

# Royal Service

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With speedy wings we bid you hie  
To places near and places far,  
Wherever needy people are.  
Fly to those we may not know,  
Fly where we can never go;  
Take the message of the King  
To earth's sin-sick and sorrowing;  
Let a world of sinners read  
And find the refuge that they need.  
Fly, Oh Printed Pages, fly  
And bring the word of Jesus nigh  
To all who mourn, to all who sigh:  
Fly, Oh Printed Pages, fly!

—MRS. C. D. CREASMAN, Tenn.

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## EDITORIAL

### SKYWRITERS

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



The value of the printed page is a timely topic. A very popular word today is skywriter. Upon the very heavens we see aviators write words with the smoke of their planes. It is thrilling to watch but trivial when compared to that innumerable number of courageous spirits who throughout the years have been writing words of eternal life upon the horizons of individuals, groups, peoples and nations by the printed page. They have been studied in our missionary organizations and our churches. They have been distributed in our own land. The work of colporteurs in foreign lands offers some of the most fascinating experiences of mission history. When we leave our tasks to answer the door bell, do we ever think of the reception of our colporteurs and missionaries on the foreign fields? Every detail of life is a call for prayer if we have eyes to see and ears to hear. Prayer is closely allied with the printed page. The program will give concrete examples.

This parallel experience is offered. Back in 1818 a clergyman was riding through Ohio, then a frontier country. As he rode through the deep dust of the road by a house, he heard the voice of a woman praying that God would open a way for her sons to get an education. The preacher rode on and asked who lived in the house. He was told the widow McGuffey lived there. He turned back and answered that mother's prayer by arranging for the oldest boy to attend the Old Stone Academy. The influence of this one deed changed the stream of education in America for almost a hundred years. Few school books have so influenced the lives of two generations, as McGuffey's Readers. This incident is duplicated far more dramatically and powerfully on the foreign fields. It reveals anew that prayer is our greatest talent. It is the Aladdin's Lamp in the life of a Christian. Prayer combined with the printed page is an invincible program.

Books! Books! Books! How many do we really read? Some tiny creatures which lived in the dark were placed in a box lighted by varying degrees of light. It was noted that these dark-loving creatures took refuge in the fiercest light. It was so strong their tiny organs of vision were blinded. Sometimes there is the fear that, in the prodigality of good literature and noble books which are ours in America, we become blinded to the real opportunity and responsibility of the printed page. One day, we must acknowledge a stewardship of our opportunities in obtaining knowledge and imparting knowledge. Hearts in other lands are hungry for the printed words of life eternal; for the encouragement of kindred experiences; for a sense of comradeship in the task. Our gifts in the Christmas Offering to the W.M.U.'s on the foreign fields help us render this stewardship of the printed page as do our gifts to missions through the Cooperative Program.

Summer always offers bargains in days. Let each of us use some of them in reading and assimilating the great truths found in Baptist literature and religious books. Our lives will thus become a picture of a lighted lamp. As the oil of knowledge and information and inspiration is absorbed by the wick of mind and heart, the Holy Spirit will touch it with flame and it will glow and glow, giving light to all within its radius. The real glory of man, we are told, is his capacity for an eternity of development, ever adventuring deeper and deeper into the immensities of God. Let us here begin this capacity for an eternity of knowledge.

## FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

### PRAYERS for TIN TONG



Perhaps you may remember that during the Week of Prayer last December one of the requests for prayer on the printed programs was for a new location for our work at Tin Tong. This is a large market town of some twenty thousand Chinese people and is surrounded by more than a hundred villages; the people from which come flocking into town on market days. There are nine market days each month. Our chapel is too small to be adequate for our needs and is situated just opposite the soldiers' barracks. The soldiers have given us a great deal of trouble, often standing in our doorway and preventing people from coming into the services, but more often they disturb us by blowing bugles and singing ribald songs while we are trying to conduct services.

We have tried for two or three years to find another place but all in vain until rather recently we were able to rent a commodious building at the other end of town. It is on one of the two main streets but a little too far from the market to reach the crowds from all directions who come to market, but people from some thirty or forty villages will pass our door on the way to market, and we hope to reach the people in other directions by going to their villages and by preaching in the open market at times.

It seems such a miracle that we were able to get a place even as good as this one that I cannot help but feel that at least some of you good women helped us at the Throne of Grace by your prayers. The new building was in rather dilapidated condition and re-

quired some renovations. About \$200, Chinese money, was needed for this. I asked the Lord for this and He supplied it almost immediately, so we could repair the building and move in very promptly. How lovely to have room enough and to spare! We have been so cramped and uncomfortable, but now the preacher and his family have plenty of room, and there is a room for a Biblewoman and one for Lai Wai Ching and me when we come. We spend about two months each year in Tin Tong. There is even a little garden in the back. I am at Tin Tong as I write this.

Now there is one more request that I want to make of you, and that is that you join me in prayer for Tin Tong. I should estimate that there are at least 100,000 people in this district, and we have only about twenty-five Christians among them, and most of these are humble, non-influential people. Three of the number are not just normal mentally. Four or five others are old ladies in their seventies and eighties (*one of them was baptized at eighty-one and is now eighty-four*). They are dear old souls but not much force in the church. Some three or four others are not as true and earnest as they should be. Then there is Yau Kwok Lam, a man of perhaps fifty, slow of speech and slow in all he does, but he is always there on Sunday with a slow smile on his face, and he is the most liberal contributor of them all, though there are others who have more than he does.

Then there is Wong Saam Yac, who is perhaps my greatest joy. She was planning to commit suicide when she wandered into the chapel and heard the Gospel. She believed immediately and has made such a splendid Christian.

But oh, they do seem so few and so  
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## MISSION STUDY DEPARTMENT



Southwide Mission Study Chairman: Mrs. Una R. Lawrence, Mo.

### VITALIZING MISSION STUDY



"It's just the same group of women every time. They take books one after the other, but we don't seem to get anywhere. Doesn't mission study mean more than just going through books?" In one form and another this question comes over and over, from first one end of our territory and then the other. Somehow we are missing the joy and inspiration that mission study ought to bring. Right now let's break out of these bonds of routine, shake off our lethargy, start something new and see if mission study won't prove to be a vital, life-bringing, soul-stirring opportunity to make missions more real to the women of your church.

Try a time of holding the class you have never tried before. If you have always had it in the afternoon, try it early in the morning and call it the "House Dress Class", or late in the afternoon with "tea-time" frills, or in the evening with "party" atmosphere. Or do all three for one study class!

Hunt up some ways of teaching the class you have never used before. Most of our classes are lecture courses. Try a "Discussion Class" with every member bringing in some part of the chapter as a leader, or a "Relay Class" where a different teacher prepares each lesson, or the "Assignment Class" where certain sections are given to members of the class who bring in all they can find on the topic in the book, or the "Question Class" where the teacher makes assignments, gives time for brief but complete recitation and then ties the whole lesson together with maps, charts, post-

ers etc. Turn one chapter into a dramatization, impromptu with makeshift costumes. Try something new!

Have a class of women of your church who never came to a mission study class before. Call it your Pioneer Class, First Settlers in Missionary Territory or any catchy name that will make it easy to advertise. Go after these women with all the persuasive power that your most persuasive women have. Make the class just as interesting and attractive as you can. Give these women the "time of their lives" and make their first mission study class something to remember for years.

Then after each class has finished its period of study and all the papers are in and awards given, do not consider your work done until you have been able to mark some definite results in either enlistment or giving in the lives of these women. A glimpse of real missions, contact with the wonderfully sacrificial spirit of our missionaries and a realization of their burdens, work and triumphs will bring women into active service in the church who have been indifferent to every other appeal. So your class should result in bringing more women into activity in all the work of your church. It should result in increased giving to missions, not only by the women who study the books but also by their fathers, husbands, brothers and other women and young people. For the tide of enthusiasm and interest should run so high that it would overflow into the lives of others who did not actually come to the class. *Because our women study missions they should give more to missions, for there is a stewardship of knowledge as well as of time, talents and money.* When they study missions, they will be constrained  
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## TITHING



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

### HONORING GOD



Have you made a prayerful study of Christian stewardship? If so, you know that it calls for separation and consecration without reserve. Redeemed of the Lord, has our conviction been deepened as to God's rightful claim to all we possess and do we distinguish between possession and ownership? Do we admit that, since God creates, owns and controls all things, His will must be supreme? And yet nothing is done by force, for He gives the right of choice.

I wonder—have we made our choice and do we delight to do His will at all times? How about the tithe? Has it been given gladly and regularly as did Abraham in the long ago who—when it had been revealed to him that his Lord was indeed "the most high God, possessor of Heaven and earth"—immediately determined to give his tithe? What a change this experience wrought in the patriarch's life, how it strengthened his faith and steeled his purpose to serve his Lord and Master with all his heart. And what was the tribute paid this faithful servant by his divine Lord? "Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes and My law" (Gen. 26:5): could we wish for a greater tribute?

The tithe was to be holy unto the Lord (Lev. 27:30-33), to be given by direct command and not until the tithe was paid should God's people be free for the bringing of their offerings (Lev. 23:37-38). Tithing and giving were to be acts of rejoicing (Deut. 12:6-7) and they will be so just as long as the Christian conforms to the revealed will of his Lord. Alas, alas, that it had ever to be said: "Ye have gone away from

my ordinances and have not kept them" (Mal. 3:7-8).

But listen, my fellow Christian, to the earnest exhortation of the Most High and Holy One and ponder closely every word He uttered in Malachi 3:10. Shall we not all unite in bringing the tithe—all of it—into the storehouse, letting love—pure love—be the motive power, in consideration of the great need for "meat" in God's house? For "meat" in God's house! Do you realize it, believer, and do you see wherein we have come short? Surely we cannot doubt His statement, for our God is a safe accountant who never makes a mistake. Can you perceive the truth? "Meat in Mine house!" and how quickly provided: "Bring ye all the tithe!"

Can we find a reasonable excuse not to do so, when "thus saith the Lord"? Oh, His wonderful condescension in trusting us to such an extent, to say nothing of His overwhelming promise of blessings pressed down and running over if we take Him at His word!

Shall we not determine this very day and by the grace of God declare: "Of all that Thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee" (Gen. 28:22)? Thus we would honor God and forever do away with our denominational debts.

The following quotation is significant: "The bee hoards honey. The squirrel lays up a store of nuts. The ant gathers and piles up food. Animals can accumulate just as man can. But to distribute to the wants of others, to give freely and generously is man's step away from the animal toward the angel". Will we take this stewardship step?—*Marie Buhlmaier, Md. (Miss Buhlmaier, who lives at the Baptist Home in Baltimore, wishes lovingly to thank those who have written letters to her. She sincerely regrets not being able to answer each one.)*



## PERSONAL SERVICE



Southwide Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. P. B. Lowrance, Tenn.

### OUR SOCIETY'S PERSONAL SERVICE



Personal service—what is it? It is a door by which we reach new paths of service for our God and fellow-man—a door by which we can enter wide fields of usefulness our local community to bless—a door by which we may try to follow in our Master's footsteps, as "He went about doing good".

In planning the personal service work in our society we have always tried to keep in mind the splendid definition of personal service—"Christlike living in one's own community"—and also the glorious result to be achieved—soul-winning. In outlining our personal service work, we have followed the same general plans for several years. The work has proved a great blessing to us and to many of those to whom we have ministered.

All the members are expected to visit regularly and faithfully the sick, the shut-ins, the strangers and the unenlisted, but each circle has a definite personal service work which it prayerfully and faithfully tries to conduct throughout the year. There is the regular Sunday afternoon service at the jail, when Bibles are distributed to the inmates, personal soul-winning talks being made. Several have been won to Christ through this channel of service. We conduct regular Sunday afternoon services in the hospital wards; sweet old Gospel hymns are sung, always a short message of God's love and mercy and care is read, copies of the Gospels are distributed; the results are that many sad, discouraged ones have been comforted and led to cast their care upon Him, who careth for them.

Another very delightful service is our Bible story-hour with the large group of children at the Tuberculosis Hospital. Their little faces are radiant with interest as we tell over and over the precious stories. Sunday school papers are distributed. Always there is a little treat of fruit or ice cream, games being also played with them. Through this personal service children and parents have been won to Christ.

Services, which comfort and cheer and bless, are also held regularly at the Crippled Children's Hospital, the Old Ladies' Home and the House of Mercy. Besides these activities, many of our members help the Negro women in their missionary society work, furnishing literature and making talks at their special meetings.

Perhaps our personal service, which has been and is the most far-reaching in its influence and the most effective in soul-winning, is our work at the State Reform School. This service has been conducted for three years by practically the same group of workers. This has seemed to be a good plan for this line of work, because the young people in this school learn to know and love these workers and, through them, they learn to know and love the Christ whom these laborers seek to present to them. We have been able to give each young person a Bible to keep as their own with their name in it. The whole group has been led to read their Bibles daily and to memorize many passages. Best of all—there have been many happy conversions, two hundred and more, in these services.

To our loving Heavenly Father be praise and glory! We are thankful for the door of personal service by which we may witness for Him.—Mrs. L. L. Roberts, Ky.

## An EXPERIMENT in AMERICANIZATION

A True Story by Lucile Phillips Burnett, South Carolina

"MY! what a task it is to find something for the circles to do in personal service! I wish some one would solve that problem for me", said Mrs. Bryan to herself as she scanned a report blank on which the activities were listed. "Let's see: visits—flowers—trays—interracial, Americanization: well, we'll just rotate the visiting, flowers and trays! Interracial and Americanization are beyond me. I could never make my women understand what they mean. This job over, I'll just go to town and window-shop a while".

Presently she was strolling down the street, the day was warm and bright, and she felt at peace with the world. She passed by a little fruit-stand and smiled happily at the black-eyed woman who kept it, wishing her a gay good-morning. The woman behind the tempting rows of fruit smiled in return and said a few words in broken English. "It does look like that Syrian woman could do better than that when it comes to talking", she thought as she passed on. "Dear me! she's been over here at least a year or more". And then, like a flash it came to her that the woman had had little opportunity to speak English in the brief conversations she had had with her customers. She remembered, too, that her husband had been ill much of the time and that she had constantly "kept shop". Was this what Americanization was? Just helping a poor foreign woman to speak English, in order that life would be easier and happier for her over here?

"That's all it is—and all this time I've been making a mountain of this phase of our work! I'll just change our work for this month and put some of our bright women to teaching this sweet-faced Syrian woman", she decided.

And so the work was started and grew, until a group of foreign women were being taught. The church women declared there had never been so inter-

esting a piece of work; the classes went on month after month.

"You women have been so good and kind", the little Syrian woman said when classes were about over. "Out of gratitude we want you to come and drink tea with us at my house—next Wednesday".

"Of course we must go!" Mrs. Bryan said as she told her women about the invitation. "It will probably be very embarrassing. Tony will likely be in carpet-slippers and the babies will all be crying—and of course the food will be impossible—but we must all go and make the best of it".

And go they did—but to their surprise they found a beautifully appointed tea with the most dignified group of hostesses. Each wore their native costumes—rich, heavy fabrics—and the food was native too—rich sweetmeats and the daintiest of small cakes. The table was beautifully arranged in the best American manner. All was perfect.

"So this is Americanization!" Mrs. Bryan said to her friends as they walked home from the tea. "Isn't it a marvelous thing? We teach them—they teach us—poise, dignity, beauty and gratitude. Never again will we limit ourselves in our activities, when there are such glorious opportunities ahead—and eye-openers!"

*Would you like to win that little foreigner mother in your town? The first step is usually an English lesson in her home by a volunteer teacher from your missionary society. A playlet given in your circles from a little collection of plays—Five and Ten Minute Scenes from Life, secured for 4c postage from Christian Americanization Department, Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, 2969 Vernon Ave., Chicago—will help you secure the volunteer teachers for this work. These playlets will help you understand how easy it is to be a friend to the foreign mother.—Una Roberts Lawrence*





## FAMILY ALTAR



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

Topic: **GOOD TIDINGS:** *Psalm 68:11 (r. v.); Acts 10:37-43*

**M**ISSIONS is the method by which, through human agents, God extends His Kingdom among men until it shall come to be universal. All who are saved are constituted agents of salvation. They are sent by their Saviour to other men and so are missionaries (or apostles) of the Lord.—*W. O. Carver*

### Forget Not to Read the Word

1st Day—I Thess. 5:27  
2nd Day—Rom. 1:1, 2; 3:1, 2  
3rd Day—Isa. 34:16a  
4th Day—Jer. 36:8  
5th Day—Neh. 8:8  
6th Day—Acts 17:11, 12  
7th Day—Amos 8:11-18

### Forget Not to Write the Word

8th Day—Hab. 2:2  
9th Day—Deut. 6:9; 17:18, 19; 31:19, 21  
10th Day—Deut. 27:2, 3; 29:29  
11th Day—Ex. 34:27  
12th Day—Psa. 102:18  
13th Day—Rom. 15:4; 16:26  
14th Day—I John 1:4, 5; 2:7, 21

### Forget Not to Send the Word

15th Day—Psa. 48:3; 56:4  
16th Day—Psa. 107:19, 20  
17th Day—Psa. 147:15, 19  
18th Day—Prov. 22:21  
19th Day—Jer. 23:28, 29, 36  
20th Day—Acts 26:18, 22  
21st Day—Matt. 28:16-20

### Forget Not to Do the Word

22nd Day—Rom. 12:2  
23rd Day—I Cor. 11:2; 15:3  
24th Day—Jas. 1:18, 19; 21-25  
25th Day—Matt. 6:20; 6:1-4; 10:42; 18:5  
26th Day—Matt. 25:34-46  
27th Day—John 15:2-8, 14  
28th Day—Acts 10:4, 38  
29th Day—II Cor. 9:8  
30th Day—Gal. 6:4  
31st Day—Eph. 2:10



## "Pray Ye"

Praise God that "His goodness faileth never".  
Thank God for Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world.

Ask forgiveness for sins of commission and omission.

Intercede for: church; community; state; southland; world.

Give thanks for victories in mission fields.

Intercede for missionaries: seeking to know and do God's will personally and for their work.

Pray for gleanings and careful forwarding of "Emergency Offering for Home and Foreign Missions".

Remember summer assemblies, camps and associations.

Pray for reaching of W.M.U. aims as to: missionary education of W.M.U. young people; stewardship of tithes and offerings; directed and individual service; study of missions in the Bible and in the world today; prayer individually and unitedly.

## Calendar of Prayer

August, 1932

Prepared by Mrs. Maude R. McLure

"I'll stay where You've put me: I'll work, dear Lord,  
Though the field be narrow and small,  
And the ground be fallow, and the stones lie thick,  
And there seems to be no life at all."

"THE field is Thine own; only give me the seed,  
I'll sow it with mine own hand;  
I'll till the dry soil, while I wait for the rain,  
And rejoice when the green blades appear:  
I'll work where You've put me!"

Scripture: *The Power of the Printed Page*

### 1—MONDAY

Pray for Mrs. J. H. Rowe, educational work, Kokura, Japan, and for John and Melvin Rowe, Margaret Fund students.

To him that overcometh, to him will I give of the hidden manna.—Rev. 2:17

### 2—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Wade D. Bos-tick, evangelistic work, Pochow, China.

I will call upon Jehovah, who is worthy to be praised.—Psa. 10:3

### 3—WEDNESDAY

For Misses \*Essie Fuller, \*Bertha Lee Hunt (on furlough) and \*Eunice King (on furlough), educational work, Pernambuco, Brazil.

There is no want to them that fear Him.—Psa. 34:9

### 4—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. A. Y. Napier (on furlough), evangelistic work, Chinkiang, China, and for Campbell and Davie Napier, Margaret Fund students.

How precious is Thy lovingkindness, O God.—Psa. 36:7

### 5—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Watson, publication and educational work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Be their Shepherd and bear them up.—Psa. 12:9

### 6—SATURDAY

For the editors of ROYAL SERVICE. Publish abroad the Kingdom of God.

—Luke 9:60

### 7—SUNDAY

For special blessing on all state assemblies and encampments during August.

The Lord taketh pleasure in His people.—Psa. 148:4

### 8—MONDAY

For Rev. and \*Mrs. M. G. White, evangelistic work, Bahia, Brazil.

I am the light of the world.—John 8:12

### 9—TUESDAY

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

Seeing it is God that said, Light shall shine out of darkness.—II Cor. 4:6

### 10—WEDNESDAY

For Dr. and \*Mrs. R. T. Bryan, educational and evangelistic work, Shanghai, China.

Thou art my help and my deliverer.—Psa. 40:17

### 11—THURSDAY

For Mrs. D. P. Appleby, evangelistic work, Petropolis, Brazil.

He is a shield.—Psa. 18:30

### 12—FRIDAY

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

Thou wilt answer me.—Psa. 86:7

### 13—SATURDAY

For Rev. and \*Mrs. R. L. Bausum, boys' work, Kweilin, China.

Jehovah will give that which is good.—Psa. 85:13

### 14—SUNDAY

For a wider use of our missionary magazines and literature.

The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge.—Prov. 18:15

### 15—MONDAY

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

I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me.—Psa. 11:4

### 16—TUESDAY

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

In righteousness shalt thou be established.—Isa. 54:14

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

## Calendar of Prayer August, 1932

“I’ll stay where You’ve put me: I will, Lord;  
I’ll bear the day’s burden and heat,  
Always trusting Thee fully: when even has come  
I’ll lay heavy shadows at Thy feet.”

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Topic: *The Power of the Printed Page*

### 17—WEDNESDAY

For Misses Elma Elam (on furlough) and Lucille Reagan, educational work, Lagos, Nigeria  
Not that I have already obtained—but I press on.—Phil. 3:12

### 18—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. F. N. T. Woodward (on furlough), and Miss Leonora Scarlett, evangelistic work, Kong Moon, China  
May your spirit and soul and body be preserved entire.—1 Thess. 5:23

### 19—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Berry, educational work, Bello Horizonte, Brazil  
I have given you an example.—John 13:15

### 20—SATURDAY

For Miss Faith Snuggs, educational work, Liu Chau City, China  
Behold, God is my helper.—Psa. 54:4

### 21—SUNDAY

For all printed pages going out from our publication houses on foreign fields  
O send out Thy light and Thy truth.—Psa. 43:3

### 22—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Chas. L. Culpepper, evangelistic work, Hwang-Hai, China  
Be glad in Jehovah, ye righteous.—Psa. 97:12

### 23—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Blackman, evangelistic and educational work, Shanghai, China  
Blessed are they that keep My ways.—Prov. 8:32

### 24—WEDNESDAY

For all Home Board workers in Acadia Academy, Church Point, La.  
The knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.—Prov. 9:10

### 25—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Johnson, evangelistic work, Soochow, China  
He that walketh uprightly walketh surely.—Prov. 10:9

### 26—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Jas. McGavock, evangelistic work, Santiago, Chile  
Ye shall go out with joy and be led forth in peace.—Isa. 55:12

### 27—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Wilson Fielder, evangelistic work, Chengchow, China  
Love therefore is the fulfillment of the law.—Rom. 13:10

### 28—SUNDAY

For God’s guidance and blessing on the W.C.T.U.  
Wine is a mocker.—Prov. 20:1

### 29—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Z. Paul Freeman, evangelistic work, Concordia, Argentina  
Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden.—Matt. 11:28

### 30—TUESDAY

For Mrs. S. E. Stephens, evangelistic work, Tientsin, China  
He that heareth thee will not stumble.—Psa. 126:3

### 31—WEDNESDAY

Pray that God’s Spirit may be manifest in all our denominational papers and periodicals.  
For Jehovah giveth wisdom.—Prov. 2:6

1. Attended W.M.U. Training School  
2. Attended Southwestern Training School  
3. Attended Baptist Bible Institute



## BIBLE STUDY



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

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

### Topic—GOOD TIDINGS: Acts 10:37-43; Psalm 68:11 (r. v.)

“Publish glad tidings,  
Tidings of peace;  
Tidings of Jesus,  
Redemption and release”.

(To the Leader—The ideal in preparation is that the Program Chairman and the leader of “Bible Study” be saturated with the subject matter. The selected Scripture passages are a base upon which is built the idea of missionary literature. A plan which has been used effectively is suggested:

1. The devotional leader reads without comment the two references.
2. After the first topic on missionary program has been given the devotional leader gives unannounced “Paper Story” and repeats Psalm 68:11. The program continues.
3. Just before the last topic is discussed the devotional leader gives again Psalm 68:11 and asks the other members present to repeat this verse with her.

We urge the use of Scripture in your program. Many beautiful devotional talks leave out “The Word”. See Isaiah 65:10, 11.)

**PAPER STORY**—A recent photograph section of a city paper carries pictures of the hands of those who get the paper ready for us. The hands of the publisher appear as he signs his name. There are the hands of telephone girls connecting voices from the outer world with voices in various departments. The hands of an artist, the hands of a linotype operator, the hands of the newsboy who throws your paper on the porch—these and others are busy night and day that you may read your favorite daily at an early hour.

Looking back we can imagine the hands of those who made the paper upon which your news is printed. Has it always been such an easy thing to be posted about the goings on to the east of us and to the west? No, it is

difficult for us to remember that a long time ago the Egyptians wrote in hieroglyphics upon brick or parchment. Later they learned to use papyrus. A Chinese statesman invented paper made of vegetable fiber. For a long time China and Japan were the only paper making countries. In Europe rag paper was perfected. Into England was carried the valuable knowledge; and at length America established her paper mills. With grateful hearts we accept the heritage of paper and printing presses.

“We’ve a story to tell to the nations”. Who can estimate the number reached by the spread of the printed Bible and other Christian literature? Would you have a missionary consciousness? Then read regularly at least one missionary magazine and your own Baptist state paper. Would you bring to others the same mission-mindedness? Suggest to them that they make a place in their reading for news of Kingdom progress.

Women were first at the tomb. They received the command, “Go, tell!” From that day women have loved to tell others of their risen Lord. Are you as an individual helping to carry the good tidings? Does your society seek to reach the aims of Woman’s Missionary Union as to study and missionary education of young people? We believe that tracts, leaflets, wall charts, maps, mission study books, World Comrades, The Window of Y.W.A., ROYAL SERVICE, Home and Foreign Fields, other missionary magazines, state denominational papers and printed Testaments are a means to the end of bringing the whole wide world to know Jesus Christ.

Southern Baptist Convention looks to  
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## BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES



Miss Isabelle Coleman, North Carolina

**POSTER SUGGESTIONS:** *Clip and paste (or sketch) open Bible with candles on each side, throwing light on round world above the Bible. Underneath print:*

The Power of the Printed Page  
Given  
The Light to the Whole World

Come see at B. W. C. .... Time ..... Place .....

### TOPIC: The Power of the Printed Page

Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign" —Lord's Prayer (in Unison)  
Current Tidings from Mission Fields (Page 31)  
Hymn: "O Word of God Incarnate"  
Good Tidings: Ps. 68:11; Acts 10:37-43 (Page 13) —Prayer  
The Soliloquy of a Printed Page (Pages 16-17)  
As We Read (Pages 17-18)  
Printing Baptist Pages (Pages 18-21)  
At Home —In Other Lands  
Carriers of the Word (Pages 21-22)  
Duet: "How Beautiful upon the Mountains"  
Stories of the Word at Work (Pages 22-24)  
The Stolen Bible—A Torn Leaf—The Mystery of Two Gospels—A Bible and a Prisoner—Two Conversions for Six Cents  
The Parable of the Printed Pages (Pages 24-25)  
Hymn: "How Precious Is the Book Divine"  
Silent Prayer

**PROGRAM NOTES**—Perhaps some circles will create an added interest by letting those on the program dress in costume. *The Soliloquy* may wear a dress made of many printed pages sewed together in ruffles and tunics; *As We Read* may be a young woman sitting in an arm chair, reading and surrounded by many magazines and books, speaking while continuing to look at her book; *Printing Baptist Pages* may be two messengers dressed in heralds' costumes; *Carriers of the Word* may be represented by three women: a Chinese Bible woman, a South American colporteur, a missionary; the *Stories* may be told by a young woman who tells stories well, the lights being dimmed; the *Parable of the Printed Page* may be related by reader in long Grecian dress. May every one in costume wear her costume prayerfully!

**PERSONAL SERVICE**—"The Power of the Printed Page" may be extended by Business Women's Circles who place (by permission, of course) a wall pocket in a railroad station, bus depot, hospital vestibule or other public institutions and in these pockets keep free Gospels, New Testaments and tracts. Free tracts may be secured from state W.M.U. headquarters (page 3), Sunday School Board, Home Mission Board and Foreign Mission Board. (For addresses of these Boards see page 22 of W.M.U. Year Book.)

**A BOX SOCIAL**—This program may be held out in the woods and called "A Box-Evening". Invitations may be in the shape of boxes constructed from colored (Concluded on Page 30)



## PROGRAM PLANS



Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

### With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE



Again August appears, and our problem of having a well attended meeting is upon us. Out-of-door meetings have been popular with many societies at this season when thoughts of crowded rooms seem unbearable. Certainly there should be special efforts made to have the meeting-place as comfortable and attractive as possible. Also plans for the program need to be made for a short, "breezy" meeting. (For program material see pages 16-25.)

Since the topic for the month is about books, those who were at the St. Petersburg meeting might "take a leaf" from the big book used in the ROYAL SERVICE demonstration there. A convenient door may be made to look like the cover of a book. This should be opened to let those on the program come into the room or porch or garden. Each may speak as if she were a leaf telling its contents in the first person. For example: "As you read me you journey to a thousand different places etc." or "I am a printed page from a southern Baptist Sunday school quarterly. How many of us there are! Quarterlies, papers, Sunday school lessons, books, Bibles, leaflets, in every imaginable form of religious literature, flying from our Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville to every corner of southern Baptist territory" etc.

In the section "Carriers of the Word" (pages 21-22) the "leaves" will have interesting stories of their experiences to tell. The Program Committee must choose carefully or the program will be

too long. It cannot be stressed often enough that it is better to teach a few facts so they will be remembered than to give a mass of material that will more easily be forgotten.

Where it does not seem desirable to use the doorway made into a big book, one of the following plans may be found more suitable. At the opening of the program one member may be leaning back in a big chair with a table piled with books at her side. She picks up one at a time, turns the leaves listlessly, yawns and complains of how boring they are. She drops them on the table or floor and settles for a nap. As she sleeps, others on the program slip quietly in, pick up the books and tell of the wonderful things they read. "The Soliloquy of a Printed Page" may be given first, letting "The Parable of the Printed Pages" close the scene (pages 16-17 and 24-25.)

Another plan for the meeting is to arrange a table like a librarian's desk and let those on the program go up and get a book. As the book is taken out, each may tell something of it and its experiences. It may appear more "natural" to have the books described in being returned to the librarian, who will explain further uses for the books.

The Personal Service Committee may take this opportunity to collect good magazines for distribution. Probably there are schools that would like a quantity of magazines to use for the pupils in making posters. Collected thus in summer these will be ready when school opens. But the committee should be careful that only suitable magazines are distributed: the cheap, lurid trash found in too many Christian homes should be burned rather than given away.



## PROGRAM for AUGUST

The list of reference material given at close of this program is the chief source used in the preparation of this program, and credit is hereby given for facts and suggestions derived therefrom as well as for matter quoted in whole or in part. Further interesting material and help may be found in this listed material and in leaflets suggested in this number which may be obtained for a few cents from W.M.U. Literature Department, 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. See list of leaflets on page 3.

Prepared by Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Tennessee

### Topic: The POWER of the PRINTED PAGE

Hymn—Jesus Saves

Bible Study—Good Tidings: Ps. 68:11; Acts 10:37-43 (Page 13)

Prayer that the "Good Tidings" may be told until all the world knows

Hymn—Wonderful Words of Life

The Soliloquy of a Printed Page

As We Read

Prayer that we may be faithful in furnishing good reading material for our young people

Hymn—Break Thou the Bread of Life

Printing Baptist Pages

At Home

In Other Lands

Hymn—We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

Carriers of the Word

The Word at Work

Prayer of Praise for the victories of the Word of God

Hymn—I Love to Tell the Story

Prayer that southern Baptists may be faithful in their stewardship of the printed page

### The SOLILOQUY of a PRINTED PAGE



great part in business, in politics, in education, in society, in international affairs—in fact there is no phase of life in which I am not an important factor. My importance is due to my great influence. As I pass through people's hands I make them think, and what they think they become. For that reason I am used by all those who want to influence the world's thinking and form public opinion.

I am just a printed page, and yet I am one of the most important things in the world. The wise realize my importance and make extensive use of me. I have a

The thing that makes me feel most my responsibility is that God has committed to my care His truth. To me is given the privilege of telling the world about God's love and His plan for saving lost people. Not only do I make that Book, which is peculiarly God's and which is the greatest of all books, but I appear in many other forms of religious literature. As Sunday school quarterlies, as devotional books, as mission study books, as missionary magazines, as good stories, as tracts on religious subjects and in a thousand other forms I make my contribution to the spread of the Kingdom of Christ.

I sometimes wonder if Christians realize my power. I wonder if they know how I am influencing the lives of earth's people. The devil knows it and uses me in every way he can. He defames my clean surface with the most debas-

ing words and then spares no trouble or expense to get me within the reach of as many eyes as possible. I wish good people were as eager to scatter me when I bear true words as evil people are when I bear false ones.

I have learned that I am one of the most effective means of giving the Gospel to the world. I am able to reach people who might never be reached in any other way. I go to places that the missionary has never entered. I find people that he knows nothing about. I penetrate into hearts that he might never discover. I often prepare the way for his coming and, when he leaves, I stay to give a permanence to his message. In me one missionary may multiply himself a thousand times. I am his most useful tool, his most powerful weapon, his most lasting influence. I annihilate time and space. Through me one may speak his message to those a thousand miles or a thousand years away.

I am especially powerful when I bear God's Word. In fact I never fail when on my surface are written His eternal truths. Many times, alone and unaided—without the aid of missionary or meeting or spoken word—I have delivered the message that turned a human heart to God. If Christians realized my power I think they would use me far more than they do.

*Just a printed page—but Oh  
Who all my power can ever know!*

I reach whom others never reach,  
I teach whom others never teach,  
And after others pass away  
With all my powers still I stay.  
A thousand languages I speak,  
And by a thousand wiles I seek  
To turn and twist the minds of men  
To think the same thoughts ne'er again  
When I am good with all my might  
I lead my readers in the right;  
When I am bad I'm just as strong  
To lead my readers in the wrong;  
So oft a human destiny  
Depends on what appears on me.

*Just a printed page—but Oh  
My great importance, who can know!*

### AS WE READ

**B**EFORE we go into a discussion of the power of a printed page in our denominational and missionary work let us think a bit about our own reading. Wilber D. Nesbit sings:

Who hath a book  
Has friends at hand,  
And gold and gear  
At his command.

And rich estates,  
If he but look,  
Are held by him  
Who hath a book.

Who hath a book  
Has but to read,  
And he may be  
A king indeed.

His kingdom is  
His inglenook:  
All this is his  
Who hath a book.

Oh what a joy it is to have a book and to be able to read it! As we read we journey to a thousand interesting places, we meet a thousand fascinating people, we thrill to a thousand unusual experiences. As we read we transcend the limitations of time and space and live with those separated from us by many miles and many years. As we read we keep company with the wittiest and wisest of all the ages; we think their thoughts, we see their visions, we match our wits and our opinions against theirs. As we read, we lose our loneliness and our provincialism and become a part of the great moving currents of world life.

Not only is reading a great joy, but it is also one of the most powerful influences in our lives. As we read, so are we. As we read, our minds are developed, our opinions are formed, our ideals are fixed. As we read, we become wise or foolish, strong or weak, good or bad. "Give diligence to reading," we are told, and we would do well to add to this admonition the question

"What?" for it is what is read that makes or mars a life.

The reading of young people is of especial importance. Young people are reading—constantly and promiscuously. What they read today they will be tomorrow. Voltaire, when a young man, read an atheistic book and it made an atheist out of him. Lincoln read the "Life of Washington" and made up his mind that he too would be a president of the United States. Napoleon, when a young man, read books to feed his dreams. The penitentiaries today are full of people who took their first downward step yesterday in the reading of some nefarious book. On the other hand there are those who occupy places of importance in the world and in the Kingdom of God because somebody placed in their youthful hands the right kind of reading material.

Never has there been so much reading material in the world as now. Newspapers, magazines, pamphlets, books of all kinds pour into our homes. Reading matter is so cheap that even the poor can read like kings. Some of this reading material is good—some of it is bad. As we read, let us be careful to choose only what is good. As we read, let us give ourselves only to that which will improve our minds, which will lift our ideals and which will prepare us for more useful service in the world. As we read, may we be drawn closer to Him who is the author of all truth. As we read, let us not neglect the One Book that is greater than all others because it contains the words of life. And, as we read for our own enjoyment and good, may we remember those young people around us who need good reading material even more than we do. May we provide for them reading that will make them what we want them to be: strong and good, able to withstand temptation, inspired with lofty ideals and prepared for heroic living.

#### PRINTING BAPTIST PAGES

"Of making many books there is no end". So said Solomon centuries ago, long before the

invention of the printing press and when there were comparatively few books in the world. What would he say now when thousands of printing presses in every land on the globe are busy making books, when hundreds of magazines larger than any book Solomon ever knew are issued every month, when every city, town and hamlet has its daily or weekly newspaper, and when millions of people are engaged in the task of providing literature for the reading world? Surely if Solomon could see the excessive literary activity of today he would cry with new emphasis, "Of making many books there is no end". Southern Baptists have not failed to realize the power of the printed page and have made and are still making their contribution to the world's literature. That this is a large and most valuable contribution we will see as we study the work of our publishing houses both at home (pages 35-36) and in other lands.

#### At Home

##### PRINTED pages! Printed pages!

Southern Baptist printed pages, how they fly! Millions of them are flying all over the southland. In quarterlies, papers, Sunday school lessons, books, Bibles, leaflets, mission programs, in every imaginable form of religious literature the printed pages are flying from our Foreign Board's office in Richmond, from our Home Board's office in Atlanta, from the W.M.U. headquarters in Birmingham, from our nineteen state offices and from our Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville to every corner of southern Baptist territory. These pages began flying from Nashville with the organization of the Sunday School Board in 1891. In fact some of them began flying before then, because for several years the story paper, "Kind Words", had been making weekly visits to the Baptist homes of the south. It would be interesting to know the total number of printed pages that have gone out from the Sunday School Board during the forty years of its history. New publications have been added from year

to year until now the Board issues thirty-five regular periodicals. Last year over twenty-eight million copies of these were sent to the churches. Estimating thirty pages to each one, 840 million printed pages went out from the Board last year in periodicals alone. Besides these the titles of its book publications number 309, while for fifteen years the Board has brought out annually about one and a half million tracts. If all the tracts which have been published by the Sunday School Board for the past fifteen years were strung on a string, allowing six inches to each tract, they would easily reach from Baltimore to Texas. If all the printed pages of the Sunday School Board for forty years were spread out on the ground they would probably make a carpet big enough to cover every inch of southern Baptist territory. This is easy to believe when we learn that it takes over a car load of print paper a week to furnish material for the publication of these periodicals.

The Sunday School Board employs 210 persons regularly with from fifty to seventy-five extras during rush periods. All of these are connected either directly or indirectly with the publishing of printed pages. Three great buildings are used for this work: in one, the pages are prepared for printing; in another, they are printed; in the other, they are mailed out to southern Baptists. The total receipts of the Board for the forty years are close to 25 million dollars. From this ten great departments for the promotion of Sunday school, B.Y.P.U. and other denominational work are supported and, besides, almost one-fourth of each dollar is given to the mission and benevolent causes of our denomination. Thus our printed pages have rendered a two-fold service: not only have they delivered their message to our southern Baptist constituency but, through the legitimate profits accruing from their sales, they have also rendered substantial financial help to many Baptist causes. One such is the publication of "Home and Foreign Fields" (page 35).

Look again at those millions of printed

pages as they fly. Some of them go to children, some to young people and others to those who have been reading Baptist literature for all the forty years since southern Baptist printed pages have been flying. Some go to play their part in the progress of great churches, others to contribute to the development of small congregations. But wherever they go they carry God's message to people who need it. They go to help people to study God's word, to lead them to know God's work and to inspire them to serve God's world. Only God, whose wisdom has followed the course of every printed page, can know all that has been wrought by the publications of our Sunday School Board during the forty years.

#### In Other Lands

FROM the very beginning of modern missions missionaries have realized the importance of the printed page and have given much time to the translation, writing and disseminating of religious literature. Due to the work of missionary translators the Bible can now be read in 827 languages. We know the story of William Carey who gave more than twenty years to 36 different translations of portions of the Bible, of Judson who gave 21 years to the translation of the Bible into Burmese and of Morrison who first made a Chinese dictionary, at the cost of \$60,000, and then with its aid placed the Word of God in the language of one-fourth of the human race; but we probably do not realize that the work of translation still goes on. It is said that the Bible has been translated into 260 languages during the last 25 years. A brief study of the publishing work of our own southern Baptist missionaries in other lands will be interesting and inspiring.

In South America—In all of our South American missionary countries splendid literary work is being done. Of Chile we read that the Baptist paper reached last year a circulation of 1400. A monthly tract is published with a circulation of ten thousand, while thousands of free tracts are given away each year.

In Argentina it is said that the Baptist paper goes to almost all Baptist homes. Their publishing house printed last year a million and a half pages of tract material. They say: "We can point to many instances where these tracts have led to the conversion of individuals and then to families or groups of persons". Truly "tracts are the nails and prayers, the hammers with which to drive the message to the hearts of those who read them".

In Rio de Janeiro is the Carroll Memorial Publishing House, which is really headquarters for the Baptists of Brazil, for there all departments of their work are planned and promoted. This publishing house has no such splendid equipment as our own Sunday School Board boasts, for all of its work must be done in a two storied and decidedly dilapidated building. Our missionary, Mr. Stover, in writing of these cramped quarters says: "Before long we are going to have to move out, and we have no place to go". Southern Baptists own a magnificently located lot, but because of lack of funds the needed building has not been erected. In spite of poor quarters and inadequate equipment, this publishing house is doing a remarkable work. In all, more than 34 million pages were printed there last year. As women, we are especially interested in the work of Miss Ruth Randall, who is the editor of the W.M.U. literature. Last year, due to a gift from our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, the W.M.U. was able to publish, in addition to their monthly periodical, some splendid tract material and three new books: one, a story of Ann Hasseltine Judson; one, a book of plans and programs; the other, a book of practical and spiritual lessons for mothers. We long to see the time when this publishing plant will be housed in a beautiful and well equipped building which, Mr. Stover says, "would give a tremendous impetus to our natural and exceedingly needful growth".

In China—The China Baptist Publishing Society issues fifty thousand Sunday school publications each month. In reporting the work for 1930, our mission-

ary, Dr. Williams, says: "The mailing list for Sunday school literature and True Light Magazine has been steadily growing. There has been greatly increased interest in and sales of training literature for young people's, women's and children's organizations. There have been good sales for books and tracts. For all this we thank God and take courage". Miss Lila Watson is in charge of the publications for the W.M.U. In 1930 under her direction appeared for the first time the first Baptist woman's periodical in China. It bears the title "W. M. S. Quarterly" and contains weekly programs for missionary societies. Miss Willie Kelly has written two splendid study books for Chinese women, the titles being: "Women of the Old Testament" and "Women of the New Testament". In writing of the discouragements of the work, Dr. Williams says: "When we look at the things we should have printed and the opportunities we have lost because they were not printed, we have a sinking feeling in our hearts. Lack of money has greatly limited our output and, thereby, our service in the cause of Christ. Never in the history of mission work in China have opportunities been better. We are looking at our opportunities and praying God will in some way make it possible for us to go forward".

In Japan—"Japan is known as the land of universal literacy. More books were published here last year than in any other country except Germany". We can easily see the importance of Baptists delivering their message to the Japanese in the printed form. At the same time in such a literary atmosphere it is most necessary that our publications be of the highest order. Dr. Walne and Miss Florence Walne, who are in charge of our Gospel Publishing House at Shimonoseki, are doing a most splendid work in furnishing Baptist literature for the reading loving people of Japan. In spite of the fact that the Walnes were on furlough in 1930, this publishing house sold 1350 hymn books, 2668 Bibles and New Testaments, 62,757

other Christian books and 412,715 tracts. It has had the honor also of publishing two books of the great Christian leader, Dr. Kagawa. The circulation of these books has been enormous.

In Italy—Our publication work in Italy has long held first place among evangelicals. Dr. Whittinghill says that our three periodicals are read by Baptists and other denominations, including a considerable number of Roman Catholics. Two of these publications are of an ecclesiastical nature, while the third is written in very simple language and especially adapted to the ordinary reader. All of these are doing a wonderful work combating the errors of the Roman Catholic Church and setting forth the positive side of Christianity.

In El Paso—In El Paso, Texas, is our publishing house that furnishes Baptist literature for Mexico and many other Spanish-speaking nations. From this house went last year almost a million quarterlies, leaflets, picture-cards and papers for use in Sunday schools in the Spanish-speaking world. Several splendid books were also published. Dr. J. E. Davis, who is in charge of this work, writes: "Our denominational magazine has met with high approval in many countries, yet on account of the great financial crisis everywhere many have been deprived of its visits". He tells that, while orders for periodicals continue to come in in increased numbers, many Sunday schools and churches are unable to pay for their literature and, therefore, the publishing house is in great financial peril. He says: "Most assuredly an open door is set before us. A greater opportunity has never before been ours, and yet we are obliged to retrench rather than enter in".

#### CARRIERS of the WORD

"HOW beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings!" How beautiful are the feet of those who carry the Word of God to them who have it not! We cannot imagine a greater privilege than to be a carrier of a printed

page on which is written the truth of eternal life. Surely angels guard the path of such! Surely Heaven's light shines in their footsteps and makes their feet beautiful on the mountains, on the plains, on the city streets or wherever they go! Sometimes carriers of God's Word are Bible women who go from house to house dropping their pages of light and love. Again they are native colporters who "on foot, on mule back, in automobiles and trains cross plains, climb mountains and penetrate into forests with the Word of God". Again they are our own missionaries who, with impassioned feet, trudge the highways and byways of earth's dark places, bearing the torch of God's Word. Let us follow in the trail of some of these carriers and share with them the glorious experiences which are daily theirs.

First we must travel rapidly to keep up with the Ford car of Mr. and Mrs. Ray as they scatter the Word of God over the big field in Japan where they are the only missionaries. Here they go from city to city, from village to village, from house to house, scattering free tracts, selling Bibles, New Testaments, hymn books and other Christian literature. The Ford rattles on its way but the printed page, left in the hands of the people, stays to bear its fruit in the hearts of those who read it.

Now let's go across to China and follow our missionaries and Bible women as they scatter Christian literature in showers of blessings over that vast land. We might go with Miss Alice Parker as she distributes tracts on the streets, in shops and in open-air services. More than fifty thousand were distributed in her mission at Yang Chow last year. Or we might follow the missionaries of Kong Moon, who are putting special emphasis on the distribution of Gospels and tracts. At the railroad stations in the early hours of the morning, when the trains are leaving, these earnest carriers of the printed page stand handing their precious leaflets to the departing passengers. Once in eighteen consecutive days over three thousand tracts

and Gospel portions were given out in this way.

Following the trail of the printed page in South America will take us to railroad stations, jails, fields, camps, homes, stores, street-corners and many other places in company with consecrated native colporters. We will perhaps be called to share trying as well as thrilling experiences. The following stories, related by colporters, will give us a picture of their varied adventures.

One writes: "While on a visit to one farm, at the invitation of a farmer, I preached in the Roman Catholic Church to fifty people. I spoke from the high altar of the chapel where lay the book of mass in Latin. This was an unusual privilege to one who was not a Catholic and I made the most of it. I opened the book of mass and spoke to the people about it, the holy (?) water and the images. I read to them Psalm 115 which contrasts heathen idols with God; also John 4:22-24 and told them about the worship of the true and living God. Many were impressed and afterwards bought copies of the Scriptures".

We find these interesting items in the diary of another colporter: "In going from one village to another I felt constrained to turn aside and call at a little country house. The man told me that he had once bought a New Testament but the priest had said that it was false and he had burned it up. I read passages and explained to him that there is but one New Testament. He bought a copy and said he would continue to read it. Again I went to another village and there spoke to 300 persons and sold copies of the Scriptures. Among those present in the audience were the public school teachers, the chief of police and other prominent people. The chief of police said that he had been an atheist but was now deeply impressed; wished me to return soon and make his house my home, saying that he wished his children to know the Bible and to be taught the religion of Jesus".

Another colporter writes thus of a meeting: "We had with us some 30 Gospels and just one New Testament.

When the people of our congregation saw these, they clamored to possess a copy. The Gospels were freely distributed until not one was left. The Testament was offered for sale but no one spoke. A little roughly made wooden table in the center had been my pulpit, and upon it was a fuming grease lamp. Around this gathered the group of proud possessors of the Word of Life. Everyone read aloud. We were already in our hammocks, but sleep was out of the question as this glorious babble continued until the light began to sputter. It was almost midnight when the light finally went out and the room became quiet as the enthusiastic readers resorted to their hammocks for rest. The next morning, just as we were about to say goodbye, a bright lad came running up to us. He breathlessly inquired the price of the New Testament. When told it was only one dollar, with a smile of mixed joy and relief, he proudly produced the necessary amount—all that he possessed. He snatched the book as if he were afraid of its going up in price and dashed off with his priceless treasure. We left there with mingled feelings: glad because of the wonderful reception of God's precious Word, sad because of the multitudes who have not yet received a single portion of the Book". (These colporter stories were furnished by Miss Minnie Landrum of Rio de Janeiro.)

#### The WORD at WORK

Leader—God says, "My Word shall not return unto Me void"; innumerable missionary experiences prove the truth of this statement. The Word of God always does its work. Given its chance, it never fails. Let's listen while a few stories are told illustrating the power of the printed page.

#### The Stolen Bible

A GROUP of gypsies were gathered around their camp fire listening while one of their number read a book. It was a strange book, one that they had never seen before. But they were charmed with its story. It told about

God and His Son, Jesus. It told them about themselves, their sins and their need of a Savior. It aroused in them feelings and longings and impulses that they had never had before. Yes, it was a Bible! But how did it find its way into the gypsy camp? By the same way that other things sometimes find their way into gypsy camps—it had been stolen! But could any good come from reading a stolen Bible? Yes, good may come from reading any Bible, no matter how it is obtained or where it is read or who reads it. Great good came to those gypsies from that stolen Bible. For, as they read, they received the Word with gladness and gave their hearts to Jesus. As a result a gypsy Baptist church was organized, and the man who had stolen the Bible became its first pastor. Dr. Rushbrooke who leads Baptist work in Europe tells this story, and he knows that it really happened.

#### A Torn Leaf

BITS of paper were flying in the Chinese air. They were leaves from a New Testament torn and thrown away by one who despised the Word of God. The fitful wind—or shall we say the Spirit of God—carried one of those torn leaves to the feet of a man who picked it up, took it home and out of curiosity read its words. He was much interested and came to the bottom of the page with the feeling of one who finds the words "to be continued" right at the most interesting place in a story. The trouble was he didn't know where he could find the continuation of this story. The wind had brought this page, could he expect that it would bring him the rest of the story? It seemed a vain hope indeed. But it was not the wind, but the Spirit of God who was handling the torn leaf and its message, so it happened that after months of waiting and wondering about that story this man dropped into a little bookstore. Though he knew it not, it was a Christian bookstore. A small book lay invitingly on the counter. He opened it and—yes—his eyes fell on the very words which

were at the end of the torn page. At last he had found the rest of the story. He bought the book and eagerly read it. The same Spirit that had guided the wind and the torn page and the opening of the book on the counter led him to an understanding of its truth. He became a Christian and a leader among Chinese Baptists.

#### The Mystery of Two Gospels

GRANDFATHER LING was a seeker after the truth. One day while at a market he met a Gospel bookseller and bought two Gospels, Mark and John. He took the books home and said to his oldest son: "I have found that for which I long have sought. From these books I see the way to be saved is to believe on Jesus. I do believe and shall follow Him". When the neighbors heard about Grandfather Ling's books they urged him not to read them. They said: "These are bad books. They will bring misfortune to your family and to your village. They must be publicly burned." The oldest son hated to see his father bereft of his precious books and said, "Let me hide them away where they will do no harm". So in a torn place in the ceiling of a vacant room they hid the books. The villagers were satisfied because they saw the despised Gospels no more.

One day Grandfather Ling decided he wanted to see his books again. He went to the place where they were hidden, but lo they were gone! He thought that the rats had carried them away, but the next day when he looked under the ceiling they were there. Here was a mystery! How had it happened? On another day he looked in the hiding place and again the books were gone, but after a few hours they were there. This happened over and over. Surely there was some mystery about those two Gospels. The old man could not understand it. But one day the mystery was solved. When he went to the hiding place he met his son with the Gospels in his hand. Yes, his son was the one who had been secretly taking the books from their hiding place! He, too, had

been reading them and was under the power of their message. As father and son met under the paper ceiling they understood that the little books were working the same mysterious change in the hearts of both. After that they read and discussed the books together and, one day, went together to Laichowfu to hear a Christian missionary explain their words. So it happened that father and son became Christians through the influence of the two little Gospels. (*Facts for the two Chinese stories were furnished by Dr. C. J. Lowe who is connected with the work of our Chinese Publishing House.*)

#### A Bible and a Prisoner

A BRAZILIAN colporter was cast into prison. He remained there only three days, but during that time he sold a Bible to a man who had committed murder. Several years afterward Dr. Reno, our missionary at Victoria, Brazil, received a request to visit a place of which he had never before heard. When he went he found a large number of people eager to hear him preach the Gospel. He couldn't understand it for he was told that no pastor, no evangelist, no colporter had ever passed that way. No believer had ever visited them. None of their number had ever gone to any place to attend a religious meeting or to hear the Gospel. Yet here they were, showing an understanding of Gospel truth and a great eagerness to hear it preached. How had it happened? The explanation lay in a well worn Bible. This Bible belonged to the man who had been in jail and had bought it from the colporter. Soon afterward he had been pardoned and had returned to live in his old home in this village. His acquaintances had expected him to renew the old feud, but instead he had called them together and had begun to read to them from his book. For two years only six would listen, but to these he read the book night after night. Then gradually others had begun to drop in to hear and to enjoy the story. After five years when Dr. Reno came he found a large group, not only eager

to hear the Gospel but also ready for baptism and church membership. Just a Bible in the hands of an ex-prisoner, but oh, the marvels that it wrought! (*Retold from story in "Reminiscences, Twenty-five Years in Brazil" by Loren M. Reno*)

#### Two Conversions for Six Cents

A CATHOLIC in Brazil, curious to know the truth about what protestants teach, bought a New Testament for six cents. The reading of that little Testament brought about his conversion. Soon afterward on meeting a friend he told him of how he had found Christ, through the Testament. The friend said, "Since I have been hearing so much about these Bibles I want to get hold of one to read with my own eyes". The newly converted man gladly passed his Testament on to his friend with the prayer in his heart that he, too, might accept Jesus as his Savior. Again the Word did its work, for within a few months the friend was likewise converted. Two precious souls saved for eternity through a little Testament that cost only six cents! (*Facts for this story furnished by Miss M. Anne Christie of Rio de Janeiro*)

#### The PARABLE of the PRINTED PAGES

A WISE King had an important message which he wished to deliver to his people. He called his messengers around him saying, "Who will carry this message for me?" "We will", cried the Silver Tongued Orators. "By the magic of our speech we will shout the message to every part of your realm". "Give it to us", said the Sweet Singers. "We will sing your message straight to the hearts of your people". "Let us carry it", said the Printed Pages. "We can reach more people than can the Silver Tongued Orators or the Sweet Singers. We linger when they depart. Moreover people learn far more through the eye than through the ear. So we believe that we can deliver your message in the best way". And the Wise King gave the message to the Printed Pages be-

cause he knew that they were the most effective of all his carriers.

Today the Wisest of All Kings has the greatest of all messages to deliver to the earth's people. We believe that He uses the Silver Tongued Orators with their gift of speech and the Sweet Sing-

ers with their gift of song; but we believe that He bestows a special benediction on his faithful carriers—the Printed Pages—as He says to them: "Go, deliver My message to the world and My word shall not return unto Me void". (*Close with recitation of poetry on front cover page.*)

#### QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the world's use of the printed page.
2. Mention some of the joys of reading.
3. Discuss the influence of reading in the lives of young people.
4. What are some of the achievements of the Sunday School Board?
5. Mention some blessings that have come to our denomination through the use of Baptist literature.
6. Name some of our publishing houses in foreign lands.
7. Tell something of the work of these.
8. What is the great need of the Carroll Publishing House?
9. Why is literary work especially important in Japan?
10. Tell something of the work of the colporters in South America.
11. Which of the stories about "The Word at Work" impresses you most?
12. How can we be faithful stewards of the printed page?

#### MATERIAL for REFERENCE

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#### FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

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weak in comparison with the great mass of heathen around us, many of whom are hostile or indifferent, and many of whom would like to believe but haven't the courage. And there are still other tens of thousands who have not yet heard. The task seems so impossible, and the powers of darkness seem so strong that in spite of the new chapel I have found it hard to keep from getting discouraged. I have found Tin Tong

a most difficult field, and I need you to help me pray for this particular field. Won't you put it on your prayer list? Since you helped me get the new chapel by your prayers, I crave that you may join me in prayer for this people until God pours out His Spirit in transforming power and multitudes are saved.—*Margie Skumate, Shin Hing, South China*





## YOUNG WOMAN'S AUXILIARY



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

### STILL TIME to HELP



Because this August issue will reach you early in July, there is time yet to set before you as Y.W.A. counselors and W.M.U. young people's directors and leaders the cry of the "Emergency Relief Fund Offering for Home and Foreign Missions". The Southern Baptist Convention voted prayerfully and earnestly to enter into an effort to ingather during June and July \$300,000. Of this sum \$110,000 will be devoted to home mission needs and \$190,000 to foreign missions. This is an emergency offering to save the present work of the two Boards. A sad decline in S.B.C. Cooperative Program gifts has so reduced home and foreign mission receipts that emergency measures are necessary to meet current expenses until the fall. We cannot call our missionaries home: God has called them to their fields; their work is not finished: shall we betray them in God's call? Certainly we cannot, we must not! W.M.U. young people will want to help keep schools open, work progressing, missionaries on their fields: therefore, to these young people must be presented the chance and urge to give.

Could not each child give 30c? Could not Sunbeam Bands, Girls' Auxiliaries, Royal Ambassador Chapters each give \$3 as a minimum gift? Perhaps each Y.W.A. member can give \$3 and the Y.W.A. \$30; maybe some Y.W.A. members can give \$30. It is our duty to present this dire need and ask for prayerful giving. Let us not invite our young people to give up ice cream and cold drinks and call that "sacrifice": we make travesty of the rich word "sacrifice" to belittle it for petty pleasures. We can save by doing without some of these unnecessary "tid bits" but if we are to rise to meet the word sacrifice we must bring our giving to a higher plane. We cause sacrifice on mission fields when we close schools and leave untouched the homes that through schools are apt to be won to Christ, when we tell native workers their salaries must be cut below living possibilities or foreclosed entirely: then we indeed waste the earnest devotion of native Christians! If we should call missionaries home we would sacrifice them because their broken hearts would keep beating yearningly on their fields and their invested lives would still be dedicated to His mission service—we would have sacrificed them, not ourselves. This one time, for a great and immediate need, let us bring our young people to sacrifice by our own examples of Christian giving.

Mark the gift from your organization carefully that the record may be clearly kept. This offering will count on the Y.W.A. Anniversary goal of \$125,000 but is over and above everything else.

\$300,000! For it the mission work waits, Christ waits. Let our young people help in this emergency by giving.

### VITALIZING MISSION STUDY

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by a divine impulse to give their money results of your class until you have —which is concentrated personality—to measured it by this unflinching test of interest.—Una Roberts Lawrence



## OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



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

### APPLYING AUGUST to MISSION STUDY



In the long days of August nothing is so beguiling or worthwhile as a mission study class. Books for young people are attractively bound, delightfully inviting

from cover page through to back, and the contents are more fascinating than the outside. Pick up "The Young Revolutionist" by Pearl Buck: your Intermediate G.A.'s. or R.A.'s. will be spell-bound by the vivid recital of a boy's adventures in the changing world of today. Mrs. Buck's novel, "The Good Earth", has been a best seller for several months. There is a course for teachers of intermediate mission study classes—"Youth and Revolution in China"—and facts about our own work will be readily added in the study.

Ling Yang—a story of a boy and girl in new China by Ethel Thompson—promises a new friendliness for our Junior G.A.'s. and R.A.'s. with boys and girls of China. "Friendship Center in China" is a course published several years ago but still most useful. For the teacher who wants to give her class the

joy of expression, of making China real by handwork effects, this text will be a most successful choice.

How the Sunbeams will love Priscilla Holton's "Chinese Children of Woodcutter's Lane"! Its nine stories will tell them much about the children of a far-away land which they will probably never see but whose development will affect their lives greatly: they will happily discover that these children are just like themselves after all. What a basic lesson for Sunbeams: it will build a missionary hearted group that will help China to find Christ as years pass. The smaller Sunbeams enjoy "The Popular Nursery Series" and, "Going to China" as the foreign mission story class will no doubt choose, they will love "Ah Fu: a Chinese River-Boy".

Y.W.A.'s. are not left out of the China treats either. "Lady Fourth Daughter" is choice with its beguiling Chinese-drawn cover design and its intriguing presentation of material to help understand China's constructive efforts. Our own Dr. Bryan's "Christianity's China Creations" and our Mrs. Pruitt's "The Day of Small Things" will interest Y.W.A.'s. and should be used to set forth also our own denominational activities

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No! I wouldn't stay home in August!!

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1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.



## MARGARET FUND



Chairman: Mrs. Frank Burney, Waynesboro, Ga.

He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good; and whose trusteth in the Lord happy is he.—Prov. 16:20



The desire of every heart on your Margaret Fund Committee is to "handle wisely" this matter. Certainly every such heart "trusteth in the Lord" and longeth to do His will.

Happy were these hearts as they met in conference in St. Petersburg, and how they did rejoice in the Margaret Fund work which sheds countless blessings in the lives and hearts of missionaries and their sons and daughters. Reports from every state told of the joy of mothering these precious young lives; the love gifts to these 76 students were greater than any year in our history. We noted with

genuine regret and sorrow a falling off by some of the states in gifts to our scholarship funds. Therefore, because your committee desires to "handle wisely the matter" and because of such reduced gifts to the Margaret Fund, some rules were made which we deeply regretted but which seemed most expedient at this time of economic strain and stress. We rejoice that during the "fat years" we were able to enlarge our scholarships and that we were privileged to assist some students toward definite ministerial and medical training.

Because of reduced funds, we were forced to decline to further assist eight young men and women, who wished to begin medical or ministerial courses. We do rejoice that our Margaret Fund has been able to assist these for four or more years. Perhaps there are some who are most deeply interested in these fine young definite volunteers and would rejoice to grant them special assistance this year; if so how happy would we be to give you their names and addresses. Perhaps no investment for God could bring a greater dividend. One young man is in far-away Brazil and longs to study medicine. He is already doing evangelistic work there and desires to carry a medical course also. There is great need of a doctor, for he writes: "We have over 300 members in a far off field where no doctor ever sets foot and where 60 per cent of the children die in infancy. Women drag out long lives of suffering because no one ever told them how to live, for no one out there knows". Others from China and Brazil long for medical and ministerial training that they may go back to fields that have never heard the name of Jesus and proclaim to them the blessed story.

Our hearts were made sad because we could not grant every request but, realizing that our Margaret Fund is a trust from God, given as a memorial, and that your committee must "handle wisely", we determined not to go into debt. Therefore the following rules were passed at the St. Petersburg meeting. Our committee is agreed that the younger students, desiring to begin college, should have first consideration over the students who have already received at least four years' help. Because of our "trust in the Lord" fourteen new students were granted scholarships. Let us pray and work so that individuals and societies may do more "mothering" than ever before, thus helping every Margaret Fund student to have much more loving attention and also every necessity in a material way. The new rules are:

- 1—That all regular scholarships be reduced from \$300 to \$250

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## TRAINING SCHOOL



Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, Principal

### "YOUR SPLENDID QUEST"

These arresting words, "The Splendid Quest", caught my attention some time ago as I browsed through a shelf of books. This book proved to be a collection of adventure stories of fine boys and girls who gave promise in their early youth that they would give themselves to a quest of the best in life. These heroes and heroines followed through to maturity were seen always realizing the purpose and ideal that had gripped them early in life.

As I considered those followers of the quest of other days, my thoughts turned to the many fine young women of our day who are waiting for someone to interpret to them the Master's "Follow Me". I am persuaded that they, many of them, are eager to follow Him in their pursuit of a worthwhile, satisfactory life. Jesus, indeed, is the one true guide to whom to point them in their quest, for He alone can show the way to abundant life here and now. Their quest can only become a conquest as they link up with Him.

The great need in our complex, many-aided life today is to have it shot through with vital religion. This permeation of the group life can come only as individual life is transformed. What better way is there for this to be done than to find key young women and put them in touch with influences that will turn their lives into new channels of helpful Christian living?

This leads me to say that you—pastor's wife, W.M.S. president, circle leader, Sunday school teacher, Y.W.A. counselor, B.Y.P.U. director, friend of young women—have a quest of your own in their behalf. Think for a moment! Is there not in your church or in a neighboring one some young woman interested in church work, anxious to serve to the best of her ability, whose parents can afford to send her to the W.M.U. Training School for a year's study that would multiply her usefulness in her church and community an hundred-fold?

To be sure, the W.M.U. Training School exists first of all to train missionaries for our home and foreign fields and full time workers in local and state capacities throughout the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention and beyond its borders. But along through the years the School has drawn within its influence many young women coming at their own expense and not with the primary purpose of entering religious work as a life vocation. Such students have been immeasurably helped by this experience. Their horizons have been broadened, their spiritual powers have been vitalized and their capacities for service have been multiplied. They are back in church and community, rendering unspectacular service but doing it with an assurance and conviction born of broadening study and directed experience.

Why not interpret the Master's "Follow Me" to some young woman and, by so doing, enrich her life and bring back into your church a trained worker? Interest the young woman and then it should be comparatively easy to get the cooperation of parents in such a plan.

In no school perhaps in all the land can a student get so much for so small an expenditure. Board, room, laundry, books and tuition should not exceed \$175 for the scholastic year of such a southern Baptist student. Such low figures are made possible by the contributions of Woman's Missionary Union and by the co-

operative plan of housework in which each student has a share. Traveling expenses, clothes and spending money will depend on the student herself. If interested, write for further information or catalogue to W.M.U. Training School, 334 East Broadway, Louisville, Ky.—*Carrie U. Littlejohn*

#### BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES (Concluded from Page 14)

wall-paper. Inside may be the invitation bidding the members to come and bring a box-supper. The program can carry out this same idea of the box by letting each side of a box represent a phase of the program until all sides of the box are covered with the messages of the printed page.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Memphis Federation of Business Women's Circles! Its scrap-book displayed at the S.B.C. in St. Petersburg told the story of excellent work and rang out a challenge to other Baptist business women to go home and do likewise.

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2—That training school, seminary and medical students now on our Margaret Fund list receive for this new year \$200, just as has been the custom in behalf of Margaret Fund students in our W.M.U. Training School

3—That because of decreased gifts to the Margaret Fund, it will not be possible to continue to grant scholarships to new applicants desiring to enter medical training or seminary, except in case of our Margaret Fund girls who desire to enter any one of our training schools in the bounds of Southern Baptist Convention territory.

4—That under no circumstances shall a scholarship be more than \$200 to a student who has been helped by the Margaret Fund four or more years

5—In case the parents of a Margaret Fund student are dropped from the list of regular S.B.C. missionaries serving under the Foreign Mission Board or under the Home Mission Board in countries outside of the U.S., the said Margaret Fund student shall be retained on the Margaret Fund list only for the current scholastic year, the parents to be notified accordingly.

An innovation in Christian publications is the new "Japanese Christian Graphic" in which "sufficient printed matter is given to explain and arouse interest in various presentations of Christianity at work in the world".

## 25 Years Ago in This Magazine

THE Word of God, the Order-Book,  
We study week by week.  
The truth in Jesus and His will  
We earnestly would seek.

The smallest child the story old  
May know and understand,  
And one can never be too large  
To heed the Lord's command.

Well may we pray: "Incline our hearts  
To know and love Thy way  
And teach us, for our Savior's sake,  
To hear and to obey".

## CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

WE wonder if the following, gathered from reports of the meetings of the Woman's Missionary Union and the Southern Baptist Convention last May in Florida might not serve as a significant and interesting illustration of the power of the printed page:

Glowing indeed is the year's mission study record—10565 classes among young people, 17591 among the women, the total number of classes being 28,156.—*Report of W.M.U. Corresponding Secretary*

Distribution of literature, leaflets and pamphlets 823,574—*W.M.U. Statistical Table*

The aim and purpose of the department is to serve Baptist women and young people who are busy about the Master's business. . . . Earnest attention is exerted to keep up a good stock of leaflets, plays and pageants dealing with stewardship.—*Report of W.M.U. Literature Department*

A significant fact is that the W.M.U. Literature Department and the three W.M.U. monthlies (Royal Service, the Window of Y.W.A. and World Comrades) each weathered the financial storms with creditable balances.—*S.B.C. Bulletin*

From the report of the W.M.U. treasurer we find that the cash total reported as having been given by W.M.U. members amounted to \$2,197,270.98.

From reports of the Southern Baptist Convention we learn that the Woman's Missionary Union gave more last year than the whole Southern Baptist Convention was giving a generation ago to missions, education and benevolence.

Commissioner Mulrooney, head of the City of New York Police Department, in his annual report says: "In past years the criminal at the 'line-up' was middle-aged, intemperate, experienced in crime and limited in his activities to a special type of offense". In speaking of the present he says: "The 'line-up' presents a parade of youth ranging in age from 17 to 21, versatile in crime". In commenting on the above the editor of the Watchman-Examiner charges much of this state of affairs to the indecent books and magazines read by our young people, while Mr. Mulrooney says that the only hope he sees for a change is in proper parental care and religious education.

Helen Keller recently gave this testimony of what the Bible means to her: "In the desert of darkness and silence the Bible has planted concepts of inward sight and hearing which have exercised an ever-increasing power over my thoughts. It has rendered less bitter the separation from those I have loved and lost a little while. We have not learned the lesson of life if we do not every day open the Word for a moment of spiritual refreshment".

The National Institute for the Blind has completed the first edition of the Bible in Arabic Braille. The work has been carried out under the British and Foreign Bible Society, who will distribute generally the book to blind readers in Arabia, Palestine, Egypt and North Africa.

In an effort to spread the Gospel over a large area in Brazil and to enter doors closed to evangelical workers, it is planned to publish a little monthly paper called "Light and Life" which is to be advertised in the daily papers and sent free to anyone for a period of six months.



## BOOK REVIEWS



Mrs. Julian P. Thomas, Virginia

Any of the books reviewed in this magazine may be ordered from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., or from State Baptist Bookstore. The price of each is quoted with its review.

### THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY



The new home mission book, "The Word of Their Testimony" by Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, has all the charm we have learned to expect from that gifted writer. The book contains a wealth of stories of how the reading of the Word opens the hearts of those who hear it for the first time and prepares them for the acceptance of Christ. One learns to know and appreciate the French people of Louisiana and their joy in learning the way of salvation, the Spanish-speaking people of New Mexico, the Indians in the southwest, as well as others with whom the Board works. Mrs. Lawrence's story of what the Board is doing for all these races—and the willing sacrifices of our home missionaries—will awaken in us a new sense of obligation for this work. Price: paper 50c

### MISSION STUDY HANDBOOK

A **SPECIALLY** fine piece of work is the "Mission Study Handbook" as prepared by Mrs. Taut B. White, W. M. U. representative, with the assistance of Mrs. E. M. Bailey, Georgia W. M. U. chairman of mission study, and Mrs. A. N. Swain, mission study superintendent for the North Central Division of Georgia W. M. U. The chapters on "Mission Study Education for Intermediates and Primaries" were prepared by Mrs. Swain and that for juniors by Mrs. Bailey. From innumerable sources Mrs. White has assembled the best ways of han-

dling classes, institutes, conferences etc., giving this information in a practical, usable way. She has no hard and fast rule but gives a number of plans which may be used as they are or adapted. The book should be in the hands of every one who is or who plans to be a mission study leader. Price: paper 25c

### CHALLENGED

IN her book, "Challenged", Caroline Atwater Mason—the author of "The High Way"—has given us a charming story of a beautiful home life and, at the same time, a pen picture of the struggle in one American town for and against prohibition. The sinister forces of the liquor people operating through the press is well depicted, as well as the fascination of social prestige influencing the young. Mrs. Mason, speaking through one of her delightful characters, presents most forcefully the arguments for temperance, quoting from many high authorities as to the success so far of the prohibition movement. The story, in spite of some sad incidents, closes on a note of hope and faith for the future of the temperance forces. The book is full of interest for old and young. Price: cloth \$1

### WHAT SOCIAL WORKERS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES

MANY of our women's organizations have had difficulty in determining just what work might be done in their localities under the head of personal service. A booklet published by the Russell Sage Foundation and written by one of the directors of the Foundation, Margaret Byington, will give valuable help to such seekers after the best phases of such service. It is called

"What Social Workers Should Know about Their Own Communities: An Outline", and is especially adapted to work in a city. It deals with every phase of social work—housing, health, recreation etc.—and gives the most approved ways of securing the necessary information for dealing with these problems. The questions on each subject define precisely the knowledge to be secured. The booklet guards against much mistaken service in that it warns against duplicating work already planned for by the community, as well as the service that injures instead of helps. To give an instance: it is suggested that we be most careful in establishing cheap boarding houses for working girls, for thus we may encourage employers to lower wages because these boarding houses enable girls to live more cheaply. The value of the booklet is largely in this service of guarding social workers from the many mistakes into which they are liable to fall. It is constructively valuable in taking in every sort of service, that Christians owe to their communities, and might well be used by Women's Missionary Societies in their Personal Service Committees. It also shows how private agencies—such as missionary societies—may cooperate with public agencies already established—such as hospitals etc.—and thus give valuable aid. Price: paper 25c

### GOD'S WORLD

ALL of us who studied "The Lure of Africa" will gratefully remember Dr. Cornelius Howard Patton as its author and will rejoice to have his rather recent book, "God's World". In it he shows the shrunken world because of modern discoveries and inventions and that, whether we will or no, the world has become one great family; that, though climate and environment make us vary in some respects, fundamentally we are alike. He leads us along the centuries to see a hungry, ailing, groping world, with nationalism the strongest impelling motive of the nations, but says that now we are begin-

ning to turn to internationalism and to realize that the world is one. He shows the decay of other religions, the growing supremacy of our Lord and His Christ and depicts for us a possible better world. Price: cloth \$2

### CHINA HER OWN INTERPRETER

THE Missionary Education Movement is recommending for special study "China Her Own Interpreter". While the book was first published in 1927, it seems eminently suited for study today. It consists of eight chapters, each one written by a Chinese Christian of distinction, no two by the same writer. It gives the Chinese thought on native religions and the Christian religion. We have had much from the pens of our missionaries on these subjects but little or nothing from the Chinese. Under present conditions it is most desirable that we should know the reactions of the nationals towards our foreign mission work and how far we can be useful to them. The book should be most valuable to adult study classes. Price: paper 75c, cloth \$1.25

### WHAT IS SOCIAL CASE WORK?

A **BOOK** that may be studied to advantage by the chairman of a Personal Service Committee is "What Is Social Case Work?" It was written by Mary E. Richmond, one of the directors of the Russell Sage Foundation, and published by the Foundation. It analyses the needs of individuals and families, that require help from their fellows, and makes a study of the underlying causes of these needs. The six cases used as illustrations embody most of the problems that confront the social worker. The world is beginning to see that the home is the most important thing in the lives of us all, and the author stresses the importance of building up the home and making it a fit place for those who live in it, also emphasizing the mutual help it gives to both parents and children. She does not stop at this side of the life of those, who are to be aided, but takes up the school,

the workshop, the hospital, the court and deals with the way in which each may be used in special cases. Most valuable are the suggestions for using these various forms of help. Individual differences are dwelt on, as well as the need for guarding carefully the independence of the person helped. Suggestions are given as to the influence that social workers may have on legislation for the good of those who are too young or too weak to help themselves, and there are illustrations of what has already been done in this line. *Price: cloth \$1*

#### The MAKING of MODERN MISSIONS

In "The Making of Modern Missions", Stacy R. Warburton, professor of Christian Missions in Berkeley (Cal.) Divinity School, gives the story of missions from the beginning of the Christian era and shows how modern missions have grown out of this history. Especially interesting and informing is the account of the missionary brothers of Ireland and their influence on the centuries that followed. The author deals very fully with the motives and methods of the early missionaries and draws many lessons that might well be taken into account in the present. He dwells with force on the authority for missions, which he does not admit rests entirely on the Great Commission, but contends that it is inherent in the Christ, and that he who accepts His teaching must be committed to the missionary idea. *Price: cloth \$1.50*

#### BIBLE STUDY (Concluded from Page 13)

Woman's Missionary Union to increase the number of readers. The Sunday school lessons give the message for your own growth in the knowledge of the Lord. Shall we keep this glorious Gospel sealed? The faithful pastor feeds his flock both the milk of the Word

#### OUR YOUNG PEOPLE (Concluded from Page 27)

in China.

But you may prefer a stay-at-home, a "See-America-First" type of study class. If so, here are two of our own authors providing for our pleasure and profit: Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence's newest book—"The Word of Their Testimony"—is considered by many to be her very best. That says a great deal! (See review on page 32.) Isabelle Coleman's—"Around the World in Our Southland"—is adaptable from intermediates to Sunbeams, so that all grades of young people can enjoy it.

As earnest counselor "buying up the time" do not let August slip by carelessly—conserve it through mission study. A Georgia church recently planned an all-day mission study institute for W.M.U. young people's missionary education organizations, invited the young people of the association, planned for 75 to be present, enrolled 225 Y.W.A.'s, R.A.'s, G.A.'s and Sunbeams who were thrilled by their day of classes and Chinese games. How many should you expect?

The following books are to be ordered at the listed prices from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., or from State Baptist Bookstore:

Lady Fourth Daughter of China, 75c, 50c  
The Young Revolutionist, \$1.50, 75c  
Youth and Revolution in China, 35c  
Ling Yang, \$1, 50c  
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HOW often you have heard it said—and how true it is! The missionary interest and enlistment of a church can scarcely rise higher than the missionary enthusiasm and devotion of the pastor.

Our pastors need constant replenishment of the fuel for missionary fires. The W.M.U., in a resolution adopted at its 1931 annual meeting, proposes a far-reaching service both to missions and the pastors.

#### EVERY MISSIONARY SOCIETY IS URGED to SUBSCRIBE for "HOME AND FOREIGN FIELDS" for the PASTOR.

as a token of their appreciation of him, that he may not lack for fresh, inspiring missionary materials for sermons, addresses, prayer-meeting messages etc., and that he may be kept constantly in touch with the missionary enterprises of southern Baptists at home and abroad.

This practical plan is suggested: let ten women be requested to give ten cents each, the dollar thus raised being sent to "Home and Foreign Fields" for a year's subscription for the pastor. The address of the magazine is 161 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn.

If the pastor is already a subscriber his subscription will be moved up accordingly. The distressing fact is that the majority of our pastors do not now receive this missionary magazine. It is doubtful if any similar service of so great value could be rendered the pastor and the cause of missions.



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