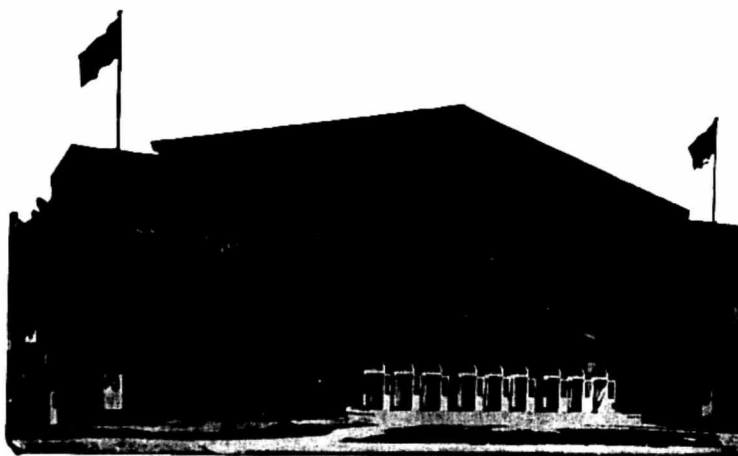


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MAY 13, at 7:30, marks the time for the opening of the 76th session of the Southern Baptist Convention in the Municipal Auditorium of Birmingham, Ala. The auditorium seats 6000 and is only a few blocks from the city's shopping center. Even nearer its center is the First Methodist Church in which the 43rd W.M.U. annual meeting will be held, May 12-13. This church seats 1200 but with chairs in the aisles will accommodate 1500. Heartily is Birmingham anticipating the coming of hosts of Baptists to this May annual meeting. (See pages 4-5)

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EDITORIAL



"OUR OWN ASSEMBLING TOGETHER"



Birmingham was not "of age", being only twenty years old, when the Southern Baptist Convention met here in 1891. Among the many thrills of my childhood was that of listening to my mother as she told of her first visit to this "boom town", this "magic city", this "steel center of the south". So vivid were her descriptions that though I have been a resident of Birmingham for nearly ten years there is still the glamor of the past, the scenes and crowded streets as pictured by her mingle with the actual Birmingham as I have come to know and love it today.

You will love it, too, I verily believe if you will make it the Mecca of your May journeyings this particular year. It does not seem to be a misuse of Scripture to let two negatives make an affirmative and to let such an affirmative be an urge to you to come to Birmingham for the May meeting. The Scripture thus "adapted" is a phrase in the twenty-fifth verse of the tenth chapter of Hebrews—"our own assembling together". Some authorities believe that the author of the epistle to the Hebrews was a woman, if such be a fact, then I know it is permissible to think of this phrase as applicable to the forty-third annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, S.B.C.

Another will tell (page 5) many reasons why Birmingham is an ideal convention city: therefore, this article can be confined to more detailed data concerning the plans for W.M.U. sessions and to a very personal invitation to you. Unless something quite unforeseen occurs, sub-committees of the W.M.U. Executive Committee will meet on Saturday morning, May 9. That afternoon and evening and again on Monday afternoon and evening (May 11) the W.M.U. Executive Committee will be in annual session. Likewise the state W.M.U. corresponding secretaries will be in their annual session, meeting sometime with the Executive Committee. That same May Monday, beginning early in the morning and continuing as seems best, the General Board of the W.M.U. Training School and the Margaret Fund Committee will hold their annual sessions. All of these southwide and highly important gatherings will be held in the Thomas Jefferson Hotel, which is Birmingham's newest hotel. Incidentally, it is gratifying to Alabamians that the parents of the owners (the Baker brothers) of this hotel were citizens of our state. Just as they came back to build and do business, so we crave your coming for this, "the King's business".

Tuesday morning, May 12, "our own assembling together" will be at the First Methodist Church where the regular sessions of Woman's Missionary Union will continue through that Tuesday afternoon and evening and Wednesday morning and afternoon, when adjournment will take place before the Southern Baptist Convention opens that evening. The Convention's sessions will all be held in the Municipal Auditorium, which I rejoice to say is only three blocks from the First Methodist Church, which in turn is only six blocks from the Thomas Jefferson Hotel.

The hotel, the church and the auditorium are only four, six and seven blocks respectively from what is, in more ways than one, the very center of Birmingham—namely, the Comer Building! For nearly a decade now it has been the place of "our own assembling together" in the publishing of this and our other maga-

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ANNUAL MEETING



YOUR INVITATION from BIRMINGHAM



In inviting you to Birmingham for the annual session of the W. M. U. of the Southern Baptist Convention, we have one inducement to offer that no other city has—that W.M.U. headquarters is located here. I have heard many of you from other cities, from town and country say you would like so much to visit W.M.U. headquarters. The opportunity is offered you now.

You are familiar with the address. The Comer Building, twenty-seven stories, is one of the tallest skyscrapers in the south. Excellent views of the southern and eastern sections of the city are seen from the W.M.U. office windows. It is especially lovely at night with the myriads of lights twinkling everywhere.

The offices comprise ten rooms. Miss Mallory's "sanctum" is flanked on the left by the office of Misses Mather and Bourne and on the right by that of Miss Winfield. The "Board Room" where the Executive Committee meets fills you with awe as you think of the earnest consultations held there. It is there also that the office force gathers for a brief prayer service each morning, reading the passage for the day suggested by the Home Department Magazine of the Sunday School Board and remembering persons and objects on the Prayer Calendar for that day. This room is furnished in mahogany with large glass-covered table surrounded by comfortable chairs. An interesting feature of the room is a cabinet of curios given to the Union by missionaries.

If you do not think they do anything at headquarters just take a peep into the other rooms. You will find such a clicking of typewriters, thumping of adding machines, clatter of graphotype and addressograph machines, such intense "busyness" about the shelves of files, that you hesitate to enter for fear of being a disturbance but you are made to

forget this fear when you find every one so cordial and so willing to attend to your wants.

During those May days W.M.U. officials will be at the sessions of the W. M. U. or the Convention, but if you call at headquarters Miss Mallory's secretary, Miss Ruth Webb, will extend the amenities graciously. Mrs. A. T. Kitchen opens the letters and counts the stamps and coins sent for supplies. Mrs. Eugene Southwick is the book-keeper and Miss Mary Rawlins is stenographer for the young people's and literature departments. Mrs. E. B. Walker fills the many orders for priced supplies available through the latter department. Mrs. W. H. Fruitticher helps send out the free literature to the state offices and assists with ROYAL SERVICE files.

Also working with ROYAL SERVICE you will find Miss Virginia Seay entering subscriptions, Mrs. G. W. Webb extending renewals, Miss Mary Allen checking changes of address and directing the mailing of this magazine, and Miss Rebecca Evans filing address plates.

Mrs. Guy Harris attends to affairs of WORLD COMRADES and Miss Jean Cook those of THE WINDOW. Miss Mary Newman does the graphotype work for the three magazines and Mrs. A. R. Bond operates the addressograph machine two weeks out of each month getting envelopes ready for regular mailings.

Mrs. Ralph Hawkins, Mrs. Leroy Shafer, Mrs. Wilson Humber and Miss Irene Fraser may be called "regular extras"; they are former employees who are always willing to come in for a day or a week when any part of the work is too heavy to be accomplished by the every day force.

In mailing out the 75,000 copies of ROYAL SERVICE, 12 extra workers are

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FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



OTHER ROSALIAS ARE STILL SEARCHING

This letter was written by our first convert at Rejucal, where we began work some two years ago. It is addressed to the missionary pastor, who asks that his name be withheld. As you read it, think of the towns where missionaries have never gone and where thousands and thousands of other Rosalias are still searching for what this Rosalia has found—Mrs. H. R. Mosley, Havana, Cuba



To you, who first led me into the way of truth, I dedicate these lines, thanking God that He has permitted His Word to reach me. I am grateful to all those who have explained to me the greatness of God's love and my need of His gospel.

I was always religiously inclined and, although my poverty prevented my attending church regularly, I loved God and the saints, as my mother had taught me. But in the books of prayers, which I read, and in the explanations, which I sought from those older than I, I was never taught the Word of God clearly. Perhaps those who taught me were also ignorant of it.

In my childhood I never saw a copy of the gospels, though I imagined they must be like the books I read. As I grew older and noticed the way of our priest with the poor, I could not believe that this was God's way, for I had always thought of God as kind and just and that He loved us all without respect of persons.

And as the years went by, I believed, and yet I had no foundation for my faith—believing in the existence of the soul but ignoring its importance and the way of salvation, knowing that Christ died on the cross but ignorant that it was in sacrifice for us, in order that we might be saved.

Today I give thanks to God, who through His servants has caused the light to shine upon my path, and I pray His richest blessings upon you. I was sincere in my former belief, but I was mistaken. Now I calmly abandon it and put my trust in God alone.

I am thankful that one day I learned that some missionaries were coming to my town to preach the Gospel of our Lord. I went to hear them with the enthusiasm of one who feels that her search is over. In your preaching of the Word of God—in the precious lessons about prayer, in the beautiful hymns of praise to our God—I found that which I had long sought.

God bless the sister who, knowing my desire to read the Bible, kindly put one in my hands. In reading it I find precious teachings day by day. In those other days, while I believed in God and loved Jesus, many times there were those who hindered, rather than helped, causing me to doubt the story of our Lord. But now, God has seen fit to send a ray of light into my heart, and today I believe that Jesus is the Son of God, the Savior of the world. I know that He can save me and that He wishes to do so, and I accept by faith the salvation which He offers me. I pray that day by day He may brighten my darkness more and more and that nothing may ever turn me aside from the way that leads to Him. In the knowledge of His Word I have found that tranquillity and peace which I could never find before.

Today I suffer for my people, who are far from God, and I pray that He may have mercy and pardon them, for in my ignorance I, too, once thought I was good. God bless all of you who have taught me, for all have helped me find salvation, acting as guides to me in the darkness of my ignorance. I am deeply grateful to each one of you—
Rosalia Doria



FAMILY ALTAR



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama
Topic: A KINGDOM of PRIESTS



The first historical book of the Old Testament is Joshua. Joshua may have written the account of Moses' death, the last chapter of Deuteronomy. His own story begins with the crossing of the Jordan and the fall of Jericho. He leads Israel until the tabernacle is fixed permanently at Shiloh.

"A Peculiar Treasure"

1st Day—Ex. 18:1-6
2nd Day—Deut. 7:6-9; 10:12-15
3rd Day—Isa. 43:1-7
4th Day—Deut. 30:2, 10, 14-16, 20
5th Day—Heb. 9:11, 12, 15, 24
6th Day—Heb. 10:11, 12, 19-21
7th Day—1 Pet. 2:5-10, 21-24

They Prayed for Others

15th Day—Matt. 8:5-13; 15:22, 28
16th Day—Ex. 32:31, 32 (Think on these words.)
17th Day—Ruth 2:12, 20; 4:14
18th Day—1 Sam. 12:7, 13-16, 22-24
19th Day—1 Thess. 3:10-13; 5:22-25
20th Day—II Thess. 1:11; 2:16; 3:5, 16
21st Day—Eph. 3:14-19

For the Sake of Another

22nd Day—Gen. 18:26-33
23rd Day—1 Kings 15:4, 5; 17:17-24
24th Day—Psa. 103:17-22
25th Day—Matt. 15:22-28
26th Day—1 Cor. 6:11; 15:57, 58; 16:10, 11
27th Day—Heb. 2:17; 3:1, 2; 6:5, 6, 10
28th Day—Heb. 8:1, 2, 6
29th Day—1 John 2:1, 2, 12
30th Day—John 17:9, 11, 15-17, 20-22; 20:31

Pray for Another

8th Day—Eph. 5:10-18
9th Day—1 Tim. 2:1-8
10th Day—Mark 6:46-66
11th Day—James 5:14-20
12th Day—1 Chron. 29:10-19
13th Day—II Chron. 6:12, 21, 36-42
14th Day—Psa. 25:22; 28:9; 36:10; 51:18; 122:5



"Pray Ye"

In devoted gratitude for God's mercy
Seeking guidance for individual and family needs and problems
Asking wisdom for the church, its pastor and all organizations
That Christians may earnestly seek to be faithful stewards
That southern Baptists may emphasize tithing, gifts to missions, study of mission programs and books, soul-winning and enlistment, intercessory prayer, missionary education of the young people
For annual May meeting in Birmingham

On May 14, in the late afternoon of that S.B.C. Thursday, the W.M.U. Secretaries' and Field Workers' Council will have supper at the Southside Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. S.B.C. women home and foreign missionaries will be invited to share the fellowship of this Council supper.



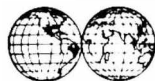
BIBLE STUDY



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: A KINGDOM of PRIESTS—Ex. 19:1-6



Did you ever wonder what Israel's history would have been if Moses had not met God on Sinai? Exodus 19:1-6 pictures a restless band of campers in a wilderness. It had become a habit to blame Moses when things went wrong. How simple the story! Moses went up unto God. God called to Moses out of the mountain. He had a message for Israel. Remind them, He said, of the tender care which I have shown. I did not leave them to die of hunger or thirst. I have borne them on eagles' wings. My message is plain. The condition is obedience. Say to My chosen people: "Now, if ye will obey . . . a kingdom of priests"—(Vs. 5, 6).

The Arabian eagle was noted for its care of her young. No doubt the elders of Israel had watched the mother bird's lessons in flying. Just as the little wings grew weary, the strong mother-teacher swooped down beneath her offspring and bore it safely to the nest. On the story goes. Moses makes many trips to the mountain-top. He carries promises from Israel to obey the voice of God. The incident of the golden calf illustrates their forgetfulness. Did Moses grow tired of pleading for this idolatrous people? Again he goes to meet his Maker face to face. In agony he cries: "This people have sinned a great sin and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if Thou wilt, forgive their sin; and if not, blot me, I pray Thee, out of Thy book which Thou has written"—(Ex. 32:31, 32).

Today we are asked to present a program on "They That Turn Many to Righteousness." If we who bear the name of Christian desired salvation for those around us as Moses longed to bring Israel to God, what would be the result? New Testament stories of the centurion, Paul and others should encourage our faith. The intercessory prayer of our Lord (John 17) is the greatest of them all. Study it, read it, claim it. Have you used a book on prayer, such as "Intercessory Prayer" by McClure, in a mission study class? (See page 43 of W. M. U. Year Book.)

A beautiful young woman took her place in the church. The hour for the preaching service had arrived. The prayer that her brother would yield to her invitation to listen to a sermon that morning had been in her heart through Sunday school and a short intermission. With faith strong she sent up the same petition while watching the door. He had given a hali promise. Yes, he would come. The doxology was sung, heads were bowed for the invocation. Oh, what is the use? she thought. At the dinner table she asked this much loved brother why he did not come to church. "Well," he said, "I was late and would not go in. In fact I was outside the door when the prayer began." "Just to think," she said in telling me the story, "that was the very moment when I ceased to pray!"—(Read 1 Sam. 12:23.)

Attention, please, by state chairmen of Margaret Fund Committee—The annual meeting of your committee will begin at 9 o'clock on Monday morning, May 11, at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel in Birmingham, Ala.

Calendar of Prayer April, 1931

Prepared by Mrs. Maud R. McClure, South Carolina

UT of the darkness, the cold and storm
Away from the Father's home,
Inside the comfort, the joy and rest,
Inside a God who will give His best
To those who dwell in His home

UT in the tempest the Saviour went,
Yes, out from the Father's home,
Seeking for those who had lost their way,
Seeking for those who had gone astray,
And yearning to bring them home.

—Selected

Topic: "They That Turn Many to Righteousness"

1—WEDNESDAY

Pray for blessing on annual sessions of W. M. U. of South Carolina, Limestone College, Cayney, Apr. 1-3. With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness.—Psa. 89:3

2—THURSDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. Dan Hurley, educational work, Bucharest, Roumania. I will counsel thee with Mine eye upon thee.—Psa. 82:8

3—FRIDAY

For Misses Pearl Caldwell and Bonnie Ray, evangelistic work, Pingtu, China. He that followeth Me shall not walk in the darkness.—Jno. 8:12

4—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Tumblin, evangelistic work, Jaguaguara, Brazil. And He said, My presence shall go with thee.—Ex. 33:14

5—SUNDAY

For power and wisdom upon all pastors and pastors' wives in Southern Baptist Convention. He saith unto him, Feed My lambs.—Jno. 21:16

6—MONDAY

For Dr. and *Mrs. R. E. Chambers (on furlough), publication and literary work, Shanghai, China. For Thou, Jehovah, hast not forsaken them that seek Thee.—Psa. 9:10

7—TUESDAY

For annual sessions of Arkansas W. M. U. at Pine Bluff; Mississippi W. M. U. at Jackson; and Missouri W. M. U. at Kansas City, April 7-9. Seek ye first His Kingdom and His righteousness.—Matt. 6:33

8—WEDNESDAY

For Miss Mattie Baker (on furlough), Girls' School, Sao Paulo, Brazil. Behold we call them blessed that endure.—Jas. 5:11

9—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Quarles, literary work, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and for John Quarles, Margaret Fund student. None of us liveth to himself alone.—Rom. 14:7

10—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. Franklin Ray, evangelistic work, Hiroshima, Japan, and for Emma P. Herman and Mary Elizabeth Ray, Margaret Fund students. Verily God hath heard.—Psa. 66:19

11—SATURDAY

For Dr. I. J. VanNess, corresponding secretary, Sunday School Board, and Mrs. VanNess, Nashville, Tenn. Great is our Lord and mighty in power.—Psa. 147:5

12—SUNDAY

For international and national prohibition and for faithful observance of the 18th amendment. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name.—Psa. 78:9

13—MONDAY

For Miss Margie Shumate, evangelistic work, Shiu Hing, China. I will pour forth of My Spirit upon all flesh.—Acts 2:17

14—TUESDAY

For annual sessions of Louisiana W. M. U., Alexandria, April 14-16. O send out Thy light and Thy truth.—Psa. 48:3

15—WEDNESDAY

For Miss Fannie Taylor, missionary among Italians, Tampa, Fla. Our God whom we serve is able to deliver.—Dan. 8:17

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Calendar of Prayer

April, 1931

16 UT in the darkness and cold they met,
So weary and far from home—
Glorious the light on the Saviour's face.
Lovingly, tenderly, in His grace.
He bore the poor wanderer home

16 UTSIDE the tempest still rages high,
But we are safe at home—
What of the others so far away,
Shall we not earnestly seek and pray
That they may be brought safe home?
—Selected

"He who leads a soul to God steps a missionary of Satan and starts a missionary of Christ"

Topic: "They That Turn Many to Righteousness"

16—THURSDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Lowe, evangelistic work, Tsingtau, China, and for Mary Dee Lowe, Margaret Fund student.
Thou wilt bless the righteous. O Jehovah.—Psa. 5:12

17—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. O. P. Maddox, evangelistic work, Bello Horizonte, Brazil.
Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace.—Heb. 4:15

18—SATURDAY

For Miss Reba Stewart, educational work, Kweilin, China.
The eye of Jehovah is on them that fear Him.—Psa. 33:18

19—SUNDAY

For all teachers of personal evangelism in our Training Schools and Seminaries.
The Holy Spirit shall teach you. Luke 12:12

20—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Zimmerman (son Jarlouski), educational work, San Paulo, Brazil.
Let all those that put their trust in Thee rejoice.—Psa. 6:11

21—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. D. G. Whittinghill, evangelistic and educational work, Rome, Italy.
For ye shall go out with joy and be led forth in peace.—Isa. 60:12

22—WEDNESDAY

For Mrs. G. W. Greene, educational work, Canton, China.
Jehovah of hosts is with us.—Psa. 46:1

23—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. I. N. Patterson, evangelistic work, Abeokuta, Nigeria.
The Lord is faithful who shall establish you.—1 Thess. 3:3

24—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Benson, Mexican Baptist Publishing House, El Paso, Texas, and for Elbert Benson, Margaret Fund student.
He will fulfill the desire of them that fear Him.—Psa. 146:19

25—SATURDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Pruitt, educational and evangelistic work, Hwang-Huen, China.
In His quiver hath He kept us close.—Isa. 45:1

26—SUNDAY

For increased power in soul winning among southern Baptists.
Go work today in My vineyard. Matt. 21:28

27—MONDAY

For Miss Marjorie Spencer, Girls' School, Temuco, Chile.
Jehovah will guide thee continually. Isa. 58:11

28—TUESDAY

For Miss Sarah Funderburke, evangelistic work, Kung Moon, China.
Be thou in the fear of Jehovah all the day long.—Prov. 23:17

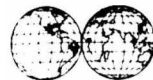
29—WEDNESDAY

For Birmingham Baptists as they prepare for W. M. U. and S. B. C. meetings there, May 9-12.
God is able to make all grace abound toward you.—1 Cor. 9:8

30—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. John Mead, evangelistic work, Pernambuco, Brazil.
They that trust in Jehovah are as Mount Zion.—Psa. 125:1

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THE CHRISTIAN QUEST

"Belief in the possibilities of a new beginning for every man is the foundation stone of evangelism."

Purpose of Program—(1) To behold the Man, Christ Jesus, as the world's Savior; (2) to study and follow His methods of winning men and women to the fellowship of the Father; (3) to apply those methods to present-day conditions—that the world may know

I. The Good News—"Here is the greatest truth of all: God saves man"; 1—Concerning sin; 2—God's love; 3—Christ's work; 4—Christ's keeping power: John 3:18, 16; 1 Pet. 2:24; Rom. 8:35-39

Prayer of thanksgiving for so great a salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ

II. Behold the Man!—1 Jesus' method (*that of the laboratory, experimental, our example; "do and ye shall know"*); as between God and man there are two correlative movements: the man-movement Godward and the God-movement manward, (1)—in reverence for God and human personality; (2)—in prayer; (3)—in knowledge of God's Word; (4)—in purity; (5)—in sacrificial service; (6)—in consecration; (7)—in tactful approach

Sentence prayers that our own hearts and lives may know a revival from God

III. Evangelism in Changing Social Conditions—David . . . served his own generation by the will of God (Acts 13:36). 1—Some Methods: (1) intensive cultivation of the church field: house-to-house visitation, surveys; (2) case-work: a combination of the values of social case-work and personal evangelism. 2—Fields Calling for Special Study: (1) city problems: the church, the industrial areas, the foreign population, the Negro etc.; (2) rural sections

Prayer of thanks for the increasing knowledge of the laws of the human mind that scholarship is continually bringing us. May we use all good methods to win some, as did Paul.

IV. Dynamic Discipleship—"All the way from Naomi and Ruth to Jesus, sacred history throbs with the heart-beat of a spiritual friendship which will some day be universal". 1—Agencies for Evangelism: (1) the pastor; (2) the individual; (3) the church through its auxiliaries; (4) the printed page

Sentence prayers for a world-wide revival

Note to Leader—Will not the Personal Service Chairman and her committee find from this study of evangelism a good opportunity to suggest to the society or circles definite work to be undertaken in soul-winning and enlistment? "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them!"

Material for Program—"A Great Evangelism"; "Visitation Evangelism"; "Case-work Evangelism"; "The Meaning of Church Membership"

"Bright and early" Tuesday morning, May 12, the 43rd annual session of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, will be called to order by its president, Mrs. W. J. Cox. Plan early to be present!

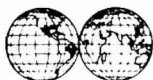


PROGRAM PLANS



Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

WITH the PROGRAM COMMITTEE



A question that each program committee must meet is, "How shall we select those who are to be given parts on the programs?" Many committees never face and solve the question except for the meeting at hand. Then their choice is often of the women who are in the habit of being called on. "Mrs. Jones is so willing and never refuses, though she does talk too long." "Mrs. Smith is so bright and witty the people love to hear her, though she often fails to study up the subject." And so on down the list of members that can be called to mind.

"The way to have an attractive program is to ask the women who can talk and read well," said one program chairman. Then she added, "But our new president wants me to call on those who are not usually put on the program. The meetings certainly will not be as interesting but I shall try to do as she suggested".

For the development of the society, the new president had the right idea. Even if some do not speak as readily or read as well as others their only possibility of developing into better speakers and readers is to learn by doing.

The wise committee, therefore, will go over the list of members at the beginning of the year, assigning to each month one woman who is accustomed to taking part in the meetings and others less used to doing so. The president of the society may assist in this dividing of the membership. In two years' time a development should be seen; more women capable of taking leading parts on the program as well as in the work of the various committees. "Think not for the year, but for the years", said one great leader.

The present program material will offer a wonderful opportunity to give easy parts to many women. The committee should have two copies of ROYAL SERVICE, preferably three copies, two to cut up and one to keep. If the readings are distributed before the meeting, some may be lost or some reader absent. Hence the need of a whole, uncut magazine left with the leader for the afternoon.

The program should be opened with a talk on "The Wise Ones". This may include "They That Are Wise" and "The Stewardship of the Gospel", bringing in the outline: 1. The Nature. 2. The Needs. 3. The Necessity (See pages 18, 19.)

Then with the leader giving the first paragraph, a number of members should read the short paragraphs in "Turning Many to Righteousness".

A prayer of thanksgiving for these workers and of petition for them and their future work should be offered.

Four stories come next and may be told rather than read: "In a Chinese Sky"; "A Lone Star in a Dark City"; "The Glory of Shining"; "Shining in a Street Corner".

The close of the program brings the lovely story "As Stars Forever and Ever". Above her should hang a large star with letters in each point; P for prayer, S for study; P.S. for personal service; St. for stewardship; M.E. for missionary education.

Another arrangement of the program would be to put the story "As Stars Forever and Ever" in with the talk "Wise Ones". Then have the short readings attached to cards on which are pasted silver stars. These should have initials written at each point like the large. Even in large societies each woman may be given such a card bearing on the reverse side the Bible verse given at the beginning of the program.



BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES



Miss Inabelle Coleman, North Carolina

Poster Suggestions: Necessary pictures may be cut from magazines. Upper left corner: Messenger boy. Lower right corner: Group of young women. Between: There is an important message of wealth for you at the

Business Women's Circle

Time..... Place.....

Topic: "THEY THAT ARE WISE"

Hymn—"Take Time to Be Holy"

Prayer—"Be still and know that I am God"

Business

Hymn—"More Love to Thee"

Scripture—Exodus 19:1-16 (See Bible study on page 10.) Matthew 5:14-16

Prayer—"Thy Kingdom Come"

Current Missionary News (See page 11)

Hymn—"Rescue the Perishing"

Messages—

1. The Message from the Word: "They That Are Wise" (Page 17)
2. A Message Threefold: The Stewardship of the Gospel (Pages 18, 19)
3. Some Messages from the Fields: Turning Many to Righteousness (By 15 members, pages 19, 20)
4. Four Messenger-skits: In a Chinese Sky, A Lone Star, The Glory of Shining, Shining on a Street-Corner (Pages 21, 22)
5. A Message from the Stars: "As Stars Forever and Ever" (Pages 22, 23)
6. A Poet's Message from Christ: Hymn—"I Gave My Life for Thee"

Benediction

World's Best Informed Women—It is a recognized fact that the women best informed about business, government,

current news of the nation etc. are the business women. Why should it not also be said that the women with the most intelligent and up-to-date knowledge of missions are business women? A progressive step in this direction will be to appoint a current missionary news caster, whose privilege it will be to scan ROYAL SERVICE from cover to cover, read Home and Foreign Fields, get on the mailing list of the Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, peruse the state denominational paper, tabulate the I. N. S. of the Woman's Missionary Union and gather from here and there the brand new missionary news from the whole wide world, presenting this news at each meeting in a keen, vivacious five minutes of news casting. Let's elect her at this meeting!

Standard to Date—The first quarter ended with March, and we check our wall-charts to hear the story: Standard to Date, for of course every B.W.C. is resolving to have a standard A-1 circle for 1931. But to us may the standard be only a minimum means to a greater end than the attainment of the Standard of Excellence itself. By means of it, may we lead our members to see beyond to the vital meaning of prayer; the silent revelations from studying; the awakened interest from reading the magazines; the added strength from the new members; the golden opportunity of giving to such a cause; the Christ-likeness of ministry; the increased love for all peoples; and many other visions, that neither the business women may perish from narrow visions nor the lost millions perish because the business women overlooked the unanswered needs.

Birmingham! Are you going?—New interests, new people, new places, new experiences appeal to every progressive business woman. Have you told your W.M.U. president that you can take a (Concluded on Page 33)



PROGRAM in BRIEF



Prepared by Mrs. C. D. Creaman, Tennessee



While the program below is suggested for new and inexperienced missionary societies, it is urged that the one preparing programs for such societies read all the program material (pages 17-24) as well as other departments of the magazine, choosing the things which she thinks will best fit her society. The "Calendar of Prayer" (pages 11, 12) and the "Pray Ye" (page 9) can be used effectively as a part of the devotional period. Program Plans (page 14) will give helpful suggestions. Among the "Current Missionary Events" (page 13) will be found items which will add interest to the program.

TOPIC: "They That Turn Many to Righteousness"

Hymn—O Zion, Haste

Watchword for the Year—"That the World May Know" (John 17:23)

Bible Study—"A Kingdom of Priests" Ex. 19:1-6 (Page 10)

Hymn—I Love to Tell the Story

Talk—They That Are Wise (Page 17)

Talk—The Stewardship of the Gospel (Pages 18, 19)

Prayer that we may be faithful stewards of the Gospel

Turning Many to Righteousness (See pages 19, 20 and use as suggested)

Hymn—The Morning Light Is Breaking

Story—As Stars Forever and Ever (Pages 22, 23)

Questions—*Let the leader ask the questions given on page 24, the other members answering them.*

Hymn—Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown?

Closing prayer that each of us may be among those who turn many to righteousness.

EDITORIAL (Continued from Page 4)

zines, in the sending forth of countless copies of other pamphlets both priced and free, in the sale of Standard of Excellence charts, organization pins and other insignia etc. etc. On one of the central floors—"1111"—of this centrally located building you will be most cordially welcomed at this, the headquarters office of Woman's Missionary Union. Each day of "Convention Week", May 11-15, the office will be opened at 7:30 in the morning and will not close until 7 p. m. Truly, I regret that annual meeting duties will prevent my being at the office to welcome you but one of the clerks will graciously do so. Please do us the honor of visiting the office while you are in Birmingham that week.

During the nineteen years that I have been your secretary I have each spring longed and labored for the largest and the best May "assembling" of W. M. U. forces. And now this May the state is my native Alabama, the city is Birmingham where I "live and move and have my being" in and through our W. M. U. headquarters. Therefore, you know that "thrice welcome" are you—to Alabama, to our Birmingham office, to "our own assembling together!"—Kathleen M. ... W. M. U. Corresponding Secretary



PROGRAM FOR APRIL



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. Creaman, Tennessee

TOPIC: "THEY THAT TURN MANY TO RIGHTEOUSNESS"

Hymn—O Zion, Haste

Watchword for the Year

Bible Study—"A Kingdom of Priests" Ex. 19:1-6 (See page 10.)

Prayer for God's blessings on this meeting

Hymn—I Love to Tell the Story

They That Are Wise

Stewardship of the Gospel

Hymn—Rescue the Perishing

Prayer that every member of our society may be a faithful steward of the Gospel

Turning Many to Righteousness

Hymn—The Morning Light Is Breaking

Stories of Shining Stars

In a Chinese Sky

A Lone Star in a Dark City

The Glory of Shining

Shining on a Street Corner

As Stars Forever and Ever

Hymn—Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown?

Prayer that each one may be among those who turn many to righteousness.

"THEY THAT ARE WISE"

"They that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness are the stars forever and ever."



ness of the firmament. But the question is, "Who are the wise?"

From God's word comes the answer, "He that is wise winneth souls". Not he who writes scholarly books or preaches profound sermons or builds great skyscrapers or makes wonderful inventions or manages the world's business or masters the world's knowledge, but he who wins lost souls to Jesus is the one who is counted wise and whose light shall shine as the brightness of the firmament.

How we need to realize the importance of soul-winning! How we need to place evangelism in the center of all our church and denominational activity! How each individual Christian needs to realize that the chief purpose in life is to lead sinners to a saving faith in Christ Jesus! All business, all pleasure, all of the multitudinous pursuits of life are as nothing compared to the importance of fixing the eternal destiny of human souls. This is the one thing, the main thing, the whole thing in the life of the true Christian. A boy returning from a fire was asked, "How about the fire?" He replied, "Oh, the firemen were there, the engines were there, the hose was there, everything was there except the main thing: there was no fire". In some of our churches the equipment is there, the organization is there, splendid programs of work are there, activities of all kinds are there, everything is there except the main thing: there is no fire of zeal for soul-winning. In many individual lives business engrossment is there, desire for pleasure is there, generosity toward the cause of charity is there, perhaps a certain indefinite loyalty to the

church is there, but the main thing is lacking. The soul feels no fire of passion for the salvation of the lost.

That southern Baptists are failing to give evangelism the place of importance it should have is proved by the fact that it takes about twenty of them a whole year to win one soul to Christ. It has been estimated that if every southern Baptist won one soul to Christ this year, then if each of the new converts joined with the others in winning one next year and so on, year after year, it would take only ten years to win every man, woman and child in the world. If each southern Baptist won six of their neighbors to Christ this year, when the new year's bells ring in 1932, every person in the southland—Indian, Jew, foreigner, Negro—all would be Christians. It seems so easy. Then why do we fail to do it?

"They that are wise!" It is wise to fear God. It is wise to love God. It is wise to love the souls of men. It is supremely wise to bring the souls of men and God together in love. "They that are wise shall shine!" Yes, in the morning of their religious experience, when the sun of God's love casts its first beam on their hopeful hearts; at the noon when the day of their usefulness is in its highest light; and in the evening when the descending sun lingers to shed a glow of satisfaction and peace they who wisely win souls shall shine as the brightness of the firmament.

THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE GOSPEL

WE have enlarged our conception of stewardship to make it include not only our material possessions but our time, talents, personality, influence—all that we have, all that we are and all that we may be. But no conception of stewardship is so big, so important, so impelling as that of the stewardship of the Gospel. That the "good news" of redemption comes to us as a free gift from God to be used not only for our own salvation but for the salvation of the whole world is a thought to inspire us with missionary zeal. That we are held responsible for our use of this good news is a thought to make our souls

tremble. That we are to stand some day in the presence of God to give an account of our stewardship of the Gospel is a thought to fill us with a consuming desire to be found faithful. Three words beginning with N will help us to get a right conception of the meaning of the stewardship of the Gospel.

First, the nature of the Gospel demands that we pass it on to others. There is something in its very essence that makes the person who possesses it want to share it with those who have it not. Andrew, having found Jesus, goes at once to bring his brother, Peter. Philip, having seen the Lord, runs and calls Nathaniel to "come and see" also. The Samaritan woman, having found a stream of living water, hurries to bring a whole city out to drink with her. The first thought of the redeemed soul is for his brother who is still in sin, and his concern for others is limited only by his knowledge of the lost people of the world. The essence of the Gospel is unselfish love which finds its natural expression in sharing with others the good news of salvation.

Second, the needs of a world of lost people demand our faithful stewardship of the Gospel. The cry of millions who are yet without Christ is one which must be answered by those who have the good news. Read the stories that the missionaries write of the needs of their fields. One tells of visiting "one of the numberless villages in China of two or three thousand where no one is telling the Gospel". Another missionary in China says, "Near here are forty villages in which we have Christians and inquirers and more than one hundred in which the Gospel torch has not been lighted. At the lowest estimate there are five hundred thousand in this immediate section. I am the only missionary left for this vast field". A missionary in Brazil tells of six states of ten million people with only 2 Christian missionaries. A missionary writing of an evangelistic trip in Brazil says: "I saw men, women, boys and girls with the most intense hunger

showing in their eyes listening to the singing of Gospel songs and to the telling of the story of Jesus for the first time. They plead with us to stay with them longer—they begged us to come back". Another, writing from Japan, says, "How I pray that I may be able to fill your hearts with a sense of the desperate need of these people!" Then she describes a sunrise prayer-meeting, held on the top of a hill, adding, "As we looked from the hill-top over three great cities we realized that, were these cities searched as was Sodom of old, not many more righteous people would be found". So the stories go—need, need, need, everywhere. "God pity us! Nineteen centuries have passed and if we laid our ears to the ground tonight we could hear the clank of the chains and the crack of the whip that tell of the bondage of eight hundred million of our fellows who have never heard that God signed their emancipation".

What are we going to do about it? A solution to the problem is found in a faithful stewardship of the Gospel. We who are free must go to these in the bondage of sin with the truth that will make them free also. We who have the bread of life must share it with the hungry multitude. We who have living water must hold the cup to the thirsty lips of dying millions. We who are the light of the world must shine on those who sit in the darkness of sin. We who have the gospel must fly with winged feet to publish, even in the uttermost parts of the earth, the blessed tidings of salvation.

Third, the necessity of obeying God's commands makes it imperative that we give the Gospel to others. The principle of our stewardship of the Gospel is written in the flaming letters of God's imperative command on the pages of His holy book. He who says, "Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth", also says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature". Those who come and partake of His salvation must also go and take that salvation to others. It is God's command, not to be questioned

or evaded but to be obeyed. Moreover, the test of our love is in obedience, for He says, "If ye love Me ye will keep My commandments".

So because of the nature of the Gospel, the need of the field and the necessity of God's command we must be faithful in our stewardship of the Gospel. This is our obligation. This demands our consecration. This will lead to the consummation of God's missionary plans for the world. This will be our glorification when God gives His commendation, "Well done, good and faithful servant".

TURNING MANY TO RIGHTEOUSNESS (Leader should give first paragraph.)

EVANGELISM and Missions are twins, and Love is their mother. Or perhaps it would be more correct to say that Evangelism and Missions are different names for the same child. Evangelism is missions, and missions is evangelism. All of our missionaries on home and foreign fields—whether they work in schools, hospitals or publishing houses or stand in the pulpit and proclaim the Gospel or go from village to village telling of Jesus—are evangelists, working for the one purpose of winning the lost to Christ. Today we are going to hear of some of the evangelistic work being done by our missionaries. As we listen let us realize that these are they who can claim the promise of the stars that shine forever because they are turning many to righteousness.

(The following items have been gleaned from the "Minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1930", the "Big Tract" of the Home Mission Board and other messages from our missionaries. They should be clipped and given out to different members to be read. I) desired they can be pasted on the back of stars cut from heavy yellow paper, suggesting the thought that they who turn many to righteousness shine like stars.)

From Argentina comes this message—"The dominant note of all our preachers is evangelism. The winning of souls is their chief concern. There are seven

tents being used in evangelistic work. The work of the women in Argentina is more evangelistic than educational. The women's societies on the whole are organized that they might evangelize".

From one of our schools in Africa comes this report—"The most encouraging part of the school work was a revival that took place during the last examinations. During the services over one hundred were converted, among them twenty-five Mohammedan young men in the upper classes".

A missionary tells of visiting a small church in a Brazilian town on prayer-meeting night: "After preaching on the 15th chapter of Luke I made an appeal to the people to abandon idolatry and confess Christ. There was no song and no pressure from our part, but more than fifteen men and women came forward confessing Jesus as their Savior".

In 1929 there were over 876 baptisms in north Brazil and 2000 in south Brazil. One missionary in Brazil held meetings in his house which resulted in 14 conversions.

A four months' evangelistic campaign was conducted last year in Chile, with the result that many new people became interested in the Gospel, and a goodly number were converted.

From a hospital in China comes this word—"To all the patients we distribute tracts and talk about their souls' salvation, praying that the seed sown will bear fruit".

A missionary in central China tells of a revival when at the first meeting twenty came forward for baptism as a result of work done in preparation for the revival. On the third day a group of school girls asked, "When are you going to let us join the church?" The evangelist agreed to give them a chance after his sermon. When the invitation was given 52 boys and girls responded.

"The Tungshan Church is a great

student church at Canton. Not only does this church support itself, but it gives liberally to objects beyond its own work. On one Sunday morning last year 53 were buried with Christ in baptism. An inspiring spectacle it was!"

Dr. Whittinghill reports 294 baptisms in Italy last year, an increase of 49%, and reminds us that this is three times as many per member as the great Baptist state of Georgia had for the same period.

From one field in Mexico comes this report—"We are happy to report 107 baptisms during the year just closed; scores and scores of others that found the Savior but are not yet fully connected with the church".

There were 4,925 baptisms in Roumania during 1929. This is the greatest number of baptisms ever reported from one mission field in one year.

Writing of his work in Cuba Dr. McCall says—"Great emphasis has been placed on evangelism during the year. During the dry months between October, 1929, and March, 1930, special evangelistic services have been held in all except three of the native churches. These have been attended by large crowds and gratifying interest".

A young Indian convert testified in a recent meeting, "I like to go everywhere telling about what Jesus has done for me and what Jesus has done for the Indians".

The 168 workers under the Home Board baptized last year 2,219 people.

There were 13,250 baptisms in foreign fields last year.

STORIES of SHINING STARS

These are they who realize
That he who winneth souls is wise.
O'er lost ones everywhere they yearn,
And many to righteousness they turn,
So shall their light forever shine,
Like stars with radiance divine.

In a CHINESE SKY

SOMETHING of unusual interest is happening in a Chinese village. The women and children are saying to each other in excited, happy voices, "She has come again!" "Who has come again?" "The missionary who told that wonderful story about Jesus a year ago." They run out to greet her. They tell her how through the months since her last visit they have wished for her return. They beg to hear again the story of Jesus. The missionary stays with them a few hours or perhaps a few days, telling over and over the story of the Son of God who came to earth and died on the cross to save them from their sins. They love it! They believe it! It seems like a ray of hope in the dark sky of their sad lives. But it is so new, so strange, so wonderful that they can't understand it all. Won't the foreign lady stay and teach them about this Jesus religion? No! She can't stay! She must hurry on to other villages where other eager people are waiting to hear again her story. Will she come again soon? No, not soon, for many villages must be reached. Perhaps in another year she will return. So she goes on and the people begin another year of waiting and longing for her return.

This experience is repeated many times in a year's work of this missionary, for she spends most of her days going from village to village telling people about Jesus. She sleeps on the Chinese beds. She eats Chinese food. She lives as the Chinese live. When she has made a certain circuit or is tired and must rest she returns to her home. Oh, what a refuge it is! And yet it is a very lonely place, for there is not another missionary, not another American within the range of many miles. But Miss Margie Shumate, denied the congenial companionship of friends, enjoys all the more the companionship of Jesus whose she is and whom she serves. Oh stars that shine in the Chinese sky, your light is dim in comparison with the radiance of her who is giving her life for the Chinese

people and, when your rays shall be needed no more on the earth, her glory shall shine on forever and ever because she is turning many to righteousness!

A LONE STAR in a DARK CITY

(Retold from Story Found in "The Land of the Southern Cross")

ONE Christian woman in a fanatical Catholic city of Brazil! This city has been the despair of those who have tried to preach the Gospel there, for always the priest has dominated the situation. One missionary with his family lived there for several months, but so intense was the Catholic opposition to his work that he finally gave up hope and moved away. Yes, it seems to be an impossible situation. But wait! There is one Christian woman in this Sodom of fanaticism. Quietly she begins her work of spreading the Gospel. First she wins the sympathy and friendship of near-by families and then tells them about Jesus. Now she becomes bolder and invites a Baptist lay-preacher to come and preach to the people. He accepts her invitation and one day at noon, in front of the court-house, the Gospel is proclaimed. The people hear, and a few are interested. The preacher continues his visits until there are five ready for baptism. Fearlessly he baptizes them in the presence of a multitude of curiosity seekers. Although the priest pronounces a curse on all who have relations with the Baptists, the people throng to hear the Gospel. The charm of the priest is broken. His influence wanes. In a month's time four others are ready for baptism, then others and others. Today in this once despaired-of city there is a prosperous Baptist church which is not only self-supporting but which contributes liberally to the many interests fostered by the Brazilian Baptist National Convention. So because one star dared to shine in the midst of Catholic darkness many are turned to righteousness.

The GLORY of SHINING

"WE simply had a glorious time" is the conclusion of a recent meet-

sage from Rev. Donato Ruiz, our home mission worker among the Mexicans at San Angelo, Texas. The cause of this glorious time was the baptism of five Roman Catholics one Sunday and twelve the next. If baptizing converted Catholics means a glorious time for this missionary then the twenty years of his ministry have been one prolonged period of glory, for during that time he has baptized more than 4,500 of those whom he has won from Catholicism to the true faith.

One writing of the work of this faithful missionary says: "When he came to this part of Texas five years ago there were only a few Mexican Baptists to be found anywhere. Now we have seven organized Mexican Baptist churches and several missions, with a Baptist constituency of between seven and eight hundred. This is the result directly and indirectly of the service and prayers of Donato Ruiz and those who have co-operated with him".

A glorious time! Well, it is the business of stars to be glorious. And the glorious thing about the glory of this star is that his glorious time will last on forever and ever because he is turning many to righteousness.

SHINING on a STREET CORNER

A BROKEN down car on a street corner! "How long will it take to fix it?" asks the group of boys and girls who stand somewhat dejected by its side. "About an hour" is the answer. "An hour to wait! Oh, what shall we do?" Then one suggests, "Let's hold a service. That's what we are out for. If we can't reach the place where we intended to go let's have our service right here". All acquiesce, and in a moment the group of Baptist Bible Institute students are singing Gospel songs on a street-corner of New Orleans. The people, attracted by the music, gather around them. The students pray, then sing again, then after awhile one preaches a Gospel sermon.

As the service proceeds a luxurious car pulls up to the curb and stops. The students wonder who its occupants are

and if they will be interested in their simple service. They pray earnestly that the Gospel seed may fall on hearts ready to receive it. The sermon ends and the invitation is given. From the luxurious car steps a beautiful, handsomely dressed girl, tears streaming from her eyes as she says, "I want to accept Jesus". Several verses of a song are sung, and then the mother of the girl comes and stands by her side. In another minute the father is standing on the other side. Three precious souls won to Jesus on a street-corner while a car is being mended! How like the stories of Jesus who paused by the wayside to preach the glad tidings of salvation to all who would listen.

Thus following the example of Jesus the B.B.I. students go all over New Orleans in their practical evangelistic work. In one period of six months they won 726 to Christ. In 1929 student pastors baptized 1,242 into the fellowship of the churches which they served. So they shine on the street-corners, in the Good Will Centers and in the churches of southern Louisiana with a light that will last forever because they are turning many to righteousness.

AS STARS FOREVER and EVER

MRS. W.M.U. stood one night gazing at the stars, set as a million diamonds against the soft darkness of the evening sky. "As the stars forever and ever!" she mused. "Can it be that they that turn many to righteousness shall share in the glory of the stars?" Then to her heart came this question: "And will I be among those who so shine?" As she thus mused and looked at the stars above her, suddenly one of them seemed to expand and—yes, it was coming nearer, growing larger and brighter as it approached. Before she knew what had happened she herself was in the midst of its brilliant light and was rising with the star, away, away to some strange region. Soon she found herself surrounded by stars, many stars, only they were not in a distant sky but near her; in fact so near that she could

touch them and feel the soft brilliance of their cheering light. "Where am I?" she asked. Then a Voice from among the stars answered, "You are in a land where stars shine forever and ever". "But what are these stars?" asked the woman. "They are more beautiful than any I have ever seen shining in the sky. I feel in their light a strange joy and peace". Then the Voice said, "These are they who are turning many to righteousness". "Oh" said the woman, "then it is really true that they who turn many to righteousness shine like stars!" The Voice whispered a soft but positive "Yes".

Then one of the stars seemed to stand just above her, and the Voice said: "This is the star of one who is turning many to righteousness in Africa. She is as a bright and shining light amid the sin and misery of that dark land. Through her work many have found Jesus, and so she shall shine on forever and ever". Another star stood in front of the woman, and the Voice said: "This is the star of one who turns many to righteousness in China. She goes from village to village telling of Jesus and many, hearing her story, believe and rejoice. So she too is among the stars that shine forever and ever". So one by one the stars stood before her, and again and again the Voice told the story of many turned to righteousness in Japan, in Brazil, in Mexico, in Roumania, in Cuba, in America—all over the world where missionaries are carrying the light of Jesus' love to sinful people.

At last there stood before Mrs. W.M.U. a star which seemed to shed for her a more satisfying light than all the others. While she was revelling in the peace and joy which it had brought the Voice said, "This is your star". "Mine!" she exclaimed, in great surprise. "I have never been a missionary to go to distant places to turn many to righteousness. This beautiful star can't be mine!" The Voice very tenderly said, "Yes, this is your star. Are you not a faithful member of the Woman's Mis-

sionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention?" "Yes", answered the woman. "Then", said the Voice, "you share in all the work of those in every land who are turning many to righteousness".

As the woman tried to understand all that was being said to her, she saw one of the five points of her star spell out in shining letters of light the word "Prayer". And the Voice said, "Because you pray the hands of the missionaries are strengthened to lead many to righteousness". How glad then was the woman to remember that she had always been faithful to the Calendar of Prayer, the seasons of prayer, the nine o'clock prayer hour and other W.M.U. prayer plans. Then another point of her star spelled the word "Study". And the Voice said, "Because you study God's word and God's world, your interest in the Kingdom is increased and your service is more effective in turning many to righteousness". Mrs. W.M.U. remembered with satisfaction the hours spent in mission and Bible study and was thankful because she had not failed in this part of her work. The next point of the star spelled the words, "Personal Service", and the Voice said: "Through personal service you yourself are a missionary, scattering cheer and joy in your own community and winning those around you to Jesus". The star seemed to shine with a brighter glow as she thought of her personal service and those she had won to Christ through her own effort. Yes, it was really true that she, even as the missionaries, had turned some to righteousness. While she thought on these things, another point spelled the word "Stewardship", and the Voice said: "Because you are found faithful as a steward you are sharing in the work of all southern Baptist missionaries who are turning many to righteousness". Glad then was Mrs. W.M.U. to remember that her tithes and offerings had been placed in the Lord's treasury week after week. Yes, she had been faithful in the stewardship of all her possessions.

What joy there was in the thought that the influence of such faithfulness had reached to the uttermost parts of the earth! But there was another point to her star! What would its message be? There it was in flaming letters, "Missionary Education of Young People". Even before the Voice spoke Mrs. W. M.U. seemed to see the throngs of children—boys, girls and young women—being trained for missionary service through the Sunbeam Band, G.A. R.A. and Y.W.A. She thrilled with joy as she heard these words, "Through these you will continue to turn many to righteousness in all the years to come!"

As Mrs. W.M.U. looked on the star with its five points of radiant light she fell to her knees in thankfulness to God because this was *her* star. When she arose and looked again she saw only the usual canopy of the star-lit sky, but the memory of the vision was still in her heart, its wonders still flooded her soul and, with her eyes on the twinkling lights in the heavens above, she thanked God because though only an ordinary member of the Woman's Missionary Union, of usual gifts and opportunities, she could turn many to righteousness and so shine as the stars forever and ever.

QUESTIONS

1. What is the main task of the church?
2. What should be the main purpose in the life of each Christian?
3. How many southern Baptists does it take each year to win one soul?
4. Give three reasons why we should be faithful stewards of the Gospel.
5. Mention some Bible instances where those who found Jesus went at once to bring others to Him.
6. Give some statements of missionaries showing the needs of our fields.
7. State some of the missionary commands of the Bible.
8. Mention some striking instances of those who are turning many to righteousness.
9. Name the five chief aims of Woman's Missionary Union.
10. Show how all of these are connected with world-wide missions.
11. How can our society do more effective work in personal soul-winning?
12. Are we doing all we can to help turn the world's lost millions to Christ?

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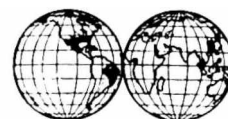
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Saturday morning, May 9, at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel in Birmingham, Ala., many southwide sub-committees of the W.M.U. Executive Committee will meet. That afternoon and night and again on the following Monday afternoon and night the annual meeting of the W.M.U. Executive Committee will be held.

COLLEGE Y. W. A.

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

CAMP TIME AGAIN



One can't possibly wait longer than this April number of ROYAL SERVICE to begin talking about going to Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp, June 16 to 26, 1931. "Camp is the language of the open world, expressing itself in the soul of youth, beckoning, challenging for the ascent of character", says an authority on educational methods in relation to Christianity. But probably you prefer hearing what our young women themselves say about Ridgecrest. These excerpts are taken from personal letters, written without thought of publication, so they represent the natural attitudes and enthusiasms, appreciations and ambitions, stirred in young hearts by the days at Ridgecrest.

"It is not possible for anyone to live in the camp ten days without catching a wonderful and glorious spirit of the Master. These days have certainly been lived on the mountain top with Christ."

"Truly Ridgecrest is a wonderful place. When you arrive nature just seems to whisper to you. On this closing day we feel that God has certainly blessed the Y.W.A. Camp."

"I have gotten much from the camp here. What I enjoyed most of all was meeting girls from all over the southland and exchanging our problems and learning how they are to be solved."

"We are having a wonderful camp! Everyone is inspired and helped by all that we have heard. The lectures and conferences have been so helpful and inspiring that everyone feels she would like to stay on and on. We realize this isn't God's will but we must go back to the valleys and serve Him better than before."

"Everything is wonderful. The thing that has helped us most is the inspiration from these wonderful talks by genuine Christian leaders."

"This is my first experience in a Y.W.A. Camp and the experience has been one that will stay with me. The meetings, conferences and study courses have been very inspirational and I feel as if I will go back to the valley a better leader."

"This is my first year at Ridgecrest but certainly not the last year. I'm sure I'll never forget anything or anybody here."

"This Y.W.A. Camp has meant everything to me. I am going to go back to and live a better Christian life with the help of God."

And so one could go on quoting from the letters about last year's high days at Ridgecrest. But we join the throng of Y.W.A.'s anticipating the joys and blessings of the next ten days. Miss Pearle Bourne, associate young people's secretary, will be director. For the first time Mrs. Cox, Miss Mallory and I will all be present for the full ten days. Dr. and Mrs. Sallee will be there for the Y.W.A. Camp period with Dr. Sallee leading the morning Bible hour daily. Mrs. R. L. Harris of Tennessee will be chief chaperone, Miss Rollow will lead the singing. Dr. Crouch, Dr. McGlothlin, Dr. VanNess and others will be present for a few days each. Missionaries from Japan and Africa are also expected, so that with Miss Mallory to tell about the work in South America, Mrs. Sallee to speak for China, Miss Leachman and Mrs. Lawrence to picture our home tasks and with yet other speakers not named here we shall have "the world at Ridgecrest".

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



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

SPRING CONSIDERATIONS for COUNSELORS and DIRECTORS



Once more the year's at the spring and the buoyancy of April days stirs young and old. It is "as though the heart of all things no languor ever knew". These up-springing energies must be wisely conserved by missionary education, not permitted to be lost with the passing of spring winds. The W.M.U. young people's director will do well to help counselors sense the new vigor, new zest which belongs to mission activities now. All outdoors beckons: why not follow by having outdoor meetings? One G.A. has an old branching tree as a favorite "different" out-of-doors meeting place and the girls clamber to comfortable perches when meeting is announced at the "G.A. tree". What choice place would your young people suggest for a meeting? There's something about the out-reaching blue of an open sky that spreads mental and spiritual horizons and will enlarge that feeling of friendly, goodwill toward other girls, other boys, faraway but under the same sky. A keen mission interest grows from real friendliness of spirit.

Now is the time for Royal Ambassadors to be working on the Ranking System and Girls' Auxiliary members to be progressing in the Forward Steps. The R.A. and G.A. Manuals indicate the requirements to be passed and awards for the same. See that your counselors have manuals available for eager members.

Sometime ago a leader remarked that she did not encourage the members of her organization to subscribe for **WORLD COMRADES** because then they knew all the stories before she told them. Spring will surely brush away that wrong attitude and counselors

everywhere will be saying: "Subscribe, subscribe!" Sunbeams enjoy repetition for they like to feel "Yes, I heard that before. Isn't it nice to hear about something I have heard before?" It takes more than one telling, one hearing to gather all the poignant meaning and to call forth all the desired reactions from one story. Do not simply tell the story but talk about it afterward. Again, the leader should have **ROYAL SERVICE**, **Home and Foreign Fields**, **THE WINDOW OF Y.W.A.**, because all these magazines will be filled with incidents and information on the same monthly subject. Do not permit your counselors to be limited to the one magazine especially for the organization led: see that others are also ready at hand. The counselor may be embarrassed (*though she should not feel so*) to ask the W.M.S. for these supplies; the young people's director can readily point out that providing adequate material is a phase of "fostering". Intermediates and members of Y.W.A. will prefer to have some additional sources of material at hand for their use in preparing to lead a discussion or make a talk. The young people's director will do well to have missionary magazine files. A dependable auxiliary member can keep them in order, with a record of magazines borrowed and returned.

In anticipation of summer vacation when young people's reading hours are increased, the director will also be wise if she makes arrangements for a real missionary library. This may be kept at the church or, perhaps after consultation with the director of the public library, a special nook or case will be provided there: perhaps the director's home will be the best location. Gather mission study and mission story books,

books of travel, books of history, of geography of other lands; arrange them, see that careful record is kept of them all, encourage their use, then watch interest grow, friendly knowledge of others develop, spirit of sharing increase. "Save a living person there is nothing so powerful as a book". When the book encourages thought and interest in the world-wide task committed to Christians by the Living Person, Christ Jesus, it becomes of untold value indeed. A real circulating missionary library acquired and maintained will be a splendid spring achievement for the W.M.U. young people's director.

Again—have your counselors all

studied the W.M.U. Correspondence Course and received certificate upon its completion? Why not have frequent counselors' meetings all studying the course together these early spring months? The more you can understand the real workings of the minds you are moulding and hearts you are touching for Christ, the better will be your accomplishment. The correspondence course will greatly help counselors in this regard as well as in showing methods and adding information about missions and W.M.U. work. See the W.M.U. Year Book (page 23) for particulars about the correspondence course, then enroll and follow its helpful lessons.—Juliette Mather

COLLEGE Y.W.A. (Concluded from Page 25)

In the beauty of Ridgecrest, in the ready welcome from Mr. and Mrs. Staples and their helpers in the hotel and dining-room, in the quick comradeship with girls from everywhere, in the quiet talks with Christian leaders, the ten days of Ridgecrest Camp have fulfilled again and again the essence of camp expectation as expressed in the slogan used at the first Y.W.A. gathering seven years ago—Friendship, Fellowship, Frolic and His Spirit over all. As young women grow in the ability to walk and work and to abide in the consciousness of His presence, Christian character glows into a radiance of sincere likeness to Christ. Come up to Ridgecrest if you are a Y.W.A. counselor; send your Y.W.A. daughters and friends up to Ridgecrest, up to the hills with God.—Juliette Mather

Y.W.A. Camp, June 16 to 26, at Ridgecrest, N. C.

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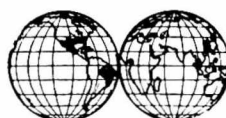
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ACT in APRIL

TRAINING SCHOOL

Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, Acting Principal

With the ALUMNAE



Since our Foreign Board has been unable to send out new missionaries, many of our graduates, who are volunteers, are finding other channels through which to do foreign work. Within the last year four have been sent out by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Parkinson (*Audie Crowe of 1926*) are on their second year of language study in Tokyo, Japan, preparatory to work in that country. Mr. and Mrs. Luman F. Marsh (*Ruth Brothers of '26*) and Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Harris (*Helen Johnson of '27*) went out last summer to India. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh are located at Jamshedpur, Bengal-Orissa, where Mr. Marsh is pastor of an English-speaking church. Mr. and Mrs. Harris are located at Khargpur, Bengal-Orissa. Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Sodergren (*Jeanette White of '24*) have been designated for station work at Moanza, Belgian Congo, West Africa. They will be in Belgium until May 1st for language study, located at 71 Ave. Leopold Weiner, care of Madame Gobiet, Watermael, Brussels, Belgium.

Two of the last year's class were sent out in September by the Woman's Foreign Mission Board of the Northern Baptist Convention: Ada Stearns was designated for work at Midnapore, Bengal, India, and Orma Melton for work in China. The latter is spending this year in the North China Union Language School, Peiping. Mrs. H. A. Ackland of the class of '27 went out last year with her husband to Jos, N. Nigeria, Africa, under the Africa Inland Mission.

We regret to lose these well equipped young people to southern Baptist foreign mission work. However, we rejoice that they can realize their life-long purpose in spite of the inability of their denomination to use them.

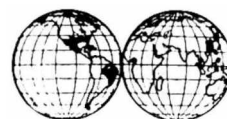
Sallie Thomas and Beulah Huber of '30 are serving Woman's Missionary Union in Illinois, the former as corresponding secretary, and the latter as field worker and young people's secretary. Other members of the same class are placed as follows: Leone Bates is studying at Mercer University, Macon, Ga.; Clarabel Isdell at Howard College, Birmingham; Marguerite Coker and Ruth Loomis are in training in Missouri Baptist Hospital, St. Louis; Alma Dearing is office secretary at Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.; Elizabeth Gray is working in Michigan under the Mission Board of that state; Gene Van Velzel is with the Public Health Nursing Association in Louisville; Ruth Watkins, Letha Saunders, Willie Reeves, Wynel Leggitt, Minnie Haire, Mary Taylor are teaching in public schools; Fannie Taylor has a position in the Masonic Home in Richmond, Va.; Josephine Rice has a similar position in an orphanage in Orange, N. J. Three of the class have married since graduating. Gladys Stevens is now Mrs. Warren J. Jones; Dessie Watts, Mrs. J. H. Spears; and Ruby Wilhite, Mrs. H. O. Johnson. Eula Stotts is doing graduate work at the Training School and assisting in the Religious Education Department. Douglas Oliver is young people's secretary in Virginia. Others of the class have been unable to get into definite work. Our hearts go out to them because of this disappointment and to many others among the alumnae who have lost their work because of financial depression.—*Carrie U. Littlejohn*

MARGARET FUND

Chairman: Mrs. Frank Burney, Waynesboro, Ga.

How we do rejoice that many Margaret Fund students find joy in foreign service for our Master! You will thus rejoice in reading the following.

IN FOREIGN SERVICE



I have often thought of the benefits received through the Woman's Missionary Union of the southland since my return to Brazil and I recall with gratitude those years of study and preparation in the United States, which were made possible to me through the Margaret Fund. While in school I was ever most grateful for this help, but now that I look back over my college days, I realize better its values and what it really meant to me. It was not merely the financial assistance that was granted me through the Margaret Fund for the greatest service of the W.M.U. does not consist in the money given to help in the education of the missionary children, but in the spirit of love and interest shown by this great organization through many of its individual members for the Fund's recipients. So, I am grateful not only for the excellence of Baylor College, Baylor University and the Southwestern Training School as great institutions of learning, which were made possible to me through the help of the W.M.U., but especially for the contacts with Christian men and women, whose sweet spirits and consecrated lives influenced my own life, and very especially for the influence of the W.M.U. through its members.

I remember with gratitude my Margaret Fund mothers who, beside supplying me with every physical need, granted me those greater spiritual helps through their love, interest and advice so often needed in the absence of my own mother. These helps I could not forget ever, even if they were not brought to my mind almost daily

through the confidence and gratitude to the W.M.U. shown by my parents and other missionaries around me. My one wish is that every individual member of the W.M.U. might understand and feel what a great source of service and help their organization is to missionary parents and their children. It is hard for parents to see their children leave home for school even when they are to be near home. No one except the missionary can understand the sacrifice that missionary parents make when they send their inexperienced children to school in another land where they know no one, for even their relatives are strangers to them. Thus the missionaries rely on the W.M.U. to help, lead and guide their children and certainly the missionary child finds no better friend in the new land than the W.M.U. and the Margaret Fund mothers.

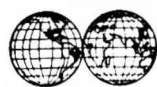
A few months ago we saw a revolution in Brazil and though things are more or less normal again we cannot forget those darker moments during the first days of trouble when most of the children left the school, where we were working, and it looked as if school might have to be closed. Though discouraged we knew that God would lead us, showing us what to do. On the morning of the 9th of October we felt much strengthened and encouraged. The reason for this power, which we marvelled at, was soon found in Mother's prayer calendar. It was the day set by the W.M.U. for prayer for our parents and the Margaret Fund students of our family. Thus, still such a great help, we cannot but thank sincerely the W.M.U. of the southland as our hearts turn to it often, wishing for it much service and many blessings.—*Christiana Christie, Brazil*



ORGANIZING—FOSTERING



WHAT DOES FOSTERING MEAN?



Wasn't that an interesting legend we read, in our school days, of the wolf who found the twin boys on the banks of the Tiber? You remember she became their foster mother, guarding them from all harm, feeding them and caring for them until one day a shepherd found them in her care and took them home to his wife who became a second foster mother and reared them with her own children. They became the founders of the great city Rome. Yes, a fascinating legend, but we have a true story that is even more fascinating, because it is true.

The Baptist women of the south have built a wonderful structure called the W.M.U. It is built according to plans that have been carefully worked out after much prayer and thought. They are standard plans, and the specifications are so plain that any one can understand them. They state in minute detail the kind of material, the cost of the material and just the way each thing is to be used. One of the specifications carries us back to our legend—it is "Fostering". To state it fully: "Fostering in the church of a Sunbeam Band and of at least one other of the graded W.M.U. organizations for the young people" (Clause 10 of *W.M.S. Standard of Excellence*).

"Fostering a Sunbeam Band"—What does it mean? Organizing? No, that is very necessary and is the first step. That is easy, for all children love to be organized.

Providing a leader? Is that all? Not yet, but that is another important step. A leader must be provided and she should be chosen by the W.M.S. with the greatest care. The one who is to lead the Sunbeam Band should be a member of the W.M.S. or the Y.W.A. so

as to be fully acquainted with the W.M.U. work and in perfect accord with the plans. She should be a good leader but, more important, she should love children and missions and be consecrated enough to be willing to make sacrifices for the children and the work. Furnishing a leader is a vital part of fostering a Sunbeam Band but, more than that, it is necessary. A fostering W.M.S. will keep in close touch with the leader to advise, to assist, to encourage and to see that the children are being properly taught and guided. Many a Sunbeam leader has lost faith in herself and her work because the W.M.S., which chose her, just forgot to foster the organization. That leader needs the prayers, the presence, the praise of the W.M.S. Yes, she needs praise: we all do. She needs prayers, for she may be training future missionaries. She needs the wisdom and experience of the older women to assist her in training the future W.M.S.

Fostering goes further: the leader must have tools with which to work. Furnishing the literature is a large part of fostering. So many things are needed in teaching children missions, and the W.M.S. should put into the hands of the leader pictures, posters, songs and stories, so that her work can be made effective.

Fostering goes further still: the play-life of the children should be a delightful part of the work of the W.M.S. Nothing can help the women more than to take part in the picnics and parties of the Sunbeam Band. Grow young along with the children if you would have them grow into the paths of service you have planned for them.

Fostering means—furnishing, financing, funmaking—all with the one purpose of training "the children for worldwide service". —Mrs. J. Pendleton Scruggs, Md.

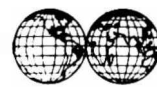


BOOK REVIEWS



Mrs. Julian P. Thomas, Virginia

PLAYS and PAGEANTS



An exceptionally fine group of "Plays and Pageants" for the use of W.M.U. organizations, Sunday schools, B.Y.P.U.'s. and others has recently been brought out by Myrtle R. Creasman (Mrs. C. D. Creasman), who is this year writing the W. M. S. programs for ROYAL SERVICE. Mrs. Creasman reminds us that the drama originated in the church and rejoices that it has come back to the church. She believes that the appeal to the eye and ear and, above all, to the dramatic instinct inherent in us all, is the most effective way of presenting truth. Dramatic performances have the added merit of deeply impressing those who take part. The most recent method of teaching in kindergartens, Sunday schools and Daily Vacation Bible Schools is having the children write their own plays and act them without public presentation.

Mrs. Creasman's plays present the missionary idea with a degree of originality and with such simplicity as to make it easily possible for an organization to carry them out with home-made equipment. She gives full directions in her introduction for the selection of plays and the characters to take part, as well as for the plan of rehearsals. She says each play has a distinctive spiritual message, which should be impressed on those having part in the performance.

Musical accompaniments and the many hymns and songs interspersed make the plays unusually attractive. The author seems to be specially gifted in selecting music suitable for the subject.

The book will be a boon to all who are working with young people. Order

from the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. Price, cloth, \$1

ARE MISSIONS a FAILURE?

OF special service to foreign missions, both protestant and Roman Catholic, is the recent investigation of missions and missionaries in the orient, conducted by the Ladies' Home Journal. This publication sent Mr. Charles A. Selden, a reporter who, as he says himself, went out believing the missionary enterprise to be futile, to study conditions and make an unbiased report of the situation.

After a journey of 30,000 miles, interviewing three hundred leaders in many oriental countries, Mr. Selden reached the conclusion that the bulk of the evidence against the missionaries is not supported by facts. He says that while every denomination is handicapped by some misfits, he is convinced that the missionaries are the one group of western people living in the east that prove a credit to their native land.

The number of converts to Christianity in no way tells the story of what Christianity has done for the orient. From the lips of missionaries and others he shows the tremendous influence Christianity is bringing to bear on these countries in which we have missions.

The author says his commission was to write impartially about the east, that his special assignment was to learn whether the Ghandi Movement in India and the Nationalist Movement in China had made any new problems for the missionaries in those countries. Accordingly he goes very fully into the situation and gives a very clear idea of what has been done and what remains to be done. Of special interest is his account of the various mass movements toward Christianity and how they are effected. The story of the beginnings and the marvelous success of the work

of the Salvation Army in India makes thrilling reading. His account of the Japanese situation is much more optimistic than we usually find in our mission reports.

We in this country, who advocate the cause of missions, have much to learn from what the author says about the indigenous church in these mission lands. He urges the need of letting go and giving the native peoples the opportunity to develop Christianity according to conditions in their own countries, rather than forcing on them an American church.

Order from the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. Price, cloth, \$1.

THE BIBLE and SOCIAL PROBLEMS

"THE Bible and Social Problems" is a most readable and helpful exposition of Christ's teachings in regard to our duty to our neighbor. The author, Dr. Walter L. Lingle, has been a student of the subject for twenty years. He was for many years president of the Presbyterian Assembly's Training School, Richmond, Va., until he was called to the presidency of Davidson College. The book is composed of a series of lectures delivered before the Presbyterian Union Theological Seminary under the James Sprunt Foundation.

Dr. Lingle begins by clear definitions of the terminology, used in discussing these problems, and goes on to picture for us God's ideal for the world—that it should become like Heaven—the place where the Kingdom has come and His will is done. He enumerates the five laws of the Kingdom: the law of entrance—born into it; the law of self-renunciation; the law of love, the law of service and the law of stewardship. He develops these laws and the consequences resulting from obedience or disobedience to them.

If there is one chapter more forceful than another, it is "The Bible and Money". In it he shows how Christ had more to say about money than any other one subject, that He used money in the majority of His parables. The chapter

on "The Bible and the Family" discusses marriage and divorce so sanely that one could wish all our young people had the benefit of its wise teaching.

The author throughout the book, without condemning directly, makes the consequences of disobedience to God's laws so plain that the results can not be mistaken. The style is delightfully clear and engaging. We recommend it most heartily for study in Church Schools of Missions and, especially, for men's classes.

Order from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. Price, cloth \$1.75.

THE TURN toward PEACE

A MOST timely publication by the Friendship Press is "The Turn toward Peace", by Mrs. Florence Brewer Boeckel. It is written with the purpose of showing the futility of war and the possibility of preventing future wars.

Mrs. Boeckel studied a year in Europe, after graduation from Vassar, and is an authority on her subject. She is education director of the National Council for the Prevention of War.

The book is divided into four parts the first being "Why We Must Have Peace", in which she first shows the financial interdependence of all nations and the need for international organizations. Her pictures of the possible wars of the future—carried on through chemical forces, by airplanes—emphasizes her assertion that, if the world and civilization are to continue, wars must cease.

In the second division, ways of settling disputes—by arbitration, by the World Court and by the League of Nations—are discussed with insight and understanding. The author then takes up the various reasons why the nations delay making plans for abandoning war policies: economic rivalries, imperialistic tendencies, the influence of manufacturers of arms, military training in schools—all of the hundred and one things that tend to provoke the war spirit.

The last division gives the forces mak-

ing for peace. It is heartening to learn of the movements, not only in this country but all over the world, that have already been set on foot looking to abolishing the curse of war. The array of organizations already functioning—in church, in education, in business, in every department of life—is overwhelming. We are then told what each individual can do to bring about the atmosphere conducive to peace and how each one is responsible for helping in the good work.

The book tends directly to help missions for, as the author says, war reveals to the heathen the contradiction between what we preach and how we act. It will make an admirable study for adult classes. The bibliography at the close is very full and most helpful.

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CHURCH SCHOOL of MISSIONS

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Home Mission Board, for the women; and our own missionary, John Lake of China, for the men.

Weeks prior to the opening of the school, enrollment blanks were distributed at all W.M.U., B.Y.P.U. and Sunday school gatherings, as well as at church services, and as large enrollment as possible secured. Our total enrollment reached 440, over 100 of these being women and around 90 men. Something over 3,000 attended the inspirational addresses of Miss Leachman and Missionary Lake during the week.

Children's story hour was held at 4.00 P. M., general study class periods at 7.25 and inspirational addresses at 8.25 each evening. A School of Missions holds a permanent place in our annual church program—John H. Webb, D.D., Pastor First Baptist Church, Columbia, S. C.

The General Board of the W.M.U. Training School will begin its annual meeting at 9 o'clock on Monday morning, May 11, in Birmingham, Alabama, at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel.

ANNUAL MEETING

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needed three days and 110 mail bags are required. Six extra workers are needed two days for WORLD COMRADES, 15,600 copies, and 37 mail pouches are filled. Three extra workers are used in sending 7,000 copies of THE WINDOW, requiring 19 mail bags.

We are looking forward to your coming with great anticipation and have chosen for our slogan in making the preparations, "Laborers together with God"—"that He might have the pre-eminence".—Mrs. Charles A. Hassler, W.M.U. Publicity Chairman

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLE

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week of your vacation in May and would like to go to the annual W.M.U. southwide meeting and the Southern Baptist Convention in Birmingham in May? Read the February, March, April and May issues of ROYAL SERVICE for more information.

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Our Easter-Gift—Our program: "They That Are Wise"—Easter: The Resurrection of God's great Love-Gift—Our Easter-Gift: Some soul resurrected from sin into salvation. What a glorious season to win that unsaved friend to Christ! Won't you—each of you B.W. C. women—be also wise in making this your supreme business this Easter time?



CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS



Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James

Speaking of the conferences held in Europe under the auspices of the Baptist World Alliance last fall one writer says: "The meetings in Arad, Roumania (in our own territory) symbolized a development short of miraculous. There are over four times as many Baptist church members in Roumania as at the close of the World War; and the advance in public influence and confidence is, if possible, even more notable".

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We read in reports from the Baptist Conference held in Rome—"Thanks to the steady work of many years, a fine trained leadership is available in Italy. Numbers are growing much more rapidly than in earlier years, but we were assured in every direction that the penetrative influence of Baptists is of even larger importance".

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The Chung Mei Home for Chinese boys in Berkeley, California, is a work that appeals with especial force to the Royal Ambassador boys of the Northern Convention. This home has in it 63 Chinese boys ranging in age from 5 to 17. It is an institution which undertakes to provide a Christian home, care and training for under-privileged Chinese boys, orphans, half orphans, boys from needy, broken or unfit homes, also the so-called problem boy—in fact any Chinese boy who has not had a fair chance or a good start in life. Who can estimate the influence such an institution may have in leading other Chinese both on this side and the other side of the world into the Light?

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Toyohiko Kagawa, the man chiefly responsible for the "Kingdom of God Movement" in Japan, in a recent conference concerning the work said: "The real work of the Kingdom of God Movement is the work of the Spirit. Hence before we begin any work prayer is important. Some people seem to think

that the big thing is to have a big meeting with posters, etc. but prayer is the essential. For three years I have been getting up at one or two o'clock at night to pray for this movement. I believe the prayer for a million souls for Christ will be answered. We must have many kinds of organizations but let us organize around love, around prayer, around the study of God's Word".

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Rev. A. Worthington, missionary to the Osage Indians, reported a revival meeting in which 13 were received for baptism.

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Rev. J. A. Lopez, missionary to the Mexicans in Texas and whose salary was reduced to \$50 a month in December, says in a letter to the Home Board "I received your letter and with the same love for you and your work, I hasten to tell you that I am satisfied with the reduction in my salary, although I am in need of not only of what I was getting but a little more in order to make my monthly expenses, but I see the condition of the Board and the good-will you have to continue helping the Mexican work". In that same letter he enclosed a check for \$15.00 for Home Missions. He also reported 76 conversions under his ministry.

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In his powerful address at the Home Missions Conference in Washington recently John R. Mott, in speaking on "Our World Mission", impressed deeply the thought that we cannot continue to influence peoples for Jesus Christ in other lands unless a sufficient number of men and women in America have given evidence of their inner transformation through Him. For that reason we must continue to look upon our homeland as a field to be worked as well as a force to be wielded if we are to be successful in leading many to righteousness.

EXPLANATION for NEXT NINE MONTHS

as to

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The need of missions for youth
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JULY—Around the Gulf of Mexico with the Gospel

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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

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Results

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May—"Witness of the Resurrection", Acts 4:31-33

June—"The Days of Thy Youth", Ecclesiastes 12:1

July—"The Way", John 14:6

Aug.—"Thy Word", Psalm 119:11

Sept.—"Philip and the Eunuch", Acts 8:26-39

Oct.—"With One Accord", Acts 1:8-14

Nov.—"For His Name's Sake", Colossians 3:17

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