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—John 3:16

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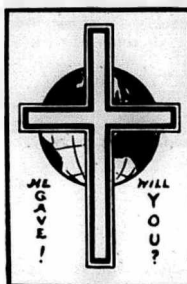
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STEWARDSHIP SUGGESTIONS

Mrs. G. R. Martin, Va. Southwide Stewardship Chairman

A STEWARDSHIP of OFFERINGS

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



The true spirit of Christmas glorifies offerings. It moves our hearts with renewed gratitude for God's great gift of love. Long had men been watching for this Messiah. They looked for a mighty king to rule Israel, a conqueror to slay their foes. He came a helpless baby. He was placed in human arms to nurture and tend and love. When His earthly mission was accomplished, He left His dream, His work of world redemption in the arms of frail humanity. It was theirs and it is ours today to tend and nourish with our prayers, our work and our gifts. Realizing the magnitude of the unfinished task, the Redeemer tenderly encouraged: "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom". We have all assurance that this Kingdom will grow and mature and spread until one day it shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. Every disciple of the Nazarene became a movable pulpit, a personal evangelist. Though forced to meet in hiding for worship, each one went out to win those beside him in the home, in the field, in the market place, in the street. That was stewardship of life. Life itself was a trusteeship. We need this spirit today, for "the King's business requireth haste". When the angel told the women "Go tell", the women ran. We need this same haste today. There is a divine urgency in the cause because eternal souls are in the balance. The women of our day must also run in their efforts to speed the message. It is our duty to run in haste even if our efforts are misunderstood. The disciples did not believe the message of those women who had been at the tomb.

The words, "Wise men brought Him gifts", yet tingle with electrifying meaning and power. They brought gold and frankincense and myrrh. Myrrh is symbolically expressive of the Gospel message because myrrh has healing power, antiseptic qualities; is even a stimulant and tonic. So the message of Christ heals the wounds of humanity; it cleanses and stimulates and lifts and tones an individual or a nation. At this Christmas season we can give the healing myrrh of the Gospel to all the world through our gifts of gold. They make a sweet savor throughout Heaven and earth. Immediately after Jesus told His disciples that His little flock would inherit the Kingdom He said, "Sell that you possess and give alms". Money is necessary in giving this balm to humanity. Paul says: "Charge them that are rich . . . that they be rich in good works". Hard times and depression do not justify a let-down in our attitude, our praise, our gifts. We can give of our poverty. Even as Paul and Silas in a prison, feet in stocks, sang and praised God in the night time, so we should put first things first. As one has expressed it: "Do not let the secondary things of life go thundering through on the main line while the main things of life stand on the side track".

The most important duty before our W.M.U. organization at this moment is a stewardship of our offerings to foreign missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Words cannot convey the dire need, the anguish of mind and heart.

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Tribute to Miss Eliza S. Broadus



EW southern Baptist women have equalled Miss Eliza S. Broadus in the service rendered her "own generation according to the will of God". Fourscore years and one week were granted to her and she not only used them to help lovingly in the home, church, community and state but for more than half of her life she was a most efficient officer of Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention. It is significant that in her city, Louisville, Ky., was held in 1887 the conference which called upon the Central Committees throughout the south to send delegates to Richmond, Va., in May of 1888, the purpose being to decide whether or not to organize Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention. At that May meeting Miss Broadus was elected vice president from Kentucky, to which high office she was annually re-elected until 1920. At that time Woman's Missionary Union made her its only vice president emerita.

In W.M.U. annual meeting minutes the name of Miss Broadus also often occurs as the chairman or as a member of important committees. Only those who served with her know how seriously she took such responsibility and how efficiently she served. This is also true of the many articles which she wrote for W.M.U. publication and of her correspondence in behalf of its progress. Throughout these more than four decades of volunteer service for Woman's Missionary Union she endeared herself to her host of admirers. This is especially true of the students of the W.M.U. Training School. A charter member of its Board of Managers, she thus faithfully served and was honored by being made a life member.

In living terms one will ever think of Miss Broadus, for she was always so active, alert and animated that death cannot be associated with her. Though her dear body was struck by the heavy truck on October 7 her spirit was unconscious of it, being quickly translated to the Heavenly Home. Of her and her life-work Miss Margaret M. Lackey of Mississippi beautifully and aptly wrote in celebration of Miss Broadus' 80th birthday on October 1:

DEAR "Gift of God" this is your Natal Day!
Fourscore such days have marked your life's pathway!
But well we know the road has not seemed long,
Nor has it seemed o'er lonely; for with song
Of cheerful praise you've gladdened many a mile;
And shadows dimmed, with sunshine of your smile.
We say in worldly parlance that old age
Has claimed from you a full and wholesome wage;
But ah, you've taught 'tis lovely to grow old,
When one grows old like YOU! Life's gray and gold
You've woven into pattern so divine,
That other souls, in seeking a design
From which to weave and beautify, have found
The needful warp that's simple; woof, profound;
And this profound and simple weave combined
Has modeled many another heart and mind.
And so, because like one of long ago,
Who being blest made other blessings flow,
We, who have found life sweeter, knowing YOU,
Would in this simple way express anew
Our loyalty and love. Each wishing thought,
On wings of faith, is with a psalm enwrought.

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

JESUS SAID: "YE OUGHT!"



When I was a little girl, there was no more powerful influence in my life than "Mother said". What mother said on any subject was the "last word", and no further argument was needed. If temptation came to some too daring piece of fun, some plan perhaps to run away and play too far from home, one of the group of little girls at play would be sure to "pipe up" with "But mother said we must play in our own yard" or "Mother said little girls must not play rough boy games" or some other just as important word from mother's lips, and this reminder always halted the too daring plan.

If there was in our childish talk some discussion on the right or wrong of any subject, it was always settled by one of us being delegated to run in and ask mother. It was because we loved her "best of all the world", as we used to say, that we wanted to do what mother said was right.

Now a woman grown and by that same mother led years ago to know the great Friend divine, Lord Jesus, my heart eagerly seeks to know what Jesus said in regard to all matters concerning my life. All I need to know in order to make me happy about any plan or problem is what "Jesus said" about it. The first chapter of the Bible to become dear to my heart was the fifth chapter of Matthew, in which Jesus lays down the principles for Christian living. For

many years we have read and listened to arguments as to why the tithe should be the minimum in giving for every Christian, when it has always seemed to me that only one argument is needed: what Jesus said about it. If you will read in Matthew 23:23, you will find that in regard to the tithe, Jesus said: "These things ye ought to have done", and in John 14:23 Jesus said: "If a man love Me, he will keep My words". And just as love led us in the long ago to listen to what "mother said", so should love for Him be the motive that should lead every Christian to want to do what Jesus said.

One of the great objectives (and surely the most important objective) of the Every-Member Canvass movement is to get our Baptist people to adopt the tithe as the minimum in giving. Of course, the tithe is only the beginning for many of us. In order to "give as God prospers", some of us should give several tenths.

It is a wonderful encouragement to the committee charged with the responsibility of putting on the Every-Member Canvass movement to know that the W.M.U. has, for long years, been enlisting the women and young people in the churches to adopt this Bible plan of giving, and surely there will be no stronger force in making the Every-Member Canvass a great success than the loyal members of the W.M.U. taking as their only argument, Jesus said: "Ye ought!"—*Janie Cree Anderson, Knoxville, Tenn.*

Directions for marking the W.M.S. Standard of Excellence are given on pages 60-61 of the 1931 W.M.U. Year Book. Following them makes standard marking easy both for the past and new year.

W.M.S. Programs for Week of Prayer for World-Wide Missions Nov. 30-Dec. 4, 1931

MONDAY

SUBJECT: The Orient—China and Japan

DEVOTIONAL

Prayer
Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Scripture (See page 40 of week's booklet.)
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Help for this talk will be found in the foreword of week's pamphlet, in the booklet's foreword, in the leaflets: "Consecrating Day of Prayer around the Globe" and "Reasons for the Name—Lottie Moon Christmas Offering".)

PRAYER that society may enter prayerfully into such plans

TALK: Sketch of S.B.C. Work in China (See pages 48-49 of week's booklet.)

STORIES from CHINA (Select several people to give from memory stories as on pages 53-55, 111-112 of week's booklet.)

SEASON of PRAYER for CHINA (Interperse with examples of answered prayer as explained on pages 48-52 of week's booklet.)

HYMN: We Praise Thee, Oh God

RENDERING of LEAFLET: A Passer-By (Order leaflet for 4c from W.M.U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

TALK: Sketch of S.B.C. Work in Japan (See pages 58-59 of week's booklet.)

STORIES from JAPAN (Select two persons to give from memory stories as on pages 63-64.)

RENDERING of LEAFLET: The Great Bright God of Self-Restraint (Order leaflet for 4c from W.M.U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

SEASON of PRAYER for JAPAN (Interperse with examples of answered prayer as set forth on pages 61-63 of week's booklet.)

CERTAIN CAUSES to BE HELPED by LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING (See pages 9-15, 25-35, 39-45 of week's booklet.)

APPEAL from Dr. T. B. Ray (See pages 7-8 of week's booklet.)

REPEATING of SLOGAN: God loved. He gave. Will you? (Repeat also John 3:16.)

INGATHERING of OFFERING PRAYER for MARGARET FUND STUDENTS from CHINA AND JAPAN (See pages 31, 34.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS as to Week's Program

HYMN (as Benediction): Joy to the World

TUESDAY

SUBJECT: Latin-America—Mexico and South America

DEVOTIONAL

Hymn: Bringing in the Sheaves
Lord's Prayer (in Unison)

Scripture (See page 46 of week's booklet.)

TALK: Sketch of S.B.C. Work in Mexico (See pages 65-67 of week's booklet.)

STORY: A Worthy Couple (See pages 82-83 of week's booklet.)

TALK: Sketch of S.B.C. Work in Brazil (See pages 69-71 of week's booklet.)

STORIES from BRAZIL (See pages 75-81, 100-111 of week's booklet.)

HYMN: Oh, Zion Haste (See W.M.U. Year Book.)

SEASON of PRAYER for MEXICO and BRAZIL (Interperse with examples of answered prayer as on pages 67-68, 72-75 in week's booklet.)

TALK: Sketch of S.B.C. Work in Uruguay and Argentina (See pages 81-83 of week's booklet.)

STORIES from ARGENTINA (See pages 85-89 of week's booklet, making several members to "learn" these stories.)

TALK: Sketch of S.B.C. Work in Chile (See pages 91-93 of week's booklet.)

STORIES from CHILE (Have these told from memory; see pages 92-94 of week's booklet.)

HYMN: We've a Story to Tell (See W.M.U. Year Book.)

RENDERING of LEAFLET: Feeling after God (Order leaflet for 4c from W.M.U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

SEASON of PRAYER for URUGUAY, ARGENTINA and CHILE (Interperse with incidents of answered prayer; see pages 83-85, 91-93 of week's booklet.)

CERTAIN CAUSES INCLUDED in LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING (See pages 15-25 of week's booklet.)

REPEATING of SLOGAN: God loved. He gave. Will you? (Repeat also John 3:16.)

INGATHERING of OFFERING PRAYER for MARGARET FUND STUDENTS from MEXICO, CUBA and SOUTH AMERICA (See pages 31, 34.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS
HYMN (as Benediction): Jesus Shall Reign

WEDNESDAY

SUBJECT: Africa

DEVOTIONAL

Prayer
Hymn: Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?

Scripture (See page 95 of week's booklet.)

TALK: Sketch of S.B.C. Work in Africa (See pages 95-96 of week's booklet.)

RENDERING of LEAFLET: The House of Their Hands (Order leaflet for 4c from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

HYMN: The King's Business (See W.M.U. Year Book.)

STORIES from AFRICA (List several names select and learn these from Dept. issues of "Royal Service" and "Home and Foreign Fields"; also Dec. issue of "Royal Service".)

SEASON of PRAYER for AFRICA

CERTAIN CAUSES INCLUDED in LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING (See pages 35-36, 39 of week's booklet.)

REPEATING of SLOGAN: God loved. He gave. Will you? (Repeat also John 3:16.)

INGATHERING of OFFERING SENTENCE PRAYERS that week's goal for offering may be reached

PRAYER for MARGARET FUND STUDENT from AFRICA (See page 31.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN (as Benediction): Joy to the World

THURSDAY

SUBJECT: Europe and Palestine-Syria

DEVOTIONAL Prayer

Hymn: Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross Scripture (See pages 95-96 of week's booklet.)

TALK: Sketch of S.B.C. Work in Europe (See pages 95-101 of week's booklet.)

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STORY from ITALY (See page 101 of week's booklet.)

TALK: Sketch of S.B.C. Work in Palestine-Syria (See pages 102-106 of week's booklet.)

PRAYER for MARGARET FUND STUDENTS from EUROPE (See page 31.)

RENDERING of LEAFLET: From Russia to Palestine through U. S. A. (Order leaflet for 4c from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

SEASON of PRAYER for EUROPE and PALESTINE-SYRIA

HYMN: My Jesus, I Love Thee

A PARABLE (Have some one tell from memory the parable as written by Mrs. Carter Wright of Ala.; see pages 104-106 of week's booklet.)

REPEATING of SLOGAN: God loved. He gave. Will you? (Repeat also John 3:16.)

SENTENCE PRAYERS that goal for week's offering may be met

INGATHERING of OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENTS, especially concerning "Day of Prayer around the Globe"

PRAYER for OBSERVANCE of DAY of PRAYER

HYMN (as Benediction): Jesus Shall Reign

FRIDAY

DAY of PRAYER around the GLOBE

(See day's program and playlet in separate pamphlet.)



FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



POWER MANIFESTED in NIGERIA

While on an August trip in the interest of the Nigerian W.M.U., its secretary — Miss Neale C. Young — wrote as follows from Igede in Ekiti: This is lovely country and it is real cool. The drive up here reminded me of the Blue Ridge country of North Carolina. The town I am in is very unsightly however. The church grounds were so rough and bare and ugly that I asked some women to come yesterday so we could try to improve them. We met in the church for a little service before beginning our work, one hundred and fifty women being present. We planted grass on one side of the church grounds. Next week the men will level off the front for us, and we hope to finish it all while I am here.

W.M.U. friends can help us a great deal by saving a few flower seed from their own gardens, putting them in an envelope and posting them to me. It is better not to send them out before February or March, because seed spoil out here during the dry season.

We are holding a "W.M.U. School" here next week, having classes in the morning, beautifying church grounds and holding house-to-house prayer-meetings in the afternoons and conducting evangelistic services in the evening. This district is huge and is very scattered. There are 53 churches that are supposed to send delegates to the school. The superintendent of this association is a young woman who was in our girls' school for a time and I want you to know that she is a "trash-mover!" I want to put her in as a paid worker. When I praised her fine work to her husband he said: "I am glad missis is pleased with my wife's work. I know

she does her little the best she can but I do not want missis to say anything aloud about her work. I will ask missis just to be thinking these things in her own mind but not to speak any word of praise, lest some one else might feel that my wife is doing more than others". He does not want anyone to feel that his wife is being pushed forward. I admire both of them keenly.

Strange things have been taking place in this district. Some time ago there arose a "prophet" who preached all through this part and thousands and thousands turned from their idols, seeking a true God. The message of the "prophet" was indeed a simple one, but it found its way into the hearts of these simple folks. Today I went to the house of the chief of this town. The pastor took me to the place where the family idols had been for years and years. The "prophet" went there and preached and the old chief took his axe and tore down the altar under which were four human skulls. I saw the remains of them today. The old chief is ignorant but he is anxious to know the right way. He has had every idol taken from his house and compound and he attends the church services twice on Sundays. There is not a single public idol-worshipping place in this town now. In a town twenty miles from here even greater things have taken place. A pile of idols the size of a two-story house was burned. Thousands there are seeking the true and living God. On our return we are to stay there for some time, in an effort to teach them of the Bread of Life for which they are hungering. I had taken the work of the "prophet" as a laughing matter and had joked about him but, since I came here and have seen the results of his work, I know that nothing less than divine power could have done it. He has done in a very short time what the missions have

failed to accomplish in many years. He has prepared the soil now, and our work as missions is to train them in the right way.

From PINGTU

IT has been my privilege the past twenty-four years to work in Pingtu, China, the field Miss Moon opened. Miss Moon had the happy privilege of being the first to carry the Gospel of light and liberty to the multitudes in that vast region of Shantung Province, where many millions at that time had never heard the name of Jesus. In that vast territory, where a great part of our North China Mission is now situated, countless numbers were through Miss Moon's untiring efforts freed from the iron clutches of idolatry and superstition. Not only did the women and girls listen gladly to her message from day to day but great numbers of men were anxious to hear about Christ, and today some of our pastors are men who were saved through Miss Moon's faithful work in those early days. This is also true of some Bible women. Many, many women tell us in Pingtu County that they first heard the Gospel from Miss Moon. Her work in North China will live as long as time lasts and throughout eternity. It should be our aim in this life to lay a foundation and do a work as Miss Moon did.—Miss Florence Jones, Pingtu, China

A MOTHER'S CHRISTIAN AMBITION

AMONG the many things, which the Gospel brings into the lives of these people, is a great ambition that they never had before. An example of this can be seen in the life of an ignorant little Italian woman and what she has been able to accomplish with her four girls. At the time of the conversion of the mother—who is just about as ignorant as you could imagine—her oldest daughter was about fifteen years old. Besides the fight against poverty, there was one almost as great against the husband who, after the newness had worn off, lost all interest in the Gospel

services and opposed his wife in everything she did for the improvement of the girls. For years these girls walked some 24 squares through mud and rain, heat and cold to come to church and Sunday school every Sunday while the little mother stayed at home, not only to do all the work but also to pacify the father, so that he would not prohibit their going. No one will ever know all that she suffered and the apparently insurmountable difficulties she overcame. Today the oldest girl is married unfortunately, because the father made things so disagreeable at home that she was in too big a hurry to leave it, so didn't take everything into consideration. The second is married to the assistant superintendent of the Sunday school, while she is secretary of the W.M.S. as well as a Sunday school teacher. I am sure all the girls are truly converted, although the youngest has not yet been baptized. The father has begun to attend services once more and is a changed man today, in the home at least. One of the girls is teaching the mother to read the Bible: recently she read the 23rd psalm in a meeting of the women. Without the Gospel could these things have been accomplished?—Mrs. J. C. Quarles, Buenos Aires, Argentina

TEACHING on a FARM

AMONG the girls, who came to us the first year (1922) of our school at Temuco, Gertrude Centrezas was the hardest to manage. Through the years she was the one who was always in trouble, though she was an earnest little Christian. She lived in the foothills of the Andes and had to travel thirty miles on horseback to the nearest station to get the Temuco train. She had never been away from home before; during the first year she had many homesick spells. The other girls laughingly said to her: "The missionaries have come much farther away from home than you but they do not cry and are not sad".

Gertrude planned to prepare herself to go back as a teacher in a little com-

try school that Baptists had in the community where she lived. She continued with us for five years and was ready to go to the little school but, alas, the school had been closed because of lack of Baptist funds. The summer after her graduation Gertrude married a farmer whose father owned a large farm and she and her husband went there to live. She forthwith decided to use the opportunity at hand, so she got together the children of the different families on the farm and opened a small school where she could teach them "the three R's" and the Bible.—Cornelia Brower, Temuco, Chile

From INTERIOR CHINA

A Grateful Witness—Mrs. Chang, a widow, is an earnest Christian woman. She had been treated at the mission hospital and cured of a very bad disease. She has two married daughters and a number of other relatives here in Pochow. She is constantly in demand to help out in the homes of her many relatives and wherever she goes she tells her people about Jesus and His love and power. She is faithful in bringing her contributions for the Lord's treasury. If she is to be out of the city on Sunday or on the day the W.M.S. meets she makes it a point to bring in her contribution before she goes away. She is a great believer in prayer.

No Time to Gossip—Mrs. Chao because of her earnestness and true faith in Jesus was chosen as the one to come daily to the hospital clinic to meet and greet the women and speak a word in season for Jesus. One day before she was chosen for this work she remarked, "Jesus is more precious to me than life". She is a leader among the women in her neighborhood and many of them come to her to ask her to pray with them. She is not yet able to read her Bible through but she is studying diligently and is progressing nicely. She is quite anxious for all the members of her family to become Christians. She says: "When I go to my neighbors' houses I

no longer enjoy gossiping but feel constrained to use all the time there is to tell them about Jesus".

A Gift Re-Offered—One dollar of the money contributed by the church as help for the poor was given to an old woman nearly blind and in need of everything. Two months after, when a collection was being taken, she put in this dollar that she could not bear to spend on her own needs. How she rejoiced to offer it!—Clifford Barratt, Pochow, China

HEAVEN CAME DOWN

ONE dear woman that has been very near and dear to me is Doria Enriquita, of French descent but born and reared in Argentina; her parents were staunch Catholics, and she with her sisters had been brought up such. She heard the Gospel for the first time in one of our tent-meetings in the city of San Juan, where she lived with her husband and precious little daughter, Lillia. From the time of her conversion Doria Enriquita became a student of God's Word and intensely interested in His work. Soon she with her little family moved to Mendoza and became my greatest joy and help in our woman's work. Her daughter then about twelve years old accepted Christ as her personal Savior. She was a devoted Christian and her influence in the church was that of an older and more experienced person: every one loved her. In the day-school she was the star pupil; no one found fault with Lillia, she was the joy of every one. Loving music as she did and spending much time in practice she rendered service at the piano for Sunday school and other services. But there was a burden on the child's heart: her father would not accept her Savior. She plead with him, prayed for him, wept over his indifference, but he would not give his heart to God. The burden grew, her life was saddened, for although a child in years she thought and spoke as one of mature years. Just at the close of the school year after winning the scholarship for general excel-

lence, she was stricken with typhoid fever: for three weeks we watched by her bedside, rendering all human aid possible. The church was in constant prayer for her recovery, but God never makes mistakes, so we bowed in submission to His will when He took her beautiful body from us: but her life and influence linger. Only three Sundays after she went away, her father and grandmother professed Christ in baptism. I have never been in a meeting where Heaven seemed so near!—*Mrs. F. J. Fowler, Mendoza, Argentina*

STUDYING under DIFFICULTIES
IT was during the week at Alegre that I visited Jerusalem, Brazil, and it was my hostess that accompanied me to Jerusalem. She is a graduate of our school at Sao Paulo and is certainly putting her training to good use. She is her father's (the pastor's) "right hand man". They have a large number of church members but untrained as yet, so she has to direct almost everything until some of the rest of them can learn. And it is the difficulties of this "learning process" about which I want to write. In the first place, very few of the women can read; in the second place, the majority live a long ways from the church; and in the third place, it was coffee-picking time and they had to work all day picking coffee. Now

would you tell me how it would be possible to have a successful study class every night? But we did have it with the exception of the night we went to Jerusalem. Night after night they came, some twenty or more. I said that that study was a great combination of human effort and divine help. The end of it was as follows on the last day of my visit. It was Sunday. First came Sunday school. I was so proud of the teacher, that she taught the class herself instead of asking me. She is one of the earnest learners. There was a large class of women. After Sunday school they called the Children's Society so I could talk to them, then they had their monthly meeting of the Women's Society and after that the all important event of the examination in the study we had made during the week on "Ways of Winning Souls to Christ". There were nine who had derived sufficiently from the study to take the examination, and they all passed. It had to be oral on account of many not being able to write, but it was sufficiently strenuous. I gave them each eleven questions. How my heart thrilled as afterwards I put a gold seal in an envelope for each of the nine. Our W.M.U. aim for this year is "Better Preparation" and surely those humble believers are better prepared now for the Master's service.—*Edith West, Victoria, Brazil*

Christmas

WE watched the crowd:
Some humble, some proud;
The gay youngsters—counting minutes till Christmas Day;
The sombre bread-line which stood across the way.
A trembling "Why?"
Was bushed with a sigh,
For now, as never before, we saw those who had
Divide with those who had not, misfortune warmly clad.
Soft glow of a star—
And music from afar:
The Spirit of Christmas again fills the heart of man,
For Mercy and Love mean Joy—'tis our Father's Plan.

—*Edna Watkins Hewitt, Mississippi*

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Prepared by Mrs. Maud R. McLure

WITHIN dark firs on Christmas night
Men set their strange and glowing
fires,
The red and green and purple lights
Of globes that burn on unseen wires.

PUT on His birth-night, none of these—
The black and silver of the skies
Were all the colors then: the trees
Were left unlit before His eyes.

Topic: The Star Again in the East

1—TUESDAY

Pray for great spiritual power in W.M.U. meetings throughout Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Pray also for blessings on plans of Promotional Committee.
I will help thee, saith the Lord, thy Redeemer.—Isa. 41:14

2—WEDNESDAY

For the missionaries supported by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Pray also for the success of the Every-Member Canvass.
According to your faith be it done unto you.—Matt. 9:29

3—THURSDAY

For the presence of God's Spirit in our missionary work in the orient. Pray also that every southern Baptist feel the responsibility of tithing. Jehovah is my strength and my shield.—Psa. 28:7

4—FRIDAY

For generous gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. Pray also for a large increase in tithers among southern Baptists.
Honor Jehovah with thy substance.—Prov. 3:9

5—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Hayes, evangelistic work, Parahyba, Brazil. Pray also that we may realize that all we have belongs to God.
The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, saith Jehovah.—Hag. 2:8

6—SUNDAY

Pray that the efforts of all state promotion committees may be divinely blessed.
For we are God's fellow-workers.—1 Cor. 3:9

7—MONDAY

Pray for continued blessing on the personal evangelism of Miss Anna B. Hartwell (on furlough),

Hwanghsien, China, and Miss Willie Kelly, Shanghai, China.
My kindness shall not depart from thee.—Isa. 54:10

8—TUESDAY

For annual sessions of Florida W.M.U., Dec. 7-10, Orlando
He giveth power.—Isa. 40:29

9—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Richardson (on furlough), evangelistic work, Shaki, Nigeria
My heart trusteth in Thee and I am helped.—Psa. 28:7

10—THURSDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Leavell, medical and evangelistic work, Wuchow, China
Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee.—Psa. 84:5

11—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Frank Connely, evangelistic work, and Miss Mary Crawford, educational work, Tsin-tingchow, China
I have loved thee with an everlasting love.—Jer. 31:3

12—SATURDAY

For the editors of World Comrades
Let us kneel before Jehovah, our Maker.—Psa. 95:6

13—SUNDAY

For wisdom and love as we plan Christmas celebrations in our Good Will Centers and Mission Sunday Schools
As we have opportunity let us work that which is good toward all men.—Gal. 6:10

14—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. John L. Bice, evangelistic work, Macelo, Brazil
Jehovah answer thee in the day of trouble.—Psa. 20:1

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*Attended Southwestern Training School

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AND down beside the silver sea
He taught and healed until the light
Had gone from glittering Galilee
And left Him homeless in the night.

THEN silver was His price at last,
And black the hill that will not dim.
Ah, black and silver! Still they cast
Their shadows down the years for Him.
—Grace Noll Crowell

Topic: *The Star Again in the East*

15—TUESDAY

For †Miss Sophie Lanneau, Girls' School, Soochow, China, and †Miss Mary Alexander, Pooi To Academy, Canton, China.
The eternal God is thy refuge.
—Deut. 33:2

16—WEDNESDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. George Green (on furlough), medical work, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, and for Scott Patterson, Margaret Fund student, Nigeria.
The blessing of Jehovah maketh rich.
—Prov. 10:22

17—THURSDAY

Pray for Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Ayers (at home), medical and evangelistic work, Hwanghsien, China.
Though He cause grief, yet will He have compassion.—Lam. 3:32

18—FRIDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. Norman F. Williamson, evangelistic work, Fukuoka, Japan.
Thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous.
—Psa. 6:12

19—SATURDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Langston, Rio Baptist College, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and for H. Thomas Langston, Margaret Fund student.
Strengthen ye the weak hands.
—Isa. 35:3

20—SUNDAY

Pray that a spirit of unselfish love may animate our personal service.
Even so let your light shine before men.—Matt. 5:16

21—MONDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. E. F. Tatum (at home), evangelistic work, Yangchow, China.
Thy loving kindness is better than life.
—Psa. 68:3

22—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Bowdler, Boys' School, and xxMiss Minnie McIlroy, Publishing House, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
I will hope in Thy name.—Psa. 52:9

23—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Rogers (on furlough), educational work,

and Rev. and †Mrs. J. H. Ware, evangelistic work, Shanghai, China.
My heart shall not fear.—Psa. 27:3

24—THURSDAY

For *Miss Anne N. Lasseter, Girls' School, Temuco, Chile.
Guide me in Thy truth and teach me.
—Psa. 25:5

25—FRIDAY

Pray that the "peace on earth" heralded by the angels may come to pass.
Glory to God in the highest!—Luke 2:14

26—SATURDAY

For Misses †*Hattie Stallings and †Mattie Vie Summer, educational work, Kweilin, China.
He satisfieth the longing soul.
—Psa. 107:9

27—SUNDAY

Let us confess our sins of the past year.
I will confess my transgressions unto Jehovah.—Psa. 32:5

28—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Neal, educational work, Monterrey, Mexico.
The righteous shall live by faith.
—Rom. 1:17

29—TUESDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. J. McF. Gaston (on furlough), medical work, Lanchow-Fu, China.
None of us liveth to himself.
—Rom. 14:7

30—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. A. R. Gallimore (on furlough) and Miss Ruth Pettigrew, evangelistic work, Waichow, China.
His Name shall endure forever.
—Psa. 72:17

31—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Taylor, educational work, Jaguaguara, Brazil.
As thy days so shall thy strength be.
—Deut. 33:25

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FAMILY ALTAR



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

Topic: "NOT as the WORLD GIVETH": John 14:23-31

"My peace I give unto you".—"The task of the church is to furnish and guide the mind and heart of man with the courage and hope of the Gospel, to reestablish the shattered ideals of human brotherhood and of righteousness, good will and peace".

"And the land had rest".

"A Covenant of Peace"

1st Day—Judges 3:7-11
2nd Day—Judges 3:14, 15, 27-30
3rd Day—Judges 4:1-9, 23
4th Day—Judges 6:1-5, 9-13, 31
5th Day—Judges 6:1-10
6th Day—Judges 6:11-14, 86-40
7th Day—Judges 7:1-3, 19-22; 8:28

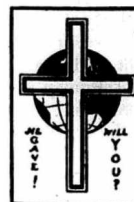
15th Day—Isa. 2:4; 32:1, 17, 18; 40:1-5; 45:7
16th Day—Jer. 29:7-18
17th Day—Ez. 34:25-31
18th Day—Psa. 125:1, 5; 85:8; 119:165; 4:8; 29:11; 37:4, 11, 37
19th Day—Isa. 9:6; 11:6-9; 26:8, 12; 27:5
20th Day—Lev. 26:6; 13:17
21st Day—Zech. 8:1-8

"The Way of Peace"

8th Day—Luke 1:30-35, 75-79
9th Day—Luke 2:1, 4-14
10th Day—Luke 2:15-21, 25-32
11th Day—Luke 2:86-52
12th Day—Acts 10:34-36
13th Day—Rom. 6:1-9, 20, 21
14th Day—Rom. 8:6; 10:15; 14:17; 15:13, 38

"Not as the World Giveth"

22nd Day—John 14:23-31
23rd Day—John 16:33; 20:19
24th Day—Matt. 1:18-25
25th Day—Matt. 2:1-13
26th Day—Gal. 1:8; 5:22
27th Day—Eph. 2:14-17; 4:8
28th Day—Phil. 4:7, 9
29th Day—Col. 1:20; 3:15
30th Day—I Cor. 14:33; 15:1-3, 57, 58; 16:13, 14
31st Day—II Thess. 3:16



"Pray Ye"

Praise God for "journeying mercies" throughout 1931.
Ascribe glory for "His unspeakable gift".

Ask for guidance as the New Year is entered.

Pray for increased devotion in the teaching of: (1) missions; (2) principles of stewardship.

Intercede for faithfulness in: (1) personal service as shown in enlistment and soul-winning; (2) stewardship; (3) missionary education of young people.

Pray for Margaret Fund students and their parents, especially those far from each other at Christmas time.

Give thanks for all missionaries, asking peace and protection for them throughout the year and years, pleading also for reinforcements and adequate equipment.

Pray for college students that Christmas may be used by them in worthwhile ways and that the churches may utilize their missionary information and enthusiasm.

Pray that each W.M.U. organization will do its utmost to reach its apportionment and every other point on its Standard of Excellence.

Ask for God's guidance in completion of Every-Member Canvass.

Intercede for the reaching of the \$200,000 goal in Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, praying that all W.M.U. members will put Christ first on their Christmas list.



BIBLE STUDY



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

Societies, circles, families and individuals wishing a more detailed outline Bible study referred to the "Family Altar" page with its many carefully grouped Scripture references.

Topic: "NOT as the WORLD GIVETH": John 14:23-31

LIFT up your heads, ye peoples,
The miracle has come!
No longer are ye helpless,
No longer are ye dumb.
Those whom ye craved to lead you
Your path of learning dare.
The few rejoice with feasting,
The millions praise with prayer.

Lift up your heads, ye peoples,
Cheer every doubting soul
That found the road a barrier
Betwixt you and your goal.
Go, say to him that feareth
That peace is but a wraith:
Not rulers, but the people
Shall seal the people's faith.

Lift up your heads, ye peoples,
And take the sacred vow:
To war's age-honored Moloch
No longer will we bow.
Your leaders who have followed
Arise and follow them!
Oh, hear ye not the angels
Singing of Bethlehem?

Robt. Underwood Johnson



The book of Judges carries a continued story of war, evil, repentance, deliverance, peace! "The children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord . . . They forsook the Lord. . . . Nevertheless the Lord raised up judges . . . And the land had rest". There came a day when God allowed Israel to be ruled by kings. Again came lights and shadows, hope and despair, peace and war. The solution to their difficulties was found in God's attitude as shown in II Chronicles 7:14: "If

My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land".

One night on the plains of Judea shepherds were surprised by a bright light from Heaven. Angels sang: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men". A star led wondering men to a stable where a babe had been born. Joseph and Mary were keeping watch over the child Jesus. The promised Messiah had come. Wise men from the East brought gifts. Herod was troubled at the announcement of this wondrous birth. God led Joseph to take the young child and His mother into Egypt. Later they returned to Nazareth, the boyhood home of our Saviour. At twelve Jesus visited the temple. At thirty He was baptized of John in Jordan. For three years He preached, taught and healed. Betrayed into the hands of Roman soldiers He met death on the cross. After three days He arose from the grave. Before His ascension into Heaven He was seen many times. From Genesis to Malachi the Scriptures foretell the events which the Gospels and the Acts record. The epistles give the teachings of Christianity to the early churches. This story is left to believers to pass on to the whole world. Our divine Lord must be revealed to the nations before the way of peace is opened. Dr. W. D. Nowlin says: Let the church of the living God exert her power at a throne of grace to bring about a speedy. an

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BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES



Miss Isabelle Coleman, North Carolina

Topic: The STAR AGAIN in the EAST

POSTER and PROGRAM SHEET SUGGESTIONS: At top place large star; let rays fall across the page weaving the five (points) messages of Christmas: Joy—Luke 2:10; Peace—Luke 2:14; Good Will—Luke 2:14; Love—John 3:16; Hope—Matthew 1:21. Below write:

Time..... The Star Again in the East
Beckons Us
Come to B.W.C. Place.....

Devotional { Carol: "O, Little Town of Bethlehem"
The Story: Luke 2:7-20
Carol: "Silent Night, Holy Night"

Star-Messages (Have each Scripture from memory.)—

1. Joy—Luke 2:10; Solo: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
2. Peace—Luke 2:14 (First Part); Solo: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"
3. Good-Will—Luke 2:14 (Last Part); Solo: "Hail, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
4. Love—John 3:16; Solo: "God So Loved the World"
5. Hope—Matthew 1:21; Solo: "Watchman! Tell Us of the Night"

Prayer of love and gratitude for Christ—Memorize: John 14:27

Carol: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

Business—Current Missionary News (See page 35.)

Christmas Telegrams (See bottom of page.)

Carol: "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Star-Thoughts:

1. The Light of the Christmas Star (Pages 19-20)
2. The Christmas Star Again in the East (Pages 20-21)
3. Wise Women Follow the Star (Pages 21-22)
4. The Stars of the Chinese Church (Pages 22-23)
5. Where the Stars Shine Not (Pages 23-24)

Prayer for China and Japan

Hymn: "The Whole Wide World for Jesus"

6. Followers of the Star—Three Stories (Pages 25-27)
7. The Lights of Christmas Street (Pages 27-28)

Carol: "Joy to the World"; From Memory: I Cor. 3:9; John 17:23

Silent Prayer—Prayer that the whole world may soon know the meaning of Christmas

CHRISTMAS TELEGRAMS: ("Western Union boy" carries, delivers five messages to five B.W.C's. These read them, after which each is discussed and passed upon with definite plans of pursuit.)

FIRST MESSAGE—Royal call to all business women to use unreserved influence in getting people to write Christmas C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S instead of Xmas. X is an unknown quantity: Christ is the central figure of a Christian's Christmas.

SECOND MESSAGE—All business women are asked to purchase and use only Christian Christmas cards. They will turn down festive, holly-wreathed cards, tinsel trees and Santa cards and the like, using cards bearing the truly Biblical message of Christmas. All Christians will be proud to herald the birth of Christ in this manner this year.

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PROGRAM PLANS



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



Do you ever read a book backwards—that is, read the last page first to see how it ends and thus know whether you want to read the whole? Suppose you try this with the December program. Read "The Lights of Christmas Street" first and see if plans for the December meeting will not begin to form in your mind (pages 27-28).

Thoughts similar to the following are apt to come. "Christmas Street"—a long, long street that runs around the world and into every country. It begins in the East with a shining star, the rays of which point in every direction. "Christmas Street" is the "King's Highway" and must be made straight for our God (Isa. 40:3-5; 49:11-12). On "Christmas Street" are to be found those of every nation and clime: "Behold, these shall come from far; and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim" (China). Dress and manners and customs may differ, homes may be of skins or wood, stone or brick but "all hearts are just the same" and in the light of the Christmas Star will "rejoice with exceeding great joy".

Now with minds full of these thoughts, we can begin to plan for the meeting. First, we remember that those who come to the meeting will have no such preparation of mind, so we must create an atmosphere that will help them to receive the information we hope to give in the program.

Suppose we plan first for the room in which the meeting is to be held. It should be decorated with greens and the usual touches that fit the Christmas season. A special committee could do this.

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In the center of the decorations a large poster may be placed. Use blue cardboard, in the upper center pasting a silver star. Let lines radiate from this to the bottom of the cardboard. Across these lines print clearly our year's watchword: "That the World May Know".

A very lovely plan would be to duplicate this poster on small cards to give to each member. Boxes of small gummed silver stars may be bought from a 10c store. A big sheet of medium weight blue paper and a little time would complete the individual posters.

If these cards were handed out by girls or women dressed as Japanese and Chinese, the effect would be more impressive. In fact, if those taking part on the program dressed in such costumes, a decidedly different atmosphere would be given to the meeting. A look into some mission magazines will show that Japanese women wear the kimono type of dress with elaborate hair arrangement. Chinese women wear full dark skirts and short, often bright colored, coats; they comb their hair very plain and smooth.

With a mental picture of this background, the program committee will have real inspiration for planning the program. At the first should certainly be "The Light of the Christmas Star" (pages 19-20). A woman in Japanese costume may give this from memory while "Silent Night" is played softly. Next a member in Indian costume should tell briefly "The Lights of Christmas Street" (pages 27-28). Then down the "street" should come a Chinese and Japanese woman. Each should give a few facts about her country (pages 20-25). Three Chinese women may then



PROGRAM for DECEMBER



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. Creasman, Tennessee

Topic: The STAR AGAIN in the EAST

Hymn—Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

Bible Study—"Not As the World Giveth", John 14:27 (See page 16.)

Prayer that we may imitate God rather than the world in our spirit of giving

Hymn—Silent Night

The Light of the Christmas Star

The Christmas Star Again in the East

Hymn—O Little Town of Bethlehem

Wise Women Follow the Star

The Stars of the Chinese Churches

Where the Star Shines Not

Prayer that we may stand by our missionaries in China and Japan with our gifts and our prayers

Hymn—O, Come All Ye Faithful

Followers of the Star

Pink Roses for Stones

Changing Masters

The Ah Pohs' Church

The Lights of Christmas Street

Hymn—Joy to the World

Watchword for the Year—"That the World May Know"

Prayer that the Christmas Star may shine in the East and around the world

The LIGHT of the CHRISTMAS STAR

"It came and stood over the place where the young Child was".

(Let the following be given by memory while "Silent Night" is played softly on the piano.)

"There's a song in the air!

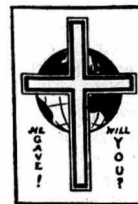
There's a star in the sky!

There's a mother's deep prayer,

And a baby's low cry!

The star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,

For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!"



The Christmas star! We love its shining! We love the story it tells of the birth of the baby King and of Wise Men who followed its light to worship at His manger bed. We love its light which has shone down the centuries into our own hearts, filling them with the radiance of the King of Heaven who was once a baby in Bethlehem. We love the candles, the tinsel and other things that shine each Christmas to take us back across the years to memories of that star which shone over the cradle of the Christ.

The Christmas star shines with the light of joy.—"Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy."

The Christmas star shines with the light of peace.—"Peace on earth, good will to men."

The Christmas star shines with the light of love.—"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son."

The Christmas star shines with the light of hope.—"It is He that shall save His people from their sins."

We, who like the wise men of old have followed the Christmas star to the manger bed of the King of kings, have found there the joy that sets the whole life ringing with Christmas bells. There we have found the peace that passeth all understanding, the love that floods our souls with adoration for God and compassion for all mankind, and the hope of the life more abundant in this world and of life eternal in the world to come.

The Christmas star once shone in the East. Does it shine on eastern lands today? Are there those in the East who seek in vain for the joy, peace, love and hope which are found only in the light of the Christmas star? Long ago wise men followed the star from the East. Shall we not today follow its trail of light from the West to the East as we see how the star of Jesus' love does shine, should shine and may shine through our missionary work in China and Japan?

The CHRISTMAS STAR AGAIN in the EAST

"We have seen His star in the east".

THE Christmas star again shines in the East in the work which southern Baptist missionaries are doing to give Christ to the people of China and Japan. China was the first foreign field to which southern Baptists sent missionaries, and for almost a century the Christmas star has shone brighter in this eastern sky as our missionaries have told the story of the Child of Bethlehem to her spiritually benighted people. A membership of about 32,000 in Baptist churches today proves how effective has been the shining of the star on this land.

The report of the work of our missionaries in China for 1930 brings stories of troublesome times: bandits, fires,

storms, depression and a general spirit of unrest have been some of the difficulties which the missionaries have had to face, but through it all the star of evangelism has continued to shine and thousands have followed its light to find Jesus and to lay the gift of their hearts at His feet. A large revival took place in the Sallee Memorial Church at Shanghai in which there were 160 professions. There were many professions in every one of the north China stations. A missionary in another section writes of one of his evangelistic trips: "I baptized 27 on this trip. We had unusually good meetings in all the churches". Another missionary says: "The past year was the best since our coming to north Manchuria (*Man-chew-ree-ar, with accent on second syllable*) six years ago. Never have there been so many baptisms in one year". Mrs. Adams, of Manchuria, describes a scene which shows that in some places, at least, idolatry is passing away: "Some weeks ago, coming with a Chinese friend out of the city where we had been making evangelistic visits, we were shocked to see in the corner of the city wall a heap of heads, arms, legs and trunks of bodies thrown together. Passing nearer we saw in the dim twilight that they were broken and discarded idols, taken from the temples and thrown there in the corner—a gruesome sight and yet one which filled our hearts with joy". These are just a few of the reports given by missionaries to show how gloriously the star of evangelism has shone on China during the past year.

Japan presents an especially challenging mission field. Her people, intelligent, progressive, always on the alert for the advancement of her interests, have won for her a place of leadership

not only in the East but among all the nations of the world. Very important then is it that Japan shall see the Christmas star and follow its light as she makes a path for progress in the orient. Our twenty missionaries are doing a noble part toward making this star shine on Japan. They reported last year a membership of over 2600 in her 17 S.B.C. churches.

The Baptists of Japan are co-operating in what is called the Kingdom of God Movement. This movement is described as "an intensive, evangelical crusade with its daring vision of a Japanese church that is an active, creative force, able to fix the ideals and set the pace in every phase of the nation's life". The objective set is a mil-

Oh Star of the East, keep on shining today,
That those of the East may still follow thy ray
To find in the manger the Lord of the earth
And know all the joy and the peace of His birth.

WISE WOMEN FOLLOW THE STAR

"Lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them".

TWO long ago wise men followed the star and found the Christ. In Japan today wise women follow His star and find great joy in His service through the work of the W.M.U. The W.M.U. of Japan was organized ten years ago. This decade of work, guided by the light of the star of Christ, has been a shining path, growing brighter and brighter with each succeeding year. The anniversary convention was held at Kagoshima (*Kar-go-shee-mar, with accent on third syllable*). The reports made at this meeting showed eighteen organizations with 242 members. Mrs. Dozier, who has been the leading spirit of the Japanese W.M.U., says of that meeting: "I enjoyed it as I have enjoyed few of our conventions because I had nothing to do but to listen and rejoice. (*She had just returned from her furlough!*) Even the beds on the floor of the hotel were softer than they had seemed in previous years. What an inspiration to see our women going forward in their zeal and gifts for the

lion souls won to Christ in three years. The aim is to evangelize those of every group and every class. Our missionaries, in speaking of the effect of this movement on our Baptist work, say: "Our Baptist churches are putting new life and vigor into their evangelistic program, and everywhere are signs of awakening". There was a total of 146 baptisms in our churches in 1930. In one of our schools 28 were baptized and 56 others are in inquirers' classes, seeking to know the way of Christ.

This brief survey of our missionary work in China and Japan shows that the Christmas star still shines in the East and, led by its light, thousands are finding the manger King and worshipping at His feet.

Master. In spite of the fact that the financial depression was very serious in Japan last year, the gifts of the women were much more than they have ever been. How we praise God for the visions He has given our Japanese Baptist women!"

An important phase of the work of the W.M.U. is the Good Will Center at Tobata (*Tow-bar-tar, with accent on second syllable*). The women also have a scholarship fund which is used to help needy students in both our boys' and girls' schools. The W.M.U. has been in an "every one win one" campaign. The report made at the convention showed that the number won last year was small, but "the realization that laywomen can do this work is a marked evidence of progress among these women, so many of whom are still enslaved by the traditional reticence of Japanese women". Realizing the need for better preparation for this work, the convention adopted as their motto for 1931 II Tim. 2:15 and for their study a translation of Dr. Torrey's "How to Bring Men to Christ".

The Y.W.A. work, too, goes well. The girls are studying the Bible, using pamphlets which give a year's outline of study, including a weekly lesson and daily Bible readings which offer a systematic course in Baptist beliefs. They also have a traveling library which is an effort to replace the trashy magazines so prevalent in the land. Like our American girls, the Japanese girls enjoy coming together in camps. They held their fifth annual camp last summer. The visible results of this meeting were four decisions for Christ and three decisions for service. These reports show that the Baptist women and girls of Japan are truly following the light of the Christmas star and are laying at the feet of the Christmas King the gift of their sacrificial service.

The STARS of the CHINESE CHURCHES

"The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches".

LONG ago have we realized that if any land is evangelized it must be done, not by foreigners, but by the natives. The rising spirit of nationalism in China is finding expression in the desire of the native Christians to administer the affairs of their own churches and institutions. So, as rapidly as possible, our missionaries take places in the background and push to the front the splendid Chinese men and women who are developing qualities of leadership. Our missionaries are glad to decrease that these native workers may increase. When the Apostle John, in his vision on the isle of Patmos, saw seven stars among seven candlesticks, he was told that the candlesticks represented churches and that the stars were the angels of the church. Surely splendid Chinese men and women, who are fast becoming leaders of the work, may be called stars, because they are the ministering angels of the churches. A roll-call of these stars of the Chinese churches would be a long one, for in every department of our work are Chinese leaders who by their faithfulness

and zeal are proving the grace of God in their hearts. As pastors of churches, as principals of schools, as presiding officers of conventions, as doctors, nurses, writers and evangelists, they are shining like stars in this eastern sky. From this long list of leaders we mention only a few.

Rev. Wong (Wang) Koon-hai (High) is a Chinese leader who, with his wife, is giving full time to tent evangelistic work. "He is wonderfully adapted to this kind of campaign, being strong in body and mind and a powerful preacher of long experience".

Pastor Gao (Gaw) of Tsingtau (Ching-daw) divides his time between his work with his church and traveling in the interest of the North China Baptist Convention, of which he is the beloved president. He has recently been chosen traveling secretary for half of his time, the missionaries supplying the pulpit in his absence.

Mr. Dyang (Dee-yang), pastor of the Tsinan (Gee-man) Church, is the youngest and in many respects the most promising pastor in the North China Mission. He is only twenty-eight years old but is a college and seminary graduate and has had six years' preaching experience.

Mr. Princeton Hsu (Shoe), principal of our school for the Cantonese in Shanghai (Shang-high), came to America to finish his education. It is said that he returned from America with his master's degree and with the Master's zeal for winning to Christ those about him. He is a great force for the Kingdom both in his school and in his church.

One of the finest spirits in China is Mr. Lieu (Loo), who does evangelistic work in the country. He feels especially called to this kind of work and, when last year he received the call to a city church with more salary and a better home, he declined saying: "So long as the door of the country is open to me and the way provided for me to go, I will not turn aside to any other work".

Among the leading Baptist women of China is Mrs. Chau (Chow), who works with Mrs. George Leavell in the kindergarten at Wuchow (Woo-chow). Dr. Leavell says of her: "We have few Christians in the mission as consecrated and devoted to the cause of Christ as Mrs. Chau. She is an inspiration to the missionaries and a leading woman in the local church. She knows the joy of soul-winning and works at it".

In the Good Will Center, which is housed in the identical yard and building where Miss Lottie Moon had one of her best schools, two earnest and devoted Chinese women are doing a splendid work among the women and children. One of these, Mrs. Giang (Gee-ang), was just seven years ago a little heathen wife, unable to read or write. When suddenly left a widow she decided to commit suicide, but some Christian friends rescued her. She was placed in school, became a Christian and is now serving the Lord faithfully. Her co-laborer, Miss Fu (Foo), has also had a sad experience, for she was once in great danger from bands of irresponsible hoodlums, but she was kept in safety and is now an especially bright and capable worker in this Good Will Center.

The Chinese are more and more initiating and carrying on work independent of any foreign aid. Twenty of our Baptist churches are self-supporting, and others are working toward that goal. At Shiu (Shoe) Hing there is a Bible school for women and girls, conducted altogether by Chinese Christians. The Stout Memorial Hospital at Wuchow maintained entire self-support in 1930. The Baptists of Leung (Lung) Kwong Association own and operate a well equipped hospital. A Bible woman and evangelist are employed by this hospital, and its influence is far reaching in the life of the denomination in south China. We are told that much of the work in Canton is entirely supported and administered by the faithful Chinese constituency. Miss Clifford Barratt writes that the little church in

Pochow (Burr-joe), with only 32 members, recently voted to employ an evangelist for all of his time at a salary of \$30 a month. "This is a big step for them, and some of the members took it with fear and trembling lest they should fall down on the job and not be able to pay up each month as the salary becomes due. However, they have adopted the principle of tithing and are striving toward the goal they have set".

This development of native leadership and growing independence of the churches is perhaps the most encouraging feature of the work in China. As these stars of the churches shine with increased brightness more of the Chinese people will see the star of Bethlehem and follow its light to find salvation for their souls.

WHERE the STAR SHINES NOT

"Go forth to them that are in darkness".

SO wonderful are the stories of our work in China and Japan, that some may feel that the star of Bethlehem shines with such brightness on these eastern lands that they no longer need the help of the foreign missionary. That such is far from true is proved by the fact that there are millions of people who have never heard of the Christmas star and uncounted dark places where its light has never penetrated. Our missionary force is pathetically small in the face of the great needs of these lands. Tokyo, Japan, is one of the largest cities in the world. Its population is sixteen times that of Atlanta and almost double that of the state of Georgia, and yet in all this great city there are only two S.B.C. missionaries. Mrs. Clarke, our missionary in Tokyo, writes: "We are trying to hold the fort, but we do need more missionaries. In this great city we feel so little and so few against the great forces of evil". Mrs. Dozier in writing of one of the fields of Japan says: "What an opportunity opens to us in this field! It is a great industrial center, filled with villages and cities. The average population of the cities is 70,000. At each of

the seven largest cities we have a young evangelist or pastor at work, but Mr. Dozier is to visit two different places each Sunday and preach in the morning and evening. Just think of a pastor at home with millions on his field!"

As we look at China's untouched millions we are staggered and almost feel that the star of her hope has not yet risen. At least three-fourths of her people still sit in the darkness of sin. "We could send every one of our foreign missionaries to China and spend every cent of our foreign mission money on our work there and yet hardly touch this great missionary opportunity". Mrs. Adams says that the population of Manchuria has increased in the last ten years from three million to thirty million, and yet we have there only five missionaries. Miss Blanche Walker tells of a field of 65,000,000 people with only sixteen Baptist churches. Miss Margie Shumate tells of the hundreds of untouched villages in the ten districts where she is the lone missionary. Mr. Bostick tells us that in China people are passing into eternity at the rate of 1,000 per hour, 1,000,000 per month, 12,000,000 per year, and only one out of each thousand is prepared to meet God.

In the face of all these needs what are southern Baptists doing? Be it said to our shame that we are going backward instead of forward, that our gifts are decreasing instead of increasing, that our forces are being depleted instead of enlarged. Miss Lolita Hannah, after noting that in the past eight years only one new S.B.C. missionary has gone to Japan, quotes a missionary as saying, "We appear to be a vanishing race". How pathetically true that is! Miss Hannah adds: "Not a member of our small group but has his time so divided that it is difficult to keep balanced on the wheel of daily routine, and this is the time when we should be going forward from victory to victory".

In China the same story is told. Miss Addie Cox, after describing a field

of 500,000 people, says: "I am the only missionary left for this vast field. Are you surprised that we are pleading for more laborers?" Because of our depleted forces, missionaries are overworking and are becoming broken in health. One missionary writes: "The physical and mental strain during the past three years has been terrific and has taken its toll of the missionaries' strength".

Our Foreign Board, in its annual report last May called attention to the fact that our gifts to foreign missions had fallen off \$265,000. Then suggestions were made as to how reductions in expenditures might be made to equal that sum: "Suppose we take this out of the schools. It would close every school and we should still have to find some other place for the saving of \$64,000. Suppose we should attempt the saving of this sum by reducing the amounts appropriated to the hospitals, the publishing houses and for rents and repairs on the buildings and other miscellaneous items. This would close every hospital, every rented chapel, every printing press would cease its work, all other miscellaneous items connected with our work would be left unmet, and we would still have to find some other place where we could save \$100,000". This gives us some conception of the seriousness of the effect of our neglect of our work not only in China and Japan but in all foreign mission lands.

Amid the darkness of this situation the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering shines like a star of hope. Without its help the light of the Christmas star would grow much fainter on southern Baptist mission fields, and if this happened surely we could not claim the full joy of its light in our own hearts. There is a little book called "The Lost Star". It tells of another company of wise men who started on the journey from the East but lost the way through selfishness, pride, injustice and impurity. Can it be that southern Bap-

tists have in their selfishness and greed lost the star? Is that the reason why its light fails to shine on so many dark places? Let us, with a sacrificial gift

for foreign missions at this Christmas time, find the lost star and make its light shine not only in the East but around the world.

FOLLOWERS of the STAR

"And when they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."

Leader—Christmas is the time for the telling of tales. Let us imagine that we are sitting around a big open fire telling Christmas stories. The tales we tell are not legends of things that might have happened long ago, but they are true stories of things happening today as they come to us from our missionaries in China and Japan.

These are stories of some who His star now behold,
As it shines in the far East today,
And follow its light like the wise men of old
To find where the Christmas Child lay.
As these stories we hear may we too see the light,
As it gleams in these countries afar,
And follow its rays as our service we plight
To the Christ of the glad Christmas star.

(Let those telling the stories sit in a semi-circle in front of the others. It will give the Christmas atmosphere to this part of the program if the room is darkened and an imitation log-fire is built, around which the story tellers sit. If the meeting is held in a room where there is a real open fire, all the better.)

PINK ROSES for STONES

How little children of Japan,

Once rough and rude and wild,
Have learned to trail the Christmas star
And love the Christmas Child!

BETWEEN our own southern Baptist compounds in Fukuoka (*Foo-koo-oh-kar, with accent on third syllable*), Japan, and only about three blocks from each, lies a little village where live a few fishermen and social outcasts. Some years ago one of our missionaries, going from one compound to the other, passed through this village every day. She noticed the poor, unkept children playing in the street and longed to do something for them. But the smiles she gave as she passed by were answered with scowls, and she began to notice sly stones flying in her direction. One day the children threw stones at her openly while the grown people stood by and laughed at her discomfort. More than ever she longed to reach these people with the Gospel and wondered how she might change their unfriendly attitude. When she came to her own

compound her eyes fell on a large bush of pink roses growing in the yard. These suggested an idea to her troubled mind. "I will return pink roses for stones", she exclaimed. So the next morning, when she started out, she filled her arms full of the lovely blossoms. To the first child she saw as she drew near the village she said, "May I give you a flower?" The child eagerly accepted the gift and ran to show it to the others. Soon the news of the flower gift spread and all the children of the village came asking for roses, each one saying, "Me too! Me too!" After that there was no more stone-throwing in that village, but instead the children watched eagerly for the coming of the "Rose Lady" and ran to her side in a friendly fashion to claim her flowers and her smiles.

Mrs. G. W. Bouldin, who tells this story, says that those pink roses opened the way for Baptist work in that little village; there is now there not only a Sunday school conducted by seminary students and a girls' club conducted by a group of Y.W.A. girls but also a

kindergarten where little children who once threw stones are being taught to follow the star of Jesus' love. This kindergarten opened last April with forty-five children where only twenty or thirty were expected. It meets in a public hall, granted for the use of the Baptists by the head of the village. One trained teacher gives all her time to this work for a salary of \$15 a month. She is assisted by volunteers from the W.M.S. and Y.W.A. of the Fukuoka Baptist Church. This is one of seven kindergartens conducted by our missionaries in Japan. Japan has been called the Children's Paradise because children there are generally so happy. Surely our kindergartens will help to make this truly a paradise for children by teaching them to follow the star of Him who Himself came into the world as a little child.

CHANGING MASTERS

How following the Christmas star
Made hate and anger cease
And filled a heart with love and joy
And everlasting peace!

"OH the anger! the anger! the awful anger that fills my heart!" This was the constant cry of a Chinese mother in Dairen (*Die-wen*), Manchuria. Her husband had attended the Baptist church and had become a believer. The missionary had made regular visits to the home, reading the Bible to the mother, hoping to win her also as a follower of Jesus. At first she had been much interested, had listened well when the Scriptures were read and had tried to learn to read the Bible for herself. Suddenly her interest had ceased. She and her husband had had a quarrel. It had lasted for many months. So serious had been the quarrel that she had wanted to leave him. And now this anger ruled her heart like a tyrannical master. "Oh the anger! the anger! the awful anger!" she cried. She no longer tried to read the Bible, but the missionary noticed that when she listened to Bible stories, either read or told, a

beautiful light suffused her face and drove away for a moment the angry scowl.

One day, after Mrs. Adams had prayed with her, she said: "You need to change masters. When your heart is full of anger the devil is your master. When you listen to the Bible teaching I can tell from your face that your heart is filled with peace. If you will accept Jesus He will become your master and will take away the anger from you for all times". The poor, anger-possessed woman pondered these words in her heart, and after awhile whispered, "I will take Jesus as my master".

That was the beginning of a new life for this woman. Somehow she and her husband got their difficulties righted. She again delighted in Bible study and renewed her efforts to learn to read. Though the mother of six little ones, she attended every service when, a year afterward, a tent-meeting was held near her home. Mrs. Adams went to see if she was ready for baptism and found her eager for it. "Why do you want to be baptized?" asked Mrs. Adams. "I think I can learn faster after baptism", was her reply. As if to prove she was ready for baptism, she said, "The anger is all gone". Then, remembering how terrible it had been, she cried, "Oh the anger! the awful anger!" She has been baptized and is now faithfully following the light of the Christmas star, telling others that Jesus can free them from the mastery of sin.

THE AH POHS' CHURCH

How old grandmothers see the star
And follow in its way,
To lay their gifts of love and life
At Jesus' feet today!

IN San (*Sarn*) Hing, a city of about 30,000 people in the Shiu (*Shoe*) Hing field, is a church which Miss Margie Shumate calls the "Ah Poh Kaau Wui" (*Ar Poh Car-oo Woo*) or the "Church of Grandmothers", for Ah Poh means grandmothers. In this city the men are bitterly opposed to Christianity

and forbid their wives coming to the church, so not many of the younger women have been reached. But the dear old Ah Pohs, not being so much encumbered by husbands, have come to the services, have heard the Gospel message and have become followers of the Christmas star. Miss Shumate tells the story of one of these grandmothers as follows:

Kong Tsai (*Tee-sigh*) Ah Poh is seventy-five, a dear little grandmother, stooped till she is almost double. One day her daughter-in-law, who had been to market at Tin Tong, came home and told a strange story that she had heard some women tell at the Jesus Hall, which she had entered that day for the first time. The story was about a God they called Jesus, who could forgive sins and take people to Heaven. She repeated what she could remember of the story she had heard and then to all intents forgot all about it. But old Ah Poh's heart was stirred. She could not sleep that night for thinking of it and, as she tossed on her hard bed, she determined to go the very next market day and hear for herself, and go she did. She arrived just as the service was beginning, followed by a number of relatives and neighbors whom she had brought along together with several of her grandchildren, some of the latter being babies carried on the backs of the older children. They filled the two front seats and, as they settled themselves Ah Poh looked up from under the black velvet bonnet which she was wearing and, with a beaming face, announced, "I have come to hear". She was rather deaf but, sitting on the front seat as she was and giving close atten-

tion, she understood everything that was said, and her heart overflowed with delight. She came every time there was a service after that, was soon converted and has been a joyous Christian ever since.

After reading the story of this faithful Ah Poh we can understand why it is that Miss Shumate says: "I love those old Ah Pohs in the San Hing field and wish that every one of them might have an opportunity of hearing the message of salvation before it is too late. My heart always aches when I have been preaching the Gospel to a group of women and at the end of the service some old woman comes up to me and, looking at me out of her faded old eyes says, 'Won't you tell me what you have been saying? I could not understand what you said'. Some of the younger ones laugh and tell me that she is deaf. I turn to her and shout the message simply and briefly into her ears, and in some cases she understands, says that she will ask Jesus to forgive her sins and save her and promises not to worship idols any more. But in many cases, shout as we will and do all in our power to give such the message, it is in vain, for they are so deaf that they cannot understand, and I turn away, realizing that we have come too late".

Old men and old women, who have never in all their seventy or eighty years, heard of the star of Bethlehem, are being carried every day to Christless graves. May we hasten to send the message of the Christmas star to them while they have "ears to hear" that they, like the Ah Pohs of San Hing Church, may follow in its light to everlasting glory.

THE LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS STREET

Along the way of Christmas street
Are lights that gleam afar;
And East and West together meet
Beneath the Christmas star.

IT was Christmas Eve in the little Ponca Indian Baptist Mission down on the reservation near Ponca City, Oklahoma. The small church was

crowded. The pulpit had been converted into an impromptu stage. The curtains, which stretched across the entire front of stage and dressing-rooms,

were colorful Ponca blankets. In front of the curtains was a long, narrow table, with tiny cedars up and down the length of it. This was Christmas Street. The blankets parted, disclosing a still picture of Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus with the star shining overhead. To one side was a group of angels, one of them holding the globe while all sang: "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing". A little Indian boy entered, carrying a tiny wigwam which he set on Christmas Street. The angel pointed to America on the globe and said, "Joy to the world, the Lord has come to America", and the Indian boy told the story of how the Christ child had come to the Red Race. After him there came a Japanese boy, a Hindu girl, a Chinese girl and so on until all the races of the globe had been represented, each setting his house down on Christmas Street and telling the story of how Christ had come to his people. When the last had finished the audience rose and sang: "Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come". The pastor then placed a tiny basket on Christmas Street and the Indians brought their gifts to missions

and placed them there that the story of His love might go into all the world, for it is the custom of this little mission that none may receive their gifts until there is first a Christmas gift for Christ.

This beautiful story comes to us from Miss Gladys Sharp, one of our missionaries among the Indians. Very suggestive is the thought of Christmas Street, where the people of the whole world are neighbors! The Christmas star was first seen in the East but, thank God, today it may be seen in the West and all around the world wherever the story of the Christmas Child is known. This star is the light of Christmas Street and under its rays all may meet and neighbor together as they share with each other the joy, peace, love and hope of its shining.

How beautiful it is that the Indians on the Western Reservation give gifts at Christmas time, that the star may again shine on distant Eastern lands. Miss Sharp tells us that the Christmas gift of the little Ponca Church last year was \$11.52. This unusually large of—
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QUESTIONS for STUDY and DISCUSSION

1. Mention some encouraging features of our work in China today.
2. Tell something of our work in Japan.
3. What is the Kingdom of God Movement?
4. Tell something of the decade of W.M.U. work in Japan.
5. What do you know of Y.W.A. work in Japan?
6. Why is it important that native leaders be developed in all foreign lands?
7. Tell about some native leaders in China.
8. How many of our Chinese churches are self-supporting?
9. Tell of some conditions that prove that we still need foreign missionaries in China and Japan.
10. Show how the reduction of our missionary gifts is affecting the missionary work in these two lands.
11. How will the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering help our work in these lands?
12. Which in your opinion is the more important mission field: China or Japan?

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Miss Juliette Muther. W.M.U. Young People's Secretary

CHRISTMAS in the HEART



What does Christmas really mean to your young people? Just a time of gay getting of gifts, glad festivity or really a heart anniversary of the birth of Christ, the King? December plans of Woman's Missionary Union should help you lead them to a real Christmas if you set your heart to that goal. The Week of Prayer coming early in the month sends its glow of giving across the days of December. Surely you will not fail as W.M.U. young people's director or as counselor to share in this Week of Prayer. Every year more auxiliaries realize that this special season is rich in blessing to them as well as to the cause of foreign missions as they join in praying and giving: let your auxiliary participate also. Linking all organizations in the unity of the "Day of Prayer around the Globe" (Friday, December 4) will bring a new consciousness of world-love to all of us; and letting each group take part in the playlet planned for that Friday night will bring church and community also to understand anew that the tidings of great joy is to be for all people. Never was the call of need greater from those who carry Christmas to those who else would not know of Christ. We must not fail them or Him.

Not only will the season of prayer lead the way to a real Christmas keeping but the December programs following the star as it shines in the orient will also bring young people to their own place "under the stars, this holy night". Someone objects that December is too crowded for regular programs and prayer service?

"When Christmas is a jumble—

A scramble—a tumble—

A hurry-worry-scurry time that wears a body out—

The Christmas spirit heaves a sigh

And bids us all a sad good-bye

And shrinks away in pain and tears, beyond a single doubt!

"But when the month's a peace time,

A happy, calm, release time,

A dear and quiet home time with every one about—

The Christmas Spirit blesses us

And smilingly caresses us

And settles down to stay with us, beyond a single doubt!"

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"Give gifts that cultivate a real Christmas spirit
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COLLEGE Y.W.A.

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"HOME AGAIN"



They will be coming home for vacation, those eager college young people, those earnest nurses in training: will you let it be just a series of vacant days, idly passed by or will you catch them up gladly into the heart-life of the home church again? They must have much to share: speakers have come to visit them at their institutions, missionaries have passed by and left the imprint of their lives. Margaret Fund students have roomed in their dormitories. Do not fail to give them, returning for this holiday season, a royal welcome to service as well as a gracious welcome home. At some church service perhaps the pastor will wish them to participate but in the smaller fellowship of missionary education organizations there can be a blessed renewal of contacts. The Y.W.A.'s will be eager for suggestions from the members who have been meeting young women from many organizations, there will be new songs to teach each other, new methods to point out, new experiences to share. Ask the college folk to bring a story to Sunbeam Band, to tell the G.A.'s about some foreign student, some missionary or denominational leader; ask the young men especially to meet with the R.A.'s and tell them interesting facts and incidents. Use these college young people. They have a peculiar feeling, finding their customary places of necessity filled by others: do not let them feel completely detached and estranged; they are a part of the home church, keep it homey to them.

Few things are more creative of the true Christmas spirit than carols. Encourage the young people to take flashlights, dress warmly and go about the town or village, quietly surprising the homes with Christmas songs. Select the favorites and practice them before setting out upon the way so that the singing may be well done. Let the Y.W.A. arrange for some cocoa and wafers or some marshmallows and popcorn at the last stopping-place. Thoughtfully serenade those who are old and ill and who cannot get out to the church services.

Using the young people through these days will send them out again into the new year with the assurance that their own home church still cares, still follows them with expectant interest and prayer. Their hearts will thus be made stronger in loyalty to the denomination which continues to care.—*Juliette Mather*

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE (Concluded from Page 29)

Counselors and directors can do much to give to young people today the real Christmas attitude that belongs to December and December 25: will you keep a truly "merry Christmas" in your own heart and guide others to it? We wish you in very truth "Merry Christmas".—*Juliette Mather*

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And this I pray . . . that ye may approve things that are excellent.—*Phil. 1:9, 10*



Pride in "her children" treads the tone of every real mother. Surely no one would deny the right of such pride of a mother who cannot escape from the demands and interest and love of her charges.

Woman's Missionary Union has pride in and is blessed with the attachment of her Margaret Fund students and, as "mothers", realizes at this season of the year the longings and heart-throbs of those who are absent from their real mothers and fathers. So, as we proudly study this long list of "our children", we shall at once remember to pray for each one, that they be kept from harm during the Christmas season. We shall also hasten to cheer and bless with letters of love and tokens of interest those whom our state is especially mothering this year. Each state W.M.U. has its list.

We are sure no student will lack for some Christmas cheer, because remembrances of love and tokens of good-will from societies will bless and cheer them as their real mothers would like to do at this season. Would it not be interesting to know how they spent their Christmas vacation? Perhaps many students will write us of their Christmas experiences.

From Africa

Scott Patterson, Ga. School of Technology

From Argentina

Arthur Elder, Eltham College, England
John Quarles, Ga. School of Technology
Maurice Sowell, University of Richmond

From Brazil

Herbert Baker, Mars Hill College

Samuel Bagby, University of Richmond
William Bagby, San Marcos Academy
Alonzo Christie, Jr., Baylor University
Russell Deter, University of Arizona
Estella Ginsburg, Columbia Medical College

Beth Ingram, Baylor College
Stephen P. Jackson, University of Tenn.
Ethlene Johnson, Baylor College
H. Thomas Langston, Louisville Medical University

Otis Maddox, S. B. Theological Seminary

Paul Maddox, S. B. Theological Seminary

Marian Morgan, Southwestern Training School

Ernest Muirhead, Baylor University

Sam Muirhead, Baylor University

Roberta Pettigrew, Baylor College

Wm. Robert Pettigrew, Bluefield College

Woodrow W. Pettigrew, Bluefield College

Mary Shepard, Shorter College

Celso Stapp, Baylor University

Robert Stapp, Baylor University

Brunson Terry, University of Richmond

From Chile

Lois Hart, High School, Decatur, Ga.

Laura Hart, Averett College

From China

Florence Anderson, Limestone College

Harris Anderson, Emory Medical School

Ruth Anderson, Limestone College

Addie B. Beddoe, Baylor College

Mary Frances Beddoe, Baylor College

Eloise Glass, Southwestern Training School

Lois Glass, Southwestern Training School

Alexander Herring, Baptist Bible Institute

Deaver M. Lawton, Baptist Bible Institute

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TRAINING SCHOOL

Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, Principal

MISS BROADUS at the TRAINING SCHOOL



Can a woman keep a secret? The Woman's Missionary Union can! For, ever since last spring, secret plans have been made and secretly carried out to celebrate at the Training School on October 1st the eightieth birthday of its oldest Board member, now an honorary member of the Board, Miss Eliza S. Broadus. The Executive Committee in Birmingham started it, the General Board of the Training School took a hand, so did Kentucky women, who had worked with Miss Broadus, and Training School alumnae far and wide. As the time drew near everyone was smiling affectionately at Miss Broadus, but she had no suspicions. Miss Littlejohn, inviting her to luncheon, used a clever pretext: "Would it suit you", she asked, "to come down to lunch with us on Thursday, October 1st, and show the girls the book you mentioned the other day?" The book was a recent translation into Spanish of Dr. Broadus' Commentary on Matthew, translated by Miss Sarah Hale, a missionary in Mexico, and published at her own expense. The invitation was accepted and Miss Broadus, looking quite fresh and beaming, greeted the other guests with much pleasure. At the table were Mrs. Pryor, Miss Fannie Moses, Miss Josephine Jones, Mrs. A. T. Robertson, Miss Bright, Mrs. Whayne, Mrs. Short, Miss Littlejohn and the guest of honor. The table was lovely, with a big bowl (a swan bowl) of roses, and the meal one of Miss Warren's best.

Miss Littlejohn introduced Miss Broadus most graciously and asked her to tell about the book. This she did, telling of Miss Hale's valuable work and also describing how her father worked at the Commentary for twenty years, getting writer's cramp early in the task and calling on his daughters (usually this eldest daughter) to act as amanuensis, for that was before the days of type-writers and stenographers a-plenty. Towards the end even the younger children were invited to write a page or two at his dictation, that they might have a share in this book which had become a part of the family life.

Then Mrs. Whayne arose and began to make a speech about Miss Broadus herself and reinforced it with some verses kindly sent by Miss Lackey of Mississippi. Here Miss Broadus' imperfect hearing came to the relief of her modesty, for she didn't quite hear all the compliments and was not discomposed. Mrs. Whayne had mentioned gold but the acousticon hadn't caught the word, so when a tall loving cup was handed across the table, and the dear lady rose to receive it, she exclaimed in artless astonishment, "Why, there's something in it!" At last the long-kept secret was out! There was indeed "something in it", for when she reached home and excitedly poured it out, the golden sum was over two hundred dollars.

When "thank you" had been said, the girls all over the room sang a sweet greeting written for the occasion and set to the ever-appealing "Juanita". Then before "good bye" was allowed, Miss Warren interposed with her camera, taking half a dozen pictures to make a vivid record of this unusual occasion.

"Them that honor Me I will honor" said the Lord to Eli. On this principle the eightieth birthday of a pioneer worker was made happy with loving appreciation.—E. B. R.

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STEWARDSHIP SUGGESTIONS (Concluded from Page 4)

the crushing weight upon our foreign missionaries. Only the power of God sustains them while we allow the lesser things to thunder along the main line. As we consider these needs in the coming days, let us be faithful, not wasteful or indifferent with God's gifts of possessions: let us know a stewardship of offerings.

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES (Concluded from Page 17)

THIRD MESSAGE—(Note: Write this message to tell of the definite personal service the B.W.C.'s will do for December. If it is to take a Christmas tree and provisions to a poor family, word the wire to tell the place, time and purpose.)

FOURTH MESSAGE—All business women claiming membership in the B.W.C. are urged to make 1932 a 100 per cent subscription year to our magazine—ROYAL SERVICE. December is the month in which to check renewals and secure new subscriptions.

FIFTH MESSAGE—Business women are earnestly urged to rally to the call of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The needs are acute and the funds are very low. Two questions: How much are you putting into gifts for friends and family? How much are you putting into this birthday gift to Christ?

Dr. John MacNeill, president of the Baptist World Alliance, is on an extended tour in the interest of the missionary work of the alliance. His tour includes Japan, China, India and the Holy Land.

A recent exploration trip of missionaries from Korea into the extreme north of Manchuria, that country which is now the cause of hostility between China and Japan, discovered 1000 professing Christians and several churches.

PROGRAM PLANS (Concluded from Page 18)

tell very briefly the three stories: Pink Roses for Stones, Changing Masters, The Ah Pobs' Church (pages 25-27).

If an offering is to be taken at the meeting, the following plan may be used. Let a Chinese and Japanese woman stand together beneath the big poster, holding between them a basket or tray

to receive the gifts. The Indian woman may ask: "Who will walk with me the Christmas Street that the world may know?" She should then go forward and place her offering in the basket, others following. During this offering all may sing: "O, Come All Ye Faithful" or "Joy to the World".

BIBLE STUDY (Concluded from Page 16)

honorable and a permanent peace; a peace in harmony with the principles of righteousness and liberty; a peace se-

cured on such terms as will make war impossible and guarantee to all mankind civil and religious liberty.

PROGRAM for DECEMBER (Concluded from Page 28)

ffering was made possible by the gift of a five dollar bill from the faithful tither, Maggie Ladue, who is president of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Ponca Church. She gave the most expensive and most precious of all her gifts to Jesus on His birthday. If all the Christian women of our western land would do as did Maggie Ladue and

give Jesus their best gifts this Christmas they would set such lights burning on Christmas Street that the whole world would glow with their radiance. Women, let's do it! Let's give Jesus our best Christmas gift that His star may again shine in the East and in the West and in our own hearts!

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CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

Mr. Earl John Baker, American adviser to the ministry of railroads and at the time this is written working with the flood commission in China, calls this probably China's most terrible disaster in the present century. The overflow of the Yangtse River is the primary cause of the trouble. It is estimated that there are three million people destitute in the flooded districts and that at present there is scarcely any evidence in the way of grass or fields for planting that there may be a continuation of animal life after the water goes down in December. If there was ever a time when we needed to uphold the hands of our missionaries in China by our gifts and prayers it is now.

The Foreign Mission Board has appointed Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Gillespie of North Carolina as successors to Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Sallee in our Interior China Mission. They will take up the work laid down by the Sallees when Dr. Sallee came to this country as home secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. Their outgoing passage and their salaries for one year were made possible by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of last December. This was also true of Miss Eva Sanders who has been sent to Abeokuta in Nigeria to take up the work of the lamented Miss Olive Edens.

If we may believe Dr. Nitobe, a former Japanese under-secretary general of the League of Nations, Christianity is the chief influence in the making of a new spirit in Japan. "Silently", he says, "it is finding its way into the stream of Japanese culture. Whether we openly confess Christianity or object to it, still the New Testament is making its way into the innermost corners of our life, if not as religion then as a moral power". For that reason it is imperative that Japan have mission-

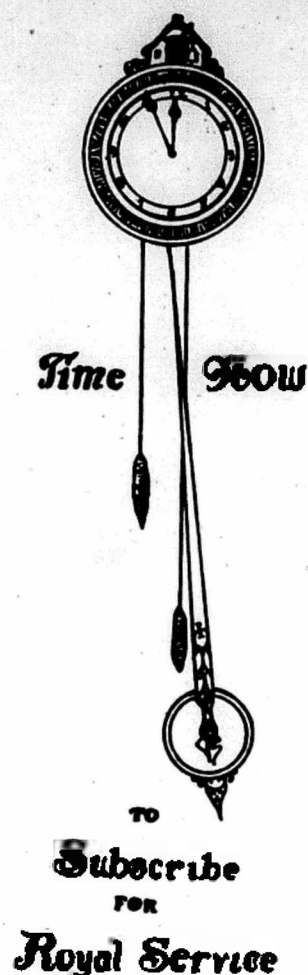
aries of the Cross and it wants them—men and women of broad culture and international sympathies.

The Roman Catholic Church in Japan and elsewhere on the missionary field is showing signs of new vigor and aggressiveness. It is taking over the initiative and assuming a leadership which formerly belonged to protestant forces. we are told.

In the 1931 "Who's Who in China" there are the names of over 900 men: 10 per cent of these men are Christians. We are reminded that only about one in 800 of the general population of China is a Christian and that it certainly speaks well for Christianity and its value that one in ten of the men who are of sufficient importance to get into "Who's Who" is a Christian. There are only nineteen women in the book and fourteen of them are Christian leaders.

For the first time in China's history a Chinese court has upheld the right of a girl to marry the man she loves and not be forced to marry the man her parents may choose.

Serving his country in many ways Kagawa, the great Japanese Christian, is nevertheless devoting the major part of his strength to evangelism. More than 50,000 cards have been signed in his meetings in three years. He insists upon sincerity in the "Kingdom of God Movement" in which missionaries of all denominations are cooperating. "We want real Christians, quality rather than quantity", says he. "Japanese Christians believe they must live a life that is different from the non-Christian". The great name of Kagawa came to notice through his life of love and sacrifice in the slums of the great cities of Japan.



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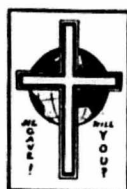
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