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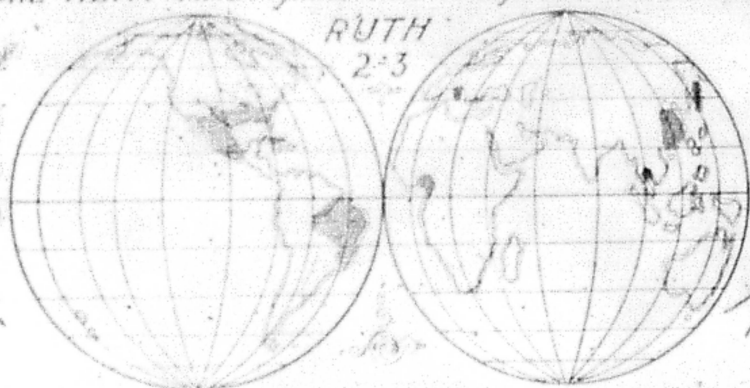


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SHE WENT AND CAME AND GLEANED IN THE FIELD.

RUTH
2:3



WHAT **THOU** GLEANED
HAST TO-DAY?

"A stewardship entrusted": "Go ye into all the world".

—I Cor. 9:17; Mark 16:15

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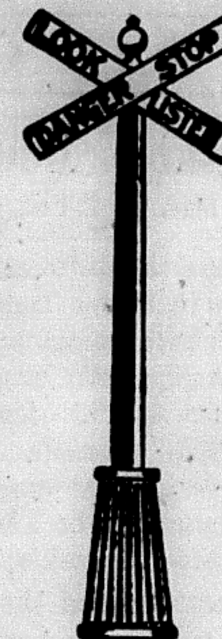
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EDITORIAL

The MISSION of OUR COMING MEETING

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

IT IS said when the birds are migrating even those tiny feathered creatures born within a cage are thrilled by this deep instinct and flutter their helpless wings and beat against the bars. As these days of regal fellowship draw near, countless hearts thrill with the desire to meet together as Christian workers, speak of "what had been and might have been" and frame new ways for future days. If there are those whose helpless wings beat against restricting bars, they will remember we can meet together in the Temple Invisible. We yearn to be upborne by the united prayers of these co-workers as we meet in Memphis.

The centuries have not dimmed the tremendous experiences of those early Christians when the multitude came together "greatly wondering". It is something of this sense of wonder that we would recapture as we think of the mission of our coming meeting. Through the messages of our workers in the home churches we would catch the wonder of untiring organizations used as channels for the breath of the Almighty. Our missionaries will tell of the mesmeric power and wonder of the Gospel story on other continents. Together we will consider, in wonder, that our people, as a whole, are content with so little when we think of what the Gospel promises us. The great evangelical revival began, said Dr. Jowett, not with the reclamation of the depraved but with the enrichment of the redeemed. We would that the redeemed be so enriched during these sessions that the anniversary efforts of last year become a permanent miracle.

Each day's program will hold a season of worship. On Tuesday, Dr. George W. Truett, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will bring the devotional message. We feel, in presenting this great leader and speaker, that we bring one who "can split the sky in two and let the face of God shine through". On the following day, at this same period, Mrs. Rosalie Mills Appleby, our beloved missionary to Brazil, will speak. We may be content that we will go away a little taller than when we went. We hope to have Dr. Rushebrooke, London, corresponding secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, speak to us if he arrives.

You will note from the tentative program, on pages 5-6, the entire program is given a fresh presentation this year. The Plan of Work takes a prominent place. In fact, the entire program is built on the Plan of Work. It will be considered section by section in connection with reports relating to it. No reports will be read. The salient and vital features of the reports bearing on the all-inclusive Plan of Work will be spoken to by individuals. The high hour of the annual meeting promises to be the Missionaries' Fellowship Dinner, Tuesday evening at the Peabody Hotel at 6:45 o'clock. The women missionaries will be the guests of honor. While we eat there will be music of various kinds, then "discourse, the sweeter banquet of the mind". You cannot afford to miss the stirring messages of these missionaries, so get your ticket when you register. Reservations for only one thousand can be had. It may not be necessary to explain it but perhaps it may be well to state that attendance at this dinner is in no way conditioned upon the holding of any mission study seal. It is for fellowship. The program that evening

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM

W.M.U. ANNUAL MEETING

Memphis, Tenn., May 6-8, 1929

Committee Meetings, May 6

Peabody Hotel

Monday, 9:00 A. M.—Margaret Fund Committee
Monday, 11:00 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.—General Board of W.M.U. Training School
Monday, 2:30 P. M.—W.M.U. Executive Committee
Monday, 7:30 P. M.—W.M.U. Executive Committee

Regular Sessions of Annual Meeting

First Methodist Church

Tuesday Morning Session, May 7

9:30—Hymn

Scripture in Unison

Prayer

Organization

Introduction of Missionaries

Welcome Address

Fellowship Greetings

Mrs. R. L. Harris, Tenn.

Recognition of Visitors

Mrs. R. L. Sanders, Memphis

Dr. Clovis G. Chappell, Pastor

First Methodist Church

Response

Roster of Committees

Message of President

Presentation of Plan of Work

Election of Nominating Committee

Mrs. W. J. Cox

Report of Corresponding Secretary—Miss Kathleen Mallory—in Relation to:

Mission Study

Standards of Excellence

Prayer

White Cross

Royal Service

Hymn

Season of Worship

Announcements

Solo
Dr. George W. Truett, President
of Southern Baptist Convention

Tuesday Afternoon Session

First Methodist Church

2:30—Hymn

Devotional

Reading of Minutes

Continued Discussion of Plan of Work

Report of Treasurer

Discussion of:

Apportionments

Reports of Boards of Managers

Miss Sallie Priest, China

Mrs. W. C. Lowndes

Mrs. Lowndes

Mrs. Lowndes

Mrs. W. L. Rosamond, Ala.

Stewardship—Southwide Stewardship Chairman

Tithing Story Contest Winner

Ruby Anniversary Afterglow

Mrs. Carter Wright, General Chairman,
Assisted by States

Announcements

Prayer

Mrs. Eugene Sallee, China

Tuesday Evening Session
Peabody Hotel, Mezzanine Floor
Missionaries' Fellowship Dinner

6:45—Blessing: "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Our Guests of Honor, the Missionaries—
 "Saints Out of Every Nation"

Welcomed by Mrs. Cox

Wednesday Morning Session
First Methodist Church

9:30—Hymn

Scripture in Unison

Reading of Minutes

Continued Discussion of Plan of Work

Margaret Fund—Mrs. Frank Burney, Chairman

Introduction of Margaret Fund Mothers

W.M.U. Training School—Mrs. S. E. Woody, Chairman, Assisted by

Mrs. Janie Cree Bose, Principal, and Alumnae

Report of Young People's Secretary—Miss Juliette Mather—in Re-
 lation to:

W.M.U. Director

World Comrades

Value of Missionary Education

Address

Announcements

Hymn

Season of Worship

Mrs. Rosalie Mills Appleby, Brazil

Wednesday Afternoon Session, May 8

First Methodist Church

2:30—Hymn

Devotional

Missionary

Continued Discussion of Plan of Work

W.M.U. Literature Department

Miss Ethel Winfield

Personal Service

Discussion Led by Mrs. P. A. Eubank, Chairman

Enlistment

Miss Emma Leachman

Good Will Centers

Interracial Relationships

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Advisory Board of Southwestern Training School

Mrs. F. S. Davis, Texas, Chairman

Mrs. Maud R. McLure, Ky.

Adoption of Plan of Work

Memorial Service

Miscellaneous Business

Reports of Committees

Nominate Boards

Registration

Resolutions

Introduction of Local Committee—Mrs. Sanders

Election of Officers

Reading of Minutes

Announcements

Prayer

Wednesday Evening
Municipal Auditorium

8:00—Pageant Presenting

Ruby Anniversary Achievements

W.M.U. Young People's Work

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**CHAIRMEN of W. M. U. COMMITTEES PLANNING for
 ANNUAL MEETING of WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, S.B.C.
 MEMPHIS, TENN., MAY 7-8, 1929**



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Mrs. R. L. Sanders, General Chairman

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Mrs. E. W. Hale, Publicity

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Mrs. H. E. Maxey, Banners

Mrs. A. M. Wall, Young People's Session and
 Ruby Anniversary Pageant

Mrs. M. L. Martin, Registration

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 Dinner

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 gations

Mrs. Geo. D. Sheats, Treasurer

Mrs. Fred Hogan, Noon Lunches

Not in Picture:

Mrs. W. B. Crenshaw, Local Societies

Mrs. Clarence Leavell, Information

Mrs. Sam Holloway, Exhibits

Mrs. Frank Sturm, Music

Mrs. Chas. McWaters, Rest Room

FORTY-FIRST W.M.U. ANNUAL MEETING



The first session of the forty-first annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, will be held at the First Methodist Church, Memphis, on Tuesday morning, May 7, commencing at 9:30 o'clock, Mrs. W. J. Cox president in the chair. The meeting on Tuesday afternoon and again on Wednesday morning and afternoon will also be held at the Methodist Church as it has the largest seating capacity of any centrally located church in Memphis. It has the added advantage of being just two blocks from the Municipal Auditorium, where the closing W. M. U. session will be held on Wednesday night and where the Southern Baptist Convention will open its seventy-fourth session on Thursday morning, the 9th. The picture of the Auditorium is shown on page 36. The Baptists of Memphis, particularly we women, feel very grateful to our Methodist friends for their gracious, Christian hospitality.

The program has been carefully and prayerfully woven around the theme of the W. M. U. Plan of Work for the calendar year of 1929. Instead of the reading of the reports there will be practical talks linking them with the Plan of Work.

The Missionaries' Fellowship Dinner to be held on Tuesday evening, May 7, at the Peabody Hotel, will commence at 6:45 P. M. Many women missionaries from our home and foreign fields are expected to be present as guests of Woman's Missionary Union. For all others the price of the tickets is \$1.25 per plate. Be sure to purchase your ticket for this dinner as soon as you register, for only 1000 can be accommodated. At the close of the dinner, during which there will be lovely music and also the coveted chance for fellowship in conversation, the regular program for the evening will be rendered there in the dining-room. The speakers will be the women missionaries.

If you reach Memphis by Monday afternoon, May 6, please register before 6 o'clock at the First Methodist Church, registration opening there at noon that day. By thus registering you will help to lessen the congestion on Tuesday morning, where registration reopens at 8 o'clock and continues until 6 P. M. Registration closes finally at 9:30 on Wednesday morning. All W. M. U. delegates are expected to register; all W. M. U. visitors are cordially urged to do so.

Memphis women desire to continue the progressive custom of making every W. M. U. annual meeting the greatest and best yet held. It has been our effort, from the day the announcement was made last May, to give this 1929 meeting in Memphis the widest possible publicity. We ask that each reader of ROYAL SERVICE bend every effort to inspire in the heart of every W. M. U. member a desire to attend, thus striving for a larger attendance for 1929 than ever before. Each person in attendance will realize the importance of the annual gathering of Woman's Missionary Union, which gives renewed inspiration and consecration to carry out a greater missionary program during the new year.—Mrs. E. W. Hale, W. M. U. Publicity Chairman, Memphis

ATTENTION—FORMER STUDENTS of W.M.U. TRAINING SCHOOL

All former students of W.M.U. Training School, who are planning to attend the W.M.U. meeting in Memphis, May 7-8, are requested to write to that effect to Mrs. Janie Cree Bose, 334 East Broadway, Louisville. All such former students are also asked to dress in white the day the school renders its report in Memphis.

Tribute to Dr. George B. Eager

After most of the month's copy had been sent to the printer word was received of the passing from earth to Heaven of Dr. George B. Eager, professor emeritus of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and for years a member of the W.M.U. Training School's faculty. As is also well known, Mrs. Eager was on the same faculty and was chairman of the school's Local Board. Thus she and Dr. Eager were vitally concerned for the good of the school, their hearts literally beating as one not only as husband and wife but as teachers in "House Beautiful", where they came to be affectionately called "Grandpa and Grandma Eager". In February the school gratefully united with many others in celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary—and now he has entered "the City whose street is pure gold". For the loneliness of Mrs. Eager the tenderest sympathy is expressed.



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BIBLE STUDY



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

Scripture: Acts 10:25, 26, 34, 35

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

"God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform".

THE man and the opportunity meet. Read the tenth chapter of Acts. Try to imagine Cornelius' part in this unusual story. Put yourself in Peter's place. Cornelius prayed, there came a vision followed by obedience. Peter praying fell into a trance in which something startling was revealed. Soon came an invitation of greater consequence than any to which Peter had ever responded.

Did Peter know what to expect as he made the trip to Caesarea with the men whom Cornelius had sent? No, he went believing that God would use him. Upon arriving at Cornelius' house he found friends and kinsmen of his host waiting for him. Looking upon Peter as God's representative Cornelius fell down before him in the attitude of worship. It was a graceful gesture on Peter's part to take him by the hand saying, "Stand up, I myself also am a man". A frank and interesting conversation follows. Peter coins an epigram which sums up the greatest teaching of the apostles. The same truth was the theme of the apostle Paul as he sought to show the mystery that Christ died for the repentant sinner regardless of color or creed: "Peter opened his mouth and said, of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he, that feareth Him and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him".

This, friends, is the application of the Gospel. This is the missionary motive, the height of Christian service, the aim of New Testament teaching. One of the sublimest facts of all time is expressed as Peter tells these waiting gentiles that God is no respecter of persons. Salvation is offered to all who will accept Jesus Christ and Him only as Savior. The lesson has been hard for nations and individuals.

Another way in which we apply Christianity is well illustrated in Peter's ministry to the lame man at the Beautiful Gate (Acts 3:1-7): "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I unto thee". "Such as I have" would be a good slogan for us as we seek to use whatever talent or substance we have for the Master's sake.

It was prayer-meeting night in the little church. There was a live discussion as to how to relieve the distress of an old member who was sick. An insurance premium was due. The food for the family must be provided. A feeling of tenseness prevailed in the audience. Many prayers and much talking had not solved the problem. One good deacon arose and said: "Brethren, I'll send a barrel of flour to Brother R. tomorrow. I've decided to help to answer our prayers. What will you do?" When we can link up our activities with definite winning to Christ we do real personal service. The cup of cold water should be offered in the name of the Master. When we separate the two our preaching becomes foolishness to them that perish.

There is no lameness so hopeless as that of one who walks in the darkness of sin: no blindness so black as that which can not see the Light of the world: no deafness so incurable as for ears that hear not the Gospel. The sense of smell

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FAMILY ALTAR



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: Applied Christianity

THE cheerfu' supper done, wi' serious face,
They round the ingle form a circle wide;
The sire turns o'er, wi' patriarchal grace,
The big Ha'-Bible¹, ance his father's pride;
His bonnet rever'n'tly is laid aside,
His lyart² haffets³ wearin' thin an' bare;
Those strains that once did sweet in Zion glide,
He wales a portion with judicious care;
And, "Let us worship God!" he says with solemn air.
Burns' "The Cotter's Saturday Night"

The Expression of Christianity

Wednesday, 1st

Matthew 7:21-29

Thursday, 2nd

Luke 11:28-36

Friday, 3rd

James 1:22-27; Galatians 6:2

Saturday, 4th

Mark 9:33-41

Sunday, 5th

I Corinthians 13:1-13

Monday, 6th

Matthew 19:16-21; 22:35-40

Tuesday, 7th

Colossians 3:12-17; Acts 20:35

The Fruits of Christianity

Wednesday, 8th

Philippians 1:9-11, 27-29

Thursday, 9th

Psalms 1:1-3; 106:3; Ephesians 5:9, 10

Friday, 10th

John 15:2-8, 14

Saturday, 11th

Psalms 58:14; Luke 3:7-14

Sunday, 12th

James 2:14-26

Monday, 13th

II Thessalonians 1:3-5; Romans 8:3-10

Tuesday, 14th

Galatians 5:13-18, 22-26

The Rewards of Christianity

Wednesday, 15th

Genesis 15:1; 22:15-18; Malachi 3:14-18

Thursday, 16th

I Peter 5:4, 6, 7, 10; II Peter 1:4, 10, 11

Friday, 17th

Matthew 18:1-10

Saturday, 18th

Matthew 25:14-29

Sunday, 19th

Proverbs 11:18; 25:21, 23; Matthew 26:6-13

Monday, 20th

Deuteronomy 28:1, 2, 9, 10, 12; Matthew 16:23-28

Tuesday, 21st

Luke 19:12-27

Jesus, Our Example

Wednesday, 22d

Mark 10:45; Luke 22:24-27

Thursday, 23d

I Peter 2:21-24; 3:18; 4:1, 2

Friday, 24th

Matthew 11:28-30; 12:9-13

Saturday, 25th

Matthew 20:26-34

Sunday, 26th

Luke 1:15; John 1:9-14; Hebrews 12:2

Monday, 27th

Romans 10:4-10; 13:14

Tuesday, 28th

Matthew 15:21-31

Wednesday, 29th

Mark 8:1-9, 22-26

Thursday, 30th

Luke 5:31-41

Friday, 31st

Acts 26:23; John 3:13-17; 5:24; 13:13-15

1—The Great Bible that lies in the hall

2—Gray

3—Temples



"PRAY YE"



"The COST of SPIRITUAL POWER"



LIKE dewdrops in the morning, like stars in the midnight were a multitude of the sayings of Dr. E. Y. Mullins. Listen to this one: "Crucifixion is the cost of all spiritual power; the weakness of modern Christianity is its defective views as to the cost of spiritual power". Practically every earnest-hearted Christian will testify as to spiritual power received through prayer, the same questioning very probably revealing the fact that such prayer was importunate, persistent, intercessory. Certainly it costs in time and physical strength to pray.

However, when one contemplates the meaning of prayer, does it seem too costly? Prayer is praise, communion with one's Heavenly Father, prayer is another link with Christ who ever prayeth, prayer is interpreted by the indwelling Spirit of God, prayer is the Christian's privilege. As James Montgomery said over a hundred years ago:

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
Unuttered or expressed:
The motion of a hidden fire,
That trembles in the breast.

Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air,
His watchword at the gates of death:
He enters Heav'n with prayer.

Realizing the privilege and power of prayer, will you not pay the cost by spending of your time and physical strength in praying? Will you not urge your circle and your society so to do? If either or both of them will arrange for a period of prayer in addition to their regular devotionals you may expect to reap rich returns, for it was the praying Christ who said "Pray ye" and it was Paul the apostle of faith and works who added "without ceasing". Really, though it truly costs to pray, it just as surely costs dearly not to pray. "Wherefore, pray ye!" As led by the Spirit, please pray for:

- Lives that daily praise God
- Meetings in Memphis of Southern Baptist Convention and Woman's Missionary Union
- Increased emphasis upon missionary commission to southern Baptists
- Stewardship studies throughout south
- Winning of many tithers among W.M.U. members
- Fidelity in fostering Ruby Anniversary and subsequent organizations
- Steady increase in W.M.U. organizations, mission study classes, personal service, fostering of W.M.U. young people
- College and other school commencements and for their graduates in home and foreign lands

Calendar of Prayer

May, 1929

Mrs. Maud R. McLure, Ky.

And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation.—Mark 16:15

Out from the doomed Jerusalem, in days of long ago,
By two and two they sailed forth to lands of sun or snow,
And each slow century since then has seen this loyal clan
Break out to bear the blessed news to all the sons of man.—Robert McIntyre

Topic: Christianity's Contribution to World Progress

1—WEDNESDAY

Pray for blessings on Miss Emma Leachman, field worker, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.
We know that all things work together for good to them that love God.

2—THURSDAY

—Rom. 8:28

For Miss Grace Clifford, Fairfax, Okla., and *Miss Gladys Sharp, Chickasha, Okla., workers among Indians
Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory.—I Cor. 15:57

3—FRIDAY

For Misses Lillie Mae Weatherford and Gladys McLanahan, workers among Mexicans, El Paso, Texas
The Lord is faithful who shall establish you.—I Thess. 3:8

4—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Stephen Witt, Balboa, and Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Williamson, Christobal, workers in Canal Zone
They that know Thy name will put their trust in Thee.—Psa. 9:10

5—SUNDAY

Pray that the principles of Jesus Christ prevail in the industrial life of America.
The Son of man came not to be ministered unto but to minister.

6—MONDAY

—Matt. 20:28

For Rev. and Mrs. H. S. McCall and Miss Edelmira Robinson, Cuban American College, Havana, Cuba
Whoso trusteth in Jehovah, happy is he.—Prov. 16:20

7—TUESDAY

For †Miss Christine Garnett, Calabazar, Cuba
Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us.—I John 3:1

8—WEDNESDAY

Pray for the power of God's Spirit in annual sessions of Southern Baptist Convention and Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to S.B.C., Memphis, Tenn., May 7-12.
Ye shall be My witnesses.—Acts 1:8

9—THURSDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. W. H. Carson (on furlough), Rev. and Mrs. G. W.

Sadler, educational work, Ogbomoso, Nigeria

I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee.—Isa. 4:10

10—FRIDAY

For †Miss Minnie Landrum (on furlough), Brazilian W.M.U. work, and Mrs. F. M. Edwards, evangelistic work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Now the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always by all means.

11—SATURDAY

—II Thess. 3:16

For the orphaned sons and daughters of Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Jackson, formerly in evangelistic work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
As one whom his mother comforteth so will I comfort you.—Isa. 66:18

12—SUNDAY

Pray for the Holy Spirit on all Christendom.
Be thou exalted, O God, above the Heavens, and Thy glory above all the earth.—Psa. 108:5

13—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Quarles, literary work, and **Miss Minnie McIlroy, Publishing House, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father.—Matt. 5:16

14—TUESDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. O. P. Maddox, evangelistic work, and Rev. and Mrs. F. A. R. Morgan (on furlough), Boys' School, Bello Horizonte, Brazil
In God have I put my trust, I will not be afraid.—Psa. 56:11

15—WEDNESDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Yokum, medical work, and Miss Florence Jones, nurse, Pingtu, China
Holding forth the word of life.

16—THURSDAY

—Phil. 2:16

For Misses †Hannah J. Plowden, Shanghai College, and *Blanche Groves, educational work, Soochow, China
Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it.

—John 2:5

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*Attended Southwestern Training School
**Attended Baptist Bible Institute

Calendar of Prayer

May, 1929

And still o'er all the earth they fare, where'er a soul has need;
My heart leaps up and calls to them: "O, brothers mine! God speed!
'Tis ye who make the record good, 'tis ye, O royal souls!
Who justify the Chronicles, writ in the ancient scrolls.

O Missionaries of the Blood! Ambassadors of God!
Our souls flame in us when we see where ye have fearless trod!
At break of day your dauntless faith our slackened valor shames,
And every eve our joyful prayers are jeweled with your names".

—Robert McIntyre

Topic: Christianity's Contribution to World Progress

17—FRIDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. H. H. McMillan, evangelistic work, and Rev. and Mrs. Edward M. Bostick, Jr., educational work, Soochow, China. To be spiritually-minded is life and peace.—Rom. 8:6

18—SATURDAY

For Dr. T. J. Watts, secretary Relief and Annuity Board, and Mrs. Watts, Dallas, Texas. He that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.—Rom. 13:8

19—SUNDAY

For God's Spirit on the heathen. I the Lord will hasten it in its time.

20—MONDAY

For Misses Lolita Hannah and Cecile Lancaster, Girls' School, Kokura, Japan. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.—Col. 3:16

21—TUESDAY

For Misses Mary Nelle Lyne (on furlough), and Rose Marlowe, educational work, Shanghai, China. Let the peace of God rule in your hearts.—Col. 3:15

22—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Baker, Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Bratcher, educational work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The blessing of Jehovah it maketh rich.—Prov. 10:22

23—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. John Sundstrom (on furlough), Misses Lora Clement and E. E. Rea (on furlough), evangelistic work, and Miss Leonora Scarlett (on furlough), nurse, Kong Moon, China. For there is no power but of God.

24—FRIDAY

For Misses Grace Wells and Mary H. Phillips, educational work, Chinkiang, China. Therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities that the power of Christ may rest upon me.—II Cor. 12:9

25—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Branch

(on furlough), educational work, Saltillo, Mexico. I am the Good Shepherd and know My sheep.—John 10:14

26—SUNDAY

Pray that the leaven of the Gospel implanted by our missionaries may leaven the entire non-Christian world.

Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?—I Cor. 5:6

27—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Pettigrew and Rev. and Mrs. Harley Smith, evangelistic work, Porto Alegre, Brazil. And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes.

—Ezek. 36:27

28—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. M. O. Cheek (on furlough), evangelistic work, and Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Williams (on furlough), literary work, Shanghai, China. It shall come to pass that before they call I will answer.—Isa. 55:24

29—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Hips and Rev. and Mrs. T. Neil Johnson, Shanghai Baptist College, Shanghai, China. Trust in the Lord and do good: so shalt thou dwell in the land.

—Psa. 37:3

30—THURSDAY

For Dr. Mary L. King, medical work, and Miss Clifford Barratt (on furlough), evangelistic work, Pochow, China. The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord.

—Hab. 2:14

31—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Ingram (on furlough), Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Jones (on furlough), and Miss Emily Beck (on furlough), educational work, Rio, Brazil. Thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.—Psa. 32:7

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



PROGRAM PLANS



WITH the PROGRAM COMMITTEE

IN CONSIDERING any contribution Christianity has made to world progress we must begin with the person of its Founder. Other sincere leaders of men, with the well-being of the world at heart, have pointed the way to progress and even given life-time and lives for the welfare of mankind, to the best of their ability. But always their service and influence have been limited and finite.

In Christianity only have we a Leader, perfectly human yet Divine, who is Himself the Source of all good, who alone can bestow upon His followers understanding and power to carry out His will. So the first consideration of our subject should be centered upon Him. All that men need in intelligence, in wisdom, in courage to do and dare and pursue is found in Him. This is why the contribution of Christianity to world progress must transcend all other. In it is the perfect motive, as well as the enabling power. Note such passages as Colossians 1:16,17 and I Corinthians 1:30,31.

To progress is to move forward toward a desired goal. True world progress means the happiness, enlightenment and general well-being of the human race.

One member may present a picture of heathen religions, showing what they have done. Consider Confucianism with its powerless moral code, Buddhism with its degenerate priesthood and idolatry and their effect on China with its hopelessness, its extreme poverty and unrest. Look at Africa with its Mohammedanism, its terrifying paganism, the dread of evil spirits which is common to all non-Christian races, the spread of disease and remedies which are sometimes worse than disease.

One member might contrast with the foregoing the lands where Christ is known. There women are honored, children are protected, the sick are cared for. There science is constantly at the service of mankind in healing research, in harnessing the forces of nature for the comfort and entertainment of man.

Let one member draw a word-picture of her own home town with the products of Christian influence withdrawn. There would be no adequate schools, no hospitals, no clinics, no efficient doctors and nurses, no health department, no churches. Contrast the continual effort for good government, safeguarding the rights and freedom of the people of Christian lands, with the fear and corruption and bondage of non-Christian peoples.

In conclusion, our responsibility toward the world should be emphasized. The obligation is upon us to give the world that lies in the shadow of death (Isaiah 9:2) our remedy—the Word of God with its revelation of a God of love and righteousness, of a Savior from sin and death, of a Holy Spirit whose indwelling will make it possible to do the will of God. Following the Bible and the missionary to teach it will come all that is best in civilization.

Material for the talks suggested above will be found in the articles in this number of the magazine. See especially pages 16-30.—Mrs. Hugh A. Ellis, N. C.

BIBLE STUDY—(Concluded from Page 10)

may be lost and one live; but when the fragrance of the Lily of the Valley is not perceived life is futile.

Go to the fallen, the weak, the down-hearted; seek out little children and young people in our homes, our schools, our churches; encourage the faithful ones. To each and all take Peter's message: "God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he, that feareth Him and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him".



CHRISTIANITY'S CONTRIBUTION to WORLD PROGRESS

Hymn—How Firm a Foundation

Devotional Topic—A Perfect Cure for All Evils—John 3:11-21. In the lands where progress is based on Christian principles, many evils have disappeared. Other sins and afflictions of the world would be taken away if the nations would "come to the Light". See "The Gospel for Today", R. A. Torrey, chapter 11.

Prayer that Christianity will triumph over sin

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

What Christianity Is—"Christianity . . . is just religion itself . . . at its best and at its widest, faith in God at its surest and clearest." For reference: "The Roots of Religion in the Human Soul", John Baillie, chapter 4; "The Church and Missions", Robert E. Speer, chapter 1

Christianity, a Sound Basis for Government—The strongest nations in the world base their government on Christianity. Dr. V. I. Masters in chapter 1 of his book, "Making America Christian", says, "All governments are typed and determined by their religion". Also see "Missions" by Louise Creighton, chapter 4; "The Gospel and the New World", by Robert E. Speer, chapter 14.

Special Music

Missions, a World Force—The missionaries have been a constructive economic force, a social force, an intellectual force, a moral force, a political force and a spiritual force. President Taft once said, "Foreign missions are influences toward better world relationships". See "The Why and How of Foreign Missions", Arthur J. Brown, chapter 1; "World Survey, Foreign Volume", parts 1 and 2; "Social Christianity in the New Era", Thomas Tiplady, chapter 5; "The Church and the Individual", F. I. Paradise, chapter 5.

The Fruitage of Foreign Missions—"We find three outstanding marvels in the history of the missionary movement: its early triumphs, its medieval survivals and its modern renaissance and far-reaching achievements." For reference: "Southern Baptist Handbook for 1921", E. P. Alldredge, part 1; "Some Fruits of the Gospel", Dr. G. W. Leavell; "The Church and Missions", Speer, chapter 6

Prayer for missionaries who are a vital part of Christianity's contribution to world progress

The World's Greatest Business—"We are all expected to be business men for Jesus Christ. Our work is the great work for which He gave His life—the work of saving souls and lifting our race back to God. And this is the world's biggest and best business." See "The Old Gospel at the Heart of the Metropolis", John Roach Straton, chapter 18; "Missions in the Plan of the Ages", W. O. Carver, chapter 6; "The Gospel and the New World", Speer, chapter 15.

Hymn—Send the Light

Closing Prayer



PROGRAM for MAY



The list of reference books given on page 3 of this magazine is the source material used in the preparation of this program, and credit is hereby given for facts and suggestions derived therefrom as well as for matter quoted in whole or in part. Further interesting material and help may be found in these books as well as in the leaflets suggested in this number which may be obtained for a few cents from W. M. U. Literature Department, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham, Ala. See list on page 3.

Prepared by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

TOPIC: CHRISTIANITY'S CONTRIBUTION to WORLD PROGRESS

Hymn—"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Prayer for God's messengers the world around, also using Calendar of Prayer
(See pages 13-14.)

Scripture Reading—John 1:1-4; 3:16; Matt. 4:16

Talk—"The Changeless Christ"

Hymn—"Oh, Could I Speak the Matchless Worth"

Talk—The LIGHT Making All Things New

Hymn—"The Whole World Was Lost"

Talk—Speaking in Tongues the Mighty Works of God

Hymn—"A Glory Gilds the Sacred Page"

Talk—Christ's Compassion and Man's Inhumanity to Man

Prayer that men who profess to be Christians and have control of industries will value human welfare above material gain

Relaying the Gospel (*It would be interesting to have the leader introduce and close this paper and to have three different women tell the three different stories.*)

Hymn—"Awake, My Soul"

Brief prayers by members of society, each praying for that which has come closest to her heart in the program, having some one designated to close

SECTION I

The CHANGELESS CHRIST



AID an ardent believer in one of the religions of India to Dr. E. Stanley Jones, the great missionary: "What have you in your religion that we haven't in ours?" He expected Dr. Jones to argue with him the question concerning the doctrines and moral ideas we had in Christianity which were not in his religion. Dr. Jones answered, "Shall I tell you in a word? You have no Christ". That is just it. Christ, the Word, Christ the Son of God, Christ the Light of men—"Jesus Christ the same today and yesterday and forever"—is the heart and the life of Chris-

tianity and the Christian message.

Christ's outstanding work was preaching the Gospel, the good news of the Kingdom of God. He not only taught in the synagogues but He went about among the people, in the cities, in the country, wherever the people were gathered.

Christ in His compassion for the multitudes healed the sick, made the blind to see, caused the deaf to hear and the lame to walk. On two occasions He fed the hungry multitude.

Christ placed a new and higher estimate on womanhood. He took into His arms little children and blessed them.

Christ placed human values above property values. He made of men new creatures and, in all He did, taught the brotherhood of man.

When a European professor in a Hindu college asked Sandhu Sunder Singh, the great Hindu Christian, "What have you found in Christianity that you did not have in your old religion?" he replied, "I have Christ". "But", said the professor, "What particular principle or doctrine have you found that you did not have before?" The Sandhu again replied, "The particular thing I have found is Christ".

When the proud and savage African chief said to David Livingstone: "I wish you to give me medicine to change my heart. It is proud and angry always", Livingstone preached to him Christ. On the occasion when many of His disciples went back and walked no more with Him, Jesus said to the twelve that remained: "Would ye also go away?" Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life and we have believed and know Thou art the Holy One of God". To Peter there was literally no one else to whom to turn for this life or the life to come. Today there is no one else to whom men may turn to solve the problems of our changing civilization. He has ever been at the heart of the best progress of the world, a constant force for human good.

"What Jesus Christ was, that He is; and what He is that will He ever be. 'I came' said He 'that they may have life and may have it abundantly'. The greatest contribution, therefore, that Christianity has ever made or can ever make to the best progress of the world is to make Christ real to men by preaching and living Him".

No command can ever supersede the command to love God and to love our fellow-man. No story will ever prove our duty to those who need more than Christ's story of the Good Samaritan. No commission can ever be so high as the one He gave, "Ye shall be My witnesses". No other can be so supreme an inspiration, so perfect a model of service for time or for eternity, as the *Changeless Christ*.

SECTION II

The LIGHT MAKING ALL THINGS NEW

THE world into which Jesus came and into which He sent His disciples as witnesses for Him was a terribly wicked world. Josephus, the Jewish historian, writing during the time of the apostles, said that his generation was the wickedest the world had ever seen. Paul, in the first chapter of Romans, gives some idea of the degrading sins practiced by the Roman people. The grossest immoralities were part of the heathen worship of that time. Seneca said in condemnation of the industrial and social life of Rome: "Every one makes his profit by injuring some one else. There is a struggle to see who will excel in iniquity. Daily the appetite for sin increases, the sense of shame grows less and less, crimes are no longer secret, they stalk before the eyes of men. Innocence is not only rare, it does not exist at all". In the days of the apostles the right of parents to destroy their own children if for *any* reason they did not wish to bring them up was recognized by law and practiced by people of *all* classes. Women were regarded as the personal property of their husbands and had no right apart from the husband's will. Slavery at that time was the servitude of men of the same race and of those prisoners taken in war who were not immediately slaughtered to make a Roman holiday. The slaves worked in chains and at night were locked in apartments underground. Those who gave offense would often be flung to the fishes or sent to the arena where they were forced to fight one another with swords, that is, in gladiatorial combats, or with wild animals for the amusement of emperors and people who gathered in thousands to enjoy the spectacle. One emperor in celebration of a great victory caused gladiatorial fights to continue four months in which 10,000 men took part and 11,000 tame and wild animals were slain. Even in Judea, King Agrippa, before whom Paul made

his great defense, had a celebration in which 700 pairs of gladiators fought in one day.

Into this pagan and corrupt world Christianity, like a star in the darkest night, stole silently and began to build from the bottom. Men and women began to preach Christ and the resurrection, began to live Christ and the resurrection life. Old things began to pass away and the new began to come into being. Self-denying love found expression in justice and in brotherhood before which evil practices began slowly, but surely to give way. Human sacrifice was abolished. The absolute power of parents over the lives of their children was taken away. Women began to be given their rightful places in the social life of the world. Gladiatorial combats were denounced by Christian teachers from the very beginning, but not till 400 years after Christ did they cease. One day after 1400 gladiators had been killed while 80,000 people cheered, a young Christian leaped into the bloody sand of the arena to separate two fighters, then turned and pointing his finger at the emperor denounced him and all the spectators as murderers. He was stoned to death for interfering with their pleasure, but Christian sentiment had grown so strong that, from that day, all such combats ceased. Ancient slavery, and afterward serfdom in the middle ages, disappeared. Slavery, revived in modern times, has likewise been abolished because of the steady shining of the light of Christian truth taught by Christ long ago.

We probably have today the best civilization that has been produced thus far in human history. But measured in the white light of the ideals of Jesus there is much yet to be done ere all the dark places shall be made light. Ignorance, immorality, crime, injustice and oppression still exist even in Christian lands but they exist in spite of the religious beliefs of the people and in opposition to the best laws. What Christianity has done is proof of what it can do, but only in proportion as Christ is

preached and lived by His professed followers will the evils of our day give way as did the evils of the past in the light of His presence.

SECTION III

SPEAKING in TONGUES the MIGHTY WORKS of GOD

IN THE University of Upsala in Sweden there may be seen a book known as the "silver Bible". It is written in silver letters on a purple background and contains about half of the Gospels. This book is greatly valued because it is all that is left of the first translation of the Bible in any language spoken by the barbaric races living in Europe about 350 A. D. It is written in the oldest language of the race from which our ancestors and our own language came.

Back in those early days Ulfilas, the "apostle to the war-like Goths" along the Danube river, decided that, if the people could read the Bible for themselves, they would be more easily won to Christ. In order to provide Bibles for them he had to invent an alphabet, translate the Bible into writing and then teach the people to read their own language. The "silver Bible" was Ulfilas' translation of the Scriptures into the new language, which he had made, and represents but the beginning of what God's faithful witnesses have been doing ever since, that men might read of the love of God and be won back to Him.

When the Reformation in the sixteenth century freed so many nations from the dominance of the Roman Catholic priests, the people began to call for the Bible in their own languages so that they might read it for themselves. After it had been translated into the various languages and the people began to read it many realized for the first time that Christ was depending on them to send the good news to all the races of men. Consequently the evangelical churches of Europe began sending missionaries to all parts of the world.

Though people marvel at the miraculous power given the apostles on the

day of Pentecost, no less marvelous has been the ability God has given His missionaries to learn to preach the Gospel in all the strange tongues of the world and to translate the Bible into the languages of all races of men. William Carey, *the cobbler*, who longed to give the Gospel to the heathen, learned Greek and Hebrew without a teacher, and in seven years he could read his Bible in seven languages. In thirty-eight years William Carey, *the missionary*, had either translated or had caused the Bible to be translated, under his supervision, into thirty-five languages. Before he died 212,000 copies had been sent out over India, in forty different languages, among 300 million people.

Dr. Elias Riggs, with a gift for language, had a working knowledge of 20 languages and was master of twelve. It is said that four nations are now reading the Word of God as he put it into speech for them. Robert Moffat in Africa, Robert Morrison in China, Adoniram Judson in Burmah and other pioneer missionaries, in their translations of the Bible, started a work in their respective fields, that has made it possible for millions upon millions to read the Word of God for themselves. The hundreds, yea, thousands of missionaries, who have followed, are constantly translating the Scriptures into strange dialects and preaching in new tongues so that we have ceased to be amazed that "every man hears them speaking in his own language".

It is a long way from the day and the land of the barbaric Goths in the wilds of Europe to this present day and to a country village in Brazil. But there is not much difference between the heart of the child-like Goth with his "silver Bible" and the boy of ten trudging twenty dusty miles from the store to his home with a copy of a Portuguese Bible under his arm, given him by the storekeeper. There was no book in his home but his own little school-book, and he looks forward with joy to reading this new one to his parents who cannot read.

Day after day he spells out the sentences of the New Testament while his parents and the neighbors eagerly listen. Sentence by sentence the Holy Spirit guided them into the truth, God in His infinite love was revealed to them and Christ in His beauty and compassion became their possession. When one of our own southern Baptist missionaries finally visited that village, he found twelve people, including the ninety-year-old and bedridden grandparents, rejoicing in the Saviour and ready to be organized into a Baptist church. The Bible, as the "sword of the Spirit" and "Leaves of Healing" translated into the languages and the lives of people, is the greatest contribution, next to Christ Himself, that Christianity has made to the progress of the world and to the healing of the nations.

SECTION IV

CHRIST'S COMPASSION and MAN'S INHUMANITY to MAN

THOUGH the supreme task of Jesus was to seek and to save the lost and though the church was the only institution He founded, yet His example, many of His miracles and deeds of kindness seem to have been prophecies of the many institutions and of much welfare work that have come into being as by-products of the Christian message. Christ founded no schools, yet it is not too much to claim that schools, from the kindergarten to the universities with all they have contributed to human welfare and world progress, are by-products of missions. Christ found it necessary to give much time to the training of the twelve for leadership in the great task to which He had called them. So it has been with the missionaries. In many lands they have had to teach those who had no education and in all lands train those who must help in the evangelization and Christian training of their own people. The result has been that, wherever the missionary went, schools were established and education started on its upward course.

When Christ performed His miracles of healing, when He said to the woman: "Go and sin no more", when He admitted women into companionship with Him and His apostles, when He released a man at the expense of a herd of swine, when He chose His apostles from the humble working classes He planted ideas in the minds of men which have developed institutions of service for their fellowmen in His name and for His sake. Only where Christ has been preached are there skilled physicians and surgeons who perform cures that seem veritable miracles. Only in lands where Christ's messengers have led, are there hospitals for the sick, the blind, the deaf, the insane, rescue homes and orphanages. Christianity alone of all the religions of the world gives woman equal place with men in His Kingdom, and only where His Gospel has gone are there efforts being made for the protection and development of women and little children and where class distinctions give way.

But alas! too many people and even Christians themselves, who have enjoyed all the privileges Christianity has made possible, have not yet yielded to the spirit of Christ and placed human welfare above financial gain. In many of the cities and industrial centers of our own country the desire for gain is so much stronger than the spirit of service, that men, women and even little children, in order to earn enough to keep body and soul together, must work long hours under the most wretched conditions. Slowly and steadily these conditions have been giving way under constant efforts to improve them. But the misery, privation and injustice, caused by the rapid development of industries in missionary lands, are a menace alike to the health and the moral and religious life of entire nations.

Just a very few examples will show how terrible the conditions are. There, as here, attracted by steady wages people have crowded into the cities and industrial centers from the country and villages where they have led independent

and comparatively wholesome lives. In these centers the housing conditions are such that the average number of rooms to a family is one, but in some places four, five and even six families live in one room. In China as a rule the only homes factory workers can find are in straw huts and old boats in the fringes of the cities or on the rivers.

Deaths from tuberculosis are growing and the disease is spreading from the cities to the country. In one city, 66 babies out of every hundred die. In India, 50,000 women work underground in the mines, and in Japan 25,000.

In Persia, children under six begin to work at rug-making. Many of these child martyrs begin work so early in the morning and continue through such long hours, that they grow so stiff and bent that each day they must be lifted off and on the benches where they work. And so the ghastly story might go on indefinitely. The world looks with admiration and approval upon the triumphs of industry, commerce and engineering in Asia and Africa and South America but fails to see the cost in human suffering by which these gains are too often made.

But there are capitalists in all these lands who are studying and actually carrying on work to improve conditions. Laws regulating factories, work-shops and mines in the interest of safety and health are being passed and others regulating wages, hours and working conditions for women and children are making the burdens lighter. The great task of Christians at home and in foreign lands today is to do all in their power to change conditions, meanwhile strengthening the hands of the missionaries and sending others specially prepared to help in the relief of present distress.

SECTION V

RELAYING the GOSPEL

"... the race of hero-spirits
Pass the torch from hand to hand".

"In the old Greek relay races of the torchbearers", says Basil Mathews, "the first man in each team held a flaming

torch. At the word 'Go!' they leaped forward like a flash until each, reaching the next man of his own team 'passed the torch from hand to hand'.

Standing on the ridge of the twentieth century in a Christian land we can look back and out, as it were, and catch glimpses of the wonderful race of the "hero-spirits" who from the time of the apostles have passed the flaming torch of the Gospel from hand to hand, from nation to nation and from continent to continent. But let us look only at the some of the countries of the continent on which Jesus lived when on earth and catch a glimpse of some there who joined in the torchbearers' race and have passed the torch on.

Pandita Ramabai—Just a few years ago a visitor to the great brick church in a Christian settlement "Mukti" (*salvation*) in India might have seen the most distinguished woman of India teaching the Scriptures to hundreds of sweet faced Indian women. Pandita Ramabai had caught the gleam of the torch and, forsaking her idols, had joined in the Christian race. The prize she sought to win was the salvation of the women of India. She started a community on faith and gathered together by hundreds helpless child-widows, famine waifs and outcast women. The land was bought, the wells dug and the buildings erected in absolute trust on God's bounty to supply all needs. Half the day the members of the community study and half the day they work. Mrs. Montgomery says that it is not the schools, the farms, the dairy, the printing-press, the weaving, masonry and oil-making that distinguish Mukti: it is the religious faith that pervades all the life. There the voice of prayer never ceases. Even at night the ministry of intercession goes on by those who in turn give themselves to this service. Out of Mukti go praying bands, carrying the Gospel of God's love to surrounding villages. At Sharada Sadan, Ramabai had a school for high-caste Hindu widows where they were fitted to serve as teachers instead of leading the ter-

ribly empty life of a widow in India. She translated the Bible into the simplest woman's talk that even the most stupid and degraded India women might understand. In 1922, after more than thirty years of untiring labor, this "scholar saint and servant" having passed the torch to other hands fell asleep in Jesus.

Joseph Hardy Neesima—When the closed doors of Japan were swung open to the western world Neesima was ten years old. He was very anxious to be a soldier and would often go to the temple of the god of war and pray to be a good soldier. But one day he read the saying of a Chinese writer who showed that, by studying books, he could conquer thousands while he could kill only one man at a time with a sword. When he was fifteen Neesima borrowed some Chinese books. In one he read "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth". He had often asked his parents who made him and who made all things. Now he said: "God made all things; God made me; I must be thankful to Him and obey Him; I must pray to Him". When he was twenty-one, Neesima ran away from home to go to America to find the Christian's God. Successful in his search, he returned to Japan after ten years and founded a Christian college which he called "The Doshima"—"One Endeavor Company". It started with eight students. In twenty-five years 4611 students entered the college and of the 936 graduates, 147 became teachers and 95 preachers of the Gospel. When Neesima died three thousand people followed him to his last resting-place. Neesima dropped out of the race but not until he had passed the torch to other hands.

Passing the Torch in Shanghai—When southern Baptist missionaries went to Shanghai in 1847 there were few Christians, if any. One of the first converts was Wong Ping San, a Taoist priest, a Chinese scholar, a musician and a man respected by all who knew him. Christianity recreated him and

made of him a child of God, a preacher and a pastor. His work was the beginning of the religious interest in the Baptist cause in Shanghai, and for years he served with Dr. Yates as Chinese pastor of the First Baptist Church of Shanghai. With Mr. Crawford from whom he had caught the gleam of the torch, Pastor Wong made the first Baptist hymn-book in Shanghai. His youngest son, though not a minister, caught up the torch from his father's failing hands. Wong Sing San spent most of his business life working for the British and Foreign Bible Society, distributing the Bible his father lovingly preached. In his church life he was organist, Sunday school superintendent and deacon. Cholera claimed the mortal life of Deacon Wong but his work goes on. His little Sunday school was the beginning of the Sunday school work of our Central China Mission with seventy Sunday schools and five thousand pupils. One of his sons, Wong Kia Tsoong, is superintendent of his father's Sunday school and is a deacon in the same church. Another son, Wong Kia Sung, is teacher in a Christian school and is also a deacon in the church.

One day, as Deacon Wong was telling the glad news to a crowd of listeners, a woman with a bitter heart, yet with a longing for relief from the sorrow caused by the death of a child, stopped

to listen. Right there she found peace in Christ. That woman was Zung Ta Ta who afterwards became a Bible woman and Miss Willie Kelly's chief helper. In her old age Zung Ta Ta would often cough all night. When her friends sympathized with her she would say: "But I am so thankful I do not cough in the day, for then I could not tell the people of Jesus. It makes no difference at night for they are asleep". Zung Ta Ta was the mother of Mrs. Zee, the Bible teacher. It was Mrs. Zee who led out in making the work among women and children in Shanghai self-supporting. In addition to this, Mrs. Zee in her own special work at the Smith Bible School pressed upon the women the duty and joy of service for their Lord. Mrs. Zee's daughter is also a Christian teacher.

And so the race is run—friend passes the torch to friend, missionaries to those who sit in darkness, pastor to people, teacher to pupil, father to son, mother to daughter—and so shall the race be won. Then "the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise Then we that are alive shall together with them be caught up to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord".

QUESTIONS for STUDY and DISCUSSION

Section I

- 1—Why is the gift of Christ Christianity's greatest contribution to world progress?
- 2—How may Christians make Christ known to the world?

Section II

- 1—Name some of the conditions existing in the Roman Empire when Christ came.
- 2—What changes did Christianity make?
- 3—What makes the difference between evil practices in Christian lands and in heathen lands not yet largely influenced by Christianity?

Section III

- 1—What was "the silver Bible"?
- 2—Draw a comparison between the miraculous power given the apostles under the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost and the work of missionaries in foreign lands.
- 3—Next to Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit what is the greatest contribution Christianity has made to world progress?

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CHARMING PROGRAM BAPTIST CONTRIBUTION
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Ninth Annual Meeting of Japanese W.M.U.
Held at Kure, Japan

X1—Mrs. Misumachi, President. X2—Miss Nakanishi, Vice President. X3—Dr. Chiba, Speaker for Annual Meeting



COLLEGE Y. W. A.



Miss Juliette Mather

The VACATION of VALUE

OVER the southland young women are planning summer trips with the zest of spring invitingly in the air. Y.W.A. minds turn to Ridgecrest in answer to the call of camp time. Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp offers the vacation of real value to southern Baptist young womanhood—in school, in hospital, in college, in business. Beguiling special rates on the railroad are offered—rates of one way plus \$1.00 for tickets bought June 17 or 18, whichever departure date is necessary to reach Ridgecrest on June 18. The Southern Railroad has made this splendid offer and several other roads have acquiesced in it. Ask your ticket agent for details.

The day's schedule can be given here but no mere printed statement can tell of the real value of these days and hours in life purposes directed, in ideals properly evaluated, in wholesome joy and sheer relaxation of good times. It will take the shining eyes and merry laughter of the girl who has been to Ridgecrest to tell another of all its joyous, profitable pleasures.

Mornings are given over to a program of Bible study and world-fellowship classes. Dr. W. E. Denham will lead the devotional Bible study soon after breakfast. Presently groups will adventure out to seek fellowship with work and workers in our foreign and home fields led by such able friends as Miss Landrum of Brazil and Miss Emma Leachman in the homeland. Then there will be the practical discussions of missionary education problems in the home church, on the college campus or in the hospital as Y.W.A.'s have their methods conferences. Miss Kathleen Mallory, W.M.U. corresponding secretary, will give added happy anticipations to the young women thinking of coming and an additional urge to those who debate the matter mentally.

Afternoon speeds by with hikes to the beauty spots near by or drives for those who care to invest in more distant points. The lake invites the swimmers, tennis courts or bows and arrows await those so inclined; some afternoons some sleep or restfully read in the quiet of the rhododendron walk or some other favorite nook, until supper time calls us together hungry for the good things bountifully spread and eager for the vesper service by the lake, where Mrs. W. J. Cox will speak each evening this Y.W.A. camp time.

When night time has really come after the beauty of sunset and dusk, a varied program is offered in the auditorium. One evening a mission message or talent hour or perchance an informal camp-fire story telling time—one waits eagerly to see what new niceness may develop.

So run the days, brimful of happy joys that will last always in hearts expanding in world love and developing a Christ-like passion for the world's salvation. Come up to Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp for the vacation of value.

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Theme: Adventuring with Christ on the World's Wide Highway



Y. W. A. PROGRAMS



Material found in the general program on pages 17-23 as well as other items in this issue will be quite helpful to supplement the following program. It is hoped it will be freely used in this supplemental way. The leaflets suggested on page 3 will also prove attractive additions.

Mrs. R. K. Redwine, Alabama

FIRST MEETING

TOPIC—Lest We Forget

Hymn—Holy, Holy, Holy

Scriptures—Select verses denoting God's ownership and rulership of the world.

Pass verses to be read by several.

Prayers thanking God for His influence in the world

Is Your Memory Good?

Civilization's Corner-Stone

Prayers of thanks for Christian homes

The Mark of Progress

Prayers that we may "love one another"

Education—Christianity's Gift

Prayer of thanks for His gift of enlightenment

Other Gifts

Prayers that His Kingdom may come

Hymn—This Is My Father's World (*To be sung with a child's reverence*)

(For "Announcement Poster" suggestions see page 9.)

Is Your Memory Good?

The last thing one sees upon leaving a hotel room is this question: "Have you forgotten anything"? Every girl, who failed to have a string tied around her finger when a child that she might be able to remember some important thing, needs to live over again. Since we have grown up and

"put away childish ways", perhaps we do not need strings around our fingers to remind us of certain important things but just the same we do need never to forget some things or even become unconscious of them for a little while. These things concern Christ and His influence in the world—the blessings, the opportunities that are ours only because of His coming into the world. He came that He might bring these things for He said, "I came that they might have life and have it more abundantly". Christianity is the only religion that has permanent power to lift every phase of life into a richness and purity that blesses. Every advantage of our civilization comes as a gift of the Christian religion and its life force. The realization of a perfect civilization will be the coming of His Kingdom "when every man shall be privileged to live in a democracy of right, where there

will be no tyranny, no class privilege, no deprivation of opportunity to him who is worthy". Buckle lays it down as an axiom in the philosophy of history that "progress comes from within—it cannot be conferred as a gift, it must be won out of a desire that will fit for its attainment".

Bishop Colenso was interested in the progress of India. He reasoned that religion could be taught only after a barbarous people had been civilized. He accordingly went to the Zulus with industrial schools and offered them better houses to live in. They saw no reason for accepting his way of living and his labors were in vain. Two Dutch missionaries founded a little mission a distance away in faith that if they could create a new heart in these people the other things would be added. After years of effort Colenso rode across to their mission one day and throwing a bag of fifty golden sovereigns on the office table said, "You have won". Samuel Marsden tried to put the material arts of civilization first in New Zealand and after 20 years of trial confessed his error. Within a single generation the people were transformed by creating in them a new life. The French gave the Arabs stone cabins and they thanked them for such excellent shelter for their sheep. The Canadians built cedar huts for the Chippewas of the northwest and they herded their dogs in them, clinging to the custom of freezing in wigwams themselves. To both of these the missionary went later and taught them to build their own houses, but he created first a new life with new aspirations.

No greater testimony to the progressive force of Christianity could be given than to contrast a heathen and a Christian village. "In the heathen village the garbage is in the street, houses in tumbled down condition, the children run naked, the women are in rags, vice is written on the countenances and hopelessness expresses itself on every face. In the Christian village the houses may be no larger but will be clean, the

toil more persistent, the children clothed and the women neat in native garments, the streets no longer reek with filth, faces take on a new light, hope is in every countenance".

To add to the life of a nation by making the daily lives of its people more worthwhile is to bring the Kingdom of Heaven nearer. To bestow the gifts of mercy, justice and humility upon the ideals of a nation is to do the work of Him who came to give more abundant life. "Like the acorn that bursts the rock, Christian lives rend the Gibaltars of heathenism". Prof. William Ramsey said, "The apostle Paul's journeys outrivaled the conquests of Alexander and Caesar in their significance to civilization".

Civilization's Corner-Stone

PAGANISM has no term for home.

The abiding places of men are simply houses. Christianity offers the world the ideal of a home—"the cornerstone of the nation".

When there is no mutual respect between husband and wife there can be no true home. Heathenism demands a place of superiority for the husband and servitude for the wife. The harem knows nothing of love, neither does any polygamous home. They know nothing of the sanctity and strength of a real home. Christian ideals exalt womanhood's function and thus exalt the home and make it a place where respect and love are shown each other and reverence is paid to God daily. The family meal is of Christian origin. We know it began among the first Christians of Jerusalem as a family communion. While probably it is not thought of as such in the average Christian home today it is certainly a time when the family together pays reverence and gratitude to God. This is not practiced in pagan countries. The woman usually eats alone and after her lord has departed and what may be left. Paganism suspects woman and regards her as a snare and a danger instead of an inspiration and asset. Home cannot be established on such disregard for woman. The story

of Christianity is the story of woman's progress. Christianity has made marriage a bond of the soul and the wife a companion of her husband. It has given woman the right of guardianship over her children and the privilege of giving her own hand in wedlock. In all its conquests it has plead the cause of woman and rapidly placed her upon a high plane. No wonder the old pagan philosopher cried "What women these Christians have".

The sacrificing of children prevailed in Rome and Europe until Christianity came to teach the divine right of every child. It prevails even today where Christ is not known—the killing of twins or the first born if she's a girl or if a child should be born on an evil day. Foot-binding, child-wedlock along with other in-human practices are still to be found where Christianity has not championed the cause of the child. Some have said that the greatest single contribution made by Christianity is the home.

The Mark of Progress

"THE mark of progress in civilization is the breath of its interest. The struggle for others is the law of Christianity. Primitive man is selfish. Sympathy is unknown to him". When Christianity conquered the heart of the savage Africanda, he nursed his friend Robert Moffat with the tenderness of a woman. In Dr. C. H. Robinson's "How the Gospel Spread through Europe", he says that aside from the direct religious results of Christianity there are three definite social results—the increased value set upon the child, the care of the sick and afflicted and the abolition of slavery. He says that at the time of the Christian era the whole Roman Empire did not contain a hospital. The first of which any record exists was built in Rome by a Christian woman, Fabiola, in the fourth century. The French equivalent for hospital "Hotel-Dieu" suggests its Christian origin. Jesus healed as He preached. He sought out the suffering and they

sought Him. His great-hearted sympathy went out in compassion in the divine ministry of destroying pain.

Even so Christianity awakens sympathy for the suffering and offers them service in the name of Him who cleansed the lepers, healed the sick, blessed little children and befriended womanhood as He preached good tidings to the poor. "China was opened to the Gospel at the point of the lancet", said the pioneer Dr. Peter Parker. "A cure to their eyes is a proof of our apostleship". Dr. Allen was denied entrance to Korea until he mended the torn artery of the crown prince. After Dr. Mackenzie had cured the wife of Li Hung Chang the port of Tientsin was opened to the Gospel. So the story goes on that the ministry of healing the physical body has been the gate into many a heathen country. The medical missionary touches them where they can understand. They know of their physical wounds when they are unconscious of the wounds of sin and ignorance. Into every land where Christianity has gone, works of benevolence have been instituted. Christianity's influence provides orphanages, hospitals, asylums and ministry to the poor. America is a land of hospitals and every type of benevolent institution only because it is a land where the influence of the compassionate Christ has force.

Education—Christianity's Gift

"CHRISTIANITY has ever been a pioneer in the conquest of ideas". Wherever it has gone it has taken the school-house and has rooted out idolatry and superstition. It has given the Scriptures in about 800 dialects and is pressing on to give it to all the peoples of the earth. It has written textbooks, compiled dictionaries, constructed grammars, translated works of science, law, religion, political economy, history and sociology. Robert Morrison not only translated the whole Bible into Chinese but compiled an encyclopedic dictionary in that very difficult language and wrote 25 volumes in Chinese. William Carey translated the Scriptures and other re-

ligious material into more than 30 languages and dialects in India and founded a college. Gutzlaff wrote 61 volumes in Chinese, two in Japanese, one in Siamese, five in Dutch, seven in German and nine in English. Milne gave China 24 volumes in Chinese. Dr. Edkins wrote 14 volumes in Chinese, seven in English and one in Mongolian. Other fields have had missionaries of the Christian religion to do just as great things for their ignorant peoples. Today our missionaries labor over pages of translation of books, tracts and other religious literature and send out millions of pages from mission publishing houses every year.

Verbeck established the first college in Japan. Dr. Martin has been called the father of modern education in China. Stewart, a Christian man like these others, set the type of education the African needs and the inspector of schools of South Africa says that a visit would convert any skeptic regarding the value of education of the native. The missionary has been the real founder of education in all non-Christian lands. "He sows the seed, sets the ideal, inspires the organization" and even in government schools usually manages the beginnings and trains the leaders.

No other religion however fosters education of the masses. "Missionaries today are instructing more than 1½ million youth in more than 25000 institutions of learning". Christianity has indeed been the influence to offer education to woman. "Since the world began it was never known that a woman could read", said the people of South India when the first school for girls was opened. The Hindu said, "You might as well try to teach the monkey". As Christian ideals are being more clearly interpreted new opportunities for the higher education of women and children are being given even in our own America.

Other Gifts of Christianity

"HISTORY shows no example of mere civilization elevating a sunken people". Dr. James Chalmers said he trav-

eled all the South Seas, saw every kind of people, shared bed and board of savage and civilized alike and that he never saw one place where mere commerce or political interference alone had taken positive and permanent good to the people. The story of the mingling of east and west is a tale of vice and crime where it has not had the influence of missionaries. Gladstone said "European intercourse with the uncivilized has without exception been disastrous unless attended by missionary exertions". "The port cities of the orient are famous for wickedness. When two races meet they offer each other the worst they possess". The missionary with the Christian message is the one man who goes without a selfish purpose.

The king of Siam once said, "The American missionaries have done more to advance the welfare of my country than any other foreign influence". A British M. P. said, "The missionary is doing more for the civilizing and educating of the masses of the east than any other agency".

Non-Christian governments have always been arbitrary, without power to create a sense of citizenship and have benefited only the select. Christianity seeks to render to Caesar the things that are his and to God the things that are His. It creates a sense of loyal citizenship to both and brings a social responsibility that means justice and opportunity to all. Testimony is made in all lands where missionaries have gone that they have been the means of transforming political life. Rulers have been influenced by Christian teachings. The builders of Japan made Verbeck's home their refuge for councils. Dr. Underwood's home in Korea was the scene of many conferences of the foremost men of the kingdom. A former emperor of China was made a reformer through the influence of books from a religious press. Kang Yu-Wei said, "I owe my conversion and knowledge of reform to the writings of two missionaries of the Christian religion". The story of a missionary's influence over

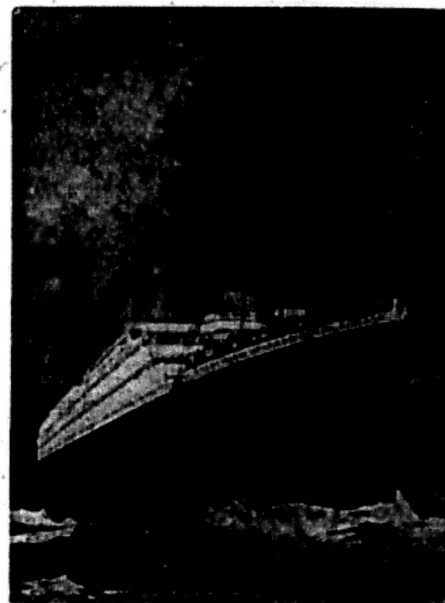
Lewanika is almost as thrilling as that of Moffat over Africanda. From a bloody drunken despot he was converted into a just and sober ruler.

Stories of every land could be given. Christianity creates new desires. In every country where the missionary has gone he has developed native resources. In the South Sea Islands he discovered the use of arrow-root and taught the native how to make it one of the staples of life. Khaki dye is one of his African discoveries. Mackay built several hundred miles of railroad in Africa and thus began the process of replacing miles of winding paths with roadbeds. The missionary invented a typewriter for Burmese and Chinese. In every land his influence has been to create the arts of industry, the desire for a better manner of living and to develop native resources.

The Sum Total

WHAT has been Christianity's power then in the world? A class of students in comparative religions was asked to allow China to speak for Confucianism, Japan for Buddhism, India for Brahmanism, Turkey for Mohammedanism and America for Christianity. The civilization each country has produced measures the contributions made by each of these religions. Only as Christianity gives a new life and motive to a nation does it make progress in civiliza-

tion. Someone has well said concerning our own country that when the historian correctly interprets the story of national progress in the 19th century he will first of all take account of the home missionary. He has ever been "a founder of schools, a builder of churches, a maker of states, a signer of treaties and an unfurler of flags". Not that America has attained unto the perfect civilization, for her flaws are many, but every good that is to be found in her and every other civilization can be traced back to the influence of Him who came to give abundant life to all men.



"What are ships for but to carry missionaries?"

SUGGESTED OUTLINE for SECOND MEETING

(Using Material in W.M.S. Program as Indicated)

TOPIC—The World's Greatest Power

Hymn—The Light of the World Is Jesus

Roll-Call (Answer with current missionary events as given on page 35.)

Scriptures on the power and authority of Christ as the Life and Light (See Bible concordance.)

Christ the Source of Power (See section I, pages 17-18.)

Prayer that He may be recognized as such

Christ's Power Moving a Powerless World (See section II, pages 18-19.)

His Powerful Word (See section III, pages 19-20.)

The Power That Makes a Brotherhood (See section IV, pages 20-21.)

His Powerful Gospel (See section V, pages 21-23.)

Prayers that Christ may have dominion over all the earth

Hymn—Lead On, O King Eternal



OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



Miss Juliette Mather

MAY'S MOMENTUM

"MAY DAY" and thought of "May Queens" should turn G.A. attention to the Forward Steps. Some auxiliaries are finding the progression from Maiden to Princess to Lady-in-Waiting to Queen a great incentive in G.A. interest. The revised G.A. Manual carries the requirements for each step listed on page 17. If your manual does not show this it is a somewhat out-of-date edition and you will do well to write to your state W.M.U. headquarters for the latest publication. The requirements, you will note, relate themselves to Scripture memorization and learning facts regarding our denominational activities that we want all our constituency to have in mind, certainly our G.A's. Recently in WORLD COMRADES there have been pictures of G.A's., who have fulfilled the requirements for different ones of the Forward Steps. Use the plan and see the new zest which it will add to your G.A. The armband for recognition awards is supplied from the W.M.U. Literature Department at a nominal charge; see page 18 of G.A. Manual for picture of insignia.

The R.A's. will not forget their ranking system either. It was started before the G.A. Forward Steps so the boys have benefited by it longer. The ranking requirements for Page, Squire, Knight and full Ambassador are given on pages 11 and 12 of the R.A. Manual with insignia shown on page 23.

The exuberance of glad May days reminds us all of beautiful shining personal service deeds to be done: May baskets and nosegays for the shut-ins

and older friends who may miss the thrill of spring; flowers and carols of joy for the younger friends who may be sick just now. Watch carefully for the comfort of any such in your community, for buoyant youth will grow heedless of its blessings without a quiet reminder in service rendered. R.A's. and G. A's. and Sunbeams can all scatter gladness of simple blossoms, songs and stories retold. Let committees and counselors be well alert for such needy cases as are opportunities for sharing happiness with others in humble ways. R. A's. should perhaps cut Grandfather Jones' grass and weed his flower-bed because he can't do it with his rheumatic joints troubling him; and so on. Knightly Deeds embassy will consider the chance to serve in the light of the old knight-errantry spirit of "a boon, sir King, a boon" in asking for a hard task.

May means that school will soon be out, giving larger amounts of leisure time. The wise counselor will plan for using that to good world purpose. There are mission study and story books to be gathered together and made available at the public library or as a library at the church to be kept circulating through the summer. Books from the pastor and friends may be given or lent for this use, but reading of our young people should be guarded and mission certificates, seals, stamp cards and all should be a veritable fence in keeping out worthless or harmful literature. The library committee will find tasks here that will keep it busy indeed. This enlarged reading will protect against a "summer slump" and will treasure May's momentum to offset that.

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TRAINING SCHOOL



Mrs. Janie Cree Bose, Principal

"LIFE'S EXTRAS"

RETURNING from a recent convention the hours of travel were made much more pleasant by the reading of a little book, entitled "Life's Extras" by Archibald Rutledge. In it Mr. Rutledge tells us that God supplies us with two kinds of things—necessities and extras. Sunlight, air, water, food, shelter are among the necessities. With them we can exist. But moonlight and starlight are distinctly extras. So are music and perfumes and flowers. The wind is perhaps a necessity, but the song it croons through the mourning pines is a different thing—an extra.

As I meditated on the message of this helpful little volume I thought of our school—its necessities and its extras. I thought of its splendid building with all modern equipment, its great faculty and its splendid student body. Then I began to think of its extras and none seem more like unto music and flowers than the lovely guests who from time to time come to grace our household, to inspire and encourage us. The harmony and beauty of their lives make real music for us, and truly do they adorn our household like fragrant flowers during the days of their stay.

I thought of our missionaries: Miss Sallie Priest, Miss Minnie Landrum, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Allen, Dr. and Mrs. Soren and others with their earnest messages, their stories of answered prayer, of gladsome service, the challenge they give as they tell of the millions seeking after God in far-away lands and the need for workers to take the great tidings. Mr. Gartenhaus and Miss Leachman both stirred our hearts with vivid pictures of the mission fields at our own door.

Then our leaders of W.M.U.: Mrs. Cox brings rare and fragrant messages to stir young hearts to follow the star or to tread the trail of service. Miss Malory makes even the details of our W.M.U. organizations shine like rubies, and with Miss Mather we hear the tramp, tramp of the youth of the land on the march as she gives the urge to lead these young lives in the right paths.

Then the visits from trustees: how they help and bless. Mrs. Wallace of Ark. and Miss Stewart of Tenn., the trustees, who most recently visited us, made a definite contribution in their helpful visits. And Miss Williams of the Sunday School Board; what a lovely visit was hers, teaching by example and message the power of shining personality.

I could write on and on about these lovely guests, but the extra which started me thinking and writing is an extra that does not come every year. A truly rare extra! This one: a visit from Mrs. McLure! What a fragrance she left behind! The memory of the charming talks of "other days", sparkling with humor and tender with the record of the Master's leading and blessing! What music in the words! What beauty in her helpful presence! The student body was stirred to a new sense of its responsibility in conserving the high ideals of the school and to the privilege of the years of study here. The faculty and staff were encouraged by her words of approval and blessing. Perhaps the chief joy that came to one of the household was the joy of seeing "Mother McLure" as much at home as ever, to see her evident joy in the life and progress in this dear school to which

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BOOK REVIEWS



Mrs. Julian P. Thomas, Va.

PIONEER WOMEN

AGAIN has Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence put us in her debt in making live for us four fields of home mission work. In her "Pioneer Women", but recently off the press, she says she has tried to do three things: tell the story of the opening of four fields of work, picture vividly the growth of the work through the years and present these eight missionaries as real women, beloved of all who have known them.

Well has she succeeded in the attempt. Never, after reading "Pioneer Women", can we fail to see the crying need of the Indian, of our mountain young people, of our Cuban missions or of our work with foreigners. As we follow Mary Jayne and Grace Clifford in their faithful and effective service with the blanket Indians, read the story of the transformations wrought in our mountain schools by Osie Allison and Martha Sullinger, live with Gertrude Joerg and Mabel McCall through the romance of Cuba's emancipation and listen to the thrilling stories of Marie Buhlmaier in Baltimore and Fannie Taylor in Florida as they spend their lives in taking the Gospel story to those coming to us from other lands, we learn to know and love these women who have counted life not dear to themselves that they might win some to Christ.

In these vivid and appealing sketches we realize, as perhaps we could in no other way, the deep and strong foundations the Home Board has laid in these fields and the remarkable growth in these lines of service since their early and difficult beginnings. In her two recent books, "The Heart of Home Missions" and "Pioneer Women," Mrs. Lawrence has well served the cause of home missions and has given us new inspiration and incentive for carrying

forward God's plans for a better America.

Order from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. Price 50 cents, paper.

LUTHER RICE, PIONEER in MISSIONS and EDUCATION

BAPTISTS will find in the recent publication, "Luther Rice, Pioneer in Missions and Education", a story full of thrilling interest. The book was written in part by Dr. Edward B. Pollard, professor of Homiletics in Crozer Theological Seminary. When, at his death in 1927, it was found he had gathered materials but had not completed the volume, his widow turned over the manuscript and notes to Dr. Daniel G. Stevens, Book Editor of the Book Publishing Committee of the American Baptist Publication Society, who had been chosen by that body to edit and complete it. This has been done, so that we now have a short and interesting life of the man who, perhaps more than any other, was the molding influence in the Baptist denomination in America in the nineteenth century.

Our hearts are stirred by the description of the struggle of Rice to hold to the tents of the Congregational denomination when he was gradually beginning to discover that he must leave his people and become a Baptist. The story of his return from India and journeying up and down the Atlantic seaboard to rouse Baptists to their opportunity, until they united in the Triennial Convention, is well told.

Knowing that a solid foundation for Baptist success could be built only on an informed ministry, Rice began early in his career to agitate for education. Through his efforts, Columbian College was established in Washington.

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EDITORIAL—(Concluded from Page 4)

will be one of the Heavenly experiences that will never die. Wednesday evening will bring a colorful, impressive presentation of the combined work of the young people and the Ruby Anniversary. It will be held in the large auditorium, so there will be ample room for every visitor, delegate and the home folks.

All through the meeting will run the note of fellowship. It will permeate the atmosphere, find an outlet in the addresses and messages. We earnestly trust that the mission of the meeting will also set in motion a transfiguring Christ-like fellowship in the missionary task that will sweep to the far-away places of our mission fields.

Jehovah first showed Ezekiel, the prophet of hope, "visions of God". After the visions came the voice: "Stand upon thy feet, and I will speak with thee". First there were visions: prostration in worship; then "the Spirit entered into me . . . and set me on my feet". Ezekiel was ready for action. May it be so with us! May there be visions. Then may the Spirit enter us also and set us on our feet.

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she gave sixteen of the best years of her life and to which she will ever give her heart's loving interest and tender prayers.

We thank God for "life's extras". We thank Him for the moonlight, for music, for flowers but most of all do we thank Him for these "extras" who bring the sweetest of music to us and leave the most fragrant flowers of memory behind them.

—Janie Cree Bose

TENTATIVE PROGRAM for W.M.U. MEETING in MEMPHIS

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Council Meeting, All Day Session, Saturday, May 11

Bellevue Baptist Church

9:30—W.M.U. Secretaries' and Field Workers' Council

As indicated above, the two morning and two afternoon sessions will be in the First Methodist Church, the Tuesday evening session at the Peabody Hotel and the closing session on Wednesday in the Municipal Auditorium. Registration opens at noon on Monday, May 6, at the First Methodist Church. Register early please.

PROGRAM for MAY—(Concluded from Page 23)

Section IV

- 1—What by-products of missions are named in the text? Name others of which you can think.
- 2—What seems to be an outstanding obstacle in the way of so many people being able to live "the abundant life"?

Section V

Question for Meditation—Are we truly in the torchbearers' race and are we holding the torch high so that others may catch the gleam and light their torches by ours?

BOOK REVIEWS—(Concluded from Page 33)

Though this college, through mistakes and mismanagement, finally passed into other hands, yet to Rice is due its inception and temporary success and, through the interest in education inspired by its example, he was indirectly responsible for many other institutions

of learning.

We recommend the book as not only the life of an outstanding Baptist hero, but the story of Baptist beginnings in America. Order from the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. Price \$1.00



CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS



Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James

Dr. Burrell once said that "a native Christian in Bengal was asked if he was happy, to which he replied: 'Why not, I have Christ here', laying his hand upon his breast; 'Christ here', laying his hand on his Bible, 'and Christ yonder', pointing to the skies".—*Watchman-Examiner*

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The American Bible Society has opened a branch house in Peking, China. According to the secretary in charge of the work in China Peking is a center from which more than a million Bibles each year have been distributed for many years past.

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In 1928 a law was passed in Turkey abolishing the use of the Arabic alphabet, substituting the Latin characters. Within three days of the passage of the law typesetters of the American Bible Society were at work preparing copies of the Scriptures.

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Korean Christians commit large portions of the Bible to memory. When one Korean convert told his missionary friend that he could recite the Sermon on the Mount from memory the missionary said to him, "We must not only commit God's Word to memory we must practice it every day". Said the Korean, "Ah, that is how I learned it. I tried and tried and not a sentence would stick in my memory until I thought of memorizing one verse at a time and going out immediately to practice that verse on a neighbor. That worked and that is how I committed to memory the whole of the Sermon on the Mount".

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The following figures show an estimate of the number of Baptist church members in the different continents, Jan.

1929: Europe, 640,642 (not including Russia); Asia, 359,214; Africa 81,650; North America, 8,835,937; Central America and the West Indies, 63,238; South America, 38,349; Australia and New Zealand, 33,797. This gives a total of 10,052,727. Dr. Rushbrooke says that in every continent the total membership has increased. The largest proportionate increases were in Africa and South America.

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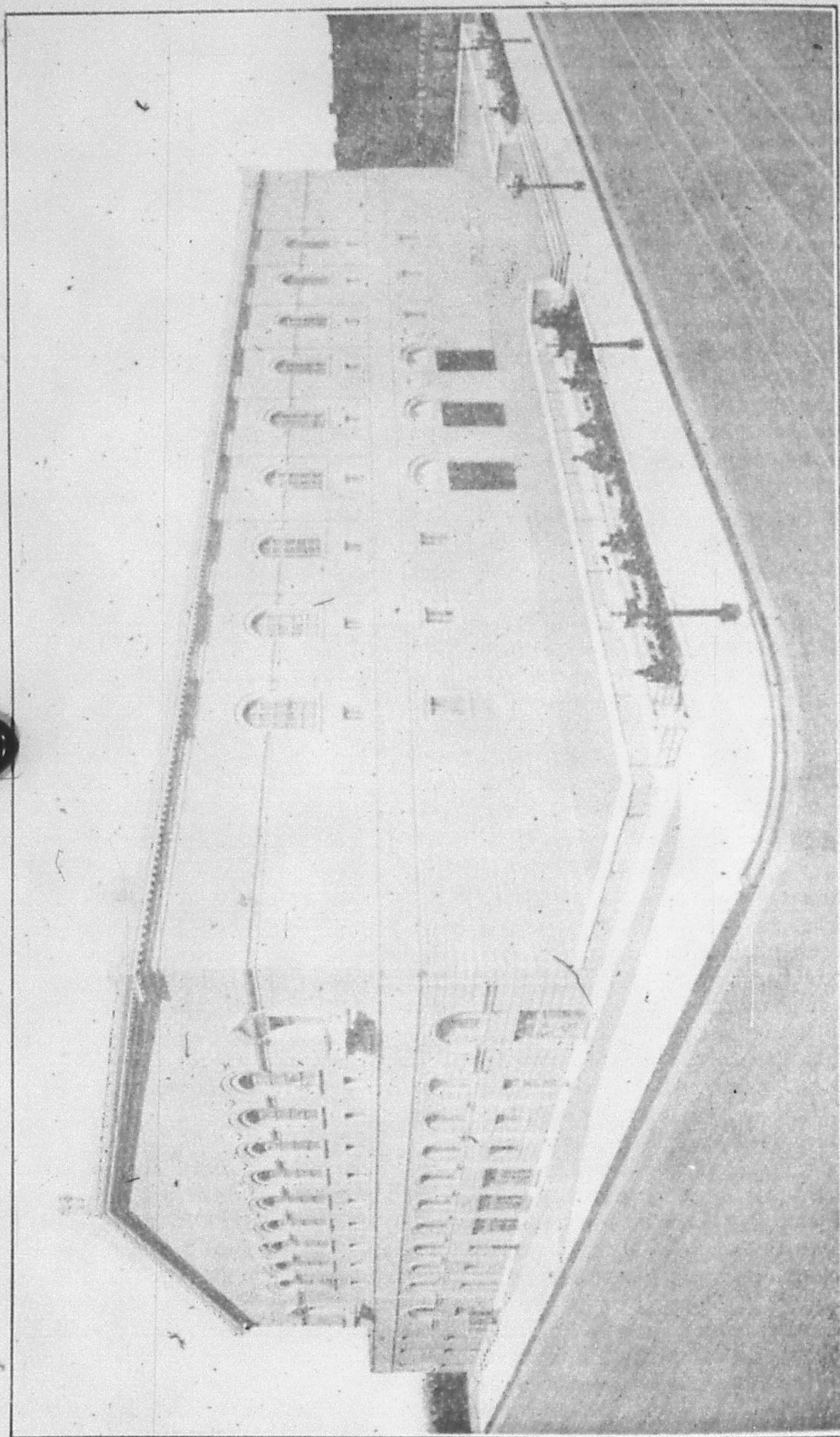
One thousand persons, representing twenty-four city, national and international organizations of many denominations, recently tendered a testimonial dinner to Dr. E. Stanley Jones, missionary to India and author of "Christ of the Indian Road", in New York City. The Baptist says it was one of the greatest tributes that the city has ever paid to a religious leader. The topic of Dr. Jones' address was "Why I Am a Missionary".

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It has been planned to hold the first Latin-American Baptist Conference in 1930, June 22-29. The meeting place will be the First Baptist Church of Rio de Janeiro. The chairman of the committee making the arrangements is our own Rev. F. F. Soren. Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, and Dr. T. B. Ray of our Foreign Board will represent the Alliance.

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The Woman's American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's American Home Missionary Society each has received \$1,000,000 from the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial Foundation. Only the interest will be used for missionary work, adding \$50,000 a year to the income of each society.



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MEETING PLACE of SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, MAY 9-13, 1929
SCENE of RUBY ANNIVERSARY and W.M.U. YOUNG PEOPLE'S SESSION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1929, at 8 P. M.