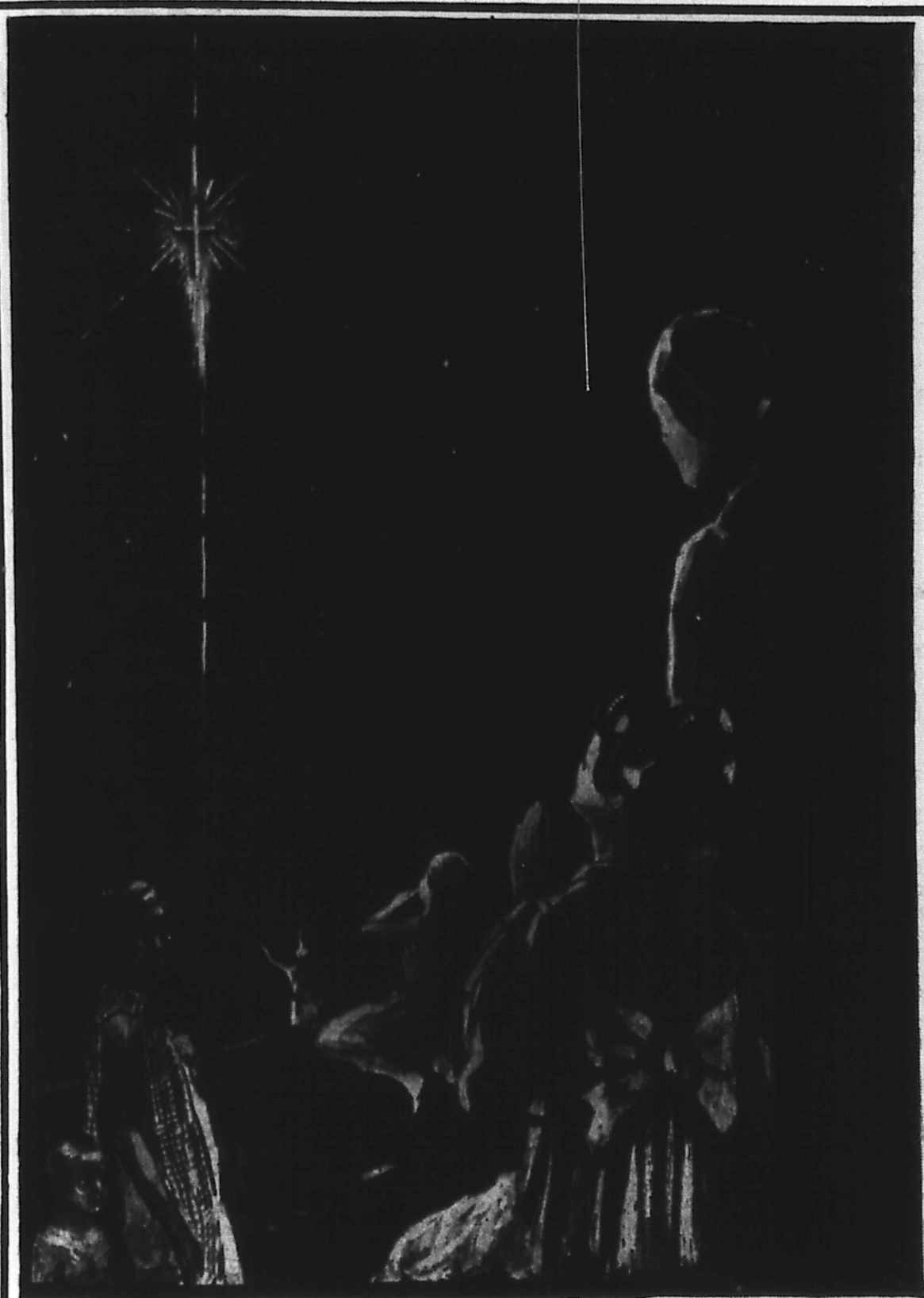


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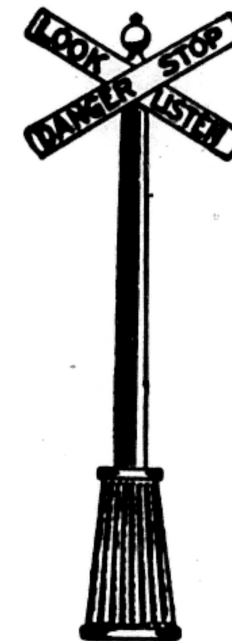
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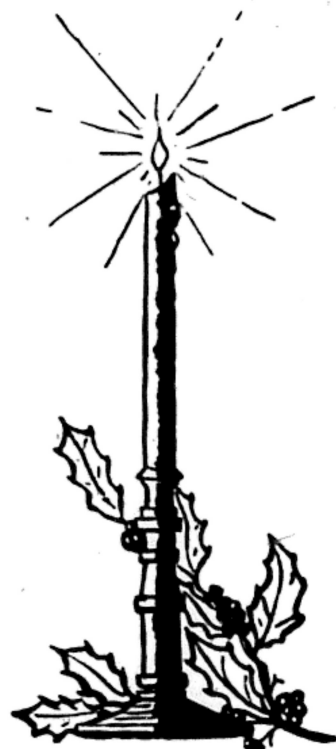
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CHRISTMAS TIME—a SPIRIT of PRAISE to GOD

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



Human hearts are again on trek of Bethlehem's star that shone o'er Judean hills. The end of our quest brings us not to a babe, wrapped in swaddling clothes laid in a manger, but to a risen, ascended Lord who sitteth on the right hand of God the Father and ever liveth to make intercession for His people. To us is given the knowledge of the fulfillment of the angel song: "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people: for there is born to you this day in the City of David a Savior, *who is Christ the Lord*".

Christmas time is a spirit, not a day of celebration. It is a spirit of praise to God. Peace on earth: prevailing good will among men expressed in brotherhood and love. Too long, we have exhausted our physical bodies in hectic material preparation for this sacred observance. Cooking, cleaning, company have triumphed over the Christmas spirit and Christ. This universal attitude is the chief holiday peril. No hour is set aside for sacred preparation of the soul that it may truly lift itself up to the meaning of the day. Numerous presents and gifts obscure the Gift Singular.

The children ask, as they hold up some gift, "What did it cost?" They find some tangible measure of the love of the giver in the cost of the gift. What did the real Christmas Gift cost? It cost God His Son. It robbed Heaven of its glory for thirty-three years. It cost pain, suffering and the crucifixion of the Lamb of God. When we think of this terrible cost, are we not ready to really observe the Christ spirit this year? Our Christmas Offering is a real channel to carry out this desire. This Christmas Offering program anticipates this spirit of giving. It is the last great concerted effort in this Ruby Anniversary year toward reaching the four million dollar goal.

Let us look again at God's gift to us and consider its awful cost, then make our gift. Moses said his people were moved to high and holy things and brought such gifts that the people were restrained from bringing. This is the spirit our Union would seek and attain.

WE know the path our feet should pass,
Across our hearts are written Thy decrees.
Yet now, O Lord, be merciful to bless with more than these.
Grant us the *will* to fashion as we feel;
Grant us the strength to labor as we know;
Grant us the purpose, ribbed and edged with steel
To strike the blow.
Knowledge we ask not, knowledge Thou hast lent,
But, Lord, *the will*—*there* lies our bitter need,
Give us to build above the deep intent,
The deed, the deed."

W. M. S. Program for Week of Prayer for
World Wide Missions

December 3-7, 1928



MONDAY

SUBJECT: Latin-America Waits

LORD'S PRAYER (in Unison)

HYMN: "O, Worship the King"

PRAYER by PASTOR

BIBLE READINGS: Waiting to Know
God as Father: I Cor. 8:6; Isa. 9:6;
Rom. 8:15-17; Ephes. 4:6; John 1:14;
Matt. 23:9; Psa. 103:13; Prov. 3:12;
Luke 11:11-13; Heb. 12:9; Deut. 32:6;
John 15:16; II Cor. 6:17, 18; I John
3:1; II Cor. 1:3; John 3:16; James
1:17; John 3:35; 6:37-39, 45, 46; 1:18;
Matt. 11:25-27; John 4:23

(If these 22 Scripture verses are given, preferably from memory, by several women these "readings" are apt to be very impressive.)

PRAYER of Praise for God as Father

HYMN: "Not Half Have Ever Been Told"

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SCRIPTURES THAT SEARCH: Psa. 107:19; Rom. 10:8-15; Psa. 104:27; Isa. 33:2; 64:4, 25:9

(If possible, have these six selections from Scripture given from memory by a woman dressed to represent a Christian from Latin-America.)

PRAYERS that these Scriptures and entire program may deepen the sense of stewardship not only for Latin America but for "all the world"

TALK: Purpose and Plans for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

(See explanatory leaflet with similar title, supplied by state W.M.U. headquarters.)

WEEK'S SLOGAN (in Unison): "The people which sat in darkness saw great light"—Matt. 4:16.

SILENT PRAYER

HYMN: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

TALK: Looking upon the Darkness of Latin-America

(For data for this talk see chapter 1 of the week's booklet entitled "Waiting", one free copy supplied by state W.M.U. headquarters to each W.M.S.)

PRAYER for deepening sense of situation in Latin-America

TALK: Southern Baptists as Lamp-Lighters

(For data for this talk see chapter 1 of the week's booklet referred to above.)

LEAFLET: South America—Witnessing in the A-B-C Republics

(Order leaflet for 4c from W.M.U. Literature Dep't., address given above.)

PRAYERS for S.B.C. Missionaries in Latin-America

(For names and stations see cover page of "Home and Foreign Fields".)

HYMN: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

CHARACTER SKETCHES: Brazilian Lights Shining in the Darkness

(For these six sketches, which should be given preferably by six people, see chapter 1 of the week's booklet mentioned above.)

PRAYERS that all Latin-American Christians may shine for Jesus

HYMN: "Children of the Heavenly King"

TALK: Waiting in Latin-America

(For data for this talk see chapter 1 of the week's booklet mentioned above.)

HYMN: "Over the Sea" (See page 31.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS of Week's Meetings

PRAYERS that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering may be abundant enough to really advance the work in Latin-America

WATCHWORD for the YEAR (in Unison): "Enlarge . . . spare not . . . lengthen . . . strengthen"—Isa. 54:2

HYMN for the YEAR: "The Kingdom Is Coming"

(For words see cover page of W.M.U. Year Book or order for 10c per dozen from W.M.U. Literature Dep't., address given above.)

TUESDAY

SUBJECT: Africa Calls for the Light

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

PRAYER of Praise for the Name of Jesus

BIBLE READINGS: Waiting to Know
God as Savior: Psa. 80:3; Luke 2:10-11; Isa. 43:11; 45:20-22; Acts 2:21;
John 10:9; Mark 16:15-16; I Tim. 4:10; I John 4:14; 2:1-2; John 14:6;
II Pet. 3:18

(If these 12 Scripture verses are given, preferably from memory, by several women these "readings" are apt to be very impressive.)

PRAYERS of Thanksgiving for Jesus as Savior

HYMN: "Savior, Thy Dying Love"

SCRIPTURES THAT SEARCH: Psa. 107:19; Rom. 10:8-15; Psa. 104:27; Isa. 33:2; 64:4; 25:9

(If possible have these six selections from Scripture given from memory by a woman dressed to represent a Christian from Africa.)

PRAYERS that these Scriptures and entire program may deepen the sense of stewardship not only for Africa but for "all the world"

WEEK'S SLOGAN (in Unison): "The people which sat in darkness saw great light"—Matt. 4:16.

SILENT PRAYER

HYMN: "I Gave My Life for Thee"

TALK: Africa Calls in the Night

(Data for this talk will be found in chapter 2 of the week's booklet, entitled "Waiting", one free copy supplied by state W.M.U. headquarters to each W.M.S.)

PRAYER for a deepening sense of the situation in Africa

TALK: Africa Calls for: (1) Missionaries; (2) Schools; (3) Hospitals

(Data for this talk, or talks, will be found in chapter 2 of the week's booklet mentioned above.)

HYMN: "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

LEAFLET: The Work of Grace at Lagos

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PRAYERS for S.B.C. Missionaries in Africa

(For names and stations see cover page of Home and Foreign Fields.)

CHARACTER SKETCHES: Africa Calls for More Native Workers

(For these three sketches, which should be given preferably by three people, see chapter 2 of the week's booklet mentioned above.)

PRAYERS that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering may greatly help to answer these calls

HYMN: "Over the Sea" (See page 31.)

TALK: Africa's Womanhood Calls to Southern Baptist Womanhood

(Data for this talk will be found in chapter 2 of the week's booklet mentioned above.)

HYMN: "Not Half Have Ever Been Told"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS of Week's Meetings

WATCHWORD for the YEAR: "Enlarge . . . spare not . . . lengthen . . . strengthen"—Isa. 54:2.

HYMN for the YEAR: "The Kingdom Is Coming"

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WEDNESDAY

SUBJECT: Japanese Who Wait for the Light of the Star

HYMN: "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

LORD'S PRAYER (in Unison)

BIBLE READINGS: Waiting to Know God as Comforter: John 16:7; 14:16; 15:26; 14:26; I John 5:7; Ephes. 2:18; II Cor. 1:3; Psa. 119:76; II Thess. 2:17, 18; Matt. 5:4; Col. 2:2, 3; Psa. 23:4

(If these 12 Scripture verses are given, preferably from memory, by several women these "readings" are apt to be very impressive.)

PRAYERS of thanksgiving for comfort and power of Holy Spirit

HYMN: "Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide"

SCRIPTURES THAT SEARCH: Psa. 107:19; Rom. 10:8-15; Psa. 104:27; Isa. 33:2; 64:4; 25:9

(If possible, have these six selections from Scripture given from memory by a woman dressed to represent a Christian from Japan.)

SENTENCE PRAYERS that these Scriptures and the entire program may deepen the sense of stewardship not only for Japan but for "all the world"

TALK: Work of Native Japanese Christians

(Data for this talk will be found in chapter 3 of the week's booklet, entitled "Waiting", one free copy supplied by state W.M.U. headquarters to each W.M.S.)

PRAYER for Christian Work in Japan

HYMN: "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

TALK: Waiting for the Light in Japan

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HYMN: "Not Half Have Ever Been Told"

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WEEK'S SLOGAN (in Unison): "The people which sat in darkness saw great light"—Matt. 4:16.

SILENT PRAYER

LEAFLET: "Something Better"

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TALK: A Call to Southern Baptists for Japan

(Data for this talk will be found in chapter 3 of the week's booklet, mentioned above.)

PRAYERS for:

(1) S.B.C. Work in Japan
(See cover page of Home and Foreign Fields for names and stations.)

(2) Lottie Moon Christmas Offering that it may prove a vital help to work in Japan

HYMN: "Over the Sea" (See page 31.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS of Week's Meetings

TALK by PASTOR: Plans for 1929 S. B.C. Co-operative Program

WATCHWORD for the YEAR (in Unison): "Enlarge . . . spare not . . . lengthen . . . strengthen"—Isa. 54:2.

HYMN for the YEAR: "The Kingdom Is Coming"

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BENEDICTION by PASTOR

THURSDAY

SUBJECT: The Mission Fields of Paul Wait for Southern Baptists

HYMN: "Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

YEAR'S WATCHWORD (in Unison): "Enlarge . . . spare not . . . lengthen . . . strengthen"—Isa. 54:2.

YEAR'S HYMN: "The Kingdom Is Coming"

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PRAYER of Thanksgiving for the Kingdom of God

BIBLE READINGS: Waiting to Know the Love of God: John 3:16; I John 4:16; Rom. 5:8; 8:38, 39; I John 2:5; 4:9; Isa. 63:9; I John 5:3; 4:12; John 17:23; Rom. 5:5; II Thess. 3:5; Jude 21; Ephes. 3:17-19; II Tim. 1:13; I John 4:18

(If these 16 Scripture verses are given, preferably from memory, by several women these "readings" are apt to be very impressive. If the program will permit, it might be effective to have two other women give from memory the 13th chapter of I Corinthians and Matt. 18:12-14.)

SOLO: "The Ninety and Nine"

SCRIPTURES THAT SEARCH: Psa. 107:19; Rom. 10:8-15; Psa. 104:27; Isa. 33:2; 64:4; 25:9

(If possible, have these six selections from Scripture given from memory by a woman dressed to represent a Christian from some one of the countries in which Paul worked.)

SENTENCE PRAYERS that these Scriptures and the entire program may deepen the sense of stewardship not only for Palestine and Europe but for "all the world"

TALK: Southern Baptist Work in Italy and Spain

(Data for this talk will be found in chapter 5 of the week's booklet, entitled "Waiting", one free copy supplied by state W.M.U. headquarters to each W.M.S.)

PRAYERS for THIS WORK

(See names and stations on cover page of Home and Foreign Fields.)

LEAFLET: A Venetian Baptist

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HYMN: "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

TALK: Voices That Call to Macedonian Fields

(Data for this talk will be found in chapter 5 of the week's booklet, mentioned above.)

PRAYERS for the Work in Central Europe

HYMN: "Over the Sea" (See page 31.)

TALK: Returning to the Land of Our Lord's Earthly Ministry

(Data for this talk will be found in chapter 5 of the week's booklet, mentioned above.)

PRAYERS for THIS WORK

(For names and stations see cover page of Home and Foreign Fields.)

WEEK'S SLOGAN (in Unison): "The people which sat in darkness saw great light"—Matt. 4:16.

SILENT PRAYER

HYMN: "Not Half Have Ever Been Told"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS for Friday's Meeting

READING of Appeal from Foreign Mission Board

(See week's booklet mentioned above.)

SEASON of PRAYER for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

HYMN: "Day Is Dying in the West"

FRIDAY

SUBJECT: China Awaits the Coming of the Prince of Peace

HYMN: "Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come"

PRAYER by PASTOR

SOLO: "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem"

PRAYER of Thanksgiving for the Coming of Christ

BIBLE READINGS: Waiting to Know the Peace of God: Psa. 29:11; Ephes. 2:14; Psa. 85:10; 119:165; Isa. 9:6, 7; 54:10; Rom. 14:17; Gal. 5:22; Rom. 8:6; 14:19; Jas. 3:18; Rom. 5:1; Luke 1:68, 79; 2:14; John 16:33; Isa. 53:5; Ephes. 2:17; John 14:27; Psa. 34:14; II Pet. 3:14; Isa. 32:17; Phil. 4:7; Num. 6:26; Col. 3:15; II Thess. 3:16; Rom. 15:13; Isa. 52:7; 26:3

(If these 28 Scripture verses are given, preferably from memory, by several women these "readings" are apt to be very impressive.)

PRAYER of Praise for the Peace of God

HYMN: "Peace, Perfect Peace in This Dark World"

SCRIPTURES THAT SEARCH: Psa. 107:19; Rom. 10:8-15; Psa. 104:27; Isa. 33:2; 64:4; 25:9

(If possible, have these six selections from Scripture given from memory by a woman dressed to represent a Christian from China.)

PRAYERS that these Scriptures and entire program may deepen the sense of stewardship not only for China but for "all the world"

TALK: China's Millions Wait for Peace

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LEAFLET: A Glimpse into a Chinese Village

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PRAYER for the Waiting Millions of China

HYMN: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

TALK: God's Response to China through Southern Baptists

(Data for this talk will be found in chapter 4 of the week's booklet, mentioned above.)

SEASON of Prayer for S.B.C. Work in China

(For names and stations see cover page of Home and Foreign Fields.)

HYMN: "Not Half Have Ever Been Told"

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DISCUSSION: Where Shall We Cut?

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HYMN: "Over the Sea" (See page 31.)

STORY of Miss Moon's Life

(See leaflet: "Miss Lottie Moon as I Knew Her", supplied by state W.M.U. headquarters.)

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NOT HALF HAVE EVER BEEN TOLD

A Missionary Version of an Old Hymn

WE have heard of a Father in Heaven,
Who so tenderly cares for each one,
That with infinite goodness and mercy
He loved us and for us gave His Son.
Day by day doth His mercy enfold us,
While His goodness we ever behold:
But not half of the earth's needy millions,
Of that Father have ever been told.
Not half have ever been told,
Not half have ever been told,
Not half of the earth's needy millions
Of that Father have ever been told.

We have heard of a wondrous Redeemer,
Who for sinners His life freely gave,
Oh! the wonderful, blessed assurance
That from sin and its guilt He doth save.
We know of this life-giving Saviour,
And in safety we rest in His fold,
While not half of the earth's waiting millions
Of that Saviour have ever been told.
Not half have ever been told,
Not half have ever been told,
Not half of the earth's waiting millions
Of that Saviour have ever been told.

We have heard of the mansions in Heaven
Which our Saviour has gone to prepare,
Where the saints, who on earth have been faithful,
Shall His glory eternally share.
But the millions, who sit in the darkness,
Might that Savior's dear face there behold,
If we had obeyed His commission,
To "all people" His message had told.
Not half have ever been told,
Not half have ever been told;
To us comes a plea from the darkness
Of those who have never been told.

—Adapted by Katherine Scherer Cronk

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FIRST on YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST



Christ of the blessed Christmastide said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (*Acts 20:35*). Remembering this and also the fact that far more than "the other half" of the world's population is waiting for the peace and good will of Christmas, it seems highly appropriate for W.M.U. women and young people to put missionary work first on their Christmas list. Christ also said: "Rather seek ye the Kingdom of God" (*Luke 12:31*). In a very beautiful way progress along this line may be made this Christmas by W.M.U. members who put one or more of the following foreign mission causes at the very top of their list to be remembered this December.

To each state, with the exception of two, there have been made suggestions as to definite fields to be helped by that state's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The goals accepted by these states will be seen on page 36. The purposes of this offering are two-fold: (1) to provide the salaries of the forty missionaries whose return to their fields was made possible by the 1927 Christmas Offering; (2) to help the Foreign Mission Board to supplement gifts by the natives to their local work. If any one can endow the salary of one of the forty missionaries, arrangements can be easily made according to the desire of the donor. Likewise if any person or organization can provide the year's salary of one such missionary, all that will be necessary will be to write to the state W.M.U. headquarters. Arrangements can also be made whereby a donor may support a certain school or hospital or station but this cannot be done in the case of merely a teacher or pupil or cot or evangelist or Bible woman etc. It would entail far too much work upon the missionaries to assign a certain Bible woman etc. to a certain person or society. Therefore, the suggestion is made that if a person or organization can give \$40 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, the gift can be thought of as providing for a whole year the salary of a Chinese Bible woman; or if the gift can be \$90 it will support a native pastor; etc. Careful study of the following list will show what can be done by putting foreign missions first on your Christmas list. Decide, please, upon one or more causes—your Christmas gift to Christ.

Endowing Salary of American Missionary.....	\$15,000
Salary (for Year) of American Missionary.....	\$800
Support of Entire Mission Station, Including Bible Women, Pastors, Evangelists, Colporters, Schools, Hospitals, Rents for Out-Station Work etc.....	\$3,000 to \$10,000
Share in Any Mission Station of S.B.C. Foreign Mission Board	\$50
Support of Child in School in China or Africa.....	\$25—\$35
Salary for Year for Bible Woman in China.....	\$40 to \$75
Salary of Teacher for Year in China, Africa, Japan.....	\$50 to \$150
Support of Cot in Hospital for Year in China, Africa.....	\$15 to \$50
Salary of Pastor, Evangelist or Colporter (China, Africa, Japan)	\$90 to \$200
Salary of Evangelist in Brazil or Italy.....	\$300—\$1200
Mission Station, Including Native Workers and Rents.....	\$2000
Boys' Academy, Africa	\$500
Girls' School, Africa	\$400
Current Expenses of Theological Seminary and Woman's Training School, Rumania.....	\$3,500
China Baptist Publication Society.....	\$7,500

Christmas for Christ!



FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



(NOTE: The following articles will prove decidedly helpful as supplemental material for the December Week of Prayer. Please preserve and use them at that time and otherwise. See also the weak's leaflets as listed on page 35; also page 24.)

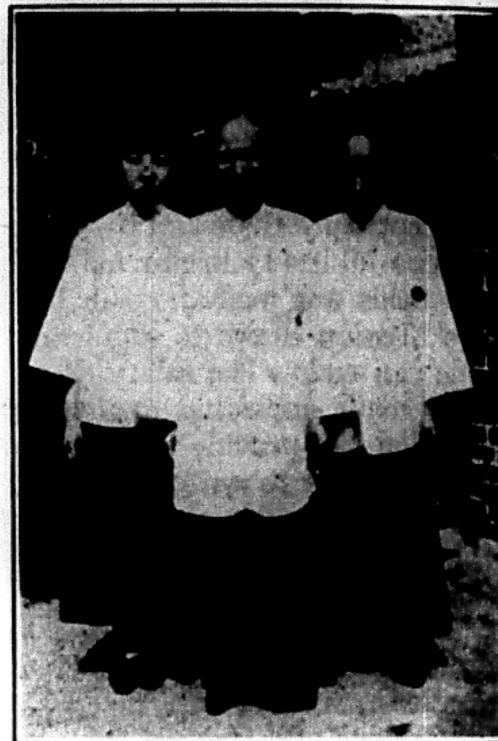
DOES IT PAY?



Does it pay? Are there results? Such questions as these are often asked concerning foreign missions. Perhaps some wondered if it would pay Miss Lottie Moon to give up her home and friends to go to China. Look at the picture and you will have the answer. There are to be seen representatives of three generations who know the joy of salvation and Christian service as the result of His work through His servant, Miss Moon. In the center is Mrs. P'an who heard the Gospel as a child in Miss Moon's school. Without salary she serves her Lord by visiting in the homes and by helping to teach the girls in one of the out-stations near Tsingtao.

Watch her at work. Three or four of us had gathered for evening prayer before an evangelistic service. Some one on the street was crying out: "Soul, come back! Soul, come back!" Mrs. P'an recognizing the voice as that of an inquirer rushed out and brought the woman into the chapel. In her arms was her sick baby whose soul she had been "calling back", as is the custom of the heathen. Mrs. P'an explained that those who know Jesus may take their sorrows and sicknesses to Him. There was then earnest prayer that Christ would manifest His power in healing this child for His own glory. Then the mother took the child home. Early the next morning Mrs. P'an returned from a call on that home with joy in her face as she told how the Lord had answered the prayer for the child. Thus this servant labors for her Lord.

Her daughter, Mrs. Tai who stands

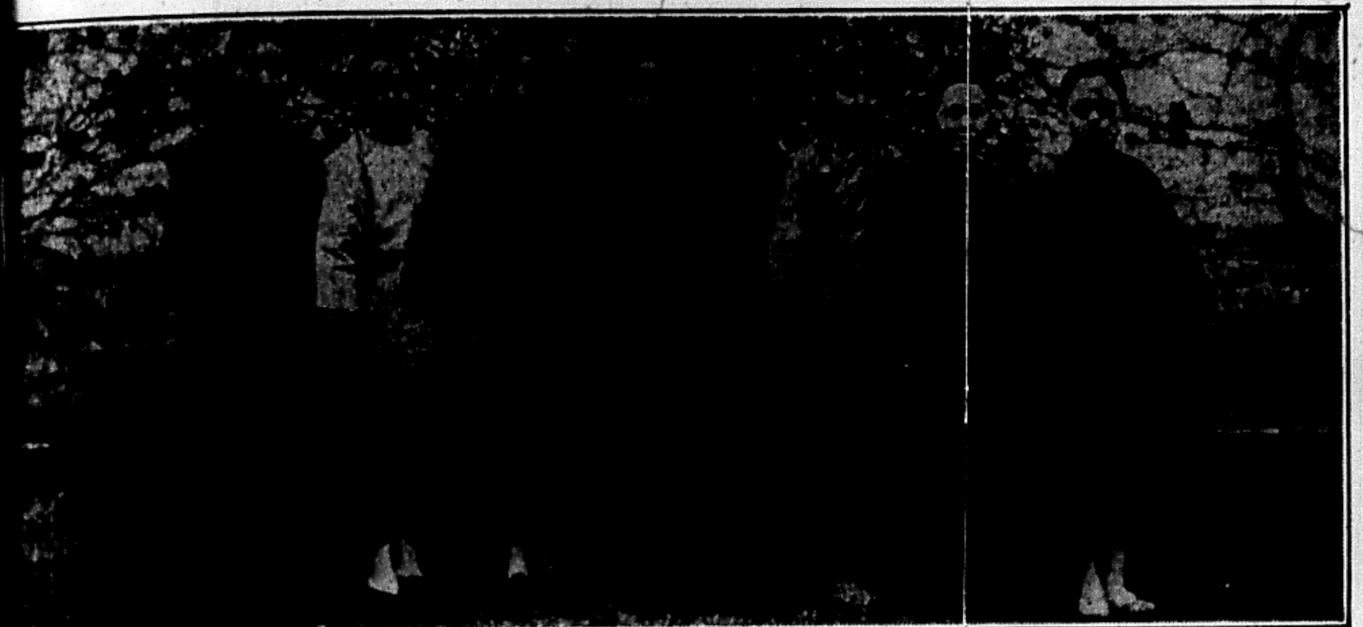


to the right in the picture, is one of the leading women in the Tsingtao Baptist Church, serving as a teacher in the Sunday school and doing without financial compensation the work of a Bible woman in visiting the sick and teaching illiterate women to read the Word. Her daughter, Miss Tai to the left in the group, follows as a young woman in the train of her mother and grandmother by serving the young people of her church.

Praise Him! His work pays!—Katie Murray, China

DAUGHTERS as "CORNER-STONES"

BEGINNING at the left of the picture (see next page) you see Mrs. Jong Sin Ying, who for several years has been teaching in the Laichow boarding-school for girls. Ever since as a pupil she entered the school, Sin Ying has been an outstanding figure, coming as she did to get all possible training



from the school apart from the Gospel. This she quietly avoided for awhile but later was gloriously converted and is now one of the strongest women of the mission. Last year when the missionaries were compelled to evacuate, she was made principal and is meeting the emergency in a very satisfactory manner.

Mrs. Jong Ai Chen, standing next, should need no introduction to the readers of ROYAL SERVICE, since for twenty years her contribution to woman's work has been chiefly the training of Bible women in the Laichow school. Other lines of service have claimed part of her time and she is regarded as a tower of strength and consecration in Kingdom service.

Young Mrs. Wong, the next in the picture, has been at the Laichow orphanage less than a year, mothering the fifty boys and girls there. She and her wide-awake husband are well equipped for the task and seem to be just the ones for whom the association has been praying.

Mrs. Kou Siu Hwan is the fond mother of five bright, beautiful, healthy children, the pride and joy of our station. Having this well taught family is perhaps the reason why all feel no mistake has been made in entrusting the kindergarten work to her capable hands.

Since she was a tiny, rosy cheeked little girl I have known Mrs. Hia Ching Chen who, with her mother, was among the very first in Laichow to break away from heathen family and friends. These eight or ten years she has been a nurse in our hospital, where she has had ample opportunity to exercise her gifts in caring for the sick and witnessing for her Lord.

Miss Wen He Yung is getting great joy out of teaching in our school for young married women, who were denied the advantages of an education in their girlhood. Christians and non-Christians are alike received and we consider schools of this kind as an invaluable asset to evangelistic work. Many bright converts are made in this school.

Mrs. Wong Kwei Yuin, number seven in the group, for some years found it difficult to decide just where she could best serve her Master. The "Holy Spirit separated" her as an evangel and we rejoice to see how she has blossomed out in her duties as a Bible woman. What a help-meet she is proving to her preacher husband, who is a leader in church affairs.

Surely God has never given a more Spirit-filled and deeply consecrated woman to win the lost in China than Miss Wong Sue of Hwanghien, who

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BIBLE STUDY

TOPIC—Vital Development

Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation"

I. *The Church of God Is His Vineyard*: Eph. 1:23; Isa. 27:2, 3. It is under His particular care, Eph. 2:20. The world is a fruitless wilderness but the church is enclosed as a vineyard: "I the Lord do keep it". Those who bring forth fruit to God are and shall always be under His protection, Eph. 2:22. The church of God is exposed to evil, Ps. 80:8-19, but God keeps watch night and day—in the night of affliction and persecution and in the day of peace and prosperity, the temptations of which are no less dangerous, Ps. 91:3-6. The promise is sure, Isa. 26:3, 4; 52:7-10.

II. *Sustenance*: There must be life, John 10:10. "I am come that they might have life"—Matt. 13:4-8, 23; John 12:24; 6:33, 54-55. The soul is satisfied with Christ as with marrow and fatness, Ps. 63:5; Isa. 25:6. It is meat indeed and drink indeed that is spiritually in opposition to the shows and shadows with which the world would feed us. In Christ and His Gospel there is real supply, solid sustenance, meat indeed and drink indeed which sustains and replenishes, Jer. 31:14, 25. This eating the flesh and drinking the blood certainly means that we partake of Christ by faith; this includes: *first*, an appetite for Christ, hungering and thirsting, Matt. 5:6, earnest and importunate desire after Christ; *second*, an application of Christ to ourselves, accepting and appropriating Him—"My Lord and My God", John 20:28; *third*, a delight in Christ and His salvation, Ps. 40:8; Luke 22:20, the method which infinite wisdom has taken to redeem and save us; *fourth*, Christ is our nourishment and the support of our spiritual life, the strength and growth of the new man. We do not know how our bodies are sustained by food which we eat, so with our spiritual nourishment we cannot tell: all is of faith.

III. *Satisfaction*: John 6:35. Repentance toward God is coming to Him. Jeremiah 3:22, 23, as our chief good and highest end; so faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ is coming to Him as our Saviour, to feed on Him, John 6:33, the living Bread. None are excluded from the benefit of this Bread but such as exclude themselves. Let the Bread of Life be our daily food, the Heavenly manna our continual feast. To feed upon Christ denotes applying Christ to ourselves with appetite and delight that we may receive life and strength and comfort from Him. There is such an overflowing fulness in Christ as can never be exhausted and such everflowing communications from Him as can never be interrupted. Those, who feel their need of Christ, Luke 1:53, and are importunately desirous of righteousness and life in Him, He fills with good things, the best things. He gives liberally and they are abundantly satisfied with the blessing, "the hungry soul", that pushes forward in eager desire for salvation, "the longing soul", Ps. 107:9, leads us to prayer, faith and divine guidance, satisfying the soul's thirst and hunger.

IV. *Beauty of Life*: A life of service is the purpose and result of the freedom which Christ gives to His disciples and the freedom into which man enters when he fulfills the purpose of his life; this means service for others, for the Christian life is a life given for others from the beginning to the end, Rom. 6:8, 4, 13; John 8:31-36. This life of service simply consists in the larger opportunity to be and to do all for God and His creation in the life for which God has given the capacity, John 17:2, 3; 12:25, 26. We see in the life of Jesus the purpose of con-

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Calendar of Prayer

December, 1928

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Ala.

MARK, hark, my soul! angelic songs are swelling
O'er earth's green fields
and ocean's wave-beat shore:
How sweet the truth those
blessed strains are telling
Of that new life when sin
shall be no more.

ONWARD we go, for still
we hear them singing,
"Come, weary souls, for Jesus
bids you come";
And thro' the dark, its
echoes sweetly ringing,
The music of the Gospel
leads us home.

Topic: What of China?

1—SATURDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Leavell, medical and evangelistic work, Wuchow, China
Thy faithfulness is unto all generations.
—Psalm 119:90

2—SUNDAY

That southern Baptists be led to support with their gifts the work of the churches and missions; also for observance of Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions with its Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
Vow and pay unto the Lord your God.
—Psalm 76:11

3—MONDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Ayers, medical work, Hwanghsien, China, directing deputation work in southland; also for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
Rich in faith, and heirs of the Kingdom—James 2:5

4—TUESDAY

For Mrs. L. W. Pierce (on furlough), evangelistic work, Yang Chow, China; also for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
The Lord is with you.
—II Chronicles 15:2

5—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. P. W. Hamlett, evangelistic work, Wusih, China; also for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
He hath filled the hungry with good things.—Luke 1:53

6—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Adams, evangelistic work, Darien, China; also for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
That they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory—II Timothy 2:10

7—FRIDAY

For Miss Elsie Clor, evangelistic service among Jews, Jerusalem, Pal-

estine; also for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself.—II Corinthians 5:19

8—SATURDAY

For Miss Mary Kelly, worker among foreigners, Christopher, Illinois
Happy is that people whose God is the Lord.—Psalm 144:15

9—SUNDAY

That our service make real our profession
Trust in the Lord and do good.
—Psalm 37:3

10—MONDAY

Pray for W.M.U. of Florida assembled at Miami for annual meeting.
Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit.—John 15:8

11—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Lawton (on furlough), evangelistic work, Chengchow, China
I trust in the mercy of God forever and ever.—Psalm 52:8

12—WEDNESDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Bailey, medical work, Kweilin, China
Rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith—Colossians 2:7

13—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. John L. Bice, evangelistic work, Pernambuco, Brazil
Who hath saved us and called us with an holy calling—II Timothy 1:9

14—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Newton, evangelistic work, Tsingtao, China
Let him that is athirst come.
—Revelation 22:17

15—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Hatchell, evangelistic work among Mexicans, El Paso, Texas
Whom having not seen ye love.
—I Peter 1:8

†Attended W.M.U. Training School

Calendar of Prayer December, 1928

3AR, far away, like bells at evening pealing,
The voice of Jesus sounds
o'er land and sea;
And laden souls, by thousands,
meekly stealing:
Kind Shepherd, turn their weary steps to Thee.

ANGELS, sing on! your faithful watches keeping;
Sing us sweet fragments of the songs above;
Till morning's joy shall end the night of weeping
And life's long shadows break in cloudless love.

—Faber

Topic: What of China?

16—SUNDAY

For a blessing upon presidents of societies and all leaders in church activities
And ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's.
—I Corinthians 3:23

17—MONDAY

For Rev. and **Mrs. J. A. Abernathy, country evangelistic work, Tsinan, China
The fame of Him went out into every place of the country round about.
—Luke 4:37

18—TUESDAY

For Rev. J. W. O'Hara, Superintendent Mountain Schools, Asheville, N. C.
The Lord direct your hearts into the love of God.—II Thessalonians 3:5

19—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Neal, educational and evangelistic work, Toluca, Mexico
My doctrine is not Mine, but His that sent Me.—John 7:16

20—THURSDAY

For Rev. J. W. Michaels, work among deaf mutes, Mountainburg, Arkansas
I shall be satisfied when I awake with Thy likeness.—Psalm 17:15

21—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Townshend, evangelistic work, Kweichow, China
For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.—Romans 10:4

22—SATURDAY

For Mrs. W. H. Sears, educational work, Pingtu, China
Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.
—Colossians 3:17

23—SUNDAY

Pray that the Christmas season be a means of grace in our own hearts; also for S.B.C. Christmas Thank Offering
Seeing then that we have a great high priest, let us hold fast our profession.—Hebrews 4:14

24—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Rowe, educational work, Kokura, Japan
Fight the good fight of faith.
—I Timothy 6:12

25—TUESDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. J. R. Mashburn (on furlough), educational work, Pingtu, China
Behold, I bring you good tidings.
—Luke 2:10

26—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Everett Gill (on furlough), Director European Missions, Barcelona, Spain
I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.—Luke 5:32

27—THURSDAY

For Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Snuggs, evangelistic work, and Miss Faith Snuggs, educational work, Pakhoi, China
Every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.
—Romans 14:11

28—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Strother, evangelistic work, Pochow, China
In all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God.—II Corinthians 6:4

29—SATURDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. P. S. Evans, evangelistic and medical work, Tsinan, China
Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.—II Timothy 2:1

30—SUNDAY

Pray that the Spirit convict sinners to repentance.
Joy shall be in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth.—Luke 15:7

31—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Matthews, educational work, Buenos Aires, Argentina; also for grateful hearts for blessings of past year
Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.
—Revelation 2:10

†Attended W.M.U. Training School

*Attended Southwestern Training School

**Attended Baptist Bible Institute

FAMILY ALTAR

TOPIC—Vital Development

Prepared by Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

Christmas Carol

WHEN Christ was born in Bethlehem,
'Twas night but seemed the noon of day;
The stars, whose light
Was pure and bright,
Shone with unwavering ray;
But one, one glorious star
Guided the eastern magi from afar.

AS shepherds watched their flocks by night,
An angel, brighter than the sun's own light,
Appeared in air
And gently said:
"Fear not—be not afraid,
For lo! beneath your eyes,
Earth has become a smiling paradise".

—Longfellow

The Church of God

Saturday, 1st

Isaiah 52:1-10; Matthew 16:18

Sunday, 2d

Psalm 84:1-4; John 10:16; 17:11, 21-23

Monday, 3d

Isaiah 59:19-21; Acts 2:41-47

Tuesday, 4th

Isaiah 62:1-12; I Peter 2:5

Wednesday, 5th

Luke 18:16; I Corinthians 12:5, 12, 13, 26, 27

Thursday, 6th

Romans 1:5-7; 12:4, 5; Ephesians 4:4-6, 12, 13, 16, 25

Friday, 7th

Genesis 18:26; Psalm 41:11; Matthew 10:30; Revelation 21:3, 10, 22, 27

Sustenance

Saturday, 8th

John 6:27, 35, 39, 48-58

Sunday, 9th

Job 22:22; Psalm 23; Jeremiah 15:16

Monday, 10th

Isaiah 26:9; Luke 22:15-20

Tuesday, 11th

Amos 8:11-13; II Timothy 3:15; 4:3, 4

Wednesday, 12th

John 4:10-15, 24-26, 32-34; 7:37

Thursday, 13th

I Corinthians 10:3, 4; I Peter 2:2-10

Friday, 14th

Isaiah 55:1-13

Satisfaction

Saturday, 15th

Ephesians 1:5-12, 18; 3:16

Sunday, 16th

Psalm 84:7; I Corinthians 6:20; 7:23; Hebrews 9:12, 15

Monday, 17th

Psalm 37:3, 4, 23-34; Matthew 25:21, 34

Tuesday, 18th

Psalm 17:15; 34:9, 15, 17; 25:10-14

Wednesday, 19th

Romans 10:4-15; I John 3:2

Thursday, 20th

I Samuel 2:9a; Luke 12:35-40

Friday, 21st

Ezra 8:22; Revelation 3:4, 5, 10, 12, 21

Beauty of Life

Saturday, 22d

I Corinthians 10:24, 31, 32; Philippians 2:3-8

Sunday, 23d

Matthew 18:21-35; Galatians 6:10

Monday, 24th

Acts 20:33; Ephesians 2:10; 4:32; Romans 5:3-5

Tuesday, 25th

Christmas Story: Matthew 2:1-12; Luke 2:1-20

Wednesday, 26th

I Timothy 6:18, 19; Titus 3:1, 2, 8; Hebrews 6:10; Revelation 14:13

Thursday, 27th

Matthew 3:8; James 1:22-27

Friday, 28th

Colossians 3:8-15; II John 4; III John 11

Saturday, 29th

I Thessalonians 1:3, 7, 8; 3:10, 13; 5:5, 22, 23; I Peter 1:14-16; 5:10

Sunday, 30th

Jeremiah 17:7; II Peter 3:11-15, 17, 18

Monday, 31st

Psalms 16:9; 71:5; Colossians 1:5, 21-28; 2:9, 10

PROGRAM PLANS

WITH the PROGRAM COMMITTEE



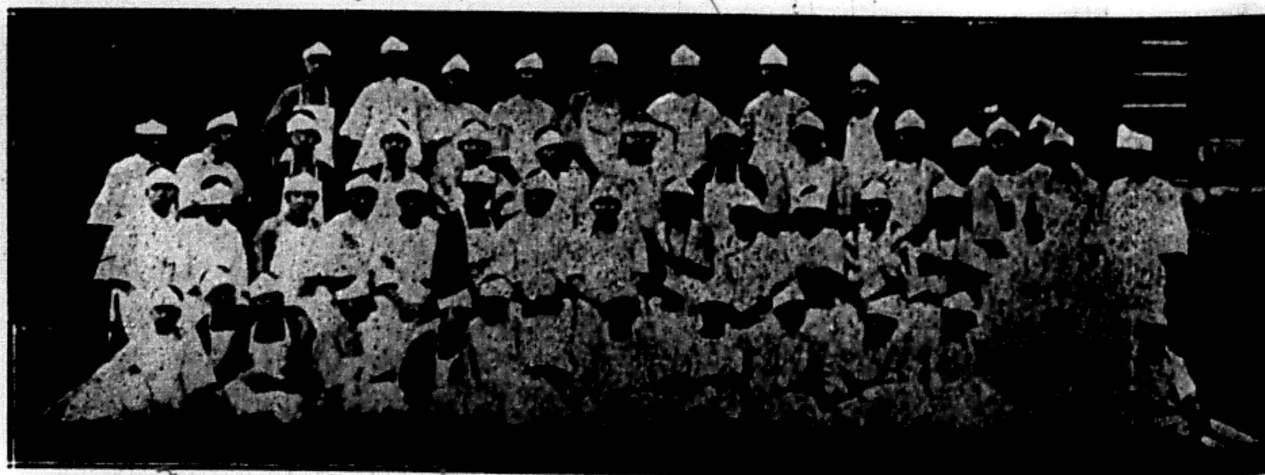
Again the December meeting with its first thought of Christmas joy. But a reading of the program material will tell little of joy in the lives of suffering of the Chinese Christians. The program committee should look up the three Bible references given. They will be found to refer to "crowns". First, the crown of life; second, the crown of righteousness; third, the crown of glory. Another "crown" may be added in connection with the last part of the program—Youth and New China—Proverbs 17:6: "Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers".

The thought of "crowns" may be the one around which the program is built. "Crowns for Those Who Suffer" may be the first section. Have the instances of brave suffering of Chinese Christians related, not read. "Crowns for Those Who Serve" may well be the general title when the brave deeds of our missionaries are related—I Thess. 2:19. "A Crown of Glory in the Hand of the Lord" may be the next subject, bringing out the blessed realization that these experiences are being used of God to develop and strengthen the native workers. See Zechariah 9:16; I Peter 5:4; Phil. 4:1; Rev. 2:10; Rev. 3:11.

For the section on "Youth and the New China", use the reference from Proverbs given above. Surely the youth of China have much of glory to treasure in the history of their fathers. Even now there are one or two generations who can point back to the bravery of their ancestors in the terrible Boxer uprising. Others can rejoice that their fathers, even before the entrance of Christianity, had served well their country. To become the "glory of their fathers" is no mean ambition.

In closing the program, it may be well to pause and ask the why of these "crowns". Are they not indeed that all honor and glory may be given unto Him who hath crowned us with loving kindness and tender mercy (Ps. 103:4)? In Heaven they are cast at His feet (Rev. 4:10; Heb. 2:9).

If the verses given in the references are copied on slips of paper and given to the members, those having duplicate verses may read them in concert. A last talk may be made on "Crowning Him in Our Daily Lives", followed by prayer that we may be as faithful as the devoted Chinese Christians.

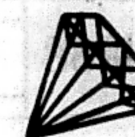


Domestic Science Class, Canton, China



Program Outline and References for Advanced Missionary Societies

Prepared by Mrs. W. D. Pye, Arkansas



WHAT of CHINA?

Hymn—Hail to the Brightness of Zion's Glad Morning

Devotional Topic—The Redeemed of the Nations: Acts 17:26, 27; Rev. 5:9-13; Psalm 107:1-8

Prayer that the nations' redeemed may be "steadfast, unmovable"

Hymn—Ye Christian Heralds!

Topic 1—Yesterday in Old Cathay—In his book, "The Far East", Frank Elias tells us that several hundred years ago English sailors would return to their homes 'mid the green lanes of Devonshire telling of a wonderful country called Cathay (*ancient China*). For an historical study see: "China Yesterday and Today", Edward Thomas Williams, chapter 2; "The Awakening of China", W. A. P. Martin, chapters 13-26; "The Far East", Frank Elias, chapter 1; "The Chinese Empire", Gen. Tcheng-Ki-Tong, chapter 2.

Prayer that the darkness of ancient superstition may be dispelled by "The Light of the World"

Topic 2—What of China Today? (*People, Customs, Country, Government*)—"For millenniums China's face has been toward the past. Her literature, her government, her social life have all deified the past and subordinated the present", writes Isaac T. Headland in "China's New Day". Also read "China Yesterday and Today", Edward T. Williams, chapters 3-16; "The Chinese Empire", Gen. Tcheng-Ki-Tong, chapters 3-11; "The Far East", Frank Elias, chapters 2-12. The material for this topic may be divided into four short talks, if desired.

Hymn—Thy Brother Calls to Thee

Topic 3—The Great Awakening—W. A. P. Martin characterizes the awakening of China as the greatest movement now taking place on the face of the globe. See: "Changing China", Lord Gascoyne-Cecil; "Problems of the Far East", Rt. Hon. G. Curzon, chapters 8-11; "The Far East", Frank Elias, chapter 13; "The Awakening of China", W. A. P. Martin, chapter 27-32; "China Yesterday and Today", Williams, chapter 17-22; "The International Development of China", Sun Yat-Sen

Prayer that southern Baptists may awake to China's spiritual needs, even as her people are aroused to the economic needs of the country

Topic 4—What Christian Missionaries Mean to the Far East—Lord Gascoyne-Cecil says, "While detailing the causes which have created the national movement . . . we must not forget that the awakening of China has a higher side and one which we can attribute directly and indirectly to Christianity". For reference, see: "Camps and Trails in China", Roy Chapman Andrews, chapter 15; "Changing China", Lord Gascoyne-Cecil, chapters 16, 18, 21; "China's Real Revolution", Paul Hutchinson.

Special Music

Topic 5—Baptist Opportunities and Problems in China—Miss Mollie McMinn in the annual report of the South China Mission writes, "The year 1927 has been characterized by great trials and tragedies in mission work in China . . . but we are gratified that in so many places . . . there has

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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 32.

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

WHAT about CHINA?

Hymn for the Year—The Kingdom Is Coming

Poem—Christmas Peace (See page 33.)

Prayer for all the interests of our southern Baptist work, praying particularly for the missionaries and objects mentioned in the Calendar of Prayer for the week, pages 13-14

Bible Study (See page 12.)

Story of Mrs. Pollard's Homegoing (See page 5 of July issue of this magazine.)

Prayer of thanksgiving for Mrs. Pollard's beautiful life and service

Hymn—"Higher Ground"

Faithful Even unto Death

1—The Chinese Christians

2—Our Missionaries to China

Hymn—The Son of God Goes Forth to War

Prayer that we may be faithful in our prayers and gifts on behalf of our Chinese Christians and the missionaries of China

And the Nations Shall See Thy Righteousness

Hymn—Zion Stands with Hills Surrounded

Prayer that the missionaries and Chinese Christians be given wisdom for the readjustment of the activities in mission work

Youth and the New China

Hymn—Fling Out the Banner

Watchword for the Year—"Enlarge—spare not—lengthen—strengthen."

Prayer that the sons of China "shall be as plants grown up in their youth and the daughters fashioned after the similitude of a palace"

Poem—My Prayer (See page 35.)

SECTION I

Faithful Even unto Death

1—*The Chinese Christians*—Let us imagine ourselves in Peking listening to the echoes of the church bells in that ancient city while we think of a bell that rang one night from a church tower during the Boxer uprising in 1900. Let us picture, if we can, the scenes made vivid by Mrs. Theodora Inglis in her story of "The Old Bell Ringer of Peking". For five summer days Wang Chu (*Wong Chew*), who rang the church bell on worship days and peddled brass and

copper bells in between, passed up and down the great streets and in and out the narrow by-ways of Peking calling his wares. "Bells! Bells!" he shouted. "Bells for the birth, bells for the bier; bells for the gate and bells for the cart; bells for the mule and bells for the pigeon—bells, bells!" But now and then some heard something more than a bell-ringer shouting his wares. They heard his hoarse low whisper: "The Boxer army is marching northward with fire and sword slaying all Jesu people and foreigners in their path. When you hear me ring the church bell loud

and fast fly for your lives—bells, bells!" and old Wang Chu passed on calling his bells. Five long June evenings followed those busy days as the old bell-ringer watched not far from the church wherein hung his beloved bell. The fifth seemed strangely quiet when suddenly he was startled into action by a sound rising and falling like distant surf thundering upon the shore. Quickly he ran to the mission, entered and barred the gate, also the church door behind him. Into the bell room he went, locked the door behind him, then climbed into the belfry and began to ring the bell. Then it was that the "Jesu folk" sprang up in terror exclaiming "Old Wang! He is ringing us to flight for the Boxers are coming!" And fly they did while the bell clanged on. The mob swept into the city burning and killing. At first, they paid no heed to the bell but when Christian homes marked for destruction were found deserted, they understood the meaning and surged toward the church. High up in the belfry Wang heard them coming but he rang harder than ever. The mission gate was jammed open, the church door broken down and but a moment later smoke and flame swept up the belfry stairs. But the ringing of the bell kept on till it and Wang Chu crashed down together. Found dying, he was heard to gasp: "Christ is risen today! Christ the Lord is risen!" Faithful unto death, he heard the resurrection bells and went forth to receive his crown of life from his risen Lord.

In the wars that have so recently swept China and in the uprising when the anti-Christian and anti-foreign propaganda seemed about to sweep the Chinese people from their moorings, the great body of Chinese Christians proved faithful. Many withstood severe criticism, persecution and even death for His name's sake.

From all over China come stories which prove the strength of their Christian faith. In Naam (*Narm*) Chong one man tested almost beyond endurance, because he refused to give money

to build an ancestral hall, said with deep emotion: "They may kill me, but I will not deny my Lord and Saviour". In another section where the persecution was unusually severe one stalwart Christian declared: "Let them kill me if they will. I do not refuse to die for Christ". Others who lost everything they possessed are still faithful and rejoice in the richness of God's love.

It is true that the "blight of Bolshevism and the curse of communism" swept some of the members out into the current and they tried to make over the Christian churches to conform to their new ideas, while some youthful and timid ones were frightened away by the cries: "Down with imperialism", "Down with the foreigner", "Overthrow the church". Yet, as one of the missionaries said, "This testing as by fire will relieve the churches of the wood, hay and stubble which in the end will prove a real gain for China".

(Read James 1:12 here. Follow with prayer.)

2—*Our Missionaries to China*—A Chinese student writing in praise of his foreign teacher, a missionary who was soon to sail for home, expressed his admiration in the following words: "Greater love has no foreigner than he who is even willing to lay down his life for the welfare of the Chinese people. Such a *Godsend* quality is found in him". Though none of our own missionaries were called upon to make the supreme sacrifice for China, yet their every act proved their willingness to die for China, if need be.

Dr. Sallee, writing of the situation in China during 1927 and after, said that Honan province had been a vast battlefield. "Our missionaries", said he, "had remained loyally at their work in the face of dangers from war, while the contending armies fought for possession of the cities in which they lived and would have continued to risk their lives. Had the missionaries been free to follow the desires of their own hearts, perhaps", he continues, "all would have chosen to risk all and stayed by their work, their

homes, their Chinese friends, but the definite order from the U. S. minister brought us face to face with the fact that 'none of us liveth to himself'. The fear, lest any harm come to us because of our failure to obey the order might lead to war and result in far greater injury to the cause we love, convinced us it was our duty to leave our fields for awhile". Yet they stayed as long as they dared, some finally escaping in a freight car, that had been emptied of coal and in which their party of fifteen had to eat and sleep for two days and nights. Notwithstanding this, one of the women missionaries in the party wrote the Foreign Board: "They meant it for good, our Chinese official and United States consul, but we begged to be allowed to stay, we spent days praying that we be allowed to stay, if the Father was willing, then His own hand seemed to lead us out. For nine months", she adds, "we have stood here on the coast looking back across the long way to our people, praying and hoping that the road might be opened and we might turn back but still He keeps us here". From almost every field came the lament: "Just when our opportunities were so great, just when everything looked so promising the order came to leave". One missionary wrote: "It was almost with rebellion that we obeyed orders but were afraid of endangering the lives of *our Chinese* if we stayed. One missionary was turned back from his compound at the point of a soldier's bayonet".

The loss of their earthly possessions, the hardships they endured were as nothing to their lost opportunities. But it can be said to the everlasting credit of the missionaries that those who had to seek places of safety never relaxed their efforts in work for the advancement of the Kingdom. They helped where they could and greatly promoted the work wherever they went in China, in some other foreign land or in the home field. Faithful they have been to the call of their Lord whether permitted to remain

on their fields of labor or ordered to find refuge or rest elsewhere.

The burden of work on a foreign field is always heavy but, with anxiety, hardship and sometimes extra work added because of the enforced absence of other missionaries, the burden became too heavy. Some had not the reserve strength to fight disease when it overtook them and God took these to Himself. Faithful to the last they have gone Home to claim their crown of righteousness.

(Read II Timothy 4:6-8. Follow with prayer.)

SECTION II

And the Nations Shall See Thy Righteousness

WE are told that from a hill just north of Pingtu (*Pingtoo*) a thousand villages, ranging from 100 to 50,000 inhabitants, can be seen with the naked eye and that should a missionary undertake to preach the Gospel in each of these villages on the Lord's day it would take him twenty years to get around to all the villages within sight of that hill. Facts such as these show that, although valiant are the missionaries and at times seemingly superhuman in their capacity for work and endurance, the evangelization of China, to say nothing of the training of the people for Christian living and service, is a task far too great for foreign missionaries alone.

Happily the plan, that worked in Judea and in Samaria and in Galilee at the very beginning of our Lord's ministry and which has proved to be the only successful plan in spreading the Gospel, has been used in China as it has throughout the world. Just as Andrew, having been shown the Lord, found his brother, Simon Peter; as Philip found Nathaniel; as Matthew at the call of Jesus left all and followed Him; as those who had been healed of divers diseases and those from whom demons had been cast hastened to tell what Jesus had done for them; even as the woman

at the well left her waterpot and ran to tell her people of this Jesus, and upon whose testimony many believed; so, upon the testimony of the missionaries and the Word of God which "was written that men might believe", the Chinese have answered the call of Christ in such large numbers and have followed Him so faithfully that they have become a mighty power in the evangelization of their own people. It is therefore but natural that those who love the Lord and look for His coming should rejoice in the signs that point to the realization of the hope that Chinese Christians will soon be able to take the leadership in the evangelization and Christianization of China.

Before the recent revolution, in every department of missionary work—in administration, in the translating, printing and distribution of literature, in teaching, healing and preaching—the Chinese had their part. Many churches had become self-supporting and were cooperating with our missionaries in helping to spread the Gospel. But during the enforced absence of the missionaries the Chinese had to face and decide problems that until then had been largely handled by the missionaries. Such experiences have taught them self-reliance and have undoubtedly fitted them for the larger responsibilities that will come to them in the growth of the work.

Notwithstanding the fact that in many places the churches were occupied by the soldiers the Chinese pastors, evangelists, teachers and Bible women went right on with the work of evangelization and, as a consequence, reports of many conversions and of many awaiting baptism were sent to the missionaries in their places of refuge. In one station, doubling their efforts the workers seemed equal to every emergency because, feeling the need of God's wisdom and grace, they met twice daily for a month to ask His blessing and guidance.

At one place where the church was occupied by soldiers, the W.M.S. met in their homes for the missionary meeting

and also met each week for prayer. Another missionary society sent two Bible women out into the villages to teach and encourage the country Christians. In fact the Christians seized every opportunity to spread the Gospel. Several boxes of New Testaments, found in the looting of a missionary's home, were about to be burned by the soldiers when a Christian soldier rescued them. Standing on the street he handed out these pocket editions to the men of other companies as they came marching by. One beautiful young woman who, with her classmates, was driven by the Reds from the Bible School in Pingtu, found her way home and gave herself so unsparingly to the work of her Lord that the lives of women throughout that section were enriched and many souls were saved.

Some schools and hospitals were taken over by the soldiers and greatly damaged, while others kept on with their work under the direction of the Chinese. In most cases so successful were the Chinese in the administration of the work during the absence of the missionaries that the responsibility is gradually being turned over to them. Many of the schools now have Chinese at the head, while the missionaries serve on the faculty.

The power of the Chinese to endure suffering has been sorely tested but these hard and bitter trials are showing to the Christian world that in China there is as fine a product of Christianity as can be found anywhere in the world. But they still need our financial help, for villages and towns by the hundreds have been plundered and burned, while crushing burdens of taxation have been laid upon the people. There is yet much territory to be conquered and many problems to be solved and consequently the people hail with delight the return of each missionary to the field. The Chinese at large are beginning to recognize that the missionary is a blessing rather than a foreign menace in China.

In his book, "Are Missions a Fail-

ure?" Chas. A. Seldon, correspondent of the Ladies' Home Journal who recently spent many months in China studying the question, says: "The score to the credit of the missionaries is not measured by the statistics of converts. They are a wholesome and much needed offset to the bad element of the foreign, commercial people and the fox-trotting tourists. They are an important factor for national good-will and friendliness". William Boyd, advertising manager of the Curtis publications, who has made a study of business and of missions in foreign fields has written: "I believe that every dollar invested in foreign missions has produced greater returns than any dollar invested in any human enterprise".

(Read Isaiah 62:2-3. Follow with prayer.)

SECTION III

Youth and the New China

ON a bright June day last summer in one of our American cities there gathered a company of Chinese patriots to join their countrymen throughout the world in ceremonies celebrating the adoption of China's new flag. Like the stars and stripes this new flag is red, white and blue but otherwise there is no resemblance. The flag is red which symbolizes the blood of those who died in the revolution to establish the republic. The sun against a blue background in the corner represents the sky or heavens, which have always held a large place in the religious thought of China. The twelve points blazing around the outer edge of the sun stand for the twelve national districts of China as the stars on our flag stand for the forty-eight states.

The new flag is the original revolutionary banner of Sun Yat-Sen, the hero of China's revolt against the Manchu government in 1911. It was the emblem then of an unknown agitator but now the symbol of the nationalist government which is sufficiently victorious for our government to deal with as representing China.

In the gathering of Chinese in our American city to celebrate the adoption of the flag, American visitors were impressed with the extreme youthfulness, not only of the speakers but also of the majority of the audience. This was but a reflection of the situation in China. Not only here but there the young people are deeply interested and very active in the political and social life of the country.

"San Min Chu I" or "The Three Principles of the People", a book by Sun Yat-Sen setting forth his beliefs concerning nationalism, democracy and the people's livelihood, has so fired the imagination of the young people that they have been awakened to an ardent patriotism and many are dedicating their lives to the teaching of his principles throughout China.

Unless all signs fail not only China but all the people of the world will have to listen and take note of the voice of China's youth. The students in all the schools are thinking and studying with the purpose of preparing themselves to help in the crusade to make China a powerful and prosperous nation with a government "of the people, by the people and for the people". Evidence of this can be seen in the papers written by students and published in the annuals of some of our own mission schools. In one annual seven out of fourteen papers deal with patriotism and social service, while in each of two others there were eleven out of thirty-four and five out of fifteen respectively.

A few extracts from these papers will be interesting and at the same time show what the students in our mission schools may mean to China in the near future. A young girl in her paper writes: "A favorite saying is 'Education makes men, and men make a nation'. So to prepare for the nation is the purpose of education. Students are those on whom the prosperity of the nation depends. Leaders of today are students of the past and the students of today will be the leaders of the future. So the students are important and their responsi-

bility is indeed great". Another writes: "We are Chinese. We must determine to develop the civilization of China to its highest possible point, to make her stand on her own feet, and to obtain equal rights among all the nations; moreover we should give up our lives for our own country in order to make her prosperous and happy. China needs thousands of clear thinkers and strong builders and not just talkers". Still a third girl writing on the subject, "Woman and Her Present Condition", says: "Now the woman can *gradually stand* her own community. Because she has good knowledge and clear mind therefore the dirty, dark streets, ill ventilated and poor schools can be reformed and hospitals with good devices can be opened. Let the woman use her new abilities for the improvement of those places". Continuing the same thought a young man student writes that he considers himself to be fortunate that he is living in China at present because of the opportunities. "Look around you", says he, "and you will find many opportunities. The illiterate masses have to be taught, the slaves to be freed, the degenerate ones to be reformed and the sleepy vagabonds have to be awakened. Who is to take the responsibility is the important question. The doers to my mind", he continues, "must be the students, the masters of the community". One young woman, who believes in "do it now", speaking of the extreme poverty and ignorance of the farmers and laboring people asks: "How are we going to help these miserable people and lift them to a better condition? We cannot open schools, for the school training is too high for them. We must teach them by oral method which, by speeches and addresses, puts in their reach the practical knowledge which people should know. So let everyone of us be dutiful and patriotic students by giving to these poor people some of the good ideas which we have learned at school".

To many of the young people of China, Sun Yat-Sen is a hero to be rev-

erenced if not actually worshipped. During the troublous days when our mission property was at the mercy of the contending factions thirty young men took possession of the home of a missionary where they lived, while they held daily meetings in the church to teach "The Three Principles of the People". They placed Sun Yat-Sen's picture under the large text, "Glory to the True God" which the missionaries had hung above the platform, and at every meeting these young men performed the ceremony of bowing three times and spending three minutes in silent meditation. The faith of many young people in this man was expressed by one student who, referring to him as "The Sun of China", said, "Nothing but the sun can sweep away the darkness. It is to our deepest grief that this sun should rise and so early give off its brilliant light; for dark China still is in need of it and now is Dr. Sun dead". Indeed dark China needs a light that can sweep away the darkness, but the little girl, whom the missionary found waiting at the chapel door, all unconsciously, perhaps, had a clearer vision of the light that China needs than many of Sun Yat-Sen's disciples, even the students with all their education. It was on a cold January afternoon, we are told, that the missionary found a child dirty, ragged and shivering standing outside the chapel door in the falling snow. Thinking that she had come to Sunday school and was waiting for some friend, the missionary asked for whom she was waiting. With distress on her face, the child looked up and replied: "I am waiting for Jesus. I have been knocking a long time but no one has come to open the door".

Waiting for Jesus! Ah yes, China has been waiting for Jesus a long time. He is the sun that China needs, "the Sun of Righteousness with healing in His wings". This Sun has already risen in China and many, among them crowds of young people, "who sat in darkness have seen a great light", but there are

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COLLEGE Y.W.A.



SCHOOL at FAH HWO



Mr. Zao is a deacon in the Old North Gate Baptist Church in Shanghai. He is also a very highly respected and influential citizen of this great cosmopolitan center. But in spite of his church and civic duties and though he has a family of twelve children to support, nevertheless he gives time and money to a school for boys and girls in a nearby rural section where educational opportunities are scant, especially under Christian influences. You will be interested in hearing what is being done at this school for the religious training of the boys and girls of Fah Hwo.

Mr. Woo, a busy young business man, Miss Wu who is one of our most faithful Old North Gate teachers, and three or four of the older pupils go there with me every Sunday afternoon. These young folk gladly give up one of the two half-holidays of the week to go out to this country place to tell the story of Jesus. Mr. Woo has been a Christian only about three years but his growth in the Christian life and his love for his church and for this little evangelistic work are lovely to see. Each Sunday afternoon the boys crowd around him in admiring groups when he gets to Fah Hwo and then come in and listen very attentively to his teaching of the Sunday school lesson.

Such a change has come over them since we first started going there! At first they were so unruly but now, while full of mischief, they are easily quieted and controlled. The little ones out there all call out "Jesus is coming" when they see us. And He does come in the lives and work of these faithful ones of His.

Miss Wu is a wonderful little Christian. She was one of my pupils and it has been my joy to watch her grow and develop in her Christian life. She is the daughter of a wealthy man who idolizes her and is ready to grant her every wish. However, she has developed into such an earnest and unselfish Christian that she is willing to give herself unreservedly to the Master's work. Her hope is to become an evangelistic worker, giving all her time to the telling of the Gospel story to those who have never heard.—*Pearle Johnson, Shanghai, China*

HOME ECONOMICS at POOI TO ACADEMY

WHAT a glorious task I have entrusted to me in Pooi To Academy through training in the domestic science classes many future homemakers of this great land of China! Yet what a difficult task, for the modern Chinese girl is not satisfied with the past and is grasping for something to take its place. She is no longer content to keep the fire burning on the ancestral altars. Since this void in her life is going to be filled with something, why not give her the best? Give her Christ with the principles of keeping a Christian home. Then she will find contentment, peace and joy in her home-life and will help lay the foundation on which her nation can be established anew.

The Pooi To girls were so interested in domestic science this year that they asked me to make up all holidays and also requested classes during the Christmas and summer vacation. (See page 16 for a picture of one of the classes.)

Is home economics worth-while? Yes, a million times! It is one of the greatest inlets to the hearts of these girls and is one of the easiest approaches in telling the Gospel story.—*Essie Smith, Canton, China*

"The people which sat in darkness saw great light"—Matt. 4:16.



Y.W.A. PROGRAMS



Material found in the general program on pages 17-23 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—Christmas Lights of Color

Hymn—The Light of the World Is Jesus

Scripture—Christ the Light of the World: Ps. 27:1; 119:105; John 8:12; Eph. 5:14 and John 1:1-14 (Other verses on Christ as the Light may be written on slips of paper and given to each girl.)

Hymn—Jesus Is All the World to Me

Prayers that at this Christmas season of light we may be spiritual lights

Introduction to Program

"Ye Are the Light of the World"

Prayers for Missionaries in China Today

"Now Are Ye Light"

Prayers for the faithful native Christians of China

"Light That Shineth in a Dark Place"

Prayer for all who labor in China

"Light of the Gospel"

Prayer that the Light of Christ may bring the dawn

"Let Your Light So Shine"

Prayer that we may shine afar through our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Introduction



The beautiful note of the Christmas time is sounded in the message of peace and good will. Peace comes from good will and good will can come only from the Peace of God. President Harding once said: "The Gospel of Understanding alone will insure a tranquil world". And what is the Gospel of Understanding? It is the "Christmas Message of Peace and Good Will". Can nations or persons understand each other without a knowledge of God? Knowledge of God brings not only peace but light. The Christian Chinese interprets that Scripture which reads: "They looked unto Him and were radiant" as meaning: "All who look unto the Lord have light in their faces". Such lives shine as lights in China this Christmas time to herald the message of peace and good will. How we thank God with them that the war clouds do not now hover

over them as last Christmas and that there is a better understanding among those millions. Surely God has been working His purpose out even in the days of turmoil and suffering and the light of a new day can be seen more clearly than for many a Christmas time.

"Ye Are the Light of the World"

(Matt. 5:14)

SO says Jesus to those who witness for Him in China even as He said to those of long ago who were to tell the love story. Truly have our faithful missionaries been lights that reflected Christ's love and mighty power as they have stood the tests of faith and loyalty under the firing of guns and the dangers of death. Telling of the testing times one of our missionaries of Canton said: "Our hearts surge with praise and thanksgiving for what our eyes have seen and our lives have experienced of the great keeping power of God. In all the terrible days He has been glorified. One morning we were awakened about

three o'clock by rifle-firing. It seemed to be in all directions and we felt sure it was an insurrection within the city of Canton and not an attack from the outside. We soon realized that the Red element of the city had gained the upper hand in the absence of many of the regular guards. Well did we know what might be expected. Enough did happen to fill pages of history. All shops closed and students fled from the schools. By noon all police had been disarmed, many killed. Fires were raging and looting was rife. Everybody dreaded night for no one dared think of what might come. The night passed and people talked in whispered tones. All day again fires raged and more than a thousand buildings burned. Any who dared remove a thing from the fire were killed on the spot. All communications were cut off and there was no way of travel. Nothing to do but wait" (and pray). This same person said: "We have been prisoners in our own compound for days at a time, our houses have been shaken by cannon, bullets have come into our rooms and shells have passed over our roofs but we felt the assurance that He would keep us from all harm".

Another one of our missionaries says in a recent letter: "Blessed be the Lord who daily beareth our burdens, for God is unto us a God of deliverance. The chariots of God are twenty thousand. We think of how God used so many means last year as His dear chariots to lift us out of trouble, danger, anxiety and delivered us into places of safety".

Another one writes: "While fighting was in progress at Kaifeng we went calmly on with our work at outstations". As they have gone about their tasks or as they have sat under the firing of cannon they have been calm and undisturbed. Such lives have made impressions that have led Chinese to want a Christ who can give such faith.

"Now Are Ye Light"

(Eph. 5:8)

NO light is more lovely in China at this season of lights than the light

reflected through the lives of the native Christians who have suffered physical pain and persecution. In telling of the splendid natives a missionary writes: "I must say that the way the native Christians have been kept is a marvelous answer to prayer". Mrs. Sallee of Kaifeng writes: "The loss of the missionaries has been great but one scarcely feels like mentioning it when we realize what the Chinese all about us lost. In near villages there is not left a chicken or pig. In one village where we have a number of Christians a double line of trenches was dug and one of the school boys told Mr. Sallee that the soldiers took every door, bed and table to cover the first line of trenches. Mr. Sallee found the Christians going on with their early morning prayer-meetings and Sunday services and the warmth of their faith and love greatly encouraged his heart".

During the terrible days in China last February a missionary wrote: "The native Christians are doing their best to keep the light burning during the storm that is upon them. It is not easy but it is certainly easier than in the Boxer days, for many had to stand alone then. Today there is a band standing together supporting each the other's faith. The Christian community has grown and has worked on the conscience of the non-Christian".

Many of the missionaries have testified as to the bravery and loyalty of Chinese Christians—how they have held out and witnessed and how the work has been carried on as best they knew how in their absence. But how glad they have been to see a few of our missionaries return and how they have given thanks to God for their return.

"Light That Shineth in a Dark Place"

(II Pet. 1:19)

WE have heard of some who wonder if our missionaries who are on the field in China can accomplish as they could before the war. Suggestions of one day's work done by one missionary will probably assure us. June 16, 1928 is the day—Miss Addie Cox is the mis-

sionary—"Arose at daybreak. Prayer and Bible-reading. Breakfast. Family prayers (Chinese). Trip to village with Bible woman and evangelist. Talked to laborers resting under the shade tree beside the road. As we journeyed my heart sang praises to the Father for permitting me to witness for the Master. Arriving at the village the evangelist played the accordion to attract people and I invited the women on two streets. A great crowd came and listened. Returning to the chapel we ate dinner, had prayer and went to see a sick woman who had sent for us. She lay on a pallet (*straw mat and wooden pillow*) on the dirt floor. We sang and knelt in prayer. Forty spectators diminished oxygen and added heat on that June day. Presently the woman recovered from her stupor, began talking and was soon able to get up. We went next to the home of an inquirer and preached to a yard full of people. After words we held a service at the chapel for women and children. After dismissing we read several chapters from the Chinese Bible, sang a hymn and ate supper—(*Menu was steamed bread, flour soup, vegetables and eggs*). Had devotions and slept out under the beautiful stars, the same shining signal of God's glory that they are in that hemisphere.

"Some days we travel from dawn till dark using donkeys, camels, carts or wheelbarrows, singing and repeating Scripture as we go. I often walk, sometimes 10 miles on a stretch. When we visit several villages a day we carry lunch, usually bread and water. Food and drink are insignificant considerations when one can preach the Gospel of salvation to interested hearers. Fifty-nine have recently been baptized at two stations. Regardless of bandits and political disturbances we say at night, "I will both lay me down in peace and sleep, for Thou Lord only makest me to dwell in safety".

Light of the Gospel

(II Cor. 4:4)

THROUGH recent daily newspaper clippings we have news that is truly

significant of a new day in China. Dr. Sun Fo (*son of the late Sun Yat-Sen, the Geo. Washington of China*) says: "We are building now in China, not tearing down. America is our best friend. We know she has no ax to grind and we welcome American cooperation. The Japanese people are ready to settle peacefully. They are tired of fighting. They and we want no more useless wars but we want peace and progress". He advocated cutting the armed forces from 2 million to one half.

Another clipping from a daily paper says: "The new government of China has adopted a policy of prohibiting the personal use of opium and other narcotics. The government will seek to eliminate all traffic in drugs except as legally authorized for medical and hospital purposes. On March 1st opium smoking will be finally prohibited and after that will be a crime".

In a recent article on "The New China", given through Dr. Fenn in Missionary Review, the writer shows many shining lights. First he says: "It is too soon to assert that all danger has passed, but it is not too soon to note evidences that the mutual oath of loyalty of the Nationalist leaders at the grave of Sun Yat-Sen was no mere empty form and that they are firmly resolved to subject personal ambitions to the great ambition of uniting all China and to the construction of a nation worthy of a position of equality with other nations". The lights from cannon balls have changed into lights that carry rays of hope for China. Dr. Fenn said in his article: "From the results of the recent strenuous and painful years there has developed a deeper mutual respect and affection between missionary and Chinese. It has brought heart-searchings to the missionary who may have failed to give justice to the Chinese race and associates. On the other hand it has brought to all a new appreciation of what they owe to the missionary for past service and the impossibility of accomplishing their task without his help for many years to come".

"Let Your Light So Shine"
(Matt. 5:16)

NOW we love to light candles and make pretty colored lights to add cheer and love to our homes at Christmas. How easy and beautiful too if we should make an effort to add color and cheer to Chinese homes and hearts this Christmas by lighting their lives with a knowledge of Christ. By giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering you are helping to keep forty missionaries on the field who were sent this year with the last Christmas Offering. You will help to pay the salaries (*which are meager*) of native helpers whose help could not otherwise be had. Through these missionaries and helpers you can send light into many Chinese homes this Christmas. When we think of the new dress, shoes and hat for Christmas, when we decide upon the lovely gifts that are worthy for our families and friends let us decide upon a gift to our Chinese brothers and sisters—a gift that is worthy of Him who loved Chinese and gave His life for them. Let's not decide hurriedly upon this gift for we need to pray over such a matter. However, let

Announcement Poster

Paste pictures of different kinds of lights on a cardboard—candles with colored rays, floor-lamps of colored shades and any pictures of homes with lights shining through the windows. A cross or the Bible could be drawn to represent rays of light reaching from our homes to China. Print the topic and add the time and place of meeting.

SUGGESTED OUTLINE for SECOND Y.W.A. PROGRAM

(Use material in W.M.S. program as indicated.)

TOPIC—Chinese Bells at Christmas

Hymn—The Kingdom Is Coming
Prayer for objects in Calendar of Prayer (See pages 13-14.)
Poem—My Prayer (See page 35.)
Bible Study—(See page 12.)
Hymn—Christmas Carol
The Bell That Wang Chu Rang—(See section I on page 18.)
Bells That Ring in the Hearts of Natives (Page 19)
Bells That Ring Out of Missionaries' Lives (Page 19)
Setting Bells to Ringing in Hearts of Others (Section II, Pages 19-20)
Bells of the Future (Section III, Pages 20-22)
Prayer for China's Youth
Bells Yet Silent (*Sun Yat-Sen Worship*, Page 23)
Poem—Christmas Peace (See page 33.)
Song—We've a Story to Tell
Repeating of Watchword—"The people which sat in darkness saw great light."

each one decide surely to make such a gift, remembering at such a season of spending, giving and receiving that Jesus said "Seek ye first the Kingdom". Shall we give first our worthy gifts to the Lottie Moon Offering and then shall we be happier in spending what is left? (See footnote on page 24; also page 9.)

SHE brought her box of alabaster:
The precious spikenard filled the room,
With honor worthy of the Master,
A costly, rare and rich perfume.

I bring my box of alabaster
Of earthly loves I break the shrine
And pour affections purer, vaster
On that dear Head, those feet of Thine.

The joys I prized, the hopes I cherished,
The fairest flowers my fancy wove,
Behold my fondest idols perished:
Lord, receive the incense of my love.

Oh may we thus like loving Mary
Even our choicest offerings bring
Nor grudging of our toil nor chary
Of costly service to our King".

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

"ON CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE MORNING"



"On Christmas day in the morning" when you wake with the blessed thought of the Savior's birth making your heart a-glow will you, friend counselor, feel that you have really passed Christmas on to the waiting world? Will you have the joy in your heart of having joined in the procession with the wise men and brought your own gift to Christ? And will you have a right to feel that you have helped the young people in your organization to go that star-guided way?

This year with its \$400,000 goal for Christmas gifts is a challenging one of unusual import. The needs that cry, the darkness that broods, the silence of the darkness without an echo of the angel's song, the reassurance of His birth all speak of offerings bright with the radiance of sacrifice that are to be gathered in this Christmas. W.M.U. has sought to put into your hands, through the distribution at your state headquarters, programs that will lead your young people toward that real Christmas spirit which shares its best gifts. But upon you as counselor really waits the carrying out of program plans, the stirring of the desire to truly give a worthy gift to Christ. You can urge every member to participate and to pray or you can let the opportunity slip through your grasp unwelcomed as did the inn-keeper long ago.

The passing out of the envelopes should be prayerfully, thoughtfully done. Into those cross and crown marked offering envelopes should be put no heedless, careless offering. Make the matter a really beautiful one as you talk to the members of your auxiliary. Let them receive the envelope individually, understanding its historic reason for its appearing at Lottie Moon Christmas Offering time, catching a new appreciation of her example of Christ-like giving. The story in *World Comrades*, "To the Moon", will be very useful if impressively told.

Your auxiliary may be one of the negligent ones never to have observed the Week of Prayer. Surely you will not fail in this Ruby Year.

Not only the Christmas Offering but Christmas provided for others near who might have no gifts should make you happy. "on Christmas day in the morning". Intermediate G.A's. and R.A's. will take particular joy in fixing up, to be "as good as new", the toys that other children will help them gather from attic and play room. When mended and painted and all fixed, place them at the disposal of your associated charities board or use them where you know they are needed. Avoid a feeling of passing out an old toy but develop that of "we had a good time with this, now someone else can enjoy it". Giving of both types will make for you the joy we wish on Christmas day in the morning.

"Pray Ye"

Wishing to give all possible space in this issue to the Week of Prayer programs and to the messages "from our missionaries" the department bearing the title of this notice is herewith omitted. Sincerely is it hoped that the circles and societies will devote all possible time to the Week of Prayer and that they will ponder well the messages from the missionaries. See pages 5-11, 24 and 35-36.



TRAINING SCHOOL



ALUMNAE ACTIVITIES



Your resident secretary is always glad to know of the changes within the big family circle. Recent letters have brought us the following news:

Delma Maher, formerly church secretary in Columbus, Ohio, has accepted work under the Northern Baptist Convention as superintendent of Americanization in Oregon, Washington and Utah. We bid Miss Maher God speed in her new task.

Winifred Moxon, home on furlough from China, is studying at the Assembly Training School in Richmond. She is not turning Presbyterian but wants to use her time to the best advantage while she is with her family.

Lila Watson, also home on furlough from China, is studying Greek, Hebrew and Graduate Missions at the Seminary in Louisville. Aren't we proud of the intellectual highbrows in our family?

Mary Nelle Lyne is not failing to do her bit at home while waiting for an opportunity to return to her beloved work in China. She is efficiently serving as corresponding secretary of Alabama W.M.U. while Mrs. Stallworth has a year's leave of absence.

Through the efforts of our beloved Mother McLure and Jennie Graham Bright, Kentucky W.M.U. has pledged the money to send Susan Anderson back to Africa. Blessings upon her and those who are making it possible for her to go.

Vesta Odell has returned to the school this year to do graduate work in the departments of Bible and Religious Education. Mrs. G. B. Harris (*Helen Johnson*) has entered a new field of service as co-laborer in a pastorate in Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Harris visited us recently while spending a few days in Louisville.

Rose Marlowe, Hannah Plowden, Mary Crawford and Mary Phillips have returned to China in recent months. Naomi Schell has also gone back to Japan.

Mrs. Maude Abner is now educational director in the Victor Memorial Baptist Church, Louisville. Virginia Hill and Mannie Abbott are teaching in the Baptist Academy, Eldridge, Alabama. Leonora Dorsey is now dean in Coker College, South Carolina.

Kathleen Hagood took up her work last summer as young people's leader for the Alabama W.M.U. Elizabeth Watkins is with the Grenfell expedition in Alaska, our first representative in that faraway land. Louise Smith is studying this year in Mississippi Woman's College, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Mrs. Kyle Yates, with Dr. Yates and the children, is living abroad this year. Dr. Yates is spending his sabbatical year in study at the University of Edinburgh.—*Carrie U. Littlejohn, Resident Secretary*

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been some real progress". See minutes of Southern Baptist Convention, pages 175-210; current numbers of Home and Foreign Fields and ROYAL SERVICE.

Prayer for southern Baptist missionaries in China

Topic 6—Tomorrow with the Gospel—"In foreign lands they wondered how their simple words had power: the friends at home, by two's and three's, had met to pray an hour." For reference, see: "Changing China", Lord Gascoyne-Cecil, chapter 20; "Some Fruits of the Gospel", Leavell.

Hymn—The Kingdom Is Coming

Closing Prayer for a great ingathering through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

OVER the SEA Tune: "BLESSED ASSURANCE" (Adapted)

CARRY the news to people so brown,
Darkness and tyranny crushing them down;
Hear ye their sad plea, calling afar:
"Bring us your Savior, Bright Morning Star!"

Chorus

Over the billows, over the sea
Lost ones are waiting, waiting for thee;
Over the billows, over the sea
Lost ones are waiting, waiting for thee.

Hasten the tidings, they've waited long,
Waited in blindness, oppression and wrong;
Tell them the story, simple and plain,
Of the Redeemer—Calvary's Slain.

White is the harvest; Christ leads the way;
Go with His message of mercy today;
Tell them of Christ's love—sinning will cease;
Tell them of Heaven, freedom and peace.

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BIBLE STUDY (Concluded from Page 12)

secration, of emancipation in service for His fellowmen, and for us it means giving our lives to Christ from beginning to end, Rom. 2:7; 6:4-23; 8:10. "Whosoever of you will be the chiefest shall be servant of all", Mark 10:43-45; so our lives become greatest through service.

V. *Attainment*: Hebrews 6:1, 9-12. For vital development there must be growth. Christians must lay the principles of the doctrine of Christ as the foundation of all their profession and expectation. (1) Repentance and (2) faith towards God go together (3) baptism of the Spirit which is the sign or seal by the outward ordinance of baptism by water. Jesus Christ is the object and ground of the Christian's hope as we know. His sacrifice and intercession avail for us. He has gone to prepare a place for His people, John 14:3. He abides always as our High Priest, never failing until He has accomplished His work for all who have believed on Christ. Let us then love Heaven the more and long to be with our Lord and Saviour, who loves us and gave Himself for us, Eph. 5:2; Gal. 1:4, 5; 2:20; I Timothy 2:6. "Fight the good fight of faith; lay hold on eternal life", I Timothy 6:12.—Mrs. James Pollard*

**It is significant that this Bible study was found in Mrs. Pollard's desk after she had gone to be with her Lord and Savior.*

BOOK REFERENCES—Program Helps

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Foreign Mission Board Report for 1928	
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yet far too many who, like the little girl, are still waiting for Jesus. The obligation, therefore, still rests upon us to pray, work and give yet more, that China as she comes under allegiance to her new flag may recognize the fact that God rules in the affairs of men and that "unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it" and that, under the banner of the Cross, her young people can work victoriously in the light of a Sun that never sets. (Questions have been omitted this month but will be asked with January program.)

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stands last in the picture. Having spent part of her school days in Lai-chow, she likes to return now and then and bear witness to the saving power of the Gospel. As field secretary of the W.M.U. of Shantung Association, she travels all over our North China Mission. Thus has been opened up a new department of woman's work and Miss Wong is splendidly equipped to make it a grand success.

These eight are only a few of the host who are in Kingdom service. Opportunities for Christian women to elevate home, society and country are increasing each year in China but temptations are increasing also. Pray, pray that these eight women and many others may bravely do their part in saving China from the awful darkness and chaos which seem to be threatening the very existence of such Christian workers.—Mary D. Willeford, China

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WEEK'S SLOGAN (in Unison) "The people which sat in darkness saw great light"—Matt. 4:16.

SILENT PRAYER

INGATHERING of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

(It will be impressive to have a representative from each of the W.M.U. young people's organizations participate in this offering so that its total will represent the Graded W.M.U.)

YEAR'S HYMN: "The Kingdom Is Coming"

(For words see cover page of W.M.U. Year Book or order for 10c per dozen from W.M.U. Literature Dep't., address given above.)

YEAR'S WATCHWORD (in Unison as Benediction): "Enlarge . . spare not . . lengthen . . strengthen"—Isa. 54:2.

Christmas Peace

THE center of the world today
Is in a small Judean town,
Where once upon a bed of hay
A mother laid her baby down.

There all our thoughts go winging straight,
As angels hastened down to sing;
For we believe their word of joy
That yonder we shall find our King.

From every land beneath the sun
White men or yellow, black or brown,
We climb the hill to Bethlehem
And once again we throng the town.

There is no need of any speech;
We read within each other's eyes
One deepest need, one blessed hope
That draws us where our Saviour lies.

Like children of one family
We kneel, we worship, we are blest;
And peace on earth, good will to men
Shines like a star in every breast.

—Ella B. Robertson, Ky.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention

THIRD QUARTERLY REPORT, JULY 1, 1928 TO OCTOBER 1, 1928

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Alabama	\$ 5,837.08	\$ 2,968.97	\$ 976.89	\$ 10,786.80	\$ 12,443.52	\$ 550.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 204.00	\$ 181.57	\$ 33,978.83
Arkansas	2,391.82	995.24	211.55		9,693.71			100.00		13,392.32
District of Columbia	1,078.78	979.78			979.77				92.65	3,130.98
Florida	2,794.98	1,304.32	496.81	1,759.10	5,662.78			300.00	104.23	12,422.22
Georgia	13,198.19	6,852.17	1,867.08	9,363.20	17,166.18	550.00		301.00	138.75	49,436.57
Illinois	2,245.15	85.71			5,313.68	75.00		125.00		7,844.54
Kentucky	10,070.07	3,731.04	1,577.53	7,434.09	13,269.65			747.00	426.66	37,256.04
Louisiana	7,571.11	1,157.01	462.81	6,057.58	6,892.36				95.76	17,236.63
Maryland	1,035.57	466.00	186.40	341.74	2,157.41					4,187.12
Mississippi	2,837.44	1,261.09	627.25	4,792.15	5,121.04	400.00		249.99	128.37	15,517.32
Missouri	4,125.76	1,835.79	538.41	3,923.89	10,327.47	570.00			226.36	21,547.68
New Mexico						75.00			2.80	77.80
North Carolina	11,526.57	4,926.87	1,950.36	25,812.90	19,420.89	1,500.00		800.00	301.66	66,239.25
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Tennessee	8,299.55	4,299.50	1,310.08	11,169.11	14,562.11	500.00		400.00	297.50	40,837.85
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My Prayer

LORD, hast Thou brought me to this closing hour
Supported by Thy grace, Thy love, Thy power
And shall I not in reverent worship kneel
And pour before Thy feet the praise I feel?

The Christmas bells are chiming clear and sweet
As when the shepherds kissed Thy rosy feet;
And peace possesses me, and sweet accord,
For I have given Thee all my treasure, Lord.

My myrrh, my frankincense and gold, I bring—
So much to me, and yet how small a thing!
Dear Jesus, where I've failed accept my will
And bless my gift! I'm kneeling cleansed and still.

The inn is crowded—see they shut Thee out!
But angel choirs fill all the air about.
The stars are shining; sin and self take flight.
Oh, blessed Christ, rest in my heart tonight!

—Mrs. F. W. Withoft, Georgia

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"Waiting"

Such is the theme—"Waiting"—of the cover page drawing, the gift of Emma M. Whitfield of Richmond, Va. Around this theme the W.M.S. programs of the Week of Prayer are woven as will be seen by studying pages 5-8. Those programs refer to the booklet also entitled "Waiting". Only one copy of the booklet has been furnished free to each Woman's Missionary Society. Additional copies are to be furnished at 25c each from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., the hope being that every society will promptly purchase one or more copies. The booklet is adapted for use by mission study classes preceding or during the Week of Prayer, December 3-7 inclusive.



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Alabama	\$ 20,000	Missouri	\$ 17,783
Arkansas	17,000	New Mexico	1,000
District of Columbia	1,000	North Carolina	15,456
Georgia	24,009	Oklahoma	20,000
Illinois	6,660	South Carolina	16,422
Kentucky	30,000	Tennessee	30,304
Louisiana	10,000	Virginia	100,052
Maryland	3,000		
Mississippi	22,592	Total	\$335,278



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According to the plan in your state please send in before January first everything which you wish to count in the calendar year of 1928. This would be important any December but it is "forty times" more important this Ruby Anniversary December. Please try to have every member redeem every pledge and please try to ingather every gift for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, remitting all such as quickly as possible. Please do likewise for the S.B.C. Thank Offering at Christmas time. The Ruby Anniversary victory is largely dependent upon prompt forwarding of all W.M.U. money and credits before January first. Really the sooner the better, please.