - ry it thro', We will do what we promised to do; For our love will a -



vail, it can nev - er fail, We will work and we'll car - ry it through.



BIBLE STUDY

TOPIC—The Finest of the Wheat

Hymn: "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love"

I. *Christ Revealed to Us—Salvation:* Matt. 16:17; John 6:69; 11:27; Acts 9:20. All the blessings of the Gospel are represented as depending upon the principle of salvation by faith. Salvation is the great inclusive word of the Gospel, Rom. 1:16,17. Are we accepted as though we were guiltless? Rom. 5:1. Are we exhorted to be holy? Acts 26:18. Do we need consolation? Peter 1:8. Do we manifest the Christian life? Gal. 2:20. Do we walk by faith? II Cor. 5:7. Do we stand by faith? Rom. 11:20; I Cor. 10:1-13; II Cor. 1:24. Do we conquer by faith? I John 5:4. In a word, without faith there is no salvation. It is only by faith that we accept Christ—our Saviour and Redeemer—for that purpose which He was sent to accomplish—to save His people, Matthew 1:21.

II. *Christ in Us—Illumination:* Gal. 1:16; II Cor. 4:5,6. Veiled at first, the divine glory gradually shone through the veil more brightly till the world was illumined, Matt. 5:14. Christ loved us and gave Himself for us, and His love constrains us to live not unto ourselves but unto Him that died for us and rose again. Paul speaks of the Gospel of the glory of God, for the Gospel is not only glorious in itself but glorious in the glory of Christ and has that for its theme and object. The mission of the Apostle to the Gentiles was "to open their eyes to turn them from darkness to light", Acts 26:18. The god of this world did his work of blinding; the true God called light out of darkness, Gen. 1:3. The fact is that the glory of God is for us only manifested in the face or person of Christ. "We have this treasure in earthen vessels", I Cor. 2:2. The priceless treasure is the knowledge of the glory of God.

III. *Christ Revealed by Us—Transformation:* Gal. 2:20; Rom. 6:8-13. Christ who gives life by His spirit inspires into the believer His own life by His resurrection from the dead, Col. 3:1-4, and this shows the union with Christ now and hereafter, so we need have no fear of death, I Timothy 1:14-16; II Timothy 1:9,10. Our fellowship with God is the measure of our likeness to Him. "Christ forms our hearts in a more complete manner internally by His love than the law can compel us by its thunderings and terrors." Renewal of the mind is necessary for the purpose of proving what is the will of God. Perfection is only found in the will of absolute holiness, I Cor. 2:8-16. The unseen things of God are undiscoverable by the natural man. God has revealed by the Holy Spirit the deep truths of God to those who are in full communion with God, Eph. 5:18-20.

IV. *Christ Revealed through Us—Manifestation at His Coming.* The early preaching of the Gospel was not abstract discussions but a testimony to facts and truths experimentally known, Luke 24:48; Acts 1:8. Faith is an assent unto truth credible upon the testimony of God delivered unto us by the apostles and prophets. "Holiness is glory in the Lord; glory is holiness manifested." Eph. 4:1-3; the calling here is "His purpose of grace given us in Christ before the world began". But there must be faith on our part, faith manifested by work in which is its perfect development, James 1:4, Matt. 5:48. This implies growth into maturity of godliness, not sinless perfection, I Thess. 1:3. The believer's graces redound to Christ's glory and His glory reflects glory on them, John 21:19; Galatians 1:24; I Peter 4:14. "The finest of the wheat" spiritually and mystically is Christ. "The finest of the wheat" satisfies an obedient people. To them the joys of Heaven begin on earth.—Mrs. James Pollard

FAMILY ALTAR

TOPIC—Prayer

Prepared by Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth: but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayst observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.—Joshua 1:8



For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us, therefore, come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.—Hebrews 4:15,16

Preparation

"Men Ought to Pray."

Saturday, 1st
II Chronicles 7:13-15; James 1:5-7,16;4:8
Sunday, 2d
Jonah 2:1-10; Romans 8:26
Monday, 3d
Nehemiah 1:4-6;4:9;9:2, 33-35; Matthew 6:5-13
Tuesday, 4th
Isaiah 55:6-11; Matthew 7:7-11; 21:22
Wednesday, 5th
Psalms 18:6, 25-31; 22:4,5,23-28; Acts 4:31
Thursday, 6th
Psalms 3:4; 5:1-3; 106:44; 107:6,7
Friday, 7th
Genesis 18:23-33; II Corinthians 12:8

Presence

"He shall teach you all things."

Saturday, 8th
Deuteronomy 4:7, 29-31; Ephesians 3:11, 12,14-19; 6:18
Sunday, 9th
Luke 11:1-13
Monday, 10th
John 14:13,14; 15:7,16; 16:23-27
Tuesday, 11th
Psalms 119:133; 145:18-21; Ephesians 1:3, I Timothy 2:1,5
Wednesday, 12th
Psalm 9:9,10; I Corinthians 14:15; I John 2:1
Thursday, 13th
Psalms 28:6; 30:2; 40:1; Habakkuk 3:2; Matthew 6:5-15
Friday, 14th
Lamentations 3:22-24, 41;5:21; Matthew 26:36-44

Petition

"Let him ask in faith."

Saturday, 15th
I Chronicles 16:11,35; John 6:23-27
Sunday, 16th
Psalm 9:19; Luke 18:1-8; I John 5:14,15
Monday, 17th
Job 22:27; Mark 7:25-29; John 9:31
Tuesday, 18th
Matthew 7:7,8; Mark 9:28,29; Romans 12:12; James 5:16,17
Wednesday, 19th
Psalm 5:1-3; Hebrews 11:6; 13:15; I John 3:22
Thursday, 20th
Psalm 55:16,17; Luke 22:31-46
Friday, 21st
II Kings 19:15-19; Daniel 9:3,16-19; Matthew 8:5-13

Praise

"Let the saints be joyful."

Saturday, 22d
Psalm 150:1-6; Hebrews 13:15; Ephesians 5:19,20
Sunday, 23d
Isaiah 12:1-6; Romans 11:36; 16:27
Monday, 24th
Psalm 105:3; Matthew 26:30; Acts 2:46,47; 4:24; 16:25
Tuesday, 25th
I Corinthians 15:57; Philippians 4:20; James 5:13; I Peter 1:3; 2:9
Wednesday, 26th
Nehemiah 9:6; Luke 2:13,14; John 7:16-18; Revelation 14:7
Thursday, 27th
Habakkuk 3:17,18; Revelation 19:1-7
Friday, 28th
Ephesians 3:20,21; Philippians 3:7-9; 4:6-8
Saturday, 29th
Revelation 1:6; 4:8-11; 5:9-14; 7:9-12
Sunday, 30th
Revelation 11:16,17; 14:2,3; 15:3,4; 22:7,20,21



"PRAY YE"



UNDER the ROOF of the SOUL"

DR. DONALD FRASER of Scotland at the July Foreign Missions Conference Northfield, Mass., in leading the Sunday morning prayer used the expression which is given as the subject of this discussion. Most reverently he pictured God as being humbly invited to abide "under the roof of the soul" of each one who was praying, in all contrition the unworthiness of each being acknowledged. One could almost see Dr. Fraser back in central Africa, where for thirty years he served as a Presbyterian missionary, the thought picturing the hospitality of the humble natives. Added faith came as in his sermon Dr. Fraser told how in the past forty years thousands of Africans have learned what it means to invite God to abide "under the roof of the soul". One story will prove the testimony he bore:

In a certain tribe there was one who was more fearless than all the others, his hands being stained with the blood of many an enemy. But like David he had a tender heart for his sick child so one night, after all the heathen doctors had done their utmost, this distraught father said to the child's mother: "Let us pray to the white man's God!" Down upon his knees he fell and in anguish prayed: "O God, if you will cure my boy, I will be your willing slave forever and so will my wife be and so will be the boy!"

Faith—why call it fatigue?—quieted the weary watchers and they fell asleep. Awakening, the father jumped to the child's bed, naturally fearful. Imagine the joy in his voice when he called to the mother: "Come, see: he is sweetly sleeping"—and so he was: all fever gone, a natural perspiration revealing the fact that the crisis had been successfully passed. Down upon his knees once more the brave man fell, crying out in gratitude: "O God, you have saved my boy's life. Henceforth, I am your willing slave and so is my wife and so will the boy be!"

Dr. Fraser then told of how this man came early that morning to the mission compound to testify concerning his gratitude to God and to ask to be taught the "Jesus Way". From a fierce warrior he became a fearless witness as a Christian evangelist, persuading many to let God abide "under the roof of the soul."

That W. M. U. members may increase the number of those who thus hold communion with God, prayer is given a primal place in Union plans and policies. The Calendar of Prayer (pages 11 and 12), the Bible Study (page 8), and the Family Altar (page 9) are supplied in the great hope of multiplying the number of those who pray individually and as families. It is also earnestly desired that prayer will be the very warp and woof of the circle and society meetings, perhaps it being well to arrange for the extra time to be either before or after each gathering. Under the spirit's guidance prayer may be asked for:

Hearts that in gratitude ask God to abide "under the roof of the soul"

Willingness to remove from the heart and life all that would hinder God from entering therein

Faith to believe that: (1) God is no respecter of persons; (2) His will is always merciful and best; (3) Obedience to His will is the prerequisite to His indwelling presence

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Calendar of Prayer

September, 1928

Prepared by Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

FATHER of all! in every age,
In every clime adored;
By saint, by savage and by sage—
Jehovah, Joye or Lord:

WHAT blessings Thy free bounty gives
Let me not cast away;
For God is paid when man receives:
T' enjoy is to obey.

—Pope

Topic: Family Affairs

1—SATURDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. I. V. Larson,
evangelistic work, Lai Yang, China
Behold, I will send My messenger.
Malachi 3:1

2—SUNDAY

That the ministry of intercession
find a larger place in Christian
lives
Now come I to Thee.—John 17:13

3—MONDAY

For Mrs. D. P. Appleby, evangelistic
work, Petropolis, Brazil
He shall cover thee with His feathers,
and under His wings shalt thou trust.
—Psalm 91:4

4—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Gordon K. Mid-
dleton (on furlough), educational
work, Kaifeng, China
Unto you that fear My name shall the
Sun of Righteousness arise.
—Malachi 4:2

5—WEDNESDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Dawes
(on furlough), evangelistic work,
Tsinan, China
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord
forever.—Psalm 89:1

6—THURSDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. J. R. Mash-
burn (on furlough), educational
work, Pingtu, China
Rejoicing in hope . . . instant in
prayer.—Romans 12:12

7—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Frank P. Lide,
evangelistic work, Hwanghsien,
China
For we through the Spirit wait for the
hope of righteousness by faith.
—Galatians 5:5

8—SATURDAY

For Miss Myro D. Reeves, worker
among Mexicans, Eagle Pass, Texas
Whosoever of you will be the chiefest
shall be servant of all.—Mark 10:44

9—SUNDAY

For all young people entering
school
And they shall be Mine . . . when I
make up My jewels.—Malachi 3:17

10—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Ingram
(on furlough), educational work,
Sao Paulo, Brazil
Take My yoke upon you and learn of
Me.—Matthew 11:29

11—TUESDAY

For Misses **Zemma Hare, *Viola
Humphreys, †Grace Stribling (on
furlough), evangelistic work, Kaifeng,
China
Ye are the light of the world.
—Matthew 5:14

12—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Baker,
educational work, Rio de Janeiro,
Brazil
When they saw the star, they rejoiced.
—Matthew 2:10

13—THURSDAY

For Miss Lillie Mae Weatherford,
worker among Mexicans, El Paso,
Texas
Lay up for yourselves treasures in
Heaven.—Matthew 6:20

14—FRIDAY

For Misses †Lila F. Watson (on fur-
lough) and †Florence Lide (on fur-
lough), educational work, Hwangh-
sien, China
So mightily grew the word of God and
prevailed.—Acts 19:20

15—SATURDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. W. E. Allen (on
furlough) and †*Miss Minnie Land-
rum (on furlough), educational
work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
For ye are all the children of God by
faith in Christ Jesus.
—Galatians 3:26

16—SUNDAY

Pray for editors of religious litera-
ture; also for the Jubilee Celebration
of the Congo Missionary Societies in
Leopoldville, Africa.
I will publish the name of the Lord.
Deuteronomy 32:3

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

Calendar of Prayer

September, 1928

TEACH me to feel another's woe,
To hide the fault I see;
That mercy I to others show,
That mercy show to me.

SAVE me alike from foolish pride
Or impious discontent
At ought Thy wisdom has denied
Or ought Thy wisdom lent.

—Pope

Topic: Family Affairs

17—MONDAY

For Miss Carolyn Miller, worker among Mexicans, Krebs, Oklahoma
That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection
—Philippians 3:10

18—TUESDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Bailey, medical work, Wuchow, China
Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.
—John 2:17

19—WEDNESDAY

For Miss Pearl Dunstan (on furlough), educational work, Pelotas, Brazil
Even so must the Son of man be lifted up.—John 3:14

20—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Bratcher, educational work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the Kingdom of their Father.—Matthew 13:43

21—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Lee, Jr. (on furlough), and *Miss Josephine Ward (on furlough), educational work, Kaifeng, China
That ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ
—Philippians 1:10

22—SATURDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. G. W. Greene, Misses †Lydia E. Green, †Essie E. Smith and †Mary Alexander, educational work, Canton, China
Being filled with the fruits of righteousness.—Philippians 1:11

23—SUNDAY

That Ruby Anniversary aims be kept before societies month by month
I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.—Philippians 3:14

24—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Lowe (on furlough), evangelistic work, Tsinan, China
That the world through Him might be saved.—John 3:17

25—TUESDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Yocum, medical work, and Miss Florence Jones, trained nurse, Pingtu, China
He had faith to be healed.—Acts 14:9

26—WEDNESDAY

For †Dr. Jeanette Beall, medical work and †Miss Alda Grayson (on furlough), trained nurse, Laichowfu, China
The power of the Lord was present to heal.—Luke 5:17

27—THURSDAY

For Misses †Pearl Todd (on furlough), and Rachel Newton (on furlough), educational work, Chefoo, China
It is expedient for you that I go away.—John 16:7

28—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Ullin Leavell (on furlough), educational work and for Misses †Jane W. Lide and †Doris L. Knight, evangelistic service, Hwanghsien, China
Herein is My Father glorified that ye bear much fruit.—John 15:8

29—SATURDAY

For †Miss Olive Riddell, educational work, Pochow, China
By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness.—II Corinthians 6:7

30—SUNDAY

Pray that the love of Christ constrain us to the work of soul-winning.
Keep yourselves in the love of God.
—Jude 21

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

PROGRAM PLANS

WITH the PROGRAM COMMITTEE



FAMILY AFFAIRS is a title that suggests family reunions and the intimate news of near and dear relatives. If the Program Committee has any aptitude for arranging dramatics, a charming little "W. M. U. Family Reunion" may be worked up.

Grandmother W. M. U. is to have a Ruby Anniversary. She lives in Birmingham and all twenty-six of her daughters and their families are to celebrate the Anniversary by a reunion. Eight of the daughters are living in foreign lands; the other eighteen in the states of the Southern Baptist Convention. Of course all of these cannot be put into the small local demonstration but the opening scene may be Grandmother W. M. U. talking over her expected guests with Mrs. Cox and Miss Mallory. All of the states and foreign countries with Unions may be named, and items of especial interest mentioned. For foreign news see "Greetings from Our Mission Fields" in minutes of annual meeting in Chattanooga and in "Reports and Addresses" of that meeting.

The first daughter to arrive is your own state, Mrs. Maryland or Mrs. Texas, as the case may be. With her she has her large family: Miss Y. W. A.; Miss Grace McBride Y. W. A.; Miss College Y. W. A.; Miss G. A.; Junior G. A.; Royal Ambassador; and Sunbeam. Each of these is led up to Grandmother W. M. U. to be questioned, to receive comments on growth, etc. Each organization may carry its shield or banner and should give a brief statement of numbers and gifts in the state. It may also be well to give figures about the local societies.

At the close of the little demonstration, a talk should be made on the "Spirit and Purpose of the W. M. U. Family". This should include prayer, studying, serving, giving and enlisting. Another talk may tell of the three W. M. U. Specials: W. M. U. Training School; Margaret Fund; and Bible Fund. (See W. M. S. program page 20.)

Should the demonstration be unsuited to the society, a chart may be drawn to show the family-tree of the W. M. U. The trunk represents the general Union; the eighteen branches the state Unions. From one of these (representing your own state) draw smaller branches for associations and yet smaller for local Unions. One of these last may stand for your own church and the twigs or leaves be your local societies of different grades.

From the roots of the tree there may be off-shoots representing the eight Unions in foreign countries. The fruit of these trees are the five things, praying, studying, serving, giving, enlisting. Birds nesting in the branches are the three Union Specials.

Yet another plan is to have the whole W. M. U. organization described in a talk. At the close of the program hand around questions about the Union and give out the answers also but do not number them. One question may be, "Where are the general W. M. U. headquarters?" Another "Where are our state W. M. U. headquarters?" The answers are easily mixed and will be amusing and instructive when they are corrected.

The Program Committee will remember that September is the month for coming home from vacations, for school openings, for going off to school. New teachers should be looked up and all Baptist teachers invited to join a society. A farewell to college students may be made a feature of the meeting and all girls going off to school be special guests of the society that afternoon.



*Program Outline and References for
Advanced Missionary Societies*

Prepared by Mrs. W. D. Pye, Arkansas

FAMILY AFFAIRS — GRADED W. M. U.

Hymn—Lead On, O King Eternal
Prayer for reconsecration to the cause of Christ
Devotional Topic—A First Family: II Tim. 1:1-14
Hymn—Faith of Our Fathers
Topic 1—The Family Heritage
Topic 2—The Family Group and Relations
Prayer that our home and church life may honor the ideals of Christ
Hymn—God of Our Fathers, Known of Old
Topic 3—The Family Homes
Topic 4—The Family Finances
Prayer that in all things we may follow the example of Christ
Hymn—Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Topic 5—The Family Activities
Topic 6—The Family Altars
Hymn—Take My Life and Let It Be
Prayer "that in all things He might have the preeminence"

FOR the devotional topic we recommend a study of an early Christian family which laid special emphasis on consecration and training of both young and old (II Timothy 1:1-14). There are doubtless other Bible references which might furnish as much food for thought, as for instance Proverb 31:10-31.

Realizing that the heritage often influences the trend of "family life", we suggest for reference in preparing topic 1, "A History of the Baptists", volumes 1 and 2, by Dr. John T. Christian. Since these are large books, a perusal of the table of contents will possibly determine which chapters will be most helpful. Consult index of volume 2 for chapter mentioning your particular state. Also read the "History of the Christian Church", chapters 1, 2, 3, 10, 21, by F. J. Foakes-Jackson, and "God's Call to America", chapters 1 and 2, by Dr. George W. Truett.

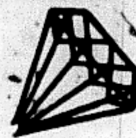
Let topic 2 be a discussion of: (1) the full graded Woman's Missionary Union; see "In Royal Service", by Miss F. E. S. Heck; "A Decade of W. M. U. Service", by Miss M. M. Lackey; your state history if you have one in print; "Manual of W. M. U. Methods", chapters 2-6; and "Telling You How", by Miss Juliette Mather; (2) Show the relation of W. M. U. to conventions or state associations, district and associational groups and departments of the church (S. S. and B.Y.P.U.). Your state headquarters may have a leaflet that will help you.

Topic 3 is to be a talk on churches. Consult "The New Challenge of Home Missions", chapters 2, 3, and 6, by Dr. E. P. Alldredge, and "Southern Baptist Handbooks for 1924 and 1926" by same author.

Finances and W. M. U. Specials are to be discussed for topic 4. Read "W. M. U. Manual", chapters 9 and 11, the report of the Margaret Fund and Training School in W. M. U. minutes, your state treasurer's report and report of Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, treasurer, in W. M. U. minutes.

Prayer, study, gifts and service and other aims of W. M. U. will form a basis for topic 5. See Plan of Work in W. M. U. minutes or Year Book; also section 4 of program material in this issue of ROYAL SERVICE.

Since the salvation of souls is the chief aim of all "family effort", let topic 6 be a discussion of evangelism and soul-winning.



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PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER

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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.

FAMILY AFFAIRS

Prepared by Mrs. W. C. James, Va.

Hymn for Year—The Kingdom Is Coming (See page 36 of July issue.)
Watchword for Year—Enlarge....spare not....lengthen....strengthen—Isaiah 54:2
Prayer for the co-operative work of southern Baptists and the workers (also using Calendar of Prayer, pages 11 and 12)
Bible Study—(See page 8)
R. A. Hymn—The King's Business (See page 49 of W. M. U. Year Book.)
Prayer that W.M.U. members make the King's business their chief aim in life
Scripture Reading—John 13:34-35; 17:11,17-23
Family Ties
Y. W. A. Hymn—O, Zion Haste (1st and 3rd stanzas: see page 47 of W. M. U. Year Book.)
The Graded W.M.U.
The Woman's Hymn—Come Women, Wide Proclaim (1st and 2nd stanzas: see page 46 of W.M.U. Year Book.)
W. M. U. Specials
G.A. Hymn—We've a Story to Tell to the Nations (1st and 3rd stanzas: see page 48 of W.M.U. Year Book.)
The W. M. U. in Action: Praying, Studying, Serving, Giving, Enlisting
Ruby Anniversary Hymn—On to Victory (See page 36 of August issue.)
Closing Prayer



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Questions on—Family Ties—I

What are the signs of kinship among Christ's followers and what is the tie that makes of the W. M. U. a family?

Name the officers of the south wide W. M. U. giving the name of your own vice-president also the officers of your state W. M. U. and the superintendent of your associational W. M. U.

In how many foreign countries do they have Women's Missionary Unions?

FAMILY TIES—I

Ties That Bind—According to the meaning of the word there are two senses in which members of a Christian organization may be considered a family. All people who claim God as Father and Christ as Elder Brother may be said to have kinship one with another.

From Christ we learn that the requirements necessary for membership in His family are love to God and to our fellow men, the signs of kinship being love and fruit bearing:—"By this shall all men know ye are My disciples, that ye love one another" and "By their fruits ye shall know them". The fact that God has greatly blessed the work of the Woman's Missionary Union is convincing evidence that most of its members belong to the great family of Christ with the signs of kinship manifest in the life and work of each.

The other sense, in which a Christian organization may be considered a family, is in having distinctive principles and special ties that draw them into a closer fellowship than that existing among the great body of Christ's followers. Therefore each denomination, or any organization of a denomination having some special tie, constitutes a family. In this sense therefore our Woman's Missionary Union is a family, for the many women and young people connected with the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention and who compose the membership of the Union, have been drawn into a close fellowship and bound together for a special purpose, which purpose is to foster the

missionary spirit among the women and young people of all the churches and to secure their earnest and sympathetic cooperation in collecting and raising money for missions. "Laborers together with God" is the watchword that summons all W. M. U. members to action under the organization colors, lavender and white. This watchword is engraved on the Union pin, the design of which is the Union seal or the family "coat of arms".

Home Connections—The W. M. U. family is divided into various groups by states, associations and churches. All work with the same purpose in view, following the same general methods, but each does the distinctive work necessary in its own territory.

The southwide W. M. U. with headquarters in Birmingham, Alabama, 1111 Comer Building, has as officers a president, eighteen vice-presidents, (one each from the eighteen state W. M. U.'s.) a corresponding secretary, a young people's secretary, a recording and an assistant recording secretary and a treasurer. These, with a number of women living in or near Birmingham, constitute the Executive Committee, which transacts the business of the Union between sessions of the annual meeting. This annual meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of business is held at the same time and place as the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention and is composed of the officers and other members of the Executive committee, with thirty-nine delegates from each of the eighteen state W. M. U.'s. Visitors are always welcomed. Reports of the year's work are made, plans for the cooperative work of southern Baptists and for the special W. M. U. work are presented and discussed, and new visions are caught from inspirational addresses. In conference ideas are exchanged as to the best methods for carrying on the work, certain definite plans are decided upon, goals are set and the work is apportioned among the state Unions.

Much the same plan of organization and practically the same methods are followed in the state and associational W. M. U. organizations. The state W. M. U. is composed of the W. M. U. organizations in the churches of the Baptist General Association of the state or convention, and the associational W. M. U. of those in the churches of the district association. The annual meetings of each are made up of representatives from the societies in their respective territories.

(Note: See literature of your own state for further information.)

Foreign Relations—In nearly all of the countries where our Foreign Mission Board is at work missionary societies for women and young people have been organized here and there in the native churches and are doing good work. But in Cuba, Brazil, Chili, Africa, Japan and in north, central and south China the societies have been united into organizations similar to our own W. M. U. and are thus combining their efforts in training the women and young people of the native churches to do their best in the evangelization and Christianization of their own people.

Questions on Graded W. M. U.—II

What are the names and age limits of each group of the Graded W. M. U.?

What responsibilities has the W. M. S. for the other societies of the Graded W. M. U.?

What is a Standard Graded Union?

What are the fundamental aims of the Union?

THE GRADED W. M. U.

THE W. M. U. family in the home church is grouped into societies according to age and is known as the Graded W. M. U. Each of these societies has aims, ideals and plans especially adapted for the development of its members and for their part in helping to carry out the purpose of the Woman's Missionary Union. When the members of one society reach the age limit of that society, it is planned that they shall be promoted to the grade next higher, each receiving a promotion

certificate which should be awarded at special promotion exercises.

Each grade of the W. M. U. has a passage of Scripture as a watchword, also a hymn fitly chosen which, if kept in mind, will serve as an incentive to worthy endeavor. Each also has a pin, so designed as to remind the members of the ideals toward which they strive and is worn as a sign of membership and of loyalty to the ideals.

The Woman's Missionary Society (W. M. S.) is for the women who are willing to admit that to be a woman full grown is an honor not to be despised. The W. M. S. is expected to enlist the young people of the church by organizing and fostering the other societies of the Graded Union.

The colors of the W. M. S. are lavender and white; and the pin is that of the whole Union. A new watchword is chosen each year—the one for this year being: Enlarge—spare not—lengthen—strengthen—Isaiah 54:2.

The Young Woman's Auxiliary (Y. W. A.) is the society for young women seventeen years and above. The aim

of this society is to unite the young women of the church in an enduring missionary enterprise. Their watchword is found in Daniel 12:3—"They that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever". Their hymn is "O, Zion Haste", their colors being Nile green and white.

The Y. W. A. elects a counselor whose responsibility it is to meet with the girls, to help and advise them. She must be a member of the W. M. S. and approved by that society.

Two sister organizations of the church Y. W. A. are the College Y. W. A. and the Grace McBride Y. W. A. The College Y. W. A. is especially adapted for girls in Baptists schools and colleges and for Baptist girls in state schools. The W. M. S. in a college town has a special duty and privilege in fostering the College Y. W. A.

The Grace McBride Y. W. A. is for nurses in training in hospitals and is under the direction of the Women's Missionary Societies of the Baptist churches in cities where hospitals are located. This organization is named in honor of Grace McBride, a Christian nurse who graduated from the W. M. U. Training School in Louisville and, while serving as a Red Cross nurse in Siberia during the World War, died of typhus fever. The motto of the Grace McBride Y. W. A. is—"On Highest Mission Sent".

The Girl's Auxiliary (G.A.) is a missionary organization for girls from 9 to 16 inclusive and may be divided into two grades—Junior G. A. (9 to 13) and Intermediate G. A. (13 to 17). The purpose of the G. A. is two-fold: First: to develop symmetrical Christian girlhood; second, to bind together the girls of the church in world-wide service for Christ. The G. A. watchword is "Arise, shine, for thy light is come" Isaiah 60:1, their hymn, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations", and their colors, ribbons of green and white with a cord of turquoise blue. The counselor of a G. A. must

be approved by the W. M. S. but may be a member of either the W. M. S. or the Y. W. A.

The Order of Royal Ambassadors is a Baptist missionary organization for boys from 9 to 17 years of age and may be divided into a Junior R. A. Chapter (9 to 13) and an Intermediate R. A. Chapter (13 to 17). The object of the Order of Royal Ambassadors is to enlist boys in the missionary enterprise, through the study of God's Word and of the lives of missionary heroes, and by conduct and gifts to do their part in helping to reconcile men to God. "We are ambassadors for Christ" is the motto of the Royal Ambassadors. Their hymn is "The King's Business," their colors, royal blue and gold.

The counselor selected for an R. A. Chapter must be reported to and approved by the W. M. S. and, if possible, should be a man who loves missions and boys, else a woman with the same qualifications. The Scout Movement and the Hi-Y Clubs add much to the ethical and Christian development of boys and girls but neither can link them to the life of their own churches nor do they make any pretense of training them in denominational activities. Therefore loyalty to the church, to the denomination and to the missionary enterprise demands that the Woman's Missionary Union organize and foster Royal Ambassador Chapters and Girl's Auxiliaries.

Believing in the necessity of early training, if a life is to fulfill its highest destiny, and that no life measures up to its possibilities outside of service for Christ, the women began in the early days of the modern missionary movement to train little children in missions. Even before the W. M. U. was organized there were in Baptist churches societies for children known as Sunbeam Bands. These soon came under the fostering care of the W. M. U. In the Graded W. M. U. the Sunbeam Bands of today are for boys and girls under nine years of age. "Be a Little Sunbeam" is their hymn and yellow and white are their colors. The leader

of a Sunbeam Band must be selected by the W. M. S. but may be a member of either the W. M. S. or the Y. W. A.

The leader of the Sunbeam Band and the counselors of the other societies are expected to report regularly to the W. M. S. and in this way keep the women informed concerning the activities of the young people. This also affords the leaders and counselors the opportunity to make suggestions to the women, thus helping them to do what is necessary in their fostering care of these societies.

Since attainment measured by one's own standards is apt to breed content, uniform Standards of Excellence for all grades of organizations have been established by the W. M. U. The purpose of each point of these standards is to show the progress an organization has made in trying to reach the fundamental aims of the Union, which are: Individual and United Prayer; Bible and Mission Study; Soul Winning; Enlistment; Personal Service; and Systematic and Proportionate Giving.

The W. M. U. Year Book is a book of reference for all societies and is furnished to the presidents and circle leaders of the W. M. S. and to leaders and counselors of the young people's organizations. Organization leaflets and manuals of methods for each of the

young people's organizations are published by the W. M. U. auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention and may be secured from the state W. M. U. headquarters free of charge.

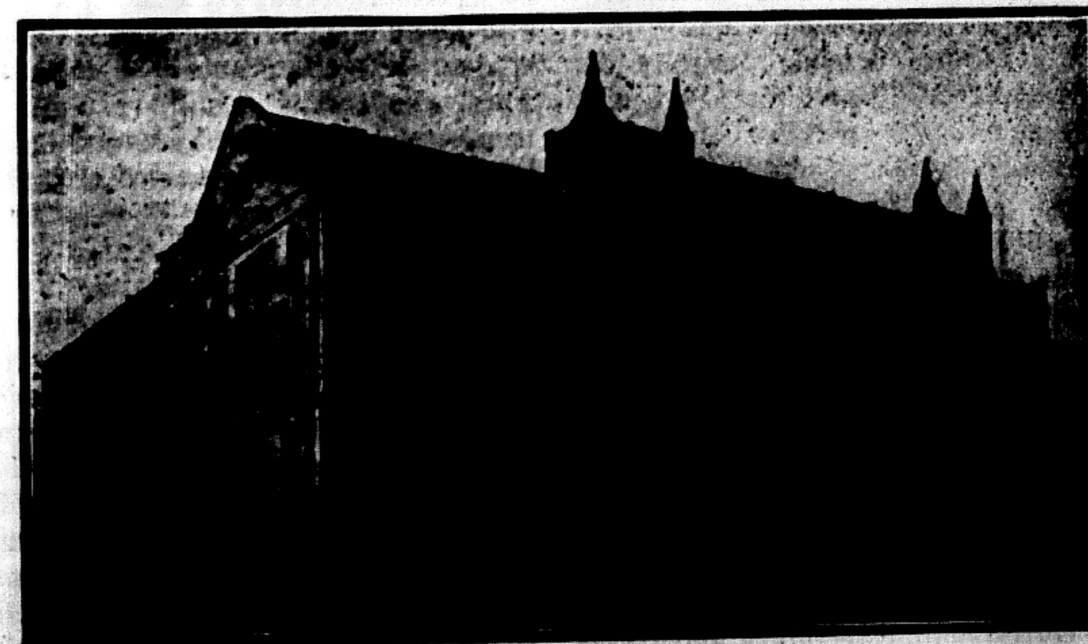
A full Graded Union in a church must have a W. M. S., a Y. W. A., one Girl's Auxiliary, one Royal Ambassador Chapter and a Sunbeam Band. If each one of the five grades makes all points on its Standard of Excellence during the year, the Union is then a Standard Graded Union and will be awarded a banner for that year by the southwide W. M. U. We had at the time of the annual meeting in May 10,989 Women's Missionary Societies, 3,147 Y. W. A's., 4,029 G. A's., 2,128 R. A. Chapters and 5,858 Sunbeam Bands. 2,896 of these societies made all points on the Standard of Excellence and there were 121 Standard Graded Unions.

Questions on W. M. U. Specials—III

In what sense are the W. M. U. Training School, the Margaret Fund and the S. S. Board Bible Funds W. M. U. Specials?

Name the principal of the Training School and the trustee from your state.

Name of the chairman of the Margaret Fund and the committee member from your state.



House Beautiful

W. M. U. SPECIALS

THE Woman's Missionary Union has its share in the support of every interest fostered by the Baptists of the south, but there are three interests which in a very real sense are special interests of the W. M. U., the Union having promoted them and assumed the entire responsibility for the support of the first two. They are the W. M. U. Training School in Louisville, the Margaret Fund and the Sunday School Board Bible Fund.

The W. M. U. Training School—The Training School, through the cooperation of the faculty of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and with its own faculty, is enabled to offer courses leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Missionary Training and Master of Missionary Training. Young women graduates of a high school are admitted, but college graduates find themselves better equipped for the heavy work of the two years' course for the bachelor's degree and for the additional year for the master's degree. A special course of one year is offered for the training of young women as nurses, also a thorough secretarial course. The school owns and maintains a well equipped Good Will Center, where the students have a fine opportunity for practical missionary work in addition to the city mission work done in Louisville.

The Training School property is valued at \$285,000 and the Good Will Center at \$42,000 making the total valuation \$327,000. There is an endowment of \$159,505, the income from which, plus the amount paid by the students for board and supplemented by gifts from the state W. M. U.'s each year, provides the running expense of the school. Each state W. M. U. maintains loan scholarships for those students who are not able to pay all their own expenses.

The school is under the direct oversight of a local Board of Managers who, together with the W. M. U. president, corresponding secretary and treasurer and one trustee from each state,

constitute the full board of trustees. Last year there were 124 students from 13 states and several foreign countries in attendance.

The Margaret Fund—This fund was established to assist in the education of the sons and daughters of S. B. C. foreign missionaries and of S. B. C. home missionaries working outside the United States. The scholarships of \$300 each are intended to be used for board and incidentals of students attending school away from home. Tuition scholarships are usually given by our Baptist schools to Margaret Fund students.

The lives of these boys and girls so far away from home have been brightened by what is known as the "mothering" plan. Each state W. M. U. "adopts" a certain number of these students and through the year the women send such extra gifts to their students as would naturally be prompted by a mother-heart, thus remembering the mother who, as our representative, is far away giving the good news of the gospel to lonely souls.

The Margaret Fund has an endowment of \$50,025, the income from which is supplemented by gifts from the states and is administered by a committee composed of the W. M. U. president, corresponding secretary and treasurer and a member from each state. The student who is granted a Margaret Fund scholarship must be at least fifteen or sixteen years of age and be able to meet the requirements of the standard for such students. There were 68 students receiving Margaret Fund scholarships last year.

For further information concerning the Training School write for a catalogue—334 East Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky. Concerning the Margaret Fund write your own state W. M. U. headquarters for the leaflet, "The Margaret Fund" by Mrs. Frank Burney.

Sunday School Board Bible Fund—For every dollar given by the W. M. U. to this fund the S. S. Board gives a dollar for Bibles to be distributed by

our home and foreign missionaries for use in Good Will Centers and for distribution by W. M. U. members in the work of Americanization, among prisoners and in very needy places.

Questions on W.M.U. Family Praying, Studying, Serving, Giving, Enlisting—IV

What do you consider the best method for cultivating the prayer life in your society?

What methods has the Union adopted for promoting Bible Study? Can you name ten books in the mission study courses, particularly those on prayer, stewardship and soul winning?

What is the aim of all personal service?

How many tithers in your society? What is your apportionment? Will you make it?

Give the financial and enlistment aims of the Ruby Anniversary. Have you made your enlistment aims?

THE W. M. U. FAMILY IN ACTION

Praying—A study of the life of Christ and of His teachings brings one face to face with the fact that He not only considered prayer essential in His own life and work, but absolutely so in the life and work of His disciples. Recognizing this fact the Woman's Missionary Union encourages prayer on the part of all members and has definite plans for its cultivation and use.

Since it is in the inner circle of the home that children learn their most lasting lessons, the Union in suggestions concerning prayer places the family altar at the head of the list. That Christian parents pray for their children and for guidance in training them, there can be but little doubt, but a question arises that is vital: Do parents by precept and example let their children know they believe in prayer? Teaching children the conditions of effective prayer and praying together with them concerning matters of interest to each will produce impressions and form habits which will endure. Regular use in the home of the Calendar of Prayer in Royal Service should arouse the interest

of the children in denominational affairs and in missions.

In addition to the maintenance of family altars in the homes Woman's Missionary Union urges that all women unite with the great company of women, both in home and foreign lands who have pledged to pray, each in her own home, every morning at nine o'clock, for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. Other plans for the cultivation and use of prayer are as follows:—Regular use of the Calendar of Prayer in society meetings; prayer either before or during the meeting of society or circle for objects suggested on the "Pray Ye" page in ROYAL SERVICE; Cottage prayer meetings, when and where they would be helpful; and faithful observance of the Weeks of Prayer for Foreign, Home and State Missions.

A careful study of the prayers recorded in the Bible would undoubtedly result in a better understanding and use of prayer. As additional aids to this end the Union recommends Intercessory Prayer (McClure) and How to Pray (Torrey).

Studying—No Christian can hope to be truly intelligent concerning the things of the Kingdom and the principles, on which the missionary enterprise is based, who does not study God's Word—the greatest of missionary books. Consequently the Union suggests plans which in addition to work done in the Sunday schools will stimulate Bible study.

Of course in the development of a society program the reading of passages from the Bible must never be omitted and should be carefully chosen so as to fit in with the topic for discussion. Special Bible topics are suggested for each month of the year. Use of the "Family Altar" page in ROYAL SERVICE would keep the topic before us each day, while an earnest study in society or circle meetings of the topic as developed on the magazine's "Bible Study" page would add much to a knowledge of the Bible. Memorizing great passages of Scripture, thus hiding

them in the heart where their flowers of truth may blossom, will undoubtedly bear fruit in the life.

Without a knowledge of the transforming influence of missions in the world and the need for further missionary endeavor, no Christian can be as intelligent a follower of the Lord as he or she might otherwise be. This being true the Union has in its plan of work very definite methods for the study of missions. The Standard of Excellence requires that there be at least one meeting of a society each month, having a definite missionary program, for which a topic is suggested and material furnished. The standard further requires a mission study class or reading circle in the year and that a definite proportion of the society members shall subscribe to the W. M. U. periodicals, for Home and Foreign Fields and for the state denominational papers, in all of which may be found missionary information and missionary stories. The W. M. U. periodicals are the two magazines: ROYAL SERVICE, published monthly for use by members of the W. M. S., the Y. W. A. and the leaders of other W. M. U. organizations; and WORLD COMRADES, also a monthly magazine for use in G. A.'s., R. A. Chapters and Sunbeam Bands. The College Bulletin is published bi-monthly for the college Y. W. A. There are mission study courses with the award of seals, and certificates have been arranged to encourage further study. Information concerning these will be found in the W. M. U. Year Book, in the manual of each grade and in the free leaflet "Mission Study Courses". Last year 20,393 classes were conducted and 133,061 seals awarded. Free literature giving help in each department of the work may be secured from your own state headquarters, while from the W. M. U. Literature Department in Birmingham can be bought, at nominal cost, leaflets and other material that will further the efficiency of the society work. Counselors and leaders of Y. W. A.'s, G. A.'s., R. A.'s. and Sunbeam Bands

will find the W. M. U. Correspondence Courses for leaders invaluable. Information concerning them can be secured from W. M. U. headquarters in Birmingham. Summer assemblies, camps and house parties for the various W. M. organizations offer fine opportunities for mission study and training in W. M. U. leadership.

Serving—When Christ was on earth He went about among the people and saw for Himself their condition and needs. He placed His own hand on the fevered brow, He touched the blinded eyes with His own fingers and spoke the word of comfort and cheer that brought new life and hope and courage. In other words He went about in person "doing good" thus winning His way into the hearts of the people that He might give them a more abundant life and win them back to the Father, whom He represented and upon whose power He depended. "Personal Service in His Name" therefore has a world of meaning in it. It means to go in person according to His will, as His substitute to study the needs of people and in His spirit to relieve suffering, thus bringing hope and courage into darkened lives. Such service as a means unto an end cannot but make the communities in which we live sweeter and purer and will surely result in winning souls for Christ.

The W. M. U. Year Book, the organization manuals, special personal service literature, particularly the leaflet, "Directed and Individual Personal Service" arranged in the question and answer method, and study books recommended by one's own state W. M. U. headquarters will help in understanding and in doing this exceedingly important work. Since soul winning is the aim of all service in Christ's name, the Union recommends for study "Talks on Soul Winning" (Mullins) and "The Plan of Salvation" (Crouch). Until a passion for the lost and for the real Christianization of the whole community in which we live takes possession of us, the spirit of sacrifice and service will

be wanting, and personal service will not be understood nor put into practice as it should be.

Giving—Believing that systematic and proportionate giving, which is one of the fundamental aims of the Union, is the outgrowth of Christian stewardship, much emphasis is therefore placed on the study and practice of stewardship. By means of frequent programs in the societies, by discussions in ROYAL SERVICE, at associational, state and annual meetings, by the study of the books, "Stewardship and Missions" and "The Larger Stewardship", both of which are in the mission study courses, and by other means, the duties and privileges of stewardship are constantly kept before W. M. U. members. Tithing, as the outward and concrete recognition of stewardship, has been insisted upon since the beginning of the Union but for the past months has been particularly emphasized. Seeking to encourage tithing, members are urged to sign the Stewardship Covenant Cards and wear the tithing pins, to employ the tithing record cards to make sure they are systematic, and to use the tithing boxes furnished by the Union in which one may gather the tithes. There are now on the records 67,792 tithers from 17 states, 42,363 of whom are women.

All W. M. U. members are expected to give liberally to the cooperative work of Southern Baptists which includes: *Foreign Missions, Home and State Missions, Christian Education, Ministerial Relief, Orphanages and Hospitals.*

The W. M. U. specials and the special offerings to foreign, home and state missions ingathered during the Weeks of Prayer for these objects claim a fair proportion of W. M. U. gifts. The total

gifts of all the societies in all the states for all causes amounted to \$2,772,220 in 1927. \$4,000,000 is the goal for 1928. Shall we not in one year give \$100,000 for each year as an expression of gratitude for the blessings of God during forty years of "Royal Service"?

Enlisting—Without doubt the most vital need of southern Baptists today as perhaps it has ever been is enlistment. Wise indeed were those early workers who had the idea of enlistment written into the purpose and object of the Woman's Missionary Union. From the beginning plans for enlisting the unenlisted have claimed the best thought of all concerned. For years a special month was set apart as enlistment month. The Standard of Excellence requires a ten per cent increase in active membership for this year and the organization and fostering of other societies.

Again the women were wise hearted in deciding to celebrate the Ruby Anniversary by making the fortieth year an enlistment year. In view of the vital need and the promises of God the aims are none too high and should continue to challenge every W. M. U. member to supreme endeavor.

The enlistment aims are 40,000 new members enlisted by the end of 1928 in organizations existing in January, 1927 and more than 9500 new societies organized since that date. Should these aims be reached and should the great host of women and young people these figures represent be truly enlisted to pray, study, serve and give, great power will be added to the work of the Union and because of it the coming of the Kingdom hastened.

"Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion!"

"THE Mail and Empire" reporting the address of our own president of Woman's Missionary Union said "Mrs. Cox in her address 'Womanhood for Missions' drove home to the hearts of thousands of women at the Baptist World Congress the vital fact that woman has a very definite place in the world and that Christianity elevated woman to humanity's greatest height".



Y.W.A. PROGRAMS



Material found in the general program on pages 15-23 as well as other items in this issue will be quite helpful to supplement the following program. 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—"Windows toward Jerusalem"

Hymn—The Kingdom Is Coming (See inside of front cover page of W. M. U. Year Book).

Scripture—Isaiah 54

Prayer that we may obey the voice of our watchword (Isaiah 54:2)

Introduction

The Acrostic: O-U-R R-U-B-Y Y-E-A-R

(The material given for each of these eleven talks is necessarily brief. Let each girl enlarge on hers by bringing in original thoughts.)

Hymn—On to Victory (Make type written copies from page 29 of W. M. U. Year Book.)

Sentence prayers for loyalty in closing months of Ruby Anniversary year

Securing of Pledges

POSTER

A big red heart for this "Ruby Poster" will be attractive. Draw a thermometer down the center. Call the glass rod the Graded W. M. U. At the top of the mercury print the Ruby Anniversary goals. Have the mercury running up through "Prayer, Bible and Mission Study, Enlistment, Personal Service and Giving." Print over on one side:

Through prayer, Bible and mission study, enlistment, personal service and giving we will reach the "Ruby Goal".

At the bottom of the poster print:

Come and see where the mercury registers for our Y. W. A. Place
Time

Introduction

"NOW when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house and, his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God." These were windows of opportunity for Daniel—opportunity to seek guidance and power—opportunity to witness for the God to whom he dared to pray in opposition to a decree which forbade it.

In Woman's Missionary Union there are thousands of women and young people looking through windows of opportunity: in prayer, Bible and mission study, soul-winning, enlistment,

personal service and giving. Ever since that first "Missionary Society" recorded in Luke 8:1-3, women have been looking through windows of missionary opportunity. Even in that day, we are told, certain women ministered unto Christ of their substance. Since the morn of the resurrection when Christ commanded them to go and tell, have women been looking and seeing and telling the "Story". Ever since that day when Christ taught the Samaritan woman how to be a witness for Him, women have been winning souls. Since the days of Dorcas have women been ministering to the needy through personal service. Since the day when Mary broke the alabaster box, women have

made sacrificial gifts to Jesus. Since the May day in 1888 when women of our south organized their efforts, have their eyes seen new and larger visions, have their ears heard new calls and their hearts responded to greater challenges.

The Acrostic

Our Ruby Year

O, YES, you've heard several times of this being our "Ruby Year" because it is all in the family. You know that forty years have passed since southern Baptist women and young people said: "Let us be laborers together with God, for in union there is strength". The fortieth anniversary of such a mighty union of strength and efforts is not a thing to be merely spoken of and then dismissed: it is a great forward movement in which we want to have a part. During this year we have looked back and have been thrilled over past history of beginnings, struggles and victories. But looking back with grateful hearts means looking forward with greater faith to larger efforts.

As we review the past and study the present, we see the weak places and feel like exclaiming in the words of another: "Hats off to the past but coats off to the future!" So not altogether because it is our 40th birthday are we trying to do many big things this year but because a worthy past deserves a worthy future and because weak places of the present need to be made strong. Under the watchword, "Enlarge — spare not — lengthen — strengthen", are we sailing this year. As we enlarge our visions, program and gifts—as we lengthen our days of service—as we strengthen our organizations by enlistment and prayer and Bible study—as we spare not ourselves—surely then we can sing: "The Kingdom is coming."

UNION plans were made on the basis of past achievements and present needs. We have thought for months in terms of forty:

40% increase in organizations
40,000 new members
\$4,000,000 in gifts

Many associations and societies have partly or wholly reached their goals. But 1928 is rapidly passing and it is time to ask you a question: "What have you done? What has your Y. W. A. done to assure victory when early in 1929 we come to make up reports? Have you checked up to see where you stand?" If not, you have no accurate idea of how much or how little you have done. Let's just answer a few questions that may show where you stand.

Are you

REACHING the unenlisted? Have you taken a census to find out the surprising number of young women who should be in your Y. W. A.? Have you checked over the church-roll, the Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. rolls? If not, then your organization is one that could cause Woman's Missionary Union to fail in the final round-up. Have you tried to use uninterested girls on programs or have you given them responsible tasks that might challenge? Have you tried new ways to make programs attractive, full of life and appeal? What about all the leaflets with which you might have won some girl? Are they in the waste basket or did you never order them from Birmingham? Where are all those posters you were going to use to attract girls to the Y. W. A.?

Are you

REACHING the younger boys and girls? Do you realize that the reason there are so many girls of Y. W. A. age who are indifferent is because they were not trained in the Sunbeam Band and G. A.? Do you realize that a generation of young people educated in missions would solve all our denominational problems? Do you know that G. A.'s and Sunbeams are flattered when a Y. W. A. girl wants to lead them? Really, what effort have you made to organize a Graded W. M. U. in your church? Why not have a training class studying the G. A., R. A. and Sunbeam manuals? After you have trained leaders your chief problem is solved. Have a mass meeting of all young peo-

ple of the church up to seventeen years of age. Divide according to ages and organize immediately. Brighten up these windows of opportunity—the missionary fostering of younger girls and boys.

Are you

UTILIZING all talents? Do you know how many girls could do well on programs or do you always use Mary and Jane because they are tried and true and because it is easier to get the parts to them? How many girls haven't yet felt that the Y. W. A. is theirs because they always do the listening? Maybe there is hidden talent of voice or expression that would add tremendously to programs. Every girl has a gift for some part of Y. W. A. work and your business is to make her fit into her place. Utilize socials for enlisting new members. How about a "Ruby Anniversary Banquet" using the place-cards for sale (10c a dozen, 50c a hundred) by the Birmingham office? Programs and decorations carrying out the ruby idea will attract indifferent girls. Utilize every talent possible. What about pageants? You can help to bring in larger gifts from the women and men of the church by a simple, well costumed and effectively presented pageant. The Birmingham office has such for sale. Look through windows of talent-searching.

Are you

BRINGING the tithes into the storehouse? How many new tithers have you enlisted this year? Are you keeping up with pledges made and are you enlisting new pledges with new members? A four-minute speech at every meeting, on stewardship and the New Testament plan of giving will enlist larger gifts. What about the study class you planned on stewardship? How many of the fine tithing leaflets that are available have you distributed? "Obey my voice, saith Jehovah, and ye shall be My people". "Ye are My friends if—" but if we do not keep His commandments can we claim the

blessings that are the fruits of a partnership? "Bring ye the tithe" is a command. Christ puts us to the test by saying: "If ye love Me ye will keep My commandments—if ye love Me ye will feed My sheep". We can do both these things with the tithe. Until we settle this matter of giving it will be like saying, "Lord, Lord," and not doing the will of our Father.

Rubies are significant of sacrifice. Have you really made a sacrificial gift to Him who sacrificed for you? What effort have you honestly made to bring into your treasury toward the Ruby Anniversary goal? Have you presented every new member with a pledge card to the co-operative program? Have you checked up to see how much you have not given?

Do you know the

YEAR is three-fourths gone? What has and hasn't been done? Check up and find your weak places. Really do some counting work in a hurry. If you've made your goals, then help some other Y. W. A. or see what you can do to help your W. M. S. or some of the other organizations to win. "Time is priceless. There is a certain devout Christian who continually prays: 'Lord, time is so precious that Thou hast given it to us in heart-beats.'" May we use the time in every heart-beat to bring victory between this and the end of the year. Opportunities are hidden away in the hours and days that we allow to slip by. The marginal note in the Revised Version for the expression "redeeming the time" is "buying up the opportunity". May we not sleep but plan and see plans turn into deeds. Make plans today to do the thing you have hitherto failed in doing. "God, give us the will to build above the deep intent—the deed, the deed!"

Are you

YOURSELF fully consecrated? If not, can you expect to enlist those on the outside? If you are not, then all the splendid plans and hours of labor are vain.

"Though critics may bow to art and I am its own true lover,
It is not art but heart that wins the wide world over.
Though perfect the player's touch, little if any he sways us
Unless we feel his heart-throb through the music he plays us."

Are you enlisting

EVERYBODY in prayer? Nothing else is so important—not even the much effort that we must make. Prayer is the key to victory in this year of special enlistment and giving. "A friend undertook one day to unlock a box in a vault at the bank and after a number of attempts sought the banker's assistance. He was informed that the reason he could not open it was because they had to use the master-key first." The master-key in the hands of our W. M. U. is prayer. There were times in Christ's life when prayer was more important than even teaching and performing miracles. Luke 5:15-16 tells us that when multitudes pressed for His healing He withdrew to pray. Prayer was more important to be taught than praying, for He taught men how to pray but gave no form of preaching, merely laying the responsibility of preaching upon us. Sometimes people are heard to lament the fact that all they can do is to pray. Might we not remember that prayer is the greatest thing we can do? Do you pray definitely for the victory of this great Ruby Anniversary undertaking? Are you really praying

for those whom you have tried and failed to enlist? Are you praying for larger visions and larger gifts? Look toward "Jerusalem" through the windows of prayer.

Are you

ALLOWING difficulties or laziness or any of those diseases to check your efforts? This is a year for reviewing of efforts that have always failed before. They must not fail this year. Surely for one whole year we can make Kingdom work the pre-eminent thing in our lives. Do not spend your energies elsewhere until you are sure you've left nothing undone to win victory. Putting first things first this year will put Christ in the fore-front not only of our lives, but also in the fore-front of a world of souls.

Are you expecting to

REAP victory? Or is it possible that you are not particularly concerned? You certainly don't want to wear the crown without having borne the cross. Would you be willing to march in line with a victorious state if you had not done your part? Reaching the goal is not easy. (See verses on page 6.)

SUGGESTED OUTLINE FOR SECOND MEETING

(Material will be found in the W. M. S. program as indicated. The "family" introduced in costume would add to the interest.)

TOPIC—Introducing the Family

Hymn—Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Scripture—"Laborers together"—I Cor. 3.

Prayer of thanksgiving for unity of service

Family Ties—(See W. M. S. program, page 16.)

How Many in Family?—(See W. M. S. program, Graded W. M. U., page 17.)

Little Sister—(See page 18.)

Big Sister—(See page 18.)

Little Brother—(See page 18.)

And the Sunbeam Twins—(See page 18.)

How This Family Spends Its Time—(See W. M. U. Family in Action, page 21.)

The Family Hobbies—(See W. M. U. Specials, page 20.)

Hymn for Year—The Kingdom Is Coming (See inside of front cover page of W. M. U. Year Book.)

Prayer that this "W. M. U. family" may make its influence felt in the earth



COLLEGE Y.W.A.



COLLEGE Y. W. A. HONOR ROLL

Encourage your daughter to help make her college Y. W. A. A-1 in 1928-29. It was as follows last year:

Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, La.
Southwestern Training School, Fort Worth, Texas
Woman's Missionary Union Training School, Louisville, Ky.

Alabama

Alabama Polytechnic Institute
Judson College
Newton Collegiate Institute

Arkansas

Ouachita College

Florida

Stetson University

Georgia

Bessie Tift College
Mary P. Willingham School
Norman Institute

Kentucky

Bethel Woman's College
Georgetown College
Magoffin Institute

Louisiana

Louisiana College

Mississippi

Blue Mountain College
Clarke Memorial College
Hillman College
Mississippi Woman's College

Missouri

LaGrange College
Southwest Baptist College
Will Mayfield College
William Jewell College

New Mexico

Montezuma College

North Carolina

Boiling Springs High School
Campbell College
Chowan College
Fruitland Institute
Mars Hill College
Meredith College

Oklahoma

Oklahoma Baptist University

South Carolina

Anderson College
Coker College
Greenville Woman's College
Limestone College
Long Creek Academy
North Greenville Academy
Six-Mile Academy

Tennessee

Union University

Texas

College of Marshall
Decatur College
Simmons University

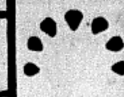
Virginia

Averett College
Buchanan Mission School
Oak Hill Academy
Virginia Intermont College
Westhampton College

DR. JOHN MCNEILL of Toronto, the newly elected president of the Baptist World Alliance, in his speech of acceptance suggested that Baptists of the world remembering their rich heritage, but with faces to the future so full of opportunity take as their watchword the significant words of the intrepid Dan Crawford who died in Africa a few years ago: "Hats off to the past. Coats off to the future".



OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



TAKING UP the SUMMER SLACK

PERHAPS things did slacken a little bit during the summer months but September brings regularity of time through school bells and regularity possible in attendance since vacation trips are ended. Now let's take up the slack in our missionary education lines of planning and be ready for high pace fall activities.

This month's program study is on the affairs of W. M. U. Be sure that your young people's organization gains a new idea of the bigness of missionary education organizations. Even Sunbeams should feel a sense of togetherness with the hundreds of children in 5857 other Sunbeam Bands. A pulse quicker should thrill as G. A's. touch 4028 other Auxiliaries—neighbors to them; boys should square their shoulders at the realization of 2128 other chapters in the south; and all will feel the urge of comradeship with the members in far-away countries, picturesque in costume, following the same ideals and general plans. This spirit of comradeship is due our young people. Be sure you give it to them with the thought of being a part of a greatly influential organization within their own church. The Ruby Anniversary pulse quickens all our interest. There comes now the realization that only three more months remain to reach our great goals. What will your young people write into the history of 1928—Victory? Enlist, organize, give.

The ranking system for Royal Ambassadors and the Forward Steps for Girls' Auxiliary members should be kept constantly before the boys and girls as an incentive to further missionary study. The attractive emblems which may be ordered from W. M. U. Literature Department and the Royal Ambassador charters will be tangible helps in picking up mission interest as school gains attention.

A Chinese proverb says: "To the educated man no country is foreign". The reverse must be equally true and it follows thereby that the more one knows the world, the higher the educational achievements. Leaders of missionary organizations could do invaluable service for boys and girls by linking school subjects vitally with Kingdom building. History glows with new interest when it is seen to be His story as one relates events to the missionary enterprise. Commerce and trade, geography discussions grow in vividness as boys and girls realize that many a missionary hero has opened this land or that for business man or settler, paying often the price of his very life at the door. Language study, be it grammar of the elementary school days or the study of a foreign language, is more fascinating when backed by the realization that the study of languages has been greatly enlarged by Christianity's outreach to the nations. Link school and mission programs; talk to the teacher; follow her geographical facts with information about hearts and lives of the population.

Check up on the Standard of Excellences as you take up the summer slack. Use the wall charts and keep them marked up accurately. September closes the third quarter: watch out that a generous three-fourths of the requirements are truly fulfilled; have no overlooked points unreached which could be obtained by care. Never strain a point simply to write A-1: that could not possibly be worthwhile; pass the requirements of the Standard points with a generous margin in lieu of a shadow of a doubt about that achievement. Encourage the officers, stir the committees, rouse all to vigorous life—take up the summer slack.



TRAINING SCHOOL



THE TRAINING SCHOOL JUDGED BY ITS PRODUCTS

THE output of the Woman's Missionary Training School in Louisville is the measuring line by which we must gauge its usefulness. The more frequently we estimate it by this measure, the more enthusiastic do we become. The story of how this great institution has projected itself through the lives of its graduates is inspiring.

The Training School girls under appointment of our Board have made good in a wonderful way. One hundred and forty-eight of them have been sent out. A Louisville Training School graduate is at the head of practically every one of our girls' schools above the primary school grade. This is likewise true in reference to our Woman's Bible Training Schools. Indeed, these graduates are rendering a most acceptable service in every phase of our work, for all of which our appreciation knows no bounds.

The Training School gives these young women not only training which makes them more efficient in their methods of work, but it breathes into them a spirit which makes them winsome messengers of the Gospel through their good cheer and good fellowship. The Woman's Missionary Training School spirit is easily recognizable, and it is always uplifting.

We would speak not only of those who have been appointed foreign missionaries but would like to record also our profound appreciation of the spirit of cooperation of that large number of Training School graduates who work here in the churches of the homeland. They work here at home with the foreign mission spirit and vision. They make an altogether worthwhile contribution to the foreign mission cause.

This is as it should be. The fact, that it is as it is, bears impressive testimony to the sanity, faithfulness and effectiveness of the Training School's work. We thank God at every remembrance of it.—*T. B. RAY, Associate Secretary, Foreign Mission Board*



OUR experience with the students of the Training School has been very agreeable. We have not as many in the employment of the Home Mission Board as the Foreign Mission Board has, but those we have had, heretofore and now, have given excellent satisfaction. They show the fine results of the Training School work in their knowledge of denominational affairs, their acquaintance with effective methods of Christian work, their soundness in Scripture teaching, their devotion to our denominational work and consecration to the service of the Master—and their fitness for leadership in the work among our women and young people, especially.—*B. D. GRAY, Corresponding Secretary, Home Mission Board*



I HAVE always been interested in the Louisville Training School, but until recent years its graduates have largely found their places in the work of the Foreign and Home Mission Boards. In recent years, however, there has come a very great change, as those connected with the school know, and more and more the young women who have their training there find their way into the tasks of the

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BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES



BUSINESS WOMEN AND PERSONAL SERVICE

THE question comes to us, "What can business women do in the various personal service activities of our Women's Missionary Societies in our towns and cities?" We are wont to answer with a return question, "What can business women not do in this capacity?"

The life of a Christian business woman, or a working girl as the most of us are destined to be, is between her place of business, her home and the church one continuous round of service. And with what joy she enters into it! She is ever thinking in terms of service to others—small wonder a group of business women is often the greatest single unit of power in the church. They take into their church activities the same efficiency, zeal and enthusiasm which they employ in their business life. They are practical, they are direct, they want results, they do truly plan their work and work the plan. The results are often a challenge to the other circles in the church. The way they do things and the things they accomplish are inspirational to the pastor, even challenging. But we must answer the question more directly, just what are the practical things business women can do for the church, the community, the denomination, the cause of missions?

1. A Business Women's Circle ought to co-operate fully with the other circles of the church, with the whole Woman's Missionary Society. So often combined forces can do more effective personal service work. Its work should always be in complete harmony with the plans of the general woman's missionary organization; it must remember that it is but a link in the chain of progress made by the organization as a whole.

2. A Business Women's Circle should concern itself, first of all, with the needs and problems of the local church, as a church—it ought to be the organization to which the pastor can look expectantly when he needs help. It ought to be a "service institution" for him in carrying out the whole church program. Local churches have their individual problems and pastors have their individual problems. I shall not attempt to suggest just what a Business Women's Circle ought to do to help the pastor—we'll let the pastor make his own suggestions; it is for our business women to let the pastor know that they are ready to serve him—and when they do this, that pastor will smile appreciatively, will take on new courage, will get a new vision of what can be accomplished in the life of his church, for the pastor knows that business women "do things!"

3. A Business Women's Circle ought to take a very active part in enlistment work. Each member in service herself ought to appeal to the unenlisted of the church for the whole-hearted support of the whole church program. By her life of service, coupled with a personal appeal, new and unenlisted members can get a vision of service they have never had and may come to know the joy, the inexhaustible joy, of serving others, of serving the church and all of its activities in the cause of Christ. Business women have a great opportunity and responsibility in this. May we each be constantly aware of such opportunity and responsibility!

4. A Business Women's Circle in a given church ought to make a canvass of its constituency—of the community perhaps—locating the many splendid girls and women who are unenlisted in the cause of Christ, whose lives are a mere existence because they have not come to know the beauty and joy to be found in Christian service. Christian business women can teach, and by their very example, cause other girls and women to see honest work, service, it matters not in what capacity

they may be serving, in its true light. They can lift hearts, they can inspire. What an unlimited field of service this presents! Let us reach, lift, inspire and enlist in Christian service our sisters in service.

5. And there are unlimited opportunities for service in the field of missions, as the most of us understand mission work. Let us bring cheer to the suffering ones in our hospitals. Each member will enjoy taking or sending magazines, books and flowers to the sick. I happen to know of one business woman who recently carried flowers to one of our Baptist hospitals and presented them to the head nurse to be tendered to anyone who had no flowers in his room. The head nurse gratefully accepted them, saying, "There is one dear old man here who hasn't seen a flower in four months!" What a glorious opportunity for us! But let us go about this work in a business-like way. Let us find out from the head nurse what is needed and appreciated most and help to supply that, and if there is an orphanage in the town or city, there is sure to be a need. How our hearts immediately respond to the little motherless and fatherless babes—we'd like to do everything for them. But again we must do the practical thing: find out from the manager or the woman in charge what is needed most; it isn't always clothes for the children, toys and personal things they need; it is best to find out from those who know what the greatest immediate need is and then help to supply that.

Also a Business Women's Circle may, if it desires, enter the educational field and help to educate girls in the community who could not otherwise attend school. There are doubtless girls in the city in which you live or in the country near the city who could, with just a little help, enter high school. Our business women can help to find desirable homes for the girls who live in the rural districts in which they might do some work to earn their room and board; and they can be "big sisters" to such girls, looking after their little needs and their social life.

One could go on indefinitely suggesting things the members of a Business Women's Circle can do in the field of personal service. So much to be done, so much we can do! May we ever be aware of others—how beautiful is labor in the cause of Christ! The Master help us to appreciate the opportunities that are ours!—*Idalee L. Woodson*

EDITORIAL

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accuracy in the discernment of shades and colors, he always carried a tablet of neutral hue and from time to time would turn his bewildered vision upon this restful color until the quietness and accuracy of his keen preception were restored. The Alliance program, representing the Baptists of the world, brought many thoughts and emotions that deeply stirred the heart. These experiences were spiritual, intangible, but very real. However, it was only when there was time for quiet reflection that the bigness of it was fully revealed. It was only when we turned to the serenity of the eternal that accuracy of preception was restored. We then understood the lesson of the Alliance was that the center of all the vast missionary task is the individual. Also, while the center is the individual, the far circumference is outlined by and composed of individuals. In the face of this knowledge, one would silence the heart to hear, to live the words of Jehovah to his chosen prophet, Jeremiah, "If thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth."

CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James

"THE Mail and Empire," a daily paper of Toronto, Canada, in its report of the opening session of the Baptist World Alliance said that though heterogenous in its composition because of the multitude of delegates from more than sixty nations yet it was thoroughly homogenous in its spirit and centered itself wholeheartedly upon one concern—the cause and spirit of Christ. "The high light of the first day's session was the roll call of the nations. It was in the response to this roll call that the world forces of the denomination were impressively indicated and that the universal appeal of the Baptist faith was strikingly revealed," says this same report. Of the closing session the paper said, "Sustained to the last moment on its plane of high inspiration, the fourth Baptist Congress passed into denominational history. It concluded in vigorous and triumphant spirit with its coronation service—so called because it gave the crowning message of the congress to the Baptist hosts—the message to go forth into the world and win it to Christ".



A STRIKING incident at the recent meeting in Toronto according to the daily press was the fact that the reply of China was given by Mrs. C. C. Chen, who appeared in a status of full equality with her male co-workers in the task of the church. Mrs. Chen in her address to the women of today. "The response of motherhood to share in the national life and citizenship would mould the nation" said Mrs. Chen and added, "China exists today because it has been built on the family system."



THE Indian Princess who appeared in Indian costume, blanket and moccasins, told the women in their meeting at Toronto that the roll call of the nations gave her one of the greatest thrills of her life. "I thought," said she, "how great it would be when all race prejudice is gone and we no longer hate".



THIS year marks the Silver Jubilee of the Argentine Baptist Mission. It was at the convention in 1903 that Dr. S. M. Sowell, the first southern Baptist missionary to settle in the land of the Silver River, was designated for Argentina.



AFTER two days of deliberation in an effort to meet the crisis brought about by decrease in mission appropriations a group of workers in Burma volunteered to have their small pay cut in half, in order that all persons at present on the field might be kept at work and a few new ones sent out. What about those who promised to "hold the ropes" at home?



MRS. ALBERT MATTHEWS of Toronto, who presided at the Woman's Meeting of the Baptist World Alliance, in her talk made a plea for missionaries to work in Western Canada where in one year 150,000 foreigners had settled.

Reviewed by Mrs. Julian P. Thomas, Va.

THOU WHEN THOU PRAYEST

AN intensive study of the Lord's Prayer is given us in a recent book, entitled "Thou When Thou Prayest", by William Owen Carver of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. This is a notable contribution to the long list of books on prayer and should be added to those we have already chosen for study. Though very short, containing only seventy-six pages, it holds the very heart of the Master's teaching on prayer.

Beginning with the background of Jesus' own prayer life, the author shows us that only through the supreme duty and privilege of prayer, can we attain to right living. He calls our attention to the fact that in the Gospel of Matthew this prayer is given in the chapter in which is set forth our Lord's ideal for His followers, emphasizing especially sincerity in our acts of worship.

After warning us against the wrong

approach to God with the illustration of the Pharisee and Publican, he takes up each word and phrase of the prayer taught the disciples and shows how, in this comparatively short petition, our Lord has put everything that need concern us in this life and the next. In the chapter on "Attitude", he makes us realize God as Father, as *Our* Father, and not merely *my* Father, and as Father in Heaven, therefore able and willing to give us all Heavenly blessings. We feel with the author that, when this prayer is answered, "Evil will be gone, sin eliminated, and the evil one will have lost his power".

A careful and reverent study of this book should revolutionize not only our public prayers but change our private prayer life. We recommend it heartily to our women and young people as one of the most worthwhile books of the year.—Price, \$1.00 in cloth from Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

"UNDER THE ROOF OF THE SOUL"

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Confidence that (1) "The Kingdom is coming"; (2) Each unsaved person will lessen "the glory due unto His Name"; (3) Personal soul-winning brings "joy among the angels of God"

Intercession in behalf of: (1) State Work; (2) Home Missions; (3) "Uttermost part"; (4) Missionaries yearning to be returned to their fields

Students entering schools, colleges and seminaries

A deepening sense of responsibility as Christian stewards

Large increase in W.M.U. tithers

S.B.C. Co-operative Program:

Regular redeeming of pledges

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Winning 40,000 new members for existing organizations

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Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of at least \$400,000

Financial victory of \$4,000,000 for year

TRAINING SCHOOL

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local church or on the field, either for the W. M. U. or the kind of work which is allied with us.

We find ourselves increasingly grateful for this new emphasis and for the young women who are finding their way into the service in the homeland. The preparation which they receive gives them not only a training but puts into them the spirit of all our enterprises. Wherever we find a Louisville graduate now we know that it means a young woman keenly alive to the importance of the Sunday School and the B. Y. P. U. or to the development of these organizations and the organizations of the women in the rural churches. These young women come with understanding as well as training, and their spirit of devotion is of untold value in the great tasks that we are trying to do.

The Sunday School Board has been fortunate enough to have a large part in the development and equipment of the Louisville Training School, and we are now getting back large dividends in the fine young women who are finding their way into the service of our churches and our various denominational agencies.—I. J. VAN NESS, Corresponding Secretary, Sunday School Board



MRS. NATHAN R. WOOD of Boston told the Baptist women in Toronto that in her opinion the modern girl, trained to think, is the woman who is going to win the world for Christianity.



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WHY? For one reason, because of the \$4,000,000 financial goal. In the July issue (page 35) the treasurer's report showed the quarterly receipts to be \$708,393.38. This was truly fine but it was short of the minimum quarterly average of a million. As this issue goes to press, the reports of the second quarter are incomplete. However, eight state Unions reported a total of \$335,986.36. Perhaps, it is safe to believe that the receipts of the remaining ten Unions will bring the total up to that of the first quarter. Fine as this will be, it will nevertheless mean that during the first half of the year the average of two millions was not attained by over half a million. Therefore, during the few remaining months of the Ruby Anniversary unusual stress must be laid upon information which can give the inspiration will increase tithes and offerings.

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