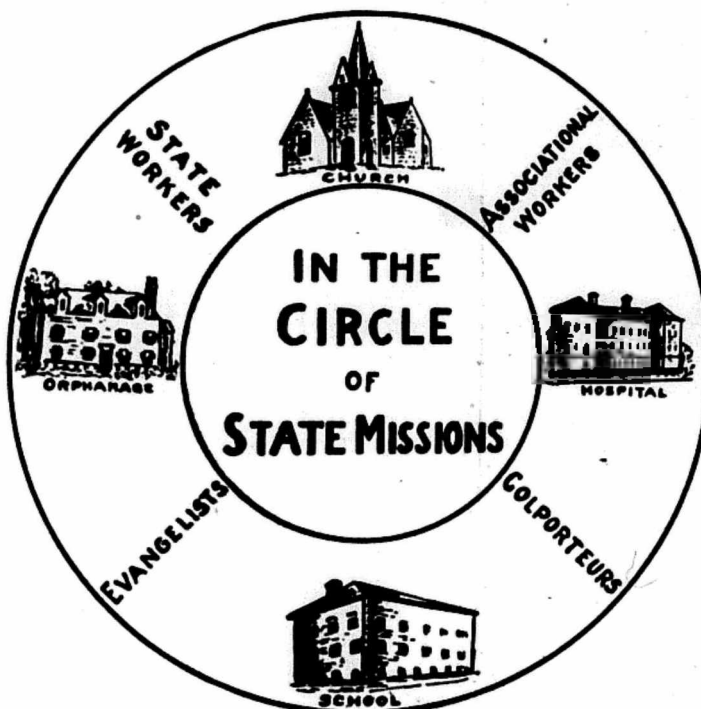


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WATCHWORD for YEAR: "That the world may know"  
*—John 17:23*



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## EDITORIAL



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



October's topic—The Challenge of My State—offers special opportunity for the consideration of our native heath. It is not only interesting to study the history of your individual state but also stimulating to trace the trend of Baptist faith and its growth throughout our territory. Many historical books carry this inspiring story. Every state has had its greater or lesser role in the sacred missionary drama which makes southern Baptist history. Today, as we look out over our native soil Byron's words come to mind:

"O Christ! it is a goodly sight to see  
What Heaven hath done for this delicious land".

Because we love our land, our state, our community, our homes, our church, we are concerned with the opportunities, the problems, the duties, the tasks that surround us. Recently, an English periodical carried so arresting an article that its thought is passed on to you for consideration, because of the fear that you may have missed it. The theme of this article by Dr. J. B. Watson was, "*Seven Things That Are Ready to Die*". The Scripture was Rev. 3:2: "Be watchful and strengthen the things which remain that are ready to die". A brief perusal of these dying graces will be helpful in thinking and planning and praying and living for our state mission work. They are peculiarly personal. They are indigenous to every race and place. The *first* of the seven things that are ready to die is *Collective Prayer*. Only a tiny fraction of our large church congregations attends the prayer-meetings. Only a small percentage of the W.M.S. membership attend the special seasons of prayer for missions. Dr. Watson's advice is thought-provoking: "Let there be more prayer, less vacancy; more heart, fewer words; more exercise, less drowsiness. Cut out the preaching from the praying, eliminate the repetition, jettison the stock phrases. Let each ask directly for the few things that genuinely burden the heart instead of the host of things which lie no heavier than a feather on the memory". The *second* thing was *Personal Evangelism*. "It lingers only anaemically among us!" The best possible stimulus is to really believe that "he that winneth souls is wise". The *third* is *Family Devotions*. How true is the statement that the majority of those bearing the heat and the burden in the Christian work today came from the homes where the Scriptures were read and prayer had its place. Naught that parents can give in money, position and power can atone for this neglect of the children. The *fourth* thing that is ready to die is closely akin to this: it is *Private Meditation*. The anxious, troubled life can only be healed by the "quiet browsing in the pastures of the Word". The *fifth* lost art is *Spiritual Conversation*. Dr. Watson says: "A heathen observer might readily form the opinion that Christianity is a secret cult whose followers are pledged to avoid all reference to it save in their formal gatherings for worship". The *sixth* is *Christian Hospitality*. When we think of the many Christian, foreign students in our schools and the many lonely students and young people away from home, we stand indicted before this dying grace. The *seventh* thing that is ready to die is *The Hope of the Lord's Return*. Surely, if our faith and our missionary task mean anything to our lives, they must culminate in this

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## LAW OBSERVANCE



### YOUTH'S ROLL CALL

UNDER "Moral Standards" in "Plan of Work", Woman's Missionary Union makes this positive declaration: "We declare ourselves on the side of all the forces of righteousness . . . law observance . . . child welfare". Youth's Roll Call presents a challenging practical plan of translating this declaration into vital action. Accepting this challenge, W.M.U. in its May 1931 annual meeting unanimously adopted the following resolution: "That during this year we especially set ourselves to intense activity in teaching the underlying principles of prohibition by every means and through every channel possible. Knowing that it is the boast of the wets that in 1932 there will be several million young people voting, who know only that side of the question supported by the wets, we recommend that we shall during 1931-32 teach temperance and obedience to the Prohibition Law in every organization we can reach, that our young people may know that no substitute for the Eighteenth Amendment has yet been proposed that would not bring back the saloon in some form. To this end we recommend that the Youth's Roll Call of W.C.T.U. shall be promoted in every state, preferably by each Personal Service Chairman, during period October 1-15, 1931". It is confidently expected by those initiating the movement that one million young people will respond to the Roll Call. Roll Call sheets may be obtained from the National W.C.T.U. Publishing House, Evanston, Ill., for postage at the rate of 15c per hundred. Each sheet has space for ten signatures to the brave patriotic declaration: "Our nation stands upon the threshold of a new epoch of life. I want prohibition to succeed. I want to give prohibition a chance. That the constitution may be protected and orderly government preserved, I declare my purpose to abstain from the use of all alcoholic liquors as a beverage, to support and defend the Eighteenth Amendment and thus to contribute to the success of prohibition".

Through the 19,000 W.M.U. young people's organizations with more than 212,000 members, there should be easily secured 100,000 signatures to this patriotic pledge. Pernicious and false propaganda floods the press, the movies and current literature, poisoning the minds of youth as to the effects of the Eighteenth Amendment, falsely charging the law with responsibility for all crime and general lawlessness. The truth, as supported by scientists, economists, unbiased industrialists and students of the law's intent and effects, must be included in this educational program. What an opportunity to serve not only our Baptist youth of today but also the national manhood and citizenship of tomorrow! Mrs. Henry W. Peabody, brave champion of prohibition and law observance, says: "The preservation of the race rests with woman. Her interest to protect the child leads her to deny herself privileges and liberties that injure the child. The woman's major reason for no repeal or modification of the Eighteenth Amendment is found in one word—children". Another clear thinker says: "At the heart of the Christian conscience of this country there is a conviction that the liquor traffic and the Christian Gospel stand for two diverse and contradictory conceptions of personal and social life".

May W.M.U. pledge to this task a continual campaign of education for law observance, the mobilization of our youth—the future conservators of law and good citizenship—against the forces defying both human and Divine laws. The reward will come some golden day, when this humanity-blighting curse—the liquor traffic—shall find no safe habitation anywhere beneath "Old Glory's stainless stars".—Mrs. W. J. Neel, L.L.D., Ga.

### "THE ABUNDANCE ABOUNDED"

SO wrote Paul concerning the liberality of the churches of Macedonia. He explains it in several ways, one being that "their joy and their deep poverty" made it possible. Even so does one feel in giving thanks for the unusually generous way in which W.M.U. women and young people gave last March during the Week of Prayer for Home Missions. You will recall that the goal for that week's Thank Offering was \$75,000 and that at the May meeting in Birmingham it was announced that the Home Mission Board had received—not just \$75,000 but—nearly \$90,000. On and on remittances reached the Board until by July 11 it had received a total of \$91,158, which means that because "the abundance abounded" there was a surplus of \$16,158. This surplus will be used as follows by the Home Mission Board.

Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence ( <i>Salary, Travel, Stenographer</i> ).....	\$ 3,300
Miss Emma Leachman ( <i>Salary, Travel</i> ).....	2,500
Jewish Work by Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus.....	990
Acadia Academy, Church Point, La.....	500
A. W. Hancock, Shawnee, Okla. ( <i>Salary</i> ).....	900
Orlando Johnson, Ponca City, Okla. ( <i>Salary</i> ).....	900
Alfonso Valmitjana, Tampa, Fla.....	900
Mrs. Aurelia Baez, Tampa, Fla.....	240
Natias C. Garcia, San Antonio, Tex.....	900
Emmett Rodriguez, Kerrville, Tex.....	800
Magoffin Baptist Institute, Ky.....	500
Southeastern Ky. Institute.....	500
Hazard Institute, Ky.....	550
A. Martinez, Cardenas, Cuba ( <i>Rent, Dispensary</i> ).....	860
Juan Bautista Ferrer, Cuba ( <i>Salary</i> ).....	900
Miss Eva Smith, Havana, Cuba ( <i>Travel</i> ).....	100
Miss Christine Garnett, Cuba ( <i>Rent</i> ).....	360
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Total.....\$16,158

### 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

## TITHING

Mrs. G. R. Martin, Southwide Stewardship Chairman

### PERSUASIVE PARAGRAPHS concerning TITHING TRUTHS

"When a man gets rich, God gets a partner, or the man loses his soul."

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"Give, not from the top of your purse but from the bottom of your heart."

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"Nine-tenths, plus God, are more than ten-tenths without Him."

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"He who is careful of His tenth will be careful of his nine-tenths."

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"Every two dollars wasted by a Christian means that, somewhere in the world, someone goes unreached."

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"So far as Heaven is concerned, multitudes of Christians have been in the poorhouse with a bankruptcy without remedy, because their covetousness was wilfully incurable."

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"I have known but one tither who, in time of adversity, stopped tithing. I can positively say she is not now so happy, neither very generous."

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"The only objections I have heard to the plan of tithing have come from those who have never given that system a personal trial."

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"A merchant who was a tither said he could not send out of the front door goods and money for the Lord as quickly as the Lord sent them in at the back door."

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"Five years ago I first became a tither. I tithed for two years. The next year I gave one-ninth. The next year I gave one-eighth. Last year I gave one-seventh. This year I am giving one-sixth. If life be spared, next year I want to give one-fifth. As a result, I can truthfully say I am more happy, more generous and more financially prosperous."

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"You can say 'Honesty is the best policy' or 'Tithing pays' with your hand and thought on your pocketbook, and there is no religion in it. Sing it in your heart, and it expresses one of the highest types of practical religion."

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"The Arabians required every merchant to offer a tenth of his frankincense to the priest for their god; the Phoenicians, following the example of Abraham, devoted a tenth of the spoils of war to 'holy' uses; the Carthaginians sent to Tyre their tithe, clothing the bearer of the tithe in royal purple. Shall heathenism rise up to rebuke us who, with unholy and irreverent hands, divert the tithe which belongs to God into polluted worldly channels?"

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Jehovah said: "And all the tithe . . . is Jehovah's; it is holy unto Jehovah."

Jesus said: "I am not come to destroy the law but to fulfill".

The Spirit, through John, said: "Here is the patience of the saints, that they keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus".



## MAKING a BIBLE TALK

Ells Broadus Robertson, Ky.

**S**TUDENTS for the ministry have usually three hours a week for a whole session to study the preparation and delivery of sermons. In the very similar art of making a Bible talk; there must be some principles that will help us: let us seek them.

1. *Let every talk be based upon real Bible study.* This is the right of every Christian, but few get their feet set on the path in earnest. Yet it is the Bible which not only can make us wise unto salvation but furnished to every good work. In it God's voice speaks to us, and it is better worth knowing than all the other books in the world. A famous professor said recently that a thorough knowledge of the Bible is a better education than a college course. To feel at home in the Bible is like furnishing a house exactly as you want it.

Now we are busy women. But any Bible study is a perpetual possession. And what we learn in our own daily Bible reading and prayer, for our own soul's sake, will in the long run help us most of all. When a passage or a text suddenly shines out for us radiant and golden we are adding to that illuminated Bible, proved by personal experience, which will be the treasure of our growing Christian life.

Nor should we be afraid of commentaries, even those with Greek words in them. There's nothing like a commentary for good honest study and enjoyment. Marcus Dods on *Genesis* is one of the most engrossing and stimulating books ever written. It opens doors in Heaven and earth and in your own mind.

2. *Choose a good topic.* Sometimes the subject is given you and is one you had not studied before. Then you must do intensive gardening and dig in a commentary, plant your thought and make it bloom, all in a week or so. Don't object—this is adding to your assets. Sometimes you can choose and, if you have good habits of Bible

study, you will have a dozen thrifty young plants just ready to bloom with a little watering and working. Naturally one wishes to suit the occasion. I heard a gentleman say once that the whole art of dressing well can be put in one word, *fit*. A woman's clothes should fit the wearer and be becoming, fit the occasion and fit her purse. So with a Bible talk: it should fit the occasion and be our own.

Again, let it be a limited subject. Inexperienced speakers, both men and women, nearly always choose too large a subject, skim over it, skim over the next one in much the same way, and presently their resources are exhausted; whereas a definite subject thoroughly studied will leave room for other thorough work. And wherever possible, choose a concrete subject—it makes easier listening. Don't take "Prayer" or "Faith". Take one kind of prayer, intercession or confession or an instance of answered prayer or some unanswered prayers. Or study David's faith or Hannah's or the development of Abraham's faith or that one hard saying about the grain of mustard seed and the mountain. Study one thing till you master it and can share it. Sometimes a contrast is excellent: the centurion's faith, of which Jesus said He had found none so great in Israel, and that father's trembling faith at the foot of the mount: "Lord, I believe, help Thou mine unbelief!"

3. *Make a faithful exposition.* Whatever you take, interpret it honestly, not fancifully. This means digging, to go back to our garden. Do not fly around in a concordance. Stay on one spot. You may get help in your study from other Scripture passages, but you don't have to quote them all. Be as vivid as you can, get the setting, the background, the color, the life of the scene. David's prayer for his child, Hannah's burst of praise, Habakkuk's patriotic anguish—how full of human interest these are! If you can kindle

a glowing sympathy for one person in the Bible or one group of persons, plenty of applications will make themselves. This is much better than to generalize and then seek illustrations.

4. *Be practical and cheerful.* I think we women tend to wander off into the speculation, or into personal reminiscence and details, and lose the point we set out to make. When a lawyer quizzed Jesus on a question of social service, He showed him the Good Samaritan, pinned him down to an acknowledgment of the point and bade him go and do likewise. Such a method is always more encouraging and stimulating than any theories. It was one great secret of Phillips Brooks' power, that he was encouraging. The world is sad, excited, puzzled. Bring always a message of hope.

5. *Make a clear outline of not more than four or five points.* Plan a good beginning and a good ending—those two make a good speech, as someone suggested. "Yes", was the answer, "if they're close enough together!" It is certainly better to leave people wishing you had gone on than to make them wish you would stop.

6. *Delivery.* Most girls today get some practice in speaking in school. But there will always be some women

who find it very difficult to stand up and talk in a meeting. Their knees shake and so does their voice. Their vocabulary forsakes them, and their thoughts follow after it. Experience brings confidence. But meantime two rules may help. (a) Speak slowly at first and pitch the voice not too high. This gives a great illusion of ease, the audience relaxes, and the speaker loses her fright. (b) Select some woman near the back of the room and speak directly to her. When she hears and looks responsive, you have your audience. Why speak at all, unless you are going to be heard? A few notes on small pieces of paper are a great support to most of us.

7. A very feminine suggestion may not be impertinent. "When a woman speaks or presides at a meeting she ought to look as if she had just stepped out of a bandbox, and she doesn't have to be expensively dressed to look that way", said a wise woman. This requires forethought, for the family and the telephone can be depended on to furnish all the complications one can stand at the last minute. Get off in good time, forget yourself, think of those you wish to help and lift your heart to the Lord for whom you are to speak.—Abbreviated from "The Expositor" of Cleveland, Ohio

## BIBLE TOPICS for CALENDAR YEAR of 1932

January	—One Body in Christ, <i>Romans 12:1-15</i>
February	—Love Never Fails, <i>1 Corinthians 13:1-13</i>
March	—The Grace of Liberty, <i>II Corinthians 8:7; 9:6-12</i>
April	—A New Creature, <i>Galatians 6:1-10, 14, 15</i>
May	—Better than the Angels, <i>Hebrews 1:1-13</i>
June	—A Little Maid, <i>II Kings 5:1-15</i>
July	—The Words of Nehemiah, <i>Nehemiah 1:1-11</i>
August	—Good Tidings, <i>Psalms 68:11; Acts 10:37-43</i>
September	—What Manner of Love! <i>I John 3:1-11</i>
October	—Be Strong, <i>Joshua 1:1-9</i>
November	—Prayer and Soul-Winning, <i>Matthew 25:36; 28:16-20</i>
December	—Bible and Mission Study, <i>John 1:1-17</i>

Wednesday, October 7—DAY of PRAYER in S.B.C. Churches  
Consult your pastor and watch denominational papers for plans.



## 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: "With ONE ACCORD:" Acts 1:8-14

**N**ONE but those who do make their calling sure  
Can possibly unto the end endure;

Yet all who do, where'er their lots be cast,  
Will most assuredly get to Heaven at last.  
In the New Testament the pattern's found  
For modeling churches all the world around;  
And church claims, to be valid anywhere,  
Must on all points with this same pattern square. —G. P. Berwick

The little company of disciples were obedient to the command of their Lord. He had told them plainly to wait in Jerusalem, that they would receive power and that they should be witnesses. With one accord they prayed. Glorious preparation for the task before them! A world missionary map had been outlined by the Saviour. Jerusalem was the center. From the city the story of Jesus must be carried into all Judea. Thence reaching Samaria and all Galilee it should spread unto the uttermost parts of the world. On the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit was received. The time had come when our Lord's words, "Greater works than these shall ye do", must be fulfilled. The challenge of a great task is accepted. The number of disciples increases. The Word of God multiplies.

Christ prayed that the disciples might be one (John 17:22). One Lord, one faith, one baptism must be given to the Jews and to the gentiles. Unity of purpose and steadfastness within local churches, in the workings of associations, state conventions and our great Southern Baptist Convention tend to strengthen Kingdom work (Nehemiah 4:6b).

Upon reading the life of Edison, as Mr. Henry Ford tells the story, one is impressed anew by the untiring energy of this remarkable man. So long as a point may be determined by experiment Mr. Edison works on without sleep. He believes that the world has just begun to reach the possibilities of electricity. His perseverance might well be emulated by Christian workers (Luke 16:8b). God's promises have never been recalled. The fields are white unto harvest. "Line upon line", as God's Word is taught, will bring new volunteers. Woman's Missionary Union has from its beginning counted Bible study and prayer as necessary fundamentals. Plans of work are made that souls may be won through various forms of service. Individual evangelism is a part of every piece of Christian work. The watchword for this year states the aim for all that we do: "That the world may know that Thou has sent Me and has loved them, as Thou hast loved Me" (John 17:23).

"That the world may know" the Saviour who died to set men free,  
That the world find its Redeemer is the task for you and me.  
That the world may have forgiveness from sin and shame and woe  
Is the reason that He taught me His wondrous grace to show.  
That the love of God be shed abroad in hearts once hard and cold  
My Lord faced Calvary and death. Have you the story told  
That the world may see Jerusalem descending from on high  
And reach at last the Heavenly Home in the sweet bye and bye?

## Calendar of Prayer October, 1931

Prepared by Mrs. Maud R. McLure

Ⓞ GOD of earth and ahar,  
Bow down and hear our cry;  
Our earthly rulers falter,  
Our people drift and die;

Ⓣ HE walls of gold entomb us,  
The swords of scorn divide;  
Take not Thy thunder from us  
But take away our pride.

Topic: The Challenge of My State

### 1—THURSDAY

Pray for Mrs. W. H. Sears, educational work, and †Miss Blanche Bradley, nurse, Pingtu, China. They that seek Jehovah shall not lack any good thing.—Ps. 84:10

### 2—FRIDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. M. S. Blair, evangelistic work, Rosario, Argentina. That we may be filled with the knowledge of His will.—Col. 1:9

### 3—SATURDAY

For Rev. and xxMrs. J. A. Abernathy, evangelistic work, Tsinan, China. His children shall have a place of refuge.—Prov. 14:24

### 4—SUNDAY

For the editors of our state Baptist papers. He that keepeth understanding shall find good.—Prov. 10:1

### 5—MONDAY

For a bountiful offering for state missions. Pray also for Simultaneous Every-Member Canvass in Every Baptist Church, Nov. 29-Dec. 6. Of all that Thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee.—Gen. 28:22

### 6—TUESDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. W. D. King, evangelistic work, Canton, China. O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! —Rom. 11:33

### 7—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. A. J. Terry, evangelistic work, Pernambuco, Brazil, and for Brunson Terry, Margaret Fund student. When the chief Shepherd shall be manifested ye shall receive the crown of glory.—1 Pet. 5:4

### 8—THURSDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Bailey, medical work, Kweilin, China. Trust in Jehovah and do good.—Ps. 37:3

### 9—FRIDAY

For all our native workers in Cuba. In Thy light shall we see light.—Ps. 36:9

### 10—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Christie, evangelistic and educational work, Petropolis, Brazil, and for Alonzo Christie, Margaret Fund student. The firm foundation of God standeth.—II Tim. 2:19

### 11—SUNDAY

For God's Spirit upon our pastors and their wives. If we endure we shall also reign with Him.—II Tim. 2:12

### 12—MONDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Lockett, medical and evangelistic work, Ogbomoso, Nigeria. For all promotion work in churches, associations, states and southwilde. Let all that ye do be done in love.—I Cor. 16:14

### 13—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Victor Koon, evangelistic work, Chengchow, China. What time I am afraid I will put my trust in Thee.—Ps. 56:3

### 14—WEDNESDAY

For annual sessions of W.M.U. of Kentucky, Oct. 14-15, Ashland. Guide me to Thy truth and teach me.—Ps. 25:3

### 15—THURSDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. J. W. Moore, educational work, Chefoo, China. Blessed be God who hath not turned away my prayers.—Ps. 68:29

†Attended W.M.U. Training School

\*Attended Southwestern Training School

xxAttended Baptist Bible Institute

## Calendar of Prayer

### October, 1931

FROM all that error teaches,  
From lies of tongue and pen;  
From all the easy speeches  
That comfort cruel men;

FROM sale and profanation  
Of honor and of sword;  
From sleep and from damnation.  
Deliver us, good Lord.—Selected

#### Topic: The Challenge of My State

##### 16—FRIDAY

For Margaret Fund students: Geo. Taylor, son of Rev. J. J. Taylor, who gave his life for Brazil, and Richmond and William Medling, sons of Rev. P. P. Medling, who gave his life for Japan. The children of Thy servants shall continue.—Psa. 102:28

##### 17—SATURDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. E. O. Mills, evangelistic work, Nagasaki, Japan. The good Shepherd layeth down His life for the sheep.—John 10:11

##### 18—SUNDAY

For Sunday school teachers and officers in our states  
Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful.—Psa. 101:8

##### 19—MONDAY

For annual sessions of W.M.U. of Maryland, Oct. 19-23, Baltimore  
He satisfieth the longing soul.—Psa. 107:9

##### 20—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Westbrook, and Miss Lillian Thomasson, Shanghai Baptist College, Shanghai, China  
I will say of Jehovah He is my refuge.—Psa. 91:2

##### 21—WEDNESDAY

For annual sessions of W.M.U. of Arizona, Oct. 21-22, Phoenix  
Guide me in Thy truth and teach me.—Psa. 25:3

##### 22—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. R. Cecil Moore, evangelistic work, Concepcion, Chile  
The mind of the Spirit is life and peace.—Rom. 8:6

##### 23—FRIDAY

For the workers among the mutes in the south  
Hope thou in God.—Psa. 42:11

##### 24—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Enete, young people's work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
In the shadow of Thy wings will I rejoice.—Psa. 42:7

##### 25—SUNDAY

For our mountain schools  
Train up a child in the way he should go.—Prov. 22:3

##### 26—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. F. A. R. Morgan, Boys' School, Bella Horizonte, Brazil, and for Marian Morgan, Margaret Fund student  
Pray also for Simultaneous Every-Member Canvass in Every Baptist Church, Nov. 29-Dec. 6.  
Jehovah fulfill all our petitions.—Psa. 29:5

##### 27—TUESDAY

For our state mission boards  
Make disciples of all nations.—Matt. 28:19

##### 28—WEDNESDAY

For Alexander Herring and for Guy Leverette Meadows (whose father gave his life for China), Margaret Fund students from China  
He will be our guide even unto death.—Psa. 48:14

##### 29—THURSDAY

For Miss Earl Hester, principal Woman's Training School (James Memorial), Bucharest, Roumania  
Be of good cheer: it is I.—Mark 4:10

##### 30—FRIDAY

For Mary Frances and Addie B. Beddoe, Margaret Fund students from China  
Jehovah taketh pleasure in them that fear Him.—Psa. 147:11

##### 31—SATURDAY

For renewed faithfulness and activity in our W.M.U. work  
Power belongeth unto God.—Psa. 62:11

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

## FAMILY ALTAR

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

Topic: "With ONE ACCORD:" Acts 1:8-14

HOW well Thy blessed truths agree,  
How wise and holy Thy commands;  
Thy promises, how firm they be,  
How firm our hope and comfort stands!

HOULD all the forms that men devise  
Assault my faith with treacherous art,  
I'd call them vanity and lies  
And bind the Gospel to my heart.

—ISAAC WATTS

#### "With One Accord"

1st Day—Acts 1:8-14

2nd Day—Acts 2:1, 42, 44, 45-47

3rd Day—Acts 4:31-35

4th Day—Rom. 12:9-17

5th Day—I Cor. 1:4-10

6th Day—Phil. 1:27; 2:2; 3:15, 16

7th Day—I Pet. 3:8-16

#### "Steadfast, Unmovable"

8th Day—Matt. 10:22; 24:13; 25:23

9th Day—John 8:31; 15:4, 5, 7, 9

10th Day—Acts 2:42; 11:23; 13:43; 14:22

11th Day—Rom. 2:7; 8:38, 39; 11:22

12th Day—I Cor. 7:20; 15:58; 16:13

13th Day—Gal. 5:1, 10; 6:9

14th Day—Eph. 4:13-15, 24; 6:13

#### "Full of Faith and of the Holy Ghost"

15th Day—Luke 11:13; 12:12; 24:49

16th Day—John 3:5, 8, 34; 4:14; 6:45, 68

17th Day—John 7:38, 39; 14:16, 17, 26; 15:26

18th Day—John 16:7-14; 20:22

19th Day—Acts 6:5; 11:24; 13:2, 4

20th Day—Acts 8:15-19; 9:31

21st Day—Rom. 8:1, 2, 4, 9-11, 13-16

#### "Looking unto Jesus"

22nd Day—Heb. 12:1-11

23rd Day—Heb. 1:3, 10-12; 3:1; 7:16, 24, 25; 13:8

24th Day—II Thess. 2:16, 17

25th Day—Titus 2:13-15

26th Day—Phil. 2:5-11

27th Day—Col. 3:1, 10-13

28th Day—Isa. 9:6; 65:3-5

29th Day—I Pet. 2:4-7, 25

30th Day—Rev. 1:5-7, 18; 3:7, 14, 21

31st Day—Matt. 1:1, 16-18, 23; 25:31-34

## "Pray Ye"

Give thanks for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.  
Intercede for the unsaved (1) in community (2) to "utmost part".

Pray for missionaries in (1) community (2) state (3) southland (4) world.

Ask guidance for native Christians in every land.

Pray for Divine wisdom in plans of churches and societies in teaching (1) missions (2) personal service (3) stewardship.

Intercede for victory in (1) goal of 100,000 W. M. U. young people's signatures in Youth Roll Call for allegiance to Eighteenth Amendment; (2) effort to secure pledges to tithe at least four months; (3) forming Tithers' Fellowship League.

Pray for: (1) Sunbeam Band leader and children, asking for cooperation of parents; (2) Girls' Auxiliary counselor and girls of church and community; (3) Royal Ambassador counselor and boys, asking for cooperation of pastor and deacons; (4) Young Woman's Auxiliary counselor and eligible members.

Pray for careful, prayerful training of associational and local promoters of the Simultaneous Every-Member Canvass in Every Baptist Church, Nov. 29-Dec. 6.

## PROGRAM PLANS

Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

### WITH the PROGRAM COMMITTEE



"I love to get up a missionary program", said the charming young matron who headed the Program Committee. "I have learned by heart all of the things I have to say and last night I made my husband listen while I repeated them!" Are you surprised that the July program of her society was unusually interesting, with tickets for the trip around the Gulf of Mexico, signs for the countries visited and a big map of the journey hanging in view? Best of all, the others on the program told—instead of read—their missionary items.

For October, the Program Committee has material given for a wonderfully interesting meeting. The suggestion is made that nineteen women be used to tell of the nineteen S.B.C. states, pasting stars on a blue background; or two women may carry out the same plan. See page 18.

Another suggestion for this section of the program is to have a member speak in outline of the problems of your state. For instance in Alabama the outline might be: "Alabama Baptists outnumber all other denominations put together: but there are 1200 unenlisted churches and much needed work among Cajans and Italians". A member may rise and ask: "But would Alabama be willing to change her problems for those of Arizona, New Mexico or Texas with their great numbers of Mexicans?" Another may ask, "Or would she change with Arizona or Oklahoma with their problems of reaching the Indians?" Another might suggest: "Suppose she exchanged with Arkansas, Florida or Georgia with their alien religions so on the increase?" (The committee may list the items given from the various states and put

those together that have similar problems; see pages 18-21.)

The leader may then speak of the two problems common to all the states and hang up a poster bearing the words, "Unsaved and Unenlisted". Below the first word print "18 Million", below the second "44 Baptist Membership". Two talks may follow, "The Unevangelized" and "The Unenlisted".

"Our Plans for Meeting These Needs" is a subject that should be given to the most interested member the society has. By now the plans of the Promotion Committee of Southern Baptists are in available shape for all to have information about it. In its "Schedule of Operations" the following will be found:

1. That October be given to training leaders and workers for conducting the "Simultaneous Every-Member Canvass in Every Baptist Church, Nov. 29-Dec. 6".

2. That November be designated as the month for informing all church members upon the objectives of the denominational program by sermons from the pastors, the distribution of missionary, stewardship and tithing tracts, the use of the denominational press, the radio and four-minute talks to group organizations of the churches.

The speaker on the above topic should be thoroughly informed about the promotion plans and make a stirring appeal. The W.M.U. watchword for 1931 should be hung before the society all the year—"That the World May Know". The points should be stressed that (1st) the world will know whether or not we are among the enlisted or the unenlisted—"their enemies themselves being witnesses". Lack of interest may try to hide be-

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## BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Miss Isabelle Coleman, North Carolina

**POSTER SUGGESTIONS:** Business woman standing by an open window looking out. Far in the distance is the world with a tiny red spot on it just the shape of your state. Near the window a large drawing of your state with gold stars designating the many posts of work fostered by the State Baptist Board. Around this setting make a border of the eighteen other states of the Southern Baptist Convention.

### Topic: The CHALLENGE of MY STATE

#### The Program:

Hymn: Our State Song

Prayer for Our State Officials

Scripture: Memorize Acts 1:8

Prayer for Our Judea—Our State for Christ

Current Missionary News (See page 35.)

Hymn: "O, Zion Haste" (See W.M.U. Year Book.)

#### A State Study:

1. My State (See page 17.)
2. Stars on the Southern Baptist Flag (See pages 18-21.)
3. The Two-Fold Challenge of My State (See pages 21-22.)
4. Meeting the Challenge of My State (See page 23.)
5. Journeying with a State Mission Dollar (See pages 24-25.)
6. My State and the World (See page 26.)

Hymn: "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" (Fourth stanza)

**The Educational Emphasis:** Modern methods in education advocate self-expression and experience. Statistics show that 98 percent of the knowledge of the world has been gained through the eye. To see is to believe, to understand, to experience. Therefore, the project method has come to take the place of old methods. The organizations of the church will find profit in the adoption of these same methods. As a step in this direction, let's take an imaginary eye-witness survey of our own state missions and make a close-up study of the field within our border. Information for this survey will be found on pages 17-26 of this magazine and in reference material as listed on page 26. After such a study, surely the business women will be more vitally interested and better prepared to respond to the Baptist call of our state.

**The Roll Call Grows:** The Business Women's Circles of many cities have realized the value of federating, and one by one many have reported a Federation of Business Women's Circles. We congratulate Birmingham. Their reporter, Miss Alma Martin, writes: "The Business Women's Circles of the Southside and First Baptist Churches met in joint session June first at the Southside Church for the purpose of organizing a Federation of Business Women's Circles of the Birmingham Baptist Association. Miss Ethel Winfield presided over the meeting. After a beautiful devotional by Mrs. B. G. Moore, of Southside, Miss Kathleen Mallory gave a short talk regarding Federation of Business Women's Circles with which she had been associated in other states. The object of this organization is to promote fellowship among the members of the Business Women's Circles in the Birmingham Baptist churches; to deepen the prayer life of the members; to organize circles in churches where none exist; to stimulate a missionary spirit among the Baptist business women of the city. Any Baptist business woman or any member of a Baptist Business Women's Circle is eligible to membership".



## 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 trustment: 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 in strong drink. Responsibility of Christians militantly to oppose all that hinders the progress of the Kingdom. How W.M.U. can help

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## PROGRAM for OCTOBER

The list of reference material given at close of this program is the chief source 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 this listed material and in leaflets suggested in this number which may be obtained for a few cents from W.M.U. Literature Department, 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. See list of leaflets on page 3.

Prepared by Mrs. C. D. Cresman, Tennessee

### Topic: The CHALLENGE of MY STATE

Hymn—Come Women, Wide Proclaim (See W.M.U. Year Book.)

Bible Study—"With One Accord": Acts 1:8-14 (Page 10)

Prayer that there may be a spirit of unity and love in all Baptist churches and that all may work together with one accord for the spread of the Gospel

Hymn—Blest Be the Tie that Binds

My State

Hymn—State Song

Stars on the Southern Baptist Flag

Prayer for the Baptist work in all states

The Two-Fold Challenge of My State

Meeting the Challenge of My State

Prayer for all missionary agencies in my state

Hymn—Jesus Saves

Journeying with a State Mission Dollar

My State and the World

Watchword for the Year (See W.M.U. Year Book.)

Hymn for the Year (See W.M.U. Year Book.)

Prayer that my state may be won to Christ and that she may do a worthy part toward winning the world to Him

### MY STATE



I love my state. I thrill when her name is mentioned because she is mine to honor, to protect and to love. To me she is the most beautiful, the most wonderful, the best state in the Union. I breathe her air, I eat her food, I tread her pathways, I behold her scenes, I live on her soil. It matters not whether I was born within her borders or moved to her from another state: she is mine just the same—my home, my state. Her welfare means my welfare; her prosperity, my prosperity; her safety, my safety. All the

people in my state are my special responsibility, because God has placed them near me that my life might bless theirs. For their sakes as well as my own I must help to make my state a safe and happy place in which to live. Jesus included my state in His program for the redemption of the world, for when He defined the territory for missionary work He said, "Ye shall be My witnesses—in Judea". My state is my Judea. There I must witness for Christ for my own sake, for the sake of those who live in my state, for the sake of other states which are influenced by conditions in my state and for the sake of the "uttermost part" which is to be reached by those who go from mine and other states to give the Gospel to the whole world. This is Jesus' plan, and if I fail to do my part in my state then the whole world will suffer.

**MY** state—I search in vain for words  
Her virtues to define;  
But this I know with heart aglow,  
I love this state of mine.

My state—how beauteous are her lands!  
All nature's charms combine  
To make her fair with beauties rare—  
This lovely state of mine.

My state! Oh Father, shed Thy light  
Upon this state of mine;  
Win her to Thee that she may be  
Not only mine but Thine.

Oh may her laws be just and right,  
Her people strong and fine,  
May all her ways be righteous ways—  
This lovely state of mine.

#### STARS on the SOUTHERN BAPTIST FLAG

**T**HERE are nineteen states in the Southern Baptist Convention. These are the stars on our southern Baptist flag, each star aglow with the light that shines in southern Baptist hearts. Let us consider each of these states, studying the conditions that specially challenge her Baptist constituency and learning of the things that help or hinder the shining of her star.

*(This part of the program can be made very effective by the use of white paper stars on which are printed the names of the states. If the size of the society permits let nineteen women take the parts, each one holding her star till her talk is made and then pasting or pinning it on a background of blue paper or cloth. In a small society one woman can make all the talks while another pastes the stars. If the back of the stars have been previously covered with mucilage and a wet sponge is convenient the pasting process will be easy. Information for these talks was furnished in the main by the state W.M.U. corresponding secretaries.)*

**ALABAMA**—Alabama is one of the brightest stars on the southern Baptist flag, for her Baptists number more than all other denominations put together.

But alas! a large percent of them are unenlisted. Perhaps her greatest challenge is her twelve hundred unenlisted churches. An encouraging feature of her work is a new impetus given to R. A. work. Nearly 100 boys with 12 leading Baptist men recently spent a week together in an R.A. camp. Especially challenging is the work among the Cajans in the southwest and that among the Italians in Birmingham.

**ARKANSAS**—The Arkansas star tells a story of great need. The winning of the unsaved of all races is her greatest state mission need. Only one-third of her people claim to be saved. In the beautiful Ozark Mountains section there are vast areas that have no resident pastor either of the Baptist or other large protestant denominations. Alien religions—such as Mormonism, Holy Rollerism etc.—are making rapid strides in these sections. In the eastern part the tenant farmer offers a great challenge. In the face of all these needs Baptists, because of lack of funds, have no regular missionary on any field in the state. The missionary fires in Arkansas are dying for lack of missionary fuel.

**ARIZONA**—Arizona is the youngest and weakest of all southern Baptist states. She has been in our Convention only

three years, so her star could not be expected to shine very brightly. A former field-worker says of her: "She is geographically large, materially rich and spiritually poor". Perhaps her greatest challenge is her Indian population. She has 8000 Pima Indians without one worker. These, with other Indians and foreigners, present an evangelistic challenge to inspire her Baptists to best efforts in soul-winning.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**—We are glad to have the star of our national capital on our flag. Getting and keeping the interest of the wives and daughters of officialdom are perhaps the greatest tasks in the District of Columbia. Many of these, coming from other states, are inclined to leave their interest in church work behind them. It is important to enlist them as much as possible in missionary work, not only that they may not lose interest while away from the home church but also that they may have something to take back with them when they return.

**FLORIDA**—In Florida there are two conditions that specially challenge Baptists at this time. First, there is the need of enlisting or re-enlisting the Baptist people in the entire denominational program. Many of her people do not realize the need or are not interested in other than local work. Overbuilding during the boom, followed by years of financial depression, is largely responsible for this condition. The other challenge is that her Baptists shall remain true to their conception of Bible doctrines. With cults and influences of every sort and people from every country coming to Florida, it is difficult, especially for young people, to remain true to the "faith of their fathers".

**GEORGIA**—The Baptist star shines brightly in Georgia, for sixty-five percent of all her church members are Baptists. She presents the challenge of decreasing and impoverished rural sections invaded by Holy Rollers, Seventh Day Adventists and other cults; the challenge of increasing industrial centers permeated by foreign, non-evangel-

istic and Catholic or communistic ideals; the challenge of a subtly growing missionary apathy in pulpit and pew; the challenge of more than 1000-000 unsaved people; and the challenge of 826 non-cooperating churches.

**ILLINOIS**—Illinois presents a three-fold challenge to her Baptists. First, there is the need for enlistment, for only one-third of her churches gave anything to co-operative missions last year. Again, there is a need for evangelism, for with an unsaved population of 1000000 two-thirds of her churches reported no baptisms last year. In the third place, there is need for increased missionary zeal, for in some of her associations there is an anti-missionary spirit. The development of a trained leadership will help Illinois to meet this three-fold challenge and make her star shine with increased radiance.

**KENTUCKY**—Kentucky brings the challenge of 1300 unenlisted churches. The vice presidents of her W.M.U. districts suggest the need of a deeper spirituality on the part of all Christians, the need of enlisting the young people and the educated women in missionary work and the need of a call to prayer. Her W.M.U. secretary says: "I believe that if I could ask Kentucky women to do just one thing it would be to pray for a great revival to break out in our state and in our southland, beginning first in our own hearts".

**LOUISIANA**—Lovely Louisiana challenges with her large percent of Roman Catholic population, her multitude of French-speaking people and her many fields still unoccupied by Baptists. There are whole parishes in which there is no Baptist church. Her W.M.U. corresponding secretary says: "I feel that I am in a foreign mission field, in home mission territory, working under the state mission board. The greatest challenge of Louisiana to me is wrapped up in that sentence. With fifty percent of our population Roman Catholic, with only 800 Baptist churches and a little more than 300 W.M.S's., there is much to be done".

**MARYLAND**—Three counties in Maryland have no Baptist work and many other places need denominational development. 75000 foreigners, 68000 Jews and a host of Negroes present a great evangelistic challenge. Her W.M.U. corresponding secretary says: "The primary challenge of my state to the Baptists is the enlistment of the many capable business men, the intelligent women and wide awake young people, helping them to get a vision of unoccupied fields, leading them to do foreign mission work right at their own front doors, reaching and teaching and training them that Maryland may be won to Christ".

**MISSISSIPPI**—Mississippi brings the challenge of a great number of unenlisted churches. Her W.M.U. corresponding secretary thinks that the "residential pastor is the solution to this problem". She further says: "We have preachers in these churches but not pastors that stay on the field and work at the job. Consequently approximately two-thirds of our people are unenlisted. The majority of these would respond to faithful, consecrated leadership".

**MISSOURI**—Missouri brings the evangelistic challenge of almost 200000 unsaved people. Among these are representatives of many nations, for she numbers her Austrians, Slavs, Mexicans, Germans, Hungarians, Irish, Norwegians, Italians, Poles, Russians and Swedes by the thousands, to say nothing of her 205000 Negroes and 81000 Jews. While in St. Louis, Kansas City and in a number of district associations the state board helps to maintain work for Slavs, Italians, Mexicans and other groups, thousands of these foreign people are absolutely untouched by the Gospel.

**NEW MEXICO**—The greatest challenge of the "Sunshine State" is her 225000 Spanish-speaking people and her 50000 Indians. One-half of her population is enrolled in the membership of the Catholic church. Catholic influence predominates in her legislature, courts

of justice, schools and in the social life of her people. This makes Baptist work very difficult. In the face of this great challenge, Baptists have had to cut off all missionary pastors and workers on account of lack of funds. But the W.M.U. star is shining with the work of fifteen community centers where Spanish children and mothers come to do handwork and are taught Scriptures, Gospel songs and Bible stories.

**NORTH CAROLINA**—The fast growing industrial centers, present to the Baptists of North Carolina the greatest challenge that has come to them in a hundred years. There are many new mill villages where there are hundreds of families with no Baptist work of any kind. North Carolina faces a great enlistment challenge, for 400 of her churches gave not one cent to missions last year and 649 reported no baptisms. She also has a great rural church problem. Her W.M.U. secretary thinks that many of her country Baptist churches should consolidate with each other in order to get a pastor who can lead them to visions of service beyond their neighborhood.

**OKLAHOMA**—Oklahoma is rightly called the "Home of the Red Man", for within her territory lives the majority of the Indians of the United States. These present perhaps the greatest challenge to her Baptists. However, her W.M.U. has a special challenge in the memorial dormitory for girls which she has built at Oklahoma Baptist University. Already she has passed far beyond the half-way mark in paying for this building and this has been over and above her regular contributions to the Co-operative Program. This achievement adds greatly to the brilliance of Oklahoma's star and challenges her women to go on with their great work until the dormitory is free from debt.

**SOUTH CAROLINA**—The oldest star on our southern Baptist flag is South Carolina, for she was the first to organize for Baptist work. Her W.M.U.

secretary thinks that perhaps her greatest challenge today is that of law enforcement. The prohibition law is looked upon as something that doesn't have to be noticed and the bootleggers are thriving. The greatest denominational challenge is the unenlisted masses who are not informed about the work of the denomination and care nothing about it. The rural church problem is acute because of lack of resident pastors who can give their time to the developing of her people.

**TENNESSEE**—Tennessee is called the Volunteer State, but her greatest problem is her 642 churches and over 100000 Baptists who have never volunteered their services in the Christian army. These give nothing and do nothing for missions. Her W.M.U. secretary says that the unemployment situation in her churches is more appalling than it is in the business world. Her W.M.U. is trying in a systematic way to get some kind of an offering from every church in the state. An effort is being made to secure more systematic givers rather than to organize more societies. Each association is asked to secure a certain number of tithers and it is hoped that this plan will enlist many women and young people as regular givers to missions.

**TEXAS**—The "Lone Star State" does not shine alone on our southern Baptist flag, but certainly she does her share of shining, for she is big not only in area but also in Baptist achievement. A large foreign population is probably her greatest challenge. In addition to the more than 300000 Mexicans she has more than half a million people of European races. Her great need is to Christianize these foreign people in order that they will not set up in our country before our children their religious ideas. Another challenging condition is her 1500 unenlisted churches. Her W.M.U. secretary says: "If we could one time get all the Baptist churches co-operating in the bringing in of the Kingdom all phases of the work would be cared for".

**VIRGINIA**—Virginia brings the challenge of weak churches, unconverted souls, debt-ridden schools and decreased gifts to missionary objects at home and abroad. But her greatest challenge lies in the 158 churches which failed to report one penny given to missionary work for the first six months of 1931 and in the thousands of unenlisted Baptists to whom their churches have meant nothing in the nourishment of their Christian lives. Her corresponding secretary expresses the determination of the W.M.U. to reduce greatly before the end of this year the number of non-cooperating churches and the number of non-cooperating Baptist women.

#### THE TWO-FOLD CHALLENGE OF MY STATE

A STUDY of these stories of the states reveals the fact that while each state has peculiar conditions and problems, which especially challenge her Baptists, there is a great two-fold challenge which is common to all. No matter whether I live in Maryland or Arizona, in Missouri or Florida or in any other of the nineteen states, the great challenge of my state is her host of unsaved sinners and unenlisted Christians.

**THE UNEVANGELIZED**—Each state of the Southern Baptist Convention has her share of the 18000000 unevangelized in the southland. In one state these may be largely mountaineers, in another Negroes, in another foreigners, in another Indians, but everywhere they are lost people for whom Christ died and to whom He expects us to give the Gospel. Some of the unevangelized in my state are in the slums of the cities, and some of them are in the secluded places of the countryside; but others are among my own neighbors and friends, perhaps in my own home. My heart aches with pain as I hear stories of dying millions in other lands, but there is danger that I shall forget those thousands in my own state who are also dying without Christ.

Due to the fact that the lost in my state are surrounded by the influences of a Christian land, the conditions under which they live are not so distressing as are those of the lost in heathen lands, but the condition of their souls is just the same: all are lost, hopelessly lost; all are missing the joy of the Christian life in this world and the hope of eternal life in the world to come.

While, through home missions, all states are co-operating in trying to reach some especially needy groups of these lost people, the task of evangelism is essentially a state mission task. Each state must feel that God has called her to the special work of winning the lost within her borders. And because I live in my state it is my obligation and privilege to help her win her lost people to Christ.

**THE UNENLISTED**—Like unto the challenge of the unevangelized sinner is that of the unenlisted church member. One is almost as sad, almost as appealing, almost as challenging as the other. In the statement of the challenge of each state to which we have just listened the unenlisted are spoken of with appalling frequency. According to the best figures, about three-fourths of the members of southern Baptist churches do nothing for the Lord's work. Truly they present a sad picture. They call themselves Christians but refuse to do God's work. They have the light of God's love but

have hidden it under a bushel. They are the salt which has lost its savor, the branch which has failed to abide in the vine and so bears no fruit. They are wells without water, clouds without rain, fields without a harvest. They have talents but use them not, time but redeem it not, money but they spend it on their own selfish pleasures. Dr. W. B. Himson says: "The unused ability of the church is the exultation of hell, the surprise of Heaven, the loss of man and the grief of God". We can well believe that God grieves as He beholds the great number of unenlisted southern Baptists, for He knows that they are one of the chief reasons for our failure to do what we should for Him.

I may be sure that a great number of these unenlisted Baptists are in my state, and surely they present a challenge to me and other Baptists in my state. We can hardly expect those to come from other states to enlist our people, for each state has its quota of the unenlisted. We must enlist our own Baptists—enlist their gifts, their prayers and their lives for Kingdom service. We must enlist them for their own sakes that their lives may be enriched with the joy of service. We must enlist them for the sake of my state, that they may help me and other Christians make her a truly Christian state. We must win them for the sake of other states and the whole world to which we are to go with the story of salvation.

**M**y state, by Heaven's sunlight kissed,  
Challenges me

At any cost  
To save her lost  
And all her saved ones to enlist  
In service true,  
That she may truly Christian be:  
A blessing great  
To those who live in other states  
And e'en to those across the sea,  
As she shall share  
Her Heavenly sunlight fair  
With people everywhere—  
So shall she be  
A better home for me.

## MEETING the CHALLENGE of MY STATE

**W**HAT are the agencies which are helping me and other Baptists to meet the missionary challenge of our state? Seven may be noted. Each detail may not accurately describe more than one state's plan; however, in the essentials the plans are the same.

**STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD**—My state has a board which is charged with the important task of promoting interest in the entire denominational program of missions, education and benevolences. This board employs, sends out and supports state missionaries and other state workers. It has an executive secretary who has general supervision over all the Baptist interests of the state.

**WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION**—The W.M.U. is a state mission agency which is carrying on a splendid program of enlistment and evangelism. Through mission study, personal service, the distribution of literature, stewardship teaching and an extensive program of expansion and enlistment this organization is doing a large part to reach the lost and to enlist the saved of my state.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL and B. Y. F. U.**—These departments too are included in the state mission program of my state. Under the leadership of able secretaries and field workers, Sunday schools and B.Y.F.U.'s are organized in destitute places, training classes for young people and Sunday school teachers are held, enlargement campaigns are conducted and all the work of the denomination is advanced.

**BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD**—Dr. M. E. Dodd says: "If the Baptist manpower of each state should mobilize and organize to go out and evangelize it would vitalize all our work in a way that has never before been known". Realizing the truth of this statement my state organizes in as many of her churches as possible Baptist Brotherhoods which work for the enlistment of the laymen in all denominational activities.

**STATE BAPTIST PAPER**—Almost every state has a Baptist paper. Most of these are owned and controlled by the state convention. "These Baptist papers have a tremendous influence in the creation of a denominational conscience, conviction and consecration and a large part in the development of the doctrinal and practical denominational life".

**CO-OPERATIVE MISSIONS**—In my state are many churches which are not able to support their pastors. Through state missions these are helped until they are strong enough to be self-supporting. This department of the work is known as co-operative missions. Many of our strongest churches, which today are giving the most liberal support to our denominational work, were once helped in this way.

**OTHER STATE INTERESTS**—There are other Baptist interests in my state which, while not supported by state missions, are nevertheless helping to meet the two-fold challenge of evangelism and enlistment. First, there is our Orphans' Home which gives protection and care to the homeless children of our state. At least sixteen of the nineteen states have such a home. That these are evangelizing and enlistment agencies is proved by the fact that 98 percent of their children become Christians and 95 percent of them become active members of Baptist churches. Most of our states also have Baptist hospitals where the sick are treated in the name of the Great Physician. Through these also many lost are saved and many saved are won to service. Then, too, most of the states have their Baptist schools, some having one while others have several, where young people are won to Christ and prepared for His service. Every dollar given to the Co-operative Program is divided into two parts, one part going to south-wide objects and the other to the objects within the state: namely, orphanage, hospital, schools and state missions. All of these state objects work together to meet the missionary challenge of my state.

# JOURNEYING with a STATE MISSION DOLLAR

I SAT one day with a dollar bill in my hand. It was a very important dollar bill to me, for I had saved it as a special gift to state missions. As I looked at it, thinking of the challenge of my state and wondering how state mission dollars were spent, suddenly my dollar began to expand. Larger and larger it grew, until it appeared more like a great rug than a dollar bill. Then I heard a voice saying, "Would you like to journey with me to see for yourself how state mission money is spent?" My dollar bill was actually speaking to me, inviting me to go on a journey. Of course I said, "Yes, I'll be glad to go with you". "All right", answered the state mission dollar. "Take your seat on me and away we will go to see many interesting things".

My dollar proved to be as wonderful as the magic carpet of my fairy story days, for seated upon it I moved out of my house above the surrounding houses and on and on as lightly as the thistle-down borne by a summer breeze. We kept on going until we found ourselves in a great church in the midst of a large congregation. I wondered what these people would think of me and my magic carpet, but I soon discovered that I was invisible. My dollar was talking to me: "This is one of the largest churches in your state, but its members give entirely too small a percent of their gifts to missions. So you see the state mission secretary is visiting them today. He is preaching a missionary sermon, and when he is through this church will be ashamed of its small gifts to missions and will make a change in the division of its budget next year". "Does the secretary go only to large, rich churches?" I asked. "Oh no. He visits churches of all kinds and all sizes. He attends district associations and goes to any place where he thinks he can enlist supporters for the missionary cause." And, added my dollar impressively,

"he is supported by state mission dollars like me".

Soon we were sailing away, and when we stopped again it was in a small, white church, set in the midst of a beautiful grove of trees. There we found an earnest young man teaching a book to a small group of young people. My dollar explained: "Recently this young man organized a B.Y.P.U. in this church. Now he is here teaching the manual to them and, as a result of his work, this church, which has for years done nothing but have services once a month, will take on new life and will soon be supporting the whole denominational program". "How splendid!" I cried. "Yes", said my dollar. "And you must know that it is state mission dollars that makes the work of this B.Y.P.U. secretary possible".

Journeying on we came to a room where a great many people were very busy. Some were clicking on typewriters, some were sorting cards and others were coming and going, talking of visits which they had made. "Why all this activity?" I whispered to my magic carpet. "This is a Sunday school enlargement campaign", was the answer. "The state Sunday school secretary is here this week and as a result of his work the membership of the Sunday school will be increased fifty percent. And, you know, whenever the enrollment of a Sunday school is increased the opportunities for enlistment and evangelism are multiplied". "Wouldn't it be grand if we could have such a campaign in every church?" I exclaimed. "You could", said my dollar, "if there were enough state mission dollars, for we are the ones who support the Sunday school secretary and his work".

When we stopped again I felt very much at home, for I knew at once that I was in a W.M.U. meeting of some kind. My dollar explained: "The state W.M.U. secretary is holding an associational institute here. She is telling these women how to make their

missionary societies better. In a little while the young people's leader will hold a conference on young people's work. All of these women will go home better prepared for their work and, as a result, there will be more women enlisted, more gifts for missions and more souls won to Christ". I longed to join this group of women in their study, but my magic carpet was carrying me away. Not so fast, however, but that I heard the whisper, "This work, too, is supported by state mission dollars".

Our next stop was in a banquet hall. There we found a large group of men. "Are they preachers?" I asked. "No, they are laymen", came the answer, "business men, professional men, mechanics". "What are they doing here?" I asked. "The Brotherhood secretary of the state is here, organizing them into a Baptist Brotherhood. This organization will give these splendid men training in missions and will result in a marked increase in their missionary contributions. And don't forget", added my informant, "that state mission dollars are responsible for this".

When we stopped again it was night, and we went not to a church or to a banquet hall but to a home. There we saw a family spending an evening around an open fire. The mother was sewing, the children studying their lessons and the father reading, not the newspaper or a magazine but the state Baptist paper. "This family is informed about denominational work and they support all our missionary causes", said my dollar. "Is it because they read this paper?" I asked. "Yes, and it is renewals and subscriptions in the state that stand back of the paper, assuring its financial success".

The next time we stopped it was in my own church. "Why do we come here?" I asked. "To remind you", answered my dollar, "that your church once received many state mission dollars. For years when it was small and weak the state board helped to

pay the pastor's salary and made possible the development of the splendid church which you enjoy today". "Are there any churches receiving this kind of help now?" I asked. "Oh, yes", came the reply. And instantly we were transplanted to a small church in a new industrial center of the state. There I heard the people saying to each other: "Praise God! We will be able to go on with our work, for the state board has agreed to pay a part of our pastor's salary". As we moved away I was told again, "This is the work of state mission dollars".

"Only one more stop", said my dollar. Soon we were in the midst of a group of men who looked so dignified and so serious that I was glad to be invisible. "This is the State Executive Board", said my magic carpet. "They are deciding how to use all of us state mission dollars". "Why are they so serious about it?" I asked. "It is because they cannot answer all of the calls. Every department of the work is needing more funds. And do you see that pile of letters on the secretary's desk? They are from churches, begging for help". "But", said I, "I thought you state mission dollars answered all these calls". "We do as long as we can, but the trouble is there is not enough of us to go around". "But why is there not enough of you?" I asked. "Because you Baptists use us for yourselves instead of placing us in the Lord's treasury". "Oh, how sad!" I exclaimed.

Just as it seemed that my heart would break with the sadness of this situation I found myself in my own room sitting in my own chair with my state mission dollar in my hand. Had I dreamed it all, or was it real? It must have been a dream, but the lessons taught were real to me. And I wish that all Baptists in my state could have such a dream. If they did I am sure there would be many more dollars journeying over our state doing their splendid state mission work.



#### MY STATE and the World

"THAT the world may know" is our watchword for the year. This expresses the challenge of the whole world to southern Baptists. I have seen the challenge of my state, now I am wondering what part my state has in this challenge of worldwide missions.

I am imagining that the seven causes of the Co-operative Program are holding a conference in regard to their relative importance. The Orphans' Home says: "I am important, because I give such care and training to homeless children that they almost all become Christians and many of them, leaders in denominational work". Old Ministers' Relief and Annuity says: "I am important because I show the love of southern Baptists for their old preachers who have worn themselves out in sacrificial service". Hospitals say: "I am important because I relieve the physical suffering of people and at the same time try to minister to their sick souls". Christian Education says: "I am important because I train young people to be the future preachers, missionaries and leaders in Kingdom work". Home Missions says: "I am important because I am trying to save the southland's 18000000 lost people and marshal their forces for world-

wide conquest". Foreign Missions says: "I am important because I am carrying the Gospel to uncounted millions of lost people in many lands". State Missions is the last to speak, and I hear her saying: "I know that all of you are important, but I would remind you that all of you depend on me. It is my business not only to reach the lost in my state but to use all my agencies in enlisting my people for your support. I am the intermediary agency between you and the churches. I inform them about you. I collect their money for you, sending for each your proportionate part. You must acknowledge that I hold a very important place in the Co-operative Program". As State Missions ceases speaking I see all the causes nodding in assent as they say: "Yes, we all depend on you".

And now I understand that state missions is not just one cause in the Co-operative Program, but it is the collecting and distributing agency of all the causes. And since the Co-operative Program is southern Baptists' plan for telling the world about Jesus, surely the challenge of state missions is the challenge of worldwide missions. "That the world may know", therefore, expresses the real challenge of my state.

#### QUESTIONS for STUDY and DISCUSSION

1. What two-fold challenge is common to all states?
2. What conditions in my state present a special challenge?
3. How many unsaved people in my state?
4. What percent of the churches in my state gave nothing to missions last year?
5. Mention the state mission agencies of my state.
6. Who are the state mission workers of my state?
7. What is meant by co-operative missions?
8. How does the state Baptist paper help our denominational work?
9. Mention some Baptist institutions in my state.
10. What is the relationship between state missions and the other causes of the Co-operative Program?
11. What percent of the gifts to the Co-operative Program are used in my state?
12. What am I doing to help the cause of state missions in my state?

#### MATERIAL for REFERENCE

Home and Foreign Fields

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

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## COLLEGE Y. W. A.

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

### The Y. W. A. DAUGHTER AWAY from HOME



She will be packing up about the time you are receiving and reading this month's ROYAL SERVICE. In many homes W.M.U. mothers will be helping put dresses and shoes, Bibles and blankets carefully into suitcases and trunks, getting the Y.W.A. daughter ready to go away from home for several months, maybe for an entire school year. Perhaps she goes out to teach school, perhaps she is going back to or entering college, perhaps she is beginning a course in nurses' training; at any rate she's going away and the problem of keeping close to a going-away daughter grips the mother's heart. How glad, how very glad, she must be that in the common interests of missionary activity daughter and mother will still be united: W.M.S. and Y.W.A. ideals will bind them close together; W.M.S. and Y.W.A. programs will set their minds working along the same line of thought; ROYAL SERVICE Calendar of Prayer and the one in THE WINDOW of Y.W.A. will bring them before the Father with like petitions, they will be close by way of the throne—at least they can easily be so if they wish it. Have you entered a subscription for THE WINDOW of Y.W.A. to be sent to this going-away daughter? Have you talked with her about the importance of joining the Young Woman's Auxiliary in the church or college or hospital to which she goes? Have you written to the pastor of the church she will attend, telling him the daughter is coming, asking him to tell the Y.W.A. counselor and president so that they will not lose time in finding her?

A friend once remarked that, if she

had a daughter away in college, knowing so thoroughly well the perplexing problems of campus life, she would write her a helpful letter every day. That would be splendid, but it would take a good deal of time which many busy mothers could not spend with pen in hand; all mothers can keep close to their daughters by the bond of mutual interest, by the assurance that at a given time, "though sundered far by faith we meet around one common mercy seat".

Provide for this joy by subscribing for THE WINDOW of Y.W.A. for your daughter. In September there was a stimulating message from Mrs. W. J. Cox, "Across the School Desk"; in October an article from Mrs. Rosalee Mills Appleby especially for school-going young people. Constantly her own magazine will prove real help to every young woman. See announcement on page 28.

And the people receiving the away-from-home daughter? Mother W.M.S. will surely be ready to give her a royal welcome as she unpacks her trunk, settles her room and begins to settle into habits of daily routine. College counselors are ready in every way to assist College Y.W.A. Councils in welcoming new and returning members. Many College Y.W.A.'s. enjoy meeting in a home off campus, and the local W.M.S. will arrange for hospitable doors to open to the touch of Y.W.A. hands. Several colleges followed last year the delightful plan of providing a certain college mother for each college daughter, sometimes where the school enrollment is large following a plan of twins or triplets to a college mother. The plan has worked so happily both ways that more college auxiliaries would like to follow it this year

if local Woman's Missionary Societies will just cooperate.

As the college daughter delights in a home to relieve her of dormitory life, just so does the nurse daughter rejoice in homes where Grace McBride Y.W.A's. may meet, in foster mothers who will take them for a drive when off duty or sometimes let them come home for dinner or make candy in the kitchen, just to be free for a while from aches and pains and the quiet hush of a hospital.

If you are at the receiving end in

this question of the daughter away from home, you must ascertain that a Y.W.A. waits to receive her with open arms. How shall our college women be ready to take up their places of leadership in our denominational life if some other organization takes precedence over Y.W.A. in her days of collegiate study? Here is woman's place of service in the cause of missions within southern Baptist churches: our W.M.S. mothers must not fail these going-away daughters at the "goodbye" or at the "welcome" end of the journeys of these fall days.



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November —Around the WORLD with OUR PRAYERS and OUR MONEY

All must go into 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?

## OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

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

In OCTOBER, the OPAL MONTH



Vari-colored October has often been called the opal month of the year. As attractive as a real opal, are the month's special activities in missionary education. The Associational W.M.U. Young People's Director and Stewardship Chairman will find their joy in splendidly developing the Stewardship Declamation Contest. It is our hope that the competition in the churches can be finished by early October, giving this month and also any necessary days in November to the Associational Contest. The first year of such a contest is really a pioneer year. Plans must be

tried out to see which works best in your association. A pioneer's task is harder than following along a well-beaten track of procedure, but the pioneer's spirit is honored everywhere. All honor to those alert associational leaders who willingly and enthusiastically move forward with the Declamation Contest in this first year of its competition. You know your association best; prayerfully plan, carefully proceed but by all means have the Associational Contest if only two churches can be ready to enter their young people. Decide on the most auspicious meeting place and time; give every attractive publicity to the contest; be sure arrangements have been made for bringing the various contestants; secure wise and impartial judges and provide them with the leaflet showing the scale for grading the presentations; have your awards ready for presentation after the contest closes. The judges may count up their points and reach decision while a song is being sung or some brief words in regard to stewardship spoken by a pastor. This would be ripe opportunity for concise presentation of the "Simultaneous Every Member Canvass in Every Baptist Church", to be put on by southern Baptists, November 29th through December 6th. Or pledges of new titheers may be secured in a few moments of informal testimony to such decisions. A social hour congratulating contestants would develop a friendly feeling throughout the association. How inviting are all these possibilities of immediate value of the contest, even besides the more important worth of stewardship studies and Christian decisions on the part of the young people whom you interest in the contest? The leaflets are ready at your state W.M.U. headquarters; if you failed to receive them and want them to use, write for them (address on page 2).

W.M.U. Young People's Directors and Personal Service Chairmen will see October from a slightly variant standpoint, also remembering that October will bring our special W.M.U. emphasis of the great temperance issue. Tradition names the opal as preventing blindness and strengthening eyesight. It is happy chance then that our Youth Roll Call comes during October, for truly the signing up of our young people in a pledge of temperance will strengthen their moral sight and prevent their being blinded by wily suggestions from those who would work harm and destruction by breaking down prohibition. Both WORLD COMRADES and THE WINDOW of Y.W.A. will carry to their readers articles from Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, Southwide Personal Service Chairman, in regard

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## MARGARET FUND



Chairman: Mrs. Frank Burney, Waynesboro, Ga.

### PRIVILEGE OF HELPING MISSIONARIES' CHILDREN

"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy Name give glory."—Psalm 115:1



Our mail grows heavy with letters of appreciation and gratitude for the loving ministry of our Margaret Fund and our hearts rejoice that this avenue of service is such a blessing to missionary and student. We trust that every society and individual, that assist in enlarging and "mothering", will glow with echoes of happiness in reading these messages of thanks.

From Herbert Pierce of China—I just want to express my sincere thanks to the ladies of the south who have so generously contributed to the scholarship which I have enjoyed. You have, indeed, had an important part in my preparation. I hope that my accomplishments will be such as to justify your interest and expense.

I had expected until quite recently to return to China this past summer but the way was not opened. It seems to me that our great need today is not money, programs or systems but a vitalized ministry. Then, and probably not until then, will the churches have a fresh vision of the cross. My seminary work of the past year brought me into over a hundred Baptist churches and I am convinced that, if the pastors had been on fire in deed as well as word, the records of their churches would have been vastly different.

From Rev. J. C. Quarles of Argentina—John writes that the W.M.U. has

renewed his scholarship for another year. I want to say once more that we appreciate this help. The Margaret Fund is a great help to us missionaries. I do not see how some of us would manage without it. But there is another phase of the good work of the W.M.U. ladies that has not been very much advertised, which to me is just as valuable, if not more valuable, than the financial help of the fund: that splendid piece of "mothering" that our children receive while so far from home. John has been showered with kindnesses from so many societies and he appreciates it all to the bottom of his heart. He finds in it all a real stimulus to do his very best and it has its corresponding influence in the lives of his parents, too. For this other side of the work I want to add my thanks.

From Elena Muirhead of Brazil—I hardly know how to express my appreciation for the Margaret Fund and the privilege of being able to attend college. It seems that a "thank you" does not express the feeling of gratitude that I have toward this gift. I do not think that any one can realize what the W.M.U. really means unless he or she is a missionary's son or daughter and knows how sweet every W.M.U. member is to him or her. I have received several letters and gifts from such members and each letter and each gift meant love to me. My greatest wish today is that some day I shall through the W.M.U. be granted the privilege of helping the missionaries' children to attend college.

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## TRAINING SCHOOL



Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, Principal

The following article by Miss Naomi Schell, a graduate of the Training School, who has been for several years a missionary in Japan, was written to the student volunteers in the Training School. It gives not only a clear presentation of the way the School trains its students for actual service but also a vivid picture of a missionary at work. Her Good Will Center was helped by the 1930 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and is included in the list for this approaching December.

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### "WHAT the TRAINING SCHOOL HAS MEANT to ME"



To tell that, just one word is sufficient — "everything"! But to fill in a few details—for one thing, the Training School taught me to live in intimate daily contact with others, yet give them elbow room, or room to be different and find joy in it. This is a valuable lesson on the foreign field where at times as many as six people live as one family, though the six come from five widely separated states with all that implies in difference of tastes, opinions and customs. "Everyone is queer but thee and me, and thou art a little queerer" is a poor recipe for happiness on the foreign field. The Japanese have a better one, I think; namely, to agree with the one speaking, though you may have to lead round to a directly opposite statement to give your own viewpoints. But be sure the leading is round, no angles or bumps allowed!

Again, the Training School developed habits of study. I had been out of school for some time when I went to Louisville and had lost in some measure those habits of keen observation, close application and intensive

thinking that are absolutely indispensable out here. A knotty foreign tongue, strange customs (by no means "all wrong" because strange), unheard of processes of thought must be learned and understood; and the courses at Louisville, not only in the class room but on "the field" and in the home, have been of untold value to me here.

The training in the class room I cannot overemphasize. Over and over, though they are now getting somewhat dimmed, I pull out the big manila envelopes of notes for, though I am not the girl who said "Everything I know is in my notebook and it is lost", I am at least her third-cousin-once-removed. And when, in addition to the preparation of heart and mind for the Sunday school class, Y.W.A. meeting or personal interview, must be added that of language it is of no small help to have the mental preparation at least well founded. Which moves me to say: "Don't put your acquired wisdom merely in your notebooks but also in your heads. 'Twill help you long after term exams are things of the past. Especially is this true of Old Testament and New Testament and Personal Work or whatever that course is now called!"

Another invaluable lesson I learned at Louisville was that of rational discussion of our faith. I think I must have been born loving Jesus and believing the Bible, and it took quite a bit of training to persuade me that those who did not believe were not either woefully deluded or else quite as woefully egotistic. But Japan is a land of gods and sacred books. The Meiji Emperor's proclamation of popular education is always read at every school ceremony and it is handled only with gloved hands and heard with bowed heads. How is one to persuade such

a people to a higher conception of divinity and reverence? Certainly not by dogmatic statement, especially if the maker of the statement be a foreigner. Of course, one's common sense is a great help in becoming adjusted to this lack of authority of the Bible, still I have been grateful many times for the broadening processes at Louisville, for they have saved me many a pang in various contacts here.

And of all the other lessons, how shall I speak—of the language concept from Dr. Davis, the practice application of lessons learned, the calm facing and thinking through of situations, the pure love of the work for the sake of the souls and lives won; above all the deep, all-consuming passion for souls? For whether one does direct evangelistic work or school work or publishing or other literary work or social service work, whatever the means used, the missionary must be a soul-winner. I say this advisedly, fully conscious of all the theories that we must be the worm on the hook dangled from the pole of the native fisherman. I do by no means minimize the value of our native helpers. On the contrary, I thank God for them and spend much of my effort toward increasing their efficiency; but absolutely the only justification for my remaining in Japan is to be a fisher of men for Him who said, "Come ye after Me" and "Go". By all means we want to be the bait when that means of service offers. Once a month, I make a monkey of myself attempting to teach cooking to a group of women whose husbands are asking for western style food. By that means, from ten to twenty women are drawn to hear the Bible lesson which always precedes the cooking; and one here or there is won to the church serv-

ices and eventually to Christ. I teach piano to one little girl for the sake of entrance to the home, talk flower beds with this one, crochet and knitting with that one, teach English to high school boys and girls, so on and on *ad infinitum*, and I'll admit at times *ad nauseam*! But if they are not interested in what I have to offer them, I must be interested in their hobbies until I can win them to an interest in that which is vital. But first, last and always one must be a drawer of souls unto God.

But I was about to omit the point I had saved for my climax. For truly all these and more is the Training School to me, but surely the greatest of all things she gave me was the habit of abiding in the Master's presence and of taking a time each day to sit at the Saviour's feet. Oh, indeed, I knew the joys and comfort and strength of prayer ere ever I entered the Training School, but there's a deeper quiet, a calmer confidence, a surer trust, a more eager joy in the quiet hour than of yore. It dates back to the days spent in the Power House of Prayer.

And ever and anon there "steals over my fevered spirit with a touch of infinite calm" that intangible influence we call atmosphere created by those choice spirits who guided us and loved us, taught us and rebuked us, steadied and encouraged us to light our torches to bring out into sin-darkened lands. And the atmosphere still surrounds my quiet hour and I take it forth with me to meet the various problems of the day. And when even is come I am still glad because it has kept me close to Him throughout the day; and I renew my thanksgiving to Him for the days He granted me in House Beautiful.—*Naomi Schell, Tobato, Japan*

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glorious truth. Because of the hope of the Lord's return His people work and pray and seek to live His will.

All seven of these things that are ready to die touch our personal lives, our church life and, ultimately, the religious life of our states. There is no better way to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ than to make these dying truths live again in our daily lives.

## BOOK REVIEWS

Mrs. Julian P. Thomas, Virginia

### GODS of WEALTH and WAR



A thrilling story depicting modern conditions in China is the recent novel, "Gods of Wealth and War", by James Livingstone Stewart. Dr. Stewart, whose thorough knowledge of China and the Chinese enables him to write with authority of the appalling difficulties which beset this ancient country in her fight for freedom, graphically describes the horrors of the locust plague and the famine that follows, the chaotic conditions consequent on the efforts of the war lords, the encroachments of communism and the many other evils that distress this peace-loving people. The reader's sympathies are aroused by the spectacle of this strong and vigorous people misled by those who are trying to imitate the western world in its pursuit of wealth.

Yet, notwithstanding the story is one of floods, of drought, of revolution, of piracy, lawlessness and crime, the author relieves the gloom by bringing into it, by contrast, the innocence of childhood, the selflessness of mother love, as well as the romance of two charming love stories. An additional note of brightness comes into the picture when we learn how the medical missionary wins his way into the hearts of the people through his ministrations when their native doctors and their prayers at the shrines of their gods prove unavailing.

While given in the form of a novel, ninety percent of the story is modern Chinese history. The book carries a moral for every nation: that the Gods of Wealth and War are worshiped at our peril and only the God of Worth can bring happiness.

Order from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. Price \$2

### The CHALLENGE of CHANGE

AMONG the many books issuing from the press, in the attempt to bring to the churches of the U. S. the arresting thoughts of the North American Home Mission Conference held in Washington, D. C., is the "Challenge of Change" by John Wilton Moore, D.D., of the Baptist denomination, one of the secretaries of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

The author says the old conception of home missions is changing so rapidly as to confuse our thinking and leave us far behind the needs of the situation. This volume is an attempt to take the larger view. He believes that the home mission task cannot be done by the few home missionaries supported by our contributions through our boards but must reach down to every community, to every local congregation and to every member of that congregation.

Southern Baptists will probably be slow to agree with him as to the desirability of the union of all Christians of all denominations, yet he does not urge organic union but a union of love, good feeling and brotherliness. His discussion is entirely sane and moderate. He leaves all to the future and to the direction of the Holy Spirit. He says: "It is slow work developing a Christian conscience that will make race hatreds impossible and industrial exploitation unknown, that will renounce war and build the brotherhood of man, but this is what has to be done. Christ's way of changing the world provides a place for every one of us in a fellowship of common service through which His Kingdom will come".

Order from the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. Price, paper, 60c, cloth \$1. May be ordered from State Baptist Bookstore.

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Six Months' Report  
January 1, 1931 to July 1, 1931  
Mrs. W. C. Lewnden, Treasurer

States	Training School and Margaret Fund		Cooperative Program	
	Apportionment for Year	Amount Paid	Apportionment for Year	Amount Paid
Alabama	\$ 2,200	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 97,800	\$ 40,482.27
Arizona	21		1,000	429.25
Arkansas	1,000		60,000	24,129.41
Dist. of Col.	200		25,000	9,431.20
Florida	500	227.25	60,000	25,605.69
Georgia	3,000	1,825.00	200,000	69,347.00
Illinois	500	212.59	20,000	9,151.02
Kentucky	3,124	3,124.00	130,798	65,201.23
Louisiana	500		68,500	21,448.43
Maryland	400	400.00	25,000	10,741.69
Mississippi	2,020	1,010.00	78,000	22,648.08
Missouri	2,280	1,330.00	50,000	20,958.07
New Mexico	100	25.00	1,500	3,844.50
North Carolina	2,000		250,000	71,849.51
Oklahoma	1,500	875.00	75,000	25,123.31
South Carolina	2,860	800.00	132,140	45,686.21
Tennessee	2,000	800.00	148,000	63,319.78
Texas	3,600	1,200.00	296,400	83,401.54
Virginia	3,760	1,880.00	250,000	106,575.77
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$31,565</b>	<b>\$14,808.84</b>	<b>\$1,960,138</b>	<b>\$720,351.96</b>

### PROGRAM PLANS (Concluded from Page 14)

hind excuses, but the world will know whether we are earnest, active Christian workers. (2nd) The unsaved must be reached, not only that they may know the blessed saving power of Christ but also that through them the world may know it also.

The story "Journeying with a State Mission Dollar" almost makes a program in itself. One member may tell it or eight may make a relay-journey with it. If you have a Day of Prayer for State Missions this would add a delightful feature to it.

### OUR YOUNG PEOPLE (Concluded from Page 29)

to the Youth Roll Call. It will be incumbent upon local Personal Service Chairmen and young people's workers to see that her message has opportunity to come to real fruition in a pledge quietly and firmly made with conviction that "wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging". See also the article on page 5.

Yet again—October begins the last quarter of 1931, and we are reminded that we began this year with zealous expectation of being A-1 in '31. Now is the crucial time drawing near and a careful check up will avoid disappointment in your weakest Standard of Excellence points. New people have moved into the community during summer and early fall days: have they been entered as members in their proper missionary education organization? Some subscriptions expired during the summer and were not renewed because addresses were changing, vacation trips were imminent, but now if the Literature Committee will be alert the renewals can be secured. Many homes blessed with young people have not yet opened their doors to WORLD COMRADES or THE WINDOW of Y.W.A.; present to them the value of such missionary periodicals and secure subscriptions.

## CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

Among the items of business transacted at a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance a committee of women was appointed to develop and express the sentiment of Baptist women throughout the world in favor of peace and disarmament. Of the five women appointed two are members of our Woman's Missionary Union. One is our beloved president, Mrs. W. J. Cox, and the other a former vice president, Mrs. A. T. Robertson of Kentucky.

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Stanley High—the author of: *The Revolt of Youth*, *Looking Ahead with Latin-America*, *A Waking World* and other mission study books—has resigned as editor of the "Christian Herald" and is to be the editor of a new temperance newspaper to be established in New York City.

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All W.M.U. members should be interested in knowing that instead of the "Bachelor" and "Master of Missionary Training" the degrees awarded in the future by Woman's Missionary Union Training School will be "Bachelor" and "Master of Religious Education" (*B.R.E.* and *M.R.E.*). The requirements for the B.R.E. are such that it will have the same standing in the field of religious education as B.A. or B.S. has in the field of secular education.

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In the United States there are 213 denominations. We are told that 55 adults out of every 100 are church members, of whom 62 percent belong to evangelical denominations. The other 38 percent and the unchurched adults present to the Christians in each state an heroic challenge.

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Fifty countries were represented by young men at the 20th conference of the World Alliance of the Young Men's Christian Association held in Cleveland, Ohio, August 4-9. To this conference came great Christian leaders from the countries of the orient and from Latin-America. This was the first time such a conference has been held in North America.

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The Quadrennial Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement will meet in Rochester, New York, December 30-January 3, 1932. This convention will bring together between 3500 and 4500 young people from universities, colleges and professional schools throughout Canada and the United States.

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In her part of the annual report of the Home Mission Board Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence said: "We now have in hand the material necessary to prepare a full graded course of home mission study. The set is now in course of preparation, it being planned to have it ready for use by January 1932. The theme used will be: *The Bible in Home Mission Fields*."

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A recent experience of Mr. J. E. Davis of the Mexican Baptist Publishing House in El Paso, Texas, illustrates the power of the Bible unto salvation. He was preaching in a Baptist church in Indiana. After the service a Mexican woman came up and told him that through his paper—*El Atalaya Bautista*—she was saved. Said she: "A friend gave me the paper and I began reading it. Then I got a Bible and read that, and God saved me!"



# WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY to SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Second Quarterly Report, April 1, 1931 to July 1, 1931

Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, Treasurer

Reported by State Treasurers as Having Been Remitted by Them to the Respective Boards							Received by W. M. U. Treasurer			
	Cooperative Program Undivided	Foreign	Home	Ministerial Relief	Christian Education	State and Other Objects in S.B.C. Program	Training School & Margaret Fund & Margaret Memorials	Training School Scholarship Fund	Executive Committee S.B.C.	Cash Total
Ala.	\$	\$ 4,682.92	\$ 2,977.33	\$ 786.46	\$ 6,384.17	\$ 8,974.42	\$ 570.15		\$ 86.83	\$ 24,442.28
Ariz.	148.50	9.58	4.93	1.61	2.74	40.86			1.23	209.48
Ark.	2,588.46	705.56	309.85		211.99	4,131.90	7.00		11.01	7,965.77
D. C.		1,466.26	1,473.25			1,955.00			28.49	4,923.00
Fla.		3,010.71	1,399.36	419.01	1,589.50	6,583.90	186.35		52.49	13,241.32
Ga.	37,678.36	3,054.78	2,236.97	2.14	77.95	2,780.16	883.00		63.08	46,776.44
Ill.		374.82	276.09		341.10	4,476.69	104.13		6.26	5,579.09
Ky.		9,014.31	5,139.06	910.36	5,351.67	11,205.25	1,179.50	100.00	78.61	32,978.75
La.		872.23	406.89	121.48	3,954.22	6,106.98			11.13	11,472.93
Md.		1,558.51	967.67	301.65	351.92	2,681.78	40.50			5,902.03
Miss.		2,738.75	1,278.08	383.43	4,777.92	3,146.67	561.12		84.13	12,970.10
**Mo.		7,983.44	9,306.36	689.98	4,319.07	7,103.12	620.00		60.28	30,112.25
N. M.	119.46					2,149.72	25.00			2,294.18
N. C.	30,691.81	746.49	736.06			17,070.78			52.19	49,297.33
Okla.		1,842.45	2,919.00	345.00	2,136.48	7,573.44	375.00			15,191.37
S. C.		6,155.62	4,607.82	848.56	3,564.20	12,725.76	804.00		110.29	28,816.25
Tenn.		8,002.56	3,895.16	1,102.31	8,316.16	11,662.09	500.00		151.20	33,629.48
Tex.		9,170.42	3,608.92	2,040.60	24,828.55	52,852.41	1,270.00		115.20	93,686.10
Va.		13,799.85	8,087.91	1,760.91	14,539.48	18,469.10	956.00		239.33	57,902.58
Special							2.00		1.71	3.71
Totals	\$71,226.59	\$75,180.26	\$49,630.70	\$9,693.53	\$80,827.12	\$181,490.03	*\$8,083.75	\$100.00	\$1,153.46	\$477,394.44

Of the above total \$432,471.74 was given by W. M. S.; \$22,479.62 by Y. W. A.; \$9,891.41 by G. A.; \$5,484.31 by R. A.; and \$6,957.30 by Sunbeams.

\*This column includes \$7,658.10 gifts to Training School and Margaret Fund, \$111.65 gifts to Margaret Memorials, and \$2.50 special gift to Training School and \$11.50 special gifts to Margaret Fund from Florida.

\*\*Report for First and Second Quarters.

Value of Boxes to Missionaries \$11,518.76.