

# Royal Service

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Laborers together with God—*I Cor. 3:9*

**Watchword for Year:**

"He shall reign"—*Luke 1:33*



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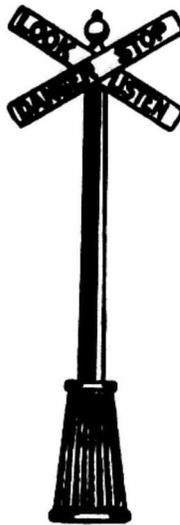
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## EDITORIAL

### KEYNOTE

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



Perhaps you too enjoyed the recent cartoon picturing President Hoover seated at a piano persistently striking with one finger a single note. It was the note of "Economy". Congress represented as a violinist stood beside the piano tuning his instrument to that note of economy struck by Mr. Hoover. The music on the piano before the president was his "Annual Message". The title of the cartoon was "Giving him the keynote".

This is a striking picturization of the desired emphasis of the W.M.U. for the coming months. Our keynote is "Extension"; it was struck by action of the Executive Committee of the W.M.U., by the message of the president and was endorsed by the annual meeting. The renewed vigor of the fall work should feature extension in organization. Such emphasis is not new, but united effort will glorify the commonplace duty. To undertake this needed task, it has not been necessary to set up a separate organization because the W.M.U. is already perfectly organized. Our regular organization, through its regular officers, will press a vital phase of its regular work that more people may be enlisted in the missionary enterprise. That it may aid our denomination in this time of mission emergency, our Union now keys itself to the note of "Extension". In no other way can it so surely increase mission interest, mission gifts and prayer for missions as by reaching out and linking to our denominational program the unenvisioned women and young people in our unorganized and unenlisted Baptist churches.

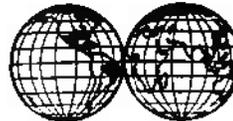
The sensible approach to such a project is a definite plan, a careful aim. Your president would term September as "Discovery Month". The work of state leaders during September should reveal the number of active churches in the state having no W.M.U. organizations and those only partially organized. State presidents, corresponding secretaries, divisional vice presidents and young people's leaders with associational superintendents should record the unorganized or partially organized churches. Miss Mather, a member of the Extension Commission, suggests that a map of the state be made with the divisions, districts and associations plainly marked. In the course of the meeting of the leaders this map will be cut up and given to each district officer and her young people's leader. They in turn will divide the portion of the map for which they are responsible into associations, giving into the hand of the associational superintendent the correct data as to her field. The stronger associations should send volunteer workers into the weaker fields. These map sections are to be kept, checked for progress and finally brought together again in a perfect state map. It is hoped "Discovery Month" will prepare all the states for October's challenge of "The Call of the Cross", by arranging special rally luncheons. Special program material for these meetings will be furnished by the Extension Commission.

What is the keynote of the fall work? Extension! When does it officially begin? September! What is September termed? Discovery Month! What is the rally cry of the October luncheons? "The Call of the Cross!" Who is your state Extension Chairman? Your state president! Who composes the Extension Commission? Mrs. B. A. Copass, Texas; Mrs. Carter Wright, Ala.; Mrs. Ned

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## LAW OBSERVANCE

### OBLIGATORY upon CHRISTIANS



Laws are no new thing to the human mind for, aside from those laws that govern the physical world, laws of health, spiritual laws etc., the violation of some of which have brought direful consequences to many of us, we find that wherever a group of human beings have been, whether savage or civilized, there has been some sort of organization and rules for the protection of the individual and the welfare of the whole. The more advanced civilization is, the more rules or laws are required to keep the relations of men smooth and harmonious. Communities are of much greater extent today than they were thirty years ago, due to modern methods of travel, telephone, radios etc., so that a greater variety of people are included, with tastes, occupations, habits, culture and customs widely different—all of which require more laws agreed upon by the people to protect the community against the selfish greed of those who seek only their own ambitions and appetites to be served.

The reading of much of present-day literature leads one to think that there are just two groups of people in our land today. One group seems to believe that life is given for the pleasure of the individual, for the indulgence of every desire and craving of an unrestrained physical and emotional self—the supremacy of the individual over the group. The other takes God seriously and would pattern life after the Man of Galilee, who said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for another".

The 18th Amendment has for its purpose the protection of the weak against the strong, the safeguarding of childhood, the preservation of the home and family, the restraint of the sale of alcoholic beverages, putting the stamp of the government's disapproval upon a business that damns men's souls and the abolition of the attendant evils that have been a curse to so many communities. This purpose places this amendment in the second group, against the first, which means that the great contention of today is spiritual against superlative selfishness.

The purpose of this amendment is to remove stumbling blocks from the way of our fellowman; it is another way of saying, "If eating meat causeth my brother to offend I will eat no more meat while the world stands". It is putting the welfare of the group ahead of personal privilege.

Law observance is obligatory upon the Christian, not only because Christ taught loyalty to the government under which one lives, but also because the higher life of peace and Christ-like love can never reach fulfillment when "fretting against the reins", also because of the influence he or she would have. "A chain is no stronger than its weakest link". How sad when a Christian is that weakest link! Government cannot stand without loyalty.

Mr. Joy Elmer Morgan, editor of the "Journal of the National Education Association", recently said: "Prohibition is an expression of the eternal struggle between things spiritual and things material. It holds that the right to be well born, decently reared and adequately educated transcends any so-called right based on appetite for harmful beverages. Prohibition is not on trial. The constitution is on trial. Intelligence is on trial. . . . I do not believe America can be fooled into taking a backward step".—Mrs. Leon S. Holley, S. C.

### "Safe on Canaan's Side"

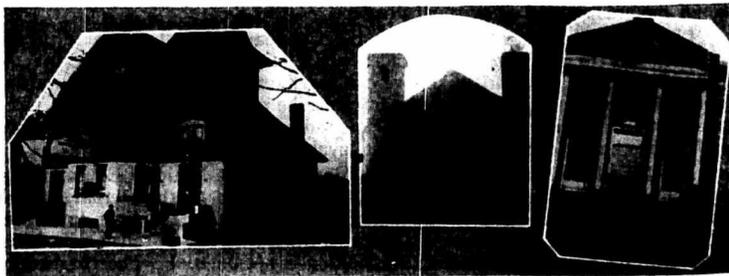
A T sea on June 20 the spent body of Mrs. E. T. Snuggs was buried, her trusting spirit having soared to the Land of which it is written: "There is no sea there". Certainly Mrs. Snuggs struggled hard to regain health, she and Mr. Snuggs being on their way to a more favorable climate when her physical strength ebbed out just as the ship was about two days' journey from Honolulu. For nearly forty years she was a foreign missionary, devoting twenty-eight of those years as an S.B.C. missionary in China. Far south in unevangelized Pakhoi she and Mr. Snuggs and their only daughter, Miss Faith, lovingly labored as at Wuchow do also the son and his wife. To this unusually missionary family goes forth the sincere sympathy of Woman's Missionary Union.

Another big gap has been made in the already greatly depleted line of foreign missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention. This added loss is due to the death on July 16 of Mrs. E. O. Mills of Nagasaki, the furthestmost center in Japan where southern Baptists work. Like Mrs. Snuggs, the first years of Mrs. Mills' missionary work were not spent in the employ of the S.B.C. Foreign Mission Board but for the past twenty-seven years she thus represented her native Missouri in beautiful Japan, to the evangelization of which she devoted thirty-two fruitful years. To her husband and other loved ones Woman's Missionary Union would express gratitude for her life, withal deeply sympathizing that her beloved presence is no longer in their midst.

It is easy to believe that if Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Snuggs could broadcast a message from the City Celestial it would be a clarion call to southern Baptists to fill in the gaps made by their going, to rally to every overstrained missionary. It seems more than a coincidence that the record of this two-fold loss to the work in the orient should be made when the topic for the month's study is: "Entrusted with the Gospel".

"Safe on Canaan's side" since July 6 is also Mrs. J. A. Coker, who for over three years was a Birmingham member of the W.M.U. Executive Committee. Few women have so effectively served their association as did Mrs. Coker. The added benefit was the practical advice she could thus give at conferences of the south-wide committee. In expressing gratitude for Mrs. Coker's self-sacrificing services, Woman's Missionary Union would also extend sincere sympathy to her family and friends.

### OTHER PICTURES of A-1 CHURCHES



Reading from left to right the pictures are: Pratt City, Ala.; Pine St., Guyton, Ga.; and Third Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga. These churches were included in the list published in June ROYAL SERVICE, but the pictures were not received in time for that issue.

### MISSION STUDY DEPARTMENT

Southwide Mission Study Chairman: Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, Missouri

### HOW TO TEACH a SUCCESSFUL MISSION STUDY CLASS



A successful class is one which imparts knowledge of the country being studied, its people, the missionaries and their work; creates an interest in missions; and inspires within the class a desire to support the missionaries with money and prayers. To secure this result requires time, thought and thorough preparation by the teacher.

Advertise the class by posters, oral announcements and bulletins. An announcement party at a home or in the church, at which the plans for the class are presented, is a good way to get the best attendance.

Notebooks properly kept are much more practical than examinations. The making of a notebook gives a lasting impression on one's mind, causes individual study and is useful for future reference. Penny pictures (*write for catalogue to Perry Pictures Co., Malden, Mass.*) help to make the notebooks attractive and useful. Perhaps the time may yet come, if there is enough demand for them, that the mission boards will furnish penny pictures of missionaries for mission study classes.

Always have a map on the wall and refer to it constantly. Excellent colored wall mission maps are available for \$1.25 each. Small outline maps may be had for notebooks. (*Order all maps from state Baptist book store.*) Since there is more traveling abroad than formerly, it is often possible to get some one who has traveled in the country being studied to tell personal impressions of the people and of visits to the missions.

It is almost a necessity to have collateral reading for a mission study book. If one is not near a city library, one can usually have access to a state li-

brary. Librarians as a rule are very accommodating in selecting the most helpful books for a given study. Other valuable material is found in the National Geographic Magazine (*Washington, D. C., 50c per copy*); also a mission study teacher should save pictures year in and year out from newspapers, magazines and pamphlets for possible use in a study class.

Music is one of the most effective aids. For instance, in teaching about Hungary, a Y.W.A. girl played Hungarian music, "Varadi's Highways" by Bartalus on the clarinet accompanied by the piano. The one who taught Spain used "Aeolian" composed by Sir Baxter Perry while he was at Granada listening to the old harps played by the wind. Other well known national airs may be secured on Victor records. "Czardas" by Hubay played by Maud Powell, Victor No. 74324. "Hungarian Czardas" and "Hungarian Dance" by Brahms played by Miskowitz, Victor No. 17973, and "Hungarian Rhapsodie" by Liszt, played by Cortot, Victor No. 74670, are all very beautiful. "Spanish Dances" by Sarasate are available on Victor records, No. 74366 and No. 74455, while "La Paloma" by Gradier is sung by Bari on Victor No. 88480.

Something equally effective, that gives an atmosphere of the country or region under discussion, is a poem or story told by a girl dressed in native costume. A melancholy poem by Zmay or a poem by a national writer, given in costume, shows a characteristic of the people and how they dress.

A splendid plan is to draw an outline map on a large card board. Locate the mission stations on it, then paste near each the pictures (*cut from the Missionary Album, price 25c, from Baptist* (Concluded on Page 11).

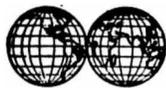


## PERSONAL SERVICE



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

### HOW a WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY CAN HELP the NEGRO



This can best be answered by telling what the women and young people in our association are doing. We can help Negroes only as we know and understand them. We are fortunate in having in Birmingham a Negro Baptist woman, Carrie Bell McQueen, who has helped us to know her people and their needs and through whom we work.

Among the many things that we have been able to do the most outstanding are:

1. **Literature**—How eagerly they take our old magazines, W.M.U., Sunday school, B.Y.P.U., state papers etc. and assort them into small packages and then give to the women in their Bible classes who visit in the homes and alleys and distribute them, talking to men, women and children as they visit. Thus they also stimulate an interest for the Bible classes in the fall.

2. **Conferences**—What a joy and blessing it has been to hold conferences with these Negro leaders about their work and problems. This has been chiefly done by:

a. Planning and outlining the lessons for children's Bible classes and by selecting stories, songs, Bible material etc. for their study

b. Planning Daily Vacation Bible Schools. Talking with leaders of each department, giving patterns, pictures and scraps for handwork

c. Studying the W.M.U. organizations, explaining our standards, constitutions and plan of work to them. Helping them to organize young people's organizations and carry them on in a worthwhile way

d. Attending their state, associational and national conventions, speaking and helping them with their plans.

At the close of one of these conferences a Negro leader said: "I felt there was something lacking and knew there must be a way, but I didn't know what and decided to ask you. When we have done all we know, unless our white friends help us, we cannot go on".

3. **Visiting**—Besides going in the homes and alley-ways with the Bible women we can do much by visiting their meetings and institutions. We have visited their Fresh Air Camps, Blind School, Old Folks Home, Day Nurseries and Children's Hospital—carrying toys, books, wash cloths, tooth brushes, bags, pin cushions, needles, thread, scraps, fruits, candies etc.—and have sewed for their hospital. Often we put on programs as we visited. We also invite their young people to visit our meetings and sing for us and help us serve and decorate for our banquets, thus seeing how we carry on our work.

4. **Bible Classes**—We can do a great deal by visiting the women and children's classes during the year, speaking and telling stories, mimeographing their programs, filling out their certificates, giving awards to those who have the best records for the year and attending their closing exercises. One of the happiest times of all the year for me is the privilege of presenting the certificates and awards to approximately 1500 children at their commencement exercises each May.

One of their own race, in looking out over an audience of 1500 Negro women and children, said: "How like a beautiful bed of pansies!" Truly they are like the pansy with their dark faces, their big round eyes and their strange and mysterious lives; yet,

"Red or yellow, black or white  
They are precious in His sight,  
For He loves the children of the world".

—Eva Monroe, Alabama



## FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



### MY CONVERSION



From Miss Essie Fuller of Pernambuco, Brazil, come the two following incidents:

My call to the ministry has been the cause of much meditation on my part because of the circumstances. I was a member of the church for five years and never thought of preaching the Gospel or at least never thought of giving all of my time to the preaching of the Gospel. Finally I married and we had one child when one day I felt that God was calling me to preach His Gospel. I hid my feelings and tried to make myself think that it was only emotion. But the more I tried to put it aside the stronger became the conviction until finally I presented myself to my church to be recommended to the Seminary at Pernambuco. But the difficulty was: "How could I study?" The church was small and poor and could not possibly help me and I was only a poor tailor. It was hard to think of my family in real want, but I trusted all to Him, who had called me, and launched out in the dark. I am in my fourth year in the Seminary and am walking more by faith than ever. Many, many times I have worked until one and two o'clock in the morning and then gotten up at four to study my lessons.

A short time ago one of the missionaries was talking about how surprised he was at not seeing me crying for help as many do, but I have cried to God and He has answered my every cry. This is the first time I have ever told this story and I am not telling it as a lamentation but as an experience of how God has protected me in my life and how Jesus is with me at all times.—  
*Jose Benedicto*

Being a good Catholic, I put my girl in a convent called "Academy of Saint Gertrude". When my girl came home for the holidays I was looking through

her books and found a "Sacred History" that the school adopted to teach religion. As I was always very religious I began to read the "Sacred History". What was my surprise when I found the Ten Commandments and saw that the first one prohibited idol worship. I knew all of the others from the "Catechism", but I had never seen this one in the Catholic religion. Many believers had shown me this First Commandment, but I did not believe it, for the priests had always told us not to read the believers' Bibles, saying that they were false. As I said, I was surprised to find this commandment and began to see that I was wrong and that the believers' Bible was true. I finished reading the "Sacred History" and discovered other things that showed me that I was wrong and that Christ was the only Saviour. As I was not a Catholic from fancy but because I thought it was the true way to serve God, I was ready to turn away from error and serve Him in the right way as soon as I saw that I was wrong. I received a wonderful blessing when I finished the book and gave myself to my Master. Others in my home had already accepted Christ. Today all except my youngest daughter have accepted Him as Saviour and we are a happy family.—*Maria Baptista Cavalcante*

*Note by Miss Fuller*—This woman's husband was converted, but he had a grocery store where he sold all sorts of whiskey. He at once began to do away with his whiskey and started a coffee factory before he asked for church membership.

### "THE ENTRANCE OF THY WORD GIVETH LIGHT"

THERE was a little eleven year old, Italian girl—Lena—at our Industrial School one Saturday afternoon in July. She lives at a mining camp two miles away. She does not come very often

as she has had no one to come with, but this time Ruth—a big 15 year old English girl—came with her. It was Ruth's first time here, but she needs to come, one reason being that she knows so little about sewing. While sitting by Lena and while I was showing her how to sew her patchwork, she looked up at me and said: "I haven't a Bible; that is why I do not go to Sunday school!" "Would you go if you had one?" "Yes!" "Then I will give you one", I said. "That is why my big sister don't go; she hasn't a Bible either!" "Tell her to come and see me and I will give her one", I quickly promised. "Ruth hasn't a Bible either!" "Does she go to Sunday school?" I asked. "Sometimes; she would go all the time if she had a Bible!" "I will give her one!"

They had to go down town after Industrial School was over. I told them to stop as they came back and I would have their Bibles ready. I always write in each one the name, address, date, a Bible verse—usually John 3:16—and giver. Also I show them how they can read through the Old and New Testaments in a year. They were two happy girls when I gave the Bibles to them. Ruth said with shining eyes: "This is the first Bible I ever owned! My three big brothers will want to read it. I will tell them they must wash their hands first: it must be read and handled with clean hands!" Lena said: "My father, mother and big brother are all Catholics, but that does not make me have to be one". "Do they all go to the Catholic church every Sunday?" I asked. "They don't go at all!" she replied. Her mother told me some time ago that the big brother did not want to go to the Catholic church and that he said that, when he was of age, he was going to go to the church he wanted to go to. Lena said: "My big brother will be 21 in September and will be old enough to vote". "Tell your brother, if he would like to have a Bible, to come to the Good Will Center on his birthday—or sooner—and I will give him one for a birthday present!" I am thankful for the Good Will Center with

its many opportunities for doing good: "My Word shall not return unto Me void".

One day I was told that an Italian young man had died and that his funeral would be in half an hour in the home where he boarded. I went to the funeral, a very large one. He was a fine looking young man. As I stood looking at him, I felt so sorry I did not know he was sick, so I could have told him about Jesus who died to save him.

The next day I went to the home where he died. The Italian woman said: "You came here one day while he was sick; he saw you pass the window, he knew you would leave something in Italian—as soon as you had gone, he wanted it. It was a tract about a 'Dying Drummer Boy'. He read it and read it and read it and just kept on reading it. He liked it so well and he had everybody that came in read it too".

I was so glad and thankful she told me that, because the drummer boy was a very earnest, consecrated Christian boy, whose death led to Christ his doctor, a Jew who did not believe in Jesus. One could not read that tract and not know how to be saved—want to be saved. The Italian young man's intense interest in it must have led him to trust in Jesus before he died. I was so thankful the Heavenly Father had let me know about it. Yes, it is a fine tract; I have had it in many different languages and have given away so many of them.—*Mary E. Kelly, Christopher, Illinois*

#### "THY WORD IS TRUTH"

FROM Mrs. T. B. Hawkins of Las Rosas, Argentina, comes the following incident, saying that it is in the convert's own words:

The first night of the evangelistic services I went with my two neighbors, who had been like sisters to me for four years. They took their children and I carried my two little girls, one in my arms. We only thought to pass the time by a bit of amusement. We stood outside of the window to listen.

They were really amused and laughed at everything they heard. I felt that what was said was the truth and could not even smile. I saw the attitude of my neighbors, so said to them: "Let's go home if you all are going to laugh, for I know now that what they say in the service is true". So we went home, my neighbors highly amused and my own heart deeply touched by the message I had heard. I told my husband about it and he said "to go as much as I pleased, for what they say is all true". He has been a Bible student for years, but wholly from an intellectual point of view. So the second night I went early to avoid my friends' accompanying me. They came to the window later and were shocked because I should enter and accept a hymnal and New Testament so as to understand better. After service as I came to my door my friends were waiting for me and said: "So you went back! If you go there you can never go to the Catholic church again." My reply was that it did not in the least matter as I had not been going to the Catholic church and neither had my husband.

The third night I went again; upon my return I found my friends were at the door waiting again for me. They said: "Don't you know that if you go there those people will bewitch you and you can't ever get away?" I answered: "Come with me, for we are all sinners, and if they can charm us perhaps we will not be so had". Then they begged me not to go and said: "If you go there, we will not love you any more". I answered: "That is all right to me just so God loves me".

Now my neighbors do not speak to me any more and I cannot allow my little girls to sit in the front door alone because of the unpleasant things they come and say to them. However, in spite of all of this I have never been so happy in my life, because I have found my Saviour.

#### EFFECTIVE PRAYING

JESUS taught His disciples the lesson of prayer and fasting to accomplish specific results. When they asked Jesus why they had failed to cast out the dumb spirit He answered: "This kind can come forth by nothing but prayer and fasting". To pray effectively we must feel the need; then the Spirit of God will move upon us to sacrifice to help relieve the need with our specific gifts. And so the great tasks in our W.M.U., which sometimes seem impossible from a human standpoint, are performed by influence, information and inspiration brought about through the "Weeks of Prayer".

I would emphasize the good of special playlets recommended with the program material. The playlet for our last March "Week of Prayer for Home Missions" was given in our North Boulevard Baptist Church under the auspices of our W.M.S. The large number participating, with all of the organizations represented, attracted a full house. The impressions created by the well adapted playlet incited the people to respond with a creditable offering such as we would not have had otherwise.—*Fannie H. Taylor, Tampa, Fla.*

#### MISSION STUDY (Concluded from Page 7)

*Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.*

Missions is the heart of church work. Realizing the importance of this great and vital work, let us undertake our mission study in a spirit of earnest

prayer that our Lord may indeed be pleased with us for being truly missionary. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed".—*Mrs. Roger A. Tharp, La.*



# FAMILY ALTAR



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

Topic: **WHAT MANNER of LOVE: 1 John 3:1-11**

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life". "Keep yourselves in the love of God". "Be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you".

### He Is Rich in Mercy

1st Day—I John 3:1, 2, 14, 16, 23  
2nd Day—Eph. 2:4-10  
3rd Day—Deut. 7:7, 8  
4th Day—Hos. 11:1; 14:1, 2, 4  
5th Day—John 5:20, 42  
6th Day—Neh. 9:7-17  
7th Day—Neh. 9:18-28

### He Careth for You

15th Day—Deut. 20:5; 32:11, 12  
16th Day—Psa. 33:18; 34:7, 8, 10; 36:6, 7  
17th Day—Isa. 1:10; 12:2; 43:20; 48:17, 21  
18th Day—II Cor. 9:8-10  
19th Day—Psa. 91:1-11  
20th Day—Psa. 121:3-8  
21st Day—Dan. 1:8; 3:17; 12:4, 13

### Love the Lord Your God

8th Day—Josh. 22:5  
9th Day—Deut. 11:1  
10th Day—Psa. 37:4; 97:10  
11th Day—II Cor. 6:15  
12th Day—Phil. 1:9  
13th Day—I John 5:1-3  
14th Day—II John 6

### Let Brotherly Love Continue

22nd Day—Heb. 6:10; 13:1-3  
23rd Day—Jas. 1:27  
24th Day—Rom. 12:15, 16  
25th Day—Rom. 15:1-7  
26th Day—I Cor. 10:24; 16:14  
27th Day—II Cor. 4:5  
28th Day—Prov. 18:24; 27:6  
29th Day—Luke 6:36, 37; 17:3, 4  
30th Day—I Pet. 3:8, 9; 4:8

## "Pray Ye"

Give thanks for: (1) Jesus Christ; (2) salvation; (3) power through Holy Spirit; (4) privilege of being co-laborers with God.

Seek guidance in: (1) soul-winning; (2) enlistment; (3) missionary education of young people; (4) effort to teach stewardship of tithes and offerings; (5) mission study plans.

Intercede for: (1) unsaved in home and foreign lands; (2) recent converts; (3) pastors; (4) missionaries; (5) colleges and seminaries; (6) volunteers awaiting appointment; (7) Every-Member Canvass; (8) programs and offerings for state missions.

## Calendar of Prayer

### September, 1932

Prepared by Mrs. Maud R. McLure

**T**HERE is always something over  
When we trust our gracious Lord;  
Every cup He fills o'erfloweth,  
His great rivers all are broad.

**N**OTHING narrow, nothing stinted  
Ever issues from His store;  
To His own He gives full measure,  
Running over, evermore.

### Topic: Entrusted with the Gospel

#### 1—THURSDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Hart (on furlough), educational work, Temuco, Chile, and for Laura and Lois Hart, Margaret Fund students.  
Every good gift—Is from above.  
—Jas. 1:17

#### 2—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Anderson, evangelistic work, Canton, China, and for Harris, Ruth and Florence Anderson, Margaret Fund students.  
He that doeth good is of God.  
—II John 11

#### 3—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. I. V. Larson, evangelistic work, Lanchowfu, China.  
Jehovah will be thy confidence.  
—Prov. 1:26

#### 4—SUNDAY

For blessing and power on all associational meetings.  
Surely God is good to Israel.—Psa. 73:1

#### 5—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Morgan (on furlough), literary and evangelistic work, Tsingtao, China, and for Carter Morgan, Margaret Fund student.  
His commandments are not grievous.  
—I John 5:3

#### 6—TUESDAY

For Mrs. L. M. Duval, educational work, Abeokuta, Nigeria.  
Jehovah raise up them that are bowed down.—Psa. 146:3

#### 7—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Marriott, educational and evangelistic work, Chinkiang, China, and for Mary Frances Marriott, Margaret Fund student.  
Light is sown for the righteous.  
—Psa. 97:11

#### 8—THURSDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. Everett Gill, supervising work in Europe, Budapest, Hungary.  
I will call upon Jehovah, who is worthy to be praised.—Psa. 118:3

#### 9—FRIDAY

For Misses \*Hannah Fair Saltee and F. Catharine Bryan (on furlough), educational work, Sbaoghai, China.  
Hide me under the shadow of Thy wings.  
—Psa. 17:8

#### 10—SATURDAY

For Miss Ollie Lewellyn, worker among Chinese, San Antonio, Texas.  
His name shall be continued as long as the sun.—Psa. 72:17

#### 11—SUNDAY

Pray that southern Baptists may realize the responsibility of the trust which is committed to them—even the Gospel of Christ.  
Guard that which is committed unto thee.  
—I Tim. 6:20

#### 12—MONDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Adams (on furlough), evangelistic work, Dairen, Manchuria.  
Blessed be the Lord, who daily beareth our burdens.—Psa. 68:19

#### 13—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Crouch, educational work, Corrente, Brazil.  
Mine eyes are toward Jehovah.  
—Psa. 75:15

#### 14—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Tipton, literary and evangelistic work, Shanghai, China.  
Praise ye Jehovah, for Jehovah is good.  
—Psa. 135:3

#### 15—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Paul C. Bell, workers among Mexicans, Bastrop, Texas.  
Thy law is written in my heart.  
—Psa. 40:8

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

## Calendar of Prayer September, 1932

WHERE is always something over  
When we tell of all His love;  
Unplumbed depths still lie beneath us,  
Unsealed heights rise far above.

HUMAN lips can never utter  
All His wondrous tenderness;  
We can only praise and wonder  
And His name forever bless.  
—MARGARET E. BARRER

### Topic: Entrusted with the Gospel

#### 16—FRIDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. C. K. Dozier, educational and evangelistic work, Kokura, Japan, and for Helen Dozier, Margaret Fund student.  
Hope Thou in God.—Psa. 42:11

#### 17—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Lawton, evangelistic work, Kaifeng, China  
Thou, that honor Me, I will honor.  
—1 Sam 2:30

#### 18—SUNDAY

Pray that southern Baptists may be faithful in evangelizing the south-land.  
It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful.—1 Cor. 4:2

#### 19—MONDAY

For Rev. and \*Mrs. T. B. Stover, B.Y.P.U. and publication work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
With Him is plenteous redemption  
—Psa 130:7

#### 20—TUESDAY

For Misses †Ruth Kersey and \*Nami Robertson, nurses, Ogbomoso, Nigeria  
According to your faith be it done unto you.—Matt. 9:29

#### 21—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Lacy, educational work, Saltillo, Mexico, and for James Lacy, Margaret Fund student  
Thou hast been my help.—Psa. 63:7

#### 22—THURSDAY

For blessing on the opening of our training schools and seminaries  
He who began a good work in you will perfect it.—Phil. 1:15

#### 23—FRIDAY

For Mrs. R. H. Graves, educational and evangelistic work, Canton, China  
I will deliver him and honor him.  
—Psa. 91:15

#### 24—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. F. J. Fowler, evangelistic work, Mendoza, Argentina  
Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee.—Psa. 84:5

#### 25—SUNDAY

Pray that southern Baptists may spread the "good news" to the uttermost parts of the earth.  
Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations.—Matt. 28:19

#### 26—MONDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Hugh P. McCormick, educational work, Iwo, Nigeria.  
Wait for Jehovah and keep His way.  
—Psa. 37:34

#### 27—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Gillespie, evangelistic work, Kaifeng, China  
The righteous shall flourish as the palm tree.—Psa. 92:12

#### 28—WEDNESDAY

For Mrs. W. H. Sears, educational work, and †Miss Blanche Bradley (on furlough), nurse, Pingtu, China  
If ye shall ask anything in My name, that will I do.—John 14:14

#### 29—THURSDAY

For workers among foreigners  
Make ye ready the way of the Lord  
—Mk 1:3

#### 30—FRIDAY

For all Margaret Fund students  
In God have I put my trust, I will not be afraid.—Psa. 56:11

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## 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: WHAT MANNER of LOVE: 1 John 3:1-11



The young pastor returned from a wedding trip. Members of his congregation and friends came together to welcome him and his lovely bride. A short program of toasts ran along pleasantly. The bridegroom was called on for a speech on "We Husbands". With a bit of embarrassment this young man met the situation bravely. After bringing a good laugh from the sternest deacon present, he changed the trend of thought by ending his talk like this: "I can not tell you all I feel but I could write volumes without exhausting the subject".

If there was ever a man who should have been able to define love it was John. Yet in all his writings he could only point to the great love of God and wonder at it. "What manner of love!" We did not deserve it. We did not work for it or earn it. It is a free gift. "By grace are ye saved". Our own salvation is a constant reminder to us of God's love. We in turn want to show others how great is God's love by living as God's children. There is no doubt about the love, patience and mercy of the Heavenly Father. Jesus is the sympathizing Savior. When He wept at Lazarus' tomb the Jews commented: "Behold, how He loved him".

Little Scotch Annie trudged along carrying Bobbie, nearly her own size. Mrs. Moore met her and insisted that Bobbie was too heavy for such a little girl to carry. "Nae, nae", said Annie, "he's nae heavy, he's my brither".

At one time London business men, stock-brokers and doctors found that a certain train was always on time. They began to speak of it as "The Infallible Express". No one was able to explain one perfect schedule when all other trains varied in punctuality. Finally the mystery leaked out. The managing director of the railroad company rode this train every morning from his suburban home to his city office. The presence of one man perfected the work of a train crew.

The Sunday school lesson for June twelve offered a striking illustration of a changed man when Judah who had suggested selling his brother Joseph (*Genesis 37:26, 27*) makes an humble and eloquent appeal for Benjamin's life (*Genesis 44:18f*), offering to be the bondman in place of his younger brother. A gleam of the atonement shines back from Calvary, piercing even the darkness of Egypt.

The disciples of Socrates were shocked one day when a physiognomist, examining their master's head, declared him to be a drunken gluttonous old man. When they remonstrated, Socrates interrupted them saying: "I was like that, but my philosophy changed me".

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. . . . What manner of love!"

### EDITORIAL (Concluded from Page 4)

Rice, Miss.; Miss Juliette Mather; the general Union president; and Miss Malory, ex-officio member of the commission. Through the state leaders this commission hopes to project plans worthy to enlist every associational superintendent and every local worker.

## BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Miss Isabelle Coleman, North Carolina

**POSTER SUGGESTION:** Sketch or paste Western Union or Postal youth in center; above him print—A TRUST to KEEP; underneath print time and place of meeting.

### TOPIC: "Entrusted with the Gospel"

Hymn: "O Zion Haste" —Quote in Unison: I Thess. 2:4  
 Silent prayer while quartette sings: "A Charge to Keep I Have"  
 Current News (See page 35.) —Business  
 Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story"  
 The Commission: A Sacred Trust (See page 18.)  
 Ways of Being: True to the Trust (See pages 19-22.)  
 Story: Birds That Fly Far (See page 22.)  
 Discussion: Sharing the Gospel in the Homeland (See pages 22-23.)  
 An Illustration: True to the Trust in Tampa (See pages 23-24.)  
 A Letter: The Entrusted Letter (Order for 3c from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)  
 Quartette: "Tell Me the Old, Old Story"  
 A Resume: Sharing the Gospel in the Uttermost Parts (See page 24.)  
 A Story: True to the Trust in Africa (See pages 24-25.)  
 Conclusion: The Waiting Millions (See pages 25-26.)  
 Hymn: "The Whole Wide World for Jesus"  
 A Trust to Keep: (Let a messenger enter and deliver an addressed, tiny calling-card sized letter to everyone present. On the card inside the envelope have Matt. 28:19-20 written.)  
 Solo: "God So Loved the World"  
 Quiet meditation closed by "Amen" from the circle leader  
 Meditation Music (as circle leaves): "A Charge to Keep"

**An Entrusted Message**—Many will recall the story of "A Message to Garcia". War had broken out between Spain and the United States; President McKinley needed to communicate quickly with the insurgent leader, Garcia, who was somewhere in Cuba. Someone suggested the name of Rowan. He was called and received the entrusted message with orders to deliver it to Garcia. Not a word of complaint—not a question about the "why?"—not a moment's delay, but quickly, bravely, steadfastly, the young man Rowan sought out Garcia in the mountain wilds of Cuba. Suffering, danger and loneliness were exacted of him but without a whimper, without delay, he found his man and kept the trust. Nearly two thousand years ago Jesus entrusted His message of love and salvation to us. Are we Rowans or slackers? Have we delivered the entrusted message?

**A Question**—Miss Jennie Bright shares this jingle-song used at a summer meeting of the Louisville City-wide B.W.C. Council. It was furnished by the Highlands Church B.W.C., but everyone sang it and claimed its challenge. Some other B.W.C. may want to sing it around the supper table some evening. The tune is that of the chorus to "Jingle Bells".

THE question's often put to us: "Now tell us, won't you please, just how new members you secure; and if it's done with ease?"  
 Oh, yes indeed; yes, indeed; it's such a pleasant task,  
 And we're so glad to answer now this question that you ask.

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## PROGRAM PLANS

Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

### With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE



"No Christianity is Christian that is not Christianizing". This sentence stands out in the first part of the material given for the September meeting. The committee could have no better motto around which to build the program (pages 18-27).

Four very effective posters could be made to hang, one below the other, in the following order: The Command: "Go ye into all the world" The Prophecy: "Ye shall be My Witnesses"— The Promise: "Lo I am with you" The Test: "No Christianity is Christian that is not Christianizing".

The leader for the meeting should keep in mind the opening illustration of the Boy Scouts and their relay race in carrying the message from the mayor of New York to the mayor of Chicago. (See "A Sacred Trust", page 18.) She may open the meeting by telling briefly of this relay race, then hold up a box covered with silver paper. Opening this, she shows the Bible within and tells of the sacred trust of passing it on from generation to generation; from country to country. The illustration may be easily drawn of how the Boy Scouts must have stood all along the half mile allotted to their troop to clear the way and encourage the runner. Each must have worn his uniform to witness that he was a "Scout". Telephone and telegraph lines were used constantly to report the progress of the young runners. So these boys were "going", "witnessing" and being accompanied on their course. Then the first three of our mottoes for this meeting were being illustrated. The last motto also was met by these boys. They had to stand tests before they could even become scouts and many more before they were chosen for this duty. But among the first things they learned were obedience and faithfulness. Humanly speaking, these two tests in a Christian's life make him "Christianizing".

The program from this point may follow the thought of "Standing the Test". Three brief talks may be made on "Standing the Test in Soul Winning"; "Standing the Test in Praying"; "Standing the Test in Giving". "Birds That Fly Far" may be used to conclude this group of talks (pages 19-22).

"Standing the Test in the Home Land" may head the next group of paragraph talks. "Witnessing through Our Home Board" and "Witnessing in Tampa" may be given by one or two members (pages 22-24).

"Standing the Test in the Uttermost Parts" will give opportunities to tell of "Our Foreign Board" and "The Test in Africa". "Failing in the Test" will bring out the material given in "The Waiting Millions" and "Somebody Forgets". An earnest talk should be made in closing on "Standing or Failing in the Test of Christianity" (pages 24-26).

Since September is a sort of reunion month, everything possible should be done to make the meeting interesting and helpful. At the end of the meeting a social half hour might be arranged. One of the best ways to get everybody to say "howdy-do" to everybody else is to have all form a long line around the room. Then those at the foot of the line should start and shake hands all the way up. As the line moves up in this way everybody will have an opportunity to shake hands with everybody else. If there are new members, new teachers in the town or visitors, they may be given a special position at the head of the line with the officers of the society. This meeting will also give an opportunity to make plans through the Personal Service Committee to help collect books and clothing for school children.

## PROGRAM for SEPTEMBER

*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. Creaman, Tennessee

### Topic: ENTRUSTED with the GOSPEL

Hymn—My Savior's Love

Bible Study—What Manner of Love: I John 3:1-11 (Page 15)

Prayer, thanking God for His love expressed in sending Jesus into the world

Hymn—Love Divine

A Sacred Trust

Hymn—Is Your Life a Channel of Blessing?

True to the Trust

Story—Birds That Fly Far

Prayer, that we may be true to our trust in praying, giving and personal soul winning

Sharing the Gospel in the Homeland

Story—True to the Trust in Tampa

Sharing the Gospel in the Uttermost Parts

Story—True to the Trust in Africa

Prayer for those who represent us on home and foreign fields

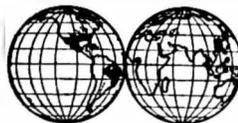
Hymn—We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

The Waiting Millions

Hymn—Jesus Saves

Prayer that southern Baptists may not fail to give the Gospel to the waiting millions

#### A SACRED TRUST



There is nothing so impelling as a trust. What we are trusted to do, we must do. If somebody is depending on us, we must not fail. When Jesus left the earth He gave His disciples the most sacred trust ever committed to human beings. He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature". In other words He said: "I have brought salvation to you; now you must take it to the rest of the world. You are entrusted with the Gospel. If you fail, the Gospel will fail by that much. I am depending on you". What sweet sacredness, what supreme importance, what overwhelming responsibility is involved in this trust

committed by Jesus to His followers! How transcendently glorious, how unspeakably precious is the thought that we are entrusted with the good news of hope and peace and joy and love—the good news of eternal salvation! Surely angels would envy us this privilege! Surely it is the greatest favor ever conferred by divine love upon frail humanity!

A few years ago our attention was arrested by an unusual headline in the papers: "A thousand miles with a message". That headline told of a most exciting race, run over a course of nearly a thousand miles by two thousand boy athletes. When it was known that such a race was to be run, one hundred thousand boys applied, and from them the two thousand were chosen—boys who could be depended on to be faithful to a trust. One morning at ten o'clock

the mayor of New York at the city hall handed a silver tube containing the message to the first messenger boy. A pistol shot sounded the starting signal and the boy began the race. As fast as he could he ran, pushing his way through the crowds of people on Broadway, dodging automobiles, trucks and carriages, until he delivered the message safely to the boy who waited for him half a mile farther on. Then this boy ran as fast as he could over his half mile and delivered the message to the next waiting boy. Then on and on they went in relays, each boy carrying the silver tube his half mile and then banding it to the next carrier who always stood ready to receive it and dash off with it. Finally the last boy traveled the last half mile and delivered the message safe into the hands of the mayor of Chicago. It was found that the message had been carried at the average rate of two minutes and thirty-eight seconds for each half mile. This remarkable record was due to the fact that every boy was faithful to his trust. Not a boy had failed to be at his place at the right minute. Not a boy had handled that tube carelessly or had loitered with it. Each one had counted it a privilege to be among those entrusted with the precious message. If a single one of those boys had failed to do his part the message might never have been delivered.

Nearly two thousand years ago another message started on its journey which was to cover not just a thousand miles but thousands of thousands of miles, even all the miles of the earth. Jesus Himself started that message, delivering it first to the little group of disciples in Palestine. They did not fail to carry it their "half mile" for, as soon as they received the promised power from on high, they began witnessing, as Jesus had commanded them to do. They delivered the message to others and those others delivered it to still others, and so across the miles and across the centuries it has come to you and me. Now it is time for us to carry it our "half mile". Shall we fail to do our

part? Shall we let the Gospel stop with us? There are other people across the miles, there are other people across the years. Shall we fail to pass the good news on to them? We can almost hear Jesus saying to us today: "I am trusting you with this precious message. If you fail to carry it your half mile, then my plan for the salvation of the world will fail by that much. I am depending on you". Can we be untrue to so sacred a trust? Surely not! Our action in regard to this trust is the test of our loyalty, the test of our love, the test of our Christianity. "No Christianity is Christian that is not Christianizing". With the same spirit of loyalty and dependability that carried the message from New York to Chicago we must do our part that this important message of eternal life may be carried to the ends of the earth.

Has the Gospel true come to you?

Pass it on.

Others need to know it too,

Pass it on.

People far and people near

Should its saving message hear,

Sound it out in cadence clear,

Pass it on.

Have you the love of Jesus known?

Pass it on.

'Twas not meant for you alone,

Pass it on.

Millions die in sin and woe,

All because they do not know,

With His saving message go,

Pass it on.

#### TRUE to the TRUST

AS we realize that we are stewards of the Gospel, that by Christians must the message be carried to all the world, that Jesus is depending on us, our Christian hearts have a consuming desire to be true to the trust. Yet doubtless in every heart there is the question, "How can I be true to the trust?" How can I carry the message my half mile? How can I do my part toward winning the lost world to Christ? Let us try to answer this question as we consider not

what the especially called or especially endowed Christian can do but what every Christian can do to be true to the sacred trust.

**Personal Soul Winning**—Surely every Christian should be a personal soul winner. There is that in the very nature of the Gospel that demands propagation. The soul that finds Jesus desires to find somebody else and bring him to find Jesus also. An old Indian deacon said: "When I was a sinner I was burdened for my soul; now since I am a Christian I am burdened for my lost relatives". Such is the experience of all those truly born again. The burden for self gives way to the burden for others. All around us are opportunities for soul winning. In our Sunday schools, in our communities, even in our own homes there are those who are just as much lost as the heathen in China or Africa. We are entrusted with the Gospel which can save their souls. We cannot be true to our trust unless we do everything in our power to win them to Jesus.

The W.M.U. is not neglectful of this very important phase of Christian service. She includes among her fundamentals "Personal Service" with "Soul Winning" as the chief motive. Always we are reminded that the highest expression of personal service is soul winning. Members of the W.M.U. are found teaching in the Sunday school, working in revivals, holding prayer meetings and other religious services and, through many other activities, working to win the lost in their communities. Yet surely none of us would claim that we are doing all that we should do in this respect. On an average it takes just about twenty southern Baptists a year to win a soul to Christ. Oh how we do need to be rekindled with the fire of zeal for the salvation of the lost! How we do need that the ruling passion of our lives shall be the passion for souls! We need the spirit of Mary Slessor who said: "It were worthwhile to die, if thereby some soul could be born again". It was said of John Wesley that he was out of breath from

pursuing souls. Would that southern Baptists could have that same panting desire! Mrs. Cox in "Star Trails" says: "The rarest and most coveted art of life is soul winning. It includes every Heavenly grace. If we have a passion for winning souls for Christ, then life has no richer meaning. If we lack it, though we possess all else, life lacks the essential radiance".

**Praying**—The greatest of all things we can do for the spread of the Gospel is to pray. Through prayer we can obey Jesus' command and witness for Him in all lands. Through prayer we can multiply our influence and make ourselves felt to the uttermost parts of the earth. Through prayer we can journey around the world even while we stay at home. Things happen in faraway places because we pray. Our missionaries are powerful if we pray, powerless if we fail to pray.

"Away in foreign lands they wondered  
How their single word had power:  
At home the Christians, two or three,  
Had met to pray an hour!"

The possibilities of prayer are limited only by the power of God. We can do all things through prayer. If this is true, how disgraceful that we stumble along, so falteringly, so powerless! Why have we failures? Why have we debts on our boards? Why have we depleted missionary forces? Surely the answer is, "Because we do not pray". Missionary history abounds with illustrations of the power of prayer. Mission stations have been prayed into being. Hospitals, schools and churches have been prayed into existence. The hearts of the rich have been prayed open and gold has been prayed from distant lands. John Knox prayed and Scotland was shaken. Martin Luther prayed the Reformation into power. William Carey prayed and modern missions began. Prayer has given birth to every great Christian movement the world has ever known. Surely prayer is the Christian's greatest privilege, his greatest opportunity and his greatest power.

Then let us pray— fervently, faithfully, persistently, constantly! Let us

take advantage of every prayer plan offered by the W.M.U. Let us be faithful in our use of the Calendar of Prayer, thereby joining our petitions with those of others for some definite object each day of the year (pages 13-14). Let us make much of the three seasons of prayer for foreign, home and state missions, devoting the allotted days to devotion, thanksgiving and petition for the development of our own spirituality and for the spread of the Kingdom of God. Let us give much attention to the devo-

tional part of our circle and society programs, not passing over them carelessly and hurriedly, as something to be disposed of as soon as possible, but utilizing them as precious hours of communion with the Heavenly Father. And above all else let us be faithful with our private devotions, not neglecting to avail ourselves of this most precious privilege accorded the children of God, remembering that the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man—or woman—availeth much.

"To God your every want  
In instant prayer display;  
Pray always; pray and never faint;  
Pray, without ceasing, pray.

In fellowship, alone,  
To God with faith draw near;  
Approach His courts, beseech His throne  
With all the power of prayer".

**Giving**—Stewardship of material possessions is a very necessary part of stewardship of the Gospel. The message of salvation cannot travel from land to land, from nation to nation, from person to person without the expenditure of money. In God's divine plan He means that some shall go with the Gospel tidings and others shall give the money to send them. He has supplied us with the necessary money and has given us the plan whereby we are to use that money for the spread of His Kingdom. By tithes and offerings His house is to be supported and His Kingdom to be extended. If Christians had been faithful in paying their tithes and giving their offerings through the centuries since Christ started the Gospel message on its journey around the world, there surely would be no heathen lands today. If we, who make up the Christian constituency of today, would obey God's plan in regard to our money in a few years there would not be a spot on earth without its evangel of the Gospel. Alas! only a small percent of southern Baptists are tithers. According to Dr. Aildredge's statistics: 3,944,566 southern Baptists gave in 1931 a total of \$26,798,753—or \$6.79 per capita for all the local work of the churches—and a

total of \$5,819,374—or \$1.47 per capita for all the wonderful missionary, educational and benevolent work of our denomination. Even in this year of depression, when our total income has been greatly reduced, this is not a fourth part of our tithe. In the meantime we are spending \$25,000,000 a year on movies, \$21,000,000 on joy rides, \$34,000,000 on chewing gum and soft drinks, \$46,000,000 on tobacco, and southern Baptist women spend \$50,000,000 a year on hats, furs, jewelry and beauty parlor bills. Think of it—\$41 apiece for personal adornment and only \$1.47 apiece for the salvation of a lost world. Is that being true to our trust? Is that carrying the message our "half mile"?

In spite of our financial failures God is blessing us in a marvelous way. In 1931 He gave us 211,253 baptisms and a net gain of 94,288 in the membership of our churches. This net gain equals the combined gain of the Congregationalists, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Presbyterians and Negro Baptists, whereas the Disciples of Christ, southern Methodists and northern Methodists all report slight losses. If God has thus blessed us in spite of our failures, what could He have done for us if we had done our part by being faithful with our tithes

and offerings? It is estimated that every \$2 wasted by a Christian means that some one somewhere in the world goes unreached. Let us remember this the next time we spend money extravagantly on our own pleasure. Let us be

Give! Give! Give!

Now is the time to freely give.

Give from your purse and from your heart,

Give a new joy, give a new start,

Give without stint, give of your best,

Give of your bounty, give with a zest,

Give joy and peace and good will to men,

Give and keep giving again and again,

Give in the spirit of unselfish love,

Give as a favor bestowed from above,

Give to the utmost, though thanks be few,

Give because Christ gave all for you.

#### BIRDS THAT FLY FAR

IN Chattanooga, Tennessee, there are some birds that fly far, and yet they do not fly at all. They go to distant lands, and yet they never leave their cages. They are not carrier pigeons but canaries, and yet they carry messages to the ends of the earth. These birds belong to Miss Mae Phillips, the missionary of Tabernacle Church. This church has the honor of having had an A-1 W.M.U. family for seven years, ever since we began giving special recognition to the A-1 families. This notable achievement is due largely to the efforts of "Miss Mae" as she is lovingly called by children and grown-ups alike. She is the one who works at all the organizations all the time, keeping ever before them all the points of the respective Standard of Excellence. This is a part of her work as a steward of the Gospel, but it is by no means all. Day by day, week after week, in winter's cold or summer's heat, when the ice makes the sidewalks slippery and when the sunshine makes them blister her feet, any time and all the time Miss Mae can be seen, going from house to house, visiting the sick, ministering to the needy and carrying the message of Jesus' love to the lost. A Sunday without a baptism at Tabernacle is unusual, and Miss Mae is largely responsible for this continued harvest of souls.

faithful in our stewardship of substance. Let us be faithful to our trust as we bring our tithes and offerings to the Lord's house each Sabbath day. In the words of Grenville Kleiser:

But how about the birds that fly far?

Oh—we are coming to that. Miss Mae is not content with winning only those whom she can reach by her personal efforts. No, her heart bungs for the lost in distant lands—and that's where the birds come in. She cannot spare from her salary all that she wants to give to foreign missions, so she raises birds and with the profits accrued from their sale supports a native worker in China. The one room which she calls "Home" is lined with bird cages, all of them full of birds, some wee birdies, just beginning to chirp a bit, and some lusty singers, ready for sale. In the morning before her day's work begins and in the evening when her daily ministrations for others are over, Miss Mae lives among her birds, feeding them, caring for them, loving them; and all the time she dreams of and prays for and rejoices because of that missionary who is representing her in a distant land. To you or me those birds would look like any other canaries, but to Miss Mae they are winged messengers, carrying Jesus' love across the seas. This is the story of one southern Baptist woman, who is true to her trust, and of the birds that fly far, though they never leave their cages.

SHARING the GOSPEL in the HOME LAND

PASS it on! Pass it on! You who have received the Gospel, pass it on

to those in your own home town, in your own home state and in your own home land. "Ye shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and Judea and in all Samaria".

Home missions is a vital part of our program of Gospel sharing: southern Baptists strive to give the Gospel to needy groups in the southland through the work of our Home Mission Board. Many discouragements have been the lot of this Board during the past few years. Enormous debts and repeated retrenchments have endangered the very existence of the work. And yet, as we learn of the great throng of people who have heard and received the Gospel through the effort of our Home Board workers our hearts are encouraged. We are told that there has been one conversion for every \$25 given to home missions since the beginning of the Home Mission Board. Last year 805 foreigners were led into the baptismal waters by our home missionaries, 347 Indians learned to walk in the Jesus way, 355 Negroes accepted the light which shines from the cross, 158 deaf mutes heard and received in their hearts the Word of truth, 33 sailors accepted Jesus as their pilot on the sea of life, 510 unfortunates were rescued from eternal death through the work of the rescue mission in New Orleans, and over in Cuba 352 received the Word of the Lord with gladness. So, in spite of our financial disasters, we can feel that we have not been altogether unfaithful to the trust of giving the Gospel to the home land. Yet, if a few missionaries, working with inadequate funds have accomplished so much, think of what might have been done if southern Baptists had been altogether true to their trust in praying, giving and serving. Surely we could have multiplied this number of the saved ones many times.

Our efficient home mission secretary, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, reminds us constantly that the purpose of home missions reaches beyond the borders of the southland. He says: "The purpose of home missions is to evangelize the home

land for world conquest for Christ. We must evangelize this great and growing southern empire and marshal its marvelous resources for the evangelization of the world. For this task of evangelism it would seem that God has prepared, trained and equipped southern Baptists. They are a great people with a great faith and ready to be led to undertake a great task".

#### TRUE to the TRUST in TAMPA

"I CAME to get a story", said the writer of these programs on the occasion of a visit to the North Boulevard Church, our Italian Mission Church in Tampa, Florida. "Well, the story is all around you", whispered one who sat at her side. And indeed it was—not just one story but many stories! There was the church building itself, attractive and comfortable, located right in the midst of Tampa's Italian population. It did the heart good to know that this building had been erected by southern Baptists for the purpose of passing on the Gospel to this needy group in the home land. Then there were the folks—a crowd of folks, rows and rows of black heads and some fair ones as well, reminding us that the mission of this church is not limited to one race, but that French, Cubans, Spanish and just "ordinary Americans" have found a place of worship and service within its walls.

Many stories were discovered among those dear Christian friends. For instance, there were the five months old twins who had been brought to that church when only thirteen days old and had never missed a Sunday since. What a testimony to the faithfulness of their mother and to the attractiveness of that church! Then there was the old bell ringer who not only gave the bell to the church but who rings out its inviting message everytime a service is held—and he is 89 years old. But perhaps the most impressive scene of all was the large group of young people who sang in a great chorus "Onward, Christian Soldiers". As we beheld their earnest faces and listened to their spirited sing-

ing we were glad that we had passed the Gospel on to them. And we felt that here were Christian soldiers who would not fail to march on to give the Gospel to others.

In the midst of the interesting members of this church stood our missionary, Dr. Plainfield. His is the most interesting story of all. Years ago, when faithfully passing the Gospel on in Brazil, one of our missionaries found him, a Catholic priest. He received the message for the salvation of the soul and sometime later came to Tampa to pass it on to the Italians there. He, his wife and Miss Fannie Taylor are doing a marvelous work both in the North Boulevard Church and in a mission, located a few blocks away. Sunday schools, B.Y.P.U.'s, and prayer services are held at both places, while in the church Dr. Plainfield preaches twice each Sunday—in the morning in English and in the evening in Italian. We visited the Sunday school in the mission and heard the sweet voiced Italian children sing the songs of Jesus' love. And then we heard Dr. Plainfield preach his English sermon on that lovely Sabbath morning to Italians, French, Cubans and ordinary Americans, bringing spiritual joy to all hearts alike.

"Did you get your story?" questioned one as we drove away from North Boulevard Church. "Oh, yes," was the answer. "Then don't fail to pass it on to others". And that is just what we have tried to do.

#### SHARING the GOSPEL in the UTMOST PARTS

**P**ASS it on! Pass it on! You who have received the Gospel, pass it on! Pass it on to other nations. "Ye shall be My witnesses—even to the uttermost parts of the earth".

It is interesting to note through how many nations the Gospel has passed on its journey to our own. Starting with the Jews it went first to the Greeks, then to the Romans, then to the Gauls, then to the Britons, then on to the Americans. Shall we let it stop with us? No! We must pass it on to still other nations. We are entrusted with

the task of sharing the Gospel until all the one billion, nine hundred and fifty million of the earth's population have heard.

As southern Baptists we are passing on the Gospel to fifteen other nations through the work of about 400 missionaries and 1000 native workers. These baptized last year 16,568—the largest number ever reported in one year. This is more than our entire membership on foreign fields twenty-five years ago. One worker in Africa baptized 1,444 during the year and reports that another thousand is waiting for baptism. He says that they have thrown away their idols and are seeking the true and living God. Our membership in foreign lands has multiplied thirteen times in 25 years. While all this is encouraging there are other facts about our foreign mission work which are most discouraging. Our decreasing gifts and increasing debts are appalling. These are compelling us to cut down our work at a frightful rate of speed. We have lost a net of 127 missionaries in the last six years, almost an average of 25 a year. At this rate in another quarter of a century we will have no foreign mission work. Our foreign mission secretary, Dr. Ray, says: "The widest opportunities we have ever known thrust themselves upon us in all our fields. Wickedness is more rampant in all the world than ever before. This great fact calls upon us to put forth greater efforts in order to bring to needy men the Lord Jesus Christ who is the only remedy for their sins. The wonderful growth of all our work in all lands creates ever-increasing demands". What are we going to do about it? Entrusted with the Gospel are we going to fail to pass it on to a dying world? Or will we, in the spirit of sacrificial love, overcome every difficulty and press on to be true to our trust by sharing with those in the uttermost parts the Gospel which has come to us from the uttermost parts?

#### TRUE to the TRUST in AFRICA

**Y**EARS ago a young woman was employed by the British government as a teacher in south Africa. She had a

splendid position with a good salary, but the feeling of her entrustment with the Gospel led her to give up her position and devote her splendid talents to giving the Gospel to Africa's dark millions. The combined salary of herself and her husband as missionaries was less than hers as a teacher, but little did Mrs. MacLean care for that, for the urge of her soul was to be true to a trust and to devote her life to the most worthwhile service possible.

Mrs. George Sadler, in writing of the missionary life of Mrs. MacLean, says: "Her greatest service has been the constant daily grind of missionary life, holding the native Christian up to his best self, finding blighted souls of pagans and Mohammedans and bringing them into the knowledge of peace, joy, love, light—life". Most of her career has been spent in educational work because she believed that the most far-reaching service she could render would be to help provide a trained native leadership for the African Christians. So through the years she has devoted all the energy, heart power and steadfastness of her Christian character to the great task of training others to pass on the Gospel to the Africans".

Mrs. Sadler also says: "In addition to her leadership in educational work Mrs. MacLean has always helped in general station work, helping to organize churches, schools, woman's societies, treating the sick, comforting the sorrowing, giving hope to the hopeless, burying the dead, building houses for churches, schools, dispensaries etc. etc. etc. At present she and her husband are in the big Mohammedan town of Iwo (*pronounced E-wo*) building an industrial school, a big dispensary and a church which will in time foster outstations". This gives us a picture of the work of one who is faithfully passing the Gospel on to others in the Dark Continent. A story similar to this could be told of each one of our foreign missionaries, for all, with the heroic spirit of sacrificial love, are proving themselves faithful stewards of the Gospel in the lands to which they have been called.

But how about us? Are we supporting these missionaries as we should? Are we true to the trust in Africa, in China, in South America—around the world?

#### The WAITING MILLIONS

**A**LTHOUGH it has been almost two thousand years since Jesus started the Gospel message around the world there are yet a billion people who have never received it. There are millions in Africa, in China, in Japan, in Europe, in South America, in India, in our own land—millions and millions all around the world—waiting, waiting for the Gospel news that is slow coming.

How we do need to visualize the condition of these waiting millions! In India there are throngs of widowed children between the ages of five and fifteen, *waiting, waiting* for the love of Jesus to set their young lives free. In Africa there are whole villages, whole tribes of people sitting in the darkness of heathen degradation, *waiting, waiting* for the light that shall turn their darkness into day. In China almost one-fourth of the people of the world are living in sin and woe, *waiting, waiting* for a message of hope. There are three states in Argentina as large as Tennessee, Georgia and Florida with only two missionaries and two native workers. These workers can reach only a few: the others are *waiting, waiting*. A missionary tells of making a trip to an unreached part of Brazil. The people heard the Gospel message gladly and, when the missionary had to leave, they wept, crying: "Oh come again, please come again!" It will be months, perhaps years, before any one can go back to that place. So those anxious hearted people are *waiting, waiting* for the return of the Gospel messenger. In our own land there are Indians, still living as uncivilized tribes, *waiting, waiting* for some one to guide their steps into the Jesus way. There are French-speaking people in Louisiana who have never seen a Bible, *waiting, waiting* for some one to open its pages of truth for them. There are unsaved Jews, unsaved Negroes, unsaved deaf mutes, unsaved peo-

ple all around us, *waiting, waiting* for some one to lead them to Jesus. Yes, millions wait, while we pile up debts on our mission boards, while we continually cut down our missionary forces, while we fail to pray, fail to give, fail to do personal work, fail to be true to our entrustment of the Gospel.

In "Speed the Message" the story is told of a missionary's visit to a home for old women in China. After hearing the Gospel story one woman eighty-five years of age cried: "How strange, how marvelous! I never heard this before! Can it be true?" When assured that it was true she cried: "Oh, that I had heard this story sooner! But it is too late now, too late, too late!"

"Why didn't you tell us sooner?"  
The words came sad and low.  
'O ye who know the Gospel truths,  
Why didn't you let us know?  
The Savior died for all the world,  
He died to save from woe;  
But we never heard the story:  
Why didn't you let us know?"

Such a cry reaches the depths of our hearts with a resistless urge to be speedy in sending the Gospel to all lands before other millions shall cry: "It's too late! Why didn't you tell us sooner?"

Dr. Gordon tells the story of a very poor child who was converted in a little mission. Very beautiful was the child's trust in God. Some one—surely in a thoughtless mood—tried to test his simple faith by a question. He was asked: "If God loves you, why doesn't He take better care of you? Why doesn't He tell somebody to send you some warm shoes and some coal and better food?"

#### QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Give Scripture showing that we are entrusted with the Gospel.
2. Is our obligation to pass on the Gospel greater or less than that of the first followers of Jesus?
3. Give Bible illustration showing the desire of the real Christian to tell others about Jesus.
4. Discuss the importance of personal soul winning.
5. Discuss the opportunities for personal soul winning in our own community.
6. What personal experiences have we had of the power of prayer?

The little fellow thought a moment and then with big tears starting in his eyes said: "I guess He does tell somebody, but *somebody forgets*". It must seem to the waiting millions, so degraded, so weary, so hopeless, that *somebody forgets*. And surely Jesus, as He looks on His people to whom He has entrusted the Gospel, must feel that *somebody forgets*. And, while somebody forgets to be true to the trust, the millions are *waiting, waiting*—Jesus is *waiting, waiting*.

"They are waiting everywhere,  
Where the streams of earth are fair,  
Where the rivers nobly run,  
Where the waters seek the sun,  
Where the hills rise high and grand,  
Overlooking all the land—  
*Waiting, waiting.*"

They are waiting in the wild,  
Sick and helpless and defiled,  
And the Savior's pleading word  
They have never, never heard.  
Ever hungry and unfed,  
Yet without the living bread—  
*Waiting, waiting.*

For that news so glad and blessed  
That shall set their souls at rest;  
For the blessed gleam of day  
That shall drive their gloom away:  
For the joy we know and prize,  
For the hope beyond the skies—  
*Waiting, waiting.*

Yet not voiceless or alone,  
For their cry to Heaven has flown,  
And the Master's waiting too,  
Waiting, ransomed soul, for you,  
Till your heart's devotion sweet  
Be out-poured at His feet—  
*Waiting, waiting*".

7. Discuss the relationship between stewardship of the Gospel and stewardship of material possessions.
8. What reasons can we give for the present precarious financial condition of southern Baptist missionary causes?
9. Is our church spending too large a percent of its budget on local expenses?
10. What can we do to increase the gifts of our church to missions?
11. Tell how southern Baptists are sharing the Gospel in the home land.
12. Tell how southern Baptists are sharing the Gospel in the uttermost parts.
13. Tell of our retrenchments in missionary work for the past few years.
14. Discuss the waiting millions.

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### 25 Years Ago in This Magazine

"EVEN as the Master at the well forgot  
His own sore thirst in offering living drink,  
So into naught your numerous needs shall shrink,  
In giving good to those who have it not.  
The mystery of ministry is this:  
Who gives most blessing gains the greatest bliss".

#### BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES (Concluded from Page 16)

From our church roll we get the names of prospects; then you see,  
As new folks come, we contact them, as quickly as can be—  
We simply scour our neighborhood for business maid and miss,  
And then we tell each other of those prospects to enlist.

We visit them, call on phone or else we write a letter,  
Inviting them to visit us—a plan that's often better—  
For if they come on circle night and see what 'tis about,  
They'll join our circle then, we know, without a single doubt.

So ring their bells; ring their bells; front and side door too,  
Promises from them exact; and don't leave 'til you do—  
Talk your circle; prove that in your circle you believe,  
And then into your business group you others will receive.

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## COLLEGE Y. W. A.



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### SEPTEMBER SUGGESTIONS



September is a fascinating month with all its adventures for young people starting away for that experience we term college life. Some young women are "getting back": they have passed the verdant freshman stage. Many others go away for the first time: trunks carefully packed with the clothes and linens newly marked, draperies waiting hems after the unknown windows are measured. All the glamor of adventure calls these groups as they go to college.

Woman's Missionary Union has the greatest responsibility toward these eager young people. Before they leave the home church with its familiar pews and people, the home Y.W.A. with its well known counselor and friendly circle, it will be advisable to have special goodbye meetings in their honor, social in nature but with a serious talk about the new life, its tendency to wean away from customary attendance upon church services, its numerous choices and decisions, its valuable joys and its possible limitations. Let the earnest counselor be intimately with each going-away Y.W.A., assuring her of the like organization she should find on her college campus, of the local Y.W.A.'s hope that by participation in the College Y.W.A. she will return with helpful ideas and plans to stir those unable or not ready for the widening experiences of college life. In straight-forward conversation advise Miss Going Away that she will find a flurry and flutter in her first several weeks of college that will perhaps blind her, at least temporarily, to the steadfast worth of College Y.W.A. unless she begins going by attending the very first meeting, by showing from her very first arrival on the campus her loyal interest in Young Woman's Aux-

iliary there as at home—or more than at home.

The wise mother will likewise talk of the practical helpfulness of keeping in touch with denominational activities through Y.W.A., pointing out that through the months mother and daughter will be studying kindred subjects in their programs and that in them each can be helpful to the other and both keep a tie of common interest otherwise broken. A subscription to "The Window of Y.W.A." will be a splendid equipment for Miss Going Away because, while life's horizons widen through college experience, "The Window" will keep eyes clearly set on dreamed of goals of service, will expand vision beyond the selfish limits of campus activities. Do not wait for Miss Going Away to subscribe on arrival but attend to this before the train pulls out or the automobile goes out of the dear home drive. (The subscription for the year is \$1, to be sent to "The Window of Y.W.A.", 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.) If every W.M.U. mother could see the magazines which seem to be college favorites, each would hurry "The Window" subscription that it might prove antidote and balance for the others.

The Y.W.A. can make the actual going away and arrival less suddenly dashed with homesickness by writing letters to read on the way and cards and notes to greet on arrival and through the first few weeks. A bit of thoughtful planning for notes regularly sent will give joy all the way around and be vastly helpful to writer and recipient.

Going away to college is important. It deserves thoughtful, prayerful recognition by Woman's Missionary Union individually and as organizations.—*Juliette Mather*

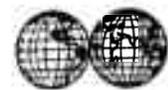


## OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



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### BOOKS and BOOKS



The summer's beguilingly lazy days have gone now; school bells ring crisply; morning moments are crowded with starting our young people away to school. Time seems to acquire new elements of alertness that demand careful investment of moments that may have played themselves away in warmer days of vacation leisure. The checking up reaches to the W.M.U. young people's director and she is busy with enticing fall plans for her counselors and organization members. The new books for school use fairly shout reminder of their valuable companions, the new books for mission study. It is time to perfect plans for the fall mission study classes. Of course you will arrange the time best suited to each organization and to each community. Select the text book carefully and, if the organization members cannot buy individual copies, see that several copies are available so that the necessary reading of the book by each young person before taking examination and receiving award can be arranged for readily. Secure a teacher who will give herself unstintedly to study of the topic—not merely the selected text—until she is saturated with it and will pass it on to her mission study pupils.

China is our particular foreign emphasis this fall. That means get out the magazine articles, up-to-date books, pictures, maps, missionary biographies of those who have gone to China, curios, costumes—thus making China real.

For intermediates "The Young Revolutionist" (75c) by Pearl S. Buck will prove truly fascinating, picturing China's bewildered intermediates seeking, seeking. Our own denominational activities must be added by the teacher but can be readily woven into the in-

teresting story. Use our Foreign Mission Board's report for latest information; see such publications by our own missionaries as Mrs. Pruitt's "The Day of Small Things", Dr. Bryan's "Christianity's China Creations", Dr. Ayers' "Healing and Missions". The teacher of junior R.A. or G.A. will want also to use these books as background though she select "Ling Yang: A Story of a Boy and Girl in New China" (50c) or the still popular "Friendship Center in China" (50c).

Sunbeam leaders of mission study will delight in "Chinese Children of Woodcutter's Lane" (85c) by Priscilla Holton or "Fragrance" (60c) by Mary Entwistle as bases for the stories of the Chinese village the Sunbeams will surely wish to make. The tiniest Sunbeams will like "Ah Fu, a Chinese River Boy" (50c), particularly if the pages are pasted in a row—pictures on one side and writing behind so that the procession of pictures is truly a moving picture.

We shall not forget Miss Coleman's study of our own home mission activities so delightfully and so practically presented in the stories and suggestions comprising "Around the World in Our Southland". It may be that Mrs. Lawrence's "The Traveling Story Hour for Sunbeams" and "The Quest" for intermediate G.A.'s and R.A.'s. will be ready for use, but all ages have been interested in Miss Coleman's book if the ones by Mrs. Lawrence are not yet released from the press. All books mentioned on this page may be ordered from State Baptist Bookstore.

There is no end to the worthwhile and thrilling mission literature available. Use it thoroughly, sharing when possible equipment and teaching talent too. The young people's director will be alert to make such generous arrangements.—*Juliette Mather*

## TRAINING SCHOOL

Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, Principal

It is often said by students that they enjoy their practice work more than any other single feature of their busy life in the W.M.U. Training School. When one reads of such experiences as this related below it is easily understood. What greater joy is to be found in life than the experience of leading a misguided young man or woman into the path of peace and life abundant?—*Carrie U. Littlejohn*

### JESUS, the FRIEND of SINNERS



The first Sunday of January, 1932, is one long to be remembered by three of the Training School students who conducted a mission Sunday school. The pupils, about thirty-five in number, ranged from small children to boys and girls in their later teens. Some were wayward, some homeless and friendless and all were in need of Jesus, the truest friend.

As the superintendent and teacher of the older boys was absent, the opening exercises had to be more simple than usual. We used as an opening song, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus", for nothing seemed more appropriate. Turning to the back of the hymn books, we read responsively Luke 7:37-50—"Jesus, the Friend of Sinners"—the story of the penitent woman who bathed the feet of Jesus with her tears and dried them with her hair. Then drawing our chairs to different corners of the room we had our classes. Each teacher used for a lesson that which she thought best for her group.

After classes we reassembled for the closing exercises. The teacher in charge asked if any one had a request for prayer. Two hands went up—one of a large boy near the back, the other a girl on the front row. For these we had special prayer. Before dismissing we suggested that those who had anything about which they would like to talk with us might like to remain after the service.

As the children were passing out, the leader felt some one touch her arm timidly. It was the girl who had held up her hand, asking if she might talk with her. As we sat down on a bench near by, she said: "I have two dear little children I cannot be with, and I don't even know where my mother is. I know that I have done awfully wrong, but I want you to pray that God will forgive me and take me back to them". She was a young woman who had left her home and loved ones for a life of sin.

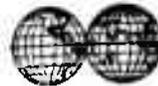
We called the other teachers and together we tried to lead her to full repentance and complete trust in Jesus as her Saviour. As we told her how we had found Him and as we prayed for her, she shook with sobs. At the close of the prayer we asked her if she could not lay her burden of sin on Jesus and believe that He was her Saviour too. Looking up through her tears with a new light in her eyes she said, "I can do that". Her sobbing ceased and peace seemed to have come into her heart. She had found Jesus, the Friend of Sinners.

The next day we took her a Bible for she said she did not have one. We found her still happy and she accepted the Bible gratefully. Before we left she said: "Last night I prayed to God. I know that I have done terribly wrong but God has forgiven me. I have much to face but I know that He will help me".—*Evelynn Wyman, Ky.*

## MARGARET FUND

Chairman: Mrs. Frank Bursey, Waynesboro, Ga.

Then the priests shall reckon unto Him the worth of thy estimation.—*Lev. 27:23*



In the estimation of W.M.U. members the worth of our Margaret Fund cannot be calculated. Heartened and happy are we to note the estimation and high valuation with which it is now being reckoned by some pastors.

In a letter from Dr. F. F. Brown of Knoxville, now president of our Southern Baptist Convention, he says: "My heart sings with gratitude to God as I think of the marvelous work of the Margaret Fund. Of course I've known of it for years but my touch with the Jackson children, whose parents were drowned on the Vestris, has brought me to a larger realization of what the fund is really doing".

Dr. Louie D. Newton, pastor of Druid Hills Church in Atlanta, writes: One word fairly expresses my thought of the Margaret Fund—"Christ-like". I cannot think of anything more Christ-like than caring for these children of our noble missionaries, providing educational advantages for them which their own parents would gladly provide.

I wonder if we are doing any one form of missionary work which brings greater joy to the givers than the Margaret Fund work. I know a number of people who have discovered the joy of giving to missions by starting with a "Margaret". And those who were committed to missions before the Margaret Fund was established have found in it one of the finest extra gifts they can make in the Name of Jesus.

I especially like the personal aspect of this Margaret Memorial appeal. It comes close home to one when he feels that he is linking the name of his grandmother or mother or daughter or sister with Christ's work. Jesus always gave full play to the personal touch, and I

am grateful that we can follow in His example.

We need not worry a moment about the fact that it is an extra appeal. I have yet to find my first person whose loyalty to missions was hurt by making a Margaret Fund gift or any special gift to state, home or foreign missions.

And then I like the personal touch which it gives us with these fine young people. For example: we had an associational W.M.U. mission institute and the meetings were held in our meeting house. Mrs. W. T. Henry, Georgia Margaret Fund chairman, had a splendid booth fitted up for the Margaret Fund exhibit. Our mid-week church service was held in the auditorium where the mission institute was holding its day sessions, which caused the men and women and young people at the mid-week service to run right into the various exhibits of the institute. The Margaret Fund exhibit got their attention and held it, and after Mrs. Henry's five-minute talk, she received \$40 from the little group for the fund.

A few days after that I introduced one of the Margaret Fund students at Georgia Tech. to one of the men who had made a subscription the Wednesday night before. "What, is this one of our Margaret Fund boys?" he asked, with a smile all over his face. It is just that sort of thing that will deepen our missionary impulses.

I am grateful for the Margaret Fund—for the Christ-like spirit which it evidences and for the very distinct contribution which it makes to our general missionary interest. Some day in that blessed Land and Life beyond the skies, I expect to see the Margaret Fund boys and girls sitting down talking to their mothers and fathers about the privileges which came to them as a result of our gifts for their education and training.



## 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.

### THINKING WITH AFRICA



"Thinking with Africa" is another volume of the *Christian Voices around the World* series, sponsored by the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions and published by the Missionary Education Movement. Each chapter is by a different writer, several by natives, others by whites who through years of service understand the native point of view. The outstanding reaction of the natives towards the white missionaries is a deep sense of gratitude for the more abundant life brought to them; especially is this true of their feeling for the earlier missionaries. But, because of certain attitudes in government and commercial circles and sometimes among missionaries, they resent being treated as an inferior race. They ask the help of missionaries who understand and appreciate conditions. Price: paper 75c, cloth \$1.25

### FACING THE FUTURE IN INDIAN MISSIONS

MISSION study groups will find pleasure and inspiration in "Facing the Future in Indian Missions", recently published by the Council of Women for Home Missions and the Missionary Education Movement. The book looks at missions from two points of view: that of the U. S. government and that of the missionary. Part I is the "Merriam Report", made by the Institute of Government Research. Dr. Merriam calls his report "A Social Outlook on Indian Missions". His sympathy and understanding of missions and missionaries make his report doubly valuable. Part II by Dr. George W. Hinman, formerly director of Indian work of American Missionary Association, is called "The Church and the Indian". A more comprehensive and satisfactory statement of the Indian situation it would be hard to find. A careful study will give new impetus to our work with Indians. Price: cloth \$1, paper, 60c

### BIBLE STUDY TOPICS for 1933

- Jan.—Finding the Book: *II Chron. 34:1-3, 7, 8, 14-31*
- Feb.—Be the Lord's People: *II Kings 11:1-4, 12, 17; 12:1-5, 9-15*
- March—Men of Goodwill: *Luke 2:13-20*
- April—This Beginning of Miracles: *John 2:1-11*
- May—The Day of Pentecost: *Acts 2:1-4, 14, 21, 38-42*
- June—Being a Child: *I Sam. 2:18, 19, 26; 3:1-10*
- July—Teach Us to Pray: *Luke 11:1-4*
- Aug.—Behold the Lamb of God: *John 1:36-42*
- Sept.—The I Ams: *John 6:35; 8:12; 10:7, 11; 11:25; 14:6; 15:5*
- Oct.—The Parable of the Ten Virgins: *Matt. 25:1-13*
- Nov.—The Joy of the Lord: *Matt. 25:14-23*
- Dec.—His Name Emmanuel: *Matt. 1:20-25*

The above topics will be used in 1933 as the basis for the monthly Bible studies and family altar readings furnished by this magazine.

The following outline of the 1933 monthly W.M.U. missionary topics is given, even as was done in April, to assist societies in the preparation of their year books and in their other plans for the missionary programs of the calendar year of 1933. The list thus re-published will be another reminder to clip—clip—clip and then to file—file file for use—use—use anything and everything that will make the 1933 programs attractive and appealingly missionary. The 1933 Bible topics are listed on page 32.

### MONTHLY W.M.U. MISSIONARY TOPICS for 1933

THEME for the YEAR: THE WORLD'S NEED of the WORD

- Jan.—**LORD, SEND a REVIVAL**  
Back to the Word of God. Self-examination and a prayer for a deeper realization in our churches of the necessity for the new birth. Prayerful study of all our southern Baptist work and mission causes. Confession of our sins and reconsecration of our lives to the work of the Kingdom. Prayer for guidance in planning for the future. A re-evaluation of the task of Christian missions. A sincere prayer: "Lord, send a revival, and let it begin in me".
- Feb.—**THE INFLUENCE of the WORD in the HOMELAND**  
Present work of the Home Mission Board with especial emphasis on the influence of the Gospel in human hearts, transforming lives. Results of investing our money in home missions. Stories of what has happened recently on home mission fields where the Bible has gone to those who never had it before.
- March—**BUILDING WORLD PEACE on the WORD**  
The Christian faith as a factor in peace in the world. What Christians can do to bring about the ending of war. What women can do to help those forces now at work in the world for peace and world prohibition. A study of the fundamental causes of war and how to remove them. Study of centers of racial, national and anti-Christian conflicts in the world today. An acceptance of the teachings of God's Word, that will remove hatred and antagonism and give the compassion for fellowman that Jesus had.
- April—**MIRACLES of the WORD in OTHER LANDS**  
Stories of notable Christians from foreign mission fields. How the Gospel is spreading through the work of native Christians. Results of our missionary work in lives "saved by grace" in all races and lands. The evidence of the manifold power of the Word of God to transform in every condition and phase of human life.
- May—**HOME MISSIONS TRANSLATING the WORD**  
A study of the Spanish-speaking people of Cuba and the south, and the Indian peoples. Migrant labor and its needs. The spread of the Gospel within home mission fields through our Cuban, Mexican and Indian Baptists. How home missionaries are doing their work. Stories of the needs.
- June—**YOUTH: TOMORROW'S MESSENGER of the WORD**  
Response of youth to the Word; ability of youth to interpret the Word in his life. Obligation to implant the Word early. Missionary education of our young people, the specialty of W.M.U.; our obligation to establish and maintain the Full Graded W.M.U. in every church. Importance of missionary literature for young people in the home. Importance of utilizing capabilities. Eagerness of world forces to use

young life. Dangers surrounding the young people of today. "Total abstinence" essential. Disastrous results to the cause of Christ if youth is not enlisted

- July* —**AFRICA: WAITING for the WORD**  
The study of present problems and opportunities in Africa with special attention to areas where southern Baptists have work. Problems of false interpretations of God in Africa; such as Mohammedanism. Latest developments in our own work. Results that have come from our own investments. Need for missionaries and equipment. The possibilities on our own field
- Aug.* —**THE RETURN of the WORD to EUROPE and PALESTINE**  
Brief survey of the history of the missionary enterprise with attention especially as to how Europe has sent the Gospel to the world. Present condition of Christian faith in Europe; state churches, conflict between ritualism and vital evangelical religion. Baptist growth and loyalty. The re-occupation of Palestine and present conditions. The Baptist witness in Nazareth and Jerusalem. World Alliance plans
- Sept.* —**THE WORK of GOD in the FRENCH COUNTRY**  
A presentation of an unique mission field of native-born Americans to whom the Gospel is just beginning to be presented. A study of causes of their isolation from evangelical Christianity. How the Gospel spreads among the French people. The workers and how they are doing the work. A call to study similar conditions in your state of untouched peoples and areas of life
- Oct.* —**THE HARVEST of the WORD in SOUTH AMERICA**  
The achievements of half a century of Baptist witness in South America. Outlook for the second half century that has begun. Rejoicing in the evidences of growth of Baptist life and work. The story of the Bagbys and their co-workers. A celebration of thanksgiving for the end of a period of missionary conquest, relating the story of Baptist beginnings and present development in Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Chile
- Nov.* —**STEWARDS of the WORD**  
A study of the teachings of stewardship in the Bible. What money will do in the Kingdom of God. What returns have come from investment of lives and money on mission fields at home and abroad. The responsibility of every Christian for world missions. Stories of faithful stewards in our own and other lands
- Dec.* —**TROPHIES of the WORD in the EAST**  
Stories of the faithfulness and heroism of the Christians of China and Japan. Problems and opportunities in the orient today. The appeal of the missionaries for reinforcement and advance. What has been happening to our missionary forces in China and Japan in the past five years. What your gifts would mean interpreted in terms of missionary life and work

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## CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS



Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

From the reports of the Foreign and Home Mission Boards made last May we learn that, in spite of the most disastrous conditions during the past few years, the foreign mission debt has not increased a cent until in May it was just a little less than \$1,150,000 and that the receipts of the Home Board have declined each year since 1914 when they were \$208,555 which was \$400,000 more than in 1911.

Dr. W. O. Carver, professor of missions at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, said recently: "We must face the fact that southern Baptists are not a missionary people. There has never been a time in our history when so many as one-third of the organized churches have taken any active, consistent interest in the mission enterprise. At present fewer than one-fifth are taking any part. And of the churches supporting the program there is not one that can report much more than one-half its membership taking a vital interest".

When David Lloyd George was asked what he thought of missions he replied: "If Christian missions fail, the rest of us had better shut up shop. The missionary program represents the most successful enterprise for the reclamation of mankind that the modern world has ever seen. We cannot dispense with that program". And he does not believe we ever shall!

Some years ago a young couple was accepted for the African mission field. Upon examination it was found the young wife could not stand the climate.

When they went to the home of the young husband's father, a dentist, who made fermented wine for commercial purposes to supplement his income. The young man took this business over with the determination to make all the money he could to be used in Christian missions. His name was "Welch" and, by the manufacture and sale of "fruit juice", he has given literally hundreds of thousands of dollars to be used in the spreading of the Kingdom of God throughout the world.

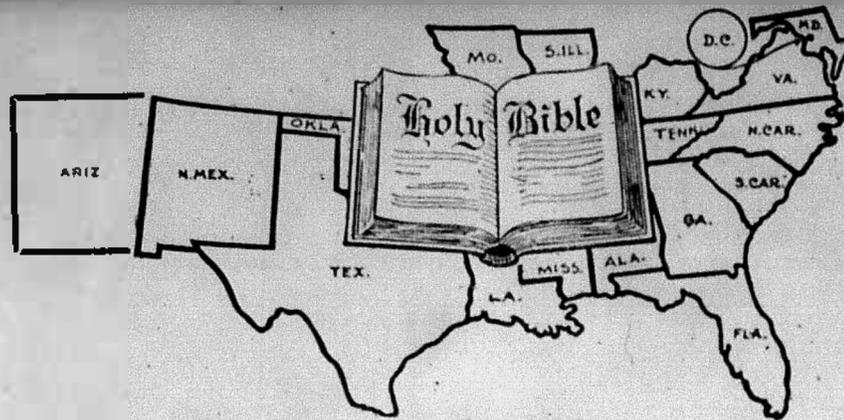
During the past year our missionaries and native pastors in the African field reported a total of 1444 baptisms. One of them in Africa baptized 1444 and has another thousand waiting baptism.

Many pagan Christians in west central Africa have refused positions that would mean comparative wealth, in order to continue teaching under conditions little short of poverty. They have dedicated their lives not only to school activities but to evangelistic efforts, reports Dr. Hellebrand from that country.

The China Inland Mission reports the martyrdom of some Christians in one of their stations. When led out to be executed, one of the leaders called out to his brethren: "Don't be afraid. I firmly believe that before the axe touches our necks our spirits will be with the Lord". Some were offered life if they would deny the Lord but they chose death and the remaining Christians then most secretly to worship God.

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#### ROYAL SERVICE

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