

# Royal Service

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## How Am I Giving?

**O**VER against the treasury the Master sat:  
He chose the position that day with special care—  
The disciples must know the true test of giving  
If they were to teach others when He was not there.

He beheld how the multitude cast their money  
And how the many that were rich threw in much;  
He knew who among them had given cheerfully,  
And there was a blessing then, as now, for all such.

And there came a poor widow into the temple,  
Perhaps unobserved by all save the Master's eye—  
Humbly dropping two mites into the treasury:  
If Jesus had not been there, she would have passed by.

But calling unto Him His disciples, He said:  
"See that poor widow hath cast in more than they all—  
Two insignificant mites, making a farthing,  
And so light, though listening, I scarce heard them fall.

"The rest of their superfluity have cast in,  
While she out of her want cast all of her living:  
Theirs may meet every requirement of the law,  
While hers represents true sacrificial giving".

Not with grudge nor necessity but cheerfully—  
According as a man hath, that is the true test:  
Meet the Master at each treasury in this spirit,  
And whether 'tis pence or 'tis pounds thou art blest.

—Mrs. Chas. G. McDaniel, China

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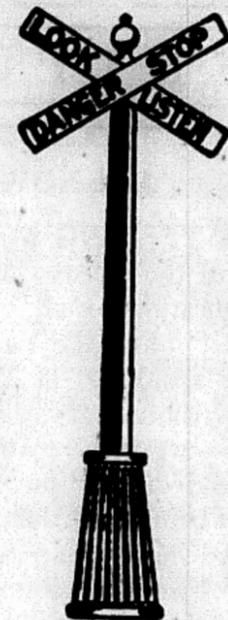
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## EDITORIAL

### "And NOW—WHAT?"



TORY-TELLING to children is all the more fascinating because of the repeated interruptions asking "And what next?" the last question of all being "And now—what? Another story, please!" For the past two years the center of interest, humanly speaking, of Woman's Missionary Union has been its Ruby Anniversary. In hearts, homes, societies, associations, states—everywhere among W.M.U. women and young people—

the blessed story was told of how for forty years God had blessed the Union's work. As the story was being told there were questions asked on every hand, the chief concern being as to how to increase the membership and gifts of W.M.U. organizations. Into the "Book of Remembrance" all such efforts have been recorded, the final question being "And now, what?"

Among the many answers, one is apt to be:

1—We will keep on *informing our constituency.*

We will tell our members such facts as the following:

50,000,000 people are not yet reached by any educational effort in Africa.

There are only 136 hospitals in all the continent of Africa.

Only 1/3 of 1% of the people of Japan have been won to Christianity.

In Pingtu County alone in north China there are still 1280 towns and villages in which there is not a Christian.

A second answer may well be:

2—We will keep on *inviting others to join W.M.U. organizations.*

Among the trophies in the Lindbergh collection in St. Louis is a reel containing the names of 100,000 school children of San Francisco who thus expressed their desire that he visit their city. Woman's Missionary Union can make no larger contribution to the future of missions than through the organization and fostering of societies among the young people. Personal experience and history prove that the lessons of childhood become the convictions of maturer years. A middle-aged woman was recently exhibiting three perfectly made quilts. When asked the reason for her skill she replied: "Not since I was eight years old have I quilted any but at that time my mother taught me, making me quilt two hours a day. What I learned as a child I find I now know as a woman."

Certainly we shall want through our prayers and gifts to make it possible for many, many the world around to be invited—aye, entreated—to become Christians. It is easy to understand that these many invitations cannot all be extended by the few missionaries but that the number of native workers must be greatly increased. One of the speakers at the Baptist World Alliance said: "All Christianity must be indigenous to be dominant—it may be introduced by missionaries but it can be propagated only by native converts". This thought was impressively re-stated by Mrs. Scudder of India when she said: "If Jesus had visited a different village in India every day since His ascension He would not yet have visited them all".

Therefore, and for a multitude of other reasons, we will give as a third answer to the question "And now—what?" the promise that:

3—We will keep on *investing in God's work.*

Like the Christians of ancient Macedonia we would first give ourselves, knowing that "the gift without the giver is bare". The pioneer Baptists of Germany were such zealous soul-winners that of them Oncken said: "We have 7000 members and they are all missionaries". We will rush in where experts fear to tread, we will realize that even in dark unknown waters a swimmer can rescue the drowning, as an English Baptist expressed it at Toronto. Yes, we will keep on trying to win those around us and we will also seek to win those "far hence" by investing our substance in God's work.

Surely it pays to do so. For example: Scotch Presbyterians sent Dr. Donald Fraser to the west coast of Africa. One day Dr. Fraser was in a village the native dances of which were unspeakably obscene. There was no school in the village but the people were eager for one. Finally Dr. Fraser agreed to establish a school provided they would completely abandon their obscene dances. The compact was sealed, the dances stopped and the school was opened. "Not for these thirty years have those village folks broken their promise" says Dr. Fraser.

A fourth answer must surely be:

4—We will keep on *interceding for souls.*

A Methodist friend thus puts it: "Until our stewardship of prayer becomes intercession we must school ourselves in prayer". Even so is the Savior of souls interceding in glory, the Bible adding: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus". Oh, that a rich legacy of the Ruby Anniversary to this and every future year of Woman's Missionary Union may be the "Intercessory League" of those who covenant to pray at least twenty minutes a day for missions the world around.

It will be noted that the Calendar of Prayer in this issue has been prepared by Mrs. Maud R. McLure, who for sixteen years was principal of the W.M.U. Training School. Thus to an unusual degree is she acquainted with the women missionaries in home and foreign fields and it will be a privilege from month to month to pray day by day for those suggested by her. There is also a change in the Bible study department, it having been prepared by Mrs. W. H. Gray of Alabama, whose chief concern has been so to arrange and actually word it that it will be suitable for a short devotional at the circle or society meeting. She is also the author of the Family Altar page, which has been prepared not only for the family but also for the rather intensive Bible study of the circle or society. For instance, the references for the given week may well be used for the meeting's study or perhaps there will be time for only a few days' references or for those of more than an entire week. With care they have been selected and they should yield large returns if faithfully used.

"And now—what?" Let us covenant as our New Year resolution to *keep on informing, inviting, investing, interceding* for the Kingdom of God.

**Adoniram Judson said "I have a passion for finishing". Have you "finished" the work of 1928 by sending in all W.M.U. money and credits which you wish to count in the Ruby Anniversary year?**

## In Memoriam

DR. E. Y. MULLINS

**I**N recalling the helpfulness of Dr. E. Y. Mullins to the work of Woman's Missionary Union one instinctively uses the expression of Jesus concerning the brother of Mary and Martha when He spoke of him to His disciples as "our friend". Unquestionably Dr. Mullins was esteemed as a friend by Christ for he proved by his many victories for righteousness that "the friendship of Jehovah is with them that fear Him". Few things demonstrated his Christian leadership so clearly as did the world-wide manifestation of grief when the fatal illness overtook him last June. It was at the time of the Toronto meeting of the Baptist World Alliance, over which he was to have presided. It is not an exaggeration to say that the large audience of some sixty nationalities was made more "akin" by the common "sorrow" as with bated breath they listened to the reading of his characteristic and highly challenging message. Surely Dr. Mullins was the friend of world-wide Christianity.

That he included Woman's Missionary Union in his inner circle is most gratefully acknowledged. Espousing its interest as a pastor in Baltimore, where the W.M.U. headquarters were struggling to get established, he was ever ready through all the succeeding years to lend advice when requested toward the solving of Union problems. Particularly was this true concerning the founding and maintenance of the W.M.U. Training School. Never can the Union and its school adequately thank Dr. Mullins for the twenty-one years of service which he so freely and finely gave as a member of its faculty and Advisory Board. Surely the Union and the school's faculty, student body and alumnae will ever in gratitude remember him as "our friend".

REV. and MRS. E. A. JACKSON and CAREY

**A**T the Chattanooga meeting last May one of the devotionals was led by Mrs. E. A. Jackson of Brazil. It is remembered that she said: "Rejoice in the Lord; rejoice in our sacrifices for the Lord and in the sacrifices of our forefathers". All the more significant and appealing are these words since she and Mr. Jackson and their fourteen-year old son, Carey, were called upon to make the "supreme sacrifice" as passengers on the ill-fated Vestris. Their loss seems greater because both Mr. and Mrs. Jackson had made an heroic struggle during a prolonged furlough to regain their health and because there are the five orphaned sons and daughters—Ernest, who is teaching in Shelbyville, Mo.; Elizabeth, who is at Fort Worth; Virginia and Judson, at the University of Tennessee; and Stephen, at Carson-Newman. Bravely have they met their bereavement, being encouraged by the First Baptist Church of Knoxville to keep on with their work. Humbly is it noted that Ernest and Elizabeth are both graduates of the Margaret Fund and that the other three are on its present list. Oh, that Union members may daily "mother these little ones" by faithful prayer in their behalf.

## Calendar of Prayer

January, 1929

Mrs. Maud R. McLure, Ky.

**M**Y God, Thou art a God of strength and beauty,  
Thou art the Mighty Keeper of the seas,  
Thou givest me my life, my faith, my seeing—  
And I so small . . . what can I give for these?

**T**HOU givest me the sun, the hills, the rainfall,  
Clear eyes to see the daybreak and the night,  
A mind to fathom truth and follow straightway—  
And I so small . . . what can I give of might?  
—Ruth Piper

### Topic: Personal Consecration

#### 1—TUESDAY

That the New Year may bring us more perfect allegiance to God  
O Lord, renew Thy work in the midst of the years.—Hab. 3:2

#### 2—WEDNESDAY

Thanksgiving for the consecrated example of Mrs. W. J. Cox, president of Woman's Missionary Union  
Be thou an ensample to them that believe.—I Tim. 4:12

#### 3—THURSDAY

For Miss Willie Kelly, evangelistic work, and Miss Sallie Priest (*on furlough*), educational work, Shanghai, China  
As thy days so shall thy strength be.—Deut. 33:25

#### 4—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Elder, evangelistic work, Buenos Aires, Argentina  
Whatever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do.—John 14:13

#### 5—SATURDAY

For vice presidents of Woman's Missionary Union and presidents and vice presidents of state Unions  
Show me Thy ways, O Lord; teach me Thy paths.—Psa. 25:4

#### 6—SUNDAY

That the Sabbath may be held sacred in our country  
Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.—Ex. 20:8

#### 7—MONDAY

For Miss Kathleen Mallory, corresponding secretary of Woman's Missionary Union  
I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand.—Isa. 41:13

#### 8—TUESDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. W. Q. Maer, educational work, Temuco, Chile  
Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel.—Psalm 73:24

#### 9—WEDNESDAY

For †Miss Juliette Mather, young people's secretary of Woman's Mis-

ionary Union  
Great peace have they which love Thy law.—Psa. 119:165

#### 10—THURSDAY

That the work of all state W.M.U. corresponding secretaries and state young people's secretaries be abundantly fruitful  
So run that ye may obtain.—I Cor. 9:24

#### 11—FRIDAY

For †Miss Sophie Lanneau and †Miss Ola Lee, Girls' School, Soochow, China  
Through God we shall do valiantly.—Psa. 60:11

#### 12—SATURDAY

For Mrs. H. M. Wharton and Mrs. Sumter Lea, Jr., recording and assistant recording secretaries of Woman's Missionary Union, and for state W.M.U. recording secretaries  
His mercy is on them that fear Him.—Luke 1:50

#### 13—SUNDAY

That our young people may give their lives to God  
Remember now thy Creator.—Eccl. 12:1

#### 14—MONDAY

For †Miss Mary Walters (*on furlough*), Shimonoseki, Japan, and †Miss Naomi Schell, Girls' School, Kokura, Japan  
The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him.—Psa. 25:14

#### 15—TUESDAY

For Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, treasurer of Woman's Missionary Union, and for state W.M.U. treasurers  
My God is the rock of my refuge.—Psa. 94:22

#### 16—WEDNESDAY

For †Miss Florence Conrad (*on furlough*), and †Miss Effie Baker (*on furlough*), Boys' School, Fukuoka, Japan  
The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty.—Zeph. 3:17

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

## Calendar of Prayer

January, 1929

**T**HOU givest me the love of little children,  
The quiet shining of the passing day,  
The flow of peace within a burning heart-ache—  
And I so small . . . what can I give or say?

**A**ND then, as though Thou countest not these blessings,  
Thou sendest Thine own Son to die for me—  
And I so small . . . Oh, humbly and with gladness  
I give my all—I give my life to Thee!  
—Ruth Piper

### Topic: Personal Consecration

#### 17—THURSDAY

For †Miss Mildred Matthews, and †Miss Eva Inlow, Havana, Cuba  
Trust in Him at all times.—Psa. 62:8

#### 18—FRIDAY

For †Miss Ethel Winfield and other local members of W.M.U. Executive Committee, Birmingham, Ala.  
Let all those that put their trust in Thee rejoice.—Psa. 5:11

#### 19—SATURDAY

For all W.M.U. leaders in mission study, personal service, White Cross and college work  
Quicken us and we will call upon Thy name.—Psa. 80:18

#### 20—SUNDAY

For God's blessing on all new societies organized in the Ruby Anniversary year  
Go work today in the vineyard.—Matt. 21:28

#### 21—MONDAY

For the evangelistic service of Miss Anna Hartwell, and †Miss Jane W. Lide, Hwanghsien, China  
They that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament.—Dan. 12:3

#### 22—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Duval, evangelistic and educational work, Lagos, Nigeria  
Be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long.—Prov. 23:17

#### 23—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. Jas. Hamilton Ware, evangelistic work, Shanghai, China  
Thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous.—Psa. 5:12

#### 24—THURSDAY

For the educational work of †Miss Pearle Johnson, and †Miss Lila E. Echols, Shanghai, China  
Behold, the Lord God will help me.—Isa. 50:9

#### 25—FRIDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. James McGavock, evangelistic work, Santiago, Chile  
The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by Him.—Deut. 33:12

#### 26—SATURDAY

For †Miss Mary Alexander and †Miss Essie Smith, Pooi To Girls' School, Canton, China  
The Lord shall guide thee continually.—Isa. 58:11

#### 27—SUNDAY

For a deepening sense of the stewardship of life  
He that loseth his life for My sake shall find it.—Matt. 10:39

#### 28—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Rogers, evangelistic work, Shanghai, China  
Let us, therefore, come boldly unto the throne of grace.—Heb. 4:16

#### 29—TUESDAY

For mid-year meeting of W.M.U. Executive Committee and of state corresponding secretaries, Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 29-31  
Make Thy way straight before my face.—Psa. 5:8

#### 30—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. L. L. Johnson, evangelistic work, Pernambuco, Brazil  
It is the Lord: let Him do what seemeth Him good.—I Sam. 3:18

#### 31—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Entzinger, evangelistic work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
In due season we shall reap if we faint not.—Gal. 6:9

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



## "PRAY YE"



### EVANGELIZING ALL the AREAS of OUR HEARTS



**S**OUL-SEARCHING is the following statement by a missionary to Africa: "There are vast unevangelized areas in our own hearts". Can it be that any one who is a Christian has not let the good news—the evangel—penetrate the uttermost part of the soul? It must be so, for otherwise why are Christians urged to be consecrated, to be sacrificial, to be 100% Christian? It must be so, for it has come to be a well known ratio that one-third of the members of a church do all its work—in fact, few churches can depend on such a ratio. Regrettable is it also that thousands upon thousands of Christians do not tithe and that many more have never flooded their souls with the sunshine of free-will giving. Aye, verily the missionary was true to his commission to "rebuke and admonish" when he said: "There are vast unevangelized areas in our own hearts".

One of the marvels of the world is the thrift of the people of Holland. What is the explanation of it?—intensive cultivation. There are, it is safe to say, no acres of idle land but each one is cultivated and encouraged to yield the best possible crop season after season. Similarly rich returns, spiritually speaking, would be had if every corner of the Christian heart was cultivated through prayer, Bible and mission study and the grace of giving of one's self and substance.

Prayer—oh the precious privilege, the prevailing power of prayer! Will you not as a circle chairman or society president give prayer a more protected place in your own personal plans and also in the schedule of your circle or society? It is not asked that this additional time for prayer be taken from that so sorely needed for mission study or prepared programs but that it be "redeemed"—bought back—from idleness, pleasure-seeking, from "being cumbered with many cares". Thus, like Mary of old, a few or maybe many as in at least one large city church will come before the regular meeting hour to "sit at the Master's feet" in devoted intercessory prayer. In planning for their petitions, it may be helpful to think along the following lines:

Thanksgiving for God's goodness during the past year  
Humble confession of our many shortcomings  
Hearts yearning for the coming of the Kingdom  
Christ-like longing to win the lost  
Faithful missionary training of the young people  
Enlisting of new members for W.M.S.  
Faithful teaching and practice of stewardship of self and substance

Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation.—Matt. 26:41  
I made supplication for thee that thy faith fail not.—Luke 22:32  
Moses prayed unto Jehovah and the fire abated.—Num. 11:2  
The prayer of faith shall save him that is sick.—James 5:15  
 whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.—Matt. 21:22  
Thou shalt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee.—Isa. 26:3



# BIBLE STUDY



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Ala.

TOPIC—The Command for Separation

Scripture: Deut. 7:6-12; II Cor. 6:17, 18

Hymn: "Close to Thee"



ANY times during the lives of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob did God make a covenant with His chosen people. There came a day when the privileges of some of these covenants were offered to all who would accept God's Son as Savior. As a consequence we turn to the promises made to Israel—to a peculiar people, to a holy people—seeking to understand our part.

There is in every instance a command to obey and an assurance of mercy. Too often Christians read the blessings promised but overlook the conditions. It is high time for us to realize that we are called out—separated, enjoined to temperance in all things, set apart for the service of the Master. "Know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for Himself". Psalm 4:3

## SET APART

SET apart for Jesus!  
Is not this enough,  
Though the desert prospect  
Open wild and rough?  
Set apart for His delight,  
Chosen for His holy pleasure,  
Sealed to be His special treasure!  
Could we choose a nobler joy and  
would we if we might?

Set apart to praise Him,  
Set apart for this!  
Have the blessed angels  
Any truer bliss?  
Soft the prelude, though so clear;  
Isolated tones are trembling;  
But the chosen choir, assembling,  
Soon shall sing together, while the uni-  
verse shall hear.

Set apart to serve Him,  
Ministers of light,  
Standing in His presence,  
Ready, day or night!  
Chosen for the service blest,  
He would have us always willing,  
Like the angel host fulfilling  
Swiftly and rejoicingly each recognized  
behest.

Set apart to love Him  
And His love to know!  
Not to waste affection  
On a passing show.  
Called to give Him life and heart,  
Called to pour the hidden treasure  
Into His beloved hand! thrice blessed,  
set apart!

Set apart forever  
For Himself alone!  
Now we see our calling  
Gloriously shown.  
Owning, with no secret dread,  
This our holy separation,  
Now the crown of consecration  
Of the Lord our God shall rest upon our willing head!

—Havergal



# FAMILY ALTAR



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Ala.

TOPIC: The Command for Separation

Key Verses: II Corinthians 6:17, 18

RESTING on the faithfulness of Christ, our Lord;  
Resting on the fullness of His own sure Word;  
Resting on His power, on His love untold;  
Resting on His covenant secured of old.

RESTING and believing, let us onward press,  
Resting in Himself, the Lord, our righteousness;  
Resting and rejoicing, let His saved ones sing:  
"Glory, glory, glory be to Christ, our King!"  
—Havergal

## Adoption

"Come out from among them."

Tuesday, 1st  
Deuteronomy 7:6-12; 26:18, 19  
Wednesday, 2d  
Numbers 6:27; Galatians 3:26-29; 4:5-7; 6:2  
Thursday, 3d  
John 1:12, 13; Hebrews 12:6-14  
Friday, 4th  
Matthew 13:43; Philippians 2:15, 16; Luke 6:35; Revelation 21:7  
Saturday, 5th  
I John 3:1-7, 14-24  
Sunday, 6th  
Ephesians 1:3-12, 21-23  
Monday, 7th  
Romans 8:14-18, 26-29

## Communion

"Be ye separate."

Tuesday, 8th  
Psalms 1:1-6; 55:14; 119:63  
Wednesday, 9th  
Matthew 5:13-16; II John  
Thursday, 10th  
Exodus 33:15, 16; Proverbs 2:5-10  
Friday, 11th  
I Corinthians 15:33; II Corinthians 6:14-18  
Saturday, 12th  
Romans 15:1-7; 16:17; II Peter 3:17, 18  
Sunday, 13th  
Psalms 26:4, 5; 133:1-3; Malachi 3:16-18  
Monday, 14th  
John 17:11-26

## Holiness

"Touch not the unclean thing."

Tuesday, 15th  
Romans 6:1-12, 22, 23  
Wednesday, 16th  
I Corinthians 3:16; 6:12, 19, 20; 7:23  
Thursday, 17th  
I Corinthians 10:1-13, 21, 31, 32  
Friday, 18th  
I Peter 2:1-10; II Peter 1:2-11, 16, 17  
Saturday, 19th  
Genesis 17:1; Leviticus 20:26; Deuteronomy 14:2; 28:9; 30:2; Psalm 24:3-5  
Sunday, 20th  
Romans 12:1-16  
Monday, 21st  
II Timothy 2:1-13

## Salvation

"I will receive you."

Tuesday, 22d  
Isaiah 55:1-7  
Wednesday, 23d  
Luke 14:16-24  
Thursday, 24th  
Matthew 11:28-30; 22:9, 10, 14  
Friday, 25th  
Genesis 12:1-3; Deuteronomy 30:19, 20; Isaiah 50:10; Amos 5:4  
Saturday, 26th  
Acts 2:39; Romans 10:4, 8-13  
Sunday, 27th  
Philippians 3:7-15; Jude 24  
Monday, 28th  
Colossians 1:19-28  
Tuesday, 29th  
Galatians 1:4; 2:16-21; 6:14-16  
Wednesday, 30th  
Hebrews 2:9, 10, 14-18; 9:12, 15  
Thursday, 31st  
I Thessalonians 5:8-18, 23



# PROGRAM PLANS



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## WITH the PROGRAM COMMITTEE



THE Program Committee has a difficult subject to handle for January. Consecration is so big, its manifestations so varied that no one meeting can cover it. And it has been talked and taught and preached until it is difficult to express it in a fresh form.

The committee would do well to give first a very careful study to the material in the general program. Note the outline thoughtfully. Next, in order to get the editor's meaning, copy the Bible verses given in reference and number them carefully. Using these in the meeting will be a means of having a number of women take part. If possible have the verses typewritten, an unfamiliar handwriting is difficult to read. Speakers on the different heads should call for the verses in their proper order.

The committee should choose with great care the women to take the three divisions of the program. These women should speak and not read their parts. They will need notes so they will call for the Bible verses at the right time. And they should be instructed to be brief. Each part will be really more of an outline than a speech, the filling in will be done by the verses read.

Another plan would be for two women to take each head, one giving the outline thought, the other reading the Bible verses as called for.

In a society using the circle plan, the members of the circle in charge of the program might sit at the front and read all the verses. Where verses are given out beforehand, it would be safer to keep duplicates in case of absences.

Whatever the plan for the meeting adopted by the committee, there should be ten minutes given at the close of the program for a talk by the president. She should tell of the plans and purposes of the society in the new year, showing what things might be accomplished through the greater consecration of the members.

Since most societies now begin their year's records with January, there may be much business at this opening meeting. The committee should consult the president about the time needed for business and arrange to shorten the program if necessary. A change in the usual order might be made, the business session coming first and the closing time given to a service of consecration. This plan would necessitate cutting down the material to a mere outline and letting the Bible verses be their own commentary. Or one woman might make a brief talk on "Consecration", followed by sentence prayers. Then with bowed heads all sing softly "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee".

For a talk on consecration the twelfth chapter of Romans may be used with the following suggested outline—Consecration of Self and of Living, verses 1 and 2; Humility in Consecration, verse 3; Recognition of the Consecration of Those Who Differ from Us, verses 4 to 8; Love That Rules and Rules for Loving, verses 9 to 21.

If the committee is willing to put time and work on souvenirs, very pretty little paper book marks might be made bearing some such words as "Our Chapter for 1929, Romans 12". Each woman may be asked to read this chapter once every month, the day of the society meeting.



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## PERSONAL CONSECRATION

*(The Stewardship of Life)*



Hymn—I Am Thine, O Lord

Devotional Topic—God's Ownership: Psalm 24:1, 2; I Cor. 6:19, 20; Our Stewardship: Rom. 14:7-12; II Cor. 8:5-9

For help with devotional topic see: "The Stewardship of Life", Agar, chapters 2 and 3; "Dealing Squarely with God", Ralph S. Cushman, chapter 2; "The New Christian", Cushman, chapter 3; "Stewardship in the Life of Youth", Williamson and Wallace, chapter 1.

Prayer that we who profess Christ shall separate ourselves from the world

Hymn—I Want My Life to Glorify My Lord and King

Topic 1—The Power of Personality—For reference: "The Larger Stewardship", Charles A. Cook, chapter 2; "Training in Stewardship", Leavell, pages 45-49; "Speculating in Futures", Luther E. Lovejoy, chapter 2

Prayer for more radiant lives to shine for Him

Topic 2—The Value of Time—References: "Stewardship in the Life of Youth" by Williamson and Wallace, pages 40-41; "The Larger Stewardship", Cook, chapter 7; "Speculating in Futures", Lovejoy, chapter 7; "Training in Stewardship", Leavell, pages 55-57

Hymn—Take Time to Be Holy

Topic 3—Talents: Our Assets or Liabilities—References: "Training in Stewardship", pages 52-54; "The Larger Stewardship", Cook, chapter 3; "Stewardship in the Life of Youth", Williamson and Wallace, pages 39-40

Prayer that we may dedicate time and talents to His service

Topic 4—Influence: the Everlasting—References: "The Larger Stewardship", Cook, chapter 5; "Stewardship in the Life of Youth", pages 36-39; "Speculating in Futures", chapter 1

Hymn—Is Your Life a Channel of Blessing?

Topic 5—Have You a Plan for Your Life? References: "Stewardship in the Life of Youth", chapter 4; also chapter 5 of "The Stewardship of Life"

Hymn—Living for Jesus

Prayer that our lives may be great through devotion to a great cause.

(More than a dozen books on stewardship have been read in a search for material for this program outline. There are doubtless many dozen books which could be used. On pages 120-123 of the Southern Baptist Handbook for 1926 may be found a very helpful list of stewardship studies.)

*"Far beyond words to tell is the need of willing and able men and women who will strive with every power they possess to serve the kingdom every day by every thought, every word, every act of their lives."*



## PROGRAM FOR JANUARY



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

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### PERSONAL CONSECRATION

Hymn—The Kingdom Is Coming

Prayer that our society may accomplish more for Christ this year than ever in its history

God's Claims of Ownership (*Devotional Service*)

"Ye are not your own."

Hymn—"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

Prayer of appreciation for the many gifts of God's love

"I have redeemed thee."

Hymn—"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Prayer that the members of our society may be blessed in winning souls to the Redeemer

The Acknowledgment of God's Ownership

In Consecration

Hymn (*as a Prayer*)—"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated Lord to Thee"

In a Transformed Life

Hymn—"More about Jesus"

Life's Rich Cargo

Introduction

Time

Talent

Influence and Opportunity

Conclusion

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

Hymn—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Prayer that we may grasp full meaning of this program's message

### SECTION I

#### GOD'S CLAIMS OF OWNERSHIP

(The development of this section will constitute the devotional service. Let the members who discuss this section write on slips of paper each group of Scripture references suggested in the various paragraphs and distribute to different members of the society to be read by them from the Bible at the proper places in the discussion. Two different women might be assigned the two points—"Ye are not your own" and "I have redeemed thee"—to develop.)

"Ye are not your own."

**U**PON all people there rests the obligation to place themselves in the right relation to God, to

recognize and acknowledge His claim upon them and all they possess. Far too many forget or ignore this claim, shut Him out of their thoughts and

even deny His right to any authority over them. But that does not free them from the obligation. In the first place the obligation to God is based upon His ownership of "the earth and the fulness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein" because of His creation of it all. Proof of His creative right may be found in such passages as the following from the book of records—our Bible.

*Genesis 1:1; 1:27; Deuteronomy 4:32; Psalm 102:18; Ecclesiastes 12:1; Malachi 2:10; Colossians 1:16, 17; Romans 1:25; James 1:18*

Man was never known to "create" anything. We say he creates some beautiful picture or some marvelous machinery. We say he creates some special kind of food or some medicine that prolongs life, but in reality he only adapts and utilizes the forces and elements already created. Yet a man claims ownership in what we call his creation and we recognize his right to it, because he made it. How much more then should we acknowledge God's original ownership of all He indeed created.

Another proof of God's claim and our obligation is the fact that it was He who bestowed upon us "every good and perfect gift", even our personalities, our souls. Let us read further into the story of man's creation.

*Genesis 1:27-30; 2:7*

But in creating us after His likeness, making us a living soul and placing in our possession the earth and the fullness thereof God did not make us independent of or equal to Him. It is a fact that the human race is in possession of all the things on the earth that God has created, but it must be remembered that possession and ownership are two different things. In seeking to make this point clear a famous preacher once said, "I own three umbrellas and possess none—right now!" Proof that God has never given up His ownership may

also be found in our Book of Records. Notice that the following passages do not say what *was* but what *is* God's.

*The earth and the Heavens are God's: Genesis 14:22; Deuteronomy 10:14; Haggai 2:8*

*And every living creature is the Lord's: Psalms 15:10-12; 24:1*

*All souls are the Lord's: Ezekiel 18:4*

It is the soul, the personality with which God has endowed each of us that exalts us to the likeness of God. It is the personality that marks the difference between man and God's other living creatures. It is His highest creation. It is the most precious gift God has to bestow. There is nothing upon which He has set so high a value as the living soul nor for which He has done so much. Yet we see the soul is not independent of God. Man cannot create—man cannot own nor control for a surety his possessions, his body or his own personality. Possessions are sometimes swept away overnight. A man may go to bed at night in full control of his physical powers yet wake in the morning a helpless, hopeless paralytic. The reason, the seat of man's will, may be dethroned or circumstances may change his purposes in life. The soul may even be required of him by God who gave it.

*1 Chronicles 29:11-12; Deuteronomy 6:10-15*

Since God is creator and owner we can never be more nor less than stewards. We can never get away from the fact that we administer, by His graciousness, even life itself which is an obligation of stewardship.

"I have redeemed thee."

God creates, God owns, God controls, therefore the will of God is supreme but it is not the will of God that the soul of man, His highest creation, shall be controlled by force. He has given to every individual the right of choice. It is His desire that the acknowledgment of His ownership shall be the

voluntary obedience of a loving and grateful heart. "I call Heaven to witness against you this day" said Moses to the Children of Israel "that I have set before thee life and death, therefore choose life that thou mayest live, thou and thy seed; to love Jehovah thy God, to obey His voice and cleave unto Him for He is thy life and the strength of thy days". Having this high privilege of choice man brought upon himself condemnation and death by disobedience to the will of his maker; for "the soul that sinneth it shall die". But because of His love for the soul of man God made it possible for all to have another chance.

*I Corinthians 15:22; John 3:16; Romans 5:8; I John 4:9-10; Isaiah 43:1*

Not only, therefore, does God own all souls by right of creation but all souls by right of the price paid on the cross to redeem them from sin and make them live anew.

"I know not how that Calvary's cross  
A world from sin could free  
I only know its matchless love  
Has brought God's love to me."

## SECTION II THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GOD'S OWNERSHIP

### In Consecration

**T**HE soul that accepts Christ at the price paid on the cross is under an overwhelming obligation to acknowledge God's ownership and right to be Lord of the life. But the realization that through sin we have been separated from the love of God and the turning to Christ with faith to believe that He is the very Son of God, that He paid the penalty for sin in His death on the cross, that His blood cleanses from all unrighteousness, and that through His sacrifice we may have life eternal is not all that is required in an acknowledgment of God's ownership. That is salvation by conversion but it must be recognized that the only possible way to acknowledge ownership is to be wholly subject to the owner's will and

dedicate strength, time, talent, influence and opportunity to Him, make His interests your interests and Him Lord of the life. That is consecration. "In conversion" said a great Christian scholar, "God gives to me, but in consecration I give to God". Evidences of this truth are found in the following passages: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life". "For by grace have ye been saved, and that not of yourselves. It is the gift of God". But in Romans we find Paul beseeching those who had already accepted Jesus as Saviour to present themselves as living sacrifices, consecrated, acceptable to God because of the mercies of God. Many seem to think that the giving up of some coveted pleasure, luxury or even necessity the giving of some time to study the Bible and missions and to prayer or the rendering of some regular service to church or community is consecration or giving themselves as living sacrifices. But as J. Hudson Taylor of the China Inland Mission once said, "If we do not crown Him Lord of all, we do not crown Him Lord at all" and therefore we fail in acknowledging Him the owner of life and thereby fail to give the life in Personal Consecration.

### In Transformation

In urging the Romans to present themselves as living sacrifices Paul adds an injunction that no one who would acknowledge God's ownership in a consecrated life can afford to ignore. "Be not fashioned after this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God". The life of Jesus Himself and the lives of His early followers, the lives of missionaries and of all people who have really promoted the work of the Kingdom testify to the fact the Word of God hid in the heart and steadfastness in prayer reveals the will of God so that the mind is renewed from today and the life transformed into the

likeness of our Lord. This being true, every Christian woman who recognizes that her life is a stewardship and consecrates it to God will give Bible study and prayer the preeminent place in her life. It is a law of nature that the overflow depends upon the depth of the infilling and unless the life is Spirit-filled by abiding in Him then it cannot be transformed and overflow in effective service to our fellow man. Each day, therefore, should be so planned that a definite period be set apart for this purpose. It should be at an early hour when the mind is fresh. Certainly Christ deserves the first and best portion of the day and not just the leavings or gleanings from other activities. It was Dwight L. Moody who said to himself "Well, I'll be that man" when a friend remarked "It remains to be seen what God will do with a man who gives himself up wholly to God". It does not remain to be seen what God did with Moody. He was undoubtedly the greatest soul-winner of his day and has left lasting "footprints on the sands of time". Every day Mr. Moody would rise early in the morning to study his Bible and talk with his Lord. He would say, "If I am going to accomplish anything today I must get the main thing done before other folks are about". We may read many books but unless we keep in constant and close touch with the Book of books we cannot know God's will or keep before our vision the ideal for our lives. In it we see Him in all His matchless beauty. "We see His fearlessness, His tolerance, His compassion, His humility, His complete dedication to service and we long to be like Him". And in prayer God has entrusted to us a power that will help us to regulate our lives, to bring strength into our own and other lives and to win the lost and indifferent into His service. Our Lord Himself spent many hours in prayer and, if He needed to pray, how much more do we need to give prayer a definite place in our lives. Time spent with the Lord in the early morning hours will make the day go

better. It is said of a certain business man that he rises every day fifteen minutes earlier than business demands in order to enter the presence of God before going out to mingle with men. Those who meet him during the day see in him a poise, a power and a Christ-like spirit, that are missed in so many other lives.

In seeking to transform her life to the will of God the faithful steward will include in her program plans for mental development. God has given to each of us more ability than we ever dreamed of, and we owe it to Him to discover and use to the best advantage all of the powers with which He has endowed us. Suppose John Bunyan had never given his heart to God and his life to Him as a preacher. Suppose he had not undertaken to train and develop his mental powers. He would probably have remained a tinker to the end of his days and therefore the literature of the world would not have been enriched by Pilgrim's Progress, to say nothing of the lives that have been made better and stronger because of the unearthing of Bunyan's great genius. Many women have talents that like the talent in the Master's parable are wrapped in a napkin and lie hidden in the minds of those who do not use the opportunities they have to develop their mental powers.

Since the body is the means of expression for the mind and the spirit, and since the condition of the body affects both, it is important indeed that the faithful steward in seeking to transform her life take the best care of her body that it may reach its highest efficiency. She should resolve to discover her physical weaknesses and, as far as possible, overcome them. Few people have the buoyant health and strength they might have if they would discard habits that lower efficiency. Careful and intelligent attention to diet, exercise, rest and recreation will help us to be our physical best and therefore render a better and larger service to God and our fellow men.

The Christ centered life will be the

abundant life administered as unto the Lord for the blessing of humanity. It will be remembered that in the parable of the talents the lord of the servants, commending two of them for the fine use of the talents given them used the expression "enter thou into the joy of thy Lord". The pastor of a big city church, called to a home where the mother whose life had been Christ-centered had just died, went with the expectation of trying to comfort the two daughters of the home in their great loss. Imagine his surprise when he was greeted by them with faces that shone as if the King of Glory had just visited them instead of the angel of death. Seeing his look of surprise one of the daughters explained, "Mother has gone on to continue her living of what Christ called 'the abundant Life' and we are so happy in her eternal prospects". The transformed life, the abundant life, the spirit-filled life had overflowed and the two daughters had a bare taste of the joy their mother had always had because her life was hid with God.

### SECTION III LIFE'S RICH CARGO

IN his "Stewardship Stories" Guy L. Morrill tells of a Sunday school pupil who was asked to define stewardship. This is what he wrote: "Stewardship means that life is a great ship loaded with a rich cargo of many things to be delivered to many people in many places. God is the owner but I am the captain of the ship. *Everything* I have aboard is a cargo to be delivered. God has entrusted it to me, the captain of the ship (*His steward*), and it is my job to bring it to the right port and discharge the cargo". Life—a great ship—a rich cargo of many things entrusted to me!

Every woman in the world since Jesus came can say with Mary in the Magnificat: "He hath looked upon the low estate of His handmaid" and "He that is mighty hath done for me great things". But the Christian woman is the one who knows that He hath done great things for her because she has had

the privilege of knowing the Saviour and entering into the abundant life. He came to give. However the opportunity has brought a responsibility and therefore the principal thing, the richest and finest in the rich cargo of her life is the Gospel message that has been entrusted to her for delivery to every port in the world. That we might lead men and women, boys and girls into fellowship with Jesus, that we might help them live the abundant life, He has stored our lives, our personalities, with many things by means of which we can serve Him in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

#### Time

We cannot create it as we cannot create life and therefore time is a sacred trust. Each life has been entrusted with twenty-four hours a day, which is a stewardship all share equally and for which each must give account. There are three things that one can do with one's time: it can be misused, it can be wasted or it can be used in such a way as to glorify God and count in the establishment of His kingdom. Says Chas. A. Cook on the stewardship of time: "We as Christians should conscientiously abstain from devoting our time to any uses in which it would be impossible to glorify God." On the other hand, we must very frequently examine ourselves and sincerely ask whether we are making such uses of the time God gives us as He would have us make. A person may do nothing that would bring reproach upon the cause of God, and may also be very busy. But if the life is wholly self-centered, all time then is misused because none of it is used "as unto the Lord".

A young business woman, gifted with ability and with a charm of personality, a member in one of our large city churches, when asked to do some work among young people that would call for her time one Sunday afternoon in each quarter replied, "I would love to, but Sunday is the only time I have for myself." When asked what she did with

her evenings she said "Why, I sew or rest or go out with my friends; you know I must have clothes, rest and recreation". Certainly, but it never seemed to dawn upon her that she was using all the time God had given her for herself alone, with never a thought of making her life count for her Redeemer. "I have not the time" is too often a confession of self-centeredness for most people find time for what they most want to do.

One of the besetting sins of those who profess to serve the Lord is not only the misuse of time but the waste of it. In a stewardship class at a summer conference each woman was asked to make out a budget of her time as she was accustomed to spend it each day. It proved an enlightening experiment, showing an enormous waste of hours that might have been used to the glory of God. The world war revealed the fact that men and women could find and give time in quantities thought impossible, before they were called to give their best in that great conflict. If such a thing were possible in a national cause, it surely could also be possible for Christ, and it is with the Christ-centered life which makes service to Him the motive in every act of life. Each hour and each commonplace duty is made sacred by this fact, and the time will be so adjusted and used that no day will be allowed to pass without its record of something done in special service for Jesus Christ in church or community.

#### Talents

The story is told of a young girl, a gifted violinist, who had given her heart to God, and yet she had never been persuaded to make a public profession of her faith. Her friends wondered why till one day when an invitation was given for all those who trusted the Lord to come to the altar, she came with her violin in her hand and laid it on the altar as she knelt there. This young woman had realized what so many older Christians have failed to see and that is, in surrender to

God, everything that makes up life must be for His service.

When God was giving directions to Moses for the building of the tabernacle, He said some things that should make any Christian pause before saying, "I have no special talent and therefore can do little" or "I have spent much time and money in developing my talent and therefore must make it count for myself." "See" said God to Moses, "I have called Bezalel . . . and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and in understanding, and in all manner of workmanship, to devise skillful works . . . and in the hearts of all that are wise-hearted I have put wisdom that they may make all that I have commanded thee".

It is a wonderful thought that in like manner those who are wise-hearted, who dedicate their all, will be filled with the Spirit of God and given wisdom and knowledge and understanding to devise skillful works in building the Kingdom of God. "What has thou that thou hast not received?" Is it skill with the needle that may be used as Dorcas used it? Is it skill in growing flowers that can brighten and cheer some lonely life? Is skill in preparing the dainty dish that will give strength to the body weakened by sickness or poverty? Is it the ability to smile so that some one will find the day brighter, to speak the persuasive word, to write the cheering note, to encourage other workers? Is it a love for little children that will help in training them? Is it some great talent to speak, write, play, sing or draw? Is it opportunity to dispense hospitality with the automobile or in the home? Whatever it is, it is the gift of God. "And all the women that were wise-hearted did spin and brought what they had spun."

#### Influence and Opportunity

The story is told of a Japanese Christian who was pleading with the captain of the Gospel ship, Fukuin Maru, to go preach the Gospel to a certain man. When it was suggested that he take a Bible to the man Hirati re-

plied, "He is not ready for this Bible, but he has another. You are his Bible. He is watching you. As you fail Christ fails; as you live Christ, so Christ is revealed to him". We may not be happy over it, we may wish it were not so, but it is a fact that our influence is a stewardship from which we cannot be relieved. As Christians we are either attracting people to Christ or driving them from Him. A young American teacher in a Japanese government school who had given his word that he would not mention Christ or Christianity to his students, nevertheless lived such a pure, noble life that his students began to seek for the secret of his living. Knowing that he was a Christian they began to study the life of Christ and soon a large group gave themselves to the Christian ministry. It was the silent but conquering power of influence. The school teacher who for hours each day is influencing the lives of children, the nurse passing through the wards or in and out of a sick-room, the woman behind the counter or in a business office, or in the factory, the woman in her church, in her club or in other phases of social life wields the power of influence which may be either an asset or a liability in the cause of the Kingdom. It has been said that every person is a broadcasting station more powerful than any man has ever made. Because while messages that are broadcast act only on the instruments tuned to receive them, a person's influence is as broad as opportunity and is felt in business circles, in the home, in the church and in the community. It does not even stop with death, it travels down the ages touching life after life along the way and is immortal.

In "Woman and Stewardship" our attention is called to the fact that "One of the greatest opportunities for influence in God's scheme of things has been assigned to woman,—the realm of the home." The woman in the home is more largely responsible than any other for the influence that radiates from the home and it is therefore a tremendous

trust. Dr. W. B. Jennings in his study, "The Making of a Home", insists that "Every home should be known both by its inmates and the world as standing for some one thing. And that one thing should be the Kingdom of God, the social uplift and betterment of mankind. The home should never be an end in itself". Could all those who enter or merely come to the doors of the homes in our country be able to distinguish the Christian homes by the Spirit of Christ manifested there, the world about us would be transformed and the coming of the Kingdom hastened.

Miss Buhlmaier, so long our missionary at the port in Baltimore, tells the story that illustrates the far-reaching influence of the home. One summer day she went aboard a steamer that was sailing for Europe to distribute Christian literature or speak a timely word before the ship sailed, as was her custom. On deck she found a young girl whose face was so radiant that Miss Buhlmaier remarked, "You seem very happy, my friend". Quickly the answer came, "Indeed I am happy; happy because I have found Jesus! Yes, and I want to get home as quickly as possible, so that I can tell my dear ones all about it, and show by *my everyday life* among my own people that I am no longer my own, but that I belong to Him who died that I might live". When asked how all this came about, she told Miss Buhlmaier that she came to America seeking work and had been so fortunate as to find work as a servant in a family "who were to her true Christians" and the very salt of the earth". On that same boat Miss Buhlmaier found another girl who had come to America, on the same mission but was returning home with a bitter hatred in her heart for America, disappointed, broken in health because of heavy work, and dreading to meet the folks she had left but a year ago with such high hopes. The point of it is that the responsibility for each rested on an American home. "O happy home where each one serves Thee, lowly,

Whatever his appointed work may be  
Till every common task seems great  
and holy

When it is done, O Lord, as unto  
Thee."

"The Stewardship of Motherhood is perhaps the most sacred of all stewardships, for to the mother has been entrusted the moulding of the *character* of His little ones, and He will hold her accountable for this, which requires more prayerful and careful study than the nurture of the body, important though that is." The mother who is conscious of God's ownership will begin early to teach her child the principles of stewardship. "As the twig is bent, so is the tree inclined" and the binding of the will to the Almighty Will, and the bending of the knee to the Sovereign Owner are two of the lessons which mothers cannot afford to overlook." When these lessons are learned in early childhood they will have a deciding influence in the life to follow. A mother had been called from home to a distant city by the sudden death there of her sixteen year old son. As she stood by the casket looking for the first time upon the lifeless body of her boy she turned to her pastor, smiling through her tears, and said "I am so thankful that God gave him to me for sixteen beautiful years". What was it that caused that mother to meet her first great sorrow in such a spirit? Later she told her pastor that her parents by their teaching and example had prepared her for that hour. She had learned the great lesson that God is the owner, that motherhood is a stewardship, and in love and gratitude to Him she had long ago dedicated her boy to Him and had tried to train him as she had been trained.

Another illustration of the faithful stewardship of motherhood is to be found in the life of a little woman who had consecrated her life to God and offered herself for service in China. Because of frail health this cherished desire had to be given up. Later she married and became the mother of sons

and daughters who were dedicated to the Lord and so faithfully trained that through them she has been able to serve her Lord around the world. One daughter with her husband and four children is telling the wonderful story in China, another daughter with her husband has served forty years in the home mission field of the west. A third daughter is the wife of John R. Mott, the president of the International Missionary Council. Of the two sons one is the president of a Bible seminary in New York, and the other one of the founders of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

#### Our Country

In "Stewardship and Missions" Chas. A. Cook calls attention to a cartoon that appeared in the "Ram's Horn" some years ago. "Uncle Sam" was sitting at a table feasting upon fruit and wine which was being handed him by a richly dressed woman named Luxury. In the background was the figure of a citizen of ancient Rome, whose hand pointed to ruined walls and broken columns in the distance, while he said to the feasting guest: "Beware of Luxury, she was once my mistress". The history of the downfall of the Roman Empire proves that in the train of wealth and luxury there follow corruption, moral laxity and all kinds of evils. Since this is true then, the increasing wealth and luxury of our country, the evergrowing passion for pleasure and the mad chase after excitement are challenging calls to every Christian to consecrate his life, her life, to Christ for the saving of America. Roger Babson, the statistician, says, "The need of the hour is more religion everywhere, from the halls of Congress to the factories, mines and forests. It is one thing to talk about plans and policies of reformation, but without a religious motive they are like a watch without a mainspring or a body without the breath of life".

Christ our leader came to earth to save men from their sins and He is saying to us today, "Follow Me". The leader of a faction in the Italian Cham-

ber of Deputies had been murdered the day before. In calling the roll the clerk called his name but there was a great silence. He could not respond, he was dead. But suddenly a voice from the gallery called "Here!". At first no one could understand but when the response came again and again from all parts of the house "Here!" "Here!" "Here!" everyone understood. Though their leader was dead they were there to carry on the principles for which he stood. Our leader is not dead. He has gone on before but has left us to finish His task. It has been said, "Save America and you save the world". Who will answer "Here"?

**QUESTIONS for STUDY and DISCUSSION**

**Section I**

- (1) Upon what is God's claim upon all people based?
- (2) What is His claim upon Christians?
- (3) State man's real relation to God.

**Section II**

- (1) Explain the difference between conversion and consecration.
- (2) What does it mean to be a "living sacrifice"?
- (3) What is the first thing a person must do if the life is consecrated to God?
- (4) Are other things necessary? If so, what are they?

**Section III**

- (1) Define stewardship as in the text, then in your own way.
- (2) Why are our lives filled with a "rich cargo" of many things? Name the most important.
- (3) Let each woman make out a budget of her time as she is accustomed to use it to see what becomes of it.
- (4) What are the talents of the members and in what way are they being developed.
- (5) What is our country's greatest need? (A round table discussion could develop from the three preceding thoughts.)



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**Y. W. A. PROGRAMS**

Material found in the general program on pages 14-22 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.

Mrs. R. K. Redwine, Ala.

**FIRST MEETING**

**Topic—New Year's Gifts**

Hymn—Take My Life And Let It Be

Scripture—Romans 12

Prayer that we may truly "present ourselves" to Him

Introduction—The Season of Beginning Again

Gifts Appropriate

An Array of Gifts

An All-Inclusive Gift

Gifts of Gold and Silver

Giving in the Right Spirit

Hymn—Living for Jesus

Prayers of consecration (Also let prayers be made at the close of each talk.)

**Poster Announcement**

Paste all sorts of pictures suggesting New Year gifts. Then print "Come to the Y.W.A. Meeting (time.....place) and discuss the giving of some unusual New Year Gifts".

**The Season of Beginning Again**



O season of the year is more interesting than this. Everybody is in the frame of mind that produces resolutions of every imaginable kind. Then, too, it is a time welcomed by all because it gives opportunity to redeem one's self in the eyes of some friend or relative to whom one's shortcomings are known. Christmas has come and gone and perhaps a gift from someone has been actually embarrassing. You didn't know she was going to give you a present. In fact, you didn't know she loved you so much. Well, how thankful you may be for this season when we can redeem ourselves by giving a New Year's present.

surely our hearts and minds are still glowing with the unspeakable Christmas gift of the world's Saviour. As we enjoy the freedom, the love and the happiness that this Christmas present from our Father brings to us we are embarrassed that we offered Him so small a gift in return—or did we remember all earthly friends and offer Him no gift at all? We wonder how we can redeem ourselves and make Him know that we love Him. Let us seize this opportunity to offer to Him worthy New Year's gifts. To do so may call for some New Year's resolutions but why not make some anyway? What would be worthy New Year's gifts to bring to our King?

**Gifts Appropriate**

**PAUL** suggests that "ye present your bodies a living sacrifice holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service". In the days before Christ became a sacrifice the word "present" was an expression meaning "to offer" and the offering was a sacrifice of an animal upon the altar. In Christian service we find the meaning to be "set apart for the use of God". How different, too, from the old way of offering, that we should be set apart and a living sacrifice instead of a dead one! In olden days the visible sacrifice gave an odor of a sweet smell which was declared to be fragrant in the nostrils of the deity. This suggestion of Paul's does not mean that you are to begin with the outer man in your offering, for the outer and inner cannot be separated in this "sacrifice" to God. Through the body comes the expression of the inner life. "Know ye not that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit?"

Every act of service, every word of witnessing for Him, every deed of the Just following the Christmas season

hand, every errand of the foot, every use of the eye and the brain involves the body and how important that they should be presented to Him. In like manner every act of the body affects the inner life. Every word spoken, every impression registered through the eye or the ear whether good or bad makes an impression upon the soul. How we need to surrender these all to God. "By the mercies of God"—that is by the power which is a gift of God,—we can be able to present our bodies to Him in regard to the impressions which we allow to be made upon our senses, the indulgences which we grant to our appetites and the activities which we engage in through the wonderful God-given instrument called the body. By the mercies of God's power we can make our bodies good servants and not bad masters, so "glorify God in your bodies".

#### An Array of Gifts

**T**HE giving of yourself involves your ability to do. What a glorious array of gifts could be laid before our King as New Year presents if Y.W.A. girls would come bringing lovely and appealing voices to sing His messages, ability to play the piano and other musical instruments, ability to speak with force and meaning, the power to influence and enlist other girls, the power of initiative in making programs attractive and all the other gifts wrapped up in young women of today. There is in the life of young womanhood enough ability to make or destroy the coming years says one writer. We are told that "we are on the threshold of the 'Woman's Century' and the great advance the world is to witness in the forthcoming years is to be largely inspired by and redound to the glory of the women of the world".

"The question used to be, 'tis true,  
What tasks are there for girls to do?  
But now we've reached an epoch when  
We ask: 'What is there left for man?'"

"They'll keep enlarging woman's sphere  
Till man, poor shrinking man, we fear  
Must grow quite useless after while  
And go completely out of style."

As ridiculous as this sounds we do know that women have ever enlarging opportunity to use their talents in business, in civic interests, in the church, as well as in society. It is glorious to be participants in, as well as observers of, this day of achievement. Such a privilege makes the future sufficiently alluring to call out every talent that women possess. All have a place in the bringing in of God's Kingdom, even to that smallest talent. Someone has well said: "Success is not alone for the great men of the world who find new continents, explore the poles, navigate the air, write great poems, paint great pictures or make great fortunes of millions. Success is in doing all that we can do as well as we can do it".

A great writer was traveling in Florida and wanted very much to visit the Pensacola lighthouse. He secured a guide and began the trip with a friend, his wife and son. They ascended the tower, realized their desire to see the great light and began the return to the hotel. After leaving the tower even the guide was blinded by an unusually foggy incoming tide. The wonderfully strong light from the tower was sending out its beautiful and far-reaching beams but they focused many miles above and beyond the little party walking along the beach. The friend in front lighted a match and its tiny rays warned them that they were on the edge of a ditch. They carefully followed its light to safety. The next morning they retraced their steps to find that they had walked on the edge of a forty-foot precipice that overlooked a dangerous bed of rocks. The bright light from the tower had thrown its light too high and but for the tiny match they would have fallen over the terrible precipice. "Neglect not the gift that is in you" even though it may seem insignificant.

#### An All-Inclusive Gift

**C**ERTAINLY the giving of our talents involves the giving of our time but it does not follow that when we have used our talents for Him we have consecrated all of our time to Him.

One girl, for instance, felt that because she sang in the choir and taught a Sunday school class she could indulge in idleness or questionable amusements through the week. Some one says, "You can't use all your time for Him for you need diversion, recreation, social life and rest mingled with your service". Certainly we do, but isn't it possible to participate in these only in their just proportions and to participate only in those which can be done to His glory? "Whether ye eat or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God". The faithful practice of a tithe of one's time is a splendid way to learn how to spend all of one's time profitably. "A German artist once spent eight years producing the face of Christ. All who looked upon his work marveled at his ability. Being solicited to turn his talents to the producing of a statue of Venus he said, 'Think you that after looking into the face of Christ for eight years I could now turn my attention to a heathen goddess?'" Serving Christ gives us an appreciation of the value of time and the type of service that may justifiably fill our time. We often say we haven't time to do all that we are asked to do yet we spend more moments in idleness than performance of the task would demand. A great man said, "Work is no disgrace but idleness is". Wasting time is a dangerous pastime. Shakespeare said, "I wasted time and now doth time waste me". The happiest person is the busiest one. "Pleasure is a jewel that retains its luster only when it is in a setting of work". Sometimes the greatest test comes not in the hours we give in God's service but in the manner of spending the others. The story is told of a soldier who was absent without leave and was found looking upon the loveliness of a flower garden. He was court-martialed, found guilty of neglect of duty. Certainly he was doing no wrong as he gazed upon the flowers but to use for his own pleasure the time that was not rightfully his was a serious offense. It is easily possible to idle our time away

or to spend it even in innocent pleasures and pastimes and to find ourselves guilty in the sight of God. A Christian's place is certainly "on duty" unless he has permission to be "off duty". Try the principle of getting your Master's permit before using any of your time as you please.

#### Gifts of Gold and Silver

**T**HIS New Year's gift is not so much a special gift of money today as it is a gift of your mind and heart in order that you may think and act aright regarding money at all times. It is the regular giving that should keep God's storehouse full so the special appeals would be unnecessary. Misappropriation of funds by some trusted agent who takes thousands of dollars is no worse than a Christian using for himself money that is the Lord's. When we fail to tithe and to make offerings we are plainly told that we have robbed God's treasury. While we cannot be brought into the courts of our land for such offense we can and will be brought before the courts of heaven to be convicted.

Dr. Walt Johnson gives this illustration of a startling fact: "There are more than three and a half million white Baptists in the south. Out of these we select just a half million persons; not average persons financially but wage earners working for \$15 per week. We let the three million go. Counting only half million and counting just wage earners we count out all the manufacturers, traveling men, contractors, insurance men, doctors, lawyers, pastors, teachers, farmers, merchants, bankers, real estate dealers, millionaires and office men and women whose salaries exceed \$15 per week. Count out all these and hold to the half million toilers. If these toilers were stewards to the extent of the tithe we would have 39 millions of dollars given by them in one year. That is as much as is being given now by all our southern Baptists. We are doing no more than these half million could do when the average income is many times theirs. We agree that it would be ridiculous if it were not so serious. The

most tragic part may not be that God's work is handicapped but that our souls are being paralyzed. We need to be honest not only for the loss of the world but also to save ourselves". "Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store as he may prosper."

#### Giving in the Right Spirit

**H**OW necessary that the giving of these New Year's gifts shall be with the right spirit! How important that the giving of your heart shall precede these gifts. Unless this be done there is a weariness and a drudgery in the giving of time, talents and money. How tiresome to be compelled to make idle marks upon paper without any design whatsoever; but how delightful to be able to draw and paint from an ideal with the hope of complete achievement.

How uninteresting to serve because it is an expected duty, but how glorious to find yourself constrained to service by the love of Christ which is your life and joy. How begrudgingly you gather together the coins and the dollars that are given just because it is a Christian's duty, but how much more you find and with what joy you give when self has been given first. How true it is that all the gifts made to the King without the giving of self first are neither holy or acceptable. "I beseech you, therefore, by the mercies of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God." This is a reasonable service, says Paul. This is true because as any thinking Christian accepts the gifts of life and salvation it is only reasonable that the offering of his whole self to the service of Christ shall follow.

### SUGGESTED OUTLINE FOR SECOND MEETING

*(Using material in W.M.S. Program as indicated)*

#### Topic—A Glorious Royalty

Hymn—I'm a Child of the King

Scripture—I Chronicles 29:11-12 *(See also other references in W.M.S. Program)*

Prayer for topic in Calendar of Prayer *(See pages 7 and 8)*

The King and His Subjects *(Section I, Pages 13-15)*

Crowning the King *(Section II, "Consecration", Page 15)*

The Training of the King's Ambassadors

- In Prayer and Bible Study *(Section II, "Transformation", Pages 15 and 16)*
- In Mental and Physical Development *(Section II, Pages 16 and 17)*
- In the Use of Time *(Section III, Pages 17 and 18)*
- In the Use of Talents *(Section III, Page 18)*
- In the Use of Opportunity and Influence *(Section III, Page 19)*

Hymn—The King's Business

Prayers pledging allegiance to our King

#### TELLING YOU HOW

**I**N "Telling You How, or Leading into Missions", Miss Juliette Mather, young people's secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, provides help for all our young people's organizations. So fully does she go into every phase of

the work that no one can fail to understand each step.

The book supplies under one cover every help and will prove a boon to new leaders and to those aspiring to lead. Order from the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., price in paper 50c.



## COLLEGE Y. W. A.



### MARGARET FUND STUDENTS—1928-1929

#### From Africa

Virginia Green, Averett College

#### From Argentina

David Elder, Eltham College, England  
Robert Elder, Rosario Univ., Argentina  
Annie Sowell, Virginia Intermont  
Benj. Sowell, University of Richmond  
Maurice Sowell, Fork Union Mil. Acad.

#### From Brazil

Albert Bagby, Paris, France  
Christina Christie, Baylor College  
Margaret Christie, Baylor College  
Doris Deter, Simmons University  
Russell Deter, Simmons University  
Albert Dunstan, Mt. Hermon College  
Paul Dunstan, Furman University  
Pearl Dunstan, Bessie Tift College  
Estelle Ginsburg, Columbia Univ., N. Y.  
Judson Jackson, Univ. of Tennessee  
Stephen P. Jackson, Carson-Newman  
Virginia Jackson, Univ. of Tennessee  
Kathleen Joyce, Greenville Woman's College

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Kathleen Maddox, Georgetown College  
Otis Maddox, Georgetown College  
Paul Maddox, Georgetown College  
Marian Morgan, Decatur Baptist Col.  
Bessie Muirhead, Baylor University  
Elena Muirhead, Baylor University  
James Muirhead, Baylor University  
Roberta Pettigrew, Bluefield College  
Wm. Robt. Pettigrew, Bluefield Col.  
Woodrow W. Pettigrew, Bluefield Col.  
Carol Reno, Philadelphia Gen. Hospital  
Fern Reno, Bucknell University  
Alice Shepard, Shorter College  
Ida Shepard, Shorter College  
John Paul Stapp, Baylor University  
Robert Stapp, Baylor University  
George Taylor, Baylor University

#### From Chile

Thomas Hart, William and Mary Col.

#### From China

Oreon Bostick, Meredith College

Wade Bostick, Wake Forest College  
Martha Lois Dawes, Univ. of Calif.  
Isabel Evans, Smith College  
Bentley Glass, Baylor University  
Lois Glass, Baylor University  
Eloise Glass, Baylor University  
Helen Harris, Hinds Junior College  
Miriam Harris, Mississippi College  
Percy King, Johns Hopkins University  
Deaver Lawton, Furman University  
Margaret Lowe, Westhampton College  
Reba Lowe, Bessie Tift College  
Maribelle McCrea, Hattiesburg, Miss.  
Tully McCrea, Mississippi College  
Nancy McDaniel, Durham, N. C.  
Floyd Marriott, William Jewell College  
Dorcas Meadows, Peoria, Illinois  
Leverett Meadows, Baylor Medical Sc'l  
Paul Meadows, Baylor Medical School  
Helen Newton, School of Social Work  
Philip Newton, University of Richmond  
Wm. Carey Newton, Univ. of Richmond  
Cathie Nicoll, Canada  
Herbert Pierce, Ft. Worth Seminary  
Mary Saunders, Westhampton College  
Bryson Tipton, Mars Hill College

#### From European Work

John Stuart, William Jewell College  
Mary Stuart, William Jewell College  
Virginia Stuart, William Jewell College  
\*Robt. Whittinghill, Taunton School, England

#### From Japan

Coleman Clarke, Mercer University  
Jeremiah Clarke, Mercer University  
Edwin B. Dozier, Wake Forest College  
Landis Medling, Union University  
Emma P. Ray, Tuskegee, Ala.  
Herman Ray, Furman University  
Harper Rowe, Univ. of South. Calif.  
Melvin Rowe, Baylor University  
Virginia Rowe, Univ. of South. Calif.

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## OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Miss Juliette Mather

### IN THE A-1 LINE FOR 1929



THE new year is here; 1928 has gone and 1929 has begun. The name of the first month reminds us of Janus, the two-headed god of mythology who could wondrously look in two directions. The wise counselor will be like Janus, with a backward look checking up on the things that should and could have been done; with a forward look reaching toward the things to be attained in 1929. Profit by past blunders but do not mope over them; calmly appraise the accomplishments of the past year but do not tinge the consideration with despair, rather note what will make your leadership valuable to the young people, hence to the Kingdom.

A NOTEBOOK will be a real help. In it gather together helps, suggestions as to methods, ideas that you glean here and there in your reading. You may try to remember the suggestions you hear at institute, associational and district or state meetings (attendance upon these should be an earnest new year's determination) but jotting them down will be assurance of safe-keeping. Put the Year Book of Woman's Missionary Union and the Manual of the organization for which you serve as counselor inside your notebook and keep with it "Telling You How" and other books dealing with mission matters.

BE A CLIPPER by having the habit of saving from daily newspapers and various magazines any and all paragraphs and pictures of home and foreign countries where southern Baptists have work. This will become supplementary material for the regular programs or mission study help.

FORECAST THE PROGRAMS. Look at the topics named in ROYAL

SERVICE and you will note a decided variation in their type of subject matter. Much ingenuity will be necessary to make the presentations clear enough for our younger people but WORLD COMRADES almost guarantees adequate suggestions. Perhaps the ideas set forth in a different department from the one labeled for your organization will "strike your fancy" in which case just help yourself. Only do you as counselor and your program committee counselor and your program committees in G.A., R.A., and Y.W.A. plan well and make each program worthwhile. START A NEW STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE WALL CHART and mark it up regularly as meetings come and go. Wear the organization pins.

Many Y.W.A.'s look ahead and plan attractive year books using mimeograph and time to make a decorative pamphlet. The officers and committees are dignified by their published names and their work's importance augmented.

Look at the New Year from every angle and studiously seek to make it a good-better-best 1929. The stewardship programs, one each quarter, will call repeatedly to deeper and finer consecration which will increase proficiency as a counselor and arouse allegiance among members. Do not forget the Ruby organizations, which were started in the glow of the Ruby Anniversary impulse but keep fostering these new organizations until you have really set them also in line to be A-1 in 1929. The exchange of programs and ideas will bring rich blessing both ways if the contact is not lost. Missions is such a big task that it calls for all help and the cooperation of eager societies is but example of the wider denominational cooperation needed; value it for the impetus it will bring in 1929.

## TRAINING SCHOOL

### TESTIMONIES concerning ALUMNAE

(Concluded from October Issue)

My dear Mrs. Bose:

I wish to tell you how much two of your graduates have meant to Bethel Woman's College. These are Miss Leonora Dorsey, who has been with us four years, and Miss Olive Lawton, who has been in Bethel one year. By their fidelity, loyalty and splendid Christian characters they have made Christian living real and attractive to the Bethel girls. I never call on them for any service without receiving a hearty response.

Sincerely

J. W. GAINES, President  
Bethel Woman's College

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My dear Mrs. Bose:

I take great pleasure in adding my testimony concerning the splendid and efficient training that is given at our Baptist Missionary Union Training School in Louisville, Ky. I have had two young women as my assistants who were trained there and they have both given the most satisfactory service. I feel quite sure that there is no other school in all the land where better training can be found and I am always glad to commend the school and the young women who graduate from it.

With all good wishes, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

LLOYD T. WILSON  
Pastor First Baptist Church  
High Point, N. C.

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On July 15th, 1927, Miss Odessa Lyons, a recent graduate of the W.M.U. Training School, came to us as church secretary and director of young people's work. Miss Lyons soon became a favorite with all our people, young and old, entering heartily into all our church activities, where she is much in demand in helping to plan the work of the various organizations. Not only is she active in planning the programs for the various groups in our church life, but is frequently called on to participate in the meetings as a soloist, a special speaker or as a supply teacher in the Sunday school. Although trained in the W.M.U. work, Miss Lyons is not one-sided in her interests but is equally at home in directing the young people's work in the W.M.U. or in helping the B.Y.P.U. director to steer the work in that organization or in assisting the department superintendents in the work of the Sunday school.

Miss Lyons is a capable stenographer and in addition to taking care of the correspondence of the pastor and the assistant pastor she edits our church bulletin. In fact, Miss Lyons is always busy and apparently very happy in her work. In a very large way she reflects credit on her alma mater.

T. J. YORK, Assistant Pastor  
First Baptist Church  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

## BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

### HOW to MAKE a BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLE VERY BUSINESS-LIKE

Miss Lucy Morton Zachry\*

#### Executive Board

FIRST, there should be an executive committee composed of circle officers and group leaders. The object of the Business Women's Circle is to enlist business women in church activities; therefore meetings should be held in the church as far as possible.

#### Systematic Activities

**Social.** By entertaining groups monthly, the president may know the members personally. There should be quarterly gatherings—in the nature of banquets, picnics or parties—and an annual social. Personal contact is essential. Executive committee should meet monthly. New life in the autumn will result from a lessening of activities in summer. The "bluebird or peanut plan", by which each member draws a name and keeps in touch with her through messages or inexpensive gifts, is excellent.

**Study.** The responsibility of each group for a monthly program annually is valuable training. The speaker should aid in religious and educational upbuilding. At least one mission book should be taught annually. Helpful subjects for recreational lectures are: music, English, expression, dentistry, costume designing, interior decorating, journalism and nature study.

One should be trained to give as well as save. Business women earn a salary to save or spend. If taught that one-tenth is a debt due the Lord, systematic contributions will result.

**Service.** Members should visit and be visited. A fund should be provided for the care of the sick, and the needy should be remembered. Willing minds and hands, with God's guidance, can bring things to pass—and without rummage sales. A goal should be planned, and all activities go through the church. Scholarships, endowment funds, a vacation cottage with educational and recreational advantages, a church parlor, rest and sewing rooms would benefit members.

#### Consecrated Ability

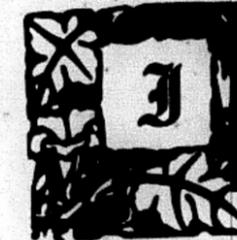
The chairman should have executive ability, know parliamentary law, accounting and systematic planning. Deep down in the heart there must be the desire to help. Each chairman should visit her group monthly and report to the general chairman. Rewards are stimulating.

Sincerity is the basis of success. "We can not lead others farther than we, ourselves, have been." There can be little consecration without a consecrated leader. To be in charge of business women, one should have the spirit of the Saviour and be "touched with the feeling of their infirmities" through experience in the business world, enabled to share their joys and sorrows, successes and failures, hopes and ambitions. Only a consecrated Christian capable of directing toward the highest plane the thought, life and activities of this important group can hope to make the Business Women's Circle a business-like success.

*NOTE: The above article is based on the observation and business experience of the writer and on the Business Women's Circles of the Second Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.*

## CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James



IT is the purpose of southern Methodists to hold a church-wide Missionary Conference in Memphis, Tennessee, January 1-3, "to consider the missionary business of the whole church". Speakers from mission boards of other denominations and from other countries as well as leaders of the southern Methodist church will make inspirational addresses. All missionaries home on furlough and all home missionaries are expected to be there and take part in the discussions. A large number of young foreign Christians who are in this country attending college will be there. Representatives from every phase of the church's activities will constitute the delegation. It is spoken of as an International Conference and is for the purpose of seeking to discover the reason for the apparent loss of interest in the missionary enterprise and the best way to revitalize the members in the church's main task.

By the will of a member of the Baptist church in an Iowa town a bequest of \$500 was made to her home church "for foreign missions". Why could not women in all our churches, who have even small sums of money to leave behind, remember the great mission work in their wills?

A "Young Men's Moslem Association" on the pattern of the Y.M.C.A. has been formed in Palestine. We are told that its general purpose is to resist the influence of Christian organizations and to preserve Moslem traditions and customs.

From 100,000 minarets in three con-

tinents 235,000,000 Mohammedans hear the call to prayer. When shall they hear the message of Jesus?

For the past three years a missionary in Japan has been doing a very interesting and suggestive work. It is a kind of newspaper evangelism. In thirty lines of advertising in the daily papers this missionary and his helpers have frequently presented the claims of Christianity and the Christian attitude toward the questions of the day. In three years these brief articles have attracted much attention and have elicited 17,000 replies and applications for literature.

The enrollment at Bacone College in Oklahoma has been a little more than 300. These students come from 12 different states, representing twenty-eight different Indian tribes.

The following in the last report of the New York City Baptist Mission Society shows how great an enterprise city missions has come to be. Work is being done in 30 different lines and places. Twenty-two workers beside the executive staff have been employed and the assets of the society amount to more than \$2,000,000.

Through the inspiring services and daily life at Chung Mei Home for Chinese boys at San Francisco eighteen of these young Chinese have confessed Christ and been baptized.

According to the Bureau of Census, which has published its summary of the 1926 census of religious bodies, the Baptists lead all other evangelical denominations by more than 300,000. Just to that extent should Baptists feel more responsible than any other denomina-

tion for the establishment of Christianity in America and for the spread of the Gospel throughout the world.

A Baptist college has been opened in New Zealand on the spot where a cannibal feast was held 100 years ago. "This", says the editor of *The Baptist*, "is one of the results of persevering missionary work".

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It should be interesting to all those who remember the beginning of the modern missionary movement at Kettering, England, to learn that the host at the old mission house there, who has just died, was long an English missionary in the upper Congo, Africa.

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The Congo jubilee conference, which marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Congo area to evangelical mission work was held September 16-25. Dr. Lerrigo of the Northern Baptist Foreign Mission Society in an article to the *Watchman-Examiner* says: "Fifty years ago Stanely's great journey cleft Congo from border to border and laid open its heart, but it was a Congo without missionary or Gospel, without school or Christian home, without books of learning, without dispensary or hospital. In five decades missionaries have reduced its languages to writing, have introduced its children to the Saviour, have reorganized community life and have begun to grapple with the immense volume of disease through the practice of modern medicine and surgery.

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One of the most interesting reports at the Triennial Convention of the Episcopal Church, which met in Washington, D. C., in October, was that of the completion of a fund of \$100,000 to endow mission work in Alaska in honor and aid of the work done in the last twenty-five years in Alaska by one of their bishops. The second day of this convention was marked by an inspiring demonstration on the part of the women which crystallized in the donation of over \$1,000,000 for missions.

A missionary of the American Board (Congregational) writes that the "Thousand Character Campaign" in China is leading hundreds of converts into the churches as well as equipping them for intelligent leadership in their communities. Since the beginning of Christianity foreign missionaries have contributed to the enlightenment of many peoples by reducing their language to writing, giving them a vocabulary and a grammar. It is interesting therefore to note that in the "Thousand Character Campaign" missionaries are simplifying the written language of a people of ancient culture by the invention of a new system whereby the common people may learn to read by mastering the meaning of only one thousand characters instead of many thousand."

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During October the United Christian Missionary Society, general missionary organization of the Disciples, held 200 one-day conventions in various sections of the United States.

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Agreeing with Disraeli that "the youth of the nation are the trustees of posterity" a group of prominent laymen, representing the New England states, has organized an advisory committee, serving as "boy-backers" for the Ocean Park Royal Ambassador Camp at Ocean Park, Maine. There were 200 boys and 41 pastors and leaders at the northern Baptist R.A. Camp there last summer.

#### COLLEGE Y.W.A.

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From Mexico

Jaime Benson, Baylor University  
David Cheavens, Baylor University  
Frank Cheavens, S. W. Theological  
Sallie Cheavens, Baylor University  
Staten Hatchell, Baylor University  
George Lacy, Simmons University  
Minnie Lacy, Okla. Baptist University  
D. J. LeSueur, Jr., Howard Payne Col.

From Panama Canal Zone

Dorothea Witt, Baylor Col. of Med.  
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## BOOK REVIEWS

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### SOME FRUITS of the GOSPEL



F one wishes to have his faith strengthened and his belief in the efficacy of prayer confirmed, let him read "Some Fruits of the Gospel" by Dr. George W. Leavell, superintendent of the southern Baptist hospital at Wuchow, China. This book is made up of a series of lectures, delivered by Dr. Leavell at Southwestern Seminary in Texas, and is the story of his experiences in Stout Memorial Hospital at Wuchow.

Every chapter stirs the heart, from the account of his struggles to decide whether to obey the call to the foreign field, through the story of his fifteen years of service and his recent return to his chosen home and people in China. The building of the hospital on faith and by "piecemeal", until the 75 Million Campaign brought \$40,000 to its completion; the reliance on God when human means and strength failed; the sacrifices of the Chinese for their Savior: all make us ashamed of our own feeble and intermittent efforts for the cause. The need for the hospital and its effectiveness in opening the hearts of the Chinese to the Gospel are conclusively shown.

In the chapter, "Why China Sees Red", Dr. Leavell gives us the history of China's recent revolution, from the time when Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, whom he calls the George Washington of China, began to encourage the Chinese in their efforts to become a free and independent republic. He gives us the Chinese feeling in regard to unequal treaties, foreign concessions, extra-territoriality and other things that the Chinese now realize have been forced on them by foreign nations, and of which they are asking

to be rid. China believes that America is her friend. We have shown her in many ways that we wish to help and not hinder her progress, and she reciprocates by trusting us.

Dr. Leavell believes that the nationalist party will eventually unify China and enable her to take her place among the nations of the world. He says that the opposition to missionaries is not to individuals but as representatives of foreign powers. Many Chinese believe the missionaries are in the pay of their governments and working for the subjection of the Chinese. Dr. Leavell thinks that by sympathy and understanding in this time of national distress the missionaries can serve China as never before.

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### YORUBA LIFE

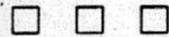
LOUIS M. DUVAL follows up his recent "Baptist Missions in Nigeria" by a little book illustrating African manners and customs in a series of charming stories entitled "Yoruba Life". An introduction graphically depicts the changes in the last century and leads up to present conditions.

The chapter "Oni and Ola" gives us the story of two sisters, one of whom held to the African marriage custom of taking the man provided by her family, while the other followed the Christian way of marrying the man she loved. The troubles caused by the conflict of views make an exciting sequel.

The gentle persuasiveness of medical help in gaining Christians is shown in the story of Tafa, as also the strong hold of polygamy over these people where the family, and not the individual, is the unit. Another story gives the African's belief in idols and his attitude towards them, as well as his

awakening consciousness of their inadequacy to his needs.

The stories are so simply and beautifully told that they will appeal to all and will be read with delight by both old and young. The book is a notable contribution to our literature on Africa. Order from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., price in paper 50c, cloth 75c.



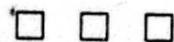
#### BLAZING NEW TRAILS

**A** BOOK of heroic deeds—a book that will be welcomed by our boys—is “Blazing New Trails” by Archer Wallace. The author is not new to the work of writing short and thrilling stories that capture the imagination of boys in their teens. He has already made a name for himself by “Stories of Grit”, “Overcoming Handicaps” and “Canadian Heroes of Mission Fields Overseas”.

In the present book he has given us fifteen short stories of missionary heroes around the world from Grenfell of the Labrador coast to William Carey of India. No boy can read these stories of high endeavor, unflinching courage, perseverance in the face of almost insuperable obstacles, without being strengthened in his moral fibre, and none can read them without feeling the urge to emulate such noble deeds.

They are told in simple, forceful language with the moral lift to the reader. We especially commend them to the leaders of Royal Ambassadors. Our G.A. leaders will find the girls not far behind the boys in their enjoyment of them, particularly in the story of Mary Slesor of Calabar.

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#### THE NEW AFRICA

**O**F the great number of books on Africa now issuing from the press one of the most readable is “The New Africa” by Dr. Donald Fraser of the United Free Church of Scotland. For

many years Dr. Fraser was a missionary to Nyasaland and has done mission work in other parts of Africa. He has written a number of books on Africa and the Africans, and the dedication of this latest work is “To the Africans who have my heart”. This is made evident in every page, for nowhere do we find a more appreciative and sympathetic understanding of these undeveloped peoples.

Dr. Fraser tells us that here we have the opportunity of observing a race in its childhood. After going into the causes for this backwardness, he shows us how, stimulated by contact with the white races, these unfortunate people are suffering all the evils of a forced development. His discussion of the colonization of the country by European nations for commercial purposes and of the coming of both Mohammedanism and Christianity, with the problems arising from these contending forces, gives food for puzzling thought. If any reader thinks Dr. Fraser is too emphatic as to the perfect equality of races, it is well to remember that few if any authors perfectly present the reader's viewpoint.

He strives to give his readers an appreciation of the deep underlying religious character of the African and the importance of understanding and using these religious beliefs to interpret to him the white man's God. He urges, too, the unwisdom of taking from the native his faiths and loyalties until something better is established in their place. He presses the need for the cooperation of the governments and missionaries in solving the many difficulties and, in his closing chapter, makes Christ the key that will unlock all the intricate problems that face those who would help this growing country.

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See review of “Telling You How” on page 26.

OPEN THE DOOR FOR JESUS THROUGH ENLISTMENT FOR SERVICE

The illustration depicts a marching band of young men in uniform, moving from left to right. They are carrying several flags on poles. From top to bottom, the flags are labeled: 'W.M.S.' (Women's Missionary Society), 'Y.W.A.' (Young Women's Association), 'G.' (likely for G.A.), 'R.A.' (likely for Royal Ambassadors), and 'S.' (likely for Scouts). The text 'OPEN THE DOOR FOR JESUS THROUGH ENLISTMENT FOR SERVICE' is written vertically in large, bold, capital letters across the center of the illustration. A hand is shown holding a key that fits into a door-shaped opening in the word 'THROUGH'.

# Tithing Record Card\*

The tenth shall be holy unto Jehovah.- Lev. 27:32

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| 1. Abraham's Tithe    | Gen. 14:18-20               | 7. The Promise            | Mal. 3:10-12<br>Prov. 3:9-10 |
| 2. Jacob's Tithe      | Gen. 28:18-22               | 8. The Joy                | Mal. 3:16f<br>Ps. 116:12-14  |
| 3. The Law            | Lev. 27:30-33               | 9. The Habit              | II Cor. 9:6-8                |
| 4. The Levite's Tithe | Num. 18:21, 25-27           | 10. The Motive            | II Cor. 9:15<br>John 3:16    |
| 5. Offerings          | Lev. 23:37f<br>Deut. 12:5-7 | 11. Christ's Commendation | Matt. 23:23                  |
| 6. The Neglect        | Mal. 1:6-8; 3:7-9           | 12. Paul's Giving         | Phil. 3:7, 8<br>Phil. 1:21   |

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Thy Father who seeth in secret shall recompense thee.—Matt. 6:4

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