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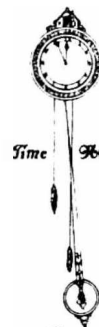
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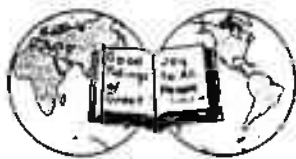


EDITORIAL



EXTENSION

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



For a year the Union has moved under a watchword suggesting extension of the Kingdom—"He shall reign". When this watchword came into effect last January, the need of southwide extension was brought to the W.M.U. Executive Committee. The contemplated effort went into effect at the annual meeting in May. Once

more we see that, in an almost supernatural way, our watchwords meet our organizational needs, outline our tasks. Just as truly does the 1933 watchword express our deepest spiritual needs. If we as southern Baptists should act upon it, the problems facing southern Baptists would be solved.

So large is the W.M.U. that it usually requires several months for such emphasis to grip the constituency unless special literature pours into the hands of the workers. It is most gratifying to find, in this effort, that the long years of training in program building and organizational planning are bearing fruit. We may feel a just pride that we can rise above high pressure methods and prods to extend the missionary work. Extension is self-explanatory. It is universal in its appeal. It is a sharing of "the gifts Christ brought". There is urgent need to extend missionary information, missionary training, the call for earnest prayer as long as southern Baptists report \$6.79 per capita gifts for local work of our churches and \$1.47 for all the missionary endeavors—state, home and foreign—and for all benevolences. It will take vaster numbers than our denomination now possesses to maintain the missionary work at this rate of giving. There is a distinct field of service for the W.M.U. today, as it reaches out and seeks to deepen the conceptions, the consecration of the women and young people in our territory. That it does so is evidenced in its programs, its goals, its gifts, its spirit.

That is a most interesting story of Israel's army found in the book of Kings. Weary and footsore from seven days' march, the army came into a wilderness. There was no water there for man or beast. In their distress, they inquired of the Prophet Elisha, for they had heard that the Lord was with him. Elisha's reply was: "Thus saith the Lord: Make this valley full of ditches. Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain, yet that valley shall be filled with water that ye may drink both ye and your cattle". And, "in the morning" the valley was filled with water. How easily God could have sent the water without human aid! The ditches did not bring the water. But they did serve as channels for the manifestation of God's power. This same principle—"laborers together with God"—runs through all His plans and His blessings. We must dig the ditches, roll the stones away, draw the water from the wells of life, surrender our loaves and fishes that the multitudes be fed. God still uses human aid. If we dig the ditches to other churches now unenlisted in our missionary organizational tasks, there is the assurance that "in the morning" there will be evidence of His power. All our churches need to be awakened to the urgent task of sharing Calvary's message—"Forgiveness written in crosses". The smallest church, the youngest member may touch the rim of the world in their love, their prayers, their gifts, their service.

"Launch out into the deep and let down your nets"—Luke 5:4.

M. M. S. Programs for Week of Prayer for World-Wide Missions December 5-9, Inclusive



MONDAY

SUBJECT: Palestine-Syria, Europe and Africa

(Material was supplied by Miss Earl Hester and Mrs. W. E. Craighead of Sumatra, Mrs. D. G. Whittinghill of Italy, Miss Neale C. Young and Miss Eva Sanders and Alake Olomai of Africa.)

PRAYER HYMN: "O Zion Haste"

SCRIPTURE: Isa. 40:9-12; 52:7-10; 61:1-3; Luke 2:10 (Emphasis on the fact that the "good tidings" came — were brought — from Heaven.)

HYMN: "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"
TALK: Birth of Christianity in Palestine (Help for this talk will be found in the New Testament, especially the Gospels and Acts; also in Mrs. Montgomery's "From Jerusalem to Jerusalem".)

SEASON of PRAYER for S.B.C. Work in Palestine-Syria: 3 churches with 103 members; 3 W.M.S. with 152 members

TALK: Birth of Christianity in Europe (Help for this talk will be found in the following books: Acts; "Europe and the Gospel" by Gill; "The Bible and Missions" by Montgomery; "The Gospel in Latin Lands" by Clark.)

TALK: Beginnings of S.B.C. Work in Europe (Suggested Helps: "Europe and the Gospel" by Gill; "Today's Supreme Challenge to America" by Love; "Southern Baptists in Sunny Italy" by Taylor; "Handmaidens of the King" by Clark.)

LEAFLET: The Women's Union in Bes-sarabia

LEAFLET: The Conversion of Anastasia Cosmopulo

SEASON of PRAYER for S.B.C. Work in Rumania, Hungary, Jugo-Slavia: 1,617 churches with 62,588 members; 383 W.M.S. with 7,030 members

LEAFLET: A Religion of Fear

LEAFLET: Winning the President of a Catholic Club

SEASON of PRAYER for S.B.C. Work in Italy: 51 churches with 3,263 members; 3 W.M.S. with 75 members

LEAFLET: A Missionary Church (Order leaflet for 2c from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

SEASON of PRAYER for S.B.C. Work in Spain: 19 churches with 1,027 members; 8 W.M.S. with 163 members

TALK: Birth of Christianity in Africa (Suggested Helps: Acts; "Wonders of Missions"

by Mason; "Friends of Africa" by Mackenzie; "The Bible and Missions" by Montgomery; "Western Women in Eastern Lands" by Montgomery)

TALK: Beginnings of S.B.C. Work in Africa (Suggested Helps: "The Romance of Missions in Nigeria" by Pincock; "Baptist Missions in Nigeria" by Duval; "Southern Baptist Foreign Missions" by Ray; "Handmaidens of the King" by Clark)

LEAFLET: Life Stories from Africa

REPEATING of Luke 2:10

SENTENCE PRAYERS for S.B.C. Work in Africa: 187 churches with 28,541 members; 269 W.M.S. with 5,487 members

LEAFLET: The Other Half of the Christmas Message (Order leaflet for 2c from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

LEAFLET concerning Miss Lottie Moon

PRAYER for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

INGATHERING of OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENTS, especially concerning Wednesday as "Day of Prayer"

HYMN: "Joy to the World"

TUESDAY

SUBJECT: Japan and China

(Material on Japan was supplied by Mrs. G. E. Dozier and Mrs. Keats Eikman (a nee Earl), pastor's wife, Y.W.A. secretary, W.M.U. recording secretary, trained nurse at Good Will Center in Tobata. Material on China was supplied by Miss Lila Watson and Miss Faith Chang (a nee Earl), evangelistic worker in Yanchow.)

HYMN: Joy to the World

PRAYER that Japan may believe the "good news" from Heaven

SCRIPTURE: Psa. 50:14-23; I Thess. 5:16-18; II Cor. 9:15; Psa. 37:6; II Cor. 6:17, 18; Ephes. 2:10 (Emphasis on fact that the "good tidings" were something new—an announcement from Heaven.)

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING for the reality of the "good tidings"

TALK: Birth of Christianity in Japan (Suggested Helps: "Wonders of Missions" by Mason; "The Bible and Missions" by Montgomery; "Christianity in Modern Japan" by Clement; "Western Women in Eastern Lands" by Montgomery)

TALK: Beginnings of S.B.C. Work in Japan (Suggested Helps: "Outriders for the

King" by Clark: "Southern Baptist Foreign Missions" by Ray)

SEASON OF PRAYER for S.B.C. Work in Japan: 17 churches with 2,362 members; 16 W.M.S. with 218 members

LEAFLETS: Japanese W.M.U. Conquerors through Christ (Have 5 or 6 members tell these stories.)

PRAYER: (1) for more firmly established faith and more earnestly evangelistic spirit in S.B.C. churches in Japan; (2) that buildings may be provided for homeless churches; (3) for growth in self-support

HYMN: For Me to Live Is Christ

TALK: Birth of Christianity in China (Suggested Helps: "Western Women in Eastern Lands" by Montgomery; "The Bible and Missions" by Montgomery; "Wonders of Missions" by Mason; "From Jerusalem to Jerusalem" by Montgomery; "Hudson Taylor" by Taylor)

TALK: Beginnings of S.B.C. Work in China (Suggested Helps: "Outriders for the King" by Clark; "Handmaidens of the King" by Clark; "Southern Baptist Foreign Missions" by Ray; "Pioneering for Jesus" by Dunaway; "Lottie Moon" by Lawrence; "The Day of Small Things" by Proffitt; "Healing and Missions" by Ayers)

LEAFLET: Trip Notes from South China

LEAFLET: Inquiring about the Churches in South China

SEASON OF PRAYER for S.B.C. Work in South China: 67 churches with 10,426 members; 29 W.M.S. with 721 members

LEAFLET: In Central and Interior China

HYMN: Exultantly Sing

LEAFLET: Impressions of North China

SENTENCE PRAYERS for S.B.C. Work—in North China, 59 churches with 14,367 members; 7 W.M.S. with 259 members—in Interior China, 23 churches with 2,268 members; 15 W.M.S. with 417 members—in Central China, 28 churches with 5,517 members

LEAFLET: Tsing Low's Trust and the Famine (Order leaflet for 5c from W.M.U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

REPEATING of Luke 2:10

INGATHERING of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

ANNOUNCEMENTS, especially concerning Wednesday as "Day of Prayer"

HYMN: O Zion, Haste

PRAYER to the Lord of the harvest to call forth more laborers from Chinese churches and for Spirit taught witnesses

WEDNESDAY

DAY OF PRAYER around the WORLD (See day's program in separate pamphlet.)

These pages are perforated for freer use in preparing for Week of Prayer. Detach and assign parts early, please.

THURSDAY

SUBJECT: Chile, Argentina, Uruguay (Material on Chile was supplied by Mrs. E. Codi Moore and Senora Caterina (Ira de) de Fernandez, president of W.M.U. of Chile; on Argentina, by Miss Minnie McIlroy; on Uruguay, by Mrs. B. W. Orrick.)

HYMN: Joy to the World

PRAYER that South American people may feel the joy of the Gospel

SCRIPTURE: Neh. 12:43; Psa. 35:27; 132:9; Matt. 2:9-11; Luke 2:10 (Emphasize on fact that the "good tidings" brought "great joy")

TALK: Birth of Christianity in Latin Lands (Suggested Helps: "The Gospel to Latin Lands" by Clark; "South America" by Neely; "South American Problems" by Speer; "Mexico Coming into Light" by Butler)

TALK: Beginnings of S.B.C. Work in Chile, Argentina and Uruguay ("Good Tidings to Argentina and Chile" by Hart; "Southern Baptist Foreign Missions" by Ray are suggested helps.)

LEAFLET: Stumbling Blocks in the Way of the Chilean Women

LEAFLET: The Spiritual Atmosphere of the Chilean W.M.U.

SEASON OF PRAYER for S.B.C. Work in Chile: 38 churches with 2,407 members; 20 W.M.S. with 504 members

HYMN: Nearer, Still Nearer (Chorus W. M. U. Hymn for 1932)

LEAFLET: Characteristics of the Argentine Republic as a Mission Field

LEAFLET: Her Cross

HYMN: Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross

SENTENCE PRAYERS for S.B.C. Work in Argentina-Uruguay: 68 churches with 4,096 members; 45 W.M.S. with 1,062 members

LEAFLET: Conversions in Uruguay

LEAFLET: The Good News Spreads in South America (Order leaflet for 5c from W.M.U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

REPEATING of Luke 2:10

INGATHERING of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

ANNOUNCEMENTS concerning Friday's Program

HYMN (as Benediction): Jesus Shall Reign

FRIDAY

SUBJECT: Mexico and Brazil (Material on Mexico was supplied by Mrs. C. L. Neal and Senora Claudia Landero de Gaspar (as to far, as in they), secretary of W.M.U. in Saltillo; on Brazil, by Miss Minnie Landrum)

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FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

Any of the following "messages" will quicken your and others' zeal in the observance of the Week of Prayer, Dec. 5-9 inclusive.

ECHOES from LAST DECEMBER'S DAY OF PRAYER



We rode about fifty miles and then left the car at a sugar mill where we found the horses waiting for us. We rode for about an hour across the hills and fields following the footpaths until we came to the church at Ilheitas where we were met by a big crowd. It was indeed a gala occasion for this church in the country, for it was the 32nd. anniversary of the Woman's Society. It was not the mere fact of being the anniversary that made it such a wonderful occasion, though they always make much of the anniversaries of the churches and societies, but it was the fact that 19 couples were getting married so they could join the church and be baptized on the anniversary of the society. They had been converted, some of them, for some time but did not have the money to get married legally, so could not join the church. Marriages usually cost from eight to ten dollars and these people who live on little farms or work on big plantations raise enough to eat but they have no money, for there is no market for the things that they do not eat or there is no transportation for them. The pastor was so anxious to see these people with their families lined up with the church that he decided to go to the judge of that district and see what he would marry all of the couples for, doing it all at one time and in one place. He finally made a price of \$2.50 a couple and so began at once getting the papers ready, which is a long and tedious task. You understand that all of these people were mar-

ried by the Catholic church, which does not consider the laws of the land concerning marriage, so that is why they were not legally married. Some of these couples walked twelve and fifteen miles to be married; for three days the church was crowded and overflowing and each night they had evangelistic services.

At 5 o'clock in the morning we had our prayer-meeting as this was the "Day of Prayer around the World". About fifty were present. Again in the afternoon we had meetings for the women and children, then came the real program by the society and the installation of the new officers, after which Mr. Mein preached an evangelistic sermon. It was the culmination of a wonderful week.—Essie Fuller, Pernambuco, Brazil

URS must be the youngest W.M.U. in China. When I came from Pochow in June of 1931, I brought the old program for 1930 which Mrs. Strother had left among her waste paper. I gave it to our Bible woman, feeling she might find something helpful in it. I never like to throw away a Sunday school quarterly or any printed word that may be some help to some Chinese. She read the program for the previous year and came to our next Wednesday eleven o'clock prayer-meeting for women with the request that we organize a W.M.U. It was approved and we had our first meeting in July 1931, with 22 present and a liberal contribution, considering what they had left after this contribution, as our Lord estimated the widow's contribution. We used this one program for the rest of the year and the lessons were just as good for us as the later programs. The Bible woman was the only one among them able to read, but this year we

have ten programs from Pochow and we are hoping more of the women will be able to take part in the monthly programs. This much will give you the background for our "Day of Prayer" as a W.M.U., but you must remember we have for years had this Wednesday prayer-meeting and that my co-workers have emphasized prayer in the work from its beginning.

Miss Lila Watson had kindly made out programs from the English ones, including the requests for prayer and adding that we pray for different objects: pastors, evangelists and out-stations in our own field. We were very thankful that it was a beautiful day, after much rain and cloudy weather. Pastor Townshend took the chair and our brethren were a great help in meeting and praying with us this day. One object at a time was read and some one volunteered in prayer for that special object. We were in this prayer-meeting three hours and then stopped for dinner, after which we met again and continued till dark, bringing the different fields and their requests before our Father's Throne. We had a globe of the world and, as different countries were mentioned, Mr. Townshend pointed them out and their size and relation to China. That was helpful and instructive to us all. The only objection I heard raised was that two, who went into very minute detail, took longer time than they should have and so we did not get entirely through the program! But we felt as dark came on and made us close our meeting that we had had a very blessed day waiting before the Lord and that far-reaching results would follow. Part of our congregation live outside the city gate, which is locked a little after dark each night and so we could not plan a night meeting. We never had a large crowd, perhaps thirty in all, but we felt the Lord was with us and so we had a large majority.—*Attie T. Bosstick, Kweichow, China*

I WANT you to share our joy in the "Day of Prayer". The program was splendidly arranged and it was pos-

sible for every one to have a program and study it through the day. There had been much prayer for the day and it proved good beyond our fondest hopes. We gave each hour to a leader and each did well. The men particularly had theirs ready; hearts opened. We had a large map, and each country was pointed out and something told about it—no long speeches but much real prayer. I had never prayed a whole day and the experience has revealed to me the joy of prayer.—*Mrs. George Leavell, Wuchow, China*

MATERIAL for the "Day of Prayer" was translated and sent out by the Japan W.M.U. to all the churches. In most of the churches the day was observed. Report of one church was that never before had they had such a season of consecration in their church—"Such concerted prayer almost made over our church". The service at our Girls' School—with the beautiful chorus of "The Half Have Never Been Told" and the season of devotion and prayer—touched every heart: the more than 175 Y.W.A. girls went out with a new vision of the world's need. All who observed the day feel it was a great blessing. The offering for the "Day of Prayer" was used for equipment for the free obstetrical service of the Good Will Center at Tobata.—*Mrs. C. K. Dozier, Kure, Japan*

OUR "Day of Prayer" was the greatest day Tsinan Baptist Church has ever experienced. Our hours were to have been from 6 A.M. to 6 P.M. but so many people were there by 5:30 A.M. that we opened the meeting. It was glorious. I turned my hour into a personal consecration service and had a lovely response. The next day a boy whom we had hoped would be called to the ministry came in and said: "It's settled! The Father has been calling for some time; yesterday I said 'Yes' and I am happy".—*Mrs. John Abenathy, Tsinan, China*

IT was with us a "Day of Prayer"—and what a day! How can one keep still when you see young workers grow by leaps and bounds before your very eyes? As the Japanese expression goes, I just want to leap and shout and sing at times. And this time was of that sort. Our young pastor, then only a year and a half out of the Seminary and only two or three years of Christian life before entering, has had many opportunities to grow since he came to Tobata; but I think truly this is the most visible stride I have seen him take.

Mrs. Dozier translated and adapted the program and sent copies to all churches and women's societies. I could see that Mr. Hikasa was thinking as we planned the program for our little group. But I was surprised when he himself multigraphed the program and all the requests for prayer from every country and sent them to every member of the church with the following note:

"World Baptist Prayer Day—This is the day when Baptist believers in fifteen countries join their hearts as one to pray for a common cause. At this late day, we have been awakened to the need of world evangelism and we feel it a source of great strength to be able to join with our brothers and sisters of the world to pray for the same cause at the same time. Especially, when we realize that the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union has for a year or more been praying and giving for the Good Will Center which is here in our town, we are filled with thanksgiving and more than ever want to join our prayers with theirs. I beg of you that you will make every effort to be present at the special prayer meeting".

How is that for a first year evangelist in this far-off land? He used one of the young men and two of the Y.W.A. girls on the program. One of them gave a talk on tithing which also surprised me. It was full of "Thus saith the Lord" and concluded with the joy of giving. The other girl gave "The Entrusted Letter" and it seemed to make a deep impression on all. The pastor's talk followed, and then a sea-

son of prayer. It was one of those gracious times when Heaven comes down our souls to meet, and I know there must have been rejoicing before the Throne as the most earnest praying for lost souls I have heard in this church if not in this country rose like a thick cloud of sweet incense. The offering followed and, though the amount was not great, it was significant in that it was to the best of my recollection the first free will offering taken in our church for a purpose outside the church.—*Naomi Schell, Tobata, Japan*

IN the "Day of Prayer" for all Baptists in all countries I do not believe I ever attended a service where my heart was more thrilled with joy and satisfaction than here at that time. Miss West and I had planned the programs for all of the four churches here in Victoria. Three of them are in the suburbs. I stayed with the society here in Victoria. We had just celebrated our 20th anniversary but I never did see them take hold of anything like they did that program. Each one took a country. I led but just let them have all the time they wanted. They prayed for each subject. I told them that it did not matter how many times each one prayed but that it was an inspiring thought that we were praying for all those people and that they were praying for us. Wasn't it wonderful? Some of them prayed through eyes blinded with tears.

At night we left the service with the pastor here. My youngest daughter stayed here and sang the solo and played. Mr. Reno and I went out to the very newest church, which had been organized a few months before. The president of the society presided and she did it splendidly. One of the deacons started the hymns—they have no organ. Mr. Reno preached a short sermon, using II Cor. 9:15. They closed with my telling the story of Lottie Moon.

But how splendidly the woman who presided conducted that meeting, and

such a crowd! They had had their meeting in the afternoon, had gone through the whole program and then had this splendid meeting at night. Well we returned home so happy because we had all been so near together and had had such a world wide touch of loving sympathy with all those dear blacks and whites and browns and yellows over on the other side of the world!—Mrs. L. M. Reno, Victoria, Brazil

ON Tuesday of the Week of Prayer, the Woman's Missionary Society used one part of the program. Choice selections from the program were used at chapel services in Wei Ling Girls' School on Wednesday and Friday. On Tuesday and Thursday the same thing was done at Chapel in Yates Academy. The boys were especially interested in the statistics of our work on nine main fields as given in Program Helps, while the girls liked best Mrs. Wright's Parable and the "Entrusted Letter" by Miss Heck. The great mass meeting was held on Friday afternoon because the women and children could the better attend. The attendance was very good; the interest and spirit were fine. Night overtook us, and the program was continued at the Sunday morning service at which time a basket collection of \$56 was taken for our Home Mission Board here in China. The Bing Hwo Jao Church also had their main meeting on Friday afternoon. On Friday night that church united with ours in the largest prayer service I have ever seen in the church. The meeting was a wonderful one, and before it closed more people promised to give a tenth to the Lord's work than have ever before done so. Thus prayer was crystallized into giving.

The decorations were a very large map of the world; a crayon map of our Home Board field; as posters covering large columns, John 3:16 and the slogan "God loved: He gave: will you?" This verse and this slogan were recited in unison several times during the service; a large poster giving potent statistics about southern Baptist work all

over the world and the banners of our W.M.U. organizations were all prominently placed and arranged to catch the attention.—Mrs. Chas. G. McDaniel, Soochow, China

THE pastor at Leon announced that there would be a sunrise prayer meeting in the chapel to prepare us for the activities of the day. Before five o'clock, still dark and cold, the members were knocking at the pastor's door, telling him that it was time for him to get up and open. At five-thirty the chapel was packed with men, women and children. We held a service of prayer that lasted an hour and all went home for breakfast and to prepare for the other services from ten to twelve and from four to six, in which we gave testimonies of God's goodness and prayed for all the mission fields. In the afternoon service we took an offering for missions. Practically all the women of the church and many of the men attended all day.

In the evening the Woman's Missionary Society gave a special program, presenting a playlet, and another offering was taken. The house was packed and as the women, dressed in native costume, made pleas for the different countries, many were moved to tears. At the close everyone declared it was good to have been there and resolved to observe more days of prayer.—Susan J. Arevalo, Morelia, Mexico

IN Yangchow, China, the "Day of Prayer" dawned clear and cold. How happy all were that the sun shone so brightly, moderating the cold and bringing cheer to every heart. In this part of China our church buildings are not heated, consequently more appreciated than ever were the light and warmth, which the sun on this particular day gave us. The prayer service began promptly at ten o'clock with the Christian women of Shien Liang Gai Church. No non-Christians attended. There were over forty women present.

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MARGARET FUND

Chairman: Mrs. Frank Burney, Waynesboro, Ga.

"Though Christ a thousand times in Bethlehem be born,
If He's not born in thee, thy soul is still forlorn".



Charles Warner has said, "While Thanksgiving has its foundation of Plymouth Rock, Christmas rests upon the Rock of Ages". Thus the more firmly our souls are planted on the Rock of Ages, more earnestly do we want "good-will to men" to deepen with each passing year. You should sing with renewed gratitude "Joy to the World" this Christmas, but your soul shall be forlorn if Christ is not born in your heart and if there is one you should have blessed and yet failed to "remember". This long list of students challenges you to a new realization of their separation from their parents this Christmastide. 'Tis a call to you for prayers for their protection this holiday season and an opportunity for you to share your blessings with these, our Margaret Fund students.

MARGARET FUND SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS—1932-33

From Africa
Lydia May Green, Danville High School
Scott Patterson, Georgia School of Technology

From Argentina
Arthur Elder, University College, London
John Quarles, Georgia School of Technology

Mary Wallace Quarles, Bessie Tift College
William Quarles, Mercer University
Maurice Sowell

From Brazil
Herbert Baker, Mars Hill College
Samuel Bagby, University of Richmond
William Bagby, San Marcos Academy
Alonso Christie, Jr., Baylor University
Estelle Ginsburg, Columbia Medical College

Beth Ingram, College of Marshall
Mary E. Langston, Bethel College
Otis Maddox, S. B. Theological Seminary
Samuel Maddox, University of Louisville

John Gordon Mein, Georgetown College
Robert Mein, Georgetown College
Marian Morgan, Southwestern Theological Seminary
Ernest Muirhead, Waco High School
Sam Muirhead, Baylor Medical College
Sudie Pearl Muirhead, Baylor Univ.
Roberta Pettigrew

Wm. Robert Pettigrew, Bluefield College

Woodrow W. Pettigrew, Bluefield College

Mary Shepard, Baylor University
Celso Stapp, Baylor University
Robert Stapp
George Taylor, University of California
Brunson Terry, University of Richmond

From Chile
Laura Hart, Agnes Scott College
Lois Hart, Agnes Scott College

From China
Florence Anderson, Limestone College
Ruth Anderson, Limestone College
Addie B. Beddoe, Baylor College
Mary Frances Beddoe, Baylor College
Harriet Evans, Westhampton College
Eloise Glass, Southwestern Theological Seminary
Lois Glass, Southwestern Theological Seminary

Charles Leonard, Wake Forest College
Florence Lowe, Westhampton College
Jackson Lowe, Carson-Newman College
Marydee Lowe, Westhampton College
Reba Lowe, Vanderbilt Medical School
Cread C. Marriott, Redlands University
Mary Frances Marriott, Westhampton College

Maribelle McCrea, Redlands University
Nancy McDaniel, Meredith College
Guy Meadows, University of Texas
Carter Morgan, Georgetown College
Campbell Napier, University of Florida
David Napier, Howard College
Gene Newton, Westhampton College

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STEWARDSHIP SUGGESTIONS



Mrs. G. R. Martin, Va., Southwide Stewardship Chairman
STEWARDSHIP of TITHES and OFFERINGS



Successful stewardship of tithes and offerings requires a clear understanding of the word stewardship and all that it implies when applied to Christian living and giving. Life and all that enters into it are sacred trusts from God, our owner and benefactor, to be administered in the interest of God. All of life takes on a new meaning when we realize that we are partners with Him in the greatest of all undertakings, the winning of the lost of the world. Simply stated, stewardship tithing is the paying into God's treasury by the Christian steward of a minimum of one-tenth of her net income in recognition of God's ownership and Lordship and in acknowledgment of her own "owe-ship" and discipleship. Surely one-tenth is the least she may offer Him who gave His all for her!

Purposeful planning will make faithful stewardship of tithes and offerings possible. The Christian steward will first put aside God's tenth of whatever stipend she may have, then she will go forth to use wise thrift in spending the other nine-tenths. Stretching dollars for the glory of God not only takes the sting out of enforced economy but puts a thrilling joy into it. Sometimes the prompt payment of the tithe necessitates doing without some much desired object or even postponing the purchase of needed clothing, but robes of righteousness for others are much to be preferred to the "fig leaves" of personal adornment for self. "It is required in stewards that a 'woman' be found faithful".

Another prerequisite for stewardship of tithes and offerings is an informed mind. In order to do her Father's will, the Christian must know His will for her. If she would follow His plan,

she must study that plan in His Word. If she would be wise in her stewardship, she must go to the source of all wisdom. She must tarry in her secret place of prayer until it ceases to be a broadcasting station—"Give me!"—and becomes a listening-in station, where she hears the challenge of the "Great Commission". She must rearrange her life's activities in the light of that commission, bringing both her loving and her giving into harmony with the inspiring fact that she is a steward of the Gospel. She must keep informed concerning the progress of Kingdom affairs today, because wise administration of the tithe is just as much a part of Christian stewardship as are honest acquisition and faithful accounting.

The law that should govern our tithes and offerings and make our stewardship spontaneous is the law of love. Not on tables of stone but deep in the plastic human heart God has written this law of love with its upreach to God, its outreach to lost and sinful humanity. Centuries before the tithe was written into the Levitical law, the urge of upreaching love caused Abel to bring an offering of his flock to God; later on prompted Abraham to pay tithes of the spoils of war to Melchizedek, the priest of the most high God; and still later impelled homesick young Jacob, in gratitude for the comfort of God's presence and the encouragement of His promises, to vow: "Of all that Thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee". Our God, who is love, would have both our tithes and our offerings brought as love offerings—not of compulsion from without but of impelling love from within: "Every man as he purposes in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver".

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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: BIBLE and MISSION STUDY—John 1:1-17

"Would we see God's brightest glory,
 We must look on Jesus' face!"



The Gospel story is summed up in the missionary topic for the month: eternal life; life abundant; righteousness, peace, joy. What blessings these words suggest! Who but the Bible student can appreciate their meaning? The Word of God is the best guide we have to an understanding of God's Son, our Saviour.

Leave off the constant reading of the Word and your loss is inexpressible.

Bible and mission study can hardly be separated. Grace and truth are revealed by Jesus Christ. The teachings of Jesus Christ are permeated with a command to tell others. It behooves us then to know the message of the Bible. Knowing about the Bible is splendid. Appreciating its beauty as literature is good. Learning its history brings compensation. Its value, however, is in the fact that God revealed Himself to man through its pages. Friends, study your Bible. Become informed regarding the work of missions in the world today. Choose a missionary magazine and read it regularly. Take an intelligent interest in mission study. Get under the task of bringing Bible and mission study to mean more to your W.M.S. Put missions into your Sunday school teaching. Give sacrificially for the spread of the Gospel. Pray for the missionaries.

Have you lingered with the first chapter of John? Read again of the deity and humanity of Christ. In the beginning He was with God. All things were made by Him. In Him was life. He became the expression of God's love. The Word became flesh. The glory of the Father was manifested in Him. The law was given by Moses. Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

"The law of the Lord is perfect". . . . "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law". . . . At that time Jesus answered and said: "I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent and hast revealed them unto babes". . . . "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works". . . . "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this Book: If any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the Book of Life and out of the Holy City and from the things which are written in this Book".

1. Plan a talk for your circle meeting on "Study" as set forth in 1933 W.M.U. Plan of Work (pages 12, 33-44 of 1933 W.M.U. Year Book).
2. An occasional "Bible Quiz" would stimulate Bible study.
3. Stress the study of "All the World in All the Word" by Dr. W. O. Carver.
4. See that Bible and mission study are pursued in each W.M.U. organization in your church.
5. Follow the admonition in II Timothy 2:15.



FAMILY ALTAR



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

Topic: BIBLE and MISSION STUDY—John 1:1-17

ATTEND, My people, to My law; thereto give thou an ear;
The words, that from My mouth proceed, attentively do hear.
My mouth shall speak a parable and sayings dark of old;
The same which we have heard and known and us our fathers told".

—(Old Poetic Translation of Psalm 78:1-3)

The Father's Glory

1st Day—John 1:1-17
2nd Day—Psa. 46:10; 97:2; 102:16
3rd Day—Psa. 104:31; 113:4; 145:5
4th Day—Isa. 6:1, 3; 28:5
5th Day—Ezek. 8:4; 43:4, 5
6th Day—Hab. 2:14
7th Day—Acts 7:55, 56

Revealed

8th Day—I John 3:5, 8; 4:9, 10, 14
9th Day—I John 5:5, 9-13, 20
10th Day—I Cor. 1:30; 3:11; 6:11
11th Day—II Cor. 5:18, 19, 21
12th Day—Matt. 26:38-45
13th Day—Luke 4:15, 41
14th Day—John 17:22-25

Through Christ

15th Day—John 12:28; 14:13; 17:1, 10
16th Day—Eph. 1:2-12
17th Day—Phil. 1:9-11
18th Day—Phil. 2:5-11
19th Day—II Tim. 2:11-13, 19
20th Day—Heb. 11:1
21st Day—Luke 2:30-35

In His Word

22nd Day—II Peter 1:3
23rd Day—John 4:39, 43, 44
24th Day—Matt. 1:17-25
25th Day—Matt. 2:1-15
26th Day—Acts 18:26-28
27th Day—II Peter 1:19-21
28th Day—Matt. 4:4, 7, 10, 16
29th Day—I Tim. 4:1-4, 18
30th Day—Matt. 17:1-9
31st Day—John 21

"Pray Ye"

"Magnify the Lord" that "His mercy is unto generations and generations".

Rejoice that God "hath visited and wrought redemption for His people" through Christ's coming.

Praise God that we have seen His salvation and pray that we may this Christmas give unto Him our promise more faithfully to take the "light for revelation to the gentiles".

Pray that southern Baptists may greatly hasten the day when there shall be "on earth peace among men in whom He is well pleased".

Plead for sacrificial gifts in Week of Prayer, that every W.M.U. member will contribute to Lottie

Moon Christmas Offering and that its \$160,000 goal may be reached. Give thanks for all missionaries, asking peace and protection for them throughout the year and years, pleading also for reinforcements and adequate equipment. Pray for college students that Christmas may be used by them in worthwhile ways and that the churches may utilize their missionary information and enthusiasm. Pray that each W.M.U. organization will do its utmost to reach its apportionment and every other point on its Standard of Excellence. Ask for God's guidance in completion of Every-Member Canvass.

Forward promptly, please, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering from each W.M.U. organization. See that it is carefully designated in thus being forwarded.

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Prepared by Mrs. Maud R. McLure

EXCEPT the Christ be born again tonight
In dreams of all men, saints and sons of shame,
The world will never see His Kingdom bright.
Star of all hearts, lead onward through the night,
Past death-black deserts, doubts without a name,
Past hills of pain and mountains of new sin
To that far sky where mystic births begin,
Where dreaming ears the angel-song shall win.

Topic: The Gifts Christ Brought

1—THURSDAY

Pray for Miss Mary Alexander, Pool To Academy, Canton, China. Make me to go in the path of Thy commandments.—Psa. 119:36

2—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Hayes, evangelistic work, Pernambuco, Brazil. My heart trusteth in Thee and I am helped.—Psa. 28:7

3—SATURDAY

For Miss Anna B. Hartwell, evangelistic work, Hwang-Hsien, China. Jehovah answer thee in the day of trouble.—Psa. 121:1

4—SUNDAY

For faithful observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, Dec. 5-9 inclusive. These all with one accord continued steadfastly in prayer.—Acts 1:14

5—MONDAY

For annual sessions of W.M.U. of Fla., Dec. 5-8, Daytona Beach. Let your lamps be burning.—Lk. 12:36

6—TUESDAY

For Miss Sophie Lanneau, Girls' School, Soochow, China. He saith unto him, Feed My lambs.—John 21:15

7—WEDNESDAY

For generous gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Prove Me now herewith—if I will not—pour out a blessing.—Mal. 3:10

8—THURSDAY

For Miss Willie Kelly (on furlough), evangelistic work, Shanghai, China. Underneath are the everlasting arms.—Deut. 33:27

9—FRIDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. George Green, medical work, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, and for Lydia Mae Green and Scott Patterson, Margaret Fund students. There is a happy end to the man of sin.—Psa. 51:27

10—SATURDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Leavell, medical and evangelistic work, Wuchow, China. I will take refuge in the covert of Thy wings.—Psa. 61:4

11—SUNDAY

For practical wisdom and overflowing love as we plan Christmas celebrations in our Good Will Centers and mission Sunday schools. Let your light shine.—Matt. 5:16

12—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Frank Connely, evangelistic work, and Miss Mary Crawford, educational work, Tsingchow, China. If ye shall ask anything in My name, that will I do.—John 14:14

13—TUESDAY

For Dr. and (on furlough) Mrs. A. B. Langston, Rio Baptist College, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and for Mary Elmina Langston, Margaret Fund student. Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee.—Psa. 84:8

14—WEDNESDAY

For Misses Hattie Stallings and Mattie Vie Summer, educational work, Kweilin, China. I will hope in Thy name.—Psa. 62:8

15—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Norman F. Williamson, evangelistic work, Fukuoka, Japan. None of us liveth to himself.—Rom. 14:7

16—FRIDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Ayers, Dr. Ayers does field work for Foreign Mission Board. Jehovah will be unto thee an everlasting light.—Isa. 60:19

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LEAD me to Jehovah's Child
Across this dreamland lone and wild,
And I will speak this prayer unsaid
And kiss His little haloed head—
"My star and I, we love Thee, Little Child!"
—Vachel Lindsay

Topic: The Gifts Christ Brought

17—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. John L. Bire,
evangelistic work, Maceio, Brazil.
My mouth shall praise Thee with joy-
ful lips.—Psa. 68:6

18—SUNDAY

Let us praise God for the freedom
given to the followers of the Christ
For freedom did Christ set us free:
stand fast therefore.—Gal. 5:1

19—MONDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. E. F. Tal-
lum, evangelistic work, Yangchow,
China.
According to His promise we look for
new heavens and a new earth.
—II Pet. 3:13

20—TUESDAY

For Miss Anne N. Laseter, Colegio
Bautista, Temuco, Chile.
Thou hast given me the shield of Thy
salvation.—Psa. 18:36

21—WEDNESDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. J. McF. Gaston,
medical work, Laichow Fu, China.
My kindness shall not depart from
thee.—Isa. 54:10

22—THURSDAY

For Miss Bernice Neel, evangelistic
work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
Thou sendest also Thy good Spirit to
instruct them.—Neb. 9:20

23—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Ware,
evangelistic work, Shanghai, China.
I will call upon Jehovah who is worthy
to be praised.—Psa. 18:3

24—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Neal
(M.D.), educational work, Monter-
rey, Mexico.
I will help thee, saith the Lord, thy
God.—Isa. 41:14

25—SUNDAY

Let us thank God that the coming
of the infant Christ has glorified all
childhood.
A babe wrapped in swaddling clothes
and lying in a manger.—Lk. 2:12

26—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Richardson
(on furlough), evangelistic work,
Saki, Nigeria.
A faithful man shall abound with
blessings.—Prov. 28:20

27—TUESDAY

For native Christians on S.B.C. for-
eign fields.
The merry of the Lord is from ever-
lasting to everlasting.—Psa. 108:17

28—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Bowdler,
Boys' School, Buenos Aires, Argen-
tina.
Jehovah's hand is not shortened that
it cannot save.—Isa. 59:1

29—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Gallimore
(on furlough) and Miss Ruth Pettigrew,
evangelistic work, Waichow,
China.
Beloved, now are we children of God
—I John 3:3

30—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Taylor (on
furlough), educational work, Jagus-
quara, Brazil.
The Lord is faithful, who shall estab-
lish you.—II Thim. 3:4

31—SATURDAY

Let us confess our sins of the past
year to Jehovah.
If we confess our sins He is faithful
and righteous to forgive.—I John 1:9

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Attended Southwestern Training School

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Miss Isabelle Coleman, North Carolina

SUGGESTIONS for POSTERS or PROGRAM SHEETS: *At top put "Gifts from Christ". Under this paste on or sketch a Christmas tree full of gifts plainly marked peace, joy, love, hope and other similar gift-blessings from Christ. Under the tree print: Come to the B. W. C. Christmas Tree Time—Place—.*

TOPIC: The Gifts Christ Brought

(Note: Work this program out on a stage or platform, use curtains etc. and deco-
rate. Use soft lights to make the setting as beautiful and effective as possible.)

Carols (Several Favorites)

—Silent Prayer

Christmas Story (from Memory): Luke 2:7-20

Duet: "Away in a Manger"

Prayer of Gratitude for Christ

—Business

News from the Fields (See page 35.)

Christmas Hymn: "Joy to the World"

Prologue: "Christmas Gift!" (See pages 19-20.)

Allegory I: "Christmas Gifts from Jesus" (Pages 20-22)

Allegory II:

Scene I: "With and without Christ" (Pages 22-24)

Scene II: "Sharing the Gifts Christ Brought" (Pages 24-25)

Allegory III:

Scene I: "A Christmas Revival" (Pages 25-26)

Scene II: "A Mixed Up Christmas" (Pages 26-27)

Scene III: "His First Christmas" (Page 27)

Epilogue: "A Gift for Him" (Pages 27-28)

Silent prayer while "I Gave My Life" is sung behind screen

Christmas Courage—Last year a few weeks before Christmas a B.W.C. mem-
ber, who works for a business enterprise employing over 100 women in its offices,
remembered that there was an unbroken custom among these young business
women to exchange gifts with their co-workers on the same floor at Christmas
time. Even though these gifts were inexpensive little remembrances, the total
spent by each girl averaged at least one dollar. One hundred dollars in simple
gifts to one another! And she thought of what this could mean if it were spent
for food and raiment for little hungry children. These thoughts deepened into
prayer and grew into activity that took its first step the next Monday morning at
their regular weekly 8:00 o'clock meeting, when she arose and proposed a motion
that the entire force abandon the custom of former years and give the same amount
usually spent for these "exchange gifts" for practical gifts for the needy of the
city. The motion carried with enthusiastic approval resulting in a committee's
being appointed to select five needy families to whom they could "play Santa".

Briefly, the results recorded five Christmas services and five humble homes
warmed with the Christmas cheer radiated from heavily laden Christmas trees.
The president of the company heard of the plans of his office force and added a
ton of coal for every family. And the story did not end with the Christmas visits.
Chapter after chapter of Christian development—soul-winning, material assistance,
advice, friendship and church homes—have been written as the days of 1932 have
passed.

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PROGRAM PLANS



Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE



Because this promises to be depression Christmas, all plans for gifts must be most carefully made. The ties of kin and of friendship will be all the more dear, and the appreciation of joyous homes, loving families and peaceful communities will be greater than ever.

So, in this program, the committee will be prepared to present the thought of spiritual gifts. The material given for the December meeting is full of this and may be either simply or elaborately presented (See pages 19-28.)

A very beautiful pageant may be arranged somewhat as follows. Begin with the last section of the program material—"A Gift for Him" (pages 27-28). The one taking this part should have the packages all tied and piled on the table, then drop to sleep. The children of many nations may come softly in and look curiously at the packages, seeming to question what they are for. The woman should awaken and ask "Who are you and what do you want?" They speak in unison, "We want Christmas" etc. At the conclusion of this a voice from behind a screen speaks—"Inasmuch as ye do it unto these, even these I will do unto Me". The woman then asks, "But how can I give gifts to all and what gifts shall I give?"

Christianity then comes on the stage bearing boxes labeled Joy, Peace, Hope, Love, Life. She should speak only a sentence or two about each, but be sure to give the Bible verse for each gift (pages 20-22).

The one who is having the vision says "But many nations have much that you are offering". At this point the two women representing countries with

Christ and without Christ (pages 22-24) come on the stage. They speak their parts—probably shortened. Then Christianity may tell briefly how Christmas is observed in some of our mission fields, concluding with an appeal to the woman who has had the dream. She arouses fully, says "We have in our hearts so much of Joy, Peace, Hope, Love, Life. We have in our land so many happy homes, schools, hospitals and homes for the unfortunate. Millions in the world enjoy none of these blessings. We must share these gifts by sharing the love that gave them". She turns and takes up the boxes labeled Peace, Love etc. and hands them to the children of other nations and tells them to go to the women present and receive from them gifts to carry these blessed tidings the world around (pages 24-25). A hidden choir should sing softly some suitable Christmas hymn while the offering is taken.

A simpler arrangement of the program may be worked out in two ways. First by following the plans as given in the program material (pages 19-28). The second plan would be for the leader to make a brief talk on "Christmas Gifts from Jesus" (pages 20-22). She might have boxes suitably labeled and use these later for the collection. (Even when the collection is brought in by circle treasurers, these boxes might be used for the different circles.) Following the talk by the leader, three women might tell of "Christmas Scenes in Our Mission Stations" (pages 25-27). Then the dialogue "With and without Christ" (pages 22-24) and the program closed by another brief word from the leader.

Special music should be a feature of this program and it should be full of love and joy that alone express the real spirit of Christmas.



PROGRAM for DECEMBER



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

Prepared by Mrs. C. D. Cressman, Tennessee

Topic: The GIFTS CHRIST BROUGHT

Hymn—It Came upon the Midnight Clear

Bible Study—Bible and Mission Study: John 1:1-17 (See page 13.)

Prayer that we may be faithful in our study of the Word and the world

Hymn—Silent Night

—Christmas Gift!

Christmas Gifts from Jesus

—Hymn: Joy to the World

With and without Christ

—Sharing the Gifts Christ Brought

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

Prayer that we may be faithful in sharing the gifts Christ brought

Christmas Scenes

A Christmas Revival

A Mixed Up Christmas

His First Christmas

Prayer that Christmas may be a happy time in all home and foreign mission stations

Hymn—I Gave My Life for Thee

—A Gift for Him

Watchword for the Year

—Hymn for the Year

Prayer that we may give our largest, best gifts to Jesus

"CHRISTMAS GIFT!"

"Christmas bells, Christmas trees,
Christmas odors on the breeze!"



What a happy time it is! How we love the sparkle of the gayly lighted trees, the delicious odors of turkey and mince pie upon the breeze, the shining of the candles in the windows, the stockings hung by the fireside, the sound of Christmas carols on the frosty air—all the feasting and the frolicking that make this the merriest, maddest season of the year! But all will agree that the best part of Christmas is the giving of gifts. "Christmas gift! Christmas gift!" is the glad slogan of the season.

"Christmas gift! Christmas gift!" It rings on the December air a million times as friends greet each other on the streets, in the homes, in the churches, everywhere. Yes, Christmas time is gift time—the time when we give gifts, receive gifts, plan gifts, talk gifts, sing gifts and live in the atmosphere of giving. Christmas itself is a gift from God. The first Christmas brought the greatest gift the world has ever known, the gift of God's Son. On that first Christmas, gifts were laid at the feet of a babe in a manger and, ever since, gifts and Christmas have been inseparably connected. "Christmas gift! Christmas gift!" When we shout it we are usually thinking of our gifts to each other, those mysteriously wrapped packages which pass from hand to hand carrying with them so much of the joyous spirit of Christmas. But today, as we say "Christmas gift!" we want to

think of the gifts Jesus brought when He came to the manger cradle on that first Christmas so long ago. These gifts are not wrapped in tissue paper and tied with gay ribbons, but they are Christmas gifts just the same, brought to us by the Christmas Child Himself. These are Christmas gifts that last all the year—in fact, they are so much a part of our lives that there is a danger that we shall forget whence they came. As we are reminded of these blessings which Christ brought, let us whisper to each other: "Christmas gifts! Christmas gifts! from the Christmas King!"

CHRISTMAS GIFTS from JESUS

(While by no means necessary a splendid effect will be achieved if the following talks are given by women wearing robes and carrying emblems suggesting the attributes impersonated. The robes may be all white or of different colors. The following colors and emblems are suggested: Joy—rose robe, carrying a harp; Peace—orchid robe, carrying white flag; Hope—blue robe, carrying anchor; Love—yellow robe, carrying flowers; Life—white robe, carrying a cross or Bible. If the suggested music is played softly while each talk is made the effect will be more beautiful. A bit of each song, one verse or the chorus, might be sung by soloist just as each talk ends.)

"JESUS, thou Joy of loving hearts,
Thou Fount of Life! Thou Light of men!
From the best bliss that earth imparts
We turn, unfilled, to Thee again.

Our restless spirits yearn for Thee,
Where'er our changeful lot is cast,
Glad, when Thy gracious smile we see,
Blest when our faith can hold Thee fast".

Peace—(Music: "Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's Love")—Jesus brought the Christmas gift of peace. "Peace on earth, good will to men" was the song of His advent. What is meant by that peace on earth which Christ brought? We think that it has a three fold meaning. First, it means peace between men and God. The sin of the garden of Eden brought separation between man

Joy—(Music: "Joy to the World")—"Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy", sang the angel who announced the coming of Jesus. "Joy to the world" we sing in celebration of His birth. Yes, Jesus brought the gift of joy. He wants His people to be happy. We believe that He rejoices to see children clapping their hands around a gift-laden Christmas tree. We believe He is glad when families gather around a festive board to enjoy a Christmas feast. We believe that He rejoices in our joys at Christmas and at all times. Why not? for He is the giver of all true joy. A certain Chinese came to a missionary saying: "I want to hear about your religion. I have heard the laughter in your house and in the houses of my countrymen who have embraced your faith. I would like to know what you have that makes people so joyous". The missionary explained that Christians have Jesus and that He makes them happy. Jesus is the joy maker of the world. He came to earth on a song of joy, and He departed saying: "These things have I spoken unto you that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be made full". Fulness of joy is the blessed gift of those who accept the Christmas Child as King.

and God. Christ in the atonement brought them together in perfect peace. In the second place, this peace on earth means peace between man and man. Sin brings discord, whence come wars, tumults, envying, strife. Christ's religion destroys all these. There is a legend to the effect that the "Wise Men" were kings of three countries that were bitter enemies but, when they worshipped to-

gether at Jesus' feet, all their hatred passed away and they returned to their homes at peace with each other. At His feet hatred and strife are forgotten, and peace and good will make erstwhile enemies friends. Then there is a third meaning of this peace of Jesus. It is the inward peace of mind and soul. It is peace from conflicting emotions, peace from the power of Satan, the

peace that brings inward satisfaction, the "peace that passeth all understanding". To all who believe on Him this Prince of Peace says: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you". We can look to Him and say in our hearts: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is staid on Thee".

"PEACE, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?
The voice of Jesus whispers: 'Peace within!'

Peace, perfect peace, by thronging duties pressed?
To do the will of Jesus, this is rest.

Peace, perfect peace, with sorrow surging round?
On Jesus' bosom naught but rest is found.

Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?
Jesus we know, and He is on the throne.

It is enough: earth's struggles now do cease,
And Jesus calls to Heaven's perfect peace".

Hope—(Music: Chorus of "Whispering Hope")—Christmas has been called the "Birthday of Hope". From the time that Adam and Eve were driven out of the Garden of Eden the promise of the coming of the Messiah was the one ray of hope to pierce the gloom of a sin-cursed world. He was the one whose heel should bruise the serpent's head. He was the one who was to remove the shadow of death. He was the King who should sit on a throne and rule the world in righteousness forever and ever. For many centuries the world groped in darkness, waiting for the fulfillment of that promise. At last a star arose out of Jacob, a star that stood over a manger bed wherein lay the hope of the world. Yes, it was the birthday of hope. Jesus, the Christmas baby, is our "blessed hope". In the midst of darkness, He is our hope of light; in the midst of sorrow, He is our hope of joy; in the midst of fears, He is our hope of security; in the midst of strife, He is our hope of peace; in the midst of death, He is our hope of life. Jesus, our blessed hope, "which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast!"

Love—(Music: "A Little Bit of Love")

—Jesus brought the gift of love. He Himself was the gift of God's love. His whole life was an epic of love. His death was the supreme expression of His love for a lost world. He taught His disciples not only to love their friends but their enemies. He brought the love that expresses itself in unselfish service. A beautiful legend of the second century gives us a picture of the love brought by the Christ Child. A Roman prince was feasting in his castle when he heard a tap at the window, and through it he saw the lovely face of a child. Like sweetest music he heard the words, "The Christ Child is hungry". He did not wish to be disturbed in his selfish pleasure, so he sent a soldier to drive away the intruder. Then the delicacies of his table became as ashes. Again he heard the tap at the window and the musical voice saying, "The Christ Child is cold". He ordered the child driven away, and instantly the very fire grew cold and a chill almost congealed the heart of the prince. Then the ice began to melt and the prince came to himself. He flung open the door and rushed out calling after the retreating child. He followed until he came to a poor house

where some orphan children were crying in the dark. The Christ Child stood in their midst, beautiful in His tender love for these unfortunate ones and the prince heard Him saying, "Take these children to your castle and be a father to them". In loving obedience the prince gathered the children in his arms and carried them home with him and, from that time on, his castle was a house of love. The Christ Child would change every cold castle in the world to a house of love and every selfish man to a prince of gentleness and kindness.

Life—(*Music: "Jesus Saves"*)—Jesus brought the gift of life, eternal life. The angel who foretold His birth said: "Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for it is He that shall save His people from their sins". Salvation lay cradled in Bethlehem's manger. Eternal life was wrapped in the swaddling clothes of Mary's son. Jesus brought not only the hope of eternal life to be consummated after death in another world, but He brought the more abundant life in this world. He said, "I am come that they may have life and that they may have it abundantly". How richly abundant is the life that we enjoy in Christ Jesus. In order that we may get some conception of this abundant life and therefore appreciate the gift of life which Christ brought us, let us try to imagine what this world would be without Him. There is a strange old legend that the world grew colorless in a night. The clouds became lifeless, spongy vapors, the waves turned pale and motionless, the fire fled from the diamond, the lovely tints left the flowers and the brilliant hues vanished from the sunset clouds. Nevermore should the dew drops glisten in the morning light, nevermore should there be a rainbow on the clouds or a silver in the falling raindrops or a reflection of the blue heavens in a lake or ocean. The world had passed into the shadow of death. The old legend is a parable of the world without Christ. What a dark, dismal, colorless, dead world it would be without Him! No Christian songs, no

Christian prayers, no Christian sermons, no Christian books, no Bible, no comfort in times of sorrow, no inspiration from Christian truths and examples and ideals, no restraining power to offset the natural selfishness and cruelty and impurity of man, no joy, no hope, no love, no Christ! Let us consider all these things and thank Jesus for His Christmas gift of life—the abundant life in this world and life eternal in the world to come. (*If the costumes are used, let those giving these talks remain on platform while "Joy to the World" is sung.*)

With and without CHRIST

Leader—Behold a contrast! Two lands are pictured for you. One has the gifts which Christ brought, the other has them not. Hear their stories! See the difference:

(*The two women taking these parts should stand or sit side by side, a few feet apart in front of audience. The effect will be good if "The Christian Land" wears white robe, with red, white and blue drapes, while "The Christless Land" wears a black robe.*)

The Christian Land—I am the land with Christ. My government was founded on Christian principles, my laws are righteous and just, my leading men are Christians. While many of my people do not know Christ and while many of my conditions and practices are not Christian, still the influence of Christ is strong within my borders. His name is heard often on the lips of my people, and His Spirit has been the controlling power through the years of my history, so I can rightfully claim to be a Christian land.

The Christless Land—I am the land without Christ. Except for the work of the missionary who has, here and there, told the story of Jesus, my people have never heard His name. I may be Africa where a hundred million souls grope in Christless darkness. I may be China, where 350 million people know no Christ. I may be Japan, where 70 million people still worship idols. I may be a half dozen South American coun-

tries or Mexico or Cuba or European lands, where a form of Christianity exists but where Christ as the Savior is unknown. Indeed, I am most of the world, for two-thirds of the inhabitants of the world are Christless.

The Christian Land—I am the land of happy homes. My happy homes are a part of my Christian heritage. It is Christ who elevates woman and gives her a place of chastity and importance in the home. It is Christ who magnifies childhood and makes it the chief concern of adults to provide the right kind of homes for their children. Soon the windows of my houses will glow with light, and laughter will ring from millions of homes where my people will celebrate the birthday of Him who brought to earth the gift of happy homes.

The Christless Land—The homes of my people are not happy. In Africa a man thinks nothing of having two or more wives, and so his home is not a real home but a harem of strife and jealousy. In China, too, a man often takes a second wife, especially when the first wife has failed to give him a son. Little girls are unwelcome and are often killed in babyhood or later sold as slaves. When a girl marries she doesn't go out to establish a home of her own but is taken to her husband's home to become the chattel of her mother-in-law. In Brazil, due to the extortionate wedding fees demanded by the priests, many men and women live together out of wedlock and, as a result, over half the children are illegitimate. So on and on goes my story of the unhappiness that prevails in the Christless homes of Christless lands. While one third of the world's children will make merry in happy homes at Christmas time, the other two thirds will hang up no stockings, will find no toys on a shining Christmas tree, will sing no carols of the Christ Child but will spend a miserable day in a miserable home just as they spend all the other days of their miserable lives.

The Christian Land—I am a land of public schools. Every child within my

borders has the opportunity of obtaining the education which will enrich his life and prepare him for the responsibilities of manhood. My school system has come as a byproduct of my Christianity. It is the spirit of Christ that enlightens the minds of people and makes them see the necessity of educating not only the select few but also the masses of the people.

The Christless Land—A Christless land is a land of ignorance. Ninety-eight per cent of Africa's millions can neither read nor write. There are 45 million children in China between the ages of 6 and 14 without the advantages of primary education. From 70 to 80 per cent of Brazil's people are illiterate. Even in Argentina where, due to Christian influence, great strides forward have been made in public education, 35 per cent of the people are still illiterate. Japan has a splendid educational system, but this has come as the result of her contact with Christian nations and her desire to compete with world powers. Where Christ is unknown and where His influence is unfelt there may be schools for a favored few who can pay for them but not for the masses of the people. They must live and die in the ignorance which is a part of the heritage of the Christless land.

The Christian Land—Because I am a Christian land I have many hospitals and a great army of doctors and nurses. Practically everyone within my borders is within easy reach of medical attention. Every day the power of my doctors to ease suffering and cure diseases is increasing, for they are studying, experimenting and adding to their knowledge until they are able to do almost miraculous things. Although many of my people do not realize it, this too is a byproduct of my Christianity. Jesus came healing, and He sent His disciples out to heal. So it has ever been true that with His Gospel goes the ministry of healing.

The Christless Land—Mine are a people of great physical suffering, and there is very little done for their relief.

In Africa plagues of malaria, yellow fever, smallpox, sleeping sickness, blindness and leprosy are frequent, and yet there is only one doctor to every 450 thousand of the population. In China there are enough sick people to fill all the hospitals of the world, and yet only 90 per cent are in reach of medical attention; and that 90 per cent must depend on native doctors who stick hot needles in the flesh to drive out the evil spirits and who administer terrible medicinal concoctions that often result in the extreme suffering and death of their patients. Forty-eight per cent of children in certain vast sections of China die under two years of age. In Africa only one child in ten ever reaches maturity. There are sections in China and Africa as extensive and as populous as our southern Baptist territory where there is neither a hospital nor a doctor. In the village life of India 98 out of every 100 die without the attention of an educated doctor. This is a picture of lands where the Sun of Righteousness with healing in His wings has never risen.

The Christian Land—Christ has brought to me many institutions of benevolence. My land is dotted all over with orphanages, homes for the aged, almshouses for the poor, asylums for the insane, institutions for the care of all kinds of unfortunate people. While not all of these are Christian institutions, they are all expressions of the love and mercy of God which mankind has learned from the exponents of Christianity.

The Christless Land—We have no indigenous institutions for unfortunates. The Roman empire, with all of its pride of achievement and glory of world conquest, had not one institution of mercy within its borders. In China there are enough orphans to fill every orphanage in the world, and yet there are no orphan homes except those established under Christian influences. There are said to be no old persons in central Africa, because when they become sick or enfeebled with age they are cast out to starve or to be devoured by the beasts. Heathen religions have no sym-

pathy for the unfortunate. Only Christ has compassion on the orphan, the aged, the afflicted, the underprivileged. The Christless land is dark indeed, with no happy homes, no public schools, no hospitals, no institutions for the care of the unfortunate.

Leader—The Christian land—the Christless land! With and without Christ! As we behold this contrast how glad we are that ours is a Christian land! But how about those lands which are still Christless? Have they no right to the gifts which Christ brought? Have we no obligations to them?

(If the costumes are used as suggested, let the two women taking the parts—"The Christian Land" and "The Christless Land"—continue to sit on the platform while a third woman stands between them and gives the talk, "Sharing the Gifts Christ Brought". Those impersonating the gifts Christ brought—Joy, Peace, Hope, Love and Life—may return to platform and stand in semi-circle just behind the three women. "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" should be played softly while talk is being given, all joining in singing it as talk ends.)

SHARING the GIFTS CHRIST BROUGHT

THE gifts Christ brought were intended for not just a few but for the whole world. The angel who brought tidings of His birth said, "which shall be to all people". Jesus came because God so loved the world, not a favored few. He says to us, "As My Father has sent Me (into the whole world) even so send I you (into the whole world)". The gifts Christ brought are not for us alone but for the uncounted millions who know Him not. The one-third of the human race who are enjoying these gifts must share them with the other two-thirds who know nothing about them. We who live in Christian lands must send to Christless lands our Christ and all the gifts He brought.

We have joy! There are multitudes

of people whose lives are a dirge of sadness. Let us sing to them: "Joy to the world, the Lord is come!"

We have peace! There are millions of people who are restless and dissatisfied with life. There are millions who have never made their peace with God and man. Let's tell them of "Sweet Peace the Gift of God's Love".

We have hope! There is a hopeless world out yonder. Let's whisper news of Jesus, our blessed hope, to all the hopeless people of the earth.

We have love! There is a world "dying for a little bit of love". Let's set the love light of Jesus shining for all the loveless of the earth.

We have life! There are millions who still live in "the valley of the shadow of death". Let's share with them the news of eternal life. Let's tell them of Jesus who came to save His people from their sins. Let's lead them not only to the manger but also to the cross and to the empty tomb, that they may know and accept the whole story of redemptive grace.

We have happy homes! There are millions of earth's peoples whose home life is wretched. Let's give them a "home, sweet home" by giving them Jesus. Let's plant in every home of the world a Christmas tree of joy and blessedness, made possible by the presence of the Christmas Christ.

We have schools, hospitals and homes for the unfortunate! Millions in the world enjoy none of these blessings. We must share these gifts by sharing the love that gave them to us.

How can we share the gifts that Christ brought? By sharing the Christ! Every time we win a soul to Him we are sharing His gifts. Every time we pray that others may be blessed by His coming we are scattering His blessings. Every dollar we give to missions becomes His gift shared with those who need it. Everything done for the promotion of His Kingdom is a means of giving His gifts to those for whom He intended them when He brought them to earth on that first glad Christmas day of long ago.

Southern Baptists are organized for the purpose of sharing the gifts Jesus brought. For that we build our churches and organize our Sunday schools, B.Y.P.U.'s, and W.M.U. organizations. For that we hold associational meetings, district meetings and conventions. For that we preach and pray and give and serve. Alas! we are not sharing these gifts as generously as we should! Our missionary offerings are growing smaller all the time. Our missionary force is being constantly depleted. We seem to be losing instead of gaining in our zeal for service. Two thirds of our people are doing nothing to share Christ's gifts. Is it possible that we are going to keep these wonderful blessings to ourselves and refuse to share them with the needy world? God forbid that we should so lose the real significance of Christ's coming!

The story is told that on one Christmas the Christ Child brought to a certain boy two beautiful golden balls, saying: "One is for you, but the other you must give to some other boy who would like to have a golden ball". When the Christ Child was gone the boy looked at the two shining balls and then, holding them tightly in his hand, whispered to himself: "They are so pretty that I am going to keep both of them for myself". And immediately the balls lost their golden lustre and became mere pieces of wood in his hand.

Just a story! but it is a true parable of the gifts which the Christ Child brings. Shared, they are golden gifts to enrich and bless our lives; but selfishly kept they lose their luster and power to bless. May southern Baptists share their Christmas gifts and thereby keep them shining, beautiful and holy!

CHRISTMAS SCENES

How missionaries here and there,
With loving Christmas thought
For needy ones, were glad to share
The Christmas gifts Christ brought.

A Christmas Revival—"How shall we celebrate Christmas?" This was the question asked by a group of Chinese

Christians the first of last December. "Shall we have an entertainment? Shall we have a Christmas tree? What shall we do for the joy of our people at this season when we are remembering the birth of Christ?" All were silent for a few moments. Surely all were thinking of the same things, how for three years they had struggled along with their church work without the aid of a missionary; how during the last year floods had come, bringing great hardships to thousands in their section and how, at last, the missionary had come to live among them. O, they wanted to celebrate Christmas in the very best way to help suffering people and to honor the Christ Child in a section where few knew about His coming! "Let's have a revival", suggested one. "What! No tree or gifts or entertainment of any kind at Christmas? Just a revival?" exclaimed some. Then came the answer from thoughtful ones: "What better entertainment could we have than to tell people about Jesus? What better gifts could we give them than the gift of God's love?" Some one added, "And perhaps we can give to Jesus a Christmas gift of redeemed souls!"

So they celebrated Christmas with a revival. It began on Christmas day and ran for a week, the missionary preaching each afternoon and evening. A goodly number of the people gave their hearts to Christ. Surely, as Jesus looked down on the earth celebrating His birthday, He was pleased with this little group of His children who honored Him by leading others to accept His Christmas gifts. (*Retold from Letter from Mrs. D. F. Stamps of Yangchow, China*)

A Mixed Up Christmas—Christmas at our girls' school in Abeokuta, Africa, is a rather mixed up affair. It is really a combination of commencement and Christmas, for at this season the school term closes, examinations are given, promotions are made and graduating exercises are held. Last year in addition to the regular commencement exercises a Christmas pageant was given, staged

with a beautiful outdoor setting arranged on a tennis court. And, besides these graduating activities, one of the teachers and one of the school girls decided that Christmas was a good time to get married and, therefore, two weddings were celebrated. After all this came the sure enough Christmas festivities. Many of the girls had gone home for the holidays but for those, who remained in the school, a Christmas tree was set up in the dining room and on Christmas eve they gave gifts and made merry, just as we do here in America at the joyous yule-tide season.

After so much activity you would think that our missionaries would have taken Christmas day as a day of rest, perhaps to give themselves to thoughts of loved ones celebrating Christmas in far-away America. Instead, these faithful missionaries gave the day to sharing the gifts Christ brought with the needy people around them. Early on Christmas morning four of them, with two of the school girls, went to hold a service at a leper colony. Miss Perry describes the lepers in these pathetic words: "They were so pitiful looking! There were twenty grown persons and several children. Many of them had no fingers or toes, and some had to crawl out to the service. We told them something of the meaning of Christmas and of the One who was able to make lepers clean. Most of them joined in the singing and seemed to enjoy the service". After dispensing gifts sent by members of W.M.U. organizations of the Abeokuta Church, the visitors went to a woman's prison, where other gifts were dispensed, and then to church for a Christmas service. We are glad to know that later in the day these missionaries enjoyed a turkey dinner at the home of other southern Baptist missionaries! Truly it was a sort of a mixed up Christmas—trees, commencement, weddings, missionaries, lepers, church services, turkey dinners, Africans and Americans all mixed up together! But we believe that there was much joy in the mix up because the missionaries so generously shared the gifts Christ

brought. (*Retold from Letter from Miss May Perry, Abeokuta, Africa*)

His First Christmas—It was his very first Christmas, so he said! And he wasn't a baby either! He was an old man with gray hair and wrinkled face, confined to his bed because of illness. Neither did he live in China or Africa but in the mountains of Kentucky! It was a teacher from one of our mountain schools who brought Christmas to this old man of the hills. Desiring to share the gifts Christ brought with those who live far back in the recesses of the mountains, this teacher went visiting in the homes, scattering gifts and telling the story of the Christ Child. When he came to the home of the old man his gift was received with great joy. In his ecstasy the old fellow raised himself up in his bed and exclaimed, "This is the first time Christmas ever came up on this creek!" At another place where the teacher told the Christmas story, a half grown boy came and laid his head on his shoulder as he said, "This is the first time that has ever been told out here". Remember, this didn't happen in Africa or India or China but in our southern mountains! Oh what great need there is for the gifts that Christ brought—even in our own home land! (*Retold from "Home and Foreign Fields"*)

A GIFT for HIM

THE Woman sat wrapping Christmas presents, around her the usual assortment of tissue paper, ribbons, seals, cards etc. that go with that enjoyable task. The windows of the room were gay with garlands of holly, festoons of mistletoe hung from the chandelier above her head, spicy odors of Christmas baking perfumed the air, while just in front of her stood a tree shining with tinsel and candles and, at the very top, a lovely electrically lighted star. It was Christmas! There was no doubt about it. The Woman thrilled with a joyous rapture, the sweet ecstasy of it. "There!" she said, as she tied the last card to the last package, "I believe that is all! I think I have remembered everybody this year".

Just then a wonderful thing happened, even for Christmas when wonderful things are supposed to happen. That star in the top of the tree grew larger and brighter, so large that it seemed to cover the tree and so bright that it suffused the whole room with a soft radiance. And right in the middle of that star the Woman seemed to see a baby, lying in a low cradle. Indeed, it was just like pictures she had seen of the Christ Child in the manger bed. And she heard a voice coming from the star, saying: "No, you haven't remembered everybody. You have forgotten Me—on My birthday, too!" The Woman wanted to answer, but she couldn't, for she suddenly remembered that with all her giving she had given nothing to Jesus. Yes, it was true that she had forgotten Him on His birthday!

Just then another wonderful thing happened. The Woman heard taps, many taps on windows and doors, and many voices cried: "Let us come in and share your Christmas". Before she could answer, many children from many lands were standing in the soft light of the star, all of them reaching out their arms toward her and crying: "We want Christmas. We want all the gifts Christ brought! He meant that you should share them with us, but you have failed to do so. You have remembered your own dear ones with Christmas gifts, but you have forgotten us". And again the voice from the star echoed, "And you have forgotten Me!"

The light grew dim and the children vanished from sight. The Woman looked again at the star. It was no larger or brighter than it had been when she had placed it there in the tip-top of her Christmas tree. But she heard a faint voice saying: "In as much as ye do it unto these, even these least of Mine, ye do it unto Me".

As the Woman gathered up her packages to tie them on the Christmas tree, she whispered: "I shall not forget Him, whose birthday this is. I shall not forget those who are looking to me to share the gifts He brought. I shall

give to Him by giving a gift to send the Gospel to them. And my gift to Him shall be the largest of all my Christmas gifts".

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. What are some of the gifts Christ brought?
2. Contrast homes in Christian and non-Christian lands.
3. Contrast education in Christian and non-Christian lands.
4. What are southern Baptists doing in educational lines on foreign fields?
5. Contrast health conditions in Christian and non-Christian lands.
6. Discuss medical work of southern Baptists on foreign fields.
7. Can we rightly claim all institutions of mercy as by-products of Christianity?
8. How can we share the gifts Christ brought?
9. Tell of some Christmas celebrations in our mission stations.
10. Do we celebrate Christmas in the right way?
11. What can we do to make our Christmas really Christian?
12. Have we given a worthy Christmas gift to Christ?

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Foreign Board's Report in S.B.C. Minutes 1932
Quiet Talks about Jesus.....S. D. Gordon
Christ of the Indian Road.....E. Stanley Jones
The Christ of Every Road.....E. Stanley Jones

WEEK OF PRAYER (Concluded from Page 6)

and Dona Sarah Costa, president of W.M.U. of Brazil.)
HYMN: Holy, Holy, Holy
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
SCRIPTURE: Isa. 55:1-5; John 3:16;
Rev. 22:17; Luke 2:10 (Emphasis on fact that the "good tidings" are "to all the people")
TALK: Beginnings of S.B.C. Work in Mexico (Suggested Help: "Outriders for the King" by Clark; "Handmaidens of the King" by Clark; "Southern Baptist Foreign Missions" by Ray)
LEAFLET: "Scattered . . . Preaching"
LEAFLET: Mexico's Need of the Gospel
SEASON OF PRAYER for S.B.C. Work in Mexico
LEAFLET: The Story of Alfonso (Order leaflet for S.B.C. from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)
HYMN: We Praise Thee, O God
TALK: Beginnings of S.B.C. Work in Brazil ("A Wandering Jew in Brazil" by Glau-
borg: "In the Land of the Southern Cross" by White and Murkhead; "Reminiscences" by Ray; "Southern Baptist Foreign Missions" by Ray are suggested helps.)
LEAFLET: Remember the Days of Old
LEAFLET: The Power of Faith and Prayer
LETTER from Mrs. Sarah F. Costa
SENTENCE PRAYERS for S.B.C. Work in Brazil
HYMN: Speed Away
PRAYER that God will richly bless the work being done by Brazilian Christians and missionaries in Brazil
SEASON OF PRAYER for God's blessing on Week of Prayer as observed and on its offering
REPEATING of Luke 2:10
INGATHERING of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
ANNOUNCEMENTS
HYMN (as Benediction): Joy to the World

On page 38 of the 1933 W.M.U. Year Book a mistake was made in listing as methods books the following: In Royal Service, Talks on Soul Winning, A Decade of W.M.U. Service. They are not methods books and are not optional: each of these three books is specifically required—the first on Certificate Course I and the other two on Certificate Course II. Please also correct on page 39 the statement that on Certificate Course I a requirement book is "All the World in All the Word", for by referring to clause III on page 12 of the 1933 W.M.U. Year Book it will be seen that it is optional in a list of three Bible studies.



SOCIETY METHODS



A-1 at CLEVELAND



In thinking over the many things that entered into the attainment of an A-1 record in 1931 by the W. M. U. of the First Baptist Church of Cleveland, Tenn., one feature stands out very prominently. This feature was co-operation. From the president to the member of our W.M.S. with the fewest responsibilities, each felt the duty of being A-1, instead of A-shamed.

Each month, our president kept before us, as the reports came in, the points in which we were weakest. The first vice president reported to the circle chairmen monthly those members who had become active, also those who had failed and the point or points in which they had failed. Each member of the circles thus shared the burden of helping her circle sisters become active.

The W.M.S. gives three W.M.U. pins each year. One is given to the chairman of the circle that has had the best attendance at the program meetings of the W.M.S. Another pin is given to the enlistment chairman of the circle that has had the best total attendance at program and business meetings of the W.M.S. and the two circle meetings. (We meet once a week in some capacity of the W.M.S. work.) These two pins are worn the succeeding month by the chairmen who had the best records of the previous month and become the property of those who have won them a majority of the months during the year. This helps in our attendance very much. A third pin is given at the end of the year to the circle chairman whose circle has the highest percent of active members. The W.M.S. president checks the records of the younger organizations, frequently, that their record may be kept up.

Some of our members make gifts of subscriptions to our magazines in homes where they feel it rather doubtful that

the magazine could make a visit otherwise. Not always is ROYAL SERVICE the magazine sent, but if there are children in the family they are given the joy of seeing their own magazine, "World Comrades".

Cleveland has felt the depression as keenly as other localities for we are a church of wage earners, so the question of meeting our apportionment has been a serious one for us. At the close of 1931 we found ourselves \$200 behind with our apportionment. We borrowed this sum and met the apportionment, thus meeting the final requirement of being A-1.

We acknowledge our gratitude to Him with Whom we are laborers. We give Him all the glory for another successful year.—Mrs. Meyers Chittenden, First Baptist Church, Cleveland, Tennessee

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The strongest proof that the tithe is only a minimum was God's provision for offerings. These furnish an outlet for our overflow of emotion; out of thankful hearts for love's greatest gift, we place loving thank offerings of self and substance upon the altar of the Giver of all good gifts. Praise offerings are the fitting accompaniments to our hymns of praise. Having received that peace that passeth all understanding, joyfully we bring peace offerings to the Prince of Peace, that we may hasten the coming of His reign of peace the world around.—Mrs. J. C. Ballard, Okla.

Christmas Prayer

CHRISTMAS Light and Christmas Joy—

Bursting forth from out a Star,
Prompting song and praise and worship
From those Wise Men there afar—
Shine supreme and all victorious
O'er this world of heart torn strife:
Set ev'ry soul, Thou Star, on fire,
With an everlasting life!

—Gwynn McLendon, Ky.

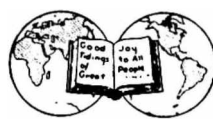


COLLEGE Y. W. A.



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

"TIME of the OPEN HAND"



Christmas, more than any other season of the year, is "the time of the open hand and tender heart". Out of the wondrous "Gift" of long ago has grown a spirit of gay generosity that interests itself at Christmas in behalf of those to whom joy is of scant supply. This Christmas, because of economic conditions, all Y.W.A.'s will be particularly careful to provide gifts for the children and families that Santa Claus without their help must overlook.

But counselors and W.M.S. presidents will find another group of people often unthought of to whom hearts and homes should be merrily opened. Again because of economic conditions, there will be college students who will find it expedient to stay in the dormitory rather than to go home for the holidays. Margaret Fund students may be near your society and could be entertained, leaving more blessings than they receive. Faculty folks are often far from home in their teaching duties. Grace McBride Y.W.A.'s cannot all be absent from their posts of mercy in hospitals. Shall we leave these visitors in our midst without the touch of home at Christmas? Surely the alert missionary organization will find out how many of these Christmas "left-overs" there are and can arrange to make their forced cheer real by an invitation to Christmas dinner. A bit of careful unselfish thought will contribute much to the spirit of Christmas. Here is a home: the children grown and gone to homes of their own or away in business, they cannot return for this season, the parents dread the quiet Christmas they foresee; but here are college left-overs, here are Grace McBride Y.W.A. mem-

bers away from home—perhaps away from home for the first time at Christmas. A gentle suggestion can bring the two lonely groups together and, in the mysterious magic of Christmas arithmetic, the result will be a large sum of joy and peace.

Perhaps a foreign student will be alone at Christmas unless some earnest Christian notices and invites that one to be in a Christian home for Christmas. No one can estimate what might result from such a visit when the student returns to give account of America in her far country. It is usually easy to provide happiness for the poor but to open one's home at Christmas to the lonely is to avoid the mistake of the Bethlehem innkeeper who said, "No room, no room!"

There is the great majority of college students who will be bursting into their homes, buoyantly glad for the vacation season, eager for something to do through its hours. The local Y.W.A. welcomes back its college members, eager to hear all about Y.W.A. interests and experiences of the past months. But Girls' Auxiliary, Royal Ambassador Chapter and Sunbeam Band will be flattered by a visit from these college friends who have met missionaries, foreign students, Margaret Fund students, denominational leaders who have previously been merely names: let the W.M.U. young people's director arrange for the college students to meet with these younger missionary organizations and tell of personalities that have widened their horizons and made the far world draw near. You will bless both the local organizations and the college student for, when she (or he) discovers that there is this opportunity to share, then the student will be sure to have something in heart to share.

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



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

"HANDLE with CARE"



For years we have labelled packages, ready for Uncle Sam's service in Santa Claus' guise, "Handle with care". This year shall we not earnestly "handle with care" everything that pertains to the "Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions", December 5-9, with its Lottie Moon Christmas Offering?

Programs for the occasion are sent to you as W.M.U. young people's director, to you as counselor. If you do "handle with care", then these program suggestions will be thoughtfully read—not put unopened on the mantel or covered with Christmas trappings on the table and forgotten. Then you will call together the committee from your young people's missionary organization and make any necessary adjustments in the program suggestions, so that they will best appeal to your auxiliary. In so far as possible for organizations above Sunbeam age, let the committee do the actual program planning with your wise hand and heart unobtrusively guiding; some few well trained Sunbeam Bands may have committees which, if tactfully led, can really help in the planning. This is mentioned particularly because young people want to feel this extra program one in which they really wish to participate, not one handed out "willy nilly" to them.

"Handle with care" the envelopes sent to receive the offering. In early October an Alabama Y.W.A. had already received "alabaster boxes", had distributed one to each member and was saving in order to give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Do not let even one envelope be lost or considered useless. See that every child, every

member gives something thus to spread the joy of Christmas.

This Christmas especially we must "handle with care" because the future of much of our foreign mission enterprise depends on our reaching our \$160,000 goal. The work—already crippled, sorely handicapped—would doubtless receive additional retrenchment if some way we carelessly waived the privilege of Christmas missionary giving in 1932. Surely our hands with tender care will treasure the joy of this giving that young and old may share it.

The programs were planned with prayerful and possible care but, by distribution to you, the real responsibility for the Week of Prayer and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering now rests with you. Let no one of our young people's organizations be left out at this time. Let all join. You can see that every youngster in your graded W.M.U. meets for the prayer program and ingathering of offering and that young people—who have perhaps never really felt the true spirit of Christ, never comprehended it as a holy day rather than a holiday—through the prayers and riches of giving will come to a new understanding of the depth of meaning of Christmas. For their sakes, "handle with care".

In "The Window of Y.W.A." and in "World Comrades" are stories and articles which will supplement the program material if you so desire. Avail yourself of all possible information regarding the work of the 103 missionaries on our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering list, missionaries who look expectantly to this offering for wherewithal to continue publishing the "glad tidings of great joy to all people". Know the needs of the selected objects also that your own soul, overflowing with Christ's Christmas love, may contagiously pass to

others that yearning for the world to know that the Savior came.

In every earnest way "handle with care" to make this season of prayer gracious in blessings, to gather in the full goal. "Handle with care!"

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The program as translated was faithfully followed. The singing of hymns, prayer, praise and thanksgiving occupied the morning until one o'clock. Chinese dinner was then served in one of the Sunday school class rooms. Dinner over, the meeting was continued, much of the time being given to prayer and praise, interspersed with testimonials by some of the women. The presence of the Holy Spirit was with us in power.

The meeting continued until four o'clock when we all went down stairs to the auditorium where we found quite a large congregation of men and women. This part of the meeting was turned over to the pastor. The girls from our Ku Che Ting school assisted greatly in singing some appropriate hymns. The pastor and some of the laymen decided definitely to give at least a tenth of their income to the Lord. There are several tithers in this church. We are hoping, however, that many more names may be added to the list. One brother had held back for years from giving as the Lord had prospered him, but during this meeting he won the victory over self and is gladly going to do as the Lord commanded in Malachi 3:10-12.—*Mrs. L. W. Pierce, Yangchow, China*

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES (Concluded from Page 17)

Surely this Christmas registers even more needy families than last year's did. Where is there a B.W.C. member who will have the courage to break a tradition for Jesus' sake on His birthday? He said, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me".

Watch W.M.U. page in your state paper for "List of Christmas Plays and Pageants" or write for it to W.M.U. Literature Department, 1111 Comer Bldg., Bham, Ala.



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This Christmas with unusual zest let us watch for the opportunity of opening hearts and homes. Thus Christmas, not tangled with the usual getting and giving, may be in truth "the time of the open hand and tender heart".

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Mary Nicoll, University of Toronto
James Williams, Alabama Polytechnic Institute

From Cuba

Moses McCall, Mars Hill College

From Europe

Samuel Bengston, Polytechnical School, Barcelona

John Crocker, Heriot-Watt College
Mary Crocker, Edinburgh University
Robert Whittinghill

From Japan

Lucile Clarke, Shorter College
Helen Dozier, Meredith College
Richmond Medling, Union University
William Medling, Union University
Mary Elizabeth Ray
John Rowe, University of Texas
Melvin Rowe, University of Texas

From Mexico

Horace Benson, Texas Technological College
David Cheavens, Baylor University
Sallie Cheavens, Baylor University
James Lacy, Abilene High School
Claradine LeSueur, Florida State College for Women
Martha LeSueur, Florida State College for Women
Olivia LeSueur, University of Texas

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"GIVING THEIR BEST"



Perhaps nothing is so encouraging and enheartening in this materialistic age as to see young women courageously seeking training not for ulterior motives but for the purpose of making their lives count for the utmost. Do you wonder that my heart was stirred when I read these lines a few weeks ago in a letter from one of our graduates? "Life becomes richer and fuller every day. Isn't the adventure and romance of the Christian life great? Pray that I may better prepare myself each day for the place He has planned for me". And that from a fun-loving, attractive, buoyant, modern girl, who must have had strong temptations to spend her energies in other directions. She dedicated her life a few years ago to definite Christian service and at the earliest opportunity entered the Training School. After finishing her work here and completing her college course, she turned expectantly toward the field of Christian vocations only to find the doors closing upon every avenue of full-time service. In the face of the urge and necessity of work she secured a position in the high school in her home town. In spite of disappointment and frustration she can say of that work: "I am enjoying it thoroughly. God is leading and that is all that matters". She is typical of the finest of our graduates wherever they are found. Indeed, she has caught up in her personality and outlook on life the true radiance of the Christian.

In much the same spirit fifty-five young women have enrolled in or returned to the Training School this fall, seeking an answer to that most important question, "What shall I do with my life?" They have received the gift, abundant life through Jesus Christ; now they must give, for that is inherent

in abundant life. Earnest, fine, gifted girls they are, full of promise and purpose. God forgive us if we fail them in their search!

In sending these young women the states have doubtless given their best. Are there others who should have been numbered among these choice students? Alabama sends this year Frances Curb, Margaret McMahon and Ruth Mahan; Arkansas: Ura Belle Haynes and Sudyne L. Neal; Florida: Lillian Robertson; Georgia: Amorette Folsom, Elizabeth Lundy, Lesline Rainey, Helen Smith and Gladys Williams; Illinois: Wanda Lynch and Vivian Nattier; Indiana: Helen Harris and Irene Morgan; Kentucky: Elizabeth Hampton and Evalynn Wyman; Louisiana: Alma Graves and Lillie Mae Maxwell; Mississippi: Mildred Moore, Lulia Mosgovoy, Ruby Taylor, Lula Webb and Margaret Whisenhunt; Missouri: Alpha Durnell, Dorothy Sparks and Alice Waldron; North Carolina: Blanche Banks, Mary Curran, Ruby Hays, Pauline McBride, Grace Phelps and Mildred Rivenbark; New Mexico: Jessie Owen; South Carolina: Willie Kate Baldwin, Ethel Howard, Leila Myers, Ella McClanahan, Clara Mae Page, Ruth Parker, Myrtle Salters, Elizabeth Stowe and Mary Wilder; Tennessee: Mrs. A. B. Clark, Martha Cortner and Alice Pepper; Texas: Ruth Holloway; Virginia: Mary Billings, Dorothy Britton, Kate L. Chennault, Esther L. Cutter, Mildred Jett and Lucy Williams.

China sends one of her choicest young women, Miss Wu Ming Yung, with a rich background of practical experience and cultural preparation for the work in the Training School. China also sends back to us for special study one of our former students, Miss Blanche Bradley (1914), consecrated medical missionary since 1918.—*Carrie U. Littlejohn*

A Message at Christmas

A SHINING Star o'er Bethlehem
In brilliant gleams arrayed,
The heavens declared a Saviour
born
With melodies of praise.

The guiding Star led onward—
Faith bringing rich reward,
For in the fullness of His time
Love spoke, the voice of God.

An abiding Star shines outward—
A truth it would impart:
Bright hope, love too, in radiance
Christ brings to every heart.

—Maude Adams Little, Va.

The One Important Business—In every office it is the business of Christian living. If there is one single unsaved life in that office, how can the Christian business woman have a part? Sometimes he is the "boss-man" but whether this unsaved one is the manager or the janitor, his life is precious in the census files of the Master, for "God is no respecter of persons."—*John 1:16*. It is the Christian business woman's supreme privilege to claim as her most important business the winning to Christ of all the unsaved with whom she comes in daily contact.—*Prov. 11:30, James 5:20, Phil. 4:13*.

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WEEK of PRAYER

(Tune—'Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer)

THIS the blessed Week of Prayer
When our hearts lowly bend,
And our prayers for the homeland
To Jesus ascend.
When we bring our offerings too,
With the needy to share,
What a balm for the southland
Is this blessed Week of Prayer.

Blessed Week of Prayer,
Week of gifts and prayer,
What a balm for the southland,
Blessed Week of Prayer!

—Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Tenn.

CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

"Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people: for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour who is Christ the Lord" is as good news today as when spoken by the angel of the Lord to the shepherds abiding in the field more than 1900 years ago.

We are told that the suffering in China has influenced more people to attend church and to turn to Christianity as a means of comfort. Anti-Christian feeling does not seem to exist—or at least it is entirely submerged for the present.

Dr. George P. Howard in his recent visits to South America, says the *Presbyterian Banner*, "finds evidence that a need for Christ is being felt. In all his addresses he presented Christ as the only power able to save from chaos, and intense interest was evidenced, particularly in student centers."

"I came that they may have life and may have it abundantly", said the "Saviour who is Christ the Lord", and again: "Go ye therefore and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world".

During the past summer seventy-five young college men and women bearing their own expenses and ready to do all kinds of hard jobs and to endure many hardships spent their vacation helping Dr. Wilfred Grenfell, the great medical missionary, in his work among the fishermen of Labrador and Newfoundland.

"I have never seen Jesus, but I have seen Dr. Shepard" was the remark of a poor Armenian who had seen the Christ-like service of that great medical missionary to the Near East. Surely it must be cause for rejoicing among the

missionaries and the native Christians that the women of one of our states have made it possible for Dr. and Mrs. George Green to return to their work in Africa and not be kept on indefinite furlough.

We wonder how many of our readers saw the following information in their state papers and how it affected them: The Foreign Mission Board has taken action which has given it great distress and sorrow. Because the foreign mission budget for 1933 must be so reduced even to that of 1914 the board has decided to retain at home 32 missionaries who are now on furlough and due to return to their fields this year. These missionaries have been advised to seek some form of service in the homeland the board continuing their support "during as many months of the remainder of this calendar year as may be necessary while they are seeking some other means of service and support". Remember these missionaries are on indefinite furlough without salary after December 31st and may not be returned to their fields until southern Baptists by giving more than they are now giving make it possible.

Surely such a condition of affairs should send us all to our knees before planning our Christmas spending and our budgets for 1933.

"Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" are as vital and needful questions today as when asked by Paul centuries ago.

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