

Royal Service

"That the world may know" —John 17:23

This is the day the Lord has made: we will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalms 118:24

THIS also the "year" the Lord has made
And, since it is His gift to me,
I may not always choose the light and shade
That fill its days; but I can unafraid
Go gladly on, content since He doth see
The way, and His love leadeth me.

A year the Lord has made, and so
Through days of joy or with slow falling tear
I will be glad: His love sufficeth as I go.
Glad, for His wisdom sendeth what is best I know;
So I will put aside my anxious care and fear
And will be glad, rejoicing through the year.

Glad for the peace that He alone can give,
Glad for His promise that forever standeth sure,
Glad that He made a place for us to live
With Him through all eternity and will give
To us, whate'er the year brings, grace to endure
And rest enfolded in His love, safe and secure.

—Mrs. J. S. King, Arkansas

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EDITORIAL

FACE LIFTING EXERCISES

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



The New Year ever brings resolutions for finer and more beautiful living. Roman mythology placed Janus as the doorkeeper or "janitor" of heaven. And the open doors of a new year always reveal heavenly vistas. We enter 1931 with high resolves and with grateful hearts for the rich opportunities of life.

Many who read this page have reached that settled stage when beauty hints are spurned with superior eyes or scanned with furtive glance. Resolutely, the page is turned to weightier subjects. But, surreptitiously, often one steals back to read the beauty secret. Woman instinctively loves beauty. A lovely face has an universal appeal. God, Himself, designed this particular expression of beauty and caused us to think of Heaven as a place of youth, happiness and eternal beauty. We have come to accept the face as the outward expression of the inward heart. The emotions of love, joy, sympathy, courage, compassion are revealed by the face. Because of this innate love for beauty, some real beauty hints for face-lifting are revealed at the very beginning of this new year. To bring the best results and permanent beauty, they must be faithfully practiced each day. Though the "silver sandals of the years have paced across your hair and left a moonbeam path", you may know a bloom divine, the joy of youthful enthusiasm, faith in your highest ideals. Daily and hourly the moods reflected in our faces affect our family, the neighbors and our friends. Even a hurrying world looks into our faces—not for physical beauty but for those expressions of eternal beauty it has a right to find etched there.

When Moses talked with God "the skin of his face shone". After centuries of scientific experimenting, no cosmetic in all the world can beautify like daily communion with God. It gives a serene and noble expression to the countenance. It lends a divine humility. Because of the trust and faith of prayer, fear and worry, even disease, cannot do their ravishing work in annihilating the beauty of countenance. The most perfect face-lifting exercises are persistent and diligent search for God in prayer. The wider our scope of vision in prayer the greater the exercise. Prayer for world-wide missions is a powerful face-lifting exercise. When we bend over tedious work for long hours, we rest our eyes by lifting them to distant objects. We exercise, and at the same time rest our eyes, by looking into far places or by "thinking black". So often our own lives are circumscribed and lean, but by lifting our vision we may sail the seven seas in quest of the milestones that mark the centuries and share the joys and sorrows of all mankind. The lands black with superstition, sin and sorrow renew our gratitude for God's rich gifts to our own and rekindle our zeal to share its spiritual blessings with other nations. Through the missionary message of the Bible and the missionary literature of all time, our eyes are lifted to far places and to great duties that climax in the glorious coming of our Lord. World-wide vision gives an upward lift to the countenance. No lips are so beautiful as those daily exercised in praise of God and in gentle, kindly, helpful, encouraging words to human hearts. They hold an unsurpassed richness of color and a graceful flexibility. With the mouth we speak words of salvation that bring hearts to Christ. With the mouth we show forth the needs of God's work and enlist others in the task. With the mouth we testify to the

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WATCHWORD for YEAR



"THAT the WORLD MAY KNOW"

By Henry Alford Porter, Pastor First Church, Charlottesville, Virginia



Jesus, in His high-priestly prayer, the real "Lord's Prayer", (John 17) is talking to His Father and ours about love and about the world. He prays that mutual love may so overflow the hearts of His disciples that the world may believe and that the world may know that the Father had sent Him into the world. Love and the world! It rings like an echo of that little Bible, John three sixteen—"God so loved the world"—and of those magnificently audacious words of Mark sixteen fifteen—"Go ye into all the world".

"That the world may know!" Oh, the universality of Jesus! He aims at saving the whole world. It was the ambition of Caesar and Alexander and Napoleon to conquer the world, each for himself. But Jesus dreamed a dream such as mortal never dreamed before—dreamed of conquering the world for the world's own good.

What a courageous, daring and romantic dream! Emblazoned on the banner of the Redeemer was the glowing watchword of our W.M.U.—"That the World May Know".

The world! I visited William Carey's old home in England. Carey, you know, was a contemporary with Napoleon. What a poor little town! What a poor little house! What a poor little church! But one forgets the littleness and one sees a shoemaker sitting on a bench with a shoe between his knees and a map of the world spread out before him. And I thought: "Why, William Carey didn't live in this little shop. He lived in the whole wide world".

How wide is your horizon? The bigness of a pastor does not depend on the

size of his church or the population of his town but on the breadth of his horizon. And a like statement may in truth be made of every member of the church. Any church or individual having an horizon smaller than the whole world lives a dwarfed and dwindling life and is on the way to spiritual suicide.

Love! It was the world that Jesus loved. And He is still true to His first love—not a race, not a nation, but a world. And the world is to be won by men and women whose circle of interest takes in the whole world.

Our Lord not only taught us what to pray for: He taught us what to pray for first—"Our Father who art in Heaven. . . Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth". But be careful what you love or pray for. Love and prayer are dangerous things. They are fearfully costly things, the costliest things in the universe. Beware of loving the world and praying for it, if you want to be comfortable. It will cost you money, but it will cost you more than that.

I have never been able to find that verse of Scripture which says, "If you can't go, send". You cannot send a substitute. Pray the Lord of the harvest that He send forth laborers. Do you know whom He will send first?—YOU. Do you mean to say that we are all to be missionaries? Yes, *every one*. You may stay in the old home town. But you must yourself GO into all the world, just as far as you can, preaching, teaching, telling the glad tidings. Dare you then—*dare you*—lay yourself upon the altar the great missionaries laid themselves upon—"that the world may know"?

FAMILY ALTAR

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

Topic: **THINGS WHICH REMAIN**—Revelation 3:1-6

WHEN I read the Bible, it seems to say:
"Hear me, O man! In thy wanderings,
in thy sorrows, listen to my voice! I am
calling thee to the Great Throne"—*Spurgeon*.
Jerome called the Bible "Divine Library";
Polycarp, "The Pilgrim's Unerring Guide to
Heaven"; Paul, "The Oracles of God".

The Word

1st Day—Deut. 8:1-11
2nd Day—Deut. 17:18, 19; 29:29
3rd Day—I Chron. 16:15; 17:19-24
4th Day—Psa. 19:7-11 (*Memorize*)
5th Day—Matt. 7:24-29
6th Day—I Tim. 6:3-14
7th Day—James 1:18-25

The Savior

8th Day—Isa. 53:1-9
9th Day—Matt. 16:16-17; 21:37
10th Day—John 1:1, 2, 14, 18, 34, 49, 50
11th Day—John 7:37-39; 11:25-27; 14:6
12th Day—Acts 13:23, 38, 39; 15:11; 16:31

13th Day—Romans 5:1-6, 8-11; 6:23; 8:2
14th Day—Heb. 2:3, 17; 5:9; 7:22, 25

The Task

15th Day—Matt. 6:16, 22-24, 43-48
16th Day—Matt. 6:1-5, 19-21
17th Day—John 15:2-14
18th Day—Matt. 24:14; 28:1-7, 16-20
19th Day—II Kings 17:27, 28
20th Day—Jonah 3:1-9
21st Day—Mark 13:10; 16:15

Things Which Remain

22nd Day—Word—Acts 17:11
23rd Day—Savior—Luke 19:10; 20:1-9
24th Day—Task—I Cor. 3:6-15
25th Day—Faith—Heb. 11:1-3, 6
26th Day—Hope—Psa. 130:7; 144:5
27th Day—Love—Psa. 91:1-14
28th Day—Providence—Job 37:4-14
29th Day—Service—Matt. 25:34-40
30th Day—Fellowship—Psa. 133:1-3
31st Day—Peace—Phil. 4:7, 19

"Pray Ye"

In thankfulness for God's guidance during past year
In faith and humility as 1931 is entered
In eagerness to advance the Kingdom of God
In determination to devote more time to missionary
intercession
In anticipation of constructive plans for mission study,
stewardship of tithes and offerings, fostering of
W.M.U. young people's organizations, enlistment,
soul-winning
In acknowledgment of individual and society responsi-
bility for "unfinished tasks" locally and "unto
the uttermost part"
In sympathy for over-worked missionaries

Study the Union's prayer plans as set forth in the 1931 W.M.U. Year
Book (page 7). Among these items emphasis is placed on the following:

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| 1. Family Altars | 4. Intercessory League |
| 2. Calendar of Prayer | 5. Cottage Prayer Meetings |
| 3. 9 o'Clock Prayer Hour | 6. Sessions of Prayer |

Begin now to plan for Home Mission Week of Prayer, March 2-6.

Calendar of Prayer

January, 1931

Prepared by Mrs. Maud R. McLure, South Carolina

EACH day to walk with Thee a little nearer;
 No Each day to talk with Thee a little clearer;
 So each day to find Thy will a little clearer;
 Be this Thy gift, O Lord.

EACH day forgetful of myself for others,
 Remembering Thy needs, open arms brothers,
 Telling to those Thy love beyond a mother's;
 Be this Thy gift, dear Lord.
 —Kate M. Brown

Topic: The Challenge of Unfinished Tasks

1—THURSDAY

Let us take time to be quiet before the Lord.
 In quietness and confidence shall be your strength.—Isa. 26:18

2—FRIDAY

Pray that God may be tenderly near throughout the year to Mrs. W. J. Cox, president of W.M.U.
 There will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee.—Isa. 26:3

3—SATURDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Nih Bengston, educational work, Barcelona, Spain.

This God is our God for ever and ever.—Ps. 47:14

4—SUNDAY

Pray that southern Baptists may make this year notable by gifts worthy of our God.
 I was hungry and ye did not give Me to eat.—Matt. 25:42

5—MONDAY

Pray for vice presidents of W.M.U. and presidents and vice presidents of state Unions.
 Thanks be unto God, who always leadeth us to triumph.—II Cor. 2:14

6—TUESDAY

For abundant blessing on Miss Kathleen Mallory, corresponding secretary W.M.U.
 Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant.—Ps. 119:135

7—WEDNESDAY

Pray for Birmingham Baptists as they make ready for the annual meetings of Woman's Missionary Union and Southern Baptist Convention in their city, May 6-17.
 I will surround thee with My arm upon thee.—Ps. 35:5

8—THURSDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. M. T. Rankin, educational work, Canton, China.
 In His name we shall come to the Father.—John 14:6

9—FRIDAY

For God's guidance for Miss Juliette Malher, young people's secretary of W.M.U.
 He shall guide you into all the truth.—John 16:13

10—SATURDAY

For blessing upon Miss Pearl Johnson (ne Furrough), educational work, Shanghai, China.
 The Word is quick than in thy mouth and in thy heart.—Rom. 10:8

11—SUNDAY

Pray for a deepening sense of our individual responsibility for the great "unfinished tasks".
 I am debtor both to the wise and to the foolish.—Rom. 1:14

12—MONDAY

For special grace for Miss Pearl Bourne, associate young people's secretary of W.M.U.
 In Thy presence is fulness of joy.—Ps. 16:11

13—TUESDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Bagby, evangelistic and educational work, Porto Alegre, Brazil, the "Jubilee Year" of their opening up of S.B.C. work in Brazil.
 The peace of God shall guard your hearts.—Phil. 4:7

14—WEDNESDAY

For state W.M.U. secretaries and state young people's secretaries.
 Godliness is profitable unto all things.—I Tim. 4:8

15—THURSDAY

For Misses Alice Wells and Juanita Byrd, Shanghai Baptist College, Shanghai, China.
 Be woe not sad then.—Deut. 31:6

¹Attended W.M.U. Training School
²Attended Southwestern Training School

Calendar of Prayer January, 1931

THE burden of some child of Thine to share;
To know more perfectly the power of prayer:
The patience needed all Thy will to bear:
Be this Thy gift, dear Lord.

AND when the year is drawing to an end,
A vision of the Christ-Child, God-Man, Friend,
And of His Home, to which I onward wend:
Be this Thy gift, dear Lord.

—Eula M. Reed

Topic: The Challenge of Unfinished Tasks

16—FRIDAY

For Mrs. H. M. Wharton and Mrs. Sumter Lee Jr., recording and assistant recording secretaries, W.M.U. For there is no power but of God.—Rom. 12:3

17—SATURDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. D. H. LeSueur, educational work, Chihuahua, Mexico, and Olivia LeSueur, Margaret Fund student. There is no want in them that fear Thee.—Psa. 34:12

18—SUNDAY

Pray that the fundamentals of W.M.U. may be more perfectly followed. The night cometh when no man can work.—John 9:4

19—MONDAY

Pray for Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, treasurer of W.M.U., and for state W.M.U. treasurers. I had fainted unless I believed to see the goodness of Jehovah.—Psa. 27:13

20—TUESDAY

For Miss Ethel Winfield and other local members of W.M.U. Executive Committee, Birmingham, Ala. I will take refuge in the covert of Thy strength.—Psa. 37:32

21—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Hawkins, evangelistic work, Sastre, Argentina. Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.—Psa. 36:5

22—THURSDAY

For Misses Jane W. and Florence Lide, evangelistic and educational work, Kwang-Hai, China. I will be as one that has seen.—Job. 42:5

23—FRIDAY

For all W.M.U. leaders in mission study, stewardship, personal service, White Cross and College V.W.A. If God be for us, who can be against us?—Rom. 8:31

24—SATURDAY

For Dr. M. N. McCall, superintendent, and Mrs. McCall, Temple Esquiza, Havana, Cuba. Let us run with patience the race that is set before us.—Heb. 12:1

25—SUNDAY

Pray for those who suffer because of our neglect of the "unfinished tasks." My compass is not compassed. For Jehovah hath chosen you.—II Chron. 20:33

26—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Powell, evangelistic work, Oyo, Nigeria. Jehovah alone maketh me to dwell in safety.—Psa. 124

27—TUESDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. E. N. Weiss (on furlough), publication, literary and evangelistic work, Shimotsuchi, Japan. Everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.—Isa. 51:11

28—WEDNESDAY

For Miss Lila Watson, W.M.U. work, Shanghai, China. I have loved thee with an everlasting love.—Jer. 31:3

29—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Leonard, educational and evangelistic work, Harbin, Manchuria. Underneath are the everlasting arms.—Deut. 33:27

30—FRIDAY

For Misses Agnes Graham and Cornelia Brower, Colegio Bautista, Temuco, Chile. Jehovah will keep thee from all evil.—Psa. 121:7

31—SATURDAY

For Miss Pauline White (on furlough), educational work, Jaguarua, Brazil. Rest in Jehovah and wait patiently for Him.—Psa. 138

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BIBLE STUDY



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

Societies, circles, families and individuals wishing a more detailed outline Bible study are referred to the "Family Altar" page with its many carefully grouped Scripture references.

Topic: THINGS WHICH REMAIN —Revelation 3:1-6

“O THE work! to the work! we are servants of God,
Let us follow the path that our Master has trod;
With the balm of His counsel our strength to renew,
Let us do with our might what our hands find to do”.



Merchandise is piled on tables. Stock-taking time is causing a bit of confusion. Salespeople are busy measuring and counting. Soon an invoice will be made, then order will be restored. January sales will turn left-over goods into ready cash. Some things must go, even at a sacrifice. Others are staple articles, in demand the whole year through.

Have you taken stock of the things which fill your heart and hands? There may be rubbish which should be cleared away. There remain however lasting benefits from which you would not separate yourself. If God's Word is hid in your heart, you count it a treasure. If the Savior is precious to you, for that you are continually giving thanks. If the task of the loving child of God is your task, then you are rich indeed. What is this Word? Whose this Savior? To whom did He leave the task? Can you strengthen these things in 1931?

Nearly five hundred years ago a German, Johannes Gutenberg, printed the first book from movable metal type; that book, the Bible. Time, persecution, the stake, exile, the ax have sought to suppress it. Today however the world's best seller is the Bible. The story of early editions has been told repeatedly. In 1483 an Englishman, William Caxton, introduced a part of the Bible to his people. Coming down through John Wycliffe, William Tyndale and other translators the Word was circulated and read. It was in 1611 that King James was used of God in approving the purpose of noted divines of his day to have prepared a more accurate version of the Old and New Testaments. For two hundred and fifty years our fathers have fed on the manna so richly provided in the Book known to the world as the King James Translation. In 1885 the Revised Version was issued; in 1900, the American Revised Version. Read the one you prefer and thank God that His Word has stood the test of time. Strengthen the Word by knowing it, living it, giving it. Is it your daily manna?

As you look upon the definite tasks remaining on our mission fields, what is your reaction? Is there a weariness at the calls for money, the appeals to build and develop where the work has suffered delay? Perhaps you feel that we are not equal to our great task. Have you taken stock of what your Savior means to you? Does not your heart quicken at the opportunity of sharing such joy with those who have not your Savior? A stupendous task—an infinite God! A prolonged piece of work—this missionary enterprise; an eternal Savior at God's right hand, interceding for those who labor for His Kingdom! “They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint”. “Be watchful and strengthen the things which remain that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God!”



Program Outline and References for
Advanced Missionary Societies
Prepared by Mrs. Toul B. White, Georgia



THE UNIVERSAL CHRIST for UNIVERSAL HUMAN NEEDS TODAY

Purpose of Program—To join in a cooperative study of the responsibility of Christianity for the great human needs of the world; to help the local church to face its Christian responsibilities for these world needs; to pray for our missionaries as they face the unmet needs and great opportunities; to pray that southern Baptists may experience a great missionary revival throughout the churches.

Material for Program—"Christianity's Supreme Issues" (25 cts.); Sailor and McConnell's "Human Needs and World Christianity" (60 cts.)—Order from Baptist Bookstore—Missionary Reports in S.B.C. Minutes (1930)

Devotional Suggestions—Use the Scripture references as given below or others you may prefer, making the entire program devotional throughout. Pray for a missionary revival among our churches.

To the Leader—Develop by investigation through groups. Charts carrying data and posters will be very timely. The following questions may be made the general basis for investigation and discussion. Type and give to each group in time to prepare for meeting.

1. Why is this subject a supreme issue in the world today? (*This may be presented by a statement or concrete narrative or description or with statistical charts.*)
2. To what extent is the Christian church in general—and we in particular—responsible for meeting these needs?
3. How are southern Baptists meeting these needs locally and in the home and foreign fields?
4. What are some of the specific needs our missionaries are laying before us?
5. How can we get this information to our churches?

I. Human Needs—

1. *The Vision of God* as revealed in Jesus Christ—To discover what is involved in the vision of God and how the church can help to realize it and to transmit it more effectively—Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven—*Luke 11:2*; Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness—*Luke 12:31*.
2. *Sounder Knowledge*—To discover how sounder knowledge may contribute to the welfare of all the world and the responsibility of the church in promoting it—Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free—*John 8:32*.
3. *Higher Economic Standards*—To discover the way in which poverty is affecting mankind today—What should be the Christian attitude towards such a world situation?—Give us this day our daily bread—*Luke 11:3*.
4. *Better Health*—To discover to what extent the world is sick, to learn of preventive measures and our responsibility as Christians for improving conditions—Heal the sick—*Luke 9:2*.
5. *Larger Freedom*—To discover the social, economic and spiritual limitations under which people labor and Christianity's responsibility for preventing or removing them—I am come that they might have life and have it more abundantly—*John 10:10*.
6. *Closer Fellowship*—To discover the principles of Christianity as bearing on the closer fellowship of all races, nations and classes and how our opportunities for creative fellowship must be met personally—We have fellowship

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PROGRAM PLANS



Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

WITH the PROGRAM COMMITTEE



"The Challenge of Unfinished Tasks!" The very title of the January meeting brings accusation to each of us as we stand at the threshold of the new year.

"The little done, the undone vast!"

This present of ours with the hopeful past!"

What were our sincerest hopes and aims last January?

What were they January five, ten years ago? Were the tasks set for ourselves so easy of accomplishment that they called for no strivings, no sacrifices, no bowing of the spirit that uplifts it to God? Then were they low and unworthy of a "whole soul's tasking". The worth-while task should be one too big for any one life's accomplishment. Our Savior bowed His head and said, "It is finished", yet leaving the greatest of unfinished tasks. The completion of the whole is not our part. But the completion of our part should be our whole endeavor.

To set forth the magnitude and importance of this task of taking Christ to all the world there are leading words given in two paragraphs of our program material. These words may be arranged in two charts to hang in view of the meeting. They may be spoken on by two women and then the leader may unite the charts, reading thus: "Every Call Is a Challenge Wide as the Mercy of God; Every Need Is a Necessity Deep as His Compassion; Every Possibility Is a Privilege High as His Purpose; Every Opportunity Is an Obligation as Long as Eternity; All Are as Important as Soul Destiny". The charts should read:

(1st Chart) THE CHALLENGE of the TASK

EVERY

{ Call a Challenge
Need a Necessity
Possibility a Privilege
Opportunity an Obligation

(2nd Chart)

THE GREATEST of ALL TASKS

IS as

{ Wide as the Mercy of God
Deep as His Compassion
High as His Purpose
Long as Eternity
Important as Soul Destiny

The program should hinge on these charts. The leader may fill in the necessary connecting thoughts. If all the suggested material is used, the program will be too long, but the committee should be careful to keep facts before the society. From the suggested outline it may be necessary to omit some of the talks but use the charts, the part entitled "Cuts and Closed Doors" and the two stories of closed doors. The abundant and appealing program materials are on pages 10, 14-22.

Specialize on mission study throughout this new year. See clause 7 of the W.M.S. Standard of Excellence (page 15 of 1931 W.M.U. Year Book).



PROGRAM in BRIEF



Prepared by Mrs. C. D. CRANMAN, Tennessee

TOPIC: The Challenge of Unfinished Tasks



This is a splendid program for new and inexperienced missionary societies, for it gives fundamental facts about the needs of our home and foreign mission fields. It furnishes opportunity to impress upon the women their responsibility in helping to finish the great unfinished tasks of our missionary work. Don't forget to note the Calendar of Prayer, including in the prayers which are offered in the meeting the persons or objects named for the day (pages 7-8). The current topics on page 31 will furnish interesting items for discussion at the meeting.

Hymn—Joy to the World (*W.M.U. Hymn for 1931; see page 36.*)

Watchword for the Year—That the World May Know

Bible Study (*See page 9.*)

Prayer of thanksgiving for the coming of Jesus

Hymn—Work, for the Night Is Coming

Talk—The Greatest of All Tasks (*See pages 15-16.*)

Tasks That Challenge (*See pages 16-18. These may be given as two talks or each paragraph may be assigned to a different person.*)

On Foreign Fields

In the Homeland

Hymn—O Zion, Hasten (*See page 45 of 1931 W.M.U. Year Book.*)

Cuts and Closed Doors (*See pages 18-19. Use as suggested on page 18.*)

Story—A Little White Cross (*Told by one of the members. See pages 20-21.*)

Questions—(*Let the leader ask the questions given on page 22, the other members answering them.*)

Open Discussion—What can we do? (*Contents of paragraph, "That the World May Know", found on page 21, will help in this discussion.*)

Hymn—Jesus Shall Reign

Prayer that we may do our part toward finishing the task of world evangelism.

PROGRAM OUTLINE—(*Concluded from Page 10*)

one with another—I John 1:7; And hath made of one blood all nations—Acts 17:26.

II. Have a group investigate the Home and Foreign Boards' reports in the S.B.C. 1930 minutes. Classify some of the needs presented under the above six heads. From the missionaries' reports, what can be presented by charts and posters? What challenges to prayer do you find?

III. The Personal Service Committee could link study and activities by local investigation of these six human needs, bringing in suggestions for meeting some of them.

Study the Standard of Excellence on pages 15-16 of the 1931 W.M.U. Year Book. Its first clause calls for at least one meeting every month.



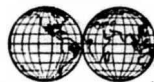
Miss Isabelle Coleman, North Carolinian

MEMOGRAPHED PROGRAMS

Topic: **The CHALLENGE of UNFINISHED TASKS**

POSTER SUGGESTIONS: Heading—*Stop, Look, Listen*. In left upper corner—the world. In right lower corner—group of people. From people pointing to world—a telescope and a microscope. From world pointing to people—telegraphons, megaphone, microphone and loud-speaker. Halo around people made of this phrase—*His still small voice*. Toward the bottom—

Come and See and Hear at B. W. C. Meeting.....Time.....Place.....



Hymn—Nearer My God to Thee

Prayer for more complete surrender and obedience of every member that each may have a consciousness of God's presence and guidance in every detail of the New Year

Scripture—John 17 (*Repeat John 17:23, the year's watchword.*)

Hymn for the Year—Joy to the World (Page 36)

Megaphonic "Talking of Tasks" (Pages 14-15)

Microphonic Broadcasting of "The Greatest of All Tasks" (Pages 15-16)

Telescopic Seeing of the "Tasks That Challenge on Foreign Fields" (Pages 16-17)

Microscopic Views "In the Homeland" (Pages 17-18)

Telegraphic "Roll-Call of Reductions" (Pages 18-19)

Through the Loud Speaker: "Stories of Closed Doors" (Pages 19-21)

"The Still Small Voice"—"That the World May Know" (Page 21)

Hymn—O Zion, Haste

Benediction



Nashville Baptist Business Women—"In several churches in Nashville there are Business Women's Circles, but seldom do the members have an opportunity to attend W.M.U. quarterly meetings. A call was made to the churches asking for a meeting of all these business women at the First Baptist Church. . . . We were happy to have 117 to respond to the roll-call. A Federation of Baptist Business Women's Circles were organized and Mrs. Agnes Holmes was elected chairman. A delicious supper was served at six in the dining-room which was most attractively decorated. We were most fortunate to secure as speaker for the occasion Miss Kathleen Mallory, our southern W.M.U. corresponding secretary, who had recently returned from a trip to South America. Our hearts did burn within us as

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PROGRAM for JANUARY



The list of reference books given at close of this program 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 Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. See list of leaflets on page 3.

Prepared by Mrs. C. D. Cressman, Tennessee

TOPIC: The CHALLENGE of UNFINISHED TASKS

Hymn—*Joy to the World* (See page 36.)

Watchword for the New Year—"That the world may know"

Bible Study—Things Which Remain—Rev. 3:16 (Page 9)

Prayer of thanksgiving for the coming of Jesus

Hymn—*Work, for the Night Is Coming*

Talking of Tasks—(Introductory talk by leader)

The Greatest of All Tasks

Hymn—*O Zion, Haste* (See page 45 of 1931 Year Book.)

Tasks That Challenge:

On Foreign Fields

In the Home-Land

Prayer that we may realize the need of lost people everywhere

Cuts and Closed Doors

Stories of Closed Doors:

Who Killed It?

A Little White Cross

That the World May Know

Open Discussion—What can we do? (All expressing desires and purposes for the New Year)

New Year's Poem (See page 1.)

Hymn—*Jesus Shall Reign*

Prayer that we may meet with heroism the challenge of unfinished tasks and may do all we can to hasten the time when the world shall know Jesus

TALKING of TASKS

A WISE mother questioned her daughter one day:
"My child, have you finished your task,
The bit of embroidery you started?"
The child, with a look of embarrassment, cried:
"Oh, Mother, now why do you ask?
The work was so hard that I soon was downhearted
And laid it away—
An unfinished task".
And then the wise mother replied:
"Oh child of my heart, any task once begun,
If worthy to do,
Is a challenge to you
To work at the job with a loyalty true
And ne'er in discouragement lay it aside
Until it is done—and beautifully done—
A well finished task".

Perhaps our wise Father would question today:
 "Have you finished, Oh, children, your task,
 The church or hospital you started?"
 With look of embarrassment then we would say:
 "Oh Father, now why do you ask?
 The work was so hard that we soon were downhearted
 And laid it away—an unfinished task".
 Then surely the Father would say:
 "Oh dear, foolish children, a task once begun,
 If worthy to do,
 Is a challenge to you
 To work at the job with a loyalty true
 And ne'er in discouragement lay it away
 Until it is done and beautifully done—
 A well finished task".



Every worthwhile task is a challenge. Work worth doing calls for the best effort in doing it. In no realm is this so true as in the affairs of the Kingdom of God. There, every call is a challenge, every need a necessity, every possibility a privilege, every opportunity an obligation. Unfinished tasks are especially challenging. Work once started demands completion. Not to complete it means wasted time, wasted material, wasted effort, wasted opportunity. In a certain southern city, some twenty-five years ago, a hospital building was started. The foundation was laid, the walls erected, the roof put on and the windows placed. Then the work stopped. For twenty-five years it has been an unfinished task. Today the roof leaks, the windows are broken out, the walls are fallen in and it stands as a huge skeleton of blasted hopes. Some who pass by point the finger of scorn, and others exclaim, "Oh what a pity!"

Yes, it is a pity to start great tasks and never complete them. How true this is with God's work! Every task started for Him is so great, so important and so necessary that to lay one aside, unfinished, is more than a pity, it is a disgrace. Sometimes it is impossible to finish the tasks of the world, but this is never true of Kingdom tasks. God, who commands and directs these tasks, is all powerful to bring every one of them

to completion. To lay aside any of His work is to prove that the workers depended on their own strength and not on His power.

Have southern Baptists any unfinished tasks? Have we laid aside some of our work as the child did the bit of embroidery, because it was hard? Are there unfinished buildings in any southern Baptist mission field? Are there vacant lots, crying for erection of church houses? Are there closed doors in any of our schools or hospitals? Have southern Baptists dared to use the word impossible in connection with any of God's tasks? We shall answer these questions as we study the topic for the month, "The Challenge of Unfinished Tasks".

THE GREATEST of ALL TASKS

THE greatest task ever given to a human being to accomplish is the redemption of a lost world. Jesus is the overseer of this great job, and He gave us our working orders when He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation". This task involves all people, of all climes, of all colors, of all conditions, of all tribes, of all nations. It demands the service of teachers and preachers, doctors and nurses, translators and printers, architects and artists, musicians and mechanics. It requires the use of railroads and steamships, of automobiles and jinrikishas, of bicycles and busses, of banks and books, of brain and brawn, of sermons and songs and checks. It calls for

the most intelligent study, the most earnest prayer, the most sacrificial giving and the most consecrated service. It is as wide as the mercy of God, as deep as His compassion for suffering humanity, as high as His exalted purpose, as long as eternity and as important as the destiny of a human soul.

And this greatest of all tasks is an unfinished task. Yes, today, nearly two thousand years after Jesus gave the great commission, there are said to be one billion people in the world who have never so much as heard His holy name. It is almost impossible for us to realize how many people it takes to make a billion. If all these lost people stood in a row, one behind another, each occupying one foot of space, the line would reach around the earth seventy-five times. If you should attempt to count all of them at the rate of one a second, giving twenty-four hours a day to the task, never stopping for sleep or rest, it would take you over thirty years to complete the count. Some one has counted the letters of the Bible and has found that they total 3,567,930. The working of a simple problem in long division will prove to you that there are 280 times as many lost people in the world as there are letters in the Bible. Open your Bible, turn through its pages of closely printed words, notice how many letters there are on each, then try to realize that for each letter, which helps to spell out those words of light, there are in the world today 280 people sitting in the darkness of sin, knowing not that there are words of light for their souls. These billion people have no preacher, no doctor, no school, no Christ, no happiness in this world and no hope for the world to come. And yet there is enough of redemptive power in the shed blood of Jesus Christ to save every one of them, if only they would call on His name. But, "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" and who is to do the send-

ing? Of course there is only one answer. You and I who have heard, believed, called and are saved must send to these millions the glad tidings of salvation. Oh what a great, unfinished task it is! What a responsibility! What a challenge!

TASKS THAT CHALLENGE ON FOREIGN FIELDS

CHINA—The largest unevangelized group in the world is in China. In that great land 320,000,000 people still sit in the darkness of idolatry, waiting for the light of the Gospel. There are enough lost people in China to demand the attention of the entire missionary force of southern Baptists. The situation in Pakhoi, the youngest of our five missions in China, is especially challenging. We are told that two out of the five missionaries in this field are old, and that unless other missionaries are sent this mission will slowly but surely cease to exist. That means that a territory comprising 5,000,000 people, who are sunk in the darkest superstition and deepest sensuality, will be left with no one to minister to their spiritual needs.

JAPAN—There is a tendency to think that, because Japan has made such rapid progress along educational and material lines, she no longer needs foreign missionaries. But our missionaries, who are there today and know conditions, tell us that Japan is still a mission field of direst need and boundless opportunity. It is estimated that 80% of her people have never been touched by the Gospel. There are 420 towns with more than 5000 population and uncounted thousands of smaller villages where there is no missionary or Christian church. This host of intelligent and progressive people present a mighty challenge. Without Christ they are a "yellow peril", but with Him they may become golden throngs, leading the orient to salvation.

AFRICA—Africa might be called the "Continent without a Christ". While there are 3,000,000 or more nominal Christians in this great continent, with perhaps 10,000,000 others who have at some time been under Christian training,

these are a very small number as compared with the 150,000,000 who are as yet untouched by any Christian influence. A missionary, writing from our mission field in Nigeria, pleads not only for more workers and better buildings but for "greater interest, a better understanding and more prayer on the part of Christians at home".

SOUTH AMERICA—What of South America with her millions of Roman Catholic idolaters? In Brazil alone there are 40,000,000 people, most of whom are without the Word or knowledge of God. They tell us that in northern Brazil, there are six states, representing a population of 10,000,000, with but one lone missionary couple—so far as southern Baptists are concerned—to preach the Gospel of Christ. From Argentina comes the plea for "more money to publish books, to build new buildings and to pay new workers who shall carry the Gospel to the many provinces where little or nothing is being done to save souls".

MEXICO—From our neighbor across the border comes this cry, "Come over into Mexico and help us". Among the 15,000,000 people in this land there are only a few thousand evangelical Christians. Multitudes are groping in darkness trying to find Christ. Native pastors, missionaries, teachers and trained laymen are needed to lead them to the light of His love.

ROUMANIA—All of Europe presents a mighty challenge to Baptists today, but this is especially true of Roumania. After years of persecution Baptists have at last obtained legal recognition of the Roumanian government. This means that they are free to go ahead with their work unmolested by the officers of the law. They are crying for the training of their membership, for a high school for their boys and girls and for new church buildings. There are twelve hundred places where preaching is done but where there are no church buildings. All of these calls challenge southern Baptists to go to the help of their Roumanian brethren.

PALESTINE—The land of our Lord is

a challenge to all who love the Lord of this land. Palestine, though no larger than New Hampshire, is the birthplace of the most wonderful nation in the world, the most wonderful Person in the world and the most wonderful Book in the world. But today it is a land of mixed nations without a Christ or a Bible. Her 600,000 souls—Mohammedans, Jews, Catholics and those of no faith—call to us to send the Gospel that the star of hope may once more shine on the land of Jesus' birth.

IN the HOMELAND

EVANGELISM—There are 18,000,000 people in the south, ten years of age and over, who have no church connections. This means that there are 5,000,000 more unevangelized people than there are members of all churches combined. Eight millions of these unevangelized people are of Baptist preference and so are the special responsibility of southern Baptists. What a challenging task is this, right at our door! What an opportunity is ours to evangelize these millions and then to enlist them in the task of world evangelism!

FOREIGNERS—The people of twenty-six nationalities, scattered over all our states and numbering about 5,000,000, present a challenge which southern Baptists must meet. To neglect or trifle with this task is to lose one of the greatest opportunities which God has given to us. How dare we attempt to evangelize people in other lands if we fail to evangelize their brothers whom God has sent to our own land?

NEGROES—The Negro in America is just as challenging as the Negro in Africa. The 10,000,000 black brothers in our midst are being influenced by communism and other "isms" until there is danger of racial trouble far more serious than most of us realize. The only way to avert difficulty between the white people and their colored neighbors is to Christianize both races.

JEWS—The most interesting and the most challenging people in the world are the Jews. The 500,000 of this race, scattered through the cities of our southland, offer opportunities to all of us to

do missionary work every day. We could wish that our one paid worker might be multiplied many times, that Jesus' own people might accept Him in great numbers.

INDIANS—Home mission work was born out of Christian love for the Indians who were driven from their lands to make room for the coming white man. However, this part of our home mission task is still far from completion, for we have in our territory over 200,000 red men, most of whom are not yet walking in the Jesus road. Among the 35,000 in New Mexico we have only three workers. In Arizona there are 8,000 Pima Indians without one worker. For two years they have been calling for a missionary, but lack of funds has made it impossible to respond to this call.

CUBA AND PANAMA—Cuba and Panama present both a home and a foreign challenge, for while they are under the Home Mission Board they have the problems and opportunities of foreign fields. The 4,000,000 people in the four provinces of Cuba where our missions are located and the 100,000 living in and around the Canal Zone, as well as the uncounted thousands who pass through the canal each year, call for our best effort in sending the Gospel to these lands.

CUTS and CLOSED DOORS

IN THE face of all these challenging unfinished tasks, what are southern Baptists doing? To our shame it must be said that we are making cuts in our appropriations and so are closing many wonderful doors of opportunity. Figures talk. Then let them tell their sad tale of reduction in our missionary funds and forces.

A ROLL CALL of REDUCTIONS

(Clip the following items and have them read by different women. It will be impressive if some one places the figures on the blackboard as they are read.)

In the last five years foreign mission funds have been reduced from \$2,278,225.95 to \$1,222,287.30, which means a cut of over \$1,000,000.

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In three years we have suffered a

loss of one hundred foreign missionaries and six hundred native workers.

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In the last three years we have closed 208 schools on foreign fields.

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The Baptist Hospital at Chengchow, in interior China, has been closed for several years and is now used as one of the base hospitals for a Chinese army.

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The budget of the Department of Independent and Direct Missions of the Home Mission Board—which includes all work among foreigners, Indians, deaf mutes, soldiers, sailors and Negroes—has been reduced in five years from \$100,065 to \$50,000 and the number of workers reduced from 132 to 72.

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In three years the budget for Cuba and Panama has been cut half in two, and that for mountain schools has been reduced from \$63,286 to \$8,000.

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Seventeen mountain schools have been closed in the last five years.

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Jonesboro College, the home mission school at Jonesboro, Ark., closed its doors in 1930.

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The Southern Baptist Sanitarium at El Paso, Texas, was closed October the 1st, 1930. It is now privately operated.

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The Mexican Baptist Institute at Bastrop, Texas, has suffered severely because of lack of funds and exists only through the sacrificial service of the workers there. This is true of other home mission institutions.

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Practically no new missionaries have been placed on home or foreign fields for the last five years, though there are hundreds of volunteers eager to go.

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Few if any new buildings have been erected on home or foreign fields and little repair work has been done on old buildings. Consequently many doors that have not been closed are sagging on their hinges, and many buildings which

have not been abandoned are in danger of falling down.

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Why?—Why these cuts and closed doors? There can be but one answer: "Southern Baptists are not supporting their work as they should". Our gifts for missions have fallen off on an average of \$400,000 a year since 1925 until 1929, when there was a slight increase. Southern Baptists have been withholding their tithes and offerings while their work has been disastrously reduced and many of the tasks which they started have been heartlessly abandoned. One of our secretaries writes: "The Home Mission Board does not want to reduce its work, but it cannot be maintained without money. If the churches will give more money the Home Board will do more mission work". Of course it will, and so will the Foreign Board. These cuts are our responsibility, these closed doors our dishonor, and these unfinished tasks a call to duty. What shall we do about it?

STORIES of CLOSED DOORS

WHO KILLED IT?

(Retold from Story by Mrs. Moreley, Missionary in Havana, Cuba)

IN THE Cuban town of Aguacate there was a little Baptist church. Its members were few in number and so poor that they could not support their pastor, so our Home Mission Board added to their small gifts a sufficient sum to pay the salary of the young man who preached for them and led them in their work. The house in which they met was small and crudely furnished, but it was a wonderful place to them, for there they gathered in Christian fellowship to worship God and to plan their part in His Kingdom work. One dear woman kept the little room in spotless order, scrubbing, polishing and dusting it until its crudeness was forgotten in its shining cleanliness. And she plucked from her tropical garden her loveliest blossoms, carrying them each week to the sanctuary that there might always be the fragrance of flowers in her Father's house. To this holy place came the little band of faithful Baptists, their souls on fire

with zeal to win to Christ the multitude of lost people around them. What hopes were theirs! What dreams were theirs! How earnestly they prayed! How generously they gave! How faithfully they worked! And often, as they made their plans to build up a strong church at Aguacate, they lifted their hearts in gratitude to God for the generosity of southern Baptists which made possible the existence of their little church.

One night a missionary from Havana visited them. They always welcomed the missionaries, for from them they received the help, advice and encouragement which they needed. But on this occasion the missionary brought sad tidings. The Home Board had cut the appropriation for the Cuban Mission and so some of the stations must be abandoned. Yes, the little church at Aguacate was among those which must be closed. The Board could no longer pay their pastor, so he must go, and the small meeting house must shut its doors. What a sad night was that! The woman who kept the church with such care wept bitterly. The young pastor was stricken with grief, for it meant giving up the work to which he was called and for which he had prepared. The people clung to him and to each other, loath to discontinue the work which was so dear to them. What now of their dreams of a great church at Aguacate? What of their children who would not have the opportunity of hearing the Gospel preached? What of their lost neighbors who perhaps would never have a chance to be saved?

The little meeting-house is closed. No loving hands scrub the floors and polish the crude furniture. No flowers send out their fragrance to welcome the worshippers on a Sabbath morning. No hymns of praise ring out to invite sinners to come to the house of the Lord. No earnest preacher stands in that sanctuary to break the Bread of Life for soul-starved people. No church at Aguacate! The fold is closed, and the people are scattered as sheep without a shepherd.

The missionary who tells this story

writes: "These Cuban churches! Does it hurt to see them die? They are our children in faith, dearly beloved. Must they die and by our hands? Must we close them out? And the whole structure into which we have built our very

lives, must it totter and weaken for lack of funds? Oh southern Baptists, think on these things!" And then she adds these very pertinent questions: "The church at Aguacate, did it die, or was it killed? And who killed it?"

HO killed this church in Cuba's land?

Did you or I?

Did we to her extended hand

All help deny?

Did you or I in selfish greed

Buy handsome cars to boast their speed,

Or build great houses to exceed,

Or chew our gum or smoke our weed,

Forgetful of our neighbor's need,

And let it die?

HO killed this church just o'er the way?

Did you or I?

Did we refuse our tithes to pay

And let it die?

Did we withhold from God His mite,

To spend it on our own delight,

And leave this little church of light

To flicker out into the night?

Did you or I?

A LITTLE WHITE CROSS

In a certain Chinese cemetery there stands a little white cross. It seems out of place as it rises from the head of a small grave in the midst of that ghastly city of the heathen dead. One beholding it would feel at once that it tells a story. And indeed it does—a story true and interesting and with a message for every Baptist heart.

A certain little girl came to a certain Baptist mission in China. There she heard the story of Jesus and while still very young gave her heart to Him. In the course of time she became desperately ill. Her parents, who were still heathen, wanted to send for a Chinese doctor. But she said, "No. Take me to the Christian hospital". Desiring to please the child, the father took her in his arms and, accompanied by the mother, carried her to the Baptist hospital. What a sight was that—heathen parents, with their little Christian child in their arms, standing at the door of the hospital erected in the name of the Great Physician! They knocked once,

but there was no response! They knocked again, but there was no response! A third time they knocked, but still no response! "It seems to be closed", the father said, "We will go to the Chinese doctor". "No, no", cried the child, "take me to the missionary's house". So to the missionary's house they went. The missionary who responded to their call says that he would have given anything in the world at that moment for a knowledge of medicine, that he might have ministered to his little friend, who looked at him with so much pleading and so much confidence in her weary eyes. But he was not a doctor, and all he could do was to explain that the doctor was gone and the hospital closed. What he did not explain was that the hospital had been abandoned because southern Baptists had failed to support it. But when he saw the look of hopelessness settle on the child's face as her parents carried her away he shuddered to think of the selfishness that had caused southern Baptists to fail this little child in her hour of need.

Back to the home went the parents with the sick child. "Now", they said, "we will send for the Chinese doctor". "No," said the little girl, "I don't want a Chinese doctor. He will stick bot needles in me to drive away the evil spirits. There are no evil spirits in me. Only the spirit of Jesus is in my heart. Just bring me my Bible". The parents, puzzled but still indulgent, brought the little book which the child loved so dearly. With her cheeks pressed against its precious pages, she sang:

"Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.

If I love Him when I die,
He will take me home on high".

Thus her little trusting soul went out to be with Jesus who loved her and saved her. The heathen parents, who couldn't understand but who knew that somehow their child's new religion was connected with a cross, placed at the head of her small grave the little white cross.

There it stands, a lonely white cross in a heathen cemetery, telling its story of Jesus who died on a cross to save all people and of a little Chinese girl who loved Him and went on high to live with Him forever more. But wait! It tells another story too—the story of a hospital which failed to open to the cries of a suffering child because the selfishness of southern Baptists had closed its doors and called its doctor home.

Hold your place, little cross! Keep on telling your story! Tell it to the shame of southern Baptists. Tell it till they open the doors of every hospital in foreign lands. Tell it till they send every missionary back to his post of duty. Tell it till they lose their selfishness in love for Him who died on a cross for them.

THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW



Our new watchword furnishes a fitting conclusion to our study of unfinished tasks: "That the world may know".

Surely that expresses the challenge of all our unfinished tasks. Surely it is our desire, as we begin another year of endeavor and service, to do our part in leading all the world to know Jesus and His salvation.

A certain wise man, when asked to give three rules for success, said: "My first rule is ON! My second rule is ON! My third rule is ON!" Shall we not couple with our new watchword this challenging word, ON, as we resolve to go on in all lines of our work "that the world may know"? It is a significant fact that God has so made us that we always face forward. He doesn't mean that we shall ever move backward. Cuts and closed doors are not a part of His program for us. Reductions and retrenchments are not of His planning. Always He places our feet in the paths of progress and says "Go forward".

Some one has said that Christian service is like riding a bicycle: either we must "go on" or "go off". Of course we cannot "go off" in the face of the great needs of the field and of Jesus' command to evangelize the world; therefore we must "go on". Let us resolve for 1931 that we will go on to more praying as we appropriate the mighty forces of God for the completion of His great missionary tasks; on to more giving as in increasing numbers we bring our tithes and offerings in answer to the calls of needy mission fields; on to more consecrated service as we give ourselves to the glorious task of world winning. We must go on in the spirit of Livingstone who said: "Anywhere, provided it be forward". We must go on in the spirit of Paul who said: "I will press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus". We must go until every debt is paid, every closed door is opened, every dreamed-of building is erected, every furloughed missionary is returned to his field, every earnest volunteer is permitted to answer the call to service and every unfinished Kingdom task is gloriously finished. Let us go on

THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW.

"He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never sound retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat.
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on!"

QUESTIONS

1. How many people in the world have never heard of Jesus?
2. How many lost people are there in China?
3. Why does Japan still need foreign missionaries?
4. Why could Africa be called a continent without a Christ?
5. Mention one situation to prove that the evangelization of Brazil is still an unfinished task.
6. What are some of Argentina's needs?
7. What recent event has been a great blessing to the Roumanian Baptists?
8. Mention some classes of people in Palestine who need the Gospel.
9. How many unevangelized people are there in the southland? How many of these are of Baptist preference?
10. How many nationalities are represented in our southern population?
11. Why are the Negroes an especially challenging missionary task?
12. How many Jews are there in the southland?
13. Name two needy Indian mission fields.
14. What two home mission fields present foreign problems?
15. Mention some reductions which have been made in our home mission budget, in our foreign mission budget.
16. Give figures showing our loss in the number of home and foreign missionaries.
17. Mention some home mission institutions which have been closed.
18. How many schools on foreign fields have been closed?
19. Why have these cuts and closed doors been made necessary?
20. What should be our spirit as we face these unfinished tasks?

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CHIEF AIMS of WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

1—PRAYER—*Individual and United*

2—STUDY

- (1) *Missionary Message of the Bible*
- (2) *World Missions*

3—PERSONAL SERVICE —*Directed and Individual*

- (1) *Soul-Winning*
- (2) *Enlistment*
- (3) *Other Community Activities*

4—STEWARDSHIP of POSSESSIONS

- (1) *Tithes*
- (2) *Offerings*
- (3) *Study and Plans*

5—MISSIONARY EDUCATION of YOUNG PEOPLE



SOCIETY METHODS

MAINTAINING the GOAL



The thrill that inevitably comes from a goal attained—if prayerfully, tactfully and enthusiastically fostered—results in the purpose to maintain that goal. When with a beautiful missionary program in which every organization that had helped to win the banner had a part—when in 1925 the first purple banners were offered by Woman's Missionary Union—that banner was dedicated and hung on the wall of our church auditorium, a wave of enthusiasm swept our church, including the men in its fervor. Out of this grew the determination to hold up the standard and to win a banner annually as long as they were offered.

Carefully laid plans to attain and maintain the standard systematically month by month, a business-like budget of every detail in each department of W.M.U. work, that budget of activities by months published annually in our associational W.M.U. minutes prove a wonderful impetus and guide in making A-1. As superintendent of the association and president of the local Woman's Missionary Society I prayerfully and lovingly, but insistently, lay the burden of responsibility for the achievement of the auxiliaries on the W.M.S.—fostering definitely, having full monthly reports of every auxiliary made at the monthly business meetings of the W.M.S., thereby keeping closely informed as to every detail of their work. This information brings eager interest in all they do. We make them realize that each organization is responsible for one-fifth of the effort necessary in reaching the A-1 goal: feeling this, they take pride in doing their full part.

Constant supervision, earnest and united prayer, a real spirit of missions, a pardonable pride in our record of never having missed being a Full Graded A-1 W.M.U. since 1925, humble gratitude to our Father that He has allowed

us and has helped us to maintain this high standard—all combined with hard work—have made it possible for us to have five purple banners on our walls and to determine, with the continued favor of our Master, to be A-1 year by year.—*Mrs. E. K. Overstreet, Sylvania, Ga.*

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FULL GRADED for a DECADE

WHEN the call came to organize Full Graded W.M.U.'s, our society began to look around for leaders of the young people's organizations. Our pastor's wife—at that time, Mrs. E. C. Miller—readily undertook to lead our Sunbeam Band, doing so with marvelous success. Another woman, who had a boy of her own, became much interested in organizing the Royal Ambassadors. Another was found to be most successful with the Girls' Auxiliary, while another gave several years to the Young Woman's Auxiliary. Our W.M.U. has carried on, beginning with 1921, as a Full Graded Union. It won the purple banner from Woman's Missionary Union for five consecutive years.

Of course success each year was a great stimulant, but the secret of success was due to the fact that all five organizations gave regularly to missions under the guidance of consecrated workers. Once every quarter a special offering was given besides the monthly contributions. Also, the W.M.S. gave each of the three children's organizations five dollars every year with which to buy supplies. Each counsellor used her own methods to excite and increase interest in her organization, reporting regularly every quarter to the Woman's Missionary Society. There have been many little hikes, parties, picnics, all of which interest children. Pray that our organizations may continue actively in God's service.—*Mrs. J. G. Crenshaw, Lexington, Mo.*

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Miss Juliette Mather, W.M.U. Young People's Secretary

JANUARY JOYS



There's always joy in a fresh beginning and here's 1931 handing us a whole new set of opportunities and responsibilities—what joys for W.M.U. young people's directors and counselors! One especially happy feature is that 1931 looks so much more as if it would end up by amounting to something than 1930 promised with that naught at the end. 1931 looks A-1 from beginning to end—we must fulfill that appearance.

Why not gather together all counselors and co-counselors and assistant counselors in your church family, Madame Director, for a really purposeful study of the Correspondence Course and for practically planning the year's activities in general? See the W.M.U. Year Book, page 23, for particulars about the Correspondence Course. Then while you have that modestly covered gray book in hand, hold fast to it 'till you comprehend its real value in poignant condensed information. Many times you wonder passively about this or that when the Year Book would prove a dear book and a near book to solve your questionings and perplexities while at the same time it prodded your passivity into activity. Cling to the Year Book when the counselors come for the planning meeting. See to it that the W.M.U. fundamentals are made prime factors of importance to each counselor so that the impetus to his or her task is commensurate with the achievements possible. If ever our consecrated counselors really realize what they may do for the Kingdom there will be no difficulty about the progress of the work. At the very beginning of January let's feel the joy of at least glimpsing what may be done if boys and girls and young women can catch from their leaders vital interest and propelling knowledge of the Kingdom and its King. Not just an organization to be made A-1, good as that goal is; not just a group of boys and girls to be provided with program and activity plans, good as that goal is; but here are potential missionaries, teachers, preachers, leaders, business men minded to be truly Christian; here are unfinished tasks which may be brought to a holy conclusion; here is the Kingdom coming because counselors and directors sensed a new vivid joy in their immeasurable service.

Discuss the W.M.U. fundamentals in the light of their realization in each organization from Sunbeam Band on up through the years. One amazing observation will be that, with one eye on the Standard of Excellence during the discussion, it will be evident that the fundamentals are all but measurable in attainment by that same old standard. It may look prosaic but it is pulsing with life. If you see it that way, then A-1 is as good as in your grasp already. In *WORLD COMRADES* you will find a possible demonstration in the story, "A Visit to the A-1 Bazaar", also in the "Here at Home Department" description of a Sunbeam Band Year Book that will be suggestive to every auxiliary leader.

While still meeting together director and counselors will wish to plan Promotion Day. Now that the plan for reports follows the calendar year, it will clear up matters to promote in early January. The Sunbeam leader should help the Jr. R.A. and G.A. counselors know the new members—their home environments, their handicaps or attractions in personality—so that no time need be lost in poor adjustments or misunderstandings: so with junior and intermediate counselors, with

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COLLEGE Y. W. A.

Miss Juliette Mather, W.M.U. Young People's Secretary

JANUARY CHECKS UP



While other W.M.U. organizations are putting up white new Standard of Excellence wall-charts in their places of meeting, College Y.W.A.'s should have their charts half full because the college year necessitates a variation from the calendar year report. College Y.W.A.'s perforce measure their activities from September to May. That means only a few more months in the present scholastic year for their effort toward splendid achievement as distinguished by the College Y.W.A. Standard of Excellence. Is all going well?

The student meeting in Atlanta in early November of 1930 placed its major emphasis and appeal on world visions and world tasks. Centering thus, Y.W.A. is the agency to preserve the impetus of that gathering. Mission study classes should be more popular than ever on every campus. Probably a study of life stewardship will be most timely as January brings its customary solemn thoughts of life passing. Mission Study Committee should direct posters and publicity which will generate interest in enrolling the class—the alert counselor will show College Y.W.A. Council the possibilities in this and in other Y.W.A. activities.

Sometimes a tendency to run along in a convenient groove of routine, which is doing fairly good Y.W.A. work, is enemy to a zealous advance to glowing missionary interest. The counselor must be alert to point out this danger to young women preoccupied with crowded college days. While as a rule, election of new officers does not take place until a month before the term closes, often an extra change in leadership at this mid-year time will bring a new enthusiasm into the organization and will give development in individual responsibilities which will prove beneficial. A rotation of committee duties may prove wise; the Personal Service Committee shifting to the direction of music; the Music Committee picking up the duties of the Mission Study Committee and so on. This rotation plan is, of course, effective where all members serve on some committee; if membership is so large that committees will be unwieldy if including all the young women, plan for a set of new committees for the spring months. Where the circle plan is followed, as it is effectively done in many colleges, new circle leaders could scarcely be chosen at this time, but alterations and adjustments of duties within the circle would perchance be helpful as suggested above.

The college counselor must surely check up with the College Y.W.A. Council here in this January month to be sure that the wheels of machinery are ready to run well toward a successful A-1 record wound-up in May. Woman's Missionary Union is counting on their thus checking up.—*Juliette Mather*

EDITORIAL (Concluded from Page 4)

faith that is within us; of God's right to our tithes and offerings; of His love for all men.

Perhaps the quickest results from the effort at face-lifting are obtained through work among young people. Their youthful enthusiasm is contagious. A little child can lead us into the deeper mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven. Get interested in the Sunbeams, the G.A.'s., the R.A.'s., the Y.W.A.'s. of your church and watch the sagging muscles tighten. Laugh with them. Play with them. In a sacred sense, life is a great game. Pray with them. Study the heroes of the Cross with them. Give with them. Live with them. Thy youth will be renewed and eternal beauty gained through lifting your face to God in beautiful living.

TRAINING SCHOOL

OVERHEARD at W.M.U. GOOD WILL CENTER



"Oh, Frank, don't forget this is the first Tuesday in the month."

"Yes'm, I know it's time for the meeting of our G.W.C. News Staff, and I have lots to say. See you at three-thirty."

Three-thirty came and Frank, the nineteen year old editor, called the meeting to order. "Now folks, this must be our best paper, because we have so much news. Each of you representatives let yourselves loose and write just what your clubs have done—maybe a sort of summary of the month's work. Suppose we go over orally what we'll say and then we can help each other."

"Umph", said the prayer-meeting representative, "I'll tell about last Thursday night for a fair example."

"How's that?"

"When I came in I saw a waste-basket and a book cross the room at full speed and the voices of a dozen boys as they practised high-jumping over strings. I heard Miss Edwards say, 'It's nearly seven-thirty'. Everybody took seats and you could have heard a pin drop as the strains of 'Berceuse' came from the piano. Each heart was prepared for the prayer-and-praise service which followed. After the service one of the intermediate boys said to Brother Tucker, 'You touched my heart tonight'. After that the boys played basket-ball and some girls went into the office for a Latin coach class."

"Hurry up", said the Sunday school representative, "so I can tell what I am going to say. We had 87 present last Sunday. All our collection goes to home missions this month. It's just like the time we sent money to help tell about Jesus to our little Chinese kindergarten girl, except this is for folks in our own south. The Sunday school is sponsoring the special meetings next week. Just think, we will have a meeting every

night just like we do on Thursdays now!"

"Well, we get a Bible story in Story Hour every Tuesday", said Herman, puffing with pride, "and we sing about Jesus in the temple, too".

"So do we", answered the Camp Fire and Blue Bird representatives.

"But", said Mary and Katherine, "besides having that, we are going to give the concerts next month", each clamoring to tell it first. (*Mary represents the Merry Maids, and Katherine the Junior Chorus.*)

"Say Margaret, you forgot to tell about that missionary from Japan who talked at Sunday school", said James.

"That's so, I will tell about the one from China and the one from Panama who talked at Mothers' Club".

"Who's going to tell about the gym, playground and game room?" asked Frank.

"All of us, 'cause we all have good times in them", said John.

"Say, I almost forgot to mention the pie-supper we got for winning the basket-ball championship, and the two banners they gave us. Let's draw pictures of the banner. The Pioneers can have that much space in the paper, can't they?"

"Who's contributing to the poet's corner?"

"Each music pupil can write a song and we'll publish the best".

"I want all the personals: Margaret won the county spelling bee; Pence won the gold basket-ball. Who got the pictures for guessing the best names? Which was voted the best book in the library?"

James, the chief printer, called for the floor. "Get these articles in to Frank on time, because I'll cut the stencils myself this time".

—Eva M. Sanders, Virginia
Assistant at W.M.U. Good Will Center
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MARGARET FUND



Chairman: Mrs. Frank Burney, Waynesboro, Ga.

IS W.M.U. "MOTHERING" WORTHWHILE



It was Thanksgiving week. Almost everybody was going home over Thanksgiving, and the hours were being counted until classes were out. My roommate lived ten miles away from the university and was forever homesick. She went home every week-end, leaving me entirely alone. The Girls' Dormitory was full, so we lived up on the third floor of an annex, in a kind of little attic. The two floors below were inhabited by extremely exclusive sorority girls, who didn't even "Hello!" us half of the time.

Every time my "roomy" came back from home she brought a box of "eats" and stories of her good times at home. I grew so ashamed of forever helping consume her "eats" when I had none of my own. I had to squeeze out enough money to buy a treat once in a while, to save my self-respect. She was always weeping with homesickness between week-ends, and I had a weep every two weeks when I got mail from home (*Brasil*), so I am afraid it was not a very cheerful abode that freshman year.

And Thanksgiving was coming, the first vacation ordeal I had to go through. I almost hated Milly for her eternal babbling of what she was going to do at home on Thanksgiving.

Then one day I climbed wearily up to my room to find her very excited about a box that had come for me. I scanned the handwriting carefully, thinking there must be a mistake. I was sure something was wrong, when I observed the address in the left-hand corner: 3020 Q St., Washington, D. C. However, I figured somebody must have known about me to get my name right, so I opened the package, looking for a name inside. Oh, thrills! It was the most complete array of "eats" ever opened on college campus! While my "roomy" danced around with excite-

ment at the mystery, I broke down and wept all over my first "box".

I waited a week for a letter of explanation and finally wrote to the return address, heading my letter, "Dear fairy, whoever you are". Then it was I got a letter from the dearest of women, Mrs. Cora Darcey—"Aunt Cora".

Aunt Cora wrote to me right along, chiefly scolding me for not writing oftener. We exchanged pictures and became so friendly that when she asked me to her home for Easter vacation I felt more like accepting her invitation than that of my blood-relations. I received so many invitations, many of them certainly perfunctory, when people knew I had no home to go to, that I grew terribly self-conscious about accepting any "standing invitations", my relatives included. I missed many chances to enjoy charming welcomes, I'm sure. Anyhow, I really felt that Aunt Cora's invitation came from the heart, so I went.

I shall never forget that trip! Spring was just arriving up north, and spring in the "States" is something that thrilled me beyond expression the five times I watched it come tripping in. And as the train travelled toward Washington, it got spring-ier and spring-ier just while I looked on with almost breathless delight. To someone, who had pined through a cold, harsh winter for her tropic land, to see green grass actually growing taller and trees bursting out while I watched with enchantment!

And at the end of a perfect trip were Aunt Cora and a home! Not forgetting Uncle Ed too! I don't remember what we did. I guess I saw Washington. But I helped wipe dishes in the kitchen and perched by the sink and talked and talked, and Aunt Cora fed me pie!

Are W.M.U. mothers worthwhile? I'm here to say they are!

—Margarida Reno, Victoria, Brazil



BOOK REVIEWS



Mrs. Julian P. Thomas, Virginia

THE ROSARY



Every one who has read "The Lure of Africa", by Cornelius Howard Patton, secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, will welcome anything from his pen. "The Rosary, a Study in the Prayer-Life of the Nations", is no exception to this rule. It is dedicated "to the fellowship of all who pray without regard to race, land or religion".

The author has given years to the study of rosaries and in this little volume traces the use of the rosary through all religions. He shows that its use is almost universal and that approximately three-fourths of the human race use it in their supplications.

In next to the last chapter the author gives the psychology of the use of this mechanical aid to prayer and, in the closing chapter, shows why we as evangelicals reject its use. "One does not think readily of Paul's praying with a rosary. To think of Jesus in that connection is intolerable".

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MISSIONS in PRINCIPLE and PRACTICE

"MISSIONS in Principle and Practice" will be welcomed by many mission study classes because it sets forth clearly—and with a Biblical quotation for every point made—the fact that every book in the Bible shows unmistakably the purpose of God to bring all peoples into the fold. The author is W. H. Knight, Th. D., professor of missions in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He feels that, when we really believe the Bible is God's missionary message to us, missionary support will be assured. The book is written primarily to impress

upon readers this fact, and part first shows the missionary intent that runs like a golden thread through each book of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

The second part deals briefly with the practical side of missions, lands in which we have, or may have, the opportunity of following out God's will for the world. He closes with the story of what Baptists have done and what remains to be done, dealing especially with the problems that confront us and how they may be met.

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A MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

A RECENT study made of a mountain school in Konnarock, Va., under the Lutheran denomination, is well worth the careful study of all who are engaged in mountain school work. The results of this study are given in "A Mountain School", edited by O. Latham Hatcher, Ph.D., president of the Southern Woman's Educational Alliance. Those making this survey of conditions and possibilities for mountain schools are professors of both sexes from Columbia, Washington and Lee, Carnegie Institute, as well as other institutions of learning.

Though the book purports to be for mission study classes, it is too technical for the usual class but can not fail to be immensely helpful to all who have charge of mountain schools. We could wish it to be in the hands of all so engaged.

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STRANGE CHIEF

IN "STRANGE CHIEF" Grace Lane Berkeley has woven the life of the Anabaptist martyr, Balthasar Hubmaier, into a story of exceptional fascination. She has preserved absolutely

ery known detail of Hubmaier's life but has added, from study of conditions and her own imagination, a picture of his early life. Every mother will testify to the truth with which the author pictures the mother's love for her son, and her ambition for his future.

Mrs. Berkeley is an accredited teacher of the International Council of Religious Education. She wrote this story on the four-hundredth anniversary of Hubmaier's death in order that Baptists might know more of this apostle of the Anabaptists.

Hubmaier's growing dissatisfaction with the views of Rome and his gradual change, through the study of the Bible from the devout priest to a believer in the new ideas advocated by Luther, are well portrayed. We learn of his bounding by the authorities from city to city always helped by his faithful followers, of his hope that he may find shelter with the Swiss, of the darkening of this hope. When his faith fails, and he is ready to recant, his noble wife, Elizabeth, is at his side to give him strength and courage with her own clear and shining faith.

As he goes forward to the inevitable end, preaching so eloquently that crowds listen and hang upon his words, he realizes more and more what the end will be. There comes to him the glad assurance that God is with him and, with a body broken by the rack, he preaches even more eloquently the Gospel of salvation by faith.

When he is persuaded by his good friends, who believe he is accused only of sedition, to go to Vienna and trust himself to Ferdinand of Austria, he is not deceived but goes, knowing the end that awaits him there. When that end comes, and the flames rise around him, he prays aloud so that many may hear him. Like his Master, he prays for all who had done him wrong. Three days later his devoted wife, Elizabeth, went to her death, flung into the Danube by the same fanatical enemies.

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PETER MENIKOFF

A WONDERFUL story of patience and perseverance is the book "Peter Menikoff", the real experience of Peter D. Yankoff, A. B., M. D., written by himself. Because his mother impressed on him in his earliest years the old proverb, "Where there's a will, there's a way", this Bulgarian boy with almost no education and only eleven dollars in his pocket, made his way to America, put himself through college and medical school until, with his A. B. and M. D., he was ready to do the thing he had planned to do while a boy. This was to go back to his own country as a Christian physician and, as far as possible, prevent such tragedies as took place in his own family, both his mother and father having died because there was no physician available.

The story of how he managed to secure one sort of work after another until he got together sufficient funds to reach America, then his effort to find a college where he could work out his expenses, is one to arouse the deepest admiration. It is with smiles chasing away the tears that we follow him through his amazing story of indomitable courage, crowned at last with success.

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WILL INDIA BECOME CHRISTIAN?

OF DEEP interest to the world is the question, "Will India Become Christian?" This is the title of a recent book by J. W. R. Netram, an Indian himself and a second generation Christian.

Thoroughly acquainted with his own country's present-day condition and knowing her history intimately, he gives in the two chapters, "What Is India?" and "What Is an Indian?" a most informing outline of this country now so much in the public eye. His story of Christian missions in India, beginning with the introduction of the Christian doctrine by the apostle Thomas, shows how much has been done and how deep

an impression has already been made, as well as how much remains to be done.

Mr. Netram gives the many ways in which Christianity is entering and influencing Indian thought and life. These he calls "Highways of Christ". One of these highways is the Ghandi Movement, though he says that as yet Ghandi depends more on the Gita than the New Testament for his spiritual food. Ghandi has, however, taught Bible classes in his school and has in his hymnbook six Christian hymns, such as "Take My Life" and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross". The author's account of the revolution in the Mohammedan world gives that also as a highway for the entrance of Christianity.

In the last chapter—"Where and When Does India See Christ?"—he makes it very plain that it is the life of the Christian, rather than what he says, that appeals to the Indian people. To live the Christ life—to visit the sick and in prison, clothe the naked, feed the hungry, to live as Christ lived here on earth, to put Christ at the center of things — is what India demands. Through the book runs a living faith in India's future and the power of Christianity to redeem it.

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BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES—(Continued from Page 13)

she pictured the faithful, happy Baptists working with such meager equipment".

The above paragraph is copied from the Tennessee state paper. May we follow Tennessee in choosing for one of our New Year projects the organizing and promoting of a Federation of Baptist B.W.C.'s. in our town. It will bear fruit for the Kingdom. The following is adaptable from the constitution as adopted by Nashville B.W.C's.

SUGGESTED CONSTITUTION for FEDERATION of BAPTIST BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

PREAMBLE

We, the business women of the Baptist churches of....., desirous of developing fellowship and stimulating a missionary spirit and the grace of giving among the business women of the churches, do hereby organize and adopt the following constitution:

ARTICLE I—NAME

This organization shall be known as the FEDERATION of BAPTIST BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES of and shall be auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Union of the Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II—OBJECTS

The objects of the organization shall be to promote fellowship among the members of the Business Women's Circles in the Baptist churches, to organize circles in churches where none exist, to stimulate missionary spirit among the Baptist business women of the city.

ARTICLE III—OFFICERS

The officers shall be counselor, president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, chorister, pianist and reporter, who shall be elected annually.

ARTICLE IV—EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board shall consist of the officers and committee chairmen.

ARTICLE V—MEMBERSHIP

The dues shall be ten cents a quarter per member. Any Baptist woman or any member of a Baptist Business Women's Circle is eligible to membership.

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CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

Items of interest that should make us pause, think, pray and give in view of our unfinished task

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According to reliable authority the American play-budget is estimated at twenty-one thousand million dollars. That is, that amount is spent every year by American people in different forms of sport and play.

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In September the Home Mission Board moved its offices to 310 Red Rock Building in Atlanta, the reason being to save \$1260 a year in rent.

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Dr. Frank W. Padelford in his pamphlet, "The Unfinished Task on the Second Survey", tells us that there are 245,000 American Indians in the United States, that after 300 years of white civilization in this country only one-fourth of them can read and write and that only forty out of every hundred have ever heard the Gospel—one-half of these being protestants and the other half, Roman Catholics.

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Last spring 235 Baptist farmers in Laurens County, Georgia, each set aside a plot of ground, the proceeds from the crop raised on it to be devoted to the cause of the Lord. In October wonderful reports came from those who had thus dedicated their land. One farmer reported that from his plot he was enabled to give more than he had given in six years past. He also reported that on land, which had produced two bales of cotton last year, he realized eight bales this year.

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By her will Mrs. John S. Kennedy, a devout Presbyterian, left to the Foreign Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., \$375,000 cash and in addition one-fourth of a large part of the \$10,000,000 which she left to char-

itable and Christian enterprises. She also left \$100,000 cash to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

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A petition has been presented to the Chinese Nationalist Government by many of the strongest Christian organizations working in China, asking for the repeal of the restrictions, which are now in force in many parts of China against religious education and worship in Christian schools. Whether the petition will be granted is most uncertain, but in an editorial of one of the leading newspapers in China it is said that the action of the Nationalist Government in requiring such restrictions strikes at the very root of religious liberty in China. "It would seem", says this Chinese editor, "to be sheer ingratitude for the government to ban the teaching of Christianity, a religion which judged by its fruits is no doubt the best of all existing creeds in the world".

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Some years ago a general in the Chinese army arranged with the American Bible Society for the distribution of 6500 Bibles and 12000 New Testaments. So pleased was he with the results that recently he has given \$5000 for the same purpose.

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A missionary of our Home Mission Board gave as his contribution to missions this year \$60. His salary is \$38.50 per month.

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Last year our country was prosperous, yet the drives for the community funds in many of our cities failed to reach their goal. This year hard times have been knocking at the doors of the peo-

ple's homes, yet the community funds in many cities have gone over the top. The need at the people's very doors softened their hearts.

The late Dr. Gambrell used to say, "It is not hard times but hard hearts that keep the mission treasury empty". How we do need to pray that our own and the spiritual poverty of the world may be brought to our very doors and break our hearts that we may give ourselves and our money to help in our unfinished task around the world.

TRAINING SCHOOL (Concluded from Page 26)

THE above clever skit by Miss Sanders gives a peep into our activities. It has done our hearts good to have wholesome fun and serious talks with the boys and girls every day. Many Catholics and others of the young folks are regular attendants at prayer-meeting and have shown great interest in the evangelistic services.

—Claudia M. Edwards
Assistant Director at W.M.U. Good Will Center

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE (Concluded from Page 24)

intermediate G.A. and Y.W.A. counselors. Determine to really know your members more fully than previously. Promotions open new problems of real enlistment: it is simple to write a new name in a secretary's ledger but to enlist that developing individual is of vast import. Initiation ceremonies (provided on request by state W.M.U. young people's secretary) appeal to R.A's, G.A's and Y.W.A's. Use them with earnest solemnity. New officers should be properly installed with fitting "charges" and due recognition of the services of out-going leaders. The actual promotion exercises may be as elaborate as desired. The Manual of W.M.U. Methods contains suggestions; some states have a promotion service outline to send on request; others consider that W.M.U. director and counselor, with the cooperation of the pastor, prefer to plan their own observance of promotion in our graded missionary education system. Naturally each organization will want to participate with a song or repetition of watchword; with the G.A's and R.A's, probably repetition in unison of allegiance and commission will be effective. Welcome talks may be made on such subjects as: "What the Junior R.A. Taught Me"; "What We Hope the Intermediate G.A. Will Mean to You"; "High Points of Promise in Our Y.W.A."; "Our Watchful Interest in You All" by a W.M.S. representative. It will be excellent for the pastor to make the climatic closing address, using perhaps some such theme as "The Value of Missionary Education in Developing Christian Character" or "The Contribution of Missionary Education in the Progress of Our Church". Promotion certificates in attractive design may be secured on request from state W.M.U. headquarters. There should be recognition of ranking achievements by R.A's, and of forward steps made by G.A's. A social feature may follow the service, with pastor and W.M.U. young people's director, organization presidents and counselors forming a receiving line.

Promotion day should demonstrate the continuity of missionary education within your church so that, if your Graded W.M.U. family is incomplete, the yawning gap will help bring the needed organizations into being. 1931 desires a record-breaking number of A-1 Graded W.M.U. families. With a joyous beginning in January make the entire twelve months happy in fulfilling missionary education opportunities.—Juliette Mather

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES—(Concluded from Page 30)

ARTICLE VI—AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at any meeting, provided due monthly notice be given.

ARTICLE VII—MEETINGS

The meetings shall be held quarterly.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY to SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Third Quarterly Report, July 1, 1936 to October 1, 1936

Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, Treasurer

Reported by State Treasurers as Having Been Remitted by Them to the Respective Boards							Received by W. M. U. Treasurer			
STATES	Co-operative Program Undivided	Foreign	Home	Ministerial Relief	Christian Education	State & Other Objects in S.B.C. Program	W.M.U. Specials	Training School Scholarship Fund	Executive Committee S.B.C.	Cash Total
Ala.	\$	\$ 4,788.09	\$ 2,029.49	\$ 808.91	\$ 7,816.97	\$ 9,993.57	\$ 550.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 79.58	\$ 26,868.61
Ariz.							13.00			13.00
Ark.	186.00	204.41	55.98		517.10	14,733.25	2.00	400.00		16,092.74
D. C.							10.00		13.49	23.49
Fla.		2,395.00	1,149.59	340.61	1,364.51	5,343.57	6.00		51.20	10,650.48
Ga.	41,242.72						896.10	100.00	39.38	42,328.16
Ill.		352.45	136.91	69.16	181.38	4,576.60	14.00	100.00		5,430.50
Ky.		8,145.06	3,404.36	978.92	6,976.35	14,879.33	74.00	532.00	173.96	35,163.97
La.	12,882.67						2,322.38	500.00	10.32	15,825.37
Md.		427.15	72.90	72.90	103.27	1,489.41		100.00		2,265.63
Miss.		3,229.75	1,614.75	104.38	3,803.90	4,019.50	1,010.00	400.00	77.56	14,359.84
Mo.		4,128.44	1,945.69	677.43	3,406.73	8,514.15	380.00	500.00	187.09	19,639.53
N. M.	738.55					8,124.08	25.00		1.89	8,889.02
N. C.	34,376.82	784.82	235.43		4,643.47	5,980.73	1,200.00	800.00	136.32	48,107.59
Okla.		2,310.48	948.88	304.00	8,029.97	5,359.00	*375.00	200.00		15,527.33
S. C.		9,048.33	4,363.79	1,261.51	2,358.82	12,876.75	700.00	700.00	108.46	31,412.66
Tenn.		7,570.66	3,493.29	1,039.68	10,456.44	16,894.83	1,000.00	400.00	141.60	40,736.48
Tex.		7,661.08	3,762.66	1,721.51	24,906.17	51,084.35	1,218.00			90,293.77
Va.		14,781.33	6,543.22	1,886.66	12,773.66	24,660.11	940.00	753.40	256.64	62,595.02
Special Gifts					***132.25				.32	132.57
Totals	\$39,428.76	\$65,922.04	\$29,696.94	\$ 9,165.65	\$85,470.99	\$190,551.61	**\$2,912.10	\$5,385.40	\$1,327.28	\$485,759.75

Of the above total \$442,753.34 was given by W.M.U.; \$21,546.16 by Y.W.A.; \$9,799.67 by G.A.; \$5,316.96 by R.A.; and \$7,944.68 by Synods.
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JANUARY—The Challenge of Unfinished Tasks

Home and foreign missions
A survey of specific tasks on mission fields
Buildings and enterprises on mission fields handicapped by arrested development where the reduction of force and work has hurt most

FEBRUARY—Measuring the Home Task

A survey of the whole home mission task, the fields and the force

MARCH—Forgotten Americans

A study of Jews, Indians, mountain people
Problems and mission work among them

APRIL—"They That Turn Many to Righteousness"

Stewardship of the Gospel
Evangelism on mission fields
Results

MAY—Our Force—Our Field

Southern Baptist Convention agencies and work
Missions at the center of Baptist life

JUNE—Youth and Christ's Program

The attractiveness of missions to youth
The need of missions for youth
How W.M.U. serves in missionary education of youth

JULY—Around the Gulf of Mexico with the Gospel

Study of mission fields around the Gulf of Mexico
Latin-America at home; Italian, French, Spanish; Cuba, Mexico, Panama

AUGUST—Adventuring with the Gospel in South America

The Word of God opening the way
Our missionaries and their work

SEPTEMBER—Christ for Africa

New Developments of our work in Africa

OCTOBER—The Challenge of My State

The mission fields in the states
Agencies at work
Results

NOVEMBER—The Crucible of World Destiny

Recent developments in Europe and Palestine
Growing Baptist leadership in Europe
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Our missionary work in the orient
Growing native leadership in China
A decade of W.M.U. work in Japan
Present situation among depleted forces on these fields

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Jan.—"Things Which Remain", Revelation 3:1-6	July—"The Way", John 14:6
Feb.—"The Golden Rule", Matthew 7:12	Aug.—"Thy Word", Psalm 119:11
Mar.—"Thy Refuge", Deuteronomy 33:27	Sept.—"Philip and the Eunuch", Acts 8:26-39
Apr.—"A Kingdom of Priests", Exodus 19:1-6	Oct.—"With One Accord", Acts 1:8-14
May—"Witness of the Resurrection", Acts 4:31-33	Nov.—"For His Name's Sake", Colossians 3:17
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Hymn for New Year Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come

ANTIOCH. C. M.

Isaac Watts, 1719

Arr. from G. F. Händel, 1742

1. Joy to the world; the Lord is come; Let earth re-ceive her King;
2. Joy to the earth; the Sav-iour reigns; Let men their songs em-ploy;
3. No more let sins and sor-rows grow, Nor thorns in-fest the ground;
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the na-tions prove

Let ev-'ry heart pre-pare him room, And heav'n and na-ture sing, And
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, Re-peat the sound-ing joy, Re-
He comes to make his bless-ings flow Far as the curse is found, Far
The glo-ries of his right-eous-ness, And won-ders of his love, And

1. And heav'n and na-ture

heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, And heav'n and na-ture sing.
peat the sound-ing joy, Re-peat, Re-peat the sound-ing joy.
as the curse is found, Far as, Far as the curse is found.
won-ders of his love! And won-ders, won-ders of his love. A-men.

sing; And heav'n and na-ture sing.

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