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—1 Cor. 3:9

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—John 17:23



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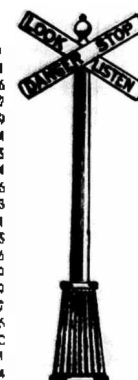
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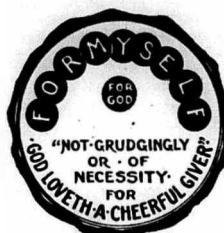
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EDITORIAL



LET US PRAY—and THEN WORK



No other sequence is in keeping with the Christian plan for life. Prayer should precede work. The result will be "light divine" leading to and through the task.

Faith in this fact was certainly evidenced at the three 8 o'clock morning prayer services during the May meeting in Birmingham. They were conducted by Dr. Eugene Sallee of the Foreign Mission Board. The attendance was gratifying each morning, fully a score of those present being furloughed missionaries. Fervently they prayed:

"Revive Thy work, oh Lord;
Thy mighty arm make bare;
Speak with the voice that wakes the dead
And make Thy people hear".

With added emphasis did one missionary plead in prayer that southern Baptists would not continue to force their volunteers to apply to other boards and would not tempt their furloughed missionaries to do so, explaining in the prayer that missionaries felt called of God and that they could not—they must not—let southern Baptist indifference and failure to "bring in the tithes and offerings" prevent their obeying the call of God.

On the third morning a very practical—and powerful—plan was advocated by Mrs. Eugene Sallee. Many promised to follow it and to ask others to do so. It is that many people—in groups of two or more—covenant to meet regularly to pray unitedly for missions, claiming the promise of Jesus: "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them" (*Matt. 18:20*). The preferred plan is that the "two or three" gather in a home at the same hour each week and intercede for the missionaries and for a more adequate support of the missionary enterprise.

Mrs. Sallee made it clear that prayer is the first and constant recourse of the China Inland Mission, a significant fact being that it is increasing its missionary force while that of southern Baptists is being alarmingly depleted. You believe, do you not, that God answers the prayer of His believing child? You also believe, do you not, that Jesus meant it when He said: "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father who is in Heaven"? (*Matt. 18:19*) Believing this, you are encouraged to seek a prayer-mate so that the two of you may regularly meet to intercede for missions.

One of the devotional speakers at the recent Southern Baptist Convention said that it took much will power and physical restraint to keep himself from rushing to the platform the night that some three dozen foreign missionaries were presented—many of whom were being detained in the homeland because of decreasing contributions to the Foreign Mission Board. The speaker said that he covenanted in his heart to do his best to return them to their fields. Will you do likewise? Prayer alone could doubtless bring it to pass but Jesus and many other Bible teachers make it plain that devoted personal service and proportionate—aye sacrificial—giving inevitably result from the believer's prayer. Certainly much work is awaiting increased activity for and with the W.M.U. young peo-

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



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

PARTIAL LIST of YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIRECTORS in A-1 CHURCHES

(For Calendar Year of 1930)

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SUMMER ASSEMBLIES

TEXAS

That Texas believes in the far-reaching influence of summer assemblies its thirteen encampments will testify. Our entire state is embroidered with these delightful meetings from the panhandle to the coast and from the east to the west, and each one bears witness of splendid work that has been accomplished.

They constitute the summer playground of a host of young people. The physical attractions of these places while great are far exceeded by the programs that are arranged for adults as well as the young people, the emphasis being placed on the work of the latter.

In addition to these thirteen large encampments, we shall have association camps for the Y.W.A. girls and a State-wide Royal Ambassador Camp. The latter will be sponsored by Rev. Oby Nelson, a pastor who has majored in R.A. work, and Mrs. T. C. Jester, the state chairman of young people.

If you wish to spend a vacation by the sea, come to Texas. At Palacios, Mrs. Carter Wright of Alabama will be the chief attraction. If you hear the call of the mountains, come to Texas: Miss Pearle Bourne will have charge of the young people's work at Paisano in the beautiful Davis Mountains. If the limitless plains or the forest vales beckon to you, come to Texas: we have almost the proverbial "57 varieties" from which to choose in the summer encampments in our state!

Come one, come all. Our welcome is as broad as the prairies, as deep as the gulf that kisses our shores, as warm as the radiant rays of our July sun at its highest efficiency!—Mrs. F. S. Davis, President

ARKANSAS

THERE is a beautiful description of the Ozark Mountains country in

that interesting book, "The Shepherd of the Hills". A little further south of this section so beautifully described by the author, just over the line in Arkansas, lies the Baptist Assembly grounds in the northwest part of the state, near the town of Siloam Springs. From July 6th to 15th a host of young people and older ones as well will "lift up their eyes unto these hills" as they spend the days in recreation and increasing information for their denominational duties and opportunities.

Mrs. C. D. Creasman, who edits the W.M.S. programs in ROYAL SERVICE, will be the southern W.M.U. representative at the assembly and will teach a class in missions. Other teachers among our W.M.U. force in the state will assist Mrs. Creasman in making the W.M.U. hour a very successful period each day. The Sunday School Board will furnish teachers for S.S. and B.Y.P.U. methods. Mrs. Creasman also representing the Sunday School Board. The inspirational speakers will be drawn largely from state talent.

While the large majority of visitors at the assembly comes for the purpose of taking vacations and the recreational features as well as the courses of study, our earnest prayer for this meeting is that it will inspire us to go forward with "Jesus, that great Shepherd, through whose blood of the everlasting covenant we are made perfect in every good work to do His will!"—Mrs. W. D. Pye, Cor. Sec.

NEW MEXICO

WISH you all could come to New Mexico and enjoy our Summer Encampment at Ruidoso, July 12-19. This spot is located in a region of great natural beauty, where one's eyes can feast on snow-capped mountains, sighing pines, bubbling streams and unique cottages, nestled among the rocks and trees.

To see, hear and touch hearts with

these fine folk of New Mexico is an experience worthwhile. The mountains, 10000 feet higher than the coastlines of Texas, are God's call to bigness, large vision, high ideals and holy living. Putting it in the words of Dr. L. R. Scarborough, who spends each summer at this encampment, "It is one of the most beautiful places in America".

The work of all departments is emphasized at this encampment. This year the W.M.U. Department plans to hold a real School of Missions, which will consist of classes held for each of the auxiliaries and women, conducted daily by competent and consecrated teachers. Spirit-filled messages are delivered each evening.

The main feature this year will be a camp for the Y.W.A.'s, and Intermediate G.A.'s. We have invited Mrs. Carter Wright of Alabama to be our inspiration for the young women, and we look forward to her coming with keen anticipation. Mrs. O. E. Carman, state W.M.U. president, will work with the women. A special event of the week will be a pageant staged by the Intermediate G.A.'s of Albuquerque. The fellowship, information and inspiration makes the spiritual side of the encampment very delightful and profitable.

Nor do we leave out the fun and frolic. Each afternoon is given over to pleasure, consisting of hiking, horseback riding, baseball, kodaking and motoring among the towering mountains. At the

end of the week a hike to "Old Baldy" is an event looked forward to each year by the young people.

It is one of the finest places for a rest and vacation in the southwest! When you are sweltering at home—think of us!—Charlotte Burnett, Cor. Sec.

VIRGINIA

BOTH ocean and mountains again call to Virginia Baptists to come together for fellowship, for inspiration and for instruction this summer. The call of the ocean comes mainly to our young people. July 6-15 are the dates for the G.A. and R.A. Camps at Virginia Beach. The last three days of this period will be given over to the State B.Y.P.U. Convention. Mission study, methods classes, wholesome recreation under splendid helpers are being planned. The Y.W.A. Camp at Virginia Beach comes July 18-25. Dr. John L. Hill and Miss Pearle Bourne are to be our guests for this period.

August 1-8 are the dates for the Bristol Assembly. Come up to the mountains for one week and meet there your state leaders, hear the messages of our speakers and teachers. We are particularly anxious to have a large group of Y.W.A.'s and G.A.'s in our camps there. There is no better way for our Baptist people to spend their vacation than upon the hilltop at Interment.—Douglas Oliver, Young People's Secretary

SIX MORE MONTHS in 1931 to WORK to Be A-1

- 1—No W.M.U. organization, whether of women or young people, can be A-1 in this calendar year of 1931 unless it reaches every point of its respective Standard of Excellence. (See pages 15-18 of 1931 W.M.U. Year Book.)
- 2—Every W.M.U. organization connected with a church has in the first clause of its Standard of Excellence that, in reaching that clause, it must have as an organization a definitely missionary program throughout the calendar year. Thus no W.M.U. organization can be counted A-1 unless making up meetings?
- 3—For a church to have a Standard of Excellence in Full Graded W.M.U. this calendar year it must maintain every month such and five required organizations, each of which must reach during the month every point of its respective Standard of Excellence. The five organizations are: Sunbeam Band, Girls' Auxiliary, Royal Ambassador, Young People's Society, and Woman's Missionary Society.



SOCIETY METHODS



A-1 for SIX SUCCESSIVE YEARS



For the past six years (1925-30) there have been eleven S. B. C. churches which have maintained an A-1 Full Graded W.M.U. They are as follows: four in Georgia at: Greensboro; Pine Street, Guyton; Double Heads, Ogeechee; Sylva; two in Kentucky at: Elsmere, Erlanger; Lebanon Junction; two in Missouri at: Farmington; Lexington; two in Tennessee at: Tabernacle, Chattanooga; Island Home, Knoxville; one in Virginia at: Smithfield. Last summer the following articles were requested: sincerely does the magazine regret not publishing them many months ago but rejoices to use them at this time, believing they will persuade other organizations and Full Graded Unions to become A-1 and "having done all, to stand!" For further emphasis on such excellence see pages 5, 7. Not until 1925 did Woman's Missionary Union, S.B.C., begin to keep a south-wide record of A-1 Full Graded W.M.U's. This fact explains one of the following statements, because some Unions were A-1 prior to 1925.

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Greensboro, Ga.—It is not difficult in a small Union like this to attain the Standard of Excellence if it is kept in mind all the time and if all leaders work together to see that all points are met. That is what the Greensboro Union has tried to do: long before 1925 each grade of our Union made all points on the Standard of Excellence. If we found we were weak on any point we immediately began to strengthen that point, all leaders cooperating at all times and knowing just where they stood all the year.—*Mrs. T. B. Rice, W.M.S. President*

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Lebanon Junction, Ky.—We have

had no high pressure methods but as president I simply got on the job and stayed there. Fully realizing the truth of Miss Bucy's statement—"No society is stronger than its committees"—our committees were chosen carefully and prayerfully. Each of our six circles has a representative on each committee. I have kept in close touch with the chairmen of these committees, attended all the meetings, aided in planning and executing and insisted on getting reports. I never fail to make calls for reports at all our meetings. When folks know they must make reports they work, because empty handedness causes embarrassment. In fact, I simply "camp on their trails". But after all has been said and done, nothing could have been accomplished without the cooperation of the women: no one has ever had the pleasure of working with a more loyal corps of officers. Practically the same plan has been used with the splendid leaders of our young people's organizations. Together we have made sure that each organization from the Sunbeams through the W.M.S. had its Standard of Excellence wall chart and that it was kept marked up to date. I have visited each organization as often as possible, explaining and emphasizing the Full Graded Union and how impossible it is to maintain such a Union if just one organization fails to meet just one point on the standard. I've tried to cause our people to see that a Full Graded W.M.U. is a missionary highway leading to the broadest and fullest field of Christian service, that we enter upon this highway through the doors of our church and if we faithfully travel the road we will meet God at the "end of the way" with His "Well done, thou good and faithful servant". An A-1 Full Graded Union was the result. All this has been accompanied by much ear-

nest prayer.—*Mrs. W. G. Potts, W.M.S. President*

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Double Heads, Ga.—We were able to attain this goal through the untiring efforts of the faithful and enthusiastic leaders and the cooperation they received from the young and older members of the different organizations. We have been fortunate in securing leaders who are willing to give the best of their talent and strength in training the young people for Christian service. The very keen interest and staunch support of our superintendent, Mrs. E. K. Overstreet, and young people's leader, Mrs. H. S. McCall, have been of inestimable worth to us in our work. Our pastor, Rev. H. J. Arnett, who has served our church for more than fifty years, has been a source of great inspiration to us. He is devoted to the cause of missions, helping us to grow and glow. The spirit of missions I feel is greatly stimulated by the special programs we render, usually several times during the year. We try to give each member of the organizations a part on these programs. While we have had our trials as well as our triumphs, we try to use the motto: "Let nothing discourage you—never give up!"—*Mrs. J. C. Burke, W.M.S. President*

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Tabernacle, Chattanooga, Tenn.—In the beginning of each year the work is begun by trying to see that each officer and leader, also all standing committees, understand just what they are expected to do. The work is also begun by trying to reach the requirements of the A-1 standard in all circles of the W.M.S., Y.W.A. and other young people's organizations month by month. The points of the Standard of Excellence are constantly kept before each organization by the use of the wall charts, which are kept marked up month by month as the points are reached. All quarterly reports are sent in promptly. By the help of a standing committee for each phase of the work each one has something definite to do. The Weeks of Prayer for state, home and foreign

missions are observed and mission books are studied to deepen interest in the work. We especially try to select deeply spiritual leaders for all organizations. We truly foster our young people's organizations by seeing that their meetings are held on time, their mission classes taught, their apportionment and all other points met. We also give them some form of entertainment once or twice a year. We do not wait until the year is one-fourth or one-half passed to make an effort to reach the standard.—*Mrs. C. W. Fortson, W.M.S. President*

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Pine Street, Guyton, Ga.—Our motto has been prayer and faith in God. Though our membership is small it has worked untiringly and has prayed and praised God for His goodness. The active members try always to be present at each meeting and to do their part in Kingdom affairs. We go rain or shine and make it a point never to postpone a meeting if it is possible to have it, because a postponed meeting lacks enthusiasm. We have always met the requirements of the State and Associational Executive Board. The writer, being a member of the latter, has some advantage in bringing "first aid" in the way of information and other business. We have always kept our pattern, the Standard of Excellence, before us: it has helped to stimulate interest. One secret in keeping W.M.S. members interested is placing responsibility on them. The first year after we organized we had a Full Graded Union and we have fostered ever since the four grades among the young people, believing in them, meeting with them and helping them to believe in themselves, thereby helping them to develop into some of the strongest and best leaders in our association. We love and believe in our church and her organizations, we live for them, we love each other and are always enjoying the fellowship and the coming together to transact business for our King.—*Mrs. J. J. Shearouse, W.M.S. President*



TITHING



BEST Y.W.A. TITHING STORY in SOUTHWIDE CONTEST

"WHY SHOULD I TITHE?"

Pauline Petty, Georgia



Reverend Joel Florida sat in his study. His mind was dwelling upon the sermon that the evangelist had delivered earlier in the evening—a sermon on tithing. The meeting was drawing to a close, and there had been many conversions. Oh! if only the message of the evening would sink into the hearts of the Christians—the old as well as the new.

Reverend Florida was roused from his meditation by a knock on his study door. His wife looked in and said, "There is someone to see you, dear".

The pastor arose as a man entered the study.

The visitor was a man of striking appearance and personality. As Reverend Florida recognized him, he was surprised to see the richest man in town standing before him.

"How are you, Judge Lowell?" inquired the pastor as he shook hands with his caller. "Please be seated. Is there anything I can do for you?"

"Preacher", said Judge Lowell, as he sat down, "you know I have never been a Christian. I have always scorned Christians—made fun of them. My wife has always tried to get me to go to church, to read my Bible, but I would not do it. Last night I went to church for the first time in four years. Then I went again tonight. Now I have come to tell you that I want to give my heart and life to Jesus Christ".

Reverend Florida's eyes filled with glad tears as he heard these words from this hardened man of the world, but he simply said, "Let us pray". Then he poured out his heart to his Lord in thanksgiving and praise that another lost sheep had been brought into the fold.

As they rose from their knees, the judge said: "Pastor, I want you to explain that sermon of tonight to me. I want to be a real Christian, for I have only a few years in which to make up for the sins of the past fifty. Tell me about tithing. I want to know all there is to know about it".

Reverend Florida picked up his worn Bible and fingered it lovingly. "All through the Bible", he began, "we are told that we should tithe. Not only that we should tithe, but why, when, how much and how. First, we see in Genesis 1:1 that 'In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth'; and in Deuteronomy 10:14 we read, 'Behold, the Heaven and the Heaven of Heavens is the Lord's thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is'. Not only here, but in other places in the Bible we are told that everything belongs to God".

"Why, I had never thought of that before", interrupted Judge Lowell in surprise. "We should give tithes to God to repay His letting us use His things".

"Exactly", said the pastor in a pleased voice. "Yet God is glad for us to use them. He gives them to us freely, gladly. But His work cannot go on without money, and He asks us to help Him by tithing. Since God owns all, it is from Him that we receive everything. We are God's stewards. He gives us what we have to use and have for Him, and He is our Landlord, a Landlord who only asks for rent but does not force payment".

"And what use I have made of my property!" exclaimed the judge. "Although the Landlord has asked for rent, I have never paid Him a penny!" He continued, "Brother Florida, am I not robbing God when I refuse to pay my tithe? Isn't it the same as robbery?"

"Ah", the pastor smiled. "Yes, you are right. In Malachi 3:8 we read: 'Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings'. You see", he explained, "most people do not realize that they are robbing God when they do not tithe. I believe more people would tithe if they realized this".

He went on: "God asks for a tithe, yet there are things He considers more important than tithing. In Matthew 23:23, Jesus says: 'Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith: these ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone'".

"Yes, I see", Judge Lowell said. "If we give the tithe only to show off and leave other righteous tasks undone, it is all in vain. We receive no benefit from it. But", he asked, "do we pay nothing but tithes? Do we never make any extra gifts to God?"

"Oh, yes", answered the pastor, "in the Old Testament there are many references to offerings as well as tithes, the offerings expressing praise and thanksgiving. Again we are told in Matthew 10:8 to 'Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give'. I do not believe that God expects us each one to do all this. One would have to be endowed with Heavenly power to be able to raise the dead. Our doctors heal the sick. These words were spoken by Christ to the disciples, just after He had given them the power to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead and cast out devils. Since we have not the power to do these things, I think that we can apply the verse to our lives by doing all we can to help and cheer those in sickness, trouble and sorrow. In I Chronicles 16:9 we are told to 'Sing unto Him, sing psalms unto Him, talk ye of all His wondrous works'. We are more capable of doing that. In our everyday life we should talk of the Gospel, not have it merely a garment to be donned on Sunday. Then in II Corinthians 9:7 we read: 'Every man as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver'. So if you wish to give more than the required tithe, you will be blessed accordingly".

"Well", questioned the judge, "when should I give my tithe? Weekly, monthly or whenever it is most convenient for me?"

"Oh", responded Reverend Florida, "you should give every Sunday, for 'Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come', I Corinthians 16:2. And you should give as 'God hath prospered you'. Do not try to give as much as someone richer than you or as little as someone poorer but according to your ability to give".

"What is done with the tithe taken into the storehouse?" inquired Judge Lowell.

"There are many, many uses for every dollar given in tithes", explained the pastor. "If the money is given to the church, it pays the expenses of the church, the pastor's salary and upkeep of the church. Also some charity work is done. You know, the pastor is paid by the collections taken and, if people do not give their tithes, quite often it is hard to pay the salary and other church expenses. If the money is given to missions, it is divided between home and foreign missions. Home missions include hospitals, orphanages, slum work, mission work, work among the Indians and negroes, all here in our own America. Foreign missions include our missionary work in every foreign land. We must have workers for all these branches of work", continued Reverend Florida, "and they must be paid. Their living depends upon the payment of the tithe. So many who want to do something for the Lord do not realize what a great help they would be if they would only pay their tithes. So much could be done if people would only tithe! There are many people", the pastor went on, "who say that if they were rich, they would be tithers. They deceive themselves. Luke records that Jesus said: 'The man who is honest in a small matter is honest in a great one also, but he who is dishonest in a very small matter is dishonest in a great one also'. If a person will not tithe when he is poor, neither would he if he were rich. The Lord planned a way by which the needs of the house of God might be abundantly supplied, and that was through tithing. 'Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house'".

"I wonder", remarked the judge, "if God does not make tithing one of His ways of testing us, of telling whether we are true-Christians or not!"

"It probably is", replied Reverend Florida. "The Heavenly Father would save His children from selfishness and covetousness by asking for a tithe. God the Father said, 'Bring ye the whole tithe'. God the Son said, 'If ye love Me, ye will keep My commandments'. Judge, you know how people keep putting things off. Many people really intend to tithe, but they put it off and never do it. Tomorrow, next week, next year: these never come. Then when they are suddenly called Home, called to a reckoning with Jesus, when they face that gentle but stern face, what will be their excuse? They will have none!"

"Pastor, what are our rewards for tithing? Are they earthly or Heavenly?" asked Judge Lowell. "There are so many people who do not tithe, yet they are wealthy; and many who tithe have hardly any money".

"It does seem strange to us", replied the pastor. "Yet we are promised both
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Calendar of Prayer July, 1931

Prepared by Mrs. Maud K. McLane

THE camel, at the close of day,
Kneels down upon the sandy plain,
To have his burden lifted off
And rest to gain.

Thou soul, thou too shouldst to thy knees,
When daylight draweth to a close,
And let thy Master lift thy load
And grant repose.

Topic: Around the Gulf of Mexico with the Gospel

1—WEDNESDAY

Pray for God's power on all state assemblies during July. (See pages 6-7.)
O Jehovah revive Thy work. —Hab. 3:2

2—THURSDAY

For Misses †Christine Garnett and †Kathryn Sewell, missionaries in Cuba
In Thy presence is fullness of joy. —Psa. 16:11

3—FRIDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. Harley Smith, evangelistic work, Porto Alegre, Brazil, (on furlough)
Hide me under the shadow of Thy wings. —Psa. 37:8

4—SATURDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. L. O. Engleman, educational work, Morelia, Mexico
Beloved, now are we children of God. —1 John 3:2

5—SUNDAY

Pray that we may give the Gospel to the French, Italians and Spanish in our own country.
He that loveth his brother abideth in the light. —1 John 2:10

6—MONDAY

Pray for Sallie Cheavens and Isabel Spight, Margaret Fund students from China and Mexico.
Trust in Jehovah and do good. —Psa. 37:3

7—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Sherwood, evangelistic work, Campo Grande, Brazil
Thou hast been my help. —Psa. 61:7

8—WEDNESDAY

For *Miss Mollie McMin, evangelistic work, and †Miss Pearl Johnson (on furlough), Girls' School Wuchow, China
There hath not failed one word of all His good promises. —1 Kings 6:36

9—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. Harvey Clark, evangelistic work, Tokyo, Japan, and for Coleman and Jeremiah Clark, Margaret Fund students
This is the message—that we should love one another. —1 John 3:11

10—FRIDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Bryan, medical work, and Miss Lucy Wright, nurse, Hwang-Halen, China
Jesus went about healing all manner of disease. —Matt. 4:23

11—SATURDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. J. J. Cowart (on furlough), evangelistic work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Jehovah loveth justice and forsaketh not His saints. —Psa. 37:28

12—SUNDAY

Pray that we may enlarge our work in Panama and the Canal Zone.
Go ye therefore and make disciples. —Matt. 28:19

13—MONDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Dawes (on furlough), evangelistic work, Tsinan, China.
Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens. —Psa. 67:5

14—TUESDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. V. L. David, evangelistic work, Valencia, Spain
I am the light of the world. —John 8:12

15—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Lowe, publication work, Shanghai, China, and for Reba Lowe, Margaret Fund student
Give ear unto my voice, when I call unto Thee. —Psa. 141:2

16—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Crabtree, educational work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
In Thy faithfulness answer me. —Psa. 144:1

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²Attended Northwestern Training School

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THE camel kneels at break of day
To have his guide replace his load,
Then rises up anew to take
The desert road.

SO thou shouldst kneel at morning's dawn
That God may give thee daily care,
Assured that He no load too great
Will make thee bear.—Selected

Topic: Around the Gulf of Mexico with the Gospel

17—FRIDAY

On its twenty-sixth anniversary let us thank God for the Baptist World Alliance, founded July 17, 1905. Surely His salvation is high unto them that fear Him.—Psa. 88:9

18—SATURDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Jackson, evangelistic work, Wush, China, and *Miss Lillie Mae Huodley, educational work, Shanghai, China. Jehovah is merciful and gracious.—Psa. 103:8

19—SUNDAY

Pray for a gracious revival in our work in Cuba. We have our hope set on the living God.—1 Tim. 4:10

20—MONDAY

For Misses Mary Demarest and *Irene Jeffers, educational work, Yangchow, China. I have given you an example.—John 13:16

21—TUESDAY

For *Miss May Perry, Girls' School, Abeokuta, Nigeria. Jehovah will keep thy going out and thy coming in.—Psa. 121:3

22—WEDNESDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Hayes, medical and evangelistic work, and for Rev. John Lake, evangelistic work, Canton, China. If any man thirst let him come unto Me and drink.—John 7:37

23—THURSDAY

For Misses Gladys McLaughan and Lillie Mae Weatherford, workers among foreigners, El Paso, Texas. I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me.—Psa. 138:7

24—FRIDAY

Pray for Misses M. E. Moorman, educational work, Yangchow, China, and Alice Parker, evangelistic work, Shanghai, China. I will call upon Jehovah, who is worthy to be praised.—Psa. 118:5

25—SATURDAY

For *Miss Bertha Smith, educational work, Laichow-Fu, China. They that seek Jehovah shall not lack any good thing.—Psa. 34:10

26—SUNDAY

For God's blessing on our work in Mexico. All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee.—Psa. 86:9

27—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Galloway, evangelistic work, Macao, China. I will not leave you desolate.—John 14:18

28—TUESDAY

For Misses *Jennie L. Swearingen and *Ray Buster, educational work, Bello Horizonte, Brazil. They shall not labor in vain.—Isa. 55:12

29—WEDNESDAY

For *Dr. Jeannette Beall, medical work, and *Miss Akka Grayson, nurse, Laichow-Fu, China. Them that honor Me I will honor.—1 Sam. 2:30

30—THURSDAY

For missionary programs at association meetings and for faithful fostering of W.M.U. organizations. Walk in love even as Christ also loved you.—Eph. 4:2

31—FRIDAY

For *Miss Minnie Alexander, educational work, and *Miss Emma Hare, evangelistic work, Kaileng, China. The Lord taketh pleasure in His people.—Psa. 148:3

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PROGRAM PLANS

Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina
WITH the PROGRAM COMMITTEE



July! The heat of our southern summer is beginning to be felt. Those who have not left home for a cooler section are planning to go or wishing they might go. Road maps are being consulted and calculations of distance and time being made. Railway folders and steamboat schedules are claiming the interest of many families. It is quite appropriate, therefore, that the July program is about a trip. "Around the Gulf of Mexico with the Gospel"; this is an alluring itinerary with a deep-lying purpose. One can almost see the lovely waters of the gulf and feel the motion of the boat as it cuts through them. The material for use in the program describes so vividly each point visited that one has the feeling of really having been to the various cities (pages 21-29).

The object of the Program Committee should be to make the meeting unusual, so attractive and informing that all will feel repaid for the effort of going on the hot summer's day. An important item in this is the place of meeting. Try to have it out of doors if possible. If some member of the society has a wide porch or a shady lawn, be "bold" enough to ask to hold the meeting with her. A committee on arrangements should take the responsibility of seeing that all members have means of getting to the meeting place, that seats are placed for them and that some simple refreshments, such as lemonade and small cakes, are served.

If the meeting can be a sort of summer outing for the society, it may prove the trip of the year for some members. While the real purpose of a missionary society is not for the pleasure of the members, there is every reason for trying to give the information and strengthen the purpose in just as attractive a manner as possible. Meeting as children of the King and discussing the coming of His Kingdom should give joy, that joy of the Lord which is indeed our strength.

Each member may be given a ticket as she arrives at the meeting. These tickets may be simple or elaborate according to the wish of the committee. A strip of paper may be decorated at the top with a ship and bear wording similar to this:

W.M.S. Tour
"Around the Gulf of Mexico"
Steamship "Goodwill"

Sails.....at.....

From Wharf.....
Port Calls (with Side Trips)
Cuba—Florida—Louisiana
Mexico—Texas—Panama

As this is a personally conducted tour, one woman should act as a conductor, announcing the arrival at various ports and calling on members of the party to tell what is seen at each place. Try to get those who tell of the places to do so briefly but with as much enthusiasm as if they had really seen what they describe.

A plan that may be carried out in a circle or small society is to divide those present into six groups. Each group is given a large placard bearing the name of one place the ship will visit. The conductor passes a paper ship or toy boat (Concluded on Page 17)



FAMILY ALTAR



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

Topic: "THE WAY": John 14:1-6



The poetical books of the Bible are from Job to Solomon. The books of prophecy are from Isaiah to Malachi. Like the red thread running through the ropes on a British boat, the light of a promised Messiah shines through each succeeding book of poetry and prophecy. Get their message. Give out their truth.

"The Way of Holiness"

1st Day—Isa. 35:8-10

2nd Day—Jer. 6:16, 27

3rd Day—Hos. 14:2, 4-9

4th Day—Matt. 7:13, 14

5th Day—II Thess. 2:13-17

6th Day—Prov. 11:5, 6; 12:28; 13:6; 21:3

7th Day—Phil. 3:12-14

"I am the Way"

8th Day—John 14:1-6

9th Day—Heb. 9:8-14

10th Day—John 14:7-15

11th Day—John 14:16-27

12th Day—John 15:1, 5; 17:14-19

13th Day—John 10:11, 17, 18, 27-30

14th Day—John 20:17, 21, 31

"Son of God"

15th Day—I John 2:22-24; 3:8, 23

16th Day—I John 5:5, 9, 10, 13, 19-21

17th Day—Heb. 1:1-5; 4:14

18th Day—Rom. 8:3, 29, 32

19th Day—Luke 1:32, 35; 4:8, 9; 9:35

20th Day—Psa. 2:7; 72:14, 17; 80:26, 27

21st Day—Matt. 1:23; 14:33; 16:15-17; 20:28

"Salvation by Our Lord"

22nd Day—I Thess. 1:10; 5:9-11, 23, 24

23rd Day—Isa. 62:11, 12; 66:22, 23

24th Day—Rom. 5:1, 2; 6:23; 8:34; 16:27

25th Day—Eph. 2:13-18

26th Day—John 3:16; 17:2-3

27th Day—Rev. 11:15; 12:10, 11

28th Day—I Peter 1:3, 18, 19; 2:4-7

29th Day—Acts 4:12; 13:38, 39, 47; 28:28

30th Day—Heb. 5:9; 7:25

31st Day—Jude 3, 6, 20, 21, 24, 25

"Pray Ye"

Remembering the constant kindness of God
Asking Him to increase your faith and that of your society in the triumph of His Kingdom
Remembering His witnesses in home and foreign lands
Asking Him to open your eyes and those of your society: (1) to the all-too-heavy burden on the average missionary; (2) to the imperative need for sending out recruits; (3) to the large number of young people trained and eager to be sent; (4) to the home and foreign Mission Boards unable to meet the situation because of heavy debts

Remembering summer assemblies, asking that their

impressions be very evangelistic and very missionary
Asking that associational meetings be used to enlist other women and young people for missions

Remembering local, associational, district, state and southwide chairmen of personal service, mission study and stewardship

Asking that the W.M.U. may really help in the promotion of world peace



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: "THE WAY": John 14:1-6

"Thy word is a lamp to my feet, a light to my path always;

To guide and to save me from sin and show me the Heav'nly way".



An Australian steamer had been out from the coast of California a few days when a passenger asked, "Captain, where are we?" "Come", he said, "look at this chart showing the three routes. We are right at this mark on route 3. Route 1 is generally used. I want to go by route 2; but the company said route 3". How like the way of life! The world's way is popular; I'd like to go my way; but Christ's way is best. There will never be a time when the atonement of our crucified and risen Christ is unnecessary. "The way of the Cross leads home"

The fourteenth chapter of John is immortal. It has been called a golden page upon which John wrote "with a quill taken from the wings of the holy Dove". Thousands have been comforted by the words of cheer spoken by our Lord to His disciples at the last passover supper. Faith listens and finds immortality. Scholars point out deep mystical meaning. To us there appears THE WAY. "As we 'walk in Him', the Living Way, our darkness is illumined, our perplexities are solved and our fears dispelled".

Simon Peter asked, "Lord, to whom shall we go?" (John 6:68) Now comes Thomas' question: "Lord, we know not whither Thou goest; and how can we know the way?" Doubt was settled forever when Jesus answered, "I am the Way". He leads to the Father; He is the Truth about the Father; He is the Life that is to be enjoyed eternally. False gods, good works, even intercession in the name of any other than Jesus avail nothing. The Way is revealed in the Word of God. The Old and New Testaments have preserved the truth from the Creator to His creatures, from the Father to His children. The Bible presents the Way, the Truth, the Life, the Light, the Word.

NOT what, but whom!

For Christ is more than all the creeds,

And His full life of gentle deeds

Shall all the creeds outlive.

Not what I do believe, but Whom!

Not what, but Whom! (Oxenham)

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me!"

PROGRAM PLANS—(Concluded from Page 15)

from group to group and one or more at each "port" tells of mission work there. A large map, even if roughly drawn, will help greatly in making the trip more real and definite.

Another plan may be followed. As the children say, "play like" the trip has already been taken by the society. Have members relate experiences of the trip, as for instance: "I remember when we were in Tampa visiting Miss Taylor's field she told us" etc.

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

THE CITY OF OUR DREAMS
REMEMBERING the CITY—a CHRISTIAN OPPORTUNITY
(A City Clinic)

Purpose of Program: Because the rural south of yesterday is rapidly becoming the industrial urban south of tomorrow, soon to be the industrial center of the world, filled with teeming and ever-enlarging cities, a study of the city is a home mission challenge of vital importance. Therefore, we need to understand the significance of the modern city—its conditions, needs, opportunities for good and evil, its effect on human beings—and the challenge to the churches—my church—to make our city the "City of God's Dream".

Introductory Thoughts:—"The stupendous development of American industry has to a great extent shifted the missionary frontier in home missions from the newer settlements to the congested cities. In many of these cities, religion is fighting today for its life. Will the church drive a salient into the massed forces of materialism as represented in the modern city?"

Pray that we may be willing to study, to investigate the conditions in our cities, seeking to bring the personal Christ to the needy persons of our city.

Appropriate Songs for This Study: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"; "America the Beautiful"

Poems of Social Justice (from *State Baptist Book Store*) could be used effectively if time permits.

Method of Development:—(a) Adjust program to your society; (b) Assign a subject to a group, to be developed by investigation and study of reports; (c) Posters will be found valuable for presentation of various phases of each subject. Could not the Y.W.A.'s be asked to share in this part of the program? (d) Each group should study and investigate as fully and adequately as the subject demands, giving to the society the "cream" of the results.

I. The City as God Sees It (*The Devotional*) Rev. 21:10-27; (*Begins in a garden, ends in a city*): (1) Institutions, vs. 12-14; (2) Sky-scrapers, vs. 16; (3) Bright Lights, vs. 11-23; (4) Crowds, vs. 24; (5) Wealth, vs. 19-21, 26; (6) Government, vs. 27

II. The City as We See It (*A Field of Study*)

Group 1. The Foreigners in Our City

(1) Nationalities; (2) Occupations; (3) Social, economic, religious, educational status; (4) Unmet needs

Group 2. The Negro

(1) Religious conditions; (2) Educational, economic opportunities; (3) Unmet needs

Group 3. Industrial Areas

(1) Varieties; (2) Housing; (3) Economic Conditions; (4) Social, educational opportunities; (5) Religious opportunities; (6) Unmet needs

Group 4. Wholesome Recreational Provisions

(1) Quality; (2) Groups; (3) Needs

Group 5. Present Menaces in Our City

For example, investigate the movies as to subjects, atmosphere, moral standards being taught our children. Study other sources of danger.

Group 6. Agencies at Work in Our City for Its Betterment

(1) Religious, spiritual, educational, economic; (2) Community projects; (3) Unmet needs

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BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Miss Isabelle Coleman, North Carolina
POSTER or PROGRAM HEADING SUGGESTION:

Around the GULF of MEXICO

In the

STEAMSHIP BAPTIST INTEREST

(Picture of Ship)

Sailing from

PORT..... DATE.....

Your Passport: B.W.C. Membership

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TOPIC: A Summer Cruise "Around the Gulf of Mexico"

The Pilot: "Nearer My God to Thee"

Still Waters: Prayer

Prospects and Plans: Business

Radio Forecastings: Current News (See page 35.)

The Lighthouse: "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning"

The Anchor: Matthew 8:23-27 (or Bible Study on Page 17)

Passports and Itinerary: "Forethoughts" (See pages 21-22.)

Bon Voyage: "Trailing the Gospel"

1. In Cuba (See pages 22-23.)

2. In Tampa (See pages 23-24.)

3. In Louisiana (See pages 24-25.)

4. In Mexico and Texas (See pages 25-26.)

5. In Panama (See pages 26-27.)

Field-glass Glimpses: "Stories by the Way"

1. The Choice of a Book (See pages 27-28.)

2. The Old Bell Ringer (See page 28.)

The Life Saver: "Throw Out the Life Line"

Retrospect: "Afterthoughts" (See pages 28-29.)

The S.O.S.—Prayer

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Sand-Tables and Ships—Never do we grow too old to enjoy and be interested in sand-table expeditions. This program affords excellent and easy opportunity for sand-table illustration. Make a relief map of the gulf coast, Cuba and Panama; tinted paper under glass will afford a natural gulf, while a ship may be secured from some child's collection or made of paper. Slips of paper in a slit tootlipck can mark the ports. A green string may designate the Panama Canal. Little flags of the countries around the gulf may fly from the largest ports, and the whole coast of mission points will be clearer to every one who takes a look at this sand-table program project. (Perhaps someone has recently seen the relief map of Panama in the Pan-American building in Washington.)

Vacation—"Where are you going for vacation?" is the daily question of these days. And the answer will doubtless change the future of many. One wonders why fine Christian young women often turn to noisy resorts where sin prevails on every side. Surely there can be no rest, no peace, no recreation for soul, mind or body in such an un-Christian atmosphere. One wonders why more of our Christian people do not turn their eyes unto the hills and resort to the haven of rest

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PROGRAM in BRIEF

Prepared by Mrs. C. D. Creamman, Tennessee



New and inexperienced societies may find all the program material too much, so this briefer form is given for their use. However, it is urged that the one preparing the program for such societies read not only the program material but "Program Plans" (page 15), "Current Missionary Events" (page 35) and other parts of the magazine, using everything which she thinks will be especially helpful to her society. The program will be far more interesting if all parts are spoken rather than read. For program material see pages 21-29.

TOPIC: Around the GULF of MEXICO with the GOSPEL

Hymn—All the Way My Savior Leads Me
Prayer that God may guide in all the work of our society
Bible Study—"The Way"—John 14:6 (Page 17)
Watchword for the Year—"That the World May Know" (John 17:23)
Hymn—If Jesus Goes with Me
Forethoughts (Pages 21-22)
Trailing the Gospel (Pages 22-26)
In Cuba—Tampa—Mexico and Texas
Hymn—Throw Out the Life Line
Story—The Choice of a Book (Pages 27-28)
Afterthoughts (Pages 28-29)
Hymn—The Way of the Cross Leads Home
Prayer that the Gospel may go round the gulf with renewed power because of our added gifts and prayers

NOTE—With this issue this department will be discontinued as it is felt that the space can be otherwise used to advantage. It is hoped and believed that the general program can be readily adapted by new and inexperienced societies, especially if they consult "Program Plans" page.

B.W.C.—(Concluded from Page 19)

and recreation, of fun and friends worthy of their comradeship, of inspiration and invigoration of body, mind and soul, at RIDGECREST, our own Southern Baptist Assembly grounds. (Write Mr. R. F. Staples, Pritchelle Hall, Ridgecrest, N. C., for the summer program and rates.) One wonders why many do not choose for their vacation the week of their own state assembly of Baptists, thus joining by the sea or on the hilltops that Christian army, seeking life more abundant through living in harmony with their better selves. One wonders many things about this very popular word: *vacation*. Where are you going for your vacation this summer?



For several reasons—the chief one being that the design shown with this notice is used for W.M.U. official purposes, such as the manufacture and sale of its pins and seals—this design is to be kept for exclusive use by Woman's Missionary Union, S.B.C. If any state or society, which has had a cut made of it, will send the cut to 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala., the cost of the cut will be refunded to the state or society.

PROGRAM for JULY

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. Creamman, Tennessee

TOPIC: AROUND the GULF of MEXICO with the GOSPEL

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Sentence prayers for all people around the Gulf of Mexico
Stories by the Way
The Choice of a Book
The Old Bell Ringer of North Boulevard Church
Afterthoughts
Hymn—The Way of the Cross Leads Home
Closing prayer that the Gospel may go around the Gulf of Mexico with renewed power because of our added gifts and prayers

FORETHOUGHTS

Wherein we dream of sapphire seas
And lands of palm and flower
And plan to take a trip to these
Within a summer's hour!



Who is it who does not enjoy a trip—a specially a trip on the water in the summer time? So you will be glad to know that we are going to take such a trip today. For our journey we will not use a steamship or an airship but on the sturdy old vessels of friendship, fellowship and stewardship we will sail safely over calm and beautiful seas to visit picturesque and romantic lands. We will have to travel very rapidly, for many miles must be covered and many places visited in about an hour's time. We have chosen as the waters for our cruise the Gulf of Mexico. The very mention of this body of water brings visions of eternal sunshine and unsurpassed beauty of sea and shore and sky. And remembering that here the first discoverers of the Americas sailed their adventurous crafts, we see other visions of the Conquistadores, Spanish and French courtiers and beautiful Creole women, of glittering armor, pirate ships and stolen treasures. But we are interested not so much in the past romance as in the present strategic position of this gulf. Dr. Walter N. Johnson says: "This inland sea is the lap of the western hemisphere, it is the crotch of two continents, the confluence of two oceans. Here meet North America and South

America, here meet the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. This Mediterranean of the western hemisphere is the groin of the new world. The Gulf Stream is the pulse of the earth; the Gulf of Mexico is the geographic heart of the new world".

So around this gulf of romantic history and important location we are going to sail today. We might trail the Conquistadores in a study of their explorations and exploitations of a new land. We might trail the pirate ships of Sir Francis Drake and others who sailed this gulf in quest of easy gold. Again we might trail the modern merchant vessels that traffic in these waters chiefly for the enrichment of the western hemisphere. But as fascinating as would be the following of all these, we are going to follow the more attractive trail of the Gospel.

The Gospel and the gulf have been closely associated ever since white men began sailing these waters. Columbus' first act on setting foot on his newly discovered world was to claim the land for the King of Spain and for what of the Gospel was expressed in the Roman Catholic church. Those who came after him claimed to have the missionary purpose of bringing the Gospel to the poor heathen. But alas! it was a perverted Gospel which they brought. They carried the cross in one hand and the sword in the other. They compelled the natives to become Catholics and then enslaved them and robbed them of all their possessions. They forced the form of the church on the people but gave them little if any of the spirit of the Christ either by teaching or by practice. Consequently all around the Gulf of Mexico today is found Roman Catholicism in its worst form, so mixed with superstitions and ceremonial rites of the old religions of the natives that it is even worse than heathenism.

Happy are we then to journey around the Gulf of Mexico, trailing not the supposed missionary of olden days—who forced much that was false on the poor natives—but our own Baptist mission-

aries, who are giving to needy peoples the true Gospel. We trail not the Conquistadores of Spain but the conquerors of Christ, not pirates in quest of gold but missionaries in quest of souls, not a Gospel of force and hatred but a Gospel of freedom and love. All aboard! Let's go!

TRAILING the GOSPEL

Wherein on flying ships we go,
In fancy gayly sailing
Around the Gulf of Mexico
The Gospel message trailing.

In Cuba—Fitting it is that we make first stop in Cuba, for this was the first of the countries around the Gulf of Mexico to be visited by the discoverers of long ago. As we enter the harbor of Havana, world famed for its beauty, we long to go exploring, to roam through the old castles and forts which stand as grim reminders of the days when the Spaniards ruled the island, then to ride down broad boulevards, lined with handsome public buildings and palatial residences which tell the story of Cuba's progress during the brief period of her existence as an independent republic. Then we would journey on into the country to behold the picturesque villages, the grandeur of palm and pine, the brilliance of verdure and flowers that make this an enchanted land. Again we would like to pause and hear stories of Cuban history, stories of the exploration of the Spaniards, of the struggle of the people for freedom, of the timely aid of the United States and of the final realization of their dream of an independent republic. But we remember that we are following not the trail of tropical beauty or romantic history but the trail of the Gospel, therefore must give our attention only to those aspects of Cuba that concern our mission work.

We find great need of the Gospel in Cuba. Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence has very fittingly called this the "Land of the Lost Christ". For nearly two hundred years it was unlawful to sell or give away the Bible. Even today the Bible is a closed book to most of Cuba's

millions, therefore in a land of cathedrals and crucifixes and where images of the Christ are as common as sea shells the story of a living Christ, powerful to save, is almost unknown.

We are glad to know that five evangelical denominations are working to help Cuba find the "Lost Christ". Of course we are especially interested in our own southern Baptist work, so let us hasten to visit the Baptist Temple, which is the center of all our missionary work. We find this building well located in a down town section of Havana, where it easily touches all phases of Cuban life. Housed in this one three-story building are Calvary Baptist Church, Cuban American College, the office of the superintendent of the Cuban Mission work—Dr. M. N. McCall—and a missionary home for two families and three women missionaries. As we see the cramped, dark quarters of the Cuban American College—our only school for higher education in Cuba—we wonder how effective work can be done, but we are told that the college ranks high in the scholarship of its students. We are glad to go out to a lovely spot in the suburbs of Havana where, through the generosity of Mrs. Bottoms of Arkansas, beautiful buildings for this school are to be erected.

From the Temple as a center our Baptist work radiates, reaching out through four western provinces where live two and a quarter million people. We have eight American missionaries, working with forty-one Cuban workers. It is with joy that we follow the trail of these missionaries as they work, some in the forty-two established churches, some in the twenty-three small outstations, going with them into the homes where they pray and explain the Bible to the people, standing with them in churches, rented halls and tents where revivals are held, seeing the splendid way in which they are winning the lost and training the saved. We are impressed with the courageous spirit of all our workers, both American and Cuban. We learn that due to the scarcity of

home mission funds the salaries of all have by common consent been reduced from five percent to forty-three percent, according to their individual needs. They choose to suffer themselves rather than to let the work suffer.

Before leaving Cuba we take a ride along the new highway that "has surmounted all the obstacles of mountain and jungle to connect the east with the west of this island republic". How we long for this to become a trail of light as the missionary shall carry the torch of the Gospel along its broad way to the people of Cuba!

In Tampa—Miss Fannie Taylor, our missionary among the Italians in Tampa, Fla., says: "Certainly I want you to make a stop at Tampa as you go around the Gulf of Mexico". Gladly accepting this invitation we sail from Cuba straight across to the tip end of Florida, a distance of ninety miles, and then on around the west coast to beautiful Tampa. We soon find the place of most interest to us, for the words—"Italian Baptist Mission"—are written plainly over the door. On the second floor of this building live our three missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Plainfield and Miss Taylor. Below are two large rooms which have become the center of religious activities in this community. Here on Sunday a Sunday school is held, and during the week days these rooms are used for the kindergarten, prayer-meetings, clubs and other activities of the mission. We enjoy peeping in on the kindergarten where the Italian children, like beautiful butterflies, flutter from one interesting activity to another. A local Christian woman teaches this for what the Italian mothers pay—by no means a living salary—but she has a home with her parents who are glad to help her follow her missionary desires. The Sunday school is conducted by volunteer workers from American Baptist churches in the city, assisted by some Christian Italian girls. Miss Taylor describes one of these girls, Annie Maurice Lino, as "an enthusiastic, sparkling

young girl, who teaches the little tots, giving the Bible stories in their Sicilian (*Italian dialect*) language". All other classes are taught in English.

One mile from the mission is our North Boulevard Baptist Church, located in the center of a colony of Italian, Cuban, Spanish and some American people. Here on Sunday morning we find an up-to-date Sunday school, well graded and with a number of the teachers holding normal diplomas. Spain and Italy meet in this Sunday school which has a Spanish superintendent and an Italian secretary. Just before Sunday school begins we see a car drive up, with Miss Fannie Taylor at the wheel, from which spill twelve or fifteen little tots, gathered from homes where the parents could not come to bring the children. Another impressive sight is a group of men coming to Sunday school together, headed by a leader who has been out doing personal work. After Sunday school we join the congregation in listening to a sermon by Dr. Plainfield. We learn that the church has a membership of 175, with an average of 25 new members each year.

We could linger long with these missionaries to the Italians, but we must hasten to make a brief visit to the Cuban mission at Ibor City, the Spanish colony of Tampa. This is one of the oldest missions under the direction of the Home Board. Here we find three missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Vallmitjana and Mrs. Aurelia Baez, shedding the light of God's love among the fifteen thousand Cubans who live in this section. The work here is similar to that of the Italian mission, with a church, Sunday school, day school and other splendid activities.

One day the teacher in the kindergarten of the Italian mission was trying to explain to the children the wonders of prayer. She said, "You can pray to Jesus and tell Him anything you think about". Bright-eyed Angelina, looking up with a surprised expression, asked, "Does Jesus understand Italian?" Yes, thank God! Jesus does understand

Italian, French, Spanish—all languages! How glad we are that we have these missionaries in Tampa who are teaching those of different tongues to talk to Him in the language of the heart, which He always understands!

In Louisiana—From Tampa we sail past the shores of Alabama and Mississippi to equally lovely Louisiana. What an interesting land it is, this land over which have floated the flags of four nations, this land of steamboat lore and plantation romance. Here the Creoles once lived in a splendor that rivaled the courts of Europe. Here the Acadian exiles came to find a home of peace and freedom. Here the voice of the auctioneer was once heard as he sold slaves to rich planters. Here in plantation house and New Orleans mansion once centered the gayest, most luxurious, most romantic life perhaps that America has ever known.

But again we must leave the trail of history and romance to follow the more interesting trail of the Gospel. We are appalled by the great need of the Gospel in this fair state. There are over a million French-speaking people in southern Louisiana, most of whom have never read the Bible and are as ignorant of its truths as are the heathen of China or Africa. A girl was recently converted in one of our missions who didn't know there was a Bible until she was twenty years old. An especially needy part of these French-speaking people are those living below New Orleans, along the bays and estuaries and in boats along the gulf coast. These live a very isolated life, and practically nothing is being done to give them the Gospel. How we do need a "boat missionary" to carry to these who live on the water the message of Him who can give them the water of life!

But where does our Gospel trail lead us in this state of great need? Surely it takes us straight to Acadia Academy, which Mrs. Lawrence calls the "Lighthouse of the French Country". There we find a splendid school with Prof. A. S. Newman, a B.B.I. graduate, as prin-

cipal, with five well trained teachers and a splendid group of students. The primary purpose of this school is to train preachers and leaders to become the evangelists of their own people. Seven years ago there were only two preachers in training, and now there are over thirty. These are already real missionaries, for they are doing splendid work at ten mission points. It is said that they are transforming all that section of Louisiana.

We would love to linger longer at Acadia Academy among these young students, but our time is limited and we must visit in New Orleans before embarking again on the waters of the gulf. This city—with its vast population of Negroes, French and other foreigners, its open doors of vice and its strong Catholic domination—is one of the greatest mission fields in the south. A special point of interest to us is the rescue mission, where our Home Board workers—Dr. J. W. Newbrough and Grady C. Morris—are doing a wonderful work among the "down and out" of this great city. To this place of refuge come thousands of men, broken and helpless and homeless. Our missionaries give to each one a supper of bread and coffee and a bed, though often there are many more men than beds, so floor space is all that can be offered but none are turned away. Always before they leave, the Gospel is preached to them. As a result there is an average of about fifty professions of faith each month.

Now let us go to Baptist Bible Institute for just a minute. How wonderful it is to see these beautiful buildings—so typical of the grandeur of the "Old South", standing among some of the most magnificent trees in all Dixie land—and to realize that this is *ours*, one of our southern Baptist training schools for missionaries and other evangelical workers. But still more wonderful it is to know that this school is changing things, religiously speaking, in Louisiana. Not long after the establishment of the school the people of New Orleans spoke of the "new religion"

which had come to town. Yes, the new religion, which is as old as the Word of God, is there, and the B.B.I. students are spreading it far and wide, as they preach on the street corners and in the New Orleans mission and as they go out into the rural sections as pastors and evangelists. We thank God for all who are giving this "new old" religion to these people to whom it is in truth a new message of hope. We wish we had missionaries in sufficient number to reach those poor boat-people and all the lost of "Lovely Louisiana".

In Mexico and Texas—Around the gulf we go to Texas and Mexico, where we stop for a short visit with our Mexican friends, both above and below the border. As we go into "Old Mexico" we find ourselves for the first time on foreign mission territory. Ever since 1880 our Foreign Board has operated in Mexico, and we have there now 20 missionaries and 62 churches, with a total membership of over 4,000. Splendid as has been this work through the years, we realize that we have made only a small beginning in the task of evangelizing Mexico's 15,000,000 people, most of whom know nothing of the true Gospel. In recent years because of repeated revolutions and the attitude of the government toward all religious sects our work has advanced slowly. However, the political power of the Catholic church is gone and the charm of the priest is broken, so surely now it is going to be easier to lead the people away from the superstitions, that have so bound their souls, into the freedom of the love of Christ.

After this brief glance at our work in "Old Mexico" let us follow the Mexicans as they cross the border into our own country. In recent years they have come north in such large numbers that it has been called "one of the greatest racial movements in all history". "Without exaggeration it can be said that there are fifty times as many Mexicans in the territory which we won from Mexico as lived there when it was still Mexican soil. At least one-eighth of all Mexico's population lives

today under the stars and stripes'. In coming north the Mexican brings with him not only that strong muscle and sturdy endurance which make him such a valuable factor in our industrial life, but he brings also all of those social and moral ills which are the inheritance of centuries of oppression and false religion. On the average he is ignorant, superstitious, suspicious, dishonest, immoral and fanatically Catholic. On the other hand he is courageous, courteous, appreciative, with a great passion for beauty, and becomes a most lovable and worthwhile character when his ills are cured by Christian graces.

What are southern Baptists doing for this host of Mexican immigrants? We find that the Home Board is doing all it can with limited funds to provide missionary pastors among those needy people in New Mexico and Texas. These twenty-one missionaries say that there is a revival spirit among the churches and that, though the work is difficult, the Mexicans are accepting Christ in great numbers.

We would love to visit all our Mexican mission points, especially the churches in San Antonio and El Paso, where live the largest groups of these people, but time permits only one visit, which will be to Bastrop to visit the Mexican Baptist Institute. This school is the realization of the dream of Paul Bell who, believing that the Mexicans could best be reached by missionaries from among their own people, established with the help of the Home Mission Board and other friends this school where young Mexicans are being trained for this work. We find here an unfinished building with forty students and fourteen Mexican orphan children. We are especially interested in a bus and truck which seem to be a very important part of the school's equipment. We are told that these are used not only to carry student pastors each week to their churches but also for evangelistic campaigns. When Paul Bell wants to hold a revival he loads his tents, cooking utensils, beds and preachers on the truck and bus, and away they go

to the place of meeting. In the mornings they have their school lessons, in the afternoons they do personal work, and at night Paul Bell preaches under one of the tents. Three hundred were won to Christ in these tent meetings last summer.

As we leave this school, which might well be called the "Light house of the Mexicans", we long to do more for home missions that more Mexicans may be reached. Surely, for the sake of the Mexicans themselves, for the sake of our own country and for the sake of "Old Mexico", to which they are continually returning, we must give Christ to this Christless host.

In Panama—Since skies are clear and days are fair, and we are having such a good time on our imaginary trip let us sail on down through the gulf, into the Caribbean Sea and hence to Panama, "where the land is divided that the world be united". Our Gospel trail in Panama leads us in two directions—first to our one white Baptist church and then to our seven colored churches. Our one "real, sure enough, vital, vigorous, functioning, white Baptist church" is located at Balboa Heights, the capital of the Canal Zone, a city of about five thousand people, most of them from the states. Near is Panama City, the capital of the Panamanian Republic, so the church is accessible to the Baptists of both cities. It has the opportunity not only of ministering to the needs of the varied and more or less permanent white population of the Canal Zone but to touch, in some degree at least, the throngs from all nations who are constantly passing by its doors through the waters of the canal. This church, though built and once supported by the Home Mission Board, is now self-supporting. Its pastor, Rev. Alfred Carpenter, besides carrying on the work of the church, is also superintendent of all our mission work in the Canal Zone. Following the trail which leads to our work among the natives, we find seven churches and three schools. The largest of these churches is at Colon, a city of more than thirty thousand peo-

ple. It has a building that seats more than six hundred and is doing splendid Sunday school, B.Y.P.U. and W.M.U. work. Our three schools are self-supporting, and all of the churches are working toward self-support.

As we stand, beholding the great canal and thinking of the ships that are passing through all the time—laden with merchandise for the markets of the world—we long to say to all on board these vessels and to all who live on this important strip of the western hemisphere: "The love of Christ is worth more than all the treasures that pass through this canal. Come and buy without money and without price".

STORIES by the WAY

Wherein along the Gospel trail,

We thrilling stories hear;

Each one a true inspiring tale,

To help us and to cheer.

The Choice of a Book

(The facts of this story were furnished by Miss Eva R. Inlow, now the secretary for Oklahoma W.M.U. young people but once a Home Board missionary in Cuba, and she assures us that it all really happened this way.)

THREE Cuban children were playing on a beach of sponges. What a wonderful playground it was—mounds of sponges, hills of sponges, thrown there by sponge-gatherers because they were unfit for the market. But soon the children's attention was diverted from their spongy playground by something even more fascinating: a schooner, with her three masts piercing the clear sky, was sailing majestically over the blue waters toward their shore. They stood watching her, fascinated by her stately beauty as she came closer and closer. After a bit they saw her drop anchor and then saw smaller boats go out to bring her passengers to shore. Little did they dream that her captain was a friend of their father and that on the very next day they would be invited to visit the big ship.

But that is just what happened. Early the next morning they rode in one of the small boats away from the beach

of sponges out to where the schooner still stood in her stately majesty. How they enjoyed seeing all the wonders of the great ship! But most wonderful of all to them was the library, with its rows and rows of books. To their joyful surprise the captain said, "You each choose a book to take home with you". The two older children soon selected two beautifully bound books, filled with bright colored pictures. But for some strange reason Maria, the youngest, chose a little book with a worn black cover and no pictures within. "Hada't you rather have one of these prettier ones?" asked the captain. But the child clung to the plain black book as if fascinated by some charm hidden between its covers. As she grew older she read some in her chosen book but not much, for she couldn't understand the strange words: so, soon it was laid away, a forgotten treasure.

Years passed by, and Maria grew into young womanhood. One day in a village, some distance from the beach of sponges, she heard some one speaking in a little building, from which the front doors had been removed in such a way as to make it almost a part of the open street. The words which fell on Maria's ears as she approached this building were beautiful and, somehow, seemed strangely familiar. She entered the little chapel, listening and wondering where she had heard those words before. Then suddenly, like a flash, came the remembrance of the little black book, chosen in her childhood and long since forgotten. Yes, she had read those very words in that book. Quickly she ran to find the book and to bring it to the preacher asking, "Didn't you get your message out of this book?" After one glance at the little worn volume the preacher said, "Yes, this is the Bible, the Word of God. Everything I say comes out of this book". "And it is all so beautiful", exclaimed Maria. From that day on she read the beautiful words found in the little black book and went often to the chapel to hear them explained by the preacher. *Sum,*

trusting in the message of that book, she gave her heart to Jesus and began living for Him.

Today Maria Hernandez is back in her old home, near the beach of sponges, teaching other children the blessed story found in the little black book. Often she goes to the beach and, standing among the sponges, she looks out across the blue of the sea to the spot where the schooner lay on that day long ago when she and her sisters went visiting the captain. Then she lifts her eyes to the blue of the sky and thanks the Heavenly Father because His Spirit led her to pass by the books with the pretty bindings and colored pictures to choose a little worn, black book which contained the Words of Life.

The Old Bell Ringer of North Boulevard Church

(The facts for this story were furnished by Miss Fannie Taylor.)

"COME to church! Come to church!"

So says the bell which hangs in the belfry of North Boulevard Church in Tampa, Fla. So clear and sure are its notes and so faithfully is it rung at just the right hour on Sunday, Wednesday night and at every other time when services are held that one thinks that some young man is surely the custodian of the bell. Therefore, great is the surprise to find that the hand which pulls that rope with such force and such faithfulness is that of an old man past eighty-six years of age.

Up until he was seventy-seven years old Mr. Angelo Giglio was a devout Roman Catholic. Then he heard the true Gospel, was converted and baptized into the North Boulevard Church. His Catholic friends marvelled because he no longer came to mass, but that didn't worry Mr. Giglio, for he was far happier in his new church than he had ever been in the old. He longed to do something for Jesus. That desire found expression in the bell which he bought and presented to his church. Then, said he: "I will ring that bell myself. It will be my old wrinkled hand that

will send out through this community the message, 'Come to church! Come to church!'" So every time the church opens he is there at his place of duty, ringing his bell. Low and stoop-shouldered he is, but those who answer the invitation of the bell are always cheered by his saintly smile and happy word as he greets them. His son and wife, with whom he lives, and their two sons and one daughter are also members of the church. Surely the bell says not only "Come to church! Come to church!" but also "Jesus saves! Jesus saves!" as it tells the story of these and others who have been won to Christ through the preaching of the Gospel to the Italians in Tampa. We are glad that through our home mission work we rang the bells of hope in the heart of old Angelo Giglio. We are glad that when his hands can no longer pull the rope of his beloved bell the golden bells will ring a happy entrance for him into the land where the bells of love and joy ring on forever.

AFTERTHOUGHTS

Wherein we think our journey o'er,
While doubts and fears assail,
And realize we should do more
Along this Gospel trail.

OUR journey is ended. We have followed the Gospel trail around the Gulf of Mexico. We have seen much to discourage us and much to encourage us. We have seen *great need*—millions of people living in sin and woe with little if any knowledge of Christ. We have seen *great opportunity*—millions waiting for the Gospel message, ready to be won to Christ. We have seen *great failure* on the part of southern Baptists to meet this opportunity—so few missionaries, such lack of equipment and so many fields unoccupied. Then we have seen the *great success* of our missionary work, the faithfulness and the heroism of our workers and the marvelous way in which God is blessing their efforts. What shall we do about it? Surely we must give more and pray more, that

more missionaries may follow the trail of the Gospel around this gulf of opportunity.

In his book, "That Mexican", Robert N. McLean describes a remarkable madonna, painted by the Mexican artist, Diego Rivera. He says: "The countenance of the mother draws and holds one. It is that of a stolid Indian woman, the face of one who has suffered. There is so much pain about the lines of the mouth and the eyes that one lingers and looks again and again, wishing that he might know something of the experiences which have written their story upon her brow. Between her knees her little child, large eyed, face unmarked by anguish, looks out

upon the future unafraid". May we not let this picture with its story of past suffering and future hopefulness symbolize for us all the people whom we have visited around the Gulf of Mexico? Surely their past is written in the lines of pain and anguish expressed on the face of the woman. Dare we let the child who faces the future unafraid stand for their future? Does the tomorrow promise better things for them? Yes, provided we give them our Christ. Let us continue to go around the Gulf of Mexico, carrying the Gospel to the millions who make a continued circle of need around its waters, that their past of suffering may be changed to a future of hope and joy.

QUESTIONS

1. Discuss the growing importance of the Gulf of Mexico.
2. How did the early conquerors of the western hemisphere "convert" the natives?
3. What building is the center of our southern Baptist work in Cuba?
4. Tell something of the Cuban American College.
5. Mention two home mission institutions in Tampa.
6. Tell something of the North Boulevard Baptist Church.
7. Discuss Louisiana as a mission field.
8. Tell something of Acadia Academy.
9. What is the nature of the work of the rescue mission in New Orleans?
10. How is B. B. I. a missionary agency in Louisiana?
11. What conditions are now making our work in Mexico especially difficult?
12. What are southern Baptists doing for the Mexicans in the United States?
13. Mention two phases of our work in Panama.
14. Give some reasons why Panama is an important and difficult mission field.
15. How may we help to send the Gospel around the Gulf of Mexico?

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From over the Border.....	Vernon Monroe McCombs
Old Louisiana.....	Lyle Saxon

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ple's organizations, the Jews, foreigners, the unenlisted, the unsaved, the Negroes. Firmer allegiance must be secured for law observance by W.M.U. members and those whom they can influence. Participation must be had in the peace program of the Baptist World Alliance. The S.B.C. Promotion Committee, meeting in Birmingham on July 7, calls not only for much prayer but also for untiring work. Let us pray—and then work!

TRAINING SCHOOL

Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, Principal

GRADUATION NIGHT



On the night of May 4th throngs of people pressed their way through the doorway of the Baptist W.M.U. Training School in Louisville, Ky. It was the night of the graduation of forty-one of the one hundred and seventeen students of the year. Through the spacious white marble halls, up the white marble stairs the people passed and on into the beautiful Heck Memorial Chapel.

The cathedral clock in the hall chimed the hour of eight, and music began. It was the processional song from the pageant, "Darkness and Light". From the rear of the long chapel came marching the young women graduates, singing the inspiring words of that classic missionary song of challenge. Clothed in white, bearing palms of victory, they came in stately step as the processional song proceeded. They took their places on the platform. Then followed the remainder of the student body and occupied seats reserved for them in the audience. After the invocation by Rev. Russell White the Training School Chorus sang Haydn's "The Heavens Are Telling". Their excellent singing shows the thorough training of their music director, Miss Claudia Edwards.

The address of the evening was delivered by Miss Blanche White of Richmond, Va. The subject was "Assurance". Miss White said that the commencement address of Jesus to the eleven who had been students in His school was spoken in an upper room the night before His crucifixion. "These things have I spoken unto you," said Jesus, "that in Me ye may have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world". This Miss White made her theme. She presented some of the peculiar difficulties that the Training School girls would meet as they went forth into their life of service. At all times take tribulations to Jesus first and learn the fellowship of His suffering. The "Kindly Light" leads in days of waiting just as well as in days of activity. Miss White raised the vital question, "What is definite Christian service?" She showed how it was extended in many lines and not confined to definite salaried denominational service. She told of Training School girls in service in the home caring for invalid parents, in a juvenile court, principal of a junior high school and, through all these responsibilities, faithful to voluntary leadership in local churches. Miss White's final urgent appeal was that no stress of circumstances might cause shipwreck of missionary ideals.

At the conclusion of Miss White's address the Training School Chorus sang, "How Lovely Are the Messengers", Mendelssohn. Then followed the presentation of the diplomas by Miss Carrie Littlejohn, the acting principal for the past year. Her charge to the girls as she presented the diplomas was from a recent translation of Jesus' words, "But every one when he is completely trained will be like his Master".

Following are the graduates by states:

Alabama: Miss Bertha Wallis, Miss Nina Gay Whatley, Mrs. Lois Small Edwards
Arkansas: Miss Kezee Wooley, Miss Josephine Riley, Mrs. J. L. Riffey
Florida: Miss Kathleen Calhoun
Georgia: Miss Leola Smith, Mrs. J. L. Drake
Illinois: Miss Annabel Wall

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MARGARET FUND

Chairman: Mrs. Frank Burney, Waynesboro, Ga.

OF INTEREST TO MARGARET FUND FRIENDS



Those of you, who were not at our May annual meeting in Birmingham and who are helping to make this anniversary year a most splendid one, are on "tiptoe" to know of our Margaret Memorial celebration. How happy we are to report that hundreds of Margarets were found and their names enrolled—more than 800 Margarets were sent in before our annual meeting report was completed and more were ready to be added by the state chairmen while there. Margarets were enrolled by every one of the 19 states: mothers, grandmothers, daughters, cousins, friends and even three faithful "Mammy" Margarets.

Beautiful are the pages recording our Margarets across the seas. On these you'll find Margarets of China, Argentina and Brazil. Holy and sacred are the pages enrolling our Margarets who now "encompass us about", who are among our choir invisible, the inspiration of whose lives inspires us to attempt great things for God and to expect great things from God. No memorial could be more lasting; its beauty and benevolence are known around the world.

Many names are not yet in our beautiful lavender and gold Book of Remembrance because they were sent in too late for enrolling before the annual meeting. However, all will be added at once, and many more as they are found during this 1931 year.

The lavender and white banner was presented to Georgia for having enrolled the greatest number of Margarets: 314 Margarets were memorialized by that state and yet more are to be added. Texas came second in Margarets to this memorial, but Mississippi came second in gifts.

The most popular Margaret in the south was Mississippi's "Margaret Lackey". Having been served by her for 18 years as secretary, how delighted was her state of this opportunity to honor her and also to assist in enlarging this Margaret Fund, and so \$358 were sent to swell our Margaret Memorial in her honor. Happy were we to dedicate a page to her.

The total gifts to the Margaret Memorial Fund up to May 7th were \$2,305.36. Grateful are we for the beautiful response to this cause and certainly do we trust that every Margaret in the south will be enrolled before the year is over.

It is a joy to record that the love gifts to our students were greater this year than ever before; \$5,183.34 was given to bless, cheer and make happy and more comfortable their stay here in our schools. Texas led in this, Georgia second. \$19,800 was given in scholarships.

Sixty-five students received aid from this fund during the past year and how our hearts rejoice that eleven of these are preparing themselves for definite Christian service. More than eighty are to be with us during 1931-32.

We wish all of you might have been with us to wear a big red M on our "Red Letter" day at the annual meeting, for 'tis truly a "red letter" time in the history of our fund. How we wished for all of you during our Margaret Fund luncheon on annual meeting Monday, when the state chairmen met, sang, prayed and planned for this cause which is so dear to our hearts. Fervently and heartily could we sing:

"Our Margaret Fund doth bind
 Our W.M.U. to missionaries dear.
 We keep their children on our hearts
 And cheer and bless them each year".

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earthly and Heavenly rewards. In Proverbs 3:9, 10 we are promised earthly rewards: 'Honour the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst out with new wine'. Then elsewhere we are promised rewards hereafter. John 10:28 says: 'And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand'. In Revelation 2:10 we are told to: 'Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life'. In one place we are promised rewards on earth. In another, we are told that we will 'suffer on earth but that, if we will be faithful unto death, we shall receive a crown of life. The Word of God is hard to understand in many places yet, if we simply place our trust in God, we will come out all right'.

Judge Lowell stood up, saying: "Brother Florida, you have made me realize my debt to God. I can never hope to thank you for what you have done for me here tonight. The remaining years of my life I am going to try to live so that I may not only make up for my sins of the past but also that people may say of me when I die, 'He was a good man. The world has been better off by his living in it'". With these words Judge Lowell departed to begin his life anew.

TRAINING SCHOOL—(Concluded from Page 30)

Kentucky: Miss Helen Virginia Gibson, Miss Elsie Ray Southwood

Louisiana: Miss Vivian Ora Pittman

Mississippi: Miss Frances Landrum

Missouri: Miss Leola Mulvania, Miss Gertrude Payne, Miss Florence Steidel, Miss Eula Stotts, Miss Mary Anna Fain

North Carolina: Miss Ruth Abee, Miss Ethel Honeycutt, Miss Virginia Lake, Miss Bessie McKinney, Miss Lillian Odum, Miss Sudie Wellington

South Carolina: Miss Lona Baldwin, Miss Myrtle Smith, Mrs. F. Orion Mixon

Tennessee: Miss Margaret Bruce, Miss Hilda Hall, Miss Leona Mayo, Miss Lorene Tilford

Texas: Mrs. Lillie Mae Glenn Blaisdell

Virginia: Miss Elizabeth Hale, Miss Louisa Huckstep, Miss Edna Earl Elliott, Miss Adelaide Reamy, Miss Lena Stevens, Miss Frances White, Mrs. Dorothy Daugherty Anderson

England: Miss Eva Gladys Davis

Through the twenty-four years of the history of the school more than seven hundred young women have been graduated. They have served in eleven other countries beside our homeland.

—Margaret A. Frost, Member of Board of Managers

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When the Ogbomoso District Association met in Olla, Nigeria in Africa, the association heard such reports from the churches as follows: "Many people coming to church and becoming Christians. . . . Nearly 50 persons become Christians since last meeting of association. . . . More than 200 people become Christians, many old people among them". During the association 700 people went to a town 20 minutes' walk away and there held an evangelistic service.

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W.M.U. MISSIONARY and BIBLE STUDY TOPICS for REMAINING MONTHS of 1931

- JULY**—Around the Gulf of Mexico with the Gospel
Study of mission fields around the Gulf of Mexico
Latin-America at home: Italian, French, Spanish; Cuba, Mexico, Panama
- AUGUST**—Adventuring with the Gospel in South America
The Word of God opening the way
Our missionaries and their work
- SEPTEMBER**—Christ for Africa
New developments of our work in Africa
- OCTOBER**—The Challenge of My State
The mission fields in the states
Agencies at work
Results
- NOVEMBER**—The Crucible of World Destiny
Recent developments in Europe and Palestine
Growing Baptist leadership in Europe
Baptist seminaries in Europe
- DECEMBER**—The Star Again in the East
Our missionary work in the orient
Growing native leadership in China
A decade of W.M.U. work in Japan
Present situation among depleted forces on these fields

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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

Dec.—"Not As the World Giveth", John 14:27

PROGRAM OUTLINE—(Concluded from Page 18)

Group 7. Personal Service Findings

In view of the investigations made, the needs and opportunities revealed, the Personal Service Committee should be able to suggest to the different circles splendid opportunities for community service for their church or in cooperation with other agencies in illiteracy, Good Will Center work, helping among the foreigners, Negroes etc. The committee should make definite suggestions, assigning definite work.

"Till glorious from Thy Heaven above
Shall come the City of our God!"

Material for Program—(1) The Crowded Ways, by Sears; (2) The Menace of the Movements, by Fred Eastman; (3) Walter Rauschenbusch's Prayers for Social Awakening; (4) Interracial Literature (free) from Interracial Commission, 4th Floor of Palmer Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

NOTE: By action of the W.M.U. Executive Committee this department giving the "Program Outline and References for Advanced Missionary Societies" is discontinued with this issue. Sincerest thanks are herewith expressed to Mrs. White for preparing the material and to all who have used it. The general program (pages 21-29) can be adjusted easily to suit the most advanced society.

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APPORTIONMENTS for WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION for 1931

States	Cooperative Program	Training School and Margaret Fund	Totals
Alabama	\$ 97,800	\$ 2,200	\$ 100,000
Arizona	1,000	21	1,021
Arkansas	60,000	1,000	61,000
District of Columbia	25,000	300	25,300
Florida	60,000	500	60,500
Georgia	200,000	8,000	208,000
Illinois	30,000	500	30,500
Kentucky	120,798	3,124	123,922
Louisiana	68,500	500	69,000
Maryland	25,000	400	25,400
Mississippi	78,000	2,020	80,020
Missouri	50,000	2,280	52,280
New Mexico	7,500	100	7,600
North Carolina	250,000	3,000	253,000
Oklahoma	75,000	1,500	76,500
South Carolina	132,140	2,860	135,000
Tennessee	143,000	2,000	145,000
Texas	296,400	3,600	300,000
Virginia	250,000	3,760	253,760
Totals	\$1,960,138	\$31,565	\$1,991,703



The apportionments as listed above were agreed upon at the W.M.U. annual meeting on May 13 in Birmingham. They are for the calendar year of 1931, half of which has passed with the coming of July. On page 34 will be found the treasurer's report for the first three months of 1931. It is indeed a splendid record but it is over \$61,000 less than the total for the corresponding quarter of 1930. Therefore—and "because the great world's heart is aching"—there is the added urge to have the third quarter's report surpass its own quota by any lack of the first two quarters. This can be more easily accomplished if every member, every organization and every state will feel a real responsibility for the reaching of the apportionment according to the plan of the state W.M.U.

Attention is also called to the best southwide Y.W.A. tithing story as given on pages 10-12. If its teachings are heeded the apportionments will undoubtedly be attained—aye and much more. Among the many fine resolutions of the May annual meeting in Birmingham was the following:

"That the Union enter into an effort to secure new tithers who will promise to tithe for four months at least, turning the funds into the regular channels.

This campaign is to extend from September 1 through December 31, 1931".

In the discussion it was explained that many people are timid about promising to tithe henceforth but that many of them might be persuaded to give the plan a four months' trial. The purpose is for W.M.U. members to enter enthusiastically into this campaign to secure the four months' promise to tithe on the part of men as well as women and young people. At present the records show only one tither for every twelve members in W.M.U. young people's organizations and one for every seven W.M.S. members.

The delegates at the W.M.U. annual meeting also passed the following resolution.

"That in every church the women and young people who are now tithing form a Tithers' Fellowship League; that this league through prayer, personal testimony and Scriptural teaching make a persistent and patient canvass of the other members in the W.M.S., Y.W.A., G.A., R.A. and older Sunbeams, with the expectation that God will bless their prayers and efforts in enlisting new tithers".

Another forward movement of the Birmingham meeting was a hearty endorsement of the S.B.C. plan to stress the every-member canvass. Please re-study page 10 of the 1931 W.M.U. Year Book. Its suggestions underwrite the year's apportionments.