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EDITORIAL

PRACTICE and PRAYER

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



Nov. 29-Dec. 6 has been designated by southern Baptists as the date for an "Every-Member Canvass in Every Southern Baptist Church". A hasty appraisal of the double responsibility of this canvass and the annual observance of the "Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions" (Nov. 30-Dec. 4) raises a mental query as to the desirability of having two such important and meaningful tasks, each so comprehensive and vital, fall within the same week. Each effort is fraught with widespread interest; each charged with heavy responsibilities and far-reaching results. Neither should be neglected. Rather they should be, and must be, coordinated, each serving the interest of the other. This is possible, practicable and helpful.

Hudson Taylor said there are usually three stages in work for God—first *impossible*, then *difficult*, then *done*. This will be our experience. The southwide effort of our churches offers to W. M. U. organizations an opportunity to cooperate with other groups to magnify the church. It is also an opportunity to again manifest that W.M.U. organizations are vital and helpful members of the church family. This can be done through a full sympathy and a whole hearted participation in this canvass in every opportunity granted. Our organizational services that week will show how much we really care and how truly we "seek the mind of Christ". This canvass will also prove an aid to W.M.U. organizations through the enlargement of church contacts.

Prior to the selection of these days by the Promotional Committee, the W.M.U. had set these days for its Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, culminating in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. At the annual meeting in Birmingham the Union considered the task, set the goal, outlined the objectives, pledged its support for this Lottie Moon Christmas Offering which is so significant a feature of the life and purpose of the W.M.U. that it has become an integral part of its life, indeed a sacred and symbolic tradition. The \$200,000 which the Union seeks to raise for foreign mission work will be expended for vital parts of the current expenses of the Foreign Mission Board and in aiding work already established on our fields. It will support missionaries and their children, causes which the Board would otherwise find it impossible to aid. The Union has unitedly pledged itself to this task. The Foreign Board is relying on this Lottie Moon Christmas Offering—planning for it. The missionaries, schools and fields have dared to hope and plan for the long delayed reinforcements. Let us not fail in this sacred obligation.

Truly, these duties do not conflict. Any serious student of Baptist life cannot deny the great need of prayer among our people just now. There is upon us the burden of humble confession because world needs have weighed so lightly upon us: that our people have been so lukewarm in their interests, their service, their giving. There is upon us the burden of a spirit of thanksgiving for what Christ is meaning to all races to whom His redeeming love has been carried. Every mission field proclaims that the Gospel is the power of God unto the salvation of the whole world. Never before have we needed to pray so earnestly. Who can deny that the prayers of thousands of earnest-hearted women and young people may not form and fill the Divine Alms-bowl, not only with power but with gold?

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FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

HELPING BRAZILIAN W.M.U.



We had a meeting of our Executive Committee on June 18, its chief purpose being to make suggestions as to how to use the generous gift from the 1930 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. We decided to print two booklets of memory work for the W. M. U. children—one for children from 3 through 8 years and the other for those from 9 through twelve. For a long while we have been wanting another missionary book for our girls and women, so we decided to print "Ann of Ava". Another great need is studies on the care of the home, children, health etc. One needs to make a visit to the interior places in Brazil before she can really know the need of such a book. Mrs. Reno has written such a book, a small one of sixty-five pages with twenty-four lessons. For twelve years she has been working on this and at last has the lessons ready. We feel that such a book

will be of untold value to our women. Dona Maria Daltro Santos has prepared a splendid tract on the plan of salvation: we decided to print that to use in our house-to-house evangelistic work.

For some time we have been feeling that our pastors do not understand fully the W.M.U. work and that they would be able to help more if they knew more about the different organizations. Therefore, it was suggested that we teach our W.M.U. Manual to the Rio Seminary students. We also decided, in order to show our appreciation of what they do and to encourage them further in the work, that we present each of these students with a copy of the manual. We felt that their interest would even be greater if they knew that the books were bought with money from the southern W.M.U. gift; it will perhaps amount to \$15. We plan to make the same proposition to the students in the Pernambuco Seminary. I was asked to teach the manual in the seminary here.

It was also suggested that the traveling expenses of my W.M.U. co-worker—Christina Christie—and a part of her salary be taken from this fund and also enough to supplement my traveling expenses. Then if any other woman—Brazilian or missionary—has some time but not means to visit and encourage the societies in their work, that her expenses be paid.

I can't begin to express the gratitude that I personally feel for this gift which expresses the interest and prayers of the southern W.M.U. And to think that the same amount (\$2500) is listed in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for this December! May God help us to use it as we should and may He abundantly bless every one who has a part in the offering.—Minnie Landrum, Corresponding Secretary for Brazilian W.M.U.

PRAYER ANSWERED in KAIFENG

DURING a special effort to lock up all communists, a son of one of the Christians was wrongfully imprisoned. We were asked to pray for his speedy release, as he was an innocent victim. In two weeks he came to prayer-meeting to thank us for our prayers in his behalf and was full of praise to God. He said about three thousand men from every walk in life were in the prison, with no conveniences whatever. The filth was indescribable. A faithful evangelist visited them and distributed tracts which some were glad to receive and read. He had prayed as never before and knew his father was doing all he could for him. One

morning the men on either side of him were taken out to be shot and he was told to "clear out!"

I dare say ours is a good average church but the fruit-bearers among us are not many. We are praying for a revival: (1) that each member may fulfill John 15:8: "Herein is My Father glorified that ye bear much fruit"; (2) that each of the teachers may be so filled with the spirit of Christ that they will win the students for Him; (3) that evangelists may be provided for five out-stations southeast of Kaifeng. We shall appreciate your joining us in prayer for these important needs.—*Mrs. W. W. Lawton, Kaifeng, China*

OUR MISSIONARIES

MATT. 28:19-20: "Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world". Believing this great promise, obeying His command, giving up all, bidding a long farewell to loved country, loved ones, to friends, going to a less civilized country to do His work in spite of troubles and persecution, earnestly seeking to be faithful messengers—these are missionaries.

How great must have been the power that sent them! Because they believed in God who sent His Only Son they *could not stay*: they *had to come!* Always believing and being strengthened by God's promise that He would be with them to the end, they faced all kinds of trouble, because they knew that God was with them.

Because I have known one missionary family in a very intimate way I have glimpsed their inner life. I have seen in their lives from whence came their hidden strength. Phil. 4:13—"I can do all things in Him that strengtheneth me"—has proven to be the secret of their life. How gladly they met difficulties, how they parted with children and grandchildren! How lonely were their lives! Many, many physical and spiritual persecutions they bore, which others never believed they had to bear. This they bore with thanksgiving because they had faith in God. But we praise God that Jesus drank a more bitter cup than these.

We thank God from the depths of our hearts for faithful missionaries. Perhaps, if God had not sent them to our loved land, not yet would the Gospel have been spread over Japan. "He that spared not His own Son but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not also with Him freely give us all things?" (Rom. 8:32) It is only thanksgiving that I render to God for the missionaries—His faithful witnesses—also for those, who have given their means for the spread of the Gospel, I thank Him.

May God use us all for those who have not yet heard the Glad Message. This is not my request alone but the request of your missionaries also. May God's blessing rest upon the work of missionaries from the beginning of missions until this day we pray. Finally, as I lay down my pen, I thank God and pray that the missionaries may earnestly continue in the sowing of seed and that in "that day" they may hear the "Well done" of Christ.—*Translation from Yaebo Koreyasu, Shimomoseki, Japan*

BRAZILIAN DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

WHILE we were studying the language in Brazil, we prayed earnestly that God would direct us to the work for which He had chosen us. As S.B.C. city missionary of Rio de Janeiro, Rev. J. J. Cowsert caught a vision of the possibilities of the Daily Vacation Bible Schools in Brazil. This department was organized and we were asked to take charge of it. After two experimental schools, we began writing the literature. This was published by the Carroll Memorial Publishing House. How happy we were when we could go out with this literature and hold

these schools in various churches anxious to have them. The success of these schools was astounding, even to the pastors themselves. Many children from Catholic homes came and returned with their parents to the preaching services at night. It has been called the greatest evangelizing agent on the foreign field, for it takes the Gospel into homes that are closed and barred against it.

In one of these schools about sixty children came daily through the rain and mud to know more about Jesus. Then they returned nightly with their parents to hear the preaching. It was a beautiful sight to see them returning home in the dark, lighting their way with torches. On the last night, Mr. Enete was bewildered and hurt because the children of the school did not tell him good-bye with the hand-shake, pat on the back and many expressions of gratitude and benediction. He said nothing, however, to the pastor, Senhor Virgilia, with whom he was staying.

Before day the next morning he was awakened by the strains of a familiar chorus floating on the air: "Plena paz gozo eu!" "Do you hear that?" asked the pastor. "I hear", he answered, "but I do not understand it". "They have come to tell you goodbye", added the pastor. "But why didn't they do it last night at the church?" asked Mr. Enete. "Because they wanted to go with you to the train". "But it is six miles through mud to the station", said Mr. Enete. "They don't mind walking in the mud, for they do it every day", said the pastor.

They put Mr. Enete on a horse and they ran and sang all around him on the way. They met a truck which carried them about half the way: they were lined up in rows when Mr. Enete arrived at the station. Then when he went to tell them goodbye individually they began to question him: "When are you going to come back?" "I don't know, my little friends!" "Can't you come back next year?" "No, I go home for my furlough then". "Then you'll come back the next year?" they asked hopefully. "There are so many churches calling now that I cannot promise when I can come back", said Mr. Enete. This broke their little hearts and they began to ask, "And are you never coming back to tell us more about Jesus?"

Then each one began to cry as soon as he was told goodbye. With many words of consolation, Mr. Enete tearfully bade adieu to these little children whom he had grown to love very dearly. When he found the older ones and their parents weeping bitterly he could contain himself no longer. The train came and he boarded it, the little friends forming a semi-circle around the rear of the platform of the last car. With their tear-stained faces turned upward many said, "Good-bye", and others pleaded, "And are you never coming back?" Thus they stood until the train was out of sight, waiving, crying, pleading, begging for help and some one to tell them about Jesus, more about the Master—and they had come six miles to do it! Mr. Enete prays for southern Baptists to see and hear and answer the pleadings from these hungry hearts. Send some one to help us evangelize Brazil's 10 million children who may never hear of Jesus without the D. V. B. S.—*Mrs. W. W. Enete, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*

From Florida has recently come the following data as to the directors of W. M.U. young people's work in seven of its eight A-1 churches during 1930.

First, Arcadia—Mrs. J. W. Thorne
First, Hawthorne—Mrs. J. C. Moore
First, Homestead—Mrs. T. D. Piche
First, Palatka—Mrs. R. A. Thomas
First, Perry—Mrs. T. O. Reese
First, Wauchula—Mrs. John McEwen
Mt. Olive, Hastings—Mrs. C. H. McCullough



LAW OBSERVANCE



"WE ARE DEBTORS"

Miss Emma Leachman, Field Worker of Home Mission Board



The first challenge of Jehovah God to man was the challenge to observe the law: "Thou shalt not eat of this tree". Man did not measure up to the challenge. Womanhood has borne in her body since the beginning of time the stamp of her failure to observe the law God had given her. The very justice of God demands that there be a law and that it be obeyed: I Chronicles 22:12: "Only the Lord give thee wisdom and understanding and give thee charge concerning Israel that thou mayest keep the law of the Lord thy God".

The first law was broken by the ones who were to be the parents of the future generations; they failed to observe the law. Why should we be surprised at the conditions we face today? If the fathers and mothers fail to observe the law that makes for home, health, happiness, righteousness and truth, what may we expect of the children? At a recent conference of child welfare, it was brought out that many schools refuse to accept children of divorced parents because the stamp of the failure on the part of the parents to observe the most sacred law rests upon the child and the school is not able to make up for it. The very first reason for women standing for law observance is their inherent desire for child protection. It is said: "Men think logically, women biologically".

A ten-year-old law is like a ten-year-old boy—not perfectly regulated but requires example, support, education and discipline. Men are the law givers; women are the natural law enforcers trained in the home and the schoolroom. As Christian women, we recognize our obligation as loyal citizens. May we thank God for the answer to the prayer of the ages—"Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil"? We as Christian women are obligated to protect the children but our obligations do not end with the children around our own fireside. Within the bounds of this great nation, there are many people looking to us for example and leadership.

We owe something to those who were here before we came, the Indians. The first law written in the United States was given by Thomas Jefferson for the protection of the Indian against strong drink. For eighty-five years the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has endeavored to help, encourage and protect the Indian by establishing schools and churches among them.

We owe a debt to the people we found here in the long ago but we have other obligations in our midst. How can southern Baptists ever forget the millions of Negroes in our homes, in our cities and country, brought here bound and against their will? They are handicapped in trying to protect their children against the curse of strong drink which makes our responsibility all the greater. What of the standards these millions will follow—the standards we are holding before them, as we lead by precept and example, in obeying and observing the prohibition law?

We should feel obligated in a very special sense to the many millions of many nations in our midst who have come to the so-called Christian America for health, happiness and protection. They have none of the traditions of our nation: they do not understand our laws and the sacredness of law written by the people for the people. It is our task to do the work of Americanization for these strange people in a strange land; they need us and are responding to our efforts.



EVERY MEMBER CANVASS



SHOUTING ALL over GOD'S EARTH



Once a group of southern Baptist leaders were gathered for a service of prayer and praise, thanking God for some great and generous pledges made, which it seemed would bless the causes so near our hearts. One after another stood to voice some grateful thought. Dr. Prince Burroughs said something like this:

"I am thinking of those leaders on the other side, who gave their lives for these causes, how they must be rejoicing in Heaven this morning. I am thinking of Willingham who gave his very life for foreign missions, of Tichenor who labored long for home missions, of Boyce and Broadus who made much personal sacrifice that the 'Great School of the Prophets' should live, of Dr. Frost in whose heart the Sunday School Board was born and of others in that great host of southern Baptists now in the 'Glory Land'. I think they must be 'shouting all over God's Heaven'."

As we think of the Every-Member Canvass movement and of stressing the tithe as the minimum for Christian giving, joy fills our hearts when we realize what the enlisting thus of our people will mean to all the Kingdom causes, and we, too, think of that glorious host mentioned by Dr. Burroughs and of many more who have joined that Heavenly company since that day years ago. We think of Dr. Love, Dr. Lunsford, Dr. Gambrell, Dr. Mullins, Dr. McDaniel, Dr. Sallee—we think of others of our missionaries gone home recently: Miss Echols of China, Miss Edens of Africa; and yet others of that shining band who surely will be "shouting all over God's Heaven" when we bring our tithes and offerings into the storehouse as a people and when there will be enough to support all of our Lord's work in a worthy way. We are thinking of the patient and over-burdened missionaries on all fields at home and abroad who will welcome reinforcement and needed equipment. We are thinking of the fine, strong young people who are trained and "waiting to go". Tender memories come of meetings with that Foreign Volunteer Band in our own W.M.U. Training School, where would be gathered on Saturday at the twilight hour an earnest group, studying the various fields and their needs and praying God to open the way that they might go and lend a hand. What rejoicing there will be on the earth when word goes out to these missionaries and waiting volunteers that the tithes and offerings of southern Baptists have lifted the debts and now new missionaries may be sent. So, surely there will not only be joy among the angels and saints above, but there will be shouting all over God's earth as well.

Nothing has so inspired Dr. Brown and the other good men charged with the leadership in this Every-Member Canvass movement as the fact that the W. M. U. is a loyal ally in every plan. Much of the success of this movement depends on the enthusiastic help of the W. M. U. members everywhere. May this great opportunity challenge us to our very best effort.—*Jamie Cree Anderson, Knoxville, Tenn.*

Almost uniformly, the state W. M. U. representative for the Every-Member Canvass is the state W. M. U. corresponding secretary. See page 2 for such names and addresses. The Arizona W. M. U. representative is Mrs. Nell Record, 1508 N. 9th St., Phoenix.



TITHING



Mrs. G. R. Martin, Southwide Stewardship Chairman

THE REVIVAL THAT MUST COME

(Note: Please look up the Scripture references given in this article.)



Among the hosts that attended the Southern Baptist Convention last May there were many whose hearts were troubled because of the distressing and disgraceful plight of the finances of southern Baptists. For a long time we have been "talking" about our condition, "wishing" it were better, turning away from conventions, conference and committee meetings "sorrowful" (*like the rich young ruler*) but not sorry enough to pay up. We've said, "Something ought to be done!" But the time has now come—and every alert watchman on Zion's walls knows it—when *something must be done* or we must be prepared to take the consequences of our sinful disobedience. The chastening has already set in—if only we were wise enough to recognize it. (*See Jeremiah 5:3, 12.*) Perhaps it is not yet severe enough to bring us to our knees. God could say of us as He did of the people in the days of Amos and Haggai: "I have given you scarcity of bread . . . I have withholden the rain . . . I have smitten you with blasting and mildew. When your fruit increased, the palmer worm devoured it. Yet have ye not returned unto Me, saith the Lord. . . . Ye have sown much and bring in little . . . and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put into a bag with holes." (*See Haggai 1:6, 7; read 4th chapter of Amos.*)

There is only one thing to be done, only one way out, and that is God's way. "It is time for discussion to stop, for argument to cease and obedience to begin"—obedience to God's law concerning giving. This law must be re-instated as "the rule of practise" of God's people, this law which has never been changed or abrogated—the same in the Old Testament as in the New: namely, "As the Lord hath prospered" you, beginning with the tithe as the minimum (*Deut. 16:16, 17; 1 Cor. 16:2*). This is the revival that must come, the same kind of revival that Hezekiah and Nehemiah had, the kind that came at Pentecost—for all these culminated in the people's getting right with God in their giving (*Acts 4:32*). This is the end and aim of the Every-Member Canvass and Tithing Campaign undertaken by southern Baptists.

Concerning the need for such a revival, Dr. Walter N. Johnson says: "The situation is distressing. Our sorest need is a ministry in all our pulpits that will cry aloud as to God's right to all our wealth and spare not in the requirement that we honor God with the first fruits of our increase. Without this, our southern Baptist work is doomed to disintegration. The process seems to be already begun. . . . But the serious thing is not the contraction of our Baptist work; the terrible thing is the paralysis of the souls of our people in covetousness and luxury, freezing in godless materialism. Only the doctrine of Christian stewardship vitalized and applied will save us".

If this revival comes, then:

- 1—Our debts will be paid.
- 2—Strength and certainty will be imparted to our onward movements, for the money will come in surely and steadily.
- 3—Provision will be made for our schools, orphanages, hospitals, aged ministers.

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MISSION STUDY DEPARTMENT



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MAKING MISSIONS REAL

RARELY do we have a foreign mission book as interesting as "Europe and the Gospel" by Dr. Everett Gill. Let's take it for a basis and see just how interesting we can make it in a campaign of making missions real.

General Plan—Arrange for the class study to be a tour of Europe. Advertise it as such by posters in the church for weeks in advance, announce it in the church bulletin and have two-minute announcements in every organization of the age you are to reach. Each class meeting is a stop in one country, so have tickets made to fit the itinerary and punch them for every stop made. From every available source draw pictures, maps, information that will illustrate Dr. Gill's clear, beautiful descriptions of the countries, their cities and people. Helpful outlines and other suggestions may be found in "Around the World in Ten Hours", a booklet of programs, for 4c postage from Board of Missionary Cooperation, N.B.C., 152 Fifth Ave., New York City. Let each "tourist" keep a "diary" or "travel-book", which if properly kept may be her examination on the book.

Material Available—(1) *Travel Books on Europe*: many can be secured from public and private libraries. The following are especially helpful: Planning a Trip Abroad (*by Hungerford*);

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BIBLE STUDY



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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: "For HIS NAME'S SAKE"—Psa. 23:3; Col. 3:12-17

LORD, we bow before thy throne
And all Thy wondrous mercies own,
With grateful hearts to Thee we raise
Anew our hymns of love and praise.
We thank Thee that with lavish hand
Thou gavest plenty to this land;
For summer's sun and springtime's rain,
For harvests of each golden grain;
For loved ones and the ties of home
Which hold us though afar we roam;
For health and strength in generous share;
And thy protecting guiding care.
We thank Thee that Christ reigns above;
And that we share Thy bounteous love.
We thank Thee that through Him alone
We'll find redemption at Thy throne.

And so with reverent hearts we sing
Glad hymns of praise unto our King.—*Mary Davis Reed*



Whence came the song in your heart? Who gave you grace to live from day to day as becometh a child of the Heavenly Father? "Look unto Me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else": from the voice of Isaiah to the words of Paul—"But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us". Dr. E. C. Dargan in "The Doctrines of Our Faith" speaks plainly of God's part and man's part in salvation. He points out God's sovereignty, His power, His righteousness, His love. In uniting the sovereign love of God with the loving sovereignty of God he finds one word—*grace*: "By grace ye are saved; . . . the grace of God that bringeth salvation". Let us offer the sacrifice of praise for the atonement of our Lord Jesus Christ. Not only our petitions but our thanksgivings must be in the name of the Lord Jesus.

"Let the message of Christ live in your hearts in all its wealth of wisdom. Teach it to one another and train one another in it—with thankfulness, with psalms, hymns and sacred songs—and sing to God with all your hearts. And whatever you have to say or do, do it as followers of the Lord Jesus and offer your thanksgiving to God the Father through Him" (*Goodspeed's translation of Colossians 3:16-17*). Such is Paul's recipe for glorifying the Father. God gave you the right of choice. You chose to let Him save you. Will you choose to live worthily of your high calling? Paul's principle serves as a good standard by which you may measure your personal service and your recreation. Loyalty to home, church, school and state give a full program. Use common sense in selecting ways to fill leisure. Then apply this test, as it was held out to the Colossians: "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him".

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Prepared by Mrs. Maud R. McLure

THESE are the things that I shall not forget
When the day's work is done:
The little kindnesses I may have shown
To any one;
The burdens that I may have helped to bear
Throughout the day,
For comrades walking with me down the way.

Topic: The Crucible of World Beating

1—SUNDAY

Pray that in Europe the Gospel may
"run and be glorified".
All nations whom Thou hast made shall
come and worship before Thee.—Psa. 86:9

2—MONDAY

Pray for Miss Elsie Clor, evangelistic
work, Jerusalem, Palestine.—
Pray also for Simultaneous Every-
Member Canvass in Every Baptist
Church, Nov. 29-Dec. 6.
I will be as the dew unto Israel.—Hos. 14:5

3—TUESDAY

For annual sessions of W.M.U. of
New Mexico, Nov. 3-4, Portales.—
Pray also for American Red Cross
Roll Call.
Our sufficiency is from God.—II Cor. 3:5

4—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Glass,
evangelistic work, Hwang-Hsien,
China, and for Lois and Eloise
Glass, Margaret Fund students
I will call upon Jehovah who is worthy
to be praised.—Psa. 118:3

5—THURSDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. E. C. MacLean,
industrial school work, Iwo, Nigeria,
Africa.
God hath power to help.—II Chron. 26:3

6—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Robt. Logan,
evangelistic work, Buenos Aires, Ar-
gentina.
He that is steadfast in righteousness
shall attain unto life.—Prov. 11:19

7—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Strother
(on furlough), evangelistic work, Po-
chow, China.
If ye keep My commandments ye shall
abide in My love.—John 15:10

8—SUNDAY

For more missionaries in Palestine
He that soweth sparingly shall reap
also sparingly.—I Cor. 9:6

9—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Bouldin,
educational and evangelistic work,
Fukuoka, Japan.—Pray also for pas-
tors and others in preparation for
Simultaneous Every-Member Can-
vass in Every Baptist Church, Nov.
20-Dec. 6.
He that soweth righteousness hath a
sure reward.—Prov. 11:18

10—TUESDAY

For Home Board workers among ex-
service men.—Pray also for W.M.U.
annual meetings in session in Okmul-
gee, Okla., and Waco, Texas, Nov.
9-10.
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall
obtain mercy.—Matt. 5:7

11—WEDNESDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. P. S. Evans (on
furlough), medical and evangelistic
work, Tsinan, China.
I will bless in Thy name.—Psa. 62:9

12—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Taylor,
educational work, Perambuco, Bra-
zil.
The mind of the Spirit is life and
peace.—Rom. 8:6

13—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Plainfield,
workers among Italians, Tampa,
Fla.—Pray also for all pastors,
churches and W.M.U. organizations
as they plan for the Week of Prayer,
Nov. 30-Dec. 4.
My God shall supply all your need.—Phil. 4:19

14—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. C. G. McDaniel,
educational and evangelistic work,
Soochow, China, and for Helen and
Nancy McDaniel, Margaret Fund
students.
Draw nigh to God, and He will draw
nigh to you.—Jas. 4:8

*Attended Southwestern Training School

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NOT one regret that I had done too much,
Where there was much to do.
But this I know, when the long hours pass
In swift review,
I shall look back and wish that I had done
Oh, so much more,
When I turn in at evening to my door.—*Grace Nell Crowell*

Topic: The Crucible of World Destiny

15—SUNDAY

For renewed faithfulness and activity
in our W.M.U. work
As good stewards of the manifold grace
of God.—1 Pet. 4:10

16—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Quarles,
evangelistic work, Buenos Aires, Ar-
gentina—Pray also for Promotion
Committee and all who are promot-
ing plans for Simultaneous Every-
Member Canvass in Every Baptist
Church, Nov. 29-Dec. 6.
The labor of the righteous tendeth to
life.—Prov. 10:8

17—TUESDAY

For Rev. J. R. Mashburn, educa-
tional work, Taining, China
God is faithful through whom ye were
called.—1 Cor. 1:8

18—WEDNESDAY

For annual sessions of W.M.U. of
the District of Columbia, Nov. 18,
Washington
This is the victory—even our faith.
—1 John 5:4

19—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Orlando John-
son, workers among Indians, Ponca
City, Okla.
If any of you lacketh wisdom, let him
ask of God.—Jas. 1:5

20—FRIDAY

For Rev. W. T. D. McDonald, evan-
gelistic work, Villa Rica, Chile—
Pray also for all pastors, churches
and W.M.U. organizations as they
plan for the Week of Prayer for
Foreign Missions, Nov. 30-Dec. 6.
For He satisfieth the longing soul.
—Psa. 107:9

21—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Gregory
(on furlough), educational work,
Culiacan, Mexico
The pillar of cloud departed not from
over them by day to lead them.
—Neb. 9:15

22—SUNDAY

For religious liberty in Rumania and
for our Baptists there
Inasmuch as ye are partakers of
Christ's suffering, rejoice.—1 Pet. 4:13

23—MONDAY

For xxMiss Minnie McIlroy, Pub-
lishing House, Buenos Aires, Argen-
tina—Pray also for state, associa-
tional and local preparations for Si-
multaneous Every-Member Canvass
in Every Baptist Church, Nov. 29-
Dec. 6
With God all things are possible.
—Matt. 19:26

24—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. P. W. Hamlett
(on furlough), evangelistic work,
Wusih, China
In peace will I both lay me down and
sleep: for Thou, Jehovah, alone makest
me dwell in safety.—Psa. 4:8

25—WEDNESDAY

For *Miss Bathyl Burnett, worker
among Indians, Albuquerque, New
Mexico
Trust in the Lord and do good.
—Psa. 117:9

26—THURSDAY

For Mary Nicoll, Margaret Fund
student, daughter of Rev. George
Nicoll of China
That the name of our Lord Jesus may
be glorified in you
—II Thess. 1:12

27—FRIDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. L. L. Johnson,
evangelistic work, Garanhuns, Bra-
zil, and for Ethlene Johnson, Mar-
garet Fund student—Pray also for
all preparations for Every-Member
Canvass and Week of Prayer.
Casting all your care upon Him
(Concluded on Page 28) 1 Pet. 5:7

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FAMILY ALTAR

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

Topic: "For HIS NAME'S SAKE"—Psa. 23:3; Col. 3:12-17

THERE are some things that Baptists all believe
And recommend all others to receive:
That God's word was inspired through and through
And everything made plain we're bid to do;
That the Godhead consists of, as is shown,
The Father, Son and Spirit, three in one;
That Christ is the "God-man" of Heaven's plan
Devised for the soul-ransoming of man.—*Berwick*

Miracles in His Name

1st Day—Acts 3:8-10
2nd Day—Acts 4:7-10
3rd Day—Acts 19:11-18
4th Day—Mark 9:38-40
5th Day—Luke 10:17-23
6th Day—Acts 8:5-8, 12, 13
7th Day—Acts 13:9-12, 22, 33

Praying in His Name

15th Day—John 14:10-17
16th Day—John 15:14-21
17th Day—John 16:23-28
18th Day—Eph. 6:20
19th Day—Heb. 13:15, 16
20th Day—Acts 12:5-12
21st Day—Eph. 8:14-19

Salvation in His Name

22nd Day—Acts 4:12
23rd Day—Phil. 2:9-16
24th Day—Matt. 7:21-29; 12:21
25th Day—1 Cor. 6:11, 19, 20
26th Day—Acts 10:43
27th Day—John 20:31
28th Day—II Thess. 1:11, 12
29th Day—John 1:12-17
30th Day—Heb. 2:9-15

Ministry in His Name

8th Day—Mark 9:36-41
9th Day—Luke 24:45-48
10th Day—Matt. 28:18-20
11th Day—Acts 2:38-41
12th Day—II Cor. 11:23-33
13th Day—Eph. 6:18-20
14th Day—Rev. 2:1-3, 25, 26

"Pray Up"

Thanking God: for His Unspeaking Gift; for salvation
to all who accept His Gift; for His manifest favors
to United States, giving bountiful crops, un-
usual average health, showing patience while
Americans fail to "ascribe unto Jehovah the glory
due unto His Name"

Interceding for: (1) our country that in reality it may
be a Christian land; (2) President Hoover that he
may continually seek and follow Divine guidance;
(3) all who make the laws of the land that they
may be Christian statesmen; (4) all who enforce
the law, that they may have the full support of
Christian citizens; (5) firm stand by our govern-

ment in promotion of international peace

Pleading for missionaries that: (1) they may be conscious of God's abiding protec-
tion and counsel; (2) they may be kept in good health; (3) their children may
grow up into exceptionally fine Christian leaders; (4) their work may result in
much soul-winning; (5) they will not become disheartened by inadequate equip-
ment and no re-inforcements

Interceding for: (1) Observance of Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, Nov. 30-
Dec. 6, and for reaching of \$200,000 by Lottie Moon Christmas Offering; (2)
Simultaneous Every-Member Canvass, Nov. 29-Dec. 6



PROGRAM PLANS



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

WITH the arrival of November all of us are more or less concerned with fires: fires in open grates and fire-places; fires in furnaces; and fires of one kind or another in the kitchen. We shall be in accustomed atmosphere when we have as our missionary topic something about fires. Also we are used to thinking of that which goes into the containers over the fires.

Going through the material (pages 18-23) for this month our minds quickly picture the crucible with its contents and the fire beneath flaming hot enough to heat and fuse these same contents. A poster presents itself to my mind's eye: a familiar black gypsy pot, flames leaping from the sticks beneath far up the sides and steam rising in clouds. Now suppose these "flames" are cut from red paper and inserted into slots in the cardboard of the poster. Suppose also the "clouds" of steam may be lifted out in sections, each telling a part of the program. We have ready in these the foundation of our work for the meeting.

First: "The Crucible"—This should be a talk by the leader, using the first section of the program material on pages 18-19.

Second: "Fires beneath the Crucible"—There are three fires given: 1—Political Fires; 2—Economic Fires; 3—Religious Fires. Three women should take these subjects. Each may hold in her hand, as she talks, a "flame" cut from red paper and having a point that can

be slipped into a cut in the cardboard under the gypsy pot. (See pages 19-20.)

Third: "Southern Baptist Fires"—This should be a brief but pointed talk, quoting from Malachi 3:3 and Zechariah 13:9. It is said that the refiner of silver sits and looks into the melted metal until he can see his own face perfectly reflected: then he knows it is purified for his use. So the Heavenly Father sees His will reflected in many lives and hearts in Europe's great crucible of nations. (Note the five points given on page 21.)

Fourth: "Nations in the Crucible"—Under the heading, "Tales That Ten Years Tell", will be found sketches of Roumania, Hungary, Spain, Jugoslavia, Italy and Palestine-Syria. These names may be printed on white cardboard cut to look like "clouds" of steam. As brief mention is made of each, the corresponding "cloud" may be stuck into a slot above the gypsy pot. (See pages 22-24.)

The program may close with the two biographical sketches: "A Western Girl in an Eastern Land" and "A Baptist Mother in Jesus' Boyhood Home". Have these told from memory, not read. (See pages 24-27.)

Where the society is small, three women may take the whole program. One may have the subject, "The Crucible and Its Contents"; the second may tell of "Fires under the Crucible"; and the third may relate "Biographical

EDITORIAL (Concluded from Page 4)

It is likely that only a few members of the W.M.U. in each church will be asked to go out on the Every-Member Canvass, but there are many others who can join the groups that pray in the churches those days. It will be far easier to work than to pray. Prayer is no easy gesture. As part of the church prays, another part goes out to practice the principles of our beliefs, our faith. They go out to express love for Christ—a love and deep concern for men the world around—and to show a glad response to the "great commission". They who linger at the altars and truly pray bring blessings to the whole world.



BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES



Miss Isabelle Coleman, North Carolina

POSTER SUGGESTIONS: A melting pot labelled "World Destiny"; dropping into it, are separate maps of our European fields and Palestine-Syria (*print names of countries on maps*); under pot, faggots entitled: Communism, Bolshevism, Fascist, Reds, Catholicism, Race Prejudice, Christianity etc.

Topic: The CRUCIBLE of WORLD DESTINY

Hymn: "Take Time to Be Holy"
Prayer of Worship and Thanksgiving
Devotional: Thanksgiving Meditations—Psalm 105
Hymn: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"
Current Missionary News (See page 33.)
Solo: "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"
Crucibles (See pages 18-19.)
Fires That Burn (See pages 19-20.)
Southern Baptist Fires (See page 21.)
Hymn: "Faith of Our Fathers"
Tales That Ten Years Tell (See pages 22-24.)
Biographical Sketches (See pages 24-27.)
Closing Thoughts (See page 27.)
Hymn: "The Whole Wide World for Jesus"
Benediction

NOVEMBER NOTES:

1. Peace—The eleventh again! That first armistice! Thirteen years! Parades! Celebrations! Peace Round-tables! The Geneva Conference next February (1932)! All these and other thoughts flood our minds. And sorrow flows in with memories! Yet, what are we doing to promote peace is the stern question facing us! For youth, too young to remember 1914-1918, war is a great exciting experience and means heroes, marching music, medals, victory, glory! The movies paint it so! The magazine novelettes tell it so! How can youth know the true horrors of bare war stripped of romance and glamour? What efforts are being made to educate toward this sane end? August *Good Housekeeping* carried an article, "Reading against War", that tells of 600 Washington women meeting to think on these things. This article contains a splendid list of books business women will want to read that they may have some true, sane facts to share with others. Business women will want to combine these facts with the one eternal fact that "peace on earth, good will toward men" can be sung only when Christ is heralded. And out of such combined study, business women will be fired with new zeal and determination to spread the Gospel to all the world.

2. The Buzzer—Vol. I, Number 8 of Louisville's Highland B. W. C's. monthly paper has just come. Originality, inspiration, information and even the month's birthdays combine to make it one of the best we have seen from any B.W.C. yet. Is your circle planning to publish a paper in 1932? It is time to begin work on the first issue.

3. Autumn Fruit—A golden basket of purple grapes formed last year the four-page folder entitled "First Annual Banquet—B.W.C.—Tuesday evening, December 9, 1930, at First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn." Exquisitely beautiful are these artistically painted programs, but more beautiful was the occasion: reverently the Lottie Moen Christmas Offering was made; Mrs. W. J. Cox brought

PROGRAM for NOVEMBER

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. Crossman, Tennessee

Topic: The CRUCIBLE of WORLD DESTINY

Hymn—How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds
Prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit through this meeting
Bible Study—"For His Name's Sake": Colossians 3:17 (See page 12.)
Hymn—Take the Name of Jesus with You
Prayer that all the work of this society may be done "for His name's sake"
Crucibles
Fires That Burn
Southern Baptist Fires
Hymn—How Firm a Foundation
Tales That Ten Years Tell
Prayer of thanksgiving for what southern Baptists have been able to accomplish in Europe and Palestine-Syria
Biographical Sketches
A Western Girl in an Eastern Land
A Baptist Mother in Jesus' Boyhood Home
Closing Thoughts
Hymn for the Year
Watchword for the Year (See W.M.U. Year Book.)
Prayer that Europe and Palestine may know Christ and help to spread His knowledge through the whole world

CRUCIBLES



There is a vessel used for the fusing of metals. It is made of clay, porcelain, graphite, aluminum, silver, platinum or some other substance which can endure extreme heat, without fusing, and sudden changes of temperature, without breaking. It may be as small as a woman's thimble or large enough to hold hundreds of pounds of metal. In this vessel is placed metal, perhaps more than one kind, or glass or some other ma-

terial. Then hot fires burn around it and the material melts. The vessel becomes a place of test and change, for impurities are burned up and the substances are mixed and prepared for future use. They emerge from this melting pot changed and with a fixed destiny. This vessel is called a crucible.

There are two lands, Europe and Palestine, where live many people of different nationalities, different thoughts, different ideals. In these lands burn fires melting and mixing their people, changing their thoughts, testing their ideals and fixing their destiny. These lands, then, are like a crucible: they are places of test and change.

Once Europe and Palestine seemed far away from America, but that is not

true today. Indeed there are no far-away places, but the whole world is one neighborhood. When the great European war started we, on the western side of the Atlantic, tried to stay out of it, but it was impossible. We were soon in the midst of the conflict; and what started as a European war became the World War. So do the affairs of Europe today affect the entire world. Dr. Everett Gill in his book (*for review of it, see page 35 of September issue*), "Europe and the Gospel", reveals to us the close connection between Europe and Asia. He speaks of them as one continent—Eurasia (*U-ray-siak*)—and says: "That is not a mere lifeless fact of geography but is the explanation of many of the most momentous events in European and world history and will doubtless have a deciding influence on the history of the human race". So, we see that not only are Europe and Palestine connected but they have a close relationship with the whole world. Surely then we have a right to call these "The Crucible of World Destiny", where the world's ideals are under fire, where the world's civilization is being tried, where the world's Christianity is being tested and where the world's destiny is being fixed.

AS fires made hot as fires can be
Around a crucible are laid,
To melt the metal placed therein,
To test and try
And purify
And fix its shape and destiny—
So in these crucial lands, wherein
Decisions for a world are made,
Burn fires as hot as fires may be.
To test and try
And purify
And thus decide world destiny.

FIRES THAT BURN

THAT these are severe testing times in Europe and Palestine cannot be denied. Many are the fires that burn around this crucible as the nations are being tested and, as we hope, purified of age-old woes and vices. Europe and Palestine burn today with

the fires of political, social, economic and religious unrest.

Political Fires—The fires of political unrest burn fiercely in every corner of Europe. Old governments are passing away. What few kings are left sit on tottering thrones, bereft of their former power. In this day of much talked-of peace, conditions in Europe declare that there is no peace. Not only is there a spirit of conflict between the nations but within almost every nation there are opposing forces which produce civil strife. Such words as "Fascists, Reds, Communism, Bolshevism" etc. occur with appalling frequency on the pages of current literature to remind us of this boiling pot of European conflict. The king of Italy is a mere figure-head, while Mussolini (*Moose-o-lee-mi*) rules the country with a despotism that arouses the questioning admiration of the world. A few months ago King Alfonso was compelled to abdicate the Spanish throne, fleeing from the land like a thief in the night, but his throne had hardly gotten cold before the Soviet forces of Moscow, seeing in the new born republic a "New Hope of World Revolution", began inciting the Spanish "Reds" to seize power. Dr. Gill tells us that Roumania is surrounded by bitter enemies. Four deadly bayonets—Russia, Bulgaria, Austria and Hungary—are pointed at her breast, restrained only by an enforced peace. Truly one feels that only the striking of a match is needed to set the fires of war burning around this crucible again.

In Palestine, too, fires of political unrest burn. Though under English control, the Arabs and Jews strive continually for superior rights. Recently the White Paper—an enactment of the English government in regard to immigration and the sale of land in Palestine—has caused "unholy feelings in the Holy Land". At first it seemed to be against the Jews and greatly incensed them; then when Prime Minister Ramsay interpreted it to favor the

Jews the Arabs raved. So the conflict goes on, keeping the pot boiling and making us wonder how the future of the world will be affected by today's happenings in this little land of destiny.

Economic Fires—Never in the history of Europe has her economic condition been so serious. The World War left her poverty-stricken, and the intervening years have done little to alleviate her suffering. The people are poor, wretchedly poor. We in America know nothing of such "hard times" as Europe has experienced for many years. Except for the timely intervention of President Hoover with his moratorium measure Germany would probably have been bankrupt, and economic conditions in other countries are almost as precarious. As for Palestine, tourists who have been around the world say that nowhere are people so poor as in the Holy Land. These economic fires, burning around the crucible of destiny, are affecting the economic present and future of the whole world.

Religious Fires—Scarcely less fierce than the economic and political fires are the religious fires which burn around this crucible of world destiny. Some one, speaking of the religious condition of Europe after the World War, described her as a plowed field, ready for seed. That description applies today, for the old Roman and Greek Catholicism, which has prevailed in most of Europe for centuries, is slowly passing away, leaving the field plowed and ready for the seed of truth. While there is more freedom in matters of religion than ever before, Europe is far from enjoying complete religious liberty. In Russia all religions are under the ban of the Soviet government. In Spain, even in this day of enlightenment, Baptists suffer "fines, imprisonments, beatings, boycott and all that fanatical zeal can invent". In Italy the Fascist government has granted to Baptists and all protestants religious liberty, permitting them to

conduct their services unmolested, and giving their preachers the same authority to marry people that the priests have. However, the Romanists are incensed over this, which they consider the pollution of their Holy City, and would renew the old inquisition if they dared. While Baptists are a recognized body in a part of Roumania, in other parts persecution still prevails. Indeed, now as always the spirit of both the Roman and Greek Catholic churches is one of force and compulsion and, as the spirit of freedom more and more pervades the minds of the people, the fires of religious unrest burn stronger and stronger around the crucible. In Palestine mosques and cathedrals stand side by side, telling the story of centuries of Mohammedan and Catholic contention over the possession of this land held sacred by both. Although ruled by a Christian nation, Palestine is a very difficult field for mission work because of Mohammedan, Jewish and Catholic influences.

What will be the result of these fires that make Europe and Palestine a boiling pot? Surely the people of those lands will emerge from the crucible with a freedom they have never known before—political, social and religious freedom. The question is, what kind of freedom? Will it be liberty or license, brotherhood or bolshevism, Christianity or communism? World destiny depends upon the answer to this question, and the answer to this question depends upon what fuel the Christians are going to add to the fires that burn in Europe and Palestine. If we kindle there the fire of zeal for the salvation of the lost, then can we hope for the liberty of Christ in these lands. If His truth shall make them free they shall be free indeed. If the "red" of His blood shall take the place of the "red" of unreasoning socialism, then can we hope for a better and happier Europe and Palestine and a better and happier world to emerge from the crucible of destiny.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST FIRES

It was in January, 1871, that Victor Emmanuel made his triumphal entry into Rome and succeeded in freeing Italy from the political domination of the Catholic church, thus opening the way for evangelical missionary work. But even before this southern Baptists, realizing their obligation to give the pure Gospel to Catholic Europe, had sent a missionary to Italy. This man, Dr. Cote, was already on the field when Italy was liberated and began at once a missionary work that has continued until this day.

Up till the time of the World War southern Baptists' European missionary work was confined to Italy. At the close of the war not only southern Baptists but all other Baptist bodies saw in Europe a wonderful opportunity for Baptist missionary work. So in 1920 the London Conference, probably the most important of its kind in Baptist history, was held. To this meeting went representatives from the Southern and Northern Baptist Conventions of the United States; from Canada; from the British Union and from nearly all of the interested countries of continental Europe. As a result of this conference, an allotment of the countries of Europe was made among the stronger bodies able to give them missionary help. To southern Baptists fell the responsibility of helping groups in Spain, Jugoslavia (*Yugo-Slav-via*), Hungary, Roumania and Ukraine in southern Russia; this last was afterwards changed to co-operation with other Baptist missionary bodies in all of Russia. In all of these lands, except Russia, our missionary work continues until this day and, in spite of much opposition and many difficulties, great advancement has been made. In his book, "Europe and the Gospel", Dr. Gill calls our attention to some characteristics of the European work which distinguish it from work in other mission fields.

First, as it relates to our Foreign Mission Board it is a *co-operative mis-*

sionary enterprise. Our Board did not initiate and does not absolutely direct the work in any of these lands but co-operates with the national bodies and committees.

Second, with one exception it is *indigenous*. The work has sprung up among the people themselves. They do not wait for outside help but, in spite of extreme poverty, go ahead with their undertakings, doing the best they can with what they have. Dr. Gill says, "It is this spirit of self-help that makes this work so hopeful".

Third, it is a *Bible reading and Bible founded* movement. Some of the work started from Bible groups that had never heard of Baptists. These groups, from their own study of the Word of God, without preacher or missionary to interpret, came to believe Baptist truth and formed Baptist churches. It is a characteristic of European Baptists to love the Word of God and to delight in its study.

Fourth, it is a *lay preacher* movement. In many sections, the only leaders these churches have are the farmer-preachers who know scarcely anything more than their Bible. While this has its serious disadvantages, it has the advantage of bringing the work very close to the lives of the people.

Fifth, it is an *apostolic* movement. Dr. Gill says: "One who visits these people in their homes and chapels and sees their daily religious life is constantly reminded of the Acts of the Apostles. Their simplicity of faith, devotion to the Word of God, their spirit of evangelism, their care of the sick and helpless, their love of prayer—all give one the impression that he is following Paul around on his missionary journeys".

As we read of these loyal Baptists in Europe we feel encouraged about the crucible of world destiny. We feel sure that these fires which we have kindled will do much toward saving Europe and the world from conditions that tend toward destruction.

TALES THAT TEN YEARS TELL

THIS year marks the tenth anniversary of our enlarged European work, for it was in 1921 that our Foreign Board began its helpful ministry to the countries allotted to southern Baptists in the London Conference. Marvelous are the tales the ten years tell—tales of adventure and achievement, of persecution and perseverance, of trials and triumphs. Let us listen to some of these stories of our five European mission fields.

Roumania—Thrilling indeed are the tales which the ten years tell of Roumania. Before the war she was a small and insignificant nation, but the Versailles Treaty added to her territory four large provinces, which gave her an area larger than that of England or Italy and a population of 17,000,000. It was into this enlarged Roumania that southern Baptists went ten years ago with their ministry of helpfulness to the few Baptist churches scattered over the land. Almost at once the Roumanian government began a program of persecution against Baptists. The ten years tell tales of refusal of permission to build chapels, of the closing of chapels already built, of the breaking up of meetings at the instigation of the priests, of the beating of members of Baptist churches, of other unbelievable atrocities against the Baptist people. Yet in spite of this persecution their number has increased from 15,000 to nearly 45,000. For the last two years Roumania has led all mission fields in the number of baptisms, reporting 4925 in 1929 and 5500 in 1930. One of the great needs of Roumania is for trained ministers. To meet this need southern Baptists have established at Bucharest a seminary. In connection with this seminary is the James Memorial Training School for girls. Dr. Gill, the superintendent of all of our European work, and Mrs. Gill make their headquarters in Bucharest. Besides we have three other missionaries in Roumania: Miss Earl Hester, the directress of the James Memo-

rial Training School, and Rev. and Mrs. Craighead, who work in the province of Bessarabia (*Bess-ar-ray-ble, with accent on ray*). The 1931 Little Moon Christmas Offering hopes to give \$3600 to the work of the James Memorial. Special mention should be made of the work in Bessarabia, for it is here that the greatest progress has been made, the number of Baptists increasing in ten years from 100 to 8000. It is doubtful if this record can be paralleled anywhere in annals of Baptist history.

Hungary—Hungary suffered more from the World War than any other nation, for by the Peace Treaty she lost two-thirds of her lands and population. The Baptist churches shared in this loss, for from a membership of 23000 they were cut down to about 7000. We can imagine what it meant to these people who had worked together in a well organized and efficient Baptist Union to be cut off from fellowship with each other by boundaries which cut in two—homes, farms, towns and churches. This was the condition of the country when Hungary became one of our southern Baptist mission fields. The ten years tell a tale of a courageous spirit in the face of great discouragement, of commendable progress in the face of almost insurmountable difficulties. Already there are 12000 Baptists in Hungary, and they hope in a few more years to reach their pre-war numbers. One of the most effective parts of the Hungarian work is the Theological Seminary in Budapest (*Boo-dar-pest*). We are told that last year this institution made a departure from the usual line of work: "Instead of having a new class of young ministers they called every two months groups of church workers to Budapest and gave them a good, strong and intensive course of study. The first group was one of pastors who had never had a chance at a seminary course. The second was a group of deacons and the third a group of young people, leaders in their churches and districts. So much enthusiasm was aroused by these

courses that plans are made to take them to the whole country next year". Secretary Baranyay (*Bar-an-yay, with accent on ran*), after reporting last year's work in Hungary adds: "We thank our American brethren for their love and helping hand. Without their help we could not do our work".

Spain—The mention of Spain suggests fascinating tales—tales of Moorish castles, brave knights and lovely dark-skinned ladies, of poets and troubadours, of crusaders and conquistadores. But even more fascinating are the tales the ten years tell of Baptist work in this land of song and romance. Because of its strong Catholic constituency Spain is a very difficult mission field. The spirit of intolerance that made Europe run with blood during the Middle Ages still prevails in Spain to an incredible degree. "The people still believe in the power of the scapularies and images to save, and papal bulls are still sold in order that people shall obtain papal pardon and indulgence". So difficult has Baptist work been in this country that some years ago one missionary, after giving twenty years of service in Spain, said that if the Lord would permit him to see 100 Baptists in this land he would feel that his life had not been in vain. And yet when southern Baptists took over the work there were 600 Baptists there, and in the ten years that number has increased to over 1000. The new republic has taken a stand against the old superstition and intolerance of the Catholic church, so it is hoped that Baptist work will not be so difficult in the future as in the past. Our work centers largely in a seminary at Valencia (*Va-len-shee-ar, with accent on len*). From 1925 to 1929 our missionary, Rev. V. L. David, was president of this institution. "In connection with the theological work he has sought to meet a great need of preparing young laymen for voluntary missionary service. Recently he has given himself to a more general work of education among the churches with Valencia as center". Another important

part of the Spanish work is that of publications, under the direction of Rev. Nils F. Bengtson. He not only publishes a splendid Baptist monthly journal but also seeks to do as large a work of translation and distribution of evangelical literature as the funds of the Board will permit.

Jugoslavia—Jugoslavia is a new state formed just after the World War and composed of a number of Slavic peoples. Since southern Baptists began work there in 1922 the membership of Baptist churches has increased from 600 to over 1000. Dr. Gill says: "We are still in the days of small things in this land of a big future. The Baptists of Jugoslavia evince the same spirit of independence and self-support seen among other eastern European Baptists. They are building their own chapels with meager help from the outside and are going forward as they are able. Our financial assistance is almost ridiculously small". The special need in this land is a seminary for the training of their young preachers. Here, as in all lands, the work of evangelism must be done by their own leaders. How can they do it unless they be trained and how can they be trained without a place of training and how can the place of training be provided unless southern Baptists increase their financial aid to this land of need and opportunity?

Italy—As we have seen, southern Baptists started work in Italy in 1871, so the story of work there is a tale of sixty instead of ten years. However, since the London conference southern Baptists have had charge of all Baptist work in Italy, and it has grown with surprising rapidity, considering the Catholic opposition, which is especially strong there in the homeland of the pope. Dr. and Mrs. Whittinghill are our only missionaries in Italy today. Dr. Whittinghill went to Italy in 1901 for the purpose of establishing and managing a theological seminary. This institution has been of untold value during the years in its work of training the Baptist ministry of Italy. In reporting the work of the Italian churches for

1930 Dr. Whittinghill says: "There seems to be a spiritual awakening among the churches. Congregations have considerably increased in interest and numbers, despite the financial crisis and persecution which fell to our lot during the year. When we compare the small number of baptisms of three years ago to what we had during the past year we have many reasons to thank God. Our contributions, too, have made a marked increase. On the whole our churches are more fully alive than ever in reference to their responsibilities concerning their financial obligation and duties as soul-winners". We can hardly conceive of the difficulties of preaching the Gospel in the very shadow of the Vatican. Only recently one of the Catholic leaders, speaking before a large congregation, openly invoked the death penalty for all "heretics", meaning all non-Catholics. How thankful we should be because the Italian government protects our Baptists from the fanaticism of those who would destroy them if they could!

Palestine—Strange it is that in the land where Jesus lived and died and where He spoke the words, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature", His pure Gospel is almost unknown today. But it is true that nowhere around the globe can be found a more needy mission field than Palestine. Southern Baptists have three missionaries in this needy land, Rev. and Mrs. Roswell Owens and Miss Elsie Clor. Up till three years ago Rev. and Mrs. Watts did a splendid work at Tel Aviv (*Ar-veev, with accent on veev*). This is an all-Jewish city, built on the site of old Jaffa (*Jar-far, with accent on Jar*). It is growing by leaps and bounds and presents the greatest opportunity in the entire country for Jewish work. And yet since Rev. and Mrs. Watts had to come home three years ago there has been no missionary in this strategic city. Mr. Owens goes there as often as he can to encourage the small group of Baptists in their work, and he says that week after week

they ask: "When is the new couple from America coming? Any news from the Board?" The only work done now among the Jews of Palestine is that of Miss Clor in Jerusalem. Through her Good Will Center she is reaching many women and children as well as a few young men who come for English lessons. The 1931 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering hopes to give \$1000 toward this Good Will Center work. Rev. and Mrs. Owens live at Nazareth and work among the Arabs both in Palestine and Syria. At Nazareth is a splendid little Baptist church with Rev. Lewis Hanna as pastor. The weekly program of this church shows great activity: with three services Sunday morning—one in English and one in Arabic—besides the Sunday school, a young people's meeting in the afternoon, services at night; prayer-meetings, women's meetings and evangelistic services held throughout the week. Mrs. Owens writes that they are trying to establish a day-school for the benefit of the neglected children of Nazareth. It will be an act of faith, for the workers at Nazareth are taking the full financial responsibility on themselves. When Mrs. Owens wrote they had \$800 on hand but \$500 more were needed. She says: "If the full amount is not raised the workers at this station are willing to pay the amount lacking out of their own salaries. To them it is that important, that imperative". We agree with Mrs. Owens that it is a tragedy that the children of Nazareth—Jesus' school town—should remain ignorant of that Friend of little children who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me".

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

A WESTERN GIRL IN AN EASTERN LAND
A WESTERN girl is Earl Hester, born in a little village set in the midst of Oklahoma's lovely plains, reared in a home of the west, educated in the schools of the west—a typical western girl, "breezy", big in body, mind and soul and with a personality that expresses capability, dependability, endurability. But this western girl is today

in an eastern land, far away from the windy plains of Oklahoma. How did it happen? Well here's the story.

There is in Bucharest, Roumania, a training school for girls, built by the Baptist women of the south in loving appreciation of the services of Mrs. W. C. James, for nine years president of the W.M.U. This is a commodious and beautiful building, large enough to accommodate fifty girls. When it was completed and ready for use the question arose, "Who shall be the directress of this school?" The choice of the Board fell on Earl Hester. She was already dreaming of foreign missionary service for, some years before, she had volunteered for Brazil. She had spent one year at Oklahoma Baptist University then, after a short period of teaching, had gone to the East Central Teachers' College at Ada, Oklahoma, from which she received her A.B. degree. Then through the gift of a scholarship from the East Central District of the Oklahoma W.M.U. she had spent two years at the W.M.U. Training School at Louisville. So she was well prepared for missionary service and was eagerly waiting for an opportunity to go to the land of her choice when the Roumanian call came. She saw in this the direction of the Holy Spirit, so turned her dreaming and her planning from Brazil to Roumania.

In September, 1929, Earl Hester left her western home and sailed away to the eastern land which was to be her field of service. How we would love to follow her through all of her experiences since she landed in Roumanian! We know that this girl, reared in a new western land, must have felt very strange in the old eastern city of Bucharest and must have found many things there to interest and thrill her. But surely the most interesting spot to her was the James Memorial School, where she was to have the glorious privilege of training Baptist Roumanian girls for missionary service. She went to work at once as directress of this school, thus

adding her bit of fuel to the fire burning in the crucible of destiny. The first year proved a most successful one. Girls, who wept with homesickness when they first came, wept because they had to go home at the end of the session. During the summer Miss Hester spent much time visiting the women in the villages, getting acquainted with their home and church life. When, in the fall of 1930, circumstances made the temporary closing of the school necessary, she continued her work of visiting among the Roumanian people.

Miss Hester writes most interestingly of the experiences she had had in different parts of the country. Recently she made a trip to Tulcea, a town near the Russian border, where she visited a Russian girl who last year graduated with honors from the conservatory of music in Bucharest. She says that besides this girl there are only two other Baptist girls in all Roumania who have gone farther than high school with their education. Miss Hester describes some of the experiences of this trip as follows:

"There are many interesting Russian customs which are mixed with Roumanian, of course. This is July, and the days are hot, but at four o'clock every day the samovar is heated with sticks of carbon and we drink from two to seven cups of boiling tea, depending on the race, American or Russian. I must learn to drink at least five to be a good Russian, and I must learn to be more economical with sugar: put a half cube on my tongue, and with it sweeten my five cups as the tea flows over it! However, the spoonful of marmalade which is put in each cup helps to sweeten as well as flavor it. Tea is best after a Russian bath. The bath-room is heated with vapor. Steam is so thick one can scarcely see or breathe. But one must stay at least forty-five minutes, perspiring and rubbing until all the pores are thoroughly cleansed and one is so weak he wobbles. Then after a rub-down and a rest on a feather bed

one can drink his five cups of tea and feel like a million dollars. Please understand: this process is not for the sick, neither is it winter-time stuff! Yesterday was the fourth of July and I celebrated in just that way".

Miss Hester describes a visit to an orthodox church which is under construction and which is one of the most beautiful in Roumania: "In it is a gold coffin from which Jesus rises every Easter Sunday! A cross stands in one corner and a crucifix of painted tin is nailed on. A crown of faded flowers hangs from a beam". How different is the story of a little unfinished Baptist church that stands in the same city! "It will be very pretty when it is finished, but at present there is no money to complete it. Stories have been told me of how the women and girls have worked to help make the building of their simple house go on. Then I remember how nonchalantly we in America give hundreds and even thousands of dollars for a pipe organ, while here tens of dollars would build a whole meeting-house. And the work is stopped for the lack of a few tens".

That all persecution in Roumania has not ceased is proven by the following story. "One Sunday afternoon after our five o'clock service one of our Baptist boys, passing along the street beside the orthodox church, saw a great crowd of people outside listening to the priest. He stopped to ask what it was all about and found that the priest was stirring them up against the Baptists. So we don't know what may happen". Again she tells about an experience she had last summer when she attended an annual celebration in a Baptist church located in a small town: "All the churches round about were invited to come to a kind of a musical festival where a choir sang, orchestras played and musical contests were held. All went well until noon. We left the church and went to different homes for dinner. During the meal we began to hear strange music near the church. When investigations

were made we found that the priest had organized a dance group who with wild, jazzy music was drowning our sacred music. So we had to do the best we could for the rest of the day".

Miss Hester gives us some idea of the religious conditions of the country by her description of the icons which are pictures of the saints and are to the Greek Catholics what the images are to the Roman Catholics. She says: "In every orthodox Russian home in some corner is the icon, in front of which burns a light continually. All good things, all things held dear are brought before this icon which is their god".

As we read these stories of the vain worship of the Roumanians we are glad indeed that our western girl has gone to this eastern land to tell the people about the love of Christ, which knows no east or west and which can remove their sins as far from them as the east is from the west. And who would say that the work which Earl Hester does is not one of the deciding elements in the crucible of world destiny?

A BAPTIST MOTHER IN JESUS' BOYHOOD HOME

IN the town where the mother of Jesus lived and reared her family there lives today another mother, a beautiful mother, who is doing much to give the Gospel of Mary's Son to the people of Mary's land. This mother is Mrs. Musa (*Moo-sar, with accent on Moo*), the wife of the founder of the Baptist Church at Nazareth. It was in 1911 that Rev. Shukri (*Shoo-kri, with accent on Shoo*) Musa began his work in the famous Galilean village. For many years he and his wife worked faithfully side by side, giving themselves wholeheartedly to the task of building up the little Nazareth church. How happy must have been their fellowship as together they served Jesus in His boyhood home! But three years ago a great sorrow came to Mrs. Musa, for her husband died with pneumonia and she was left alone with her children and the little church they both loved so much.

It was some time after Mr. Musa's

death before the church could obtain a pastor and during that time Mrs. Musa with the help of a faithful deacon carried on the work. Mr. Musa's nephew, Mr. Hanna, is now the pastor but Mrs. Musa continues her work among the women. Beautiful is the description of the work of these women as told by their pastor: "Tuesday afternoon the women of the church gather in the home of Mrs. Musa for Bible study and work. The meeting proper consumes an hour, after that the women do beautiful needle work (*lace, doilies etc.*) to be sold and the proceeds to go to the church treasury. Thus the women are being enlisted to take a part in the responsibility of the church. However, the best thing about the meeting is the influence it leaves in the lives of our women, for they are deeply interested in the study of God's Word".

Perhaps the most important part of Mrs. Musa's work is the evangelistic meeting which is conducted for women in general. A large number of women from Nazareth and nearby towns gather in these meetings to hear the Gospel message. Some of them are Mohammedans and almost all are illiterate and benighted. "They come to get the light of the Word of God into their lives and, in many instances, this light has done its wonderful work".

What a privilege is Mrs. Musa's to live and serve in the very town where Jesus lived, to walk the paths He walked, to drink from the well where He drank and to gaze on the scenes that were familiar to Him in His boyhood. She has some sons who have grown up in Nazareth even as Jesus did, and we can well believe that she thinks often of that other mother who pondered wonderful things in her heart as she watched her Son increase "in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and

man". Surely she is happy to have the privilege of telling other Nazareth mothers about Mary's wonderful Son and of the eternal life which all may have through Him. And as she renders her simple service day by day who knows but what she is adding important factors to the crucible of world destiny?

CLOSING THOUGHTS

MANY are the fires which would-be reformers are kindling around the crucible of world destiny. Some light the fires of disarmament, saying: "If the nations of Europe will destroy their navies and disband their armies there will be no more war, and peace will save the world". Others bring the fagots of democracy, saying: "Free governments will save the situation in Europe and the world". Others light the fire of secular education, saying: "Increased knowledge is the hope of world salvation". Still others kindle the flames of social service, saying: "Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the physical woes of humanity and earth's problems will be solved". And now comes one bearing the torch of Christianity, saying: "Christ is the only hope of the world. The fire of His love, burning in the lives of people, will destroy strife, hatred and all other impurities and will melt their hearts in unselfish service for all mankind. Christ alone can give relief from physical, mental and spiritual suffering and bring world liberty and world peace".

We who behold these offered reforms know that the torch of Christianity is the only safe kindling for the fires which are to burn around the crucible where world destiny is to be decided. Let us then pray that southern Baptists may carry this torch to Europe and Palestine by faithfully supporting their missionary work in these lands of destiny.

QUESTIONS for STUDY and DISCUSSION

1. Why may Europe and Palestine be called the crucible of world destiny?
2. What are the political, economic and religious conditions that are testing Europe and Palestine today?
3. What in your opinion has been the most momentous event in Europe this year? In Palestine?

4. When did southern Baptists first enter Europe?
5. When was the London Conference held?
6. What was the outcome of this conference?
7. Tell something of the persecution of Baptists in Roumania.
8. Discuss the growth of Baptist work in Roumania.
9. How did the decisions of the Versailles Treaty affect Baptist work in Hungary?
10. What conditions make Baptist work in Spain especially difficult?
11. Tell something of Baptist publication work in Spain.
12. Discuss the needs and opportunities for Baptist work in Yugoslavia.
13. What is the attitude of the Fascist government toward Baptist and other evangelical work in Italy?
14. In what European countries do southern Baptists have seminaries?
15. Tell something of southern Baptist work in Palestine.
16. Name southern Baptist missionaries in Europe and Palestine.

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TITHING (Concluded from Page 10)

- 4—Instead of the few hundred we now have, many more missionaries will be going into all the world to preach the Gospel as Christ commanded.
- 5—Our "land will be healed". Peace and prosperity will be ours as a nation (II Chron. 7:13, 14; Mal. 3:11, 12; Deut. 28:1-6).
- 6—The blessings that God bestows on the "obedient" will be ours as individuals and as a denomination (Joshua 1:8; Mal. 3:10).
- 7—We will become "rich toward God", having eternal treasures in the skies.

BUT

if this revival does not come, then:

- 1—Debts will continue to pile up.
- 2—Kingdom work will be curtailed more and more.
- 3—Covetousness and worldliness will increase.
- 4—Our disobedience and selfishness will separate us from communion with God and bring upon us chastening and curses. "I will curse your blessings" (Mal. 2:2).
- 5—We will have sacrificed things eternal for things temporal, losing our one chance to be "laborers together with Him" in the greatest work beneath the stars.
- 6—If the people forget God, the nation is doomed (Isa. 60:12; Deut. 8:19, 20).
- 7—"Blessing or curse" (Deut. 11:26, 28)? Which shall it be? You will help decide.—Mrs. Carter Wright, Alabama

CALENDAR of PRAYER (Concluded from Page 14)

28—SATURDAY

For Miss Bernice Neel, evangelistic work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
 They shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand.
 —John 10:28

29—SUNDAY

Pray for God's blessing on the Simultaneous Every-Member Canvass in Every Baptist Church, Nov. 29. Dec. 6, and upon effort to enroll one million others.
 Bring ye the whole tithe into the store!

30—MONDAY

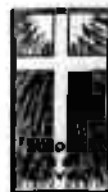
Pray that many souls may be won to Christ in Palestine. Pray also for all pastors, churches and W.M.U. organizations as they observe the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, Nov. 30-Dec. 4.
 God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.—John 3:16

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AUXILIARY BROADCASTINGS



By November, College Y.W.A.'s. and also Grace McBride organizations should be in well-ordered running, with the available young women completely interested and enlisted. Has your W.M.S. done all that the young women wish to make their organizations effective and happy?

Perhaps your Mission Study Chairman can be of service in helping the Y.W.A. Mission Study Committee plan for its fall courses. The Window of Y.W.A. suggests some of the many very excellent new books available: if your committee has purchased samples from which to make your own first selection, share these books with the young women. Help them in securing the best teachers from "town or gown" possibilities. Your word of solicitude might secure the excellent service of a teacher who otherwise might not at once appreciate the opportunity of teaching missions to young women.

The local W.M.S. can frequently assist in suggesting personal service activities also; often there are cooperative tasks in which Y.W.A. and W.M.S. may both share. Sometimes there is an added interest in the Week of Prayer program if the College or Grace McBride Y.W.A. leads on one afternoon. The Window of Y.W.A. carries an article suggesting the auxiliary's preparation for the Week of Prayer, which will be valuable to the fostering W.M.S.

With all other Young Woman's Auxiliary organizations, College and Grace McBride Y.W.A.'s. will be looking forward expectantly to February 11 when Y.W.A.'s. will be together by radio. The Shreveport station, KWKH, has generously set aside the hour and a quarter from 7:45 P. M. to 9, Central Standard Time, for Young Woman's Auxiliary. It is our great hope that throughout all the southland Y.W.A.'s. will be meeting for simultaneous banquets with the program coming in over tuned-in radios. Mrs. Cox, our W.M.U. president, will be the chief speaker; there will be merry songs led by Dodd College Glee Club; and many other delightful features on this unique occasion. Fostering Women's Missionary Societies are especially urged to arrange with college and hospital authorities so that these particular groups of young women may share with others all of this program which becomes the outstanding affair in the 25th Anniversary of the organization of Y.W.A. (Concluded on Page 34)

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



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NOTE for NOVEMBER



November is crowded with interest for counselors and young people's directors of W.M.U. organizations. The regular monthly studies about Europe and Palestine hold abundant possibilities for fascinating program activity as suggested in "The Window of Y.W.A." and "World Comrades". It is particularly timely that the Palestine study comes the month before December because you can start your young people along the path to a real keeping of Christmas this year. Moreover, the programs trend toward the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions with its rich appeal, which will help toward a true Christmas observance.

The European studies fit in with the keeping of Armistice Day as a memorial of efforts for peace rather than a tribute to war. Let leaders, especially of Royal Ambassador Chapters, discuss the horrors of war; let them turn minds and hearts resolutely toward peace. World Comrades stories will help to this end, also the playlet suggestion. Bring the boys and girls to a decision to send to President Hoover a resolution in behalf of peace. Articles by Mrs. White and Mrs. Morgan in "The Window of Y.W.A." will be helpful to all leaders.

Meanwhile, the plans for the Every-Member Canvass call for our earnest prayers and cooperation. The wise counselor and director will use a few moments in the W.M.S. meeting for brief well-chosen words that will help the mothers to appreciate the value of letting young people make their pledges to the church and denominational program, rather than depriving them of

the blessings of personally making a gift by letting one pledge suffice for the entire family. No doubt it may be simpler for the father to keep all the family finances in his own hand but in that case the young people are trained neither in appreciation of money values nor in the joy of giving. A careful discussion in your W.M.S. should result in an allowance provision whereby young people have money of their own from which to pay their tithe and which they know is to cover certain stipulated expenses of their own besides sheer "spending money". It may be 10c a week as an allowance, but the regular paying of the one penny and rendering account of the 9c will be invaluable to the child. The amount of the allowance should be carefully decided upon according to the age of the child, the necessary amount needed for expenses during the week etc., but the Every-Member Canvass should be an every "member", not an every "family" canvass; young people should be allowed their own money from which to pay the tithe and give offerings.

Also meanwhile, the Stewardship Oratorical Contest should be progressing in your church, association and district (or division). Compare your progress with the calendar schedule announced by your state W.M.U.

And Thanksgiving is at hand, bringing a devout reminder to you and all other workers with W.M.U. young people that—no matter what the difficulties and problems, the efforts that seem futile—there is all gratitude for this opportunity of influencing the future, of moulding time as you lead youth to a complete Christian living.—Juliette Mather

Prayerfully, carefully please prepare for
WEEK of PRAYER for FOREIGN MISSIONS, Nov. 30-Dec. 4, Inclusive



TRAINING SCHOOL



Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, Principal

OUR TWENTY-FIFTH OPENING

Dear W.M.U. Friends:



On this opening day of our twenty-fifth anniversary year I am reminded that I am beginning my first year of service as the principal of the W.M.U. Training School, though it is my eleventh year of work with the school in some official capacity.

You have asked me to undertake a hard task. It is particularly difficult at a time like this when so few doors of service are open to our graduates, because of current conditions. It is difficult, too, because it is a transitional period for the school. Our faculty and General Board felt that the time had come when we must raise the standards of the school to conform with standards maintained by similar institutions. The students are enthusiastic over the change and are entering wholeheartedly into the plan of work.

Through every day of this silver anniversary year, I am going to feel that I have the united and prayerful support of the great host of W.M.U. friends who love this school and have hopes for its future. I am grateful for its sure foundations in the plan of God and I pledge my full cooperation in preserving its ideals and standards and distinctive atmosphere. My co-workers are one with me in their desire to adjust the program to the needs of the day without sacrificing those intangible qualities that have made the school a rare blessing to hundreds of students and visitors through the twenty-four years of its history.

Our hearts beat high with hope as we meet this incoming student body. Eagerness, enthusiasm, seriousness of purpose, consecration, beauty of spirit as well as of face, contagious happiness—all that is typical of the outstanding youth of this age we find in this group of students.

The entire faculty of the school was present at our opening program in the chapel this evening. Dr. H. W. Tribble, Professor of Theology, who has just returned after a year of study abroad, was the speaker.

The enrollment is small, the smallest we have had since 1917-18. But what else could we expect under present conditions? Enrolled from *Alabama*: Eva Berry, Ruth Mahan, Margaret McMahon, Annie Mae Boone; *Arkansas*, Elma Cobb; *Florida*, Marguerite Lumpkin; *Georgia*, Lorna Lawrence, Helen Smith, Gladys Williams, (two others expected); *Illinois*, Lucile Dawdy; *Indiana*, Irene Morgan; *Kentucky*, Lucile Gardner, Elizabeth Hampton, Gwynn McLendon, Monta Rae Tunstall, Annette Wearan, Evalynn Wyman, Caroline Foust; *Louisiana*, Alma Graves, Lillie Mae Maxwell; *Mississippi*, Ruth Ford, Lulia Mosgovoy, Margaret Whisenhunt, Arda Stringer; *Maryland*, Wrenda Monroe; *Missouri*, Ruth Goodin, Coe Power, Dorothy Sparks, Alice Waldron; *North Carolina*, Mildred Braswell, Elsie Denny, Elizabeth Draughton, Gladys Ellington, Mabel Beeker, Mary Curran, Ann Downey, Grace Phelps, (one other expected); *South Carolina*, Mae Bridges, Edna Campbell, Clara Lane, Nancy Palmer, Ruth Provence, Myrtle Smith, Lenora Zimmerman and Mary Wilder; *Tennessee*, Lola Ledwell, Martha Cortner, Alice Pepper, Mrs. Schrecongost; *Texas*, Elizabeth Durham, Ruby Lea Johnson, Ruth Holloway; *Virginia*, Annie Chappell, Margaret Helton, Elizabeth Hale and Mildred Jett. Many day students are registering as usual for class work.—Yours in service, Carrie U. Littlejohn



MARGARET FUND



Chairman: Mrs. Frank Burney, Waynesboro, Ga.

The WORD of GOD IS NOT BOUND—II Tim. 2:9



The annual report of our Margaret Fund work, printed in the annual meeting minutes of Woman's Missionary Union, is eagerly read and carefully studied by our missionaries. How keenly they watch the list of names of students and how grateful are their hearts for this department of our service!

Upon reading same, many letters of appreciation sail the high seas, even through the air sail some, to speak their "thank you's". Nearly every letter tells something of the burden of their hearts because of lack of funds to "go forward", but all carry a message of joy and faith as they "carry on" under great difficulties and sor-

rows. All testify to the white harvest and hearts ready for the planting of the Gospel.

We do rejoice that the W.M.U. of the southland is aiding in lifting their burdens a bit, by assisting with the education of their sons and daughters; our hearts covet an enlarged fund so that every appeal may be answered. The following clippings from Brazilian letters give us some idea of the crucible of their lives during these strenuous times:

From Rev. John Mein, Pernambuco—We certainly appreciate the generosity of the Woman's Missionary Union in voting our boys to be Margaret Fund students. Despite all the uncertainty of things general in Brazil the Lord is smiling upon our work. However, we are sad over the prospects for the future of our missionary forces. No young men among us, and the Board promises no additions for about five years. The Lord knows all about it. There are two facts which keep us going all the time whatever the prospects may be. They are: 1. As our days so shall our strength be; 2. It is required of a steward that he be found faithful. We can be this with little or much. He is with us *always*. The news of Dr. Sal-lee's death came as a shock to us. We are praying that the Board may be led in the choice of his successor. Praying always for the great work of the W.M.U. of the southland, I am yours for the Master.

From Rev. R. E. Pettigrew, Port Alegre—It will be a close margin for me to get along on my salary now, as I have Edward with me and it takes more than his allowance to keep him in school and provide board and clothes. This will keep me from aiding personally the other children. Grateful am I for the Margaret Fund help. When the Lord called me to come to Brazil He foresaw all I am going through. I would not refuse to go over the road in the service in Brazil again, even if I could foresee all that has come to me in this country since I left the homeland; for the blessings have been many, especially the opportunity of trying to preach to those who otherwise might never have heard; some of these have believed and are standing firm for the Master. That more than recompenses for any inconveniences that may arise! I am glad the May convention was what could be called a good one. May the brethren at home finally rally to us out here, as our lines are thinning, and send us reinforcements by and by.

The missionary enterprise is not the church's afterthought but God's forethought.—Van Dyke



CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS



Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

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An Every-Member Canvass in Every Baptist Church November 29-December 6
Aim: To Enlist Every Baptist in Financial Support of Local Work of the Church and All Denominational Causes

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In the opinion of Dr. F. F. Brown the above words indicate one of the most colossal and significant tasks ever undertaken by our Baptist people. It can be done, once our people are aroused on the subject of stewardship. Informed Baptists, inspired Baptists and consecrated Baptists can conquer the world for Christ.

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Fifty-five men and women from the United States and Canada and 200 others from the continent of Europe and nine other countries met in Edinburgh in June to hold the first "World Conference on Stewardship and Church Finance". Arrangements were made for a World Stewardship Union and preparations begun for a similar conference in America in 1934.

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On a recent visit to Baltimore it was this editor's privilege to see Miss Marie Buhlmaier whose responsibility, under the Home Board during the years of the great tide of immigration from Europe, was to meet the immigrants upon their arrival, give them such assistance as a Christian woman could and to sow the seed of the Gospel by word-of-mouth and by the distribution of portions of the Bible and of tracts. Though she is now frail, Miss Buhlmaier's faith in the power of God is as strong and her enthusiasm for her Lord's cause as keen as in her most vigorous years.

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It would seem as if we of this day are witnessing the end of the immigration movement. At present for every two who enter our ports there are three returning to the land of their fathers. These are leaving for different causes but the vital question is whether they are taking back to Europe a true conception of what the Gospel means to the world or whether they are even farther away from the truth as it is in Christ Jesus than when they came.

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Roman Catholics are preparing for a campaign in which they are to oppose the religious reforms incorporated in the drafted constitution of the new Spanish republic. Dr. Rushbrooke of the Baptist World Alliance says that undoubtedly the liberties of Baptists in Spain and Italy have been extended because of recent developments in each of these two countries. In just that proportion is the responsibility of southern Baptists greater because we have charge of the Baptist work in both Spain and Italy.

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Probably no other single item in which the Y.M.C.A. has pioneered has made such a deep impression on the public as the camps conducted in southeastern Europe and the near east. Boys and young men, we are told, go home from these camps better in character and in body and richer in religious experience for having visited them. The Yugoslav camp is located on one of the most beautiful bays of the Adriatic. The Roumanian camp is in the mountains near Sinaia, the summer capital.

BOOK REVIEWS

Mrs. Julian P. Thoman, Virginia

THE CHALLENGE of RUSSIA



One of the most informing and stirring books of the present day is Sherwood Eddy's "The Challenge of Russia". We have learned to know the author, not only as a high-minded Christian worker but also as a keen observer, whose analytical mind is able to ferret out the causes and probable results of conditions in the many lands he has visited.

Mr. Eddy has made in all six visits to Russia, two under the Czarist regime and four since, under the present government, in 1923, 1926, 1929 and 1930. The reader can be sure of having a fair and unprejudiced account of the situation in this almost unknown land. He introduces us to a new experiment in living, undertaken on the most gigantic scale, and contrasts this with capitalistic society in other lands. He gives full value to the good as well

as the evil in each and shows where each would do well to learn from the other what to adopt and what to avoid.

Perhaps the most interesting chapter in the book—to Baptists especially, who have many fellow-Christians in Russia—is the one on religion, containing the story of a public debate on religion, which the author and others of his party carried on with officers of the government on next to the last of his tours. This, he says, would not be allowed now.

The last chapter is an effort to arouse us to conditions in our own country. An appeal is made to us to set our house in order.

The book is not recommended as a mission study book, but this page knows of nothing that has recently come from the press better adapted to reading circles and clubs. It should so arouse interest as to induce animated discussion and should lead to further study and earnest intercessory prayer. Order from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., price, cloth, \$2.50.

COLLEGE Y.W.A. (Concluded from Page 29)

Some months ago in ROYAL SERVICE a request for early Y.W.A. history and incidents was made. We will still be thankful for the pleasant reminiscences of the days when those who are now W.M.S. members belonged to a Y.W.A. We long to know what they did for programs, in activities, what value the Y.W.A. was to them. It will add to our Thanksgiving joys to hear from many, to hear from your fostering W.M.S. in this regard.—Juliette Mather

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES (Concluded from Page 17)

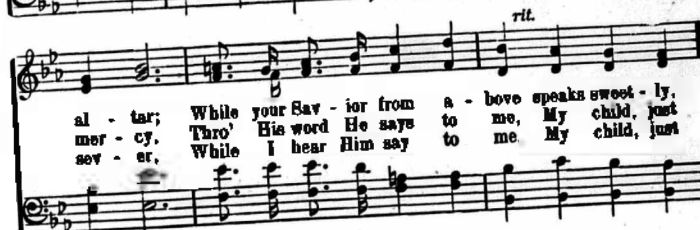
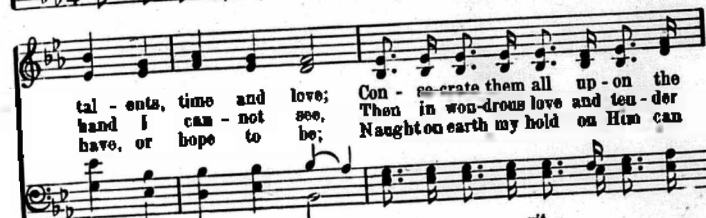
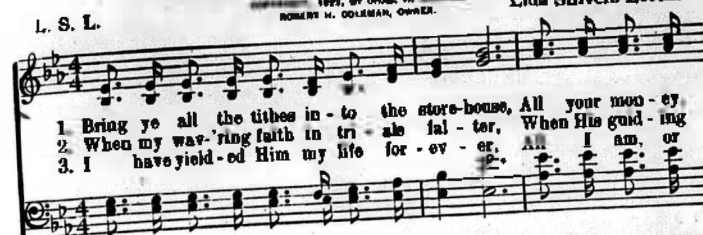
these business women a message from her heart; the new officers were introduced; and the whole was dedicated to God in prayer. Does this give us an idea for the ingathering of our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering or for the Promotion Committee's work in our church? Does this make us think of our aim for tithers just at this season? Let's have a working part in this great southwide plan for promoting the Kingdom work!

4. **Thanksgiving**—Psalm 105:1-4. And the psalmist bids us celebrate Thanksgiving by "making known His deeds among the people; talk ye of all His wondrous works". Is there some section back of the back streets of your town where men, women and little children do not often hear the Gospel of "His wondrous works"? Could a cottage prayer-meeting in one of these humble homes be a Thanksgiving experience for some lonely heart there? Let's think on these things!

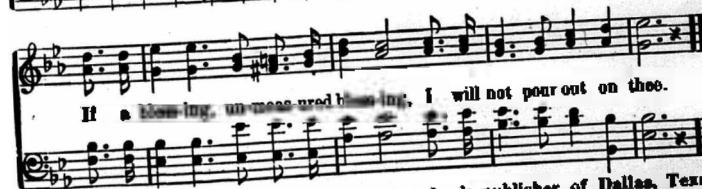
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NOVEMBER and DECEMBER LEFT in 1931 to WORK to Be A-1

- 1—No W.M.U. organization, whether of women or young people, can be A-1 in this calendar year of 1931 unless it reaches every point of its respective Standard of Excellence. (See pages 15-18 of 1931 W.M.U. Year Book.)
- 2—Every W.M.U. organization connected with a church has in the first clause of its Standard of Excellence that, in reaching that clause, it must have as an organization a definitely missionary program each month of the calendar year. Thus no W.M.U. organization can be counted A-1 by "making up meetings".
- 3—For a church to have a Standard A-1 Full Graded W.M.U. this calendar year it must maintain every month each of the five required organizations, each of which must reach during the calendar year every point of its respective Standard of Excellence. The five required organizations are: Sunbeam Band, Girls' Auxiliary, Royal Ambassador Chapter, Young Woman's Auxiliary, Woman's Missionary Society.
- 4—Intensify every effort these remaining two months: "hold fast that which thou hast. that no one take thy crown" (Rev. 3:11).