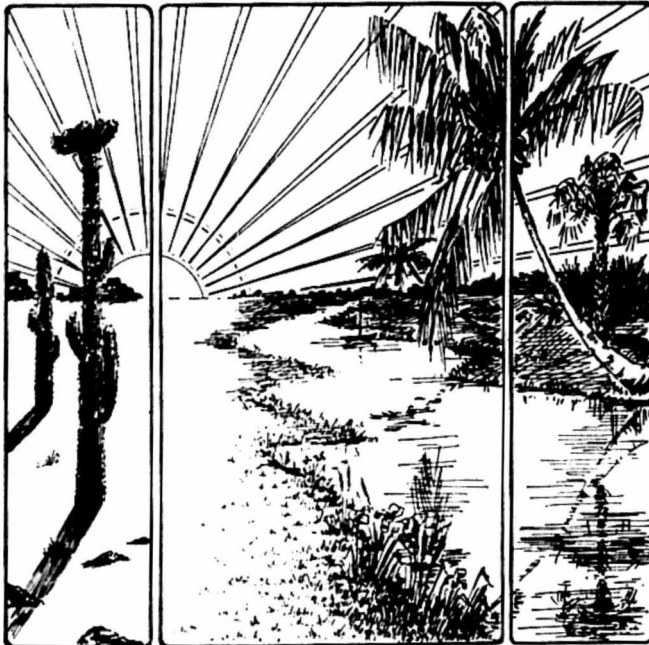


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## EDITORIAL

### PRELIMINARY PLANS in ST. PETERSBURG

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



The annual meeting of the Florida W.M.U. in Orlando offered to its visitors a foretaste of the pleasures in store for southern Baptists in May. Florida's tropical beauties, its thousands of blue lakes, its natural scenic attractions are excelled only by the innumerable beautiful expressions of its hospitable people. After the Orlando meeting, we drove to St. Petersburg—the mecca for southern Baptists in May. Florida's roads are perfect for motoring. Entrance into the state, either through Georgia or Alabama, offer fine, hard-surface roads. There is no better way to see Florida than by automobile. Those familiar with the lovely city of St. Petersburg need no urge to return. And those who have never seen it cannot well afford to miss its attractions.

For the meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention, it offers a splendid auditorium, and its hotel accommodations are perhaps unexcelled by any southern city. The Princess Martha, a modern hotel of 250 rooms, adjacent to the churches, parks and auditorium, has been selected as the hotel for the W.M.U. committee meetings; there the Union's officers will have their rooms. On the same street, only two short blocks away, is the Congregational Church where the sessions of the W.M.U. will be held. This church has a splendid auditorium, seating 2000 people. Unfortunately, the seating capacity of the handsome First Baptist Church, next door to the Princess Martha, is too small to accommodate our annual meeting attendance. Its pastor, Dr. David M. Gardner, the general chairman of the committee on local arrangements, was untiring in his efforts to assist in the selection of hotel headquarters and meeting places for the W.M.U. (See page 36.)

Just across the street from the Princess Martha, is the beautiful Williams Park, famed as the scene of many elaborate civic pageants. The seating arrangements, the stage effects, the amplifiers in the trees form an unique setting for an out-door pageant. The municipal pier building, erected three-quarters of a mile out in the water, also has an auditorium seating about 4200 and was offered as an attractive setting for one special evening session. Indeed, Florida's tropical scenery and unusual attractions bid fair to make this meeting a distinct and memorable one.

Delightful social contacts with the leaders in the work, as well as with the large city-wide gathering at the Suwanee Hotel, assured one of the royal welcome awaiting southern Baptist women and young people. Enthusiastic planning and fine preparation are already evident. So, plan to meet southern Baptists in St. Petersburg in May, during the week beginning May 8.

## Home Missions Week of Prayer and Thank-Offering

March 7-11, Inclusive

FOR the past thirty-six years Woman's Missionary Union, S.B.C., has observed a season of prayer with a thank-offering for home missions. For the twenty-five years, that the record of this home missions thank-offering has been kept separately, the total exceeds \$925,000. It is thus safe to estimate that nearly if not quite a million dollars have thus been offered "over and above" during the thirty-six years. The goal for the offering for this March is \$90,000 as is set forth in the following list of causes to be helped by the offering. The dates for the season of prayer are March 7-11 inclusive. Every W.M.U. organization, whether for women or young people, is urged to begin at once to get ready for its observance. The theme for the week is: "The Healing of the Land" as suggested in Ezekiel 47:9—"Everything shall live whither the river cometh". These ideas are graphically portrayed by the illustration on the magazine's front cover page, this illustration being the generous gift of Miss Emma M. Whitfield of Richmond, Va., who also designed the drawing on the week's envelopes. Ask your pastor to preach about home missions at least once in February and not to plan for a revival service or any other special church activities during the week of March 7-11. Please try to have those five days dedicated to prayer and thank-offering for home missions, ushered in preferably on the morning of March 6 by a sermon on home missions.

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M. A. Gonzalez—Salary.....	960

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J. M. Fleytes—Salary.....	720
Placetas Mission—Rent.....	360
A. Corujedo—Salary.....	960
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E. Vasquez—Salary and Rent.....	960
Filomeno Hernandez—Rent.....	300
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### 25 Years Ago in This Magazine

(The following poem by J. R. Gilmore is said to have been almost the last words of Mathew T. Yates, missionary in Shanghai, China, 1846-88.)

**S**O much to do; so little done!  
Ah! yesternight I saw the sun  
Sink beamless down the vaulted gray—  
The ghastly ghost of Yesterday.

So little done; so much to do!  
Each morning breaks on conflicts new;  
But eager, brave, I join the fray  
And fight the battle of Today.

So much to do; so little done!  
But when 'tis o'er—the victory won—  
Oh! then my soul, this strife and sorrow  
Will end in that great, glad Tomorrow.



## "PEACE on EARTH"



### PREPARE for PEACE



When Mr. Kellogg signed the Peace Pact he used a pen presented him by the citizens of Havre on which were inscribed these words: "If you want peace, prepare for peace". Preparation for peace has not heretofore entered into man's thinking but preparation for war has become a fixed habit. War is an outcome of tradition and ignorance and its bold on man has continued down the ages since the dawn of creation.

There is no reason for war today. It has always been a monstrous evil but, in the inter-dependent world of today, war has become intolerable. Today if "one suffers, all suffer; if one flourishes, all flourish", for no people can live unto themselves. The war habit must be overcome if civilization is to survive.

War contradicts every assertion of Christianity. God's thoughts from the beginning were that His followers were to be an ever increasing blessing to all people throughout the ages. This was the condition of His covenant of promise with Abraham and the succeeding generations. Again, when Christ the Savior was born, the one message from the heavenly host to the world was: "On earth peace, goodwill toward men".

In the early days after Christ His followers preached and practiced the beautiful precepts of the Prince of Peace for more than two centuries. They refused to engage in wars of any type, declare the religious writers of this time. Mrs. Montgomery in her book, *From Jerusalem to Jerusalem*, quotes Irenaeus (A.D. 120-200) as writing of the Christians of his time: "They have changed

their swords and their lances into instruments of peace and they know not how to fight".

It was not until the followers of the lowly Nazarene started the compromise with worldly ambition and powers that they dragged the Gospel of love and blessings into the frightful quagmire of war and hate. Today the world is looking to Christianity to take a stand again for peace and to help make another World War forever impossible. Lloyd George is quoted as saying: "The churches were to blame for the last war. If they had cried stop, this awful murder could not have gone on". This ghastly war was such a complete disillusionment for the non-Christian people that truly the followers of Christ today are traitors to Him who gave His life to establish the principles of peace if they fail now to do all in their power to establish international justice and goodwill.

Never until now have the governments of the world officially condemned war. Never before has war been outlawed: now every Christian is called upon to help make effective the peace machinery the governments have set up. Every Christian is called upon to help create public opinion in favor of condemning recourse to war for the solutions of international controversies.

There is no place for war in the world today but if we want peace we must prepare for peace. In the effort to establish world-wide goodwill and friendliness, we are laboring together with the God of Peace and with the Prince of Peace into whose hands all power in Heaven and on earth has been given. How can we fail?

—Mrs. E. M. Bailey, Ga.

Circles and societies are urged to have mission study classes in February, using home mission books preparatory for March 7-11.



## FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



### INDIAN EMBROIDERY CLUB



In the morning sow thy seed and in the evening withhold not thy hand—*Eccles. 11:6*. We are still in the morning of missions, very early in the morning, in fact, among our Pueblo Indians. A few years from now the seed we are sowing in our little Sunday school at Isleta, the sewing meeting and singings at Zia, in the embroidery club at Chicale and in the services in the homes will begin to grow and then we will have an ingathering.

We have not been having sewing meetings and embroidery clubs very long among our Indians out here. They are the old standby on other Indian mission fields and I believe in time will be a great benefit to our work here. It is about the embroidery club that I want to tell you.

We are still very few in number, but we meet each Friday afternoon in the little adobe home of Anita Padia. She lives on the highway three miles south of Isleta on the edge of the part of the settlement called Chicale. The children and young people of that community attended our services regularly as long as we were meeting at the Chicale school house, but since moving our services into town, Isleta, they have not been with us much.

Our materials are furnished us by the girls of Virginia. They have sent lots of lovely things to embroider as well as scraps for making quilts. We piece quilts at Zia.

The first day our "club" met we sat about on the floor while we worked. We had just gotten well started when Anita suggested that we sing about the Shepherd. We propped our books at a convenient angle and sang "Hark, 'tis the Shepherd's Voice I Hear". Then little six-year-old Jessie wanted to sing "Happy days". And so the afternoon passed.

The following week I took the folding organ and played while the others worked. When our voices became tired I asked some Bible questions such as "Who had a coat of many colors?" and "Who came to Jesus by night?" Anita did most of the answering. Some she knew and others she did not. When she did not know the answer, I told them all the story. They did not know the story of Nicodemus, so I told them that story and then taught them the song, "Ye Must Be Born Again".

Some day we hope that there will not be so many saints and crucifixes decorating the walls of Anita's home and that she and her mother and father will understand that they must be born again. Then they will welcome Jesus into their hearts as they now welcome the missionaries into their homes.—*Eathy Burnett, Albuquerque, N. M.*

### DELIA and MIKE

DELIA'S wistful gray eyes were pleading with Mike's large determined black eyes, as she repeatedly urged, "Do come over just one time and see for yourself—you would really love the North Boulevard Baptist Church and its friendly people just as much as I do if you will only make up your mind to come with me". That was three years ago just after Delia had given her heart to the Lord and accepted baptism. She craved to serve her new found Saviour and lead her family and friends to His tender loving side. Delia's three brothers soon fell in line with her example because she was the oldest and they enjoyed following where she led. After a year they too accepted Christ and found joy in their new Friend.

Delia's mother, a widow, who worked each day in a large factory, noticed a difference in each of the four children; they were enthused over the activities in their B.Y.P.U., loved to sing the songs, which they had learned in Sunday school and church, and enjoyed

reading their Bibles and other good books from the S. S. library. She too craved to go and enjoy the music and the sermons; so she began slipping into the church and after several months surrendered her life into the keeping of Jesus.

Delia's heart rejoiced in the happy union of her entire family but never wavered in her determination of winning Mike over also, for how could they build a home together on that solid rock foundation if Mike did not love and serve the Lord as she did? Mike, after much persuasion, came with Delia to a revival. The church was filled, much to his great surprise, and the choir of young people certainly did entrance him, so full of life and vitality. He promised to come every night during the revival. When it closed he felt he had a real friend in the pastor and each of the workers of the church.

For ten months he was faithful to the Thursday prayer-meeting service; and then when another revival was announced Mike became more serious and each night took his customary place. At the last Sunday morning service he came forward, his manly face wreathed in smiles and accepted Christ. Delia's heart breathed a prayer: "O, satisfy us early with Thy mercy that we may be glad and rejoice all our days", as she watched Mike step forward.—*Mrs. J. F. Plainfield, Tampa, Fla.*

Among ITALIANS in BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

THE year of 1931 has gone into the records of history for future generations as the year when the First Italian Baptist Church was organized in Birmingham, Alabama. The good Italian people need to know the simple Gospel which is "the power of God unto salvation for everyone that believeth". Yes, they need the Gospel that saves sinners by grace. The Italian has been taught by his church that he can be saved by works, by bowing before his priest in confession, by bowing before images of wood and stone, and the only hope he has for the rest of his soul at time of death is purgatory.

During last year we reaped wonderful fruits. Five adults have been buried with Christ in baptism. In one of our evangelistic meetings, when the invitation was given to make a public confession for Christ, a large number of people—pure Roman Catholics, some hearing the Gospel preached by a protestant for the first time—came to the front and took a stand for Jesus. Surely God accepted their testimony.

We believe God through the Holy Spirit works with us, in the sermons we have preached, the religious tracts distributed and activities carried on at the Good Will Center; God will not permit those things to return void. We must reap fruits.

We have now on this field two organized churches: one at Cardiff, Ala., and one in Birmingham. At Cardiff we have a house of worship. It was built by the members and is paid for. In Birmingham we also have a house of worship: the property belongs to the local Episcopal church. The Episcopal brethren are giving us the privilege of using this chapel, for which deed we thank God and them.

My dear good people, you who may read this, remember you are very well paid for helping to evangelize the Italians in America. I speak from experience. When an Italian is converted to the Gospel of Christ two things are accomplished: he has become a member of the Kingdom of God and a loyal citizen and a law-abider for the United States.—*Rev. A. Pucciarelli, Missionary*

#### At GUANAJAY

ALL is hurry in Guanajay (*Gwar-nar-high*), for it is Saturday. The living room of the home must be ready for Sunday school: the first Sunday school and many folk are invited. The folding chairs of many models shine with cleanness, the baby organ seems anxious to send its music to tired hearts. Hours in the afternoon must be spent in the "highways and byways" making and using opportunities for talking with people. Sunday! The hour has come!

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## THE BLIND

**A**S I went out to Tulipan,  
I saw along the way  
A shady park, with birds and flow'rs,  
Where little children play.  
A royal ponciano tree  
Was all a-blaze with bloom,  
And oleanders filled the air  
With exquisite perfume.

My boys and girls in Tulipan  
Saw not the flaming tree  
Or flow'rs or children at their play  
Or birds—naught could they see.  
They are the blind. God pity them!  
They're groping for the light  
That never comes. In Tulipan  
It's always, always night.

As I went out to Tulipan,  
I saw a crowd of folk  
With aching hearts and poor, starved lives,  
All struggling 'neath the yoke  
Of superstition, pain and sin:  
Dear folk, for whom Christ died.  
They need Him so! But there was none  
To lead them to His side

For Christian friends in my homeland  
See not the weary throng  
Of men and women, boys and girls,  
Whose lives are void of song.  
They're blind—these dear home folk of mine!  
Lord, please restore their sight  
And make them send to Tulipan  
The Light that scatters night.

—*Mrs. H. R. Moseley, Havana, Cuba*

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## BIBLE STUDY



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

Topic: "LOVE NEVER FAILETH": 1 Cor. 13:1-13



"Love is the fulfilling of the law. . . Without faith it is impossible to please Him. . . Ye are called in one hope of your calling. . . This is My commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. . . And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three: but the greatest of these is love".

God's message to Israel was given Moses in terms of thou shalt not. Old Testament commandments are negative. They prohibit. Moses however exhorts Israel to love God with the whole heart, to love the neighbor, to obey God and to teach the children obedience.

Our divine Lord summed up moral law in, "Love one another". His commentary upon it was in terms of "Blessed are ye". Paul's preaching began with proof that Jesus is the Messiah. Providential care and guidance were so evident in his journeys that he became an apostle of love. As he grew in grace and the knowledge of the Lord he longed to instruct his converts. Writing to the church at Corinth he pleads for the exercise of gifts without contention. A more excellent way is suggested. Love is to be the motive. No oratory can be persuasive without love. No gifts to the poor count unless love is behind the gift. Sacrifices avail nothing, faith is vain. But love is kind, patient, forbearing, well behaved, unselfish, full of faith, not given to criticism, hopeful.

Jesus loved both John and Judas. One gave Him joy, the other sorrow. There is a practical love which calls forth service. The will directs a helping hand to the unlovely neighbor. This love is possible. The "parable of the good Samaritan" is the best illustration in all literature. Organized charity and personal service repeat the action of the good Samaritan every day. Love's highest service is in pointing the way of salvation.

Today memory calls back the loved college president who prayed day after day that we might be cheerful and earnest in our work, loving one another and forgiving one another. Another prayed that we love God supremely and our neighbor as our self.

Ask God to put love into your heart. Love Him first. The order has not changed. Love God. Love your neighbor. Finally your love will express itself as Pope described it:

Friends, parents, neighbors, first it will embrace.  
Our country next, and next all human race.  
Wide and more wide, th' o'erflowing of the mind  
Takes every creature in of every kind.  
Earth smiles around, in boundless beauty dressed,  
And Heaven reflects its image in her breast.

Four years ago the Gideons, an organization of Christian traveling men, applied for permission to place Bibles in the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo, Japan, but this was denied. After frequent attempts, they finally won the consent of the management and a dedication service was recently held in the banquet hall of the hotel to celebrate the placing of Bibles in all the rooms.

## Calendar of Prayer

### February, 1932

Prepared by Mrs. Maud R. McLure

LET us be glad  
'Tis such a little while we have to go,  
And daylight drops into the evening glow  
So rapidly.

ET us rejoice  
That these are hours in which to love  
and sing  
And into hearts a sweeter radiance bring  
Because of life.

### Topic: Christianity—The Bulwark of Our Nation

#### 1—MONDAY

Pray for all departments of our Home Mission Board work.  
I will be exalted among the nations.—  
Psa. 46:10

#### 2—TUESDAY

For Miss Emma Leachman, field worker for Home Mission Board  
My heart shall not fear.—Psa. 27:3

#### 3—WEDNESDAY

For Miss Eva Sanders, new missionary to Abeokuta, Nigeria, Africa  
There shall no evil befall thee.—Psa. 91:10

#### 4—THURSDAY

For the work of the director and her co-workers at Good Will Center (owned by W.M.U. Training School), Louisville, Ky.  
Let your light shine.—Matt. 5:16

#### 5—FRIDAY

For Dr. T. B. Ray, secretary, Foreign Mission Board, and for Mrs. Ray, Richmond, Va.  
Jehovah is my light and my salvation.—  
Psa. 27:1

#### 6—SATURDAY

For Mrs. H. R. Moseley and Miss Mildred Matthews, Cuban-American College, Havana, Cuba  
Trust also in Him: and He will bring it to pass.—Psa. 37:5

#### 7—SUNDAY

For the Baptist World Alliance  
The truth shall make you free. John 8:32

#### 8—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Bagby, evangelistic work, Sao Paulo, Brazil, and for Samuel and William Bagby, Margaret Fund students  
Be ye steadfast.—1 Cor. 15:58

#### 9—TUESDAY

For the editors of "The Window" and for Y.W.A. broadcast (See page 20.)  
Great is our Lord and mighty in power.—  
Psa. 147:5

#### 10—WEDNESDAY

For the work of Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Hamilton and faculty of the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, La.  
Thou hast been my help.—Psa. 68:7

#### 11—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Reno and Miss Edith West, educational and evangelistic work, Victoria, Brazil  
My mouth shall speak the praise of Jehovah.—Psa. 145:21

#### 12—FRIDAY

For Misses Flora Dodson and Lydia Greene (on furlough), educational work, Canton, China  
Ye were enriched in Him.—1 Cor. 1:5

#### 13—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Allen and Miss Ruth Randall, educational work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
In Thy name shall they rejoice all the day.—Psa. 89:16

#### 14—SUNDAY

Pray for this day to be observed as Race Relations Sunday.  
Happy is the people whose God is Jehovah.—Psa. 144:15

#### 15—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Jacob, educational work, Pingtu, China  
This is the message—that we should love one another.—1 Jno. 3:11

†Attended W.M.U. Training School

## Calendar of Prayer

### February, 1932

**L**ET us be glad  
That Christ, our blessed Lord, the Cru-  
ced,  
Will meet us here or on the other side  
And claim His own.

**L**ET us rejoice  
That He will give to us eternal life,  
Love's sweetest recompense for tears and  
strife,  
No pain, no night.  
—Belle McKinney Swape

#### Topic: Christianity—The Bulwark of Our Nation

##### 16—TUESDAY

Pray for Rev. and †Mrs. J. Hundley Wiley, Shanghai University, Shanghai, China.  
Be not therefore anxious for the morrow.—Matt. 6:34

##### 17—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. Paul C. Porter, educational and evangelistic work, Sao Paulo, Brazil  
He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness at all.—John 8:12

##### 18—THURSDAY

For Misses †Annie Sandlin and †Nellie Lee Putney, educational work, Shichow, China  
The Lord God in the midst of thee is mighty.—Zeph. 3:17

##### 19—FRIDAY

For †Miss Florence Walne (on furlough), evangelistic and literary work, Shimonoseki, Japan  
The Lord Jehovah will help me.—Isa. 40:7

##### 20—SATURDAY

For †Miss Lila Watson, W.M.U. work, Shanghai, China  
Of Thee cometh my praise.—Psa. 22:28

##### 21—SUNDAY

For more faithful observance of the Sabbath  
Remember the Sabbath to keep it holy.—Ex. 20:8

##### 22—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Elder, evangelistic work, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Arthur Elder, Margaret Fund student  
Trust in Jehovah with all thy heart.—Prov. 3:5

##### 23—TUESDAY

For †Miss Pearle Johnson, educational work, Shanghai, China  
When the chief Shepherd shall be manifested ye shall receive the crown of glory.—1 Pet. 5:4

##### 24—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Dunstan, evangelistic work, and Miss Pearl Dunstan, educational work, Pelotas, Brazil  
The blessing of Jehovah be upon you.—Psa. 128:8

##### 25—THURSDAY

Pray that societies will faithfully prepare for observance of Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 7-11 inclusive  
Unto Thee do I pray.—Psa. 6:2

##### 26—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. F. P. Lide, evangelistic work, Hwanghsien, China  
I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving.—Psa. 116:17

##### 27—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Frank Marrs, educational and evangelistic work among Mexicans, Torreon, Mexico  
I will be with thee in trouble.—Psa. 91:16

##### 28—SUNDAY

For the work of all Good Will Centers  
Love—hopeth all things.—1 Cor. 13:7

##### 29—MONDAY

For †Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, principal, and for faculty, students and local Board of Managers of W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Ky.  
Our sufficiency is of God.—II Cor. 8:8

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

## FAMILY ALTAR

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

Topic: "LOVE NEVER FAILETH": 1 Cor. 13:1-13

"**T**HOU shalt love" is the whole of the law; and "God so loved" is the whole of the Gospel. This is so clear, that it is at once law and Gospel for children and for savages. . . . it is so deep in its limpid clearness that no philosopher can fathom it.—Duncan

#### The God of Love

1st Day—II Cor. 13:11 (Memory)  
2nd Day—John 8:16; 16:27  
3rd Day—Ps. 103:13, 146:8  
4th Day—Rom. 5:8 (Memory)  
5th Day—Eph. 2:4-10  
6th Day—II Thess. 2:16, 17; 3:3-5  
7th Day—I John 4:8-11

#### Lovest Thou Me?

15th Day—John 21:15-17  
16th Day—Ps. 18:1-6, 49  
17th Day—Ps. 81:23; 91:14; 116:1; 145:20, 21  
18th Day—Rom. 8:28-34  
19th Day—Prov. 8:17; 23:26  
20th Day—Matt. 10:37-42  
21st Day—Luke 7:47-50

#### The Love of Christ

8th Day—Rom. 8:35-39  
9th Day—Eph. 5:2, 25, 29, 32  
10th Day—John 15:9-12, 15  
11th Day—John 13:1-16  
12th Day—Is. 40:11; 42:3; 63:9  
13th Day—Matt. 8:17; 9:36; 18:11-13  
14th Day—John 10:2-7, 11, 14-16

#### Love One Another

22nd Day—John 13:34, 35  
23rd Day—I John 3:17, 18  
24th Day—I John 4:12, 16-21  
25th Day—Gal. 6:1, 2, 10  
26th Day—Matt. 25:34-40  
27th Day—I Thess. 5:8-14  
28th Day—Heb. 12:1, 2; 13:1-3  
29th Day—I Cor. 13:1-13

### "Pray Ye"



Thank God for: (1) Jesus Christ; (2) salvation through faith in Him; (3) victories and opportunities in mission lands; (4) trained young people willing and waiting to be sent "into His harvest"; (5) "Christian America" with its challenge to home missions.

Thank God for: (1) George Washington and patriots who "followed in his train"; (2) bi-centennial emphasis upon the "things that abide"; (3) faith in missionary education of young people; (4) directors and other counselors of W.M.U. young people's organizations; (5) Silver Anniversaries of Y.W.A., W.M.U. Training School and of this magazine.

Thank God for: (1) St. Petersburg and other Florida friends in preparation for annual meeting in May; (2) mission study classes, especially those anticipating March "Week of Prayer for Home Missions"; (3) stewards who are faithful as to tithes and offerings; (4) enlistment and soul-winning results of Christian personal service.

Intercede for: (1) missionary and other spiritual results from Y.W.A. broadcasting on February 11; (2) Mrs. W. J. Cox as she thus broadcasts and as she prepares for May meeting in St. Petersburg; (3) W.M.U. committees and others in charge of St. Petersburg plans; (4) increase of tithes in W.M.U. organizations; (5) faithful redeeming of pledges made in Every-Member Campaign and subsequently; (6) plans for observance of Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 7-11 inclusive; (7) reaching of its \$90,000 goal.



## PROGRAM PLANS



Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

### With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE



When this February program is given, the whole nation will be preparing to celebrate the birth of a baby born two hundred years ago in Virginia. Papers and magazines will be full of articles and pictures relating to the life and attainments of the "Father of Our Country". Much material may be had from these sources to give interesting touches to the program and its setting.

The Program Committee will keep in mind, however, that it is preparing for a missionary meeting and not for a bi-centennial celebration of Washington's birth. Whatever of Washington and national material will help to brighten and "trim up" the program should be used, but the purpose of the meeting is to deepen interest in home missions through interest about home mission work.

The room in which the meeting is held should be attractively decorated with patriotic colors and emblems. In a very large meeting it would be lovely to have G. A's. in colonial dress to act as ushers and possibly sing suitable selections during the program. Of course their costumes should not be expensive: a last summer's dress with a contrasting skirt draped over it, powdered hair or wigs of cotton would give the effect.

The program itself might have part of it taken by a member similarly dressed. She might hold a candle in her hand and tell "How it was in my day". (See "Washington after 200 Years", pages 18-19.)

Following this talk, a modern woman should speak, telling of a few inventions since Washington's time. She may hold

a chart covered with pictures of such things as trains, steamboats, automobiles, airplanes, sewing-machines, telephones, radios etc. Or, instead of mounting them on a chart, she may name the invention and hand the picture of it to the colonial visitor.

These two may then seat themselves while six women enter, one at a time, and tell of "Perils of Our Nation": (1) Lawlessness; (2) Intemperance; (3) Frivolity; (4) Materialism; (5) Communism; (6) Racial Conflict. (See pages 20-22.)

After these have spoken—two or three sentences each—"Home Missions" should enter and tell of "Saving Our Nation". (See pages 22-23.)

One or two of the home mission stories may be briefly told. As suggested, the program should be concluded by the boys bringing in the American and Christian flags and by all singing "The Star Spangled Banner" and "Jesus Shall Reign". (For stories see pages 23-25.)

If the above program suggestions seem too elaborate they may be modified for a small society. Two women may represent colonial and modern times. All the program may be taken by these two, the colonial lady taking the first and last parts and asking a few questions to bring out statements from the modern woman. At the last the two may hold the American flag while a verse of "The Star Spangled Banner" is sung or played. Then together they may lift the Christian flag above the American flag while all join in singing "Jesus Shall Reign". The Christian flag is the only flag that is ever raised above the American flag on United States ships. (For description see page 26.)

Plan in February for an every-member attendance and an every-member offering during March Week of Prayer, please. (See pages 5-7, 9-11.)



## BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES



Miss Inabelle Coleman, North Carolina

POSTER SUGGESTIONS: Draw (or cut and paste) at top: flag of U.S.A., a Bible and Christian flag (for description see page 26). Underneath put: **The Trestle of America's Strength.** In center paste miniature of George Washington. On left of picture print 1732, on right 1932. Underneath put:

Viewing and Reviewing America's Civilization and Christianity

Time..... B.W.C. Place.....

### Topic: CHRISTIANITY, the BULWARK of OUR NATION

Hymn—"My Country, 'Tis of Thee" Prayer of Worship  
Current News (See page 31.) Hymn—"America, the Beautiful"  
The Three-fold Salute (If not known, see D.V.B.S. Guide or Texts, Girl Scout or Boy Scout Handbook. Let R.A's. be color-bearers.)

Salute to the Flag of the United States of America

National Anthem—"The Star Spangled Banner"

Salute to the Christian Flag

W.M.U. Hymn for 1932: "Jesus Shall Reign"

Salute to the Bible

Hymn—"Holy Bible, Book Divine"

Prayer, remembering each of these three symbols of America's power

Viewing and Reviewing America (Talks by Members)

Washington—after Two Hundred Years (See pages 18-19.)

The Strength of Our Nation (See pages 19-20.)

The Perils of Our Nation (See pages 20-22.)

Saving Our Nation (See pages 22-23.)

A Three-fold Glimpse of Home Missions (Three Stories—See pages 23-24.)

A Four-fold Glimpse of Home Missions (Four Stories—See pages 24-25.)

Other Washingtons (Pages 25-26)

Chain of Prayers for Our Nation and Its Leaders

Business Taps (Sing all four verses.)

Silent Dismissal

**Plant a Tree**—The George Washington Bicentennial Commission is ringing out a clarion call to every patriotic, civic and religious organization of the nation to join in the planting of millions of living memorials to the "Father of Our Country". Is it too much to hope that every B.W.C. of the southland will meet on Saturday afternoon, February 20, or late Monday afternoon, February 22, and plant a tree or shrub, dedicating it to the honor of George Washington and praying God's blessings upon America and its leaders? Many a churchyard needs the transforming touch of a group of business women's visions of shrubbery close up to the building and of trees in the yard. The deacons will rally to such a plan of tactful business women, and the whole church may be included in this memorial service, if desired. From the George Washington Bicentennial Commission, Government Buildings, Washington, D. C., order the *Tree Planting Book*; and from the American Tree Association, Washington, D. C., ask for the *Tree Planting Booklet* and *Pamphlet of Poems*. From this excellent free material, formulate a beautiful and reverent program of worship of God and of honor to Washington. Mimeographed copies of the entire program carrying words of *The Tree Song* and other hymns will make the hour more effective.



## PROGRAM for FEBRUARY



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: CHRISTIANITY—The BULWARK of OUR NATION

Hymn—Love Divine

Bible Study—Love Never Faileth: I Cor. 13:1-13 (See page 12.)

Prayer that we may have in our hearts a large portion of the love that never faileth

Hymn—My Country, 'tis of Thee

Washington after Two Hundred Years

The Strength of Our Nation

Hymn—America the Beautiful

The Perils of Our Nation

Saving Our Nation

Prayer for God's blessing on all our home mission work

Folks in the Field (Stories of our home mission workers)

Hymn—Living for Jesus

Other Washingtons

Hymn—Star Spangled Banner

Hymn—Jesus Shall Reign (See W.M.U. Year Book.)

Prayer that we shall be loyal to the flag of our country and to the Christian flag and that by our loyal support of home missions we shall hasten the time when Jesus shall reign in America and in the whole world

### WASHINGTON—after TWO HUNDRED YEARS



On February 22, 1732, in a Virginia colonial homestead, a child was born who was destined to become a great soldier, a great statesman, a great Christian and "The Father of His Country". In February, 1932, all America, and indeed all the world, is celebrating the bi-centennial of the birth of that child, our own George Washington. Truly great is the man whose memory is kept green and beautiful through the length of two centuries. Truly wonderful is the light which shines with undimmed brightness across the sweep of two hundred years. It is interesting to think of our coun-

try as it was on that memorable February birthday, two hundred years ago, and contrast it with the America that we know today. The America in which George Washington was born was but a few colonies under British control; but the America we know is a great commonwealth of forty-eight states, equal in renown and power to any nation on earth. The America which George Washington knew was but a strip of land along the Atlantic coast; but our America stretches to touch the Pacific Ocean and includes in her expanse towering mountains and vast plains, mighty rivers and great lakes, hundreds of shining cities and thousands of picturesque villages where live millions of happy and prosperous people. Washington's America was lighted at night by blazing logs on the hearthstones and candles flickering from the windows of the colo-

nial houses in villages and country side, but our America is ablaze with the light of the heavens, caught by Washington's sons and made to shine from lofty towers, on street corners, in the homes of the people and even to run like millions of racing torches along the highways that stretch from shore to shore. Washington's America traveled at the slow pace of a horse; but Washington's sons of today move with lightning speed along rails and roads or, mounting on wings, fly like birds over continents and seas. The America whose independence Washington won was a little, inexperienced, struggling nation; but our America is a world power, sitting with wisdom in world councils, fighting victoriously in world battles and befriending the down trodden and oppressed to the ends of the earth.

As we contemplate these things we cannot keep from wondering what Washington would think if he could re-

turn and see the changes which two hundred years have brought to his America. Surely he would be proud to be called the "Father" of such a country, so great in its expansion, in its government, in its wealth, in its inventive genius, in its position among the nations and in its service to all mankind. "The Father of His Country" he is rightly called who led our ancestors to a realization of their dream of a land of liberty. And it is this liberty, which he and our forefathers won for us, that has cradled the spirit of expansion and progress which has made our country great. So with gratitude for all of our blessings let us join with America and the world in paying tribute to the "Father" of our liberty, our progress and our greatness. Let us bring our trophies of praise and honor and lay them at the feet of George Washington who, after two hundred years, is still "first in the hearts of his countrymen".

HONOR to Washington, patriot the purest,  
Servant whose service was free as the air,  
Ruler resigning a grasp that was surest,  
Model immortal of virtues most rare!  
Join then in loudest shout,  
Fling all your banners out,  
Roll your glad anthems o'er continent wide,  
Swelling in chorus grand,  
Reaching most distant land:  
Washington, ever America's pride!"

### The STRENGTH of OUR NATION

"WHAT was it that raised Washington to such heights of glory?" some one asked. The answer was, "It was his great talents, constantly guided and guarded by religion". Undoubtedly Washington had unusual talents, but the world agrees that it was his Christianity that made him great. In his first inaugural address he said: "No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the Invisible Hand, which conducts the affairs of men, more than those of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by

some token of providential agency". This was his expression of faith in God and belief in the guiding hand of providence in the formation of our nation.

America perhaps more than any other land on earth has a right to be called a Christian nation. Columbus was providentially guided by a flock of birds to find her shores, and his first act on landing was to plant a cross and claim the land for Christ. The Pilgrim Fathers came to her rock-bound coast seeking a place to worship God: they consecrated their first hour on her shores with prayer. The Declaration of Independence acknowledged God as the "supreme Judge". The Constitution of the

United States was written in the atmosphere and act of prayer. "Every city, every county, every state in the nation can trace in its legal enactments the Christian conscience, ideals and principles. The open Bible is America's Magna Charta, and trust in God is her native breath"—(M. E. Dodd). America's great leaders have been praying men. Washington prayed at Valley Forge. Lincoln prayed his way through the Civil War. Woodrow Wilson called the nation to prayer in the crisis of the World War. "In every crisis in the nation's history the man at the helm has been a man of God and, as we believe, by the providential direction of the Heavenly Father".

Surely then this is God's nation, founded by His providence and kept for His purpose. Our nation is blessed because Jehovah is her God. Our nation is great because she is Christian, and the degree of her greatness depends on how much her people are like Jesus. Christianity is her bulwark, and God the strength of her people. It was true in Washington's day. It was true in Lincoln's day. It was true in Wilson's day. It is true today. And if our nation grows stronger and greater as the years pass by it will be because real Christian men shall continue to occupy her high positions of state, because her laws shall ever be based on the principles of Christianity and because the masses of her people shall be Christian in their profession and Christlike in their living.

#### The PERILS of OUR NATION

If George Washington could come back to America today he would find not only wonderful improvements and almost unbelievable evidences of development but also many perils threatening to destroy the very principles for which he and his fellow patriots fought, he would find them endangering the future greatness and the very existence of the nation which they established. From the many perils which might be mentioned let us consider a few which seem

to be especially menacing at the present time.

**The Peril of Lawlessness**—This is a day of lawlessness. People seem to have little regard for the laws of their country or of God. All laws—from the Eighteenth Amendment to the simple rules of traffic—are held in light esteem even by many Christians. Everywhere there is open desecration of the Sabbath, with little protest from pulpit, press or people. It is said that crime costs our country every year over sixteen billion dollars. In Chicago there is an average of one murder a day for every day in the year. It is estimated that there is in the United States one murder for every twenty minutes from the hours of eight P. M. to five A. M. and that not one in seventy of these murderers is ever convicted and punished.

**The Peril of Intemperance**—Disregard for the Eighteenth Amendment makes intemperance still one of the great perils of our land. While prohibition has greatly decreased the amount of drinking, there is still too much of it for the safety of our nation. Bootleggers infest the land and it seems almost impossible to bring them to justice. The worst part about the situation is that the liquor forces are doing all they can to bring about the modification—which really means the nullification—of the Volstead Act. After the Eighteenth Amendment was written into the Constitution of the United States we, who had for many years fought zealously for its passing, considered the victory won and went to sleep. While we have slept the enemy has been busy, and we are waking to find our beloved prohibition law in great danger. We must work, pray, give and vote, with the zeal of old pre-prohibition days, that this law may remain unchanged on our statute books and then fight for its enforcement, that our land may be rid of the peril of intemperance.

**The Peril of Frivolity**—Our country is pleasure mad. This desire for pleasure leads men and women to the

frivolous waste of time and money and all too often to moral degeneracy. Over two billion dollars is spent every year on theatres and movies, another two billion for sports and still another two billion on horse races. In this mad rush for a "good time" people forget God and become indifferent to the welfare of their souls. This is one of the causes of empty pews in our churches, deficient funds in our missionary treasury and the lack of spirituality among those who should "seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness" rather than worldly pleasure.

**The Peril of Materialism**—There is a tendency in our land to exalt the material over the spiritual. Machines have become more important than men. People are worshipping gold rather than God. As Dr. Dodd says—in "Missions Our Mission"—"There is a tendency to exalt dollars above dreams, to place coin above character, to magnify matter over mind, to superimpose substance over the soul, to promote the physical beyond the psychical". Such ideals taught in our schools lead our young people to doubt the truth of God's Word and to place wrong values on the spiritual things of His Kingdom. Such ideals expressed in the realm of industry bring a conflict between capital and labor, which will ultimately result in the destruction of both. Materialism is the religion of communism and, if it once gets control of the thinking of our people, will surely bring destruction to our nation whose strength has always been in her high valuation of spiritual things.

**The Peril of Communism**—We are inclined to think of communism as a far-away evil and in no way endangering to our own land of liberty and law. Dr. Walter N. Johnson in his book, "Spinal Adjustment in Southern Baptist Life", tells us that Russia has launched a world program of communism. He says: "This is a daring venture, worldwide in its sweep. It is girdling the globe with class hatred. It seeks to break down the morale of government

everywhere. Any world program based on hatred has to eliminate Jesus Christ. So it confronts us with an organized, aggressive atheism". But is America imperiled by communism? Listen again to what Dr. Johnson says: "Russian red propaganda is busy this moment in America. It has a daily press. It gets out several magazines. It has on the market scores of books. It has a school less than seven years old with nearly fifteen hundred students and about one hundred courses of study, preparing men and women to go out as preachers of this revolutionary doctrine". Thus we see that communism is an imminent peril in America today and indeed is largely responsible for many other perils—for materialism, intemperance, lawlessness—and that all moral evils are rooted and sustained by communistic propaganda.

**The Peril of Racial Conflicts**—Our land is a nation of many races. We have here not only 350,000 Indians and 11,500,000 Negroes but also 14,000,000 foreigners representing 45 different nations. It is said that there are more Jews in New York than in Jerusalem, more Germans than in any city in Germany except Berlin and more Italians than in any city in Italy outside of Rome. In the southland are millions of these representatives of the nations: Mexicans in Texas and New Mexico, French in Louisiana, Italians in Florida and many industrial centers, other foreigners scattered throughout the land, Indians in Oklahoma and Jews and Negroes everywhere. These bring to us great perils but also great possibilities. The Russian propagandists find in them their richest soil for the planting of communistic ideals, but we also may find in them rich soil for the planting of Gospel truth. If we can Christianize them and Americanize them we can greatly strengthen the power of our nation and the cause of Christ, but failing to do this there is a danger that they will paganize us and take from us that liberty which George Washington and our forefathers won for us so many years ago.

These are a few of the many evils which threaten the safety of our nation. George Washington fought to free our country from the tyranny of Great Britain. We must fight to free her from the tyranny of these perils which impair her safety and mar her beauty.

"MY country, thou shalt be  
Sweet land of liberty,  
When justice reigns,  
When darkness turns to light,  
When wrongs are changed to right,  
When truth asserts her might  
And breaks our chains!"

#### SAVING OUR NATION

**A** CONSIDERATION of the perils of our nation would be very discouraging were it not for the fact that we can save her from every danger. Christianity is still her bulwark. God is still the strength of her people. Jesus is the Great Physician who can cure her every woe. He is the rock to which she can cling in safety when the storms of national danger beat around her. His love is the light that can guide her out of darkness to eternal safety. His truth can make her free and then shall she be free indeed. What we must do then is to make our land really Christian. That she is not really Christian is proved by statistics which reveal the startling fact that 63 percent of her one hundred and twenty million people are not members of any church—Catholic or protestant. In the south alone are 18,000,000 lost people. If we are to save our nation we must win her lost ones to Christ. We must make her homes Christian homes where God's name is honored, His laws obeyed and His Kingdom promoted. We must rid her schools of the paganizing influences which would lead her young people away from God. We must revive her churches with spiritual power that they may be as lights set on a hill to draw men out of the darkness of sin to find salvation in Christ Jesus. We must send evangelists of the cross to her uttermost borders until all her people know of Jesus and His power to save.

Of course we in the south are espe-

cially responsible for the salvation of the lost within our own borders. Our Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Ga., with Dr. J. B. Lawrence as executive secretary, is the agency through which we are working to make our part of America Christian. Let us learn how we as southern Baptists are helping to save our nation as we consider the purpose, progress, problems and prospects of our home missions work.

#### The Purpose of Home Missions—

Dr. Lawrence defines the purpose of home missions as follows: "Home missions is the denomination as a whole taking the Gospel in all its fullness to the people within its bounds who know it not". Again in outlining the policy of the Board Dr. Lawrence expresses the determination to put the main emphasis on the making and baptizing of disciples. We see, then, that it is the purpose of home missions to evangelize the southland's lost millions. However, its purpose is broader than that, for Dr. Lawrence says: "We must evangelize this great and growing southern empire and marshal its marvelous resources for the evangelization of the world". We conclude, therefore, that the purpose of home missions is south-salvation, nation-salvation and world-salvation.

#### The Progress of Home Missions—

How great has been the progress of our home mission work is shown in the report of the Board for last year. There was an average of 30.6 baptisms for each of our missionaries in the homeland. Home missionaries baptized last year 695 foreigners, 262 Indians, 26 deaf mutes, 527 Negroes, 24 soldiers and 9 seamen. Besides this churches and Sunday schools were organized, mission schools were maintained, Bibles were distributed, the hungry were fed, the sick were visited, the poor were helped and thousands of the lost had the Gospel preached to them. The Home Board also reached into Cuba and Panama with its life giving ministry and reported last year over 200 baptisms in these fields.

#### The Problem of Home Missions—

The problem of home missions is that of inadequate support. The receipts of the Board last year were \$26,000 less than the year before. We are told that even with this greatly lessened budget, every department of the work has been maintained and a substantial reduction of the debt has been made. We marvel that so much could be done on so small an amount of money. It surely proves great care and economy in the administration of our home mission funds. However, it is easy to see that the work cannot continue to go on if southern Baptists continue to reduce their gifts. Dr. Lawrence says: "Our problem now is to increase our receipts. Everything hinges here, for if our receipts continue to decrease then, of course, the Board can neither pay its debts nor carry on its mission work".

#### The Prospects of Home Missions—

Again quoting Dr. Lawrence: "The prospects for this work are as bright as the promises of God and the faith of His people. Many fields have not been entered, but the Board is ready to enter these when the money is available. Our stewardship is great. Our task is great. Our appeal is the challenge of religious patriotism; the challenge of self preservation; the challenge of denominational strategy; the appeal of our faith which struggles to test and prove itself by its deeds; the appeal of lost souls closest in to the source of the Gospel we are sending to foreign lands; the appeal of Christ's hungry heart that would express its longings for the lost everywhere through the lives of His followers". Surely we cannot turn a deaf ear to such an appeal. We must give the Home Mission Board the money it so greatly needs. We must match our faith with God's promises that the prospects for an enlarged home mission program may be gloriously realized.

**THE FOLKS in the FIELD**  
**STATISTICS** tell no lies, they say,  
They truthful facts supply;  
But figures without folks, we think,  
Are very dull and dry.

Let's look behind the figures dry  
To find the folks that do  
This marvelous home mission work  
And make the figures true.

*(The facts for most of the following stories are gleaned from the "Big Tract" published by the Home Mission Board.)*

**The Conversion of a Chapel—**A certain Mexican in San Antonio, Texas, was very sick. He and his wife were devoted Catholics and owners of a chapel next door to their home. A woman who had been converted through the ministry of Missionary M. Garcia spoke to this couple about the Bible and asked if the missionary might visit them. They gave their consent and Mr. Garcia gladly went to the sick room, telling the story of Jesus and His love. The Catholic couple had never heard that story before, but they received it with rejoicing and were soon converted. Their conversion meant also the conversion of the little chapel next door, for they gave it to Mr. Garcia to use as a Baptist Mission. Great changes took place in the chapel. The images which lined the walls were removed, the altar taken away and the place made ready for the simple worship of God's people. And now each Sunday the converted couple go to the converted chapel, with other Mexican Baptists to glorify God for His converting power.

**Sharing Their Last Loaf—**Hard times came in earnest last January to the Mexican people in San Angelo, Texas, where serve our missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Ruiz. So distressing was the condition of the people around these missionaries that the time came when they gave away all the groceries they had, literally their last loaf, to feed the children whose parents had no work. God multiplied that last loaf like He did the widow of Zarepath's handful of meal and few drops of oil, only He did it, not by a miracle, but by bringing friends to the assistance of Mr. and Mrs. Ruiz. Soon in the basement of their little church they were feeding each day at noon one hundred people, most of

them school children. A service of 30 minutes was held each day just before the meal was served, when by songs, a Bible reading, a prayer and a short talk, these Mexicans were told the story of Jesus. As a result several were converted and joined the church, among them an old blind man and his wife. Bro. Ruiz reports fifty baptisms within the last year. Thus he is sharing not only his loaves but his life with those who are hungry in body and in soul.

**Visiting in Many Languages**—Do you wonder how it would seem to visit in one afternoon people speaking many languages? To enjoy that novel experience you must go visiting some time with Miss Mary Kelly, our Home Board worker among the foreigners in Christopher, Ill. One afternoon recently she made fourteen visits and gave literature in eight different languages. In speaking of this work Miss Kelly says: "Always before going I ask the Lord to prepare my heart for the going, the hearts of the people for my coming and to go with me, and He always does. One Italian woman told me that she hoped I would live a hundred years yet". Miss Kelly tells us of a Sunday school class of twelve girls not one of whom is a Christian. In that class is one Croatian, one French, two Italian and one Polish girl. She says that they are a fine set of girls and she feels they are near to the Kingdom. As we think of this splendid work which Miss Kelly is doing for these foreigners we wish, as did the Italian woman, that she might live a hundred years.

**Hearing and Believing**—A certain French Catholic girl in Louisiana was twenty years old when she heard the Gospel for the first time. With her, hearing was believing, for she became interested at once and desired to profess Christ as her Savior. To this her mother made serious objection, but the girl prayed faithfully and, after a time, her mother not only gave her consent to the daughter's joining the church but went with her to the services and soon be-

came a Christian herself. Mother and daughter were baptized together in the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, in sight of Acadia Academy. The girl left the convent where she had been attending school and is now in the academy preparing to do mission work among her own people. The story illustrates the splendid work done through this school which is maintained by our Home Mission Board and which is like a light of hope set amid Louisiana's French Catholic population. Eight mission stations are served by the students, reaching about 800 people each week with the Gospel.

**A Buay Year**—The following report from one of our Negro evangelists makes us marvel that one man could do so much in one short year: "I have preached 291 sermons since May the first. There have been 149 additions, 97 of them by baptism. I have organized eleven churches but, because of the big saw mill being moved, one of them went down. The ten others are doing splendid work. I have conducted ten Bible institutes in various sections and have given away eight Bibles in homes where they had none. I have organized two Sunday schools, have assisted in building four church houses and have married ten couples". We wonder what this brother did in his spare time.

**Examples in Giving**—During the Week of Prayer for Home Missions last March a group of deaf people in Little Rock, Ark., made a gift of \$5 for home missions. At the same time the church for the deaf at Fort Worth, Texas, also made a gift of \$5. Our missionary to the deaf, Dr. J. W. Michaels, in writing of the financial condition of this church says: "Our members are dependent upon their jobs for food and clothing and most of them are out of work and could give very little; but I told them that their little would help, that the little drops of water make the great ocean, so they did their best". A group of Spanish speaking people in New Mexico, under the inspiration of Missionary

Sanchez's ministry, gave in one month last year \$10.88 to state missions and \$25 to home missions. These groups, who are the products of our home mission work, set examples in giving that put us to shame and inspire us to emulate their sacrificial spirit.

**A Ponca Picture**—"How would you like to go to a revival meeting at the Ponca Indian Mission?" Mrs. P. B. Lowrance, a loyal member of the W.M.U. and a generous supporter of our Indian mission work, asked this question of some guests in her home at Ponca City, Okla., one cold night last February. The guests fairly squeaked their assent to this proposition, so eager were they to have the experience of attending a real Indian meeting. So, soon the party was riding out across the plains to the little frame building where the Ponca Indians are taught to walk the Jesus way.

That was a wonderful night in the little mission church. Our Home Board missionary to the Poncas was there and preached a splendid Gospel sermon. Mr. Aaron Hancock, our missionary to the Sac and Fox tribes, was also there and made a talk expressing his interest in the salvation of lost Indians. Miss Gladys Sharp, our missionary at the government school for Indians at Chilocco, was there, playing the piano and doing personal work. Francis Pipestem, the sweet voiced Indian singer, was there, singing a solo as his contribution to the music of the evening. The Ponca Indians were there, many of them, wrapped in their bright colored blankets, some of the mothers holding babies fastened to a board in true papoose fashion—dark skinned, stern-faced Indians, seeking to find the Jesus road. Mrs. Lowrance and her guests were there, charmed with the picturesqueness of the situation and with the earnestness of the Indian Christians. Surely the Spirit of God was there also: for He could be felt in the songs that fell from Indian lips, in the prayers that arose from Indian

hearts and in the sermon preached by the Indian missionary.

After the service the Indians greeted their white guests, their stern faces breaking into smiles of welcome as they expressed their pleasure in having them there. The guests were even allowed to examine the boards on which the babies were tied and to peep beneath the blankets to find the red faces of the wee papooses. But the thing which brought tears to the eyes and thrills to the hearts of the visitors was when a little two year old girl sang in her sweet childish voice that song loved by children around the world:

"Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so".

Sometime after this meeting this same Indian child became very ill. Mrs. Lowrance, the never failing friend of the Indians, was summoned. Through the whole night she sat in that simple Indian home, holding the hand of the little Indian child in hers, singing over and over again, at the child's insistence,

"Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so".

That is a picture of home missions—the Christians of the southland telling to those of all races in their midst the story of Jesus' love. Such a spirit will win the southland to Christ. Such a spirit will save our nation from disaster. May God plant such a spirit in the hearts of all southern Baptists!

#### OTHER WASHINGTONS

**Washington's Was an Adventurous Spirit**—"With the tower of London in the offing or a gallows on a lonely hill, he was willing to forsake his luxurious home at Mt. Vernon and join himself to a ragged band in pursuit of adventure which was hooked on to a great cause".

**Washington's Was a Courageous Spirit**—He dared to live the "dangerous life" that he might thereby free his country from a dangerous foe.

**Washington's Was a Self Sacrificing Spirit**—He declined all gifts for his services during the war and refused to become the king of the nation whose independence had been won under his leadership. Forgetful of self, he thought always of the welfare of his country and his country's people.

**Washington's Was a Praying Spirit**—In a simple, great hearted faith he carried to God the desires of his soul. One said of him, "If there is anyone on earth that the Lord will listen to it is George Washington".

What America needs today is **OTHER WASHINGTONS**:

**MEN** of the **ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT**

(As this talk ends, let pianist begin playing "The Star Spangled Banner". As audience stands two R.A. boys enter carrying one an American flag and one the Christian flag. Boy carrying American flag steps to the front while the audience sings "The Star Spangled Banner". Boy carrying Christian flag steps to the front while audience sings, "Jesus Shall Reign". All remain standing through closing prayer. The Christian flag consists of white with a red cross on blue in the upper left hand corner.)

#### QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the changes which have taken place in America since the birth of George Washington.
2. What reasons have we for calling our nation a Christian nation?
3. Tell of some great Americans who have been praying men.
4. Discuss some of the perils which threaten the safety of our land today.
5. What per cent of the country's population is unchurched?
6. Where is our Home Mission Board located and who is its executive secretary?
7. State the purpose of home missions.
8. Tell something of the progress of our home mission work last year.
9. Name some of our home mission workers and tell something of their work.
10. What is the great problem of our Home Mission Board?
11. What can we do to help the cause of home missions?
12. What characteristics of George Washington are needed in our country today?

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#### FROM OUR MISSIONARIES (Concluded from Page 10)

The two missionaries sit, wait, talk, pray, weep as they think of their town in spiritual darkness. The hour has passed: there was no Sunday school, for no one came. Undaunted, extra efforts were made the following week and so, with six children and one adult, the fight began fraught with joys, victories, sorrows, disappointments. That was February two years ago.

Now on Thursday nights help comes from the pastor of Mariel, a neighbor town. A fine, growing class, "Amoma", is exerting a wonderful influence in the town and surrounding country. Monday nights are given to services in town wherever space is offered, and crowds, prohibited from entering a "Protestant Church" will go to private homes to hear the Gospel; Tuesday nights find a group of thirty or more around tables in the home searching the Scriptures; Wednesdays in bus or "a foot" the class is in some adjoining town or roadside grocery where the missionary gives the Gospel to a hungry, deluded people; Thursday

nights the church is full as the pastor preaches the Word; Fridays are social nights: games, reading, visiting, sewing etc.; Saturdays the house and church are alive and busy as preparations are made for Sunday: in visiting the jail, hospital, for the Sunday school, cottage prayer meetings, night services, Tithers' League, class for candidates.

In a recent revival fifty names were received, people interested and desirous of knowing more. Even as I write, commissions are out inviting them to the night service.

More than a dozen Christians—tithers, separated from the world, Christians who pray privately and publicly and carry Bibles: to sum it up in words of Paul, "living epistles written . . . and read of all men"! Hard times, opposition, jeerers, critics, but she who holds high your torch is surrounded by a group of faithful friends and "off-springs in the faith" who together with her will march onward. Pray for us.—Christine Garnett, Guanajay, Cuba

From New Mexico we have the good news that the work done among the Indians around Albuquerque has crystallized into a church, the First Baptist Church of Indians. Its membership is largely of young people in the midst of thousands of Indians wholly untouched by the Gospel.



## OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



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

### TWO HUNDRED YEARS from NOW?



The United States is one in its celebration of the bi-centennial of George Washington's birth. In the 200 years which have passed many changes have come; one thing remains unaltered: the influence of wise leadership on youth. Washington himself realized the weight of such influence in his own life and as he cared for his step-children and step-grandchildren. The bicentennial will, therefore, serve to remind us that there is need to produce young people whose lives are so influenced that they develop into leaders of note in their day. In our churches now are young people whose birthdays will be celebrated in anniversary 200 years from now if their deeds are worthy—but they must inevitably be people whose influence is world-wide not merely national, so much have horizons widened, so much has the world grown smaller. The task of each Woman's Missionary Society in respect to the future is largely this one of leadership. You will doubtless be reading this copy of ROYAL SERVICE during January, so that there will yet be time to rally your eager young people and complete your W.M.U. family, the full-graded missionary education organization in your church. (See pages 43, 49-50 of 1932 W.M.U. Year Book.) These times call for a more than casual and intermittent emphasis on missions; once a month in Sunday school or B.Y.P.U. is not adequate for presentation of world affairs: they are of prime importance, deserving a primal place in the purpose of organized effort, not a subsidiary place. Nor can all religious training be relegated to Sunday if our young people are going to comprehend the true place of the church in the life of today. Again,

modern methods of topic presentation, such as those followed in preparation of material for our W.M.U. young people's organizations, will appeal to the young people of today. Not merely for the sake of an A-1 W.M.U. record, not for the empty glory of reporting new organizations, but for the value of the urge to a life of world service, for the influence of Christ's world challenge on young life, we trust every W.M.U. young people's director will be alertly busy.

The February number of "World Comrades" is crowded with fascinating material earnestly gathered by prayerful contributors. The director of W.M.U. young people's work in your church may readily see how the different organizations may benefit themselves and each other by correlating their plans, lending pictures and curios, being interested in each other's projects.

The extra day which February brings this year can be well used for a general W.M.U. meeting with each organization bringing some display, some presentation of special interest from the month's programs. This will serve as excellent background in preparation for the "Week of Prayer for Home Missions" (March 7-11 inclusive) as well as proving an impetus to greater missionary education activity. At this meeting let the W.M.U. young people's director arrange for a demonstration setting forth the value of the missionary magazines and urging subscriptions in the homes. In periods of depression there is always danger that the cultural things of life be eliminated first: let the W.M.U. young people's director and the organization counselors be sure that such magazines as "World Comrades" and "The Window of Y.W.A." go to our Baptist

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### Y.W.A.'s TOGETHER by RADIO



The interest of Y.W.A. members and friends centers this month in the Y.W.A. banquet and program on February 11. Through the generosity of Dr. Dodd and Mr. Henderson, an hour and a quarter of broadcasting time will be dedicated to Young Woman's Auxiliary on that night, beginning at 7:45 Central Standard Time. It is the urgent invitation of Y.W.A. that all friends join with them in tuning in at Station KWKH, Shreveport, to enjoy and profit by this program. Miss Lucile Altbar, Dodd College Y.W.A. member, with Mrs. Robert Steel of First Church as her adviser, is chairman of the committee in Shreveport; she has set forth the plans for table decorations in an article published in the February number of "The Window of Y.W.A." so that those who wish to can "set their stage" as it is in Shreveport, thereby gaining a more actual feeling of togetherness.

Many Associational Y.W.A. Councils are planning for rally meetings on February 11. Some colleges with good radios are inviting young women from nearby churches to meet with them. Whatever arrangement seems best for your young women, make it—only be sure that every young woman in our Southern Baptist Convention territory knows of this remarkable occasion and has facilities for sharing in it. This will be a strategic time for enlisting those who have not been interested, for organizing new Young Woman's Auxiliaries.

It is our expectation and prayerful hope that every Y.W.A. will arrange for the February 11 meeting where the best radio possible is available. No doubt some radio expert will be glad to be of assistance in adjusting the radio, in setting it up in a church banquet room, if the situation is explained to him. To make doubly sure that all will be hearing Mrs. Cox's message, which will be the chief address of the evening, we have prepared a souvenir booklet that may be ordered for 15c from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. This booklet will contain the text of Mrs. Cox's address in full, messages of some of the other speakers and such greetings from foreign organizations as are in hand early enough for publication. This booklet will be so attractive that every Y.W.A. member will want one to keep among her choice treasures. It is suggested that one person be asked to read Mrs. Cox's address in advance, being thus prepared to read it aloud in case the reception is poor. The other parts of the program, being brief, could be read without preparative study if necessary.

We anticipate that this program shared by Y.W.A.'s. over the radio will be helpful in creating a new Y.W.A. consciousness, an "esprit de corps" that will stir our young women to new activities for Jesus Christ. The year 1932 challenges Y.W.A.'s. to 3 high goals:

- 5025 Y.W.A. organizations
- 60525 Y.W.A. members
- \$125000 Y.W.A. gifts to Cooperative Program.

Every W.M.S., every W.M.U. young people's director, every Y.W.A. counselor is urged to help Young Woman's Auxiliary enlist, organize and give that we may make this silver year sterling in its worth to the King and the Kingdom.—Juliette Mather

February is the month for preparatory study by Y.W.A.'s. in anticipation of their observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 7-11 inclusive. See pages 5-7, 9-11.

## TRAINING SCHOOL

Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, Principal

### "YOUR WORK of FAITH and LABOR of LOVE"



Every day is "Thanksgiving day" at the Training School. Not for years have we had so generous a response in gifts of foodstuffs as for this last "Thanksgiving". Throughout the length and breadth of the land there was a bountiful crop of fruit and vegetables, so friends without number have "put up a can" for the Training School as they have thriftily canned for their own use.

Unfortunately for us many boxes, barrels and packages have not had the names of the senders on them, and we have therefore been greatly handicapped in acknowledging these gifts. We have tried in various ways to get letters to all contributors but, even so, some may have failed to reach the proper persons. In such cases may we not take this opportunity to express our appreciation of every gift and our joy in receiving these evidences of the loving interest of friends everywhere?

Not only is there cause for rejoicing because of the quantity but because of the variety. There are preserves and jellies to suit every taste, pickles and celery to add zest to the simplest dinner, vegetables that provide the staples for many a meal, and fruit, fresh or canned, to be eaten "just so" or fixed up in other ways. Such contributions are equivalent to money itself when they provide the staple foods that we ordinarily would have to buy.

Then there are the luxuries like cake and pecans which are sent every year at the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons—wonderful cakes out of your own kitchens that have a tendency to make students forget they are away from home, and "paper-shell pecans that can be cracked with a small hammer" as Will Rogers describes the paper-shell variety. And wonder of wonders! some

of them come all nicely shelled out in halves, ready for use! I fear we are being spoiled! Classed among the luxuries, and yet considered by common consent almost necessities for these time-honored holiday feasts, are the checks that come with amazing regularity for Thanksgiving and Christmas turkeys and for Valentine and Easter chickens. Varied and assorted are the other packages that come with household linens and articles that can be used in every well-ordered home.

Because of this generous sharing on your part, we have cleared our shelves of all left over fruit—some of which we carefully hoard from year to year in case the fruit crop fails—and extended a helping hand to several needy families. We have contacts with some of these families through our Good Will Center, and others through the Municipal Unemployment Bureau. Heart-breaking stories they are of men with wives and little children, men with tragic eyes and undernourished bodies dependent on the meager work that the city can give them to support their families; stories, too, of old men whom even the city cannot take on its limited payroll, because men with little children must come first, old men with patient, questioning faces and faltering steps, who haven't had work for weeks but hopeful that tomorrow may bring a job. We thought you would be glad to know that you had, through your gifts to the school, made it possible for a little cheer and courage to be brought into these struggling homes. Though many of us have suffered reverses and some hardships, by comparison we are blessed indeed, and so

"Were thanks with every gift expressed,

Each day would be Thanksgiving;

Were gratitude its very best,

Each life would be thanksgiving".

## MARGARET FUND

Chairman: Mrs. Frank Burney, Waynesboro, Ga.

### How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?—Ps. 137:4



Some one has said "I care not who makes your laws, if you will only permit me to write your songs". How well he knew the value of songs: how they create atmosphere, stir, thrill, enthuse the soul. Grateful are we for this new Margaret Fund song, written by Mrs. W. C. Little of Ga., to be sung to the air of "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms".

Afar from kindred and home, with the message of grace,

In the lands steeped in darkness and sin,

Missionaries, revealing the light of His face,

With the Savior are seeking lost men;

While here in our schools live their children so lone,

Far from parents and home's precious ties,

Sighing oft for the touch of a hand that is flown,

For the love in a fond mother's eyes.

Tender hearts of the women of W.M.U. at home

Claim these homesick ones as their own,

Shed around them affection protective and warm,

Like the love of the mother they've known.

So bear it afar on the waves of the air

To the brave hearts that hold that thin line:

We will mother your child—while the message you bear,

While you tell of a Savior divine.

Yea, because of the "mothering", because of the Christian atmosphere we strive to create around these students, because of our prayers and love for these here "in a strange land", it makes possible their singing songs of gratitude; it so inspires them that it develops the best of their mettle and helps to keep the fires of faith and love for God burning in their hearts. We pledge to you, dear missionaries, that we will "mother your child while the message you bear" and we rejoice that the majority of the students appreciate and sing praises of this cause.

The following letter is one of grateful acknowledgment written to the Woman's Missionary Union in appreciation of the Margaret Fund scholarships, which were awarded to Coleman and Jeremiah Clarke of Japan during the last four years:

"We were both graduated in August at the summer commencement at Mercer University. Our plans for the future are formed but not clearly defined. It is Jerry's wish to stay in this country and, through his contact with life here, help to promote a spirit of better understanding toward the Japanese people. Coleman hopes to go to Japan where, through a layman's influence, he may help to improve the Japanese attitude toward the American people. Thus, we shall both be working to bring these two great nations closer together into the Kingdom of God. Right at present Jerry has a teaching position in the high school at Marshallville, Georgia. Coleman is working in the office at the Macon hospital. Whenever we pause to think of the happy years of study at Mercer, which we value so greatly, we are

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## BOOK REVIEWS



Mrs. Julian P. Thomas, Virginia

### VANGUARD of the CARAVANS



In commemoration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the American Baptist Home Missionary Society, that organization has published the life of John Mason Peck, the first Baptist to take the Gospel across the Mississippi. The author is Coe Hayne, a secretary of the Home Missionary Society, who wrote "Red Men of the Big Horn" and other books enjoyed by young and old.

The story begins with the awakening of young Peck to the seriousness of life and his coming under the influence of the wave of religious interest that aroused all Connecticut and, especially, the town of Litchfield, the birthplace of Peck.

Later he married and went to New York to live. Here he felt it his duty to join the Baptist church, leaving the Congregational church, of which he and his wife were members. This small and insignificant body soon realized the value of this new member and appointed him "to improve his gift" by speaking. At twenty-two years of age Peck thus began a ministry that extended over

forty-six years and took in the country from New York to the then unsettled territory beyond the Mississippi.

The impulse that led him eventually to this mission work was reading the story of William Carey and other English missionaries: a visit from Luther Rice decided him. He studied for a while under Dr. William Stoughton, afterwards president of Columbian College, and applied to the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions for appointment to the western field.

The trials of the journey of this little family in a one-horse wagon may be imagined. The difficulties which he encountered and the wonderful influence which he exerted in his chosen field make thrilling reading. Not the least interesting part of the story is the account of the active part this courageous man took in the effort to keep slavery from getting a foothold west of the Mississippi.

The book is a most worth while study of home missions. Order from the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., or from State Baptist Book Store; price, cloth, \$1.

### OUR YOUNG PEOPLE (Concluded from Page 28)

homes in increasing numbers because of their value to the readers there as well as for program usefulness. The early pioneers who left their mark on American life were almost without exception those who had worthwhile literature to read: this will still be true in the years—aye, 200 and more perhaps—to come.

Furthermore our national pioneers set goals and reached them in accomplishment. Let our every reference to bi-centennial homage for George Washington and his compeers remind us of our W.M.U. goals and efforts for young people today.—Juliette Mather

### MARGARET FUND (Concluded from Page 31)

immediately reminded of two facts: that were it not for the scholarships we received this opportunity would have been forbidden us; and that were it not for the many expressions of love tendered by the Margaret Fund 'mothers' our memories of college would not be nearly so dear".



## CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS



Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

At this early time in the new year when we are considering our topic, "Christianity, the Bulwark of Our Nation", would it not be wise for every mother who professes to be a follower of Christ to read the following, copied from the "Watchman-Examiner", and ponder well the thought whether hers is truly a Christian home or one in name only? The article appeared also in the Baltimore Sun:

A Christian home—why is it such a fine and precious thing? Because it is a garden of the Lord, a nursery for human lives to grow in. Its rich fertile soil furnishes the very best field for the development of the virtues which we most need. Its seclusion, its shelter, its wise and careful culture are invaluable to growing souls, and nothing can make up for the lack of them. The home is the God-appointed educator of mankind. We have a multitude of institutions which we call schools, but the real schools—where the real lessons of life are learned—are the homes. We hear a good deal about the higher education, but there is a higher education still, the highest that can be had. It is found in the lofty lessons of self-control and self-sacrifice and sublime faith and splendid trust which home life has such marvelous power to teach. There is no training to be had in school or college or anywhere in the world which can take the place of the discipline of home. Every true Christian home is a university, fully equipped, amply endowed and able to give the highest education which can be got in this world.

When we read the following item let us not forget that Los Angeles is a near neighbor of some of our own southern states. There are 120 pagan societies holding meetings regularly in the city of Los Angeles, according to Dr. A. W.

McConnell who recently presented to the Los Angeles Ministerial Association his findings of nine months of research among the religious activities of the city. One sect alone has a larger following than the largest evangelical church in the city.

Edmund B. Chaffee writing in the "Christian Century" says: "A copy of the Liberator, which describes itself as the official organ of struggle for Negro rights, has come into my hands. It gives special prominence to the formation of the Workers' anti-Religious League 'to combat the opium of religion'. While this organization is open to all workers, the formation of a Negro department is made a special aim of its program".

Within the city limits of Washington there are fifty-two residences that are foreign territories flying the flags of other nations of the world. Recently representatives of the pope, at a reputed cost of a half million dollars, purchased a site for the erection of a Catholic building. Already the pope has an envoy here, but the United States government does not recognize him officially as such.

We have read that the great Scotch surgeon, Sir James Simpson, when asked by a young man what he regarded as his greatest discovery, replied: "My greatest discovery is that I am a great sinner and that Jesus is a great Savior".

Jews of Boston recently celebrated the arrival of the first Jews in America. They have been here nearly as long as any other people and, if any one thinks they cannot be won from their Jewish faith, note the following items.

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## CHURCH SCHOOL of MISSIONS



### The ANNUAL SCHOOL of MISSIONS



**MISSIONARY** Baptist church should deserve the name: an annual school of missions proves that the church is striving to do this.

Since "missions is the mission of the church", it should regularly and systematically study how to fulfill its mission and, because of its importance, the mission school should be given the best place on the annual program.

Christ's plan for the evangelization of the world is for every Christian to be a missionary, every follower of Christ's to follow Him into all the world. The aim of the school of missions is to enlist every one, young and old, in intensive study that, knowing, he may be led to go.

Such a splendid array of mission books now being published makes one crave for the whole church the privilege of studying them—thus learning of God's plan for the salvation of the world, becoming familiar with conditions on the mission fields, being encouraged by the accounts of the growth of the Kingdom, receiving inspiration from the biographies of the missionaries and realizing the privilege of having a part in the greatest of all enterprises. Nothing creates greater interest than knowing the missionaries personally and hearing them tell the stories of successes on the field. Usually there are some missionaries available as teachers.

The school provides a fine opportunity for the use and development of

God-given talents: teaching classes, telling missionary stories, dramatization, plays, pageants, poster making, map drawing etc. Through continued study of mission books the members learn how great and how worthwhile is the task and are led to give more generously and more cheerfully to the support of worldwide missions.

There is also a valuable reflex influence in mission study. The spirit of missions is the spirit of Christ and, if the school is conducted by Spirit-filled teachers, there will be a revival in the hearts of the students and they will become witnesses in their own community of the love and saving power of Christ. Surely once a year is not too often for the whole church to give undivided attention for one week to the purpose for which it was organized.—*Mrs. Ida M. Stallworth, Alabama*

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Charles Joseph, a columnist for a number of Jewish magazines, seems to think that the number of Jews who have united with the Christian Science Church is nothing short of startling. He cites instances of their giving largely to that church.

Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus is our devoted evangelist to the Jews. Says "Home and Foreign Fields": Ten years ago to see a half dozen Jews enter a Christian church would have gladdened the heart of any Jewish missionary. Just the other day in one of our southern cities Jews went out into the streets and invited Christians to come to the Jewish-Christian meetings.

**February is an ideal month for a Church School of Missions. "Major" on home missions in anticipation of Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 7-11.**

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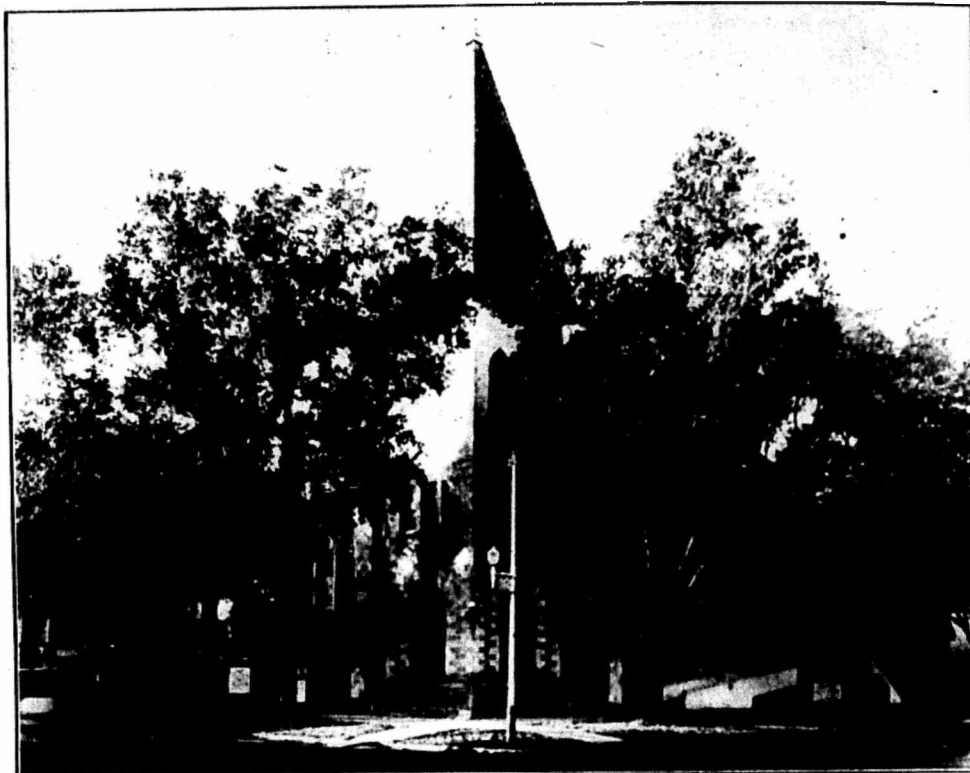
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### **First Congregational Church, St. Petersburg, Fla.**

In this decidedly commodious and conveniently located church the 44th annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, S.B.C., will convene on the morning of Wednesday, May 11, 1932. The sixth and closing W.M.U. session will be held on the following night, the 12th. The Southern Baptist Convention will open its sessions on Friday, May 13. Watch this magazine and other denominational publications for further announcements as to hotel rates, program plans etc. The southwide committees of Woman's Missionary Union will meet on the morning, afternoon and night of Tuesday, May 10. (See page 4.)

#### **ROYAL SERVICE PRAYER**

**R** OYAL SERVICE Thou didst render,  
**O** ur Father, when Thy Son  
**Y** ielded up, with love most tender,  
**A** ll of Heav'n to save Thine own.  
**L** ift us, Lord, till we like Jesus

**S** -hall Thy blessed purpose know;  
**E** tch our hearts until it please us  
**R** OYAL SERVICE to bestow.

**V** italize our souls, our senses,  
**I** nto powers that live and move;  
**C** rystallize our moods, our tenses,  
**E** verlastingly in—love.

—Margaret McRae Lackey, Miss.