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1 Cor. 3:9

WATCHWORD for YEAR: "That the world may know"

—John 17:23



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EDITORIAL

CONDENSERS

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



A friend dialed the grocer in a hurry-up call for the meat for dinner. The fire department answered. She tried again, and the response was, "Long Distance, please!" Repeatedly, she dialed only to get a different person and place each time. The company sent an investigator out who casually reported to the office that "the condenser had kicked off". The condenser, it seems, is a device for the storing up of electricity and for preventing outside interference. It works something like a lens for the concentration of light.

Every life needs a condenser. The earnest soul, that is eager to stamp something worthy upon his generation, desirous of leaving something in the hearts of humanity which will not die, must seek this quality of the condenser. Like the telephone, we too "kick off" and dissipate our energies on random things of little moment. The daily papers recently carried a news story of an ant that worked its way into a signal box in a small Tennessee town and threw the switch, thus changing the signal on a main railroad line. It is usually a little thing that causes the human condenser to kick off. It is true of our personal actions and reactions. It is equally true of life's wider interests. The organizational tasks of our W.M.U. work require this same quality of the condenser. Varying months and seasons require specific emphasis upon certain phases of our organizational and denominational work. One is prone to consider August a month of little consequence in our work. Its days are often idled through indifferently. Should it be a vacation month with you, make it into a condenser. There are many books, bearing on your missionary work which you have long wanted to read or study. There are successful workers you have longed to confer with regarding their effective methods. Many of your own co-workers have never been in your home, nor do you know anything of the influences surrounding their lives. Perhaps you might re-discover the attractive personalities that have appeared for a time upon your organizational horizon only to vanish. August is the month to concentrate upon and fully perfect your fall enlistment plan; to put fresh thought and the final touches upon the observance of the season of prayer for your state; to outline your general work for the winter season; to plan with circle leaders for original and interesting circle programs for the coming months; to plan for the observance of the season of prayer for foreign missions. If you are in love with your work, this will not be a task but a means of self-expression, therefore art, because you put something of your very self into it. Lowell says: "It is the vain endeavor to make ourselves what we are not. Man must be in love with his work. The heart is just as necessary as the head". August is the month to store up knowledge, power, interest, that you may later put into effect in practical work. Don't "kick off" your missionary zeal and plans during August. Keep the missionary condensers, both in individuals and in organizations, in good working order if you would know unbroken interest and progress.

Perhaps August's quietness will reveal to you the advancing footfall of twenty million boys and girls in our land, only one of every four receiving any religious instruction. Some of them are in your community, in your town, in your church.

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TITHING

Mrs. G. R. Martin, Southwide Stewardship Chairman

A SACRIFICE OF OBEDIENCE



Sincere praise and thanksgiving filled the hearts of the members of our Woman's Missionary Union present at the recent annual meeting in Birmingham, when the total amount of the Lottie Moen Christmas Offering and the Thank Offering for Home Missions was read by our treasurer, Mrs. Lowndes. How grateful we were that our apprehensions, because of the uncertainties of the year, had been transmuted—by prayer and faith and by the Spirit working within us—into these offerings of love to our Lord who gave His all "that the world might know" joy and peace and life eternal through Him. In imagination we followed these gifts and around our missionary world: saw them building chapels, churches, schools and dispensaries; providing passages and salaries for missionaries; making many hope-deferred hearts sing and make melody unto Jehovah.

That an earnest effort be made by the Woman's Missionary Union to secure as large a number of women as possible who will agree to tithe for a period of four months. The months are September through December of this year.

This action was taken for four reasons:

I—Because the Woman's Missionary Union has always advocated giving according to Bible instructions and because, through experience, tithing has been proven to be a vital principle and not a theory. Scriptural guarantee is back of it, for of all promises in the Word none is more convincingly exemplified nor its truth more conclusively upheld.

II—Because various statisticians have estimated that the yearly gifts of southern Baptists would total at least one hundred million dollars if they would

But we soon saw that these gifts were not nearly enough to provide for other necessary and urgent needs. Miss Maklory brought back a heartful of opportunities for under-girding our work in South America and Dr. Ray's list, offering wonderful spiritual investment, kept growing! So the thought came: "How can the W.M.U. take a larger share in this blessed privilege of co-laboring with our Boards and with our blessed Lord?"

This question was discussed very earnestly at one of the W.M.U. Executive Committee sessions and suggestions were offered. No doubt the fact that the increasing number of tithers in our Union and the increasing totals of our Weeks of Prayer offerings bear a vital relation the one to the other, together with the Union's firm conviction that in tithes and offerings we have God's plan for financing His Kingdom, led us to consider increasing the number of our tithers. The discussion resulted in the following recommendation, which was adopted:

agree to recognize the divine nature of the tithe and to make it the principle of their giving. Facing this startling assertion, the Woman's Missionary Union longs for its realization and earnestly urges southern Baptist women prayerfully to face the tremendous possibility and seriously to resolve to do their part to secure its blessings upon themselves and upon the world work of our Convention.

III—Because of this human nature of ours (or possibly our unregenerated hearts) very many women hesitate to undertake for an indefinite period something new and untried but will agree to

try it for a short and definite time. Hence this period of four months (September through December) is recommended, hoping that the brevity will appeal and that the hearts of many, many women may know the joy of this—their reasonable—service.

IV—Because of the spiritual blessing that will come to individuals and to societies and to churches if this sacrifice of obedience is offered to Jehovah our God. One has only to follow the subject of tithing through the Old Testament and into the New to see God's will in it and His blessing upon it. It was His command and it was nowhere repealed. A careful reading of the Pentateuch (and later of Hebrews), where the plans for the tabernacle are set forth, reveals a recurring caution: "See thou make all things according to the pattern which was showed thee in the mount" (Ex. 25:9, 40 etc.) True the tabernacle has passed but the temple replaced it, which was the prototype of the New Testament church with its unnumbered membership of regenerated lives in which Christ Jesus is both Savior and Lord. It is the cherished hope of the W.M.U. that great spiritual energy and power may be liberated as many give serious thought through Bible study and prayer groups to this vital matter of providing for God's Kingdom extension according to His pattern given to His servant of old.—Mrs. Eugene Levering, Maryland

PAYING and GIVING

TITHING was so long neglected as a doctrine of God's Word that, when proper emphasis was placed upon it, many concluded that it was a new idea, introduced by religious leaders for financing the Kingdom. The truth is the doctrine is older than the Mosaic law and was in practice by many nations before the days of Abraham. The giving of one-tenth of one's income for the support of religious worship was practiced most punctiliously by the Jew. Jesus recognized the law and commended it, but He never intimated that the paying of it

was the whole obligation of His followers. To the Jew, the tithe was not all that he was due Jehovah but was only the tax or interest he paid for the use of possessions that God had given him. Above and beyond this, he made offerings and did not consider that he had given anything until he paid his tithe.

In this good day the Christian who becomes a tithe is recognized as a most liberal giver and in many instances is inclined to be Pharisaical over his liberality. It is a well known fact that if God's people gave even a tenth the Kingdom could be financed and "the knowledge of the Lord would cover the earth as the waters cover the sea".

If the tithe is used as a basis, well and good, but not as a fixed rule to regulate Christian giving. To many, a tenth is far too small a proportion but never too large.

Shall we use for ourselves nine-tenths of what God enables us to get, giving back to Him only one-tenth? Has He not the right to ask how we use the nine-tenths?

But in advocating, emphasizing and practicing the tithe, let us remember Jesus' words in regard to the observance of it: "Woe unto you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye tithe mint, anise and cummin and have left undone the weightier matters of the law—justice and mercy and faith: but these ye ought to have done, and not to have left the others undone" (Matt. 23:23). Paying and giving, no matter how liberal, can never take the place of loving, sacrificial service.—Mrs. J. H. Coin, Ga.

"THE TITHE IS the LORD'S"

ARE you living your life with a true sense of proportion? A Christian's life, his talents and his ability to make money are gifts from God to invest for the world's good and the glory of God, who is due a part of all these possessions.

Titling is a divine obligation because wealth is a divine gift. But, on the other hand, giving is more than an obligation: it is a Christian grace. Tithing is a matter of payment; only be-

yond the tithe does one really give. We should give according to our ability and we are to give as a proof of our love. Christ is the Supreme Giver, the model for all our giving which is fruitless and dead unless done in His spirit. "Ye are not your own for ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's" (1 Cor. 6:19-20). Because of His love for us, He gave Himself. How can we show our love?

We can show our love in tithes and offerings of our lives and money. Be-

lieve and tithe. The blessings are true and real. "What shall I do with the tithe money?" you ask: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in Mine house and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:10). Give God the glory when the blessings do come—do not give the credit to man or to yourself.—Mrs. C. R. Pugh, Ark.

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Into their hands America will soon place her institutions, her cherished traditions, her spirit of liberty and universal influence. How will they measure up to these responsibilities? How will they stand on the vital subjects of temperance, righteousness, law-observance? It is said that for three hundred years after the battle of Thermopylae the boys and girls of Greece repeated with pride the names of the men who fell there. When they ceased to remember their heroic dead, their nation lost its place of power and influence. Our young people need to be oft reminded of our great national verities, conceived in sacrifice, nourished by the life blood of great men and women. The noble living and the heroic dead inspire them to help in the fulfillment of our divine destiny as a peace-loving, law-abiding, God-fearing nation. These young people need Christian training and ideals. They need development and vision that they may be led to hold their physical strength, their talents, their ambitions, their fortunes, their influence, in a great Christian stewardship.

Purpose to use August for definite and systematic study, planning and preparation. Make August a condenser.

I "AGREE to PRAY"



As explained on page 4 of the July issue of this magazine earnest emphasis was laid upon missionary intercession during the May meeting of southern Baptists. Since then the following weekly cycle of prayer has been prepared, quite a few W.M.U. members having already indicated their purpose to use it, thus "agreeing to pray" on

Sunday for:

The Kingdom of God as Affected by My Own Society, Church, Local, State, Home and Foreign Missions

Thursday for:

South America
Indians in South

Friday for:

Africa
Negroes in South

Saturday for:

Europe and Palestine
Jews in South

Monday for:

Cuba, Panama and Mexico
Spanish-Speaking People in South

Tuesday for:

China
All Foreign People in South

Wednesday for:

Japan
Mountain People in South



BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES



Miss Isabelle Coleman, North Carolina

TOPIC: ADVENTURING with the GOSPEL in SOUTH AMERICA

Poster Suggestions: Draw in colors a map of North America and South America. Around these draw a friendship chain and label the links in the chain: ships, aeroplanes, wireless, radio, missionaries, newspapers, the Bible, government ambassadors, Pan-American Association, Christian tourists, Christian business etc. Lock the ends of the chain together with a padlock entitled, Christian Love, and fasten the lock to the staff of a Christian flag floating over both Americas.

The Program:

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Business

Current Missionary News

A Psalm Verse: Psalm 119:11

Devotional

Very Softly Sing: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart

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Romans 10:14

Unite in Singing: Send the Light

Enlist all in chain of prayer that we may adventure with more zeal for Christ in South America.

Louisville Balarges League: A letter from the chairman of the Baptist Business Women's Council of Louisville, Ky., reports an addition of five functioning Business Women's Circles since the federation was organized about a year ago. In writing of the value of thus uniting the Baptist Business Women's Circles of the city, Miss Carrico says: "We find our city Council quite interesting and feel that it has a growing future. We had the pleasure of having Miss Mallory with us in January and we did enjoy her immensely. Our meetings are quarterly and, so far as we know, we are one of the few cities in the south to launch such a program for our Baptist business women, but we hope that others may 'go and do likewise'."

A Quilting Party: Crinoline days, when lavender and old lace and quilting parties were in vogue, have passed away and with them a lost art, the restoration of which would add beauty, individuality and unique charm to many a boudoir. As a step toward restoring this genius inherited from our grandmothers, let's plan an old fashioned quilting party for our B.W.C. Perhaps the pieces will not have been cut nor the pattern designed, but a big basket of scraps donated by some dressmaker, a pattern in one mind, needles and thread and a group of business women gathered some evening in a cool garden lighted with Japanese lanterns, or in the coolest room of the church, can produce a coverlet of beauty and

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FAMILY ALTAR



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

Topic: THY WORD: Psalm 119:11



The voice of the prophet is hushed. The Hebrews wait for the Christ. Persia, Greece, the Maccabees, Rome, each in turn, holds sway over the then civilized world. At times Israel is allowed to worship the one God unmolested. Again many gods are offered instead of Jehovah. (Between Testaments)

Thy Word

1st Day—I Chron. 16:16

2nd Day—I Pet. 2:1-10

3rd Day—I Tim. 6:3-8, 18-19

4th Day—James 1:18-25

5th Day—I Pet. 1:23-25

6th Day—Deut. 11:18, 19; 31:19-22

7th Day—Isa. 84:16a; 55:10, 11

Thy Law

15th Day—Ps. 1:2; 19:7-11

16th Day—Ps. 119:1-8, 11, 15, 16

17th Day—Ps. 119:97-101

18th Day—I Tim. 1:5, 8-10

19th Day—Matt. 5:17-19, 48-49

20th Day—Luke 16:16, 17

21st Day—Heb. 10:1-10

Thy Revelation

22nd Day—Rev. 1:1, 2, 11, 17, 19

23rd Day—Rev. 2:7; 19:10

24th Day—Rev. 22:6-8

25th Day—Matt. 10:16-20, 26-28

26th Day—John 6:88-88

27th Day—Mark 8:38; 10:29-31

28th Day—Acts 1:4, 5, 7, 8

29th Day—Luke 12:35-40

30th Day—John 16:18-27

31st Day—Matt. 11:25-27

Thy Message

8th Day—I John 1:1-5, 17

9th Day—I Cor. 1:18

10th Day—II Tim. 8:16, 17

11th Day—John 4:20-24

12th Day—John 7:87, 88

13th Day—Matt. 18:30, 40-43

14th Day—Matt. 20:25-28

"Pray Ye"

In thanks to God, our Heavenly Father
In humble confession of many sins of omission and commission
Pleading for hearts that yearn for the advancement of the Kingdom
Remembering Baptists and other Christians meeting in associations, at assemblies, in churches, societies, circles and around family altars
Asking guidance for parents and young people as the latter plan for college
Seeking ways and means of enlisting tithe (see pages 5-7.)

Remembering all missionaries at home and abroad, especially those who are over-burdened and those

to whom great sorrow has recently come
Asking that societies and individual members may faithfully prepare for their season of prayer for state missions

Seeking to know how southern Baptists: (1) may rekindle their missionary fires; (2) may promote world-wide peace; (3) may observe the eighteenth amendment and all other laws, helping their neighbors to do likewise



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: **THY WORD:** Psalm 119:11

"Book of Jehovah", "Holy Scriptures", "Law of Jehovah", "Sword of the Spirit", "Word of Life", "Oracles of God"! Read or recite: Isaiah 34:16a; Hebrews 4:12; Deut. 4:2; Acts 17:11, 12; Rev. 22:19.



As Baptists we believe that the Bible is an inspired revelation from God to man. We accept it as the rule of faith and practice in all religious matters. Its message is salvation through Jesus Christ. It is our duty to preach the Word. There must be no departure from its strict teachings. "Think not that I came to destroy the law or the prophets: I came not to destroy but to fulfill" —Matt. 5:17.

Across the street from my home is a mountain side. A railroad near the top runs parallel to our avenue. Farther on a trestle crosses a state highway. An iron mine with its power-house is near. The street car runs over the hill to a town in the valley beyond. These are familiar details of the scene right at my door. Tonight as I write, it is dark outside. I cannot see the mountain or these things which I know to be upon it. When day breaks I look out my window and see the sky line. As light increases outlines of the forms appear. The sun climbs higher in the heavens. Color is distinguishable. Variety of foliage may be seen. The mountain view comes before me. It is made up of the same parts which held their places in the dark. What is the difference? You tell me, "Why, the sunlight, of course"! Yes, the light from the sun brings to me each day the beauty and the usefulness of our loved mountain-side.

Without a knowledge of God's Word the world is in darkness. Design and purpose in all nature, in life, in the workings of Providence do not appear. Light begins to shine. As the sky line appears above the landscape, so the line where God's part merges into man's part. Knowledge increases as though the light shone brighter. Now the outlines of written history in the making pass before us. More light shines into the wondering mind as discoveries are made in the medical world. Close upon these come facts given out by excavators, physicists, chemists, astronomers, archaeologists, travelers, theologians and other earnest students of science and philosophy. In the light of modern research we come to see the same truth that we had seen by faith all our lives—that back of all there is design. There must be a personal Creator. Who today can write the story any better than in the words of Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth"? The figure of what the light will reveal as knowledge increases might be carried on indefinitely. Realizing that the period known as Old Testament times and the years between Malachi and Matthew were all in preparation for the greatest event in all ages we pass to the fulfillment of the law in Jesus Christ. Until Christ came we were under the law. "But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons"—Gal. 4:4, 5.

But it is not upon His coming that we must dwell though I trust you have
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Calendar of Prayer August, 1931

I KNOW not, but God knows
Oh, blessed rest from fear!
All my unfolding days
To Him are plain and clear.

EACH anxious puzzled "why?"
From doubt or dread that grows,
Finds answer in this thought:
I know not, but He knows.
—Annie Johnson Flint

Topic: **Adventuring with the Gospel in South America**

1—SATURDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. M. G. White, evangelistic work, Bahia, Brazil.

Ye were ennobled in Him.—I Cor. 1:6

2—SUNDAY

Pray that southern Baptists may follow the work of our missionaries in South America with study and prayer.
His Word runneth very swiftly.—Psa. 147:15

3—MONDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Z. Paul Freeman, evangelistic work, Concordia, Argentina.
Great is our Lord and mighty in power.—Psa. 147:5

4—TUESDAY

For Mrs. J. H. Rowe, educational work, Kokura, Japan, and for John and Melvin Rowe, Margaret Fund students.
Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help.—Psa. 146:5

5—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Wilson Fielder, evangelistic work, Chengchow, China.
The hour to reap is come.—Rev. 14:18

6—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Berry, educational work, Bello Horizonte, Brazil.
He who converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall cover a multitude of sins.—Jam. 5:20

7—FRIDAY

For Miss Attie Bostick, evangelistic work, Kweiteh, China.
Mine eyes are towards Jehovah.—Psa. 25:15

8—SATURDAY

For Mrs. D. P. Appleby, evangelistic work, Petropolis, Brazil.
Lead me, O Jehovah, in Thy righteousness.—Psa. 5:8

9—SUNDAY

Pray that all converts in South America may grow in grace.
Let your manner of life be worthy of Christ.—Phil. 1:27

10—MONDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. A. Y. Napier (on furlough), evangelistic work, Chinkiang, China, and for Campbell Napier, Margaret Fund student.
We are His workmanship.—Eph. 2:10

11—TUESDAY

For Misses *Eddie Fuller, *Bertha Lee Hunt (on furlough) and *Eunice King, educational work, Pernambuco, Brazil.
He that soweth unto the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap eternal life.—Gal. 6:8

12—WEDNESDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Bryan, educational and evangelistic work, Shanghai, China.
Let us hold fast the confession of our hope that it waver not.—Heb. 10:23

13—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Watson (on furlough), publication and educational work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
If we live by the Spirit, by the Spirit let us also walk.—Gal. 5:25

14—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Wade D. Bostick, evangelistic work, Pochow, China.
His name shall be continued as long as the sun.—Psa. 72:17

15—SATURDAY

For the editors of "ROYAL SERVICE"
To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts.—Psa. 145:12

16—SUNDAY

Pray for special blessing on all state assemblies and encampments in August.
Holding forth the word of life.—Phil. 2:16

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SEE not, but God sees.
Oh, all-sufficient light!
My dark and hidden way
To Him is always bright.

MY strained and peering eyes
May close in restful ease,
And I in peace may sleep:
I see not, but He sees.

—Annie Johnson Flint

Topic: Adventuring with the Gospel in South America

17—MONDAY

Pray for Rev. and *Mrs. Chas. L. Culpepper, evangelistic work, Hwang-Hsien, China.

Let my tongue sing of Thy Word
—Psa. 119:172

18—TUESDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. F. N. T. Woodward (on furlough), and Miss Leonora Scarlett, evangelistic work, Kong Moon, China.

My mouth shall speak the praise of Jehovah.—Psa. 145:21

19—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. E. G. Wilcox, educational work, Pernambuco, Brazil.

Thou art the God that doest wonders.
—Psa. 72:14

20—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. E. T. Snuggs, evangelistic work, Fort Bayard, China.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee.—Psa. 84:5

21—FRIDAY

For all Home Board workers in Acadia Academy, Church Point, La. Jehovah will give grace and glory.

—Psa. 84:14

22—SATURDAY

For Misses *Viola Humphreys and Blanche Rose Walker, evangelistic work, and *Josephine Ward, educational work, Kaifeng, China.

God is my high tower, the God of my mercy.—Psa. 69:17

23—SUNDAY

Pray for southern Baptist educational institutions in South America.

The work of our hands, establish Thou
—Psa. 90:17

24—MONDAY

For all colored workers under our Home Board in Southern Baptist Convention.

A broken reed shall He not break.
—Matt. 12:20

25—TUESDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. Rex Ray, evangelistic work, Wuchow, China.

Make ye ready the way of the Lord.
—Mt. 1:3

26—WEDNESDAY

For Misses *Elma Elam and *Lucille Reagan, educational work, Lagos, Nigeria.

It is good that a man should hope and quietly wait.—Lam. 3:24

27—THURSDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. R. L. Bauser, boys' work, Kwelin, China.

Jehovah will keep thee from all evil.
—Psa. 121:7

28—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Johnson, evangelistic work, Soochow, China.

Thou hast been my help.—Psa. 65:7

29—SATURDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. L. E. Blackman, evangelistic and educational work, Shanghai, China.

Unto Thee, O my strength, will I sing praises.—Psa. 68:17

30—SUNDAY

For God's guidance and blessing on the W.C.T.U.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.—Psa. 86:17

31—MONDAY

For *Miss Faith Snuggs, educational work, Lui Chau City, China.

Let them also that love Thy name be joyful in Thee.—Psa. 5:11

*Attended W.M.U. Training School

*Attended Southwestern Training School

PROGRAM PLANS

Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

WITH the PROGRAM COMMITTEE



The Program Committee may remember that in July the society went on a trip around the Gulf of Mexico. After that journey we are ready to stay at home and receive visitors at our August meeting. We know that we must expect visits in summer from our aunts and cousins and sisters and nieces; so the society may prepare to entertain company from South America.

The committee should first go through the material for the August program (pages 15-25) and underscore the names of missionaries who are mentioned. Members of the society should be chosen to represent these and be introduced by these names to the society.

Just as the program begins, the leader should explain that visitors from South America are expected. They should arrive together and be seated at the front. As the program proceeds, each is introduced as her subject is reached. Mrs. W. B. Bagby should be represented by one of the older women: if there is one who is particularly sweet and beloved by the society she would best represent this dear missionary.

A slight recasting of the program material will be needed in carrying out this plan. The following changes are suggested:

"Fifty Years of Adventuring"—Mrs. W. B. Bagby. Let this talk cover the main points given in sections headed "The Other America" and "After Fifty Years" (pages 17-18).

"Adventuring with the Word and the Printed Page"—Mrs. J. L. Hart. Let this talk use sections "Adventuring with the Word" and "Adventuring with the Printed Page" (pages 18-19, 21).

"Adventuring with the W.M.U."—Miss Minnie Landrum (Pages 19-20)
"Adventuring with Schools"—Mrs. L. M. Reno (Page 20)

Following these talks, the three stories may be given:

"The Adventures of a Bible"—Mrs. Hart (Page 21)

"The Adventures of a Missionary Ford"—Miss Essie Fuller (Pages 22-23)

"The Winning of Juan"—Mrs. J. C. Quarles (Page 23)

"Talking across the Equator" (pages 23-24) may be given by two girls "borrowed" from the G.A's.

The above arrangement will be too long unless the speakers are very brief. Seven to ten minutes for Mrs. Bagby and three minutes for each of the others is all the time that should be allowed. We must not forget that people can remember a few facts but that where too much is given all may be forgotten.

In small societies or circles, where only three or four can be counted on to help in the program, all of the first of the program may be put into one talk. The three stories may be told by one person. This is, however, not the best plan but the committee must decide on what is best suited to the condition of the society. None of us wants to be afraid of new plans, yet we want to use common sense in trying them in our own society.

In a small, informal society or circle the program may close with a round-table of "Things to Be Remembered". Slips of paper may be given out in the beginning of the meeting, each member being asked to make note of one thing she learns from the talks. The things thus noted should be read at the close of the program.



CHURCH SCHOOL of MISSIONS



EMPHASIZING MISSIONS

Dr. J. P. Boone, Pastor of

First Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala.



Many church workers have realized to some extent the need of a greater emphasis on the missionary program of our denomination. World missions must have more earnest consideration. Missions must not only be found in the belief of southern Baptists and in the church and denominational budgets, but due recognition should be given to missions in the plans and programs of our churches.

It is a well accepted standard with us that enlightenment precedes enlistment. Knowledge in the mind when touched by the emotions of love in the heart will urge the Christian to personal activity for Christ. We are interested in the things that we know most about.

Mission study should be dignified and recognized along with all other courses of instruction. The setting apart of a definite week of study and the formulating of plans for a School of Missions will raise the standards of mission study among all the men and women of the churches. The securing of competent teachers, preferably missionaries who have first-hand information, to direct the classes and give the addresses will vitalize the whole program of the School of Missions.

These things are said with an increased conviction coming from the helpful experiences of a School of Missions held by our church under the strong leadership of Dr. T. W. Ayers. The week thus set apart stands out as one of the most helpful periods in our year's program. The School of Missions was arranged for Tuscaloosa County Association. The missionaries who were with us taught the classes in mission study each evening and went out in the county each day and gave addresses to splendid groups both in the churches and in the schools. Many people came in personal touch with a real missionary for the first time. These men and women, of whom the people had heard, related their experiences as Baptist ambassadors for Christ. They gave facts regarding the fields of our Foreign Mission Board. These faithful Christian workers told of the power of the Gospel to heal and transform souls and lives. Our hearts responded and many determined to do more for missions. The results were most gratifying and inspiring. We are all thoroughly convinced that an annual School of Missions must be held in our association.

B.W.C.—(Concluded from Page 8)

warmth. While plying needles in weather warm, it is difficult to visualize cold, damp nights down in New Orleans when men—old men, sick men, young men without a job, down-and-out men—roll up in a quilt and try to sleep on the floor because there are not enough beds. And often there are not enough quilts for all the scores and scores of men who seek a haven in our Baptist Mission there. So, what greater service can we do in the Master's name than add warmth to His "Open Door"? And what happier social can we plan than an evening of fellowship at a quilting party? Let's make a quilt in August and send it to Rev. J. W. Newbrough, Baptist Mission, 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans, La., that men may be warmed by it every night this coming winter!



PROGRAM for AUGUST



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.

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Adventuring with the W.M.U.

Adventuring with Schools

Adventuring with the Printed Page

Hymn—Send the Light

Stories of Adventure

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The Adventures of a Missionary Ford

The Winning of Juan

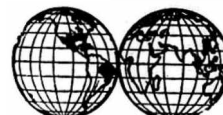
Talking across the Equator

Hymn for the Year—Joy to the World (See W.M.U. Year Book.)

Closing Prayer—That We May Continue to Adventure with the Gospel in South America in a More Loyal Support of Our Work

THE OTHER AMERICA

"Other Sheep I Have Which Are Not of This Fold".



So accustomed are we to speaking of our country as "America"

that we almost forget that there is another America, an America almost as large, almost as rich in natural resources and almost as beautiful as ours. Although bound together as inseparably as God could bind us, we of the north are woefully ignorant of our "Continental Siamese Twin". We need to realize that the largest river, the richest

diamond mines and the most beautiful harbor in the world, as well as many other great and wonderful things, belong to our southern sister. In South America are cities almost as large as Chicago, wheat fields that rival those in Kansas and mountains that tower above our Rockies. South America is a land of republics, for one by one her countries have shaken off the yokes of Portugal and Spain and have made themselves independent nations. Generally speaking, there are three strains of population: the Indians, the whites and those of mixed blood.

We are especially interested in what we sometimes call our "A-B-C Countries of South America", for A-B-C are

the initial letters of Argentina, Brazil and Chile, where southern Baptists do missionary work. These countries have been brought closer to us during the past year because Dr. Truett, Miss Mallory, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Bottoms and other southern Baptists have visited them, bringing back glowing accounts of magnificent scenery, interesting people and well-nigh matchless missionary opportunities. Argentina is the most progressive of these: indeed is in climate, resources and spirit more like the United States than is any other of the southern republics. She is larger than the United States east of the Mississippi, and her capitol city, Buenos Aires, is the fourth largest city in the Americas, and from her docks more than three times as much goods per capita is exported every year than from the United States. Brazil, the largest country of South America, has a greater area than the United States, excluding Alaska, and is larger than all Europe without Russia. She lies almost wholly within the Torrid Zone and, excepting in the southern part, eternal summer time prevails throughout her borders. She might be called the "coffee pot of the world", for she raises and exports far more coffee than all other countries combined. Chile is a string of land, nearly three thousand miles long and varying in width from fifty miles at its narrowest point to one hundred and thirty where it is widest. It has the Pacific Ocean on the west and the towering Andes on the east. Chile is rich in its production of grain, fruits, lumber and minerals.

The religion of these countries, as of all Latin-America, is Roman Catholicism. Some would try to believe that this is a form of Christianity, but those who know Romanism as it finds expression in the lives of the poor Latins, who have been under its influence for centuries, know that the spirit of Christ is lost in a labyrinth of heathen rites and pagan superstitions. There are crosses everywhere, around the necks of the people, at their graves, in their homes; the sign of the cross is made as they

enter the church, before eating and on innumerable other occasions, but the real significance of the cross of Calvary is unknown. One of our missionaries, when asked if the people are heathen, replied, "If you understand by 'heathen' people who worship idols then I say 'Yes, yes they are heathen'". Miss Mallory tells us of how often during her recent visit to South America her heart was made to ache as she beheld the people worshipping images of Christ, the Virgin Mary and the saints. In describing Santiago, the capital of Chile, she says: "On a high mountain, overlooking the city, is a large statue of the Virgin Mary. It is lighted each night, and pilgrimages are made in order to worship before it". She tells of seeing in Argentina large crowds going into a cathedral to commemorate the "ascension" of the Virgin Mary. Again she describes a Catholic procession in a Brazilian city, celebrating a certain "saint's" day: "Fully a thousand people participated. The procession was led by a boy carrying a big cross; then came long lines of men and women; then a band which played the same airs for Sunday baseball; then a priest followed by a group of 'sisters' bearing on poles a box-like altar on which was an image of Jesus; then came a group of 'brothers' bearing another image". It is no wonder that she adds, "It hurt my heart as much—almost more—than when on another Saturday, seven years ago, I saw an image of Buddha being borne through the streets of Peking, China". So, as we think of our A-B-C countries of South America we not only revel in descriptions of glorious scenery and unsurpassed riches, of field, forest and mine, but we realize that they are under the curse of idolatry, with the accompanying woes of ignorance and immorality, which are the heritage of centuries of Roman Catholic domination.

The "other America"! She is our neighbor! She is our needy neighbor! We must know her. We must understand her. We must love her. We must

give her the only thing we have that makes our America superior to her—our CHRIST.

AFTER FIFTY YEARS

"Hitherto hath Jehovah helped us".

FIFTY years ago southern Baptists sent their first missionaries to the other America. Hopeless indeed seemed the situation as these pioneers, Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Bagby, landed in beautiful but benighted Brazil. There was not a Baptist in the whole continent, and there were few real Christians in this "Land of the Southern Cross". All around was Romanism with its blighting influence of superstitions and idolatry. What could two lone missionaries do to break the pall of darkness over this land: nothing in their own power but everything in the power of God. Relying on Him they went to work, and marvelous have been the achievements of these fifty years.

As Dr. and Mrs. Bagby celebrate their golden anniversary they can count five hundred Baptist churches in Brazil, with a total of 40,000 members, while in almost every important Brazilian center they can see a Baptist school where young people are being trained for future leadership. Those, who fifty years ago were lone apostles in a strange land, now have almost 100 co-laborers, southern Baptist missionaries, who work with them through the North Brazil and South Brazil Missions. Besides these, there is a mighty throng of native preachers and other workers who are helping in the task of evangelizing Brazil. Not only that, but they have seen the work expand beyond the borders of Brazil into Argentina, where there are now twenty-five missionaries and fifty-nine churches with a membership of over four thousand, and into Chile where there are thirteen missionaries and thirty-eight churches with a membership of about two thousand. Then they have seen the Argentine and Brazilian missions establish other mission stations in Uruguay and Portugal. Last summer, as a fitting climax to their

half-a-century of service, these veteran missionaries had the pleasure of seeing over five hundred Baptists assembled in the magnificent First Baptist Church of the national capital of their adopted land in a first Latin-American Baptist Conference. How great must have been their joy and gratitude as they sat in this assembly and realized how the Kingdom had advanced since their little beginning fifty years before!

The story of our present work in Brazil can be told in three words—achievements, needs and opportunities. Every day adds new achievements to those of the glorious past. The lost are being saved, the saved are being trained and the work of winning South America to Christ goes on with gratifying rapidity. A church, organized four years ago by a native worker in a country district of Argentina with only twenty-five members, has now over a hundred. Mrs. Kate C. White tells of the last night of a Bible institute in Brazil when nineteen were converted. Mr. Paul C. Porter in telling of an experience, of preaching on a prayer meeting night at a small church in an interior town of Brazil says: "After preaching on the fifteenth chapter of Luke, I made an appeal to the people to abandon idolatry and confess Christ. There was no song, no pressure on our part, but more than fifteen men and women came forward confessing Jesus as their Savior, many with tears in their eyes". So the stories of achievement go on, continuing in the present the glorious history of the past fifty years.

But oh the needs! How they appall! How they call! The need of buildings, the need of literature, the need of men, the need of money! We are told that the majority of churches in Brazil have no buildings in which to worship but are meeting in homes or in cheap dingy halls which are rented at a small price. Mrs. Rosalee Mills Appleby reminds us that the beauty loving Latins of the upper class will seldom if ever enter an unattractive place of prayer, and then she adds: "As we see crosses above

cathedrals on thousands of hills how we long that the Gospel of the cross may be preached in respectable churches where every class may come unto Him that they may have light". Not only are new church buildings needed but also better buildings for schools—in many places almost a necessity—and our publishing plant at Rio is suffering greatly because of the lack of adequate quarters in which to operate. But great as is the need for buildings and equipment the need for workers is even greater. We need more missionaries to relieve those who are overworked and to enter unoccupied fields. Six of the twenty states of Brazil are practically untouched by the Gospel. Miss Mallory tells of a field in Argentina where there are at least seventy-five towns, two of which are really cities of twenty-five thousand, in which no evangelical work has ever been done. Oh how we need to multiply our forces that the Gospel may be preached everywhere!

At the end of fifty years we face opportunities that thrill and challenge. Quoting again from our missionaries: "One year in Brazil now as a missionary would probably be worth ten years in the past. The opportunities for spreading the Gospel were never better nor more numerous. Everywhere throughout Argentina there is abroad a spirit of sincere inquiry after the Word of God". Dr. Truett says: "Everywhere I went I saw a response to the Gospel I have never seen anywhere in the world. I wonder if in all the world there is a missionary field more romantic and challenging than that great South American country".

After fifty years, a past of achievements inspires us, a present of needs and opportunities challenges us, a future of greater achievements beckons to us. One missionary says, "The outlook is as bright as the willingness of southern Baptists to meet the needs". What, then, are we willing to do? Surely all things through Christ who strengtheneth us!

ADVENTURING with the WORD

"The entrance of Thy Word giveth light".

IF the history of the Word of God in South America could be written it would make one of the most thrilling stories of adventure the world has ever known. Sometimes this Word has gone in the hands of the missionary, sometimes it has served as a text book in mission schools, sometimes it has travelled in the pockets of colporters and then again, by the providence of God, it has ventured where no missionary or teacher or colporter has ever been; and always its entrance has meant light to sin darkened souls. Once it had the high adventure of having a hole bored through its sacred pages into which whiskey was poured; but afterwards those rum soaked pages were read by the rum soaked persecutor for the salvation of his soul. Again it had the thrilling experience of travelling to a farm house in interior Brazil where it touched the heart of a man who afterwards became one of the greatest Baptist leaders of Latin-America. Always it has had to fight its way against the Catholic Church, for Romanism, which apparently desires above all things to keep the people in darkness, hates the Word of God whose entrance gives light. The priests not only keep the people in ignorance of the truths of the Bible but teach them to hate it and to regard it with superstitious fear. So often those who adventured with the Word have had to suffer persecution, but God has made even the wickedness of men to serve His divine purpose in making His Word win its way into the hearts of dying people.

Dr. Hart in his book, "Gospel Triumphs in Argentina and Chile", pays this beautiful tribute to the colporters of South America: "No heroes of the cross have been more loyal to Jesus than they; on foot, on mule back, in automobiles and trains they have crossed plains, climbed mountains and penetrated into forests with the Word of God. All hail to them!" One of

these colporters, Sr. Joao de Cruz, once carried his pockets full of stones intended for the persecution of the Christians, but now they are full of Scriptures intended for the salvation of sinners. Thus Christ changes not only the contents of the hearts but also of the pockets of men. One colporter has adopted a very unique plan of using suburban trains as his market for the Scriptures. He boards the train, explains to the conductor the nature of his work, gives him a copy of the Gospel and asks permission to offer the little books for sale. Unless the conductor is a Catholic this permission is always given. Then he proceeds with his work, going up and down the aisles talking with the people or perhaps standing on the platform and preaching to all that are in the car. In this way he reaches throngs of people and once in a few days he sold 3,779 copies of the Gospel and gave away 307 copies. Another colporter tells this experience: "At one place I knocked at the door of a house. The man said, 'Leave here, leave here, go away devil, I believe in the crucifix. I believe in the Ave Maria'. He crossed himself and continued to say, 'Get away, get away!' I prayed God to help me and then began to talk to him about religion and the Gospel. He became interested and bought a New Testament. He desired me to remain the rest of the day and explain to him the Word".

As we read these experiences of the colporters we feel like joining Dr. Hart in saying "All hail to them"! May they go adventuring with the Word of God until it makes its entrance of light into every sin darkened life in South America.

ADVENTURING with the W.M.U.

"Help those women which labored".

IN 1908, exactly twenty years after the beginning of our own W.M.U., the W.M.U. of Brazil was organized. The story of the adventuring of the Baptist women of Brazil through these twenty-three years is one of great growth and achievement. From a small union of

twenty Woman's Missionary Societies and five Sunbeam Bands it has grown to thirteen splendid state organizations with W.M.S.'s and Sunbeam Bands in practically all the churches. This union has a standard of excellence with eleven points, a splendid mission study course and a quarterly magazine in which are printed programs for Junior and Senior Sunbeams, Y.W.A.'s., and W.M.S.'s. The special home mission work of the women is the support of a teacher among the Indians in the interior, and their foreign mission interests are centered in the Baptist Seminary and evangelistic work in Portugal. According to the report last year one woman out of every four is a tithe. One point on the standard is that three-fourths of the members of a society must be tithers. Miss Minnie Landrum, who might be called the "Miss Mallory of Brazil" for she is the corresponding secretary, field worker and treasurer of the Brazilian W.M.U., spends three days a week in her office at Rio, attending to correspondence, preparing programs, receiving money and doing anything else that comes up in connection with her work. The rest of her time she gives to field work, attending meetings, visiting societies and doing all she can to build up the work of the women and young people. She tells us that, because of the 1930 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, this year will mark the greatest step forward that has yet been made in the life of the Brazilian W.M.U. This gift of ours makes possible the publishing of much needed literature, tracts, pamphlets—a book or two—and also gives to Miss Christina Christie both in the office and for field work. How happy we should be to realize that our Christmas offerings are helping our Brazilian sisters to adventure for Christ in a more effective way!

The W.M.U. Convention of Argentina was organized only about a year ago, but individual societies have been doing splendid work for many years. We are told that their work is evangelistic rather than educational and so-

cial. The general plan is to have one meeting a month at the church for prayer, Bible study and reports, and then groups are formed which hold other meetings in private homes. These are much like our cottage prayer meetings, for the hostess invites all her neighbors, and in this way many new women are reached. Chile, too, is doing good W. M. U. work under the leadership of Mrs. R. C. Moore. Special emphasis is laid on tithing. Miss Mallory, in telling of a conference held with a group of missionary societies in Chile, says: "It touched my heart to see how real is their faith, how brave is the struggle they are making to be true to it in communities and often in homes inimical to evangelistic Christianity".

ADVENTURING with SCHOOLS

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge".

FOLLOWING the adventures of the Gospel in South America surely leads us to our schools. Romanism and ignorance go hand in hand. It is estimated that from 70 to 80 per cent of the people of Brazil are illiterate, and the percentage is probably as high in Chile and Argentina. In Brazil primary education is not compulsory except in the cities, and the higher education provided by the state is confined almost exclusively to professional schools; therefore much of the educational work is done through private schools. Southern Baptists realize that the hope of our missionary work lies in a trained leadership; therefore Baptist youth must be trained in Baptist schools. To meet this need we have established what Dr. Truett calls a "chain of schools" through Argentina, Brazil and Chile, grading all the way from kindergartens to seminaries. Almost without exception these schools are poorly housed and pathetically lacking in equipment. Miss Mallory tells us about being entertained for breakfast in the Girls' School at Rio, which is an old rambling building where the kitchen is "not only many rooms but also a flight of steps away from the dining room, which between meals must serve

as class rooms, assembly hall etc. Next to this old building is the beginning of a new one, unfinished because southern Baptists have failed to support their work as they should. In Victoria, where by marvelous intervention of providence unusually well located land for a school was acquired some years ago, there are four unfinished buildings in which Mr. and Mrs. Reno are carrying on their school work: great is their joy because of the 1930 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering help to this school. Other stories could be told of schools as poorly equipped as these. But what rejoices our hearts is the fact that in spite of these handicaps splendid work is being done. Dr. Truett, after visiting many of these institutions testifies to the high standing of scholarship and the religious atmosphere which prevails.

So outstanding is the work done by our schools that they are winning the admiration and patronage of the higher class of people. Not long ago a wealthy woman brought a girl to one of our schools, saying: "I don't care anything about your religion, but I want my daughter to be under the influence of your discipline and practical teaching". The daughter felt the influence not only of the discipline and teaching but of the Christian atmosphere and became a loyal follower of Jesus. Instances like this occur so often that they have become an old story.

These schools are not only training leaders for the future but are wonderful evangelistic agencies in the present. Dr. Truett preached for a week in our college at Rio last summer and as a result 150 were converted, among them the son of a chief justice, the niece of an ex-president of the republic, the son of a general and others from leading Brazilian families. In all of our schools, not only at revival seasons but at all seasons, lost students are being saved. These, returning to their homes fired with zeal for a new found Savior, become better evangelists than our foreign missionaries can ever be. As we study the splendid work and ever widening influence of our mission schools we

realize that in them perhaps more than in any other agency lies the hope of the future evangelization of Latin America, and we exclaim with Dr. Truett, "Wisdom has fled from us if we do not worthily magnify our Christian schools".

ADVENTURING with the PRINTED PAGE

"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free".

THE printed page ventures where the missionary may never go, it drops into hands which we may know nothing about, it slips into homes by paths which we may never find. Sometimes it is his forerunner preparing the way for his coming, and again it is the part of his visit that remains after he is gone. Our missionaries in South America realize the value of the printed page and give much time and preparation to the writing and publishing of all kinds of literature. In all three of our missionary countries as much literature is printed as the amount of funds will permit, and still we are told that there is a great need of more books, tracts etc. The Carroll Memorial Baptist Publishing House at Rio is doing for Brazil practically what the Sunday School Board at Nashville does for southern Baptists. There all Sunday school, B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. literature, as well as books, leaflets and other denominational literature, are published.

All of our A-B-C countries publish Baptist weekly papers. It is said that in Chile the Baptist paper goes to every Baptist home. Oh that our states of the Southern Baptist Convention would emulate her excellent example! Argentina, too, has a splendid record with almost every Baptist family subscribing for the paper. In Brazil a special feature of literature service is the sending of their paper, the Jornal Baptista, to jails. Not long ago a letter containing this message came to gladden the heart of the editor of this paper: "The purpose of this letter is to tell you that I want to follow the Baptist religion. I have been reading the Jornal Baptista

and like it very, very much. I received a letter telling me to buy a Bible. I have no money. I am in prison and I receive only six cents a day, and this hardly pays for my daily food. This is the reason that I have not bought a Bible. I am writing this because I consider myself a believer, and I also ask you to please send me some tracts so that I may learn more about the Baptist religion". Not only the tracts but a Bible were sent to this earnest seeker after the truth. How splendid that while his body was in bonds his soul was released from the bonds of sin through the reading of a Baptist paper. May the printed page have many more such adventures that many more sin bound people may find freedom in Christ Jesus!

STORIES of ADVENTURE

The Adventures of a Bible

NO Bible ever had a more thrilling adventure than the one whose story is told by Dr. Hart in "Gospel Triumphs in Argentina and Chile". This Bible was in the hands of a man on board a ship which was sailing near the coast of northern Chile. A priest passed by and, seeing the man reading the despised book, snatched it from his hand and threw it into the sea. Poor little Bible! It seemed to be lost forever! But no—its ventures had just begun! One of God's waves carried God's book to the shore and lodged it safely in the sand. For a long time it lay there, seemingly lost. Then came the day when a man, walking on the shore, found it there—a little strange book, buried in the sand. He dug it up and placed it on the shore to dry. After it dried he shook out the sand and began to read it. He had never before seen a Bible, and the more he read it the more interested he became in its wonderful story. He invited his friends to come in to hear the marvelous book read. Week after week they came, and without teacher or preacher to explain they took the words of God's book into their hearts and believed them. When the first missionary

arrived they found a group of people ready for the Gospel message. These were baptized and a church organized. This is the way that evangelical work began in Mejillones, Chile. And it all happened through the adventures of one little Bible.

The Adventures of a Missionary Ford

MANY are the adventures of a Ford, but none more thrilling than that related by Miss Essie Fuller. She is not only teacher in our school at Pernambuco but is also president of the W.M. U. of her state. One of her resolutions this year was to visit all of her missionary societies. Let us listen while she tells us how she and her Ford made the first of these visits.

"One Saturday afternoon at one-thirty my faithful Ford and I started on our journey to two far away missionary societies. I was a little dubious about the trip, for the Ford's tires were not new and I knew the roads would be very rough. But a believer who helps me with the care of the Ford offered to go with me, so together with a girl and boy, whose father is pastor of one of the churches I intended to visit, we started out, feeling like adventurers indeed. I planned to take the car to a town within ten miles of my destination, and then make the rest of the journey on horseback. We reached this town with no worse mishaps than one puncture and many bumps. The horses which were to carry the pastor and me on to the church did not arrive until six o'clock, an hour after dark. Everyone said that it would not be safe for us to ride at night as there were many robbers and the road was through the mountains. As I thought of the difficulty of rising early, riding ten miles on horseback, speaking at eleven o'clock, riding the ten miles back and speaking again at night, when I was not accustomed to horseback riding, I began to inquire if there was not a way to get nearer in the car. Finally, one fellow said that we could go within two miles if we

tried. My Ford looked ready for more adventuring, so I said, 'Let's try!'

"We started at six o'clock the next morning. We soon ran into a rain and then came to a stream swollen by the night's showers. A boy waded in to see if we could cross, and then with our hearts in our mouths we plunged in. To our delight the old Ford forded it in a great way. We went on until we came to a little hut where we asked if we could cross a ditch just in front of us. They said that we could, for the road had just been cleared the day before. They went to see us try out their new road. We crossed the ditch safely, but oh that hill! It was full of stumps and as slick as black mud could make it. We got half way up and the wheels began to spin. We slid back down and tried again—but nothing doing! The boys said that they would walk over to the other farm where the horses were to meet us and bring them to us. While we waited in front of the little hut I told stories to the crowd of children who gathered around me. I noticed that the older people were listening too. Soon a man came and told us to go by another road, and we could get there. Off we started and found the road to be nothing but a lane. It soon brought us to another ditch. The man assured us that after we crossed the ditch it would be all right. Maybe so for an ox, but not for a Ford! We bumped and slid until I thought the engine would blow up. We couldn't go back, for the lane was too narrow, so we had to go on. Surely none but a missionary Ford could ever have made it, but ours lived up to its adventurous calling and finally landed us in the place where the horses were waiting.

After a breakfast of coffee and baked cheese we started on the last lap of our perilous journey. By this time it was ten o'clock and the sun was hot. Surely that was the longest two miles I ever rode. At last we reached the little country church where the people were awaiting us. Three hours of services

followed, first Sunday school, then preaching, then church session, then the Lord's Supper, then the Woman's Missionary Society meeting. Does it seem like a long session? It did not seem so to those people, for some had walked thirty miles and some ten to attend those services. Understand they do this not only where there are visitors but once every month!

"After the meeting we feasted with the people, for they had killed the fatted calf in our honor, and then we started back to our car. The return trip was not so hard for the Ford, for the sun had dried the road and, besides, a man with a helpful spirit had built a log bridge across the ditch. My Ford climbed the hill like a real Ford to the great joy of the men on the big farm for thus we had inaugurated their new road. We arrived in the city in time to speak to another missionary society that night, and by rising at four-thirty the next morning we were able to reach Pernambuco in time for school at eight o'clock."

As we read this story of the adventures of a faithful Ford and a more faithful missionary do we not feel a burning desire to do some adventuring ourselves for the sake of Christ? Miss Fuller tells us that the president of one of these societies walks three miles, catches a bus on the highway and spends the night in the city in order to attend her meeting. Then she asks "What sacrifice do you make to attend yours?"

THE WINNING OF JUAN

THERE lives in Buenos Aires a young man by the name of Juan. The story of how he was won to Christ is most interesting, as told by Mrs. J. C.

TALKING across the EQUATOR

Says South America to North America:

Oh wondrous country of the north,
My Sister Continent,
Why is your land so great and grand,
Your people so content?

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Quarles, one of our Argentine missionaries.

The story begins not with Juan but with Ricardo, another Argentine boy. When just a little fellow Ricardo began going to the Baptist mission Sunday school and finally became a Christian and was baptized into the church, the only one of his family to in any way be interested in the Gospel. Both Ricardo and a brother of his were very fond of Juan. Whichever of the two brothers reached Juan's home first would carry him off, Ricardo to church and the brother to the movies or some other place of entertainment. For a while it made no difference to Juan whether he went with Ricardo or his brother, but after a while he became so interested in the services that if Ricardo didn't come for him he would go for Ricardo, so as to go to church instead of some other place with the brother. Every one became fond of Juan as they were of Ricardo, and oh how they prayed that he would become a Christian!

Then came the glad day when Dr. Truett visited Buenos Aires. A big hall was rented and the great preacher preached several times to large crowds, many of whom had never before heard the Gospel. Every night people went forward to accept Christ. Juan attended every meeting and the Christians prayed that he would be among those accepting Christ. Then on the very last night they saw their prayers answered, for Juan went up and gave his hand to the visiting preacher. Juan was won by the stirring words of Dr. Truett, by the prayers of the Christians, by the faithfulness of his friend, won to salvation in Christ Jesus, won to a life of service in a land which so much needs the consecration of young manhood.

In stretch of miles I equal you,
My fields as green, my skies as blue,
My hills as full of precious ore,
My trees as rich in golden store,
And yet my people moan and sigh,
And you are greater far than I.
Oh won't you tell the reason why,
Dear Sister Continent?

Says North America to South America:

Oh wondrous country of the south,
My Sister Continent,
Not so grand and great your land,
Your people less content,
Because to you came warriors bold,
In search of power and easy gold;
While pilgrims early sought my shore
In quest of God and nothing more:
I have the Christ of love and light,
While you in empty forms delight,
So still I bless while still you blight
With sin and discontent.

Says South America to North America:

Oh happy country of the north,
My Sister Continent,
So near you are and yet so far,
In heedless self content.
When will you show a sister's care
And all your blessings with me share?
When will you bring your Christ to me
To cure my woes and set me free?
I need His message rich and true,
That I may love and serve Him too.
When will you come? I wait for you,
My Sister Continent.

Says North America to South America:

I'm coming, coming now to you,
O Needy Continent.
A sister's love for you I'll prove,
And nothing shall prevent.
I'm coming with my gifts and prayers,
To lift your load and ease your cares;
I'm coming with a love divine,
To share with you all joys of mine:
I'm coming with my Christ so true,
That you may love and serve Him too.
I'm coming, coming now to you,
Dear Sister Continent.

PRONUNCIATION HELPS

Page 16—Pingtu: *Ping-doo* (with accent almost equally divided)

Page 21—Jornal Baptista: (*Jor-nawl* (accent on last syllable) *Bap-teen-tar* (accent on second syllable))

Page 22—Mejillones: *May-hee-lone-ase* (accent on third syllable)

Page 22—Pernambuco: *Parr-narm-boo-coe* (accent on third syllable)

Page 23—Buenos Aires: *Bway-nus* (accent on first syllable) *Eye-rees* (accent on first syllable)

Page 23—Juan: *Wan*

Page 23—Ricardo: *Ree-carr-do* (accent on second syllable)

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QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. In what countries in South America do southern Baptists have missionaries?
2. Tell something of the size, climate and resources of these countries.
3. Discuss Catholicism in South America.
4. Who were our first missionaries to South America?
5. Tell something of the achievements of the past fifty years.
6. What are the needs and opportunities of today?
7. Why is the Catholic church antagonistic toward the open Bible?
8. Tell something of the work of the colporters in South America.
9. Who is the secretary of the W.M.U. of Brazil?
10. What has made for special progress in the W.M.U. in Brazil this year?
11. Tell something of the work of the Argentina W.M.U.
12. What was Dr. Truett's impression of our schools?
13. What special achievement in the distributing of literature has Chile attained?
14. Is it as important to send the Gospel to Roman Catholic countries as it is to pagan countries?

MATERIAL for REFERENCE

Home and Foreign Fields

"World Comrades" and "The Window of Y.W.A."

State Denominational Papers

In the Land of the Southern Cross.....White and Muirhead

Reminiscences—Twenty-Five Years in Victoria, Brazil.....Mr. and Mrs. Reno

Gospel Triumphs in Argentina and Chile.....Joseph L. Hart

Looking Ahead with Latin America.....Stanley High

CHIEF AIMS of WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

1—PRAYER—*Individual and United*

2—STUDY

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

3—PERSONAL SERVICE

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

4—STEWARDSHIP of POSSESSIONS

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

5—MISSIONARY EDUCATION of YOUNG PEOPLE



OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



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

"SUMMER SUNS ARE GLOWING"

Many a time during vacation days young people will be singing

"Summer suns are glowing over land and sea,
God's rich mercy showing, bountiful and free"

or

"This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the
wonders wrought"

Strange that with the fresher love of out-door beauty, which summer brings, we should permit, even languidly expect, a "summer slump"—a lessening of our efforts for God! *This summer can be different.* Let us make it so in our missionary education organizations.

Counselors will want to use the young members of their organizations more in planning programs and activities for they have more time, without the demands of regular school. The summer topics are decidedly interesting and lend themselves readily to out-door meetings which are desirable. Y.W.A., G.A., R.A. and Sunbeam Band will all like picnic-style programs and mission study class meetings. Why not invite the G.A.'s from two or three neighboring churches to meet with you for a program, or the R.A.'s to meet together at an appointed picturesque hiking destination for their meeting? These friendly contacts can be continued during the fall and winter but now is a merry time to establish them. Regular organized councils and conclaves may be developed from these visiting-together beginnings. The wider one's actual friendships the more easily one stretches the heart out to far-away unseen friends. If neighboring churches have no missionary organization corresponding to yours, invite the boys and girls or young women of the proper age, and so help start a new organization this summer.

Are you using the visitors who come to your community? They will delight to be noticed with an invitation to tell about Y.W.A., Sunbeam Band or other activity at home and will spread the hearty interest of your members, leaving a new feeling of participation in a wide enterprise. And when your own members are returning, ask them about the organizations they have visited and the suggestions they have gained. Members who have been to camps or house parties or assemblies should be heard from frequently for they will have much to tell besides the formal report given perhaps at a church worship service.

New people will be coming in, locating to be ready for school's opening; be alert to welcome them to missionary education at once. Seek out the heretofore unenlisted also, for their own sakes and to prevent your organization from growing self-centered by its failure to add new members.

Summer time suggests special emphasis on the attractive "extra" features of R.A. and G.A. ranking system and forward steps. The detailed requirements for these progressive recognitions are found in the organizational manuals. A new leaflet for G.A. counselors, helpful in regard to the forward steps, may be secured free through your state W.M.U. headquarters (address on page 2).

Do not overlook the regular marking of the Standard of Excellence wall chart during the summer. How many auxiliaries, falling below A-1, realize with regret that the summer lethargy spoiled their good work! Don't let it find you susceptible but constantly press toward the A-1 place of good work done.

Extra pageants or demonstrations can be worked on during the summer.

Rural churches, with only once or twice a month preaching, can well use the preaching time for presentation of such simple demonstrations as may grow out of current programs or as planned programs of the past months but perhaps not developed into finished productions, or pageants may be ordered from the W.M.U. Literature Department, 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

If your Y.W.A. has hesitated to step from customary ROYAL SERVICE across to its own WINDOW of Y.W.A., do not put off that joy any longer. THE WINDOW, particularly for Young Woman's Auxiliary, will be valuable beyond its \$1.00 subscription price and will be so pleasing to Y.W.A.'s that the extra 50c will be happily spent.

You will want to know thoroughly and enter enthusiastically into the new Stewardship Declamation Contest plans projected at the May W.M.U. annual meeting. The plans will reach you in letters from your state officers; if you fail to hear, write your state W.M.U. young people's leader about them.

The wise counselor will avail herself, by subscription or by regular borrowing, of the wealth of material provided by the 3 magazines of W.M.U., rather than limiting herself to the one especially designed for her own organization. Summer often allows the counselor extra time for further reading; why not look over the best mission study books and see which one will be most valuable and most interesting to your organization for its fall mission study class? Your state W.M.U. headquarters (address on page 2) will provide a list; you will see, in letters from organizations in THE WINDOW and in WORLD COMRADES, what books others have found interesting. Read some new books so that your own heart will be stirred with missionary fervor and you will have a contagious plus to share with your young people: not only summer suns glowing but hearts aglow with world zeal; not just the recognition that this is our Father's world but, this summer, also the realization that the whole world does not know the Father and that counselors and members of missionary organizations are to "redeem the time", even this golden summer time, that the waiting world may turn to the Father in love.

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MARGARET FUND



Chairman: Mrs. Frank Burney, Waynesboro, Ga.

WE HAVE SEEN and DO TESTIFY—1 John 4:14



The value of our Margaret Fund was magnified at our W.M.U. annual meeting, for fortunate indeed were we to have two "testify" who had seen its effect and blessing from an angle not familiar to the most of us. Mrs. George Truett, out of memories of her trip to South America, and Mrs. Eugene Levering, having spent eight months last year in the orient, did "testify" heartily to the blessings of this Fund to the mothers "over there". Coming in contact with many of our students now across the seas at work for the Master, they have returned with a deeper appreciation of this cause and our hearts did burn within us as we listened to their testimony of the great value of our Fund to God's Kingdom program in countries far away.

State chairmen or substitutes met in conference to testify to the joy in service through this department; reports from our states were most enthusiastic over having the privilege of "mothering" this large student body. Many testified that this Margaret Memorial celebration has given spice and enthusiasm and variety to their programs and has greatly benefited their societies.

"Finding Margarets" this year has proven a happy game and the hundreds of Margarets already enrolled (more than 800 by the time of the May annual meeting) "testify" to the great de-

sire on the part of southern Baptist women to enlarge the Fund and make possible the granting of more aid for our missionaries' sons and daughters. This enlargement will "testify" to them anew of our love and gratitude for their service—in our stead—in countries and conditions that often strain their health and happiness. Shall we not pray that this Margaret Memorial Fund, which is to be used as an emergency fund, will be so blessed of our Master that its enlargement will be magic and will testify to the power of our Lord to multiply and honor gifts so lovingly laid at His feet?

Earnestly do we pray that every Margaret enrolled will know Him, whom to know aright is life eternal and that their names will be enrolled in the Lamb's Book of Life. Certainly do we also hope that not a Margaret within the Southern Baptist Convention will miss the great joy of linking her name to this cause before the close of this anniversary year. We wish every Margaret would catch a vision of this mighty chain of Margarets reaching around the world of southern Baptist activities—Margarets of Argentina, China, Brazil—Margarets of every one of the nineteen southern Baptist states are found enrolled! Is it too much to hope that every W.M.S., Y.W.A., R.A., G.A. and Sunbeam organization in the southland will find at least one Margaret to link on to this testifying, sympathizing, love-bestowing cause?

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The Young People's Committee of the Baptist World Alliance has organized a tour and conference in Europe for the latter part of July and the beginning of August. The conference will be held in Prague, August 1-3. Baptist young people from several countries are expected, including 100 from the United States and Canada.



TRAINING SCHOOL



Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, Principal

AN EXPERIMENT in FIELD WORK



May I share with you some of my experiences in my field work at Good Will Center? Our field work is one of the most enjoyable parts of our life at House Beautiful and especially when it is at Good Will Center.

Boys are my hobby, and to my delight I was assigned leader of a group of boys at Good Will Center, their ages ranging from twelve to fourteen years. This group included several nationalities; the religious grouping was Catholic, Jew and protestant. Their principal interest was baseball. In the winter they took up basket-ball.

I faced the problem of binding these boys together by increasing their shared experiences and providing a program to meet their needs. At first the program was based upon "The Rules of the Game". God's rules of life, as stated in the Ten Commandments, were discussed and application was made to the needs of the boy today. This was helpful and the boys were interested, but I was planning for the group and not with the group. My aim was to develop a pupil-centered program and to touch in a vital way the lives of the boys. I wanted changed attitudes.

Early in February, at the opening of the marble season, when every boy wants as many marbles as he can get, the assistant director at Good Will Center observed a game of marbles which was being played in the building. They were playing "for keeps". She told them to stop playing for keeps because it was gambling. They stopped playing but they did not stop thinking.

That afternoon the club met. The

boys were seated around a large table and the club began. I had my planned program; but they interrupted me with the question, "Why is playing marbles for keeps wrong?" They had given me the situation I wanted. I asked them what they thought about it. Some of the boys said that it was wrong, while others thought that it was right. Taking this interest as a beginning, we started building the program upon their interests. They asked their teachers, the Catholic sisters, the priest, parents and friends what they thought of playing "for keeps". One also wrote a letter to a judge. At the next club meeting the results of their findings were brought to the boys. They could not reach a decision. Three weeks were spent in this discussion. At the end of the three weeks all of the boys except one said that it was wrong to play "for keeps".

They suggested other topics for discussion. Some of them were: "What Kind of a Fellow Should a Fellow Be to Be the Right Kind of a Friend", "Fighting", "Keeping Healthy", "Map Making" and "Courage".

When we were discussing "Courage", the distinction was being made between moral and physical courage. Samson was given as an example of one who had physical courage but who lacked moral courage. The story of the loss of his strength was told to them. Sonny, an Italian boy, said: "Miss Tilford, I thought that Samson's hair grew between his toes". I asked what the Bible said, but they did not know and it was suggested that we read the story from the Bible. Bibles were given to them. They wanted the story, which is found in the 13th chapter of Judges, from the beginning. The 13th and 14th

chapters were read with the boys and I started to omit the 15th chapter, but Sonny said, "If you aren't too tired will you read the 15th also?"

The boys were encouraged to express themselves and to make their own decisions. The planned program was set aside for a discussion of other things

THE MISSION of the GOOD WILL CENTER to YOUTH

THE largest single problem confronting the social student of today is the problem of youth. In this day of youthful criminals and the general interest in crime and criminology, to students of sociology this problem has become increasingly important. Its solution will be one of the greatest steps ever taken toward social betterment.

Never was the problem more acute than at present. During the last thirty years there has been a general upheaval in economic and social conditions. The incredible activity of industry has concentrated population in the cosmopolitan areas. The youth growing up under these conditions suffers under a severe handicap—a handicap unknown to the youth of thirty years ago. The day of vacant lots is past, parks and recreational centers are few and widely scattered, and the streets have become so congested with traffic that their use for play is impracticable. The pool room, the alley and the street corner have been substituted for them. What may be expected of the youth who has had the street for his playground and the gang as his school of morals? To rise above environment requires a stronger character than is naturally developed under such circumstances.

Youth is the most turbulent and chaotic period in the life cycle of man. It is the transitional stage between the child and the adult. Being the formative period of life, it is the most important. During this time ideals, religious thought and the general attitude toward life are in a state of flux. Im-

which were of special interest to the boys.

"And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man". May we lead our young people to develop mentally, physically, socially and spiritually as we begin with them where they are and lead them to a Christ-like development into the abundant life.—*Lorene Telford, Tenn.*

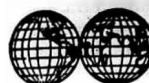
agination, desire for adventure, novelty and the wanderlust are at their zenith. Youth's future life is dependent upon the order he brings from this chaos. Should he be allowed to work out his own destiny without aid, or should competent advisers aid and supervise him? Unsupervised youth is a dangerous social force. The superabundant energy attendant upon youth must be led into constructive rather than detrimental channels. This can be done efficiently and thoroughly only through social agencies, such as settlement houses, social service bureaus and municipal recreational centers. In recent years these centers have become increasingly important. They are the pioneers who are opening up a vast field of social endeavor. The need for such agencies is urgent, and they have responded nobly.

Good Will Center is one of these recreational centers serving the eastern section of Louisville. It is fortunate that a play ground has been established in close proximity to the settlement house. Working together the two provide facilities for wholesome recreation for all ages through the entire year. The value of our settlement houses is incalculable. They are the missionaries to American youth—the answer of society to the challenge of its greatest problem. The problems of such centers assume gigantic proportions, yet they are overcoming them with astonishing success. They are striving and are succeeding in establishing the high ideals and noble aspirations which will result in the ultimate deliverance of youth.—*Frank Atkinson*

BOOK REVIEWS

Mrs. Julian P. Thomas, Virginia

OUTRIDERS for the KING



In the preface, Rev. W. Thorburn Clark tells us that his recent book, "Outriders for the King", was written in response to a request from Miss Mary Hunter, book editor of the Foreign Mission Board, S. B. C., who had seen some of his sketches in "Kind Words" and "Challenge". The book consists of sketches of the lives of outstanding missionaries in six of the important fields of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. There is one: of Matthew Tyson Yates, an outrider in China; of Thomas Jefferson Bowen, who pioneered in Africa; of George Boardman Taylor, who began our mission work in Italy; of John Self Cheavens, missionary to Mexico; of Solomon L. Ginsburg, the "Wandering Jew in Brazil"; and of J. W. McCollum, who spent his life in Japan.

The sketches are written in easy, flowing style and are especially suitable for reading classes. They give the important happenings in each missionary's life, and the reader will gain a clear idea, not only of the character of the missionary and his work but also a definite knowledge of the beginnings of mission work in the early years of the Southern Baptist Convention. The writer enlivens his narrative with humor and with interesting incidents in the lives of the missionaries. His evident sympathy with his subject lends a special attractiveness to it. Each reader will find his favorite mission and missionary well portrayed. This reviewer found it most delightful to follow Dr. Taylor in his journeys in this country in behalf of his work. His rigid economy on the one hand in the use of mission funds, balanced by his more than generous personal gifts to

those in need, forms a pleasant contrast.

Old and young will find the book good reading and valuable to keep for reference in their further missionary studies. Order from the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.; price: paper, 50c, cloth 75c.

HE TOOK IT UPON HIMSELF

A BURNING plea for the recognition of individual responsibility is Margaret Slattery's book, "He Took It Upon Himself". The writer, whose eyes are always open to the underlying significance of things, was arrested by an advertisement in a daily paper, which turned her mind in the direction of the thought that nothing is accomplished unless some one person so feels, the need that "he takes it upon himself" to supply this need.

Thinking along this line she gives instances of many whose earnest desire to help has made them outstanding examples of what an individual can do to change world conditions. She is at no loss for examples: Horace Mann, Jane Addams, Sir Wilfred Grenfell, the Curries make the pages fairly shine with their achievements.

She presses home the thought that community conscience is the conscience of each one of us—that the community conscience is the sum of one and another and another. Coming to the so-called failure of the church, she says that too is explained by the failure of the individual. We leave the work of the church to the abstract church, no one "taking it upon himself" to act.

She believes it to be the duty of those who are interested in the young people of today to show them how this personal responsibility rests on their shoulders, by calling to their notice the men and women of the present day who have changed and are still changing, for

the better, conditions in many parts of the world: Kagawa, who has cleaned up the slums of Japan; Albert Schweitzer, the greatest interpreter of Bach's music in the world, who is changing Africa because he was willing to go as a missionary to these benighted people. These and others inspire us to believe that we, too, can help in the great work of making the world a better place in which to live.

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HIS FRIENDS

"HIS FRIENDS" is the very appropriate title of a little book of short biographical sketches of twelve of our living missionaries. The book is the result of the desire on the part of Miss Blanche Sydnor White—corresponding secretary of Virginia W.M.U. and former field worker for Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention—to give our women more knowledge of those who represent them in missionary lands. She has sought out in each case the person who could best tell the story of the missionary and has succeeded in getting it written with loving personal touch. The sketches cover work in Louisiana, New Mexico, China, Japan, Africa, Brazil, Italy, Jerusalem and Virginia and represent varieties of missionary service.

There is not a single story that does not grip the heart. Whether one visits with Margie Shumate, alone but not lonely in her Chinese home, or rejoices with Neale Young in her marvelous African work or thrills to the wonder-working enthusiasm of John Lake with his lepers, each story seems more appealing than the last. The climax is reached in the story of the gifted Jewish Elsie Clor who, driven from her home because of her belief in Christ, prepared herself to serve Him in His own land and is now suffering persecution for Him in Jerusalem. The Bible study at the beginning of each chapter is not the least valuable part of the book.

Miss White has done an exceptionally fine and useful piece of work. Circles

in missionary societies and missionary reading circles will find in these sketches the best sort of programs for their meetings.

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CHRIST COMES to the VILLAGE
ONE valuable outcome of the Jerusalem Conference is the little volume "Christ Comes to the Village", which is a study of rural life in non-Christian lands. It was written at the request of the Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions by three students of rural work and contains chapters on Homes, Health, Industrial Work, Education and Religion, with a closing chapter by Rev. E. Stanley Jones, D.D. It is edited by Mary Schaffner Platt.

We are reminded that though at least two-thirds of the world's population live in villages and though the Christ lived His early life in a village and most of His work was done in villages, our missionary activities have been mostly confined to cities. There are many reasons why this has been the case, among them the crowds in cities making the work more productive and the difficulty of traveling in country districts.

The studies on rural life show us that the home is the foundation of any successful mission work and the woman in that home the key to the situation. Instances are given of what has been done to better health and economic conditions so as to raise the living standards and enable rural communities to improve their own situation. To this end better farming is taught both men and women, new and better crops are raised through suitable seed and the women are shown how to carry on their household duties with less labor. The health and lives of children are conserved through the teaching of hygienic methods and the way of a more abundant life is opened through improved village schools. All this inclines these people to search for freedom to know and love our God.

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CURRENT EVENTS

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

"One of the finest things Mercer University has done in its ninety-odd years of history is the honorary degree of LL.D. conferred upon Mrs. W. J. Neel of Georgia at its commencement exercises on June 2. The degree was given for her 'many outstanding activities and benefits to the denomination'."—*The Christian Index*

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Among the "outstanding activities" of Mrs. Neel has been her service in the cause of missions: not only has she served the cause through her own church and as president of the Woman's Missionary Union of Georgia but also for many years she has been vice president of the W.M.U. of the south in which capacity she has rendered invaluable service.

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At the recent commencement of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, when 78 young men received their degrees, a student from Belfast, Ireland, was awarded the Seldon Y. Trimble Memorial Missions Prize. This reward is given for the highest scholarship and capacity for leadership in missions. The donor of the prize is the son of one of our pioneer missionaries to Africa and the uncle of a present missionary to China.

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The American Baptist Home Mission Society began the celebration of its 100th anniversary by sending forth from Brockton, Mass., on June 17 a covered wagon of the type which carried "Forty-niners" along the "Overland Trail". This modern prairie schooner will cross thirty-five states, following as nearly as possible the route of John Mason Peck in his missionary journeys. It is also the purpose to honor this pioneer home missionary who, with Jonathan Going, formed the plan of organization for the society. There will be a crowning celebration in 1932 when the wagon finally reaches San Francisco.

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The Baptist Missionary Training School, maintained by the Baptist women of the north, celebrated in June its Golden Anniversary. The W.M.U. Training School at Louisville, Ky., will in 1932 celebrate its Silver Anniversary, as will also the Y.W.A. and this magazine.

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In his address on "The Glory of Missions" before the Woman's Missionary Union in annual session in Birmingham Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke said: "One element in the glory of missions is that of achievement. It is a very great thing to participate in the victories of the Kingdom of God. Let me take an illustration from your own southern Baptist story. It was my privilege to visit South America last year. Think of the miracle proceeding in that continent: I can call it by no other name! . . . The three countries that lead in South America and have secured largest influence abroad are the so-called 'A.B.C.'—Argentina, Brazil, Chile. In these and in the vigorous little state of Uruguay southern Baptists have secured a firm hold for the Gospel. Do you realize what this means? Nothing less, in the first issue, than evangelizing a continent, steps in world conquest"—And all this has come to pass in two-thirds of the life-time of one missionary, Dr. W. B. Bagby who founded the first native Baptist church in South America Dr. Rushbrooke reminds us. Should not such a victory cause us to give "not from the top of our purses but from the bottom of our hearts"?



MISSIONARY TOPICS for 1932

For the benefit of societies planning in advance for their 1932 meetings there is given the following list of monthly missionary topics for the calendar year of 1932. It will also be of service to program chairmen and others who assemble, in duly marked envelopes, clippings from current literature which promise to prove helpful for future programs.

- January** —**THE CHURCH of TOMORROW**
Our responsibility today: what we build into the lives of our young people: our supreme obligation. The missionary education of our young people the specialty of W.M.U. Importance of the Full Graded W.M.U. in every church
- February** —**CHRISTIANITY—the BULWARK of OUR NATION**
The rising tide of dangers that threaten our nation. Christianity our only hope of national security and peace. How the Home Mission Board is seeking to build up this bulwark
- March** —**TITHES and OFFERINGS: GOD'S FINANCIAL PLAN for MEN and MISSIONS**
God's laws are for man's good and His glory. God's unchanged law of giving is His plan for financing His Kingdom and for making men "rich toward God". Our disobedience to God's law is sole reason for the shameful financial plight of southern Baptists.
- April** —**HEROINES of the CROSS**
Stories of some of those who "follow in His train" in the homeland and on foreign fields
- May** —**CHRIST in the ORIENT**
The progress of the Kingdom in China and Japan
By-products of Christianity in these lands
- June** —**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IMPERATIVE at HOME and on MISSION FIELDS**
Maintenance of our Christian colleges one of the most acute and vital problems which southern Baptists face. Absolute necessity for such schools on mission fields. Some products of these schools
- July** —**DEBTOR—to the JEW**
The Jews were God's chosen people through whom the gentiles received the Gospel: hence our special obligation. What southern Baptists are doing for the Jews. Unfulfilled prophecies concerning the Jews. Their future restoration. Palestine today
- August** —**The POWER of the PRINTED PAGE**
Power for good or evil. "Give diligence to reading"—what? S.B.C. publication houses on foreign fields. Interesting illustrations of the power of the printed page
- September** —**"ENTRUSTED with the GOSPEL" 1 Thess. 2:4**
The Christian's supreme entrustment: our test and basis of our future reward. Our unfaithfulness attested by the millions still unsaved in our own land as well as in heathen countries
- October** —**"ENEMIES of the CROSS of CHRIST": Philippians 3:18, 19**
Sins fostered by avarice and appetite—notably war and the traffic
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in strong drink. Responsibility of Christians to militantly oppose all that hinders the progress of the Kingdom. How W.M.U. can help

November —**Around the WORLD with OUR PRAYERS and OUR MONEY**
All must go into all the world. "How can they go except they be sent"? Intercessory missionaries. The Co-operative Program. What the 1930 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering accomplished

December —**The GIFTS CHRIST BROUGHT**
Eternal life; life abundant; righteousness, peace, joy; the "blessed hope"; happy homes. Contrasts: homes and lands where Christ is not known. My gift to Him?

BIBLE STUDY—(Concluded from Page 10)

accepted His coming. It is not to set forth the plan of redemption that we are come; yet God forbid that one of you should fail to grasp His plan. Neither the crucifixion nor the resurrection is my theme though I would tell both of these stories to the ends of the earth. That which we must consider more seriously than ever before is the command from our Lord to carry the light to every place where there is darkness at all. The history of Kingdom extension is fascinating to a degree. It is a human interest story. It combines the natural with the supernatural, the human with the divine and the right of individual choice with an unqualified faith in God. Dr. T. B. Ray in "Only a Missionary" sums up the achievements of this soldier of the cross as those of a pathfinder, an explorer, a translator, an educator and a diplomat. Over and above all these he puts the spiritual work of those heroes of the faith of whom we are prone to think as "only missionaries".

If all evangelical denominations could realize their opportunity, the kingdoms of this world would soon become the Kingdom of our Lord. I would that we might be more eager to give ourselves to the task of carrying the Light "that the world may know".

MISSIONARY CURRENT EVENTS

The following though not missionary in the strictest sense is still missionary in deed: "Prohibition leaders are planning an extensive educational campaign to secure the allegiance of the coming generation to the Eighteenth Amendment. They plan a national crusade of young people, to be known as the Allied Youth. This organization will work in cooperation with other organizations in a national organization known as "Allies for Prohibition".

WHAT to DO NEXT

Stopping and starting consume time, so keep on going.
Take account of stock. What did you do last year?
Personal talks with some women might win their support.
Better be six months ahead of your program than six weeks.
"No seed sown means no harvest. Every day is seed-sowing time."

ROYAL SERVICE is a powerful

tonic for sluggish interest in missions.

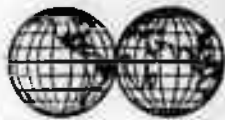
Real acquaintance does not begin until two women know each other's names and remember them.

How about a missionary pageant? You can get good ones.

A study class rally for enrolment, purchase of text books and the explaining of plans is a good thing.

Are your committees ahead of their work or behind and pushing it?—Selected

HELP for HOUSE BEAUTIFUL



Housekeepers have the helpful habit of remembering the W. M. U. Training School in Louisville, Ky., when they are canning, preserving and sewing for their own homes. But for such help it would be hard indeed for the School to "make ends meet". It is almost trite to say that this coming season will feel the effect of the general depression: all the more reassuring is it to believe that this particular summer many societies, circles and members will see that the School's name is "put into the pot". Even a very few cans from many such a source will replenish the depleted larder of "House Beautiful." In packing the cans and jars use extra care, being sure to put inside the package as well as on the outside the full address of the sender: thus the School will know whom to thank, even as it sincerely desires to do. The School's address is: W. M. U. Training School, 334 East Broadway, Louisville, Ky. Do not make the shipment until after October first, please. The supplies which are particularly needed are as follows:

Canned Vegetables
Pickles
Preserves
Napkins

Canned Fruit
Relishes
Jellies
Tray Cloths

By WAY of APOLOGY

The June issue of this magazine carried the names and much other data concerning churches which during the calendar year of 1930 maintained a Full Graded A-1 W.M.U. Among these churches is Mt. Elon in South Carolina. Apologies are herewith made to its pastor and W.M.U. organizations because by its name were placed only five stars, whereas it should have had six, since it has been A-1 for at least six years, as have been eleven other S. B. C. churches.

For the FRONTIER MISSIONARIES



The "frontier" may be "vanishing" but even more so is the income of Baptist missionary workers out "along the western front". Brave hearted they are but even "brave hearts" feel the pinch of inadequate salaries and the bite of winter's cold. If you or your society would like to help one of these Baptist frontier preachers please write to your state W.M.U. corresponding secretary (Address on page 2). You will thus secure a letter giving the measurements for the clothes. It will be doubly helpful if the box can be sent in October.

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