

Royal Service

"Follow Me"

(The following poem was suggested by Luke 5:1-10, from verse 4 of which is taken the W.M.U. watchword for 1933.)

"MASTER, all night long we've fished
But have nothing to show that we've toiled;
We're tired, dear Lord, our efforts were vain.
Our nets must be washed, our garments are soiled".

"Launch out in the deep", came the Master's voice,
"Let down your net again for a draught!"
"It's useless, Lord—nevertheless, at Thy word—
But we've toiled all night and nothing have we caught".

But, ere the net was let down in the briny deep,
It was filled till it break in twain;
And the draught was so great, they cried out for help—
For when the Master speaks it's never in vain.

"Come follow Me", spake my Lord that day,
"The world is lost in sin.
Leave your net on the shore; you'll need it no more,
Henceforth, you'll be fishers of men".

"Master, I've told the lost about Christ.
"I'm weak, they won't hear my plea".
"Launch out in the deep", comes the word of my Lord,
"And leave the results with Me!"

—Daily Newberry, Arkansas

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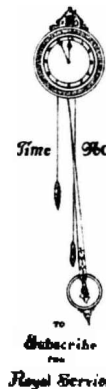
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EDITORIAL



"MUSTARD SEEDS"

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

Let me not limit Thee, this day, dear Lord,
There's need of faith; and well I know Thy Word
Proclaims that even mountains may be moved
If but my tiny "Mustard Seed's" approved.



These thought-provoking lines from our Miss Lackey's book of verse, "Mistletoe and Moss", reveal the importance of a faith, even as a grain of mustard seed. As the Union members set out to accomplish the organizational tasks for 1933, they can think of prayer, enlistment, extension, study of missions, personal service, tithes and offerings as mustard seeds that may remove mountains of difficulties. The missionary education of youth is like sowing such mustard seeds upon a fallow field, upon virgin soil. It waits to become the bearer of life's richest harvest. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good". The Master asked: "Unto what is the Kingdom of God like? It is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and cast into his garden; and it grew and waxed a great tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it". Commentators say the mustard seed referred to was probably the tree mustard which attains in Palestine a height of ten or fifteen feet. Such growth gives added meaning to the words. Prayer is like that mustard seed for growth. Extension is like such a seed. It develops; reaches out and enlists others. They, in turn, grow in grace, touching yet other lives. Thus, the seeds of Kingdom endeavor are scattered far.

One may have the knowledge of a botanist concerning seeds, yet if that knowledge and faith are not practically demonstrated, there will be no result. This is also true in spiritual tasks. No matter how comprehensive the knowledge of organizational aims, unless there is faith to plant in the human heart there will be no yield. Maybe there are traces of discouragement in your heart because of memories of former efforts in organization and extension. If so, there is encouragement in the thought that the seed planted in faith and love yet live though buried beneath seeming indifference. The Government on the Arlington Experiment Farm has demonstrated that seeds lying dormant in pots forty-two inches deep in the earth for thirty years germinated and grew when brought to the surface and planted. Wild morning-glory seeds sprouted in two days after thirty years in the earth. Within eight days, fifteen more species of seeds were growing. Sad to relate, the experiment also reveals that the seeds of weeds show even more tenacity of life than the good seeds. It is but the part of wisdom to recognize and accept these fundamental principles of nature as we enter this new year of sowing and cultivating and reaping. Our field is the whole world. This responsibility seems heavier than one can bear until one realizes that the faith that removes mountains may abide in your tiny mustard seeds of trusting, faithful, hopeful effort. Plant your mustard seeds of prayer and serving and giving. Plant

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WATCHWORD for YEAR



"LAUNCH OUT into the DEEP and LET DOWN YOUR NETS".—

Luke 5:4

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These words come from Jesus to Simon Peter who was back at his fishing business with his brother, Andrew, and with James and John, partners with Simon in the enterprise (*verses 7 and 10*). Zebedee, the father of James and John, was also enlisted in the Simon Fish Company (*Mark 1:20*) and hired servants were likewise employed.

All this shows that it was a business of size and importance. These four men had already become disciples of Jesus along with Philip and Nathanael (*John 1:35-51; 2:2, 12; 3:22; 4:27*), but they had not yet given up their fishing business for constant service and following Jesus. They were still laymen. They will be included in the list of apostles by and by, but meanwhile they were back at their business while Jesus taught the multitudes by the Sea of Galilee.

On this occasion the crowd was so great that Jesus stepped into Simon's boat which happened to be there and used it as a pulpit after bidding Simon to put out a little from the land. The fishermen were already washing their nets and not expecting to fish again right away. Simon was glad enough for Jesus to make this use of his boat.

But after the sermon Jesus suddenly bade Simon to launch out into the deep and to let down the nets for a catch. Now a fisherman is usually ready to fish, but Simon demurred at the inopportune command: "Master, through the whole night we toiled and did not catch a thing". It seemed to Simon useless to try again at this time of depression. The fish were not to be had. "But at Thy word I will let down the nets". Fishing was Simon's business and he felt sure that he knew more about it than did Jesus, but he was willing to go through the motion again to please the Master, though he had no hope of a catch. What excellent reasons we can give for our anticipated failures and for our actual failures. Jesus here violated all the rules of fishing by bidding Simon to go right back into the waters where he had failed, only to go in deeper this time, to go in even if he had no faith and no hope.

Simon did obey the Master, though reluctantly, and the result amazed and humbled him. He had to call on James and John to help save the fish and to keep the boats from sinking. Simon confessed his sin of doubt and of superior knowledge and felt utterly unworthy of such success as he was. But Jesus was quick to teach Simon the lesson from this acted parable as all miracles are. He was to learn how to catch men alive for Christ. See him on the great day of Pentecost (*Acts 2 and 3*).

"I will make you to become fishers of men" Jesus said to these fishermen who had failed (*Mark 1:17*). He will make ministers out of these laymen who now gave up their business at which they had failed without Jesus (*Luke 5:11*) and followed Christ continuously. One good from time of business depression is for men to see their dependence on God in Christ. Some should consecrate themselves wholly to the work of Christ. All should take hold with fresh energy and press on with the same task with fresh faith and power.

MONTHLY W.M.U. MISSIONARY TOPICS for 1933

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

Jan. —LORD, SEND a REVIVAL

Back to the Word of God. Self-examination and a prayer for a deeper realization in our churches of the necessity for the new birth. Prayerful study of all our southern Baptist work and mission causes. Confession of our sins and re consecration of our lives to the work of the Kingdom. Prayer for guidance in planning for the future. A revaluation of the task of Christian missions. A sincere prayer: "Lord, send a revival, and let it begin in me".

Feb. —THE INFLUENCE of the WORD in the HOMELAND

Present work of the Home Mission Board with especial emphasis on the influence of the Gospel in human hearts, transforming lives. Results of investing our money in home missions. Stories of what has happened recently on home mission fields where the Bible has gone to those who never had it before

March —BUILDING WORLD PEACE on the WORD

The Christian faith as a factor in peace in the world. What Christians can do to bring about the ending of war. What women can do to help those forces now at work in the world for peace and world prohibition. A study of the fundamental causes of war and how to remove them. Study of centers of racial, national and anti-Christian conflicts in the world today. An acceptance of the teachings of God's Word, that will remove hatred and antagonism and give the compassion for fellowman that Jesus had

April —MIRACLES of the WORD in OTHER LANDS

Stories of notable Christians from foreign mission fields. How the Gospel is spreading through the work of native Christians. Results of our missionary work in lives "saved by grace" in all races and lands. The evidence of the manifold power of the Word of God to transform in every condition and phase of human life

May —HOME MISSIONS TRANSLATING the WORD

A study of the Spanish-speaking people of Cuba and the south, and the Indian peoples. Migrant labor and its needs. The spread of the Gospel within home mission fields through our Cuban, Mexican and Indian Baptists. How home missionaries are doing their work. Stories of the needs

June —YOUTH: TOMORROW'S MESSENGER of the WORD

Response of youth to the Word; ability of youth to interpret the Word in his life. Obligation to implant the Word early. Missionary education of our young people, the specialty of W.M.U.; our obligation to establish and maintain the Full Graded W.M.U. in every church. Importance of missionary literature for young people in the home. Importance of utilizing capabilities. Eagerness of world forces to use young life. Dangers surrounding the young people of today. "Total abstinence" essential. Disastrous results to the cause of Christ if youth is not enlisted

July —AFRICA: WAITING for the WORD

The study of present problems and opportunities in Africa with special attention to areas where southern Baptists have work. Problems of
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FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



JESUS ANSWERS PRAYER



We do believe in prayer, we believe God answers it. For this reason, we pray daily for His guidance over us and our interests. The more we pray and the more we trust Him, the greater are our blessings. "Oh, for grace to trust Him more!"

In the spring of 1931 a Christian man teacher in our college and a pastor came to me and said: "My brother G— is needing to borrow money to finish his college work in Rio, and we do not know where he can get it". We talked the matter over. G— is a young man of about twenty-three years, a fine Christian and a good student. He was a senior in the Rio Baptist College, preparing to teach in some Baptist school. But how was he to get the fifty dollars that would be necessary at such a time as this?

I promised to pray, hoping that the director of our school would be able to lend G— the money. But, frankly, I did not feel much responsibility and did not pray as I would have done had I felt more that the burden was my own. Some two weeks passed. I had prayed several times for the needed money to be found for G— but upon inquiry I learned that the matter had not been mentioned to our director. I began to feel that God was laying this responsibility upon me, and I promised that I would pray.

Then I prayed in earnest and began to feel that the way would be opened up. Another week flew by, and my faith was so strong and I was so sure that God was preparing some one in the United States to send the money for G— that I said to myself: "Three weeks from now the money should be here". I felt greatly relieved but kept praying, at the same time thanking God that the prayer was answered.

But God had gone far ahead of my

faith. On the very day that my faith had really become strong I received a long envelope with a check in it for fifty dollars, just the amount I had asked for! G— was asking for five hundred milreis, but exchange was so high that it sold for seven hundred. And so I could lend the money to G— and still had some to help another student. When it is paid back, I am sure there will be others who will need it. So the consecrated Baptist deacon at home helped to answer our prayers and supply the need of the Baptist boy in Rio. Surely God is all powerful, for He supplies our every need. Praise His Name!

YEARS ago in the State of Rio, our greatly beloved missionary, Dr. S. L. Ginsburg, won to Christ a young man and his wife. His name was Antonio Maia; he was a cooper by trade.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Maia were greatly pleased with their new religion, overjoyed at the peace in their hearts. They went to work to help Bro. Solomon, as Dr. Ginsburg was lovingly called. They were the janitors of the church building for awhile, living in rooms behind the main hall where preaching was held. Then Bro. Maia little by little began preaching and at last left all to follow the call to preach the "Glad Tidings".

The Maiais could not live always in one city: they moved as the Lord directed, living in various places in that state. Then He called them to another state, Minas Geraes; they left all, even loved ones, to go to a new place and preach the Gospel. That was over 20 years ago. Bro. Maia is still preaching in the interior of Minas. He pastors two or three country churches and looks after a number of others where either there is no pastor or where the pastor lives so far away from the church that he can go only three or four times a year.

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ENLISTMENT



A CHALLENGE in ENLISTMENT



What a challenge! 12,800 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention without a missionary society! To those of our women who are saying these days that our churches cannot give to missions and that there is nothing especially for them to do until the depression is ended and they can again give to mission funds, we point out that here is the greatest challenge of all times for winning women.

Jacob said: "Let me go, for the day breaketh". To the members of our Woman's Missionary Union the day is breaking for a renewed effort for missions. We are called to enlist these nearly thirteen thousand churches. Their gifts alone could more than support our 42 discontinued missionaries. Is it not a challenge—a call to definite service in enlistment?

As this new year begins, put renewed enthusiasm in your society. Lend your whole heart and entire personality to the task. Be as anxious to make yourself pleasant and charming to your members as you are to the guest in your home or to the members of your social club. Then be willing to withdraw yourself from any organizations or affiliations that prevent you from being entirely happy and altogether useful in your missionary endeavors. Lay aside those things that rob you of the genuine joy you will have in enlisting others in His work, remembering that *you cannot win others if you are not first completely won yourself.*

Now for our enlistment program—Secure from your associational W.M.U. superintendent the names of the unenlisted churches in your association. Decide upon a definite one and adopt it as your own. Then taking your members with you—and in the loving, consecrated and helpful spirit you have

built up in your society—launch forth! How marvelous, how comforting will be the results! We have 52 churches in our association. Never yet has the writer gone into any of them where the women were not hungry for the activities of a missionary society, and we have seen twelve new organizations in as many months come into being. When you come before them, not only urge them to give to missions but also stress personal service. Jesus did, you know, and this not only appeals to them but is also vital in the society's life.

Oh women, if we will carry to these churches the last words of Jesus, showing them our own love for Him, our abiding faith in His commands and our enthusiasm in obeying, we can enlist these 12,800 churches in our movement to carry the Gospel to all people, tribes and nations. Each of us can then joyfully join Paul in saying that they are "holding forth the Word of Life that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain".—*Mrs. George Pennell, N. C.*

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The Maia's have a large family—ten children—but, since the youngest one is over ten and since they feel they are able to help others now, they have adopted a little orphan girl so that she may have a Christian home. Of their boys, two have answered the call to preach, one is giving himself as a Christian teacher in our Baptist school work, the others are younger and as yet undecided. Three of the four girls are married to faithful Christian laymen.

Perhaps sometimes we Christian workers lose heart too easily, saying it is no use to evangelize—so many we take into the church backslide, so many are only

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SOCIETY METHODS



"NE PLUS ULTRA"



Roman courage pressed forward at the urge of "ne plus ultra", the literal translation of which is "nothing beyond" but the stimulating interpretation of which is that nothing should be left beyond, everything is to be overcome, the victory must be complete. Even so is it hoped that W.M.U. courage will press forward in January and in each succeeding month of the calendar year of 1933, nothing being left undone to attain the highest possible results.

Many of these "ne plus ultra" goals are set forth in the "Standards of Excellence". Usually one in every eight W.M.U. organizations wins the complete victory. How can you and your society thus attain? *First*, by beginning promptly and properly in January! *Second*, by checking up and keeping up month by month! *Third*, by applying the suggestions in the 1933 W.M.U. Year Book, especially pages 11-22 and page 49. On its page 53 is the "Honor Roll" of S.B.C. churches which during the calendar year of 1931 maintained an A-1 Full Graded W.M.U. The following articles tell how some of them thus achieved.

JENNINGS, LA., A-1

MANY factors have played important parts in our attaining the A-1 record. The aims of the W.M.U.—prayer, study, giving, serving and missionary education—were kept clearly before the W.M.S. and six junior organizations. We cannot estimate the influence our pastor, filled with missionary zeal, had in creating sympathy for missions and causing the W.M.U. to want to do standard work.

A month before the election of officers the Nominating Committee was appointed and the membership was urged to pray for God's leadership. The women having studied "The Why and How of W.M.U." were acquainted with the duties of officers; consequently informed women, peculiarly fitted for the offices they were to fill, were elected. The leaders found it necessary to keep the "Year Book" as well as "The Why and How" continually at hand.

The efficiency and spiritual life were increased by regular monthly Executive Committee meetings, where work and workers were prayed for, work done was checked and definite plans made for coming month. Each chairman in her particular line cared for the needs of the junior organizations as well as for those of the society.

As a guide the Standard of Excellence was placed before every organization and marked monthly. Missionary meetings and mission study classes were held monthly. In the absence of any junior leader, the young people's leader or president took charge. Quarterly reports of junior organizations were secured by young people's leader, handed to secretary, then read with society's report at general meeting to insure accurate reports being sent in to headquarters.

We are grateful for the loving cooperation of the membership and pray that we may continue to have God's guidance in our work of extending His Kingdom.—*Mrs. J. C. Hazel, Jennings, Louisiana*

THERE were four major factors responsible for Speedway Terrace W. M. U. attaining the A-1 record. The first was the president who in *executive meetings* constantly held up the standards as worthy objectives. There was always maintained that close touch between presiding officer and auxiliary counselors that stimulated them into doing their best.

The second factor was the third vice
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FAMILY ALTAR



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

Topic: FINDING the BOOK: *II Chron. 34:1-3, 7, 8, 14-31*

Thy statutes, Lord, are wonderful,
My soul them keeps with care.
The entrance of Thy words gives light,
Makes wise who simple are.

My mouth I have wide opened
And panted earnestly,
While after Thy commandments
I longed exceedingly.
—Psalm 119:120-131

Happy New Year—A Prayer

1st Day—Num. 6:24-26
2nd Day—Phil. 1:3-6, 9-11
3rd Day—Heb. 13:20, 21
4th Day—II Pet. 1:1-4
5th Day—II Thess. 3:3-5, 13, 16
6th Day—Rom. 15:5, 6, 13, 33
7th Day—Gal. 6:16, 18

Book of the Law

15th Day—II Chron. 34:1-3, 7, 8, 14-31
16th Day—Psa. 119:1-8
17th Day—I Tim. 1:5-11
18th Day—Ex. 20:1-17; 24:4
19th Day—Deut. 6:4-9
20th Day—Psa. 119:142-160
21st Day—Psa. 19:7-11; 37:31; 40:8

Word of the Lord

Happy New Year—A Charge

8th Day—I Thess. 4:1-3
9th Day—II Pet. 3:2-7
10th Day—Isa. 30:12, 13, 21; 51:7; 59:21
11th Day—Matt. 15:3, 9
12th Day—Jer. 13:15; 22:29; 23:28, 29, 36
13th Day—Matt. 5:17; 7:24, 25
14th Day—Micah 2:7; 4:1-3

22nd Day—Heb. 4:12
23rd Day—Ezek. 3:10, 11-14, 16-21
24th Day—Hos. 1:1, 7; 4:1, 6; 6:1-3
25th Day—Jonah 3:1-10
26th Day—Hag. 1:13; 2:1, 4-9
27th Day—Isa. 8:11, 16, 20; 44:26
28th Day—Jer. 1:1, 2, 4, 9, 11, 13; 2:4
29th Day—Luke 8:11-15
30th Day—Luke 1:1-4; 24:25-27
31st Day—Rev. 1:2, 3; 22:18

"Pray Ye"

Reverently, before the Creator and Preserver of the universe and of all life
Gratefully, as God's mercies of the past year are remembered
Humbly, as New Year is faced with human frailty; fearlessly, claiming God's promise: "He knoweth the way of the righteous".
Expectantly, as plans are laid for mission study, enlistment, extension, personal service, W. M. U. young people's organizations, Standard of Excellence
Generously, remembering that "God loveth a cheerful giver" and that Jesus said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive".

Prayerfully prepare in January for "Week of Prayer for Home Missions"
March 6-10 inclusive.



STEWARDSHIP SUGGESTIONS



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STEWARDSHIP of TITHES and OFFERINGS



Our Heavenly Father has placed the carrying on of His world wide work in the hearts, minds and hands of those who have accepted His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, as their Savior. As His followers in this generation this is our task, for we are His stewards attending to Kingdom business for Him.

In giving us this task He gave us the way by which it is to be accomplished—and that is by the paying of "tithes" and the giving of "offerings". Tithes now pertain especially to the payment of money; offerings to gifts, which should be of money, time, talents, ability,

personality or any other possession or qualification that can be used for the furtherance of His cause and the glorification of His name.

While the good news of Christ's saving power is free to all who will repent and believe on Him, those who carry the message have to have their minds free from the problems of supplying their families and themselves with the daily necessities of life: this takes money. Jesus said while on earth: "The labourer is worthy of his hire"; this applies to all ministers, missionaries and paid Christian workers. Besides this, money is needed to build church houses where sinners may come to hear the message of salvation and where saved people may assemble themselves together to worship God; it is needed also to build and maintain schools, hospitals, orphans' homes, rescue missions and all other Christian institutions that carry out Christ's commands to teach, to heal and to care for one's fellow man.

A tithe or tenth of each Christian's income is "holy unto the Lord" and should be paid to carry on His work on earth. Our Heavenly Father is all powerful and could save the peoples of the world without man's help, but that is not in accordance with His revealed plan that His stewards must do their part.

The great Baptist principle is obedience to God's teachings. The teaching of paying a tenth to Him is a very clear one but has not been stressed properly. This, no doubt, is why our churches and administrative boards are so sorely in need of funds and why the special message to our generation is to teach old and young that God commands them, as His stewards upon earth, to pay a tenth of their means towards the carrying on of His work and to give offerings of money and service to him. The Bible explicitly states that "each one of us shall give an account of himself to God". This being so, every Christian must realize his or her full responsibility in this important matter and give proportionately "according to the blessings of Jehovah, thy God, which He hath given". If God's stewards fail, His cause suffers. Much money is needed at this time, and it is the duty of each of His faithful followers to "bring the whole tithe into the storehouse". A poet has truly expressed the thought in the following lines:

It's to pay as you pray
On collection day—
That's Stewardship.

It's to do your best work
And never play the shirk—
That's Stewardship.

It's living day by day
In a God honoring way—
That's Stewardship.

It's prayin' and workin' and payin'—
Always puttin' God's Kingdom first—
That's Stewardship.

—Mrs. J. W. Bolton, La.



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: FINDING the BOOK: II Chron. 34:1-3, 7, 8, 14-31

Any individual or any institution, that could take the Bible to every home in this country, would do more for the country than all the armies from the beginning of our history to the present time.—Chief Justice Brewer



Happy New Year! "Happy is that people whose God is the Lord". Happy is the one who in extending New Year's greeting means: "May your year be a blessed one in Jesus Christ our Saviour". What a petition is wrapped in three words used glibly on January first! Make it a prayer for the unsaved. It should truly be a prayer for all Christians.

Happy New Year to retiring officers of Woman's Missionary Union organizations! Some new task in Kingdom work is waiting. Happy New Year to incoming presidents, secretaries, treasurers, young people's directors and vice presidents. Happy New Year, little children in Sunbeam Bands; boys and girls in Royal Ambassador Chapters and Girls' Auxiliaries; young women in Young Women's Auxiliaries; and business women in Business Women's Circles! Happy New Year!

In this familiar greeting there is a charge. Be faithful. "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only". Be much in prayer. "Keep that which is committed to thy trust".

Onward Christian women
Moves our W. M. U.
Faithful soldiers of the cross,
Loyal, brave and true.

Carrying high His banner,
Striving in His name
In all plans and purposes
The Gospel to proclaim.

It was a happy new year for God's chosen people when a boy king set about to remove idols from the kingdom of Judah. Accomplishing this he repaired the house of the Lord. A long lost Book was found by Hilkiah the priest. When Josiah heard Shaphan the scribe read it he was troubled. By the mouth of Huldah, the prophetess, God sent a message saying: "Because thy heart etc." (See II Chron. 34:27.) God promised to postpone the evil and take away existing conditions. As long as Josiah lived the people served Jehovah. Perhaps the key to this unusual revival is in the character sketch as given in verse 2 of II Chronicles 34.

David said, "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee". A little girl smiled at the verse saying, "It is funny to hide a thing and tell where you hid it". She memorized Scripture however, hiding in her own heart words which richly blessed her in later years. A minister, a layman and a returned missionary each testified: "Would that I had memorized even more of the Bible than I did!"

One of our southern Baptist pastors tells of a conversation with his mother on his last visit to her before her death. Seeing one Bible on the table in her room, another on the dresser and still another on a shelf he said: "Mother, do you believe the Bible as much now as when you taught it to me years ago?" Looking up with astonishment at her preacher-boy she answered: "Yes, my son, many many times more than ever before".

A successful city lawyer began telling his mother that certain parts of the

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Calendar of Prayer

January, 1933

Prepared by Mrs. Maud R. McLure

STANDING with folded wings of mystery,
The New Year waits to greet us—you and me.
Her arms are full of gifts; her feet are shod
All fitly for rough roads or velvet sod;
Her eyes are steady with belief in God.

Capt: Lord, Send a Revival

1—SUNDAY

Let us confess our sins and re-consecrate our lives to God.
I said I will confess my transgressions
unto Jehovah and Thou forgive me.
—Ps. 32:5

2—MONDAY

Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit on Mrs. W. J. Cox, president of W.M.U. auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention.
—Jan. 14:12

3—TUESDAY

For vice presidents of W.M.U. and for presidents and vice presidents of state Unions
That the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you and ye in Him.
—I Thess. 1:12

4—WEDNESDAY

For God's blessing on Miss Kathleen Mallory, corresponding secretary of W.M.U. auxiliary to S.B.C.
Wherefore God is not ashamed of them, to be called their God.—Heb. 11:14

5—THURSDAY

For the work of the Brazilian W.M.U.
For from you hath sounded forth the Word of God.—I Thess. 1:8

6—FRIDAY

For divine guidance for Miss Juliette Mather, young people's secretary of W.M.U.
The government shall be upon His shoulder.—Isa. 9:6

7—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Snuggs, evangelistic work, Wuchow, China
This is the message—that we should love one another.—I John 1:11

8—SUNDAY

For Washington Baptists as they make ready for annual meetings of Woman's Missionary Union and Southern Baptist Convention in their city during the week beginning May 14, 1933
I have a stewardship entrusted to me.
—I Cor. 9:17

9—MONDAY

For special blessing on Miss Pearle Bourne, associate young people's secretary of W.M.U.
Commit thy words unto Jehovah and thy purposes shall be established.
—Prov. 16:9

10—TUESDAY

For Misses Katie Murray and Olive Lawton, evangelistic work, Chengchow, China
Now the God of peace—make you perfect in every good thing to do His will.
—Heb. 13:2

11—WEDNESDAY

For state W.M.U. corresponding secretaries and young people's secretaries
Walk in love, even as Christ also loved you.—Eph. 5:21

12—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Nils J. Bengtson, educational work, Barcelona, Spain, and for Samuel Bengtson, Margaret Fund student
Behold, we call them blessed that endure.—Jas. 5:11

13—FRIDAY

For Mrs. H. M. Wharton and Mrs. Sumter Lea Jr., recording and assistant recording secretaries of W.M.U.
Thou hast been my help.—Ps. 55:7

14—SATURDAY

For Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, treasurer of W.M.U., and for state W.M.U. treasurers
In the shadow of Thy wings will I take refuge.—Ps. 61:1

15—SUNDAY

Pray that 1933 may be noted because our Baptist people earnestly studied God's Word.
Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly.—Col. 3:16

16—MONDAY

For Miss Ethel Winfield and other resident members of W.M.U. Executive Committee
Our sufficiency is of God.—II Cor. 2:8

†Attended W.M.U. Training School

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January, 1933

HER voice falls sweetly as a vesper bell
Where trust and hope all lesser notes dispel;
Scarce knowing why, we feel that all is well
She smiles a little as she turns away,
Breathing a promise for each coming day;
And we—we pause a little while to pray!

—Lillian Gord

Topic: Lord, Send a Revival

17—TUESDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Leonard, evangelistic work, Harbin, Manchuria, and for Charles Leonard, Margaret Fund student.

Jehovah is my light and my salvation.
Whom shall I fear?—Psa. 27:1

18—WEDNESDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Bagby, evangelistic and educational work, Port Alegre, Brazil
Jehovah fulfill all thy petitions.

—Psa. 20:6

19—THURSDAY

For all W.M.U. leaders in mission study, stewardship, personal service, White Cross and College Y.W.A.
Quicken me in Thy righteousness.

—Psa. 119:40

20—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Townsend and Miss Attie Bostick, evangelistic work, Kweichow, China
Mine eyes shall be on the faithful.

—Psa. 101:6

21—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. T. B. Hawkins, evangelistic work, Las Rosas, Argentina
His commandments are not grievous.

—1 Jan. 5:8

22—SUNDAY

Lord, send a revival and let it begin in me.
They that dwell under His shadow shall . . . revive as the grain.

—Hos. 14:7

23—MONDAY

Pray for Misses Jane W. and Florence Lide, evangelistic and educational work, Hwang-Haien, China.
The Lord of peace Himself give you peace.—11 Thos. 2:16

24—TUESDAY

For the editors of World Comrades and for the mid-year meeting of the W.M.U. Executive Committee and of state

W.M.U. corresponding secretaries in Birmingham, Jan. 24-26 inclusive
Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth.—Eph. 6:14

25—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Powell (on furlough), evangelistic work, Oyo, Nigeria
We have set our hope on the living God.—1 Tim. 4:10

26—THURSDAY

For Misses Alice Wells and Juanita Byrd, Shanghai Baptist University, Shanghai, China
I will bless Jehovah who hath given me counsel.—Psa. 18:7

27—FRIDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. E. N. Walne, publication, literary and evangelistic work, Shimonoseki, Japan
Jehovah will keep thee from all evil.

—Psa. 121:1

28—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. M. T. Rankin, educational work, Canton, China
Feed on His faithfulness.—Psa. 37:8

29—SUNDAY

For blessing on every effort to enlist each member of our churches in God's work
Let us work that which is good unto all men.—Gal. 6:10

30—MONDAY

For Miss Doris Knight, educational work, Hwang-Haien, China
If we endure we shall also reign with Him.—11 Tim. 2:12

31—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. D. H. LeSueur, educational work, Chihuahua, Mexico, and for Clardine, Martha and Olivia LeSueur, Margaret Fund students
In all thy ways acknowledge Him.—Prov. 3:6

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



PROGRAM PLANS



Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE



Two verses from the Psalms may well be thought over carefully by the Program Committee before beginning work on the program. Let the chairman read to the committee the joyous Psalm 138. She should stress especially verse seven: "Though I walk in the midst of trouble, Thou wilt revive me". A revival in the hearts of the committee, each individual of it, would go far toward bringing the Spirit of God's reviving power in the meeting and to the whole society. The chairman may also turn to Psalm 85 and read the sixth verse: "Wilt Thou not revive us again: that Thy people may rejoice in Thee?" The revival of the individual, the revival of groups of God's children will be seen in these two selections.

The committee should endeavor to make this first meeting of the New Year one that will lift high the spiritual note of the society. It should set the tone up to which the eleven other meetings should key.

Let the committee take the 1933 Year Book and study it carefully for plans for the year. Note the 1933 watchword: "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets"—Luke 5:4. Then turn to page 10 of the Year Book and read Mrs. Cox's message on "Launch—Let". Turn also to its pages 11 and 31 and study the W.M.U. plans for "Prayer—Individual and United".

Now let the committee go carefully over the program material for this month. They will find that the theme for the year is "The World's Need of the Word". Each month the subject will hinge on this thought. It will be seen how fitting it is for the first meeting to begin with each society and

church offering the prayer: "Lord, Send a Revival". (See pages 17-25.)

An introductory talk may be given on "Some Revivals of the Past", the speaker being asked to tell briefly of the revivals under the heads: Pentecost; The Great Awakening; The Great Revival of 1857; A Revival in a Circus Tent; The Welsh Revival. (See pages 17-19.)

"Some Present Day Revivals" may be given in another talk, stating briefly the awakening in many of our mission fields. Or sentences may be copied from the material under this subject and given to a number of women to read. (See pages 20-21.)

"Some Things True of All Revivals" may also be given by several women. "Prayer"; "Proclamation of the Word"; "Great Manifestations of the Spirit" might be divided as three talks or made into one. (See pages 21-22.)

The program should close with a series of prayers: "Lord, send a revival and let it begin in me". The closing moments should be left for silent prayer. Let the leader, in a quiet voice, suggest thoughts for their prayers as these members sit with bowed heads. She may begin by suggesting: "Let us silently confess our sins—coldness, indifference, love of pleasure more than love of God. Let us ask for forgiveness and for humility. Let us pray that the Gospel may have free course and be glorified in our lives". Do not offer too many thoughts or let the silent prayer period last too long.

If possible each one present should be given a card bearing the words: Our New Year's Prayer for the Whole Year—"Wilt Thou not revive us again: that Thy people may rejoice in Thee?" Psalm 85:6

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Miss Inabelle Coleman, North Carolina

POSTER or PROGRAM HEADING SUGGESTIONS: A book-shelf on which are the following books: dictionary, bookkeeping, debit register, credit register, budget, Bradstreet, BIBLE, stenographer's pads etc. Above print: **My Books for Business for 1933.** Underneath print the words of Ps. 119:105. Next line: **My Prayer:** "Lord, Send Us a Revival and Let It Begin in Me". Across the bottom: "And Let's Begin by Coming to B.W.C."

Time..... Place.....

Topic: LORD, SEND a REVIVAL

Hymn: "Another Year Is Dawning"
 Prayer of gratitude for God's blessings in 1932
 Hymn for 1933: "Jesus Calls Us" —Watchword for 1933: Luke 5:4
 Duet: "Take Time to Be Holy"
 A Story (*In speaker's own words*): II Chron. 34:1-31
 Something to Remember: II Chron. 34:31
 Quartette: "Thy Word Is a Lamp to My Feet"
 Prayer for a keener appreciation of God's Word and a deeper loyalty to it
 Prayer—Hymn (*Bowed-heads and softly*): "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"
 A New Year's Message: "The New Year and the New Life" (Page 17)
 "Some Revivals of the Past" (Pages 17-19)
 Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
 "Some Revivals of the Present" (Pages 20-21)
 Current Missionary News (Page 35) —Prayer for Our Mission Fields
 "Some Things True of All Revivals" (Pages 21-22)
 Hymn: "Holy Ghost, with Light Divine" —"Lord, Send a Revival" (Pages 22-24)
 Hymn: "When Wilt Thou Save Thy People?" —"Let It Begin in Me" (Page 24)
 Prayer that God may send a revival to the whole world this year and that we may first let Him begin in us
 Silent Meditation and Prayer
 Prayer—Hymn (*Bowed-heads and softly*): "Lord, Send a Revival" (Tune: "O, How I Love Jesus")

NEW YEAR'S NOTES: Resolved—That I shall arise fifteen minutes earlier every morning of 1933 that I may spend these quiet moments at the beginning of the day in private communion with my Lord, letting Him speak to me, giving my mind opportunity to know His Book better and taking time to really pray. The Prayer Calendar shall be before me.

Many have responded to the suggestion for sending in to our missionary to the Jews of the south, Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus (310 Red Rock Building, Atlanta, Ga.), the names of their Jewish friends to whom they want free tracts sent but some have failed to sign their names to the request. Certainly, if they do not want their names mentioned to the Jewish friend, Mr. Gartenhaus will keep the confidence but very often the Jewess receives the tract with such interest that she replies that she wishes she knew some Christian friend to whom she might go in search of more light. Surely to receive such a message through Mr. Gartenhaus from your Jewish friend, to whom you had missionary literature sent and for whom you have been praying, would be evidence of God's answer to your prayers and efforts.

PROGRAM for JANUARY

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. Crossman, Tennessee

Topic: LORD, SEND a REVIVAL

Hymn for the Year—Jesus Calls Us
 Watchword for the Year—"Launch out into the deep and let down your nets"—
 Luke 5:4
 Bible Study—Finding the Book: II Chron. 34:1-3, 7, 8, 14-31 (*See page 12.*)
 Prayer that we may find the Book anew in our own lives in 1933 and that we may help others to find it also
 Hymn—Wonderful Words of Life
 The New Year and the New Life —Some Revivals of the Past
 Hymn—Pentecostal Power —Some Revivals of the Present
 Prayer of thanksgiving for the spirit of revival on our mission fields
 Some Things True of All Revivals —Hymn: Revive Us Again
 Lord, Send a Revival —Let It Begin in Me
 Hymn—Send a Great Revival in My Soul
 Prayer that the Lord may send a world wide revival in 1933 and that each of us may do all in our power to make it possible for it to begin in our own hearts

The NEW YEAR and the NEW LIFE



How wonderful it is that once in every three hundred and sixty-five days God gives us a New Year — a time when we turn over a

new leaf and make a new start with new resolutions, new ambitions and new plans. With the New Year we begin a new series of ROYAL SERVICE programs. All the topics for 1933 are based on one theme, "The World's Need of the Word". The world needs a revival of the Word, and of this we are thinking in our first topic for the year: "Lord, Send a Revival".

The word revival is derived from two Latin words meaning "to live again". A revival, then, is a living again or an awakening to new life. A sinner is re-

vived when he finds new life in Christ Jesus. A Christian is revived when he is quickened to new earnestness in his Christian life and a new consecration in his Christian service. Any successful effort to revive both the saved and the unsaved is a revival.

Most appropriate it is that we should start the New Year with thoughts of this new life. **Lord, send a revival!** It is really a prayer, a beautiful New Year prayer. In these words we are asking God that the New Year may bring new life—the new life of consecrated living for the Christian and the new life of salvation for the lost. It is the purpose of this program to show how such a revival is needed and how it may be obtained and to kindle such an intense desire for a spiritual awakening that the fervent prayer of our souls through the year 1933 will be "**Lord, send a revival!**"

SOME REVIVALS of the PAST

THE Word of God has been called a "Manual of Revivals". It tells of one revival right after an-

other. Always God's people were forgetting Him and falling into sin. Always God was sending a special messenger with a special message to call them back to Him. And always those sinful people were being revived. Church history tells the same story—God's people continually backsliding and God continually sending great evangelists to conduct revivals whereby His people were called back to Him and multitudes of the lost were saved. A study of some of these revivals of the past will help us to see the need of a revival in the present and will lead us to pray: "Lord, send a revival!"

Pentecost—The Christian era started with a revival. No other revival has ever equalled in importance and power that of Pentecost. "No revival was ever so sudden, none so tremendous in its immediate results and none so lasting in its power". The Holy Spirit came to 120 Christians and embued them with such power that they were able to do miraculous things. In a few hours three thousand men and women were saved and added to the church. And this was but a beginning of a revival which spread until within a few years every part of the Roman Empire felt the influence of the movement. This revival caused the expansion of the church, inspired the Epistles and spread Christianity throughout the whole known world. Not only that, but its influence has reached to our own time. A power was sent into the world then which has never left it. All real revivals are the work of the Holy Spirit who came at Pentecost.

The Great Awakening—In the early history of our country there was a period of intense religious enthusiasm known as "The Great Awakening". This was not just one revival but included many revivals, held in all the colonies and covering a period of about thirty-five years. Prior to this awakening the religious condition of the people was at a very low ebb. The churches were devoid of spirituality and power. Outside the church indifference and irreligion were on the increase. The people were

going deeper into sin every day. In his humble parish in Northampton, Mass., in 1734 Jonathan Edwards began denouncing sin and calling people to repentance. Pentecostal power came down. Throngs of sinners called on the Lord for salvation. The movement began to spread. From England came that matchless evangelist, George Whitefield, and all through the colonies he went, proclaiming the Word of the Lord. Great were the manifestations of God's power. The people came by flocks to accept Jesus. In some towns there was not a single person, either old or young, who was not deeply concerned about the religious condition. It is estimated that at least 25,000 were added to the New England churches, which is remarkable when considering that the total population was only 340,000. A national awakening of similar power at the present time would result in the ingathering of more than ten million. This gives us some conception of the magnitude of "The Great Awakening". Its results have been described as follows: "Throughout New England a remarkable transformation had been wrought. Young people had been led to forego their frolics, night walking, impure language and lewd songs. Both old and young alike had abandoned drinking habits, tavern haunting, profane language and extravagance in dress. The vicious had been reformed, and the fashionable great beaux and fine ladies had forsaken their vanities. The Bible and books of devotion had come into greater esteem, the Lord's day was observed more religiously, old grudges and differences had been put away, and there was a general disposition to confess sins and make restitution for wrongs that had been committed".

The Great Revival of 1857—This revival is of special interest to us because the conditions under which it occurred were similar to those prevailing in our country today. It was a time of great political unrest and severe financial panic. Prior to this there had been a period of financial and commercial prosperity unprecedented in the history

of our country; but in 1857 there came a terrible depression. Banks failed, manufactories were shut down and vast multitudes were thrown out of employment. In the midst of these direful conditions "The Great Revival" started. It began with a prayer meeting in a down town church in New York, and it spread until the whole country was spiritually blessed. In May in New York a big tent was purchased and during the four months that it was pitched it had an aggregate attendance of more than 150,000 persons. The spirit of prayer seemed to pervade the city and, as a result of the various services held, about ten thousand people were converted during the year. Not only in New York but also in Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Albany, Boston, Cincinnati, Chicago and other cities there was a great ingathering of souls. For a period of six to eight weeks when the revival was at its height it was estimated that 50,000 people were converted weekly throughout the country. The total number of persons saved as the result of "The Great Revival" probably reached close to the million mark.

A Revival in a Circus Tent—Probably a more unsuitable place for a revival could not be found than a circus tent at a world's fair, but in such a place Dwight L. Moody held a most successful revival. Many people thought that Mr. Moody was very foolish in trying to hold revivals at the World's Fair in Chicago: they prophesied failure. But Mr. Moody realized that great throngs of people from all parts of the country would be there and that the temptations for evil would be unusually strong and the opportunities for evangelistic work unusually large, so he determined to make revivals a part of the World's Fair program. Using Moody Bible Institute as a base of operation he began his campaign. Meetings were held in buildings near the fair grounds, in tents, theatres and in the open air. Preachers came from all over the country to assist in the revival. Toward the close of the campaign Mr. Moody had 125 meetings under his control. But probably

the most remarkable services of the whole campaign were those held in the circus tent. Mr. Moody secured the use of this exhibition tent for Sunday forenoon, the manager reserving it for the use of his show in the afternoon and evening. The great tent had sittings for ten thousand people. A circus man incredulously asked Mr. Moody if he expected to have three thousand hearers. Did he have them? Yes, not three thousand or ten thousand but eighteen thousand! And, while such throngs crowded into the tent to hear the Gospel, the circus manager was obliged to cancel his Sunday exhibitions because they were so poorly attended. He turned the tent over to Mr. Moody for afternoon and evening as well as morning. So all through the Sabbath day the circus tent—with its usual surrounding of ropes, trapezes and gaudy decorations—resounded with Gospel singing and preaching of the Word of God. Mr. Moody proved that the Gospel in its charm to attract and its power to save even in the midst of a world's fair.

The Welsh Revival—Perhaps the most talked of religious awakening of modern times is the "Welsh Revival". A young theological student, Evan Roberts, felt called of God to begin a meeting in his own town, Lougher in south Wales. People in great numbers were converted. From this simple beginning revivals began to break out here and there and everywhere without leaders, organization or direction. Evan Roberts and other preachers went everywhere preaching the Word. All of Wales was aflame with the spirit of great religious enthusiasm. In the stone cottages, in the tiny shops, in the railway carriages and at the street corners, people talked about the revival. Every church community was stirred to the depths. "Strong men wept in tears of penitence. Women were shaken with new fervor, and in the streets small children at their play hummed revival hymns". There was no advertising, and yet the newspapers carried little else than the glowing accounts of the revival. The people were not interested in any-

thing else, had no thought for anything else. Within five weeks' time there were 20,000 additions to the churches. The total number of conversions was much larger, and there is no way to measure the spiritual results of this remarkable religious awakening.

SOME PRESENT DAY REVIVALS

FROM our mission fields comes news of present day revivals that rival in spiritual power and results almost any religious awakening of the past. In Japan the Kingdom of God Movement, under the leadership of Kagawa, has produced a nation wide revival. In the province of Bessarabia in Rumania there has been a continuous revival ever since the World War. At the close of the war there were only about two hundred Baptists in this province, and now they number 9,200. If southern Baptists had increased in the same ratio in these post war years they would number far more than a hundred million. Dr. W. B. Bagby writes as follows of a revival in Brazil: "A most notable movement is taking place in Brazil right now, and a wonderful and extraordinary work is going on—caused by the marvelous preaching of an ex-priest (and two others) converted and baptized last year in Sao Paulo and who is now in North Brazil and being heard by literally thousands who eagerly press and crowd to hear the story of salvation from his lips. It is an extraordinary happening under God's guidance and means incalculable results for all of the field".

But from China comes perhaps the most remarkable revival story. Hwang-Hsien, in Shantung Province of north China, seems to be the center of this religious awakening. Misses Florence Lide and Lucy Wright describe this revival as follows: "This year we have had the most remarkable revival in the history of this work. There has been almost no preaching, no exhorting—only prayer and the silent powerful work of the Holy Spirit. It began with confession of sins among the missionaries and the Chinese church leaders. . . . Meetings lasted five or six hours at a

time with nothing but confession of sin, one after another bringing out the hidden, as well as the known, sins of his life. So deep was the work that hours for eating and sleeping passed by unnoticed, and so 'judgment began at the house of God'. When sin was faithfully dealt with and forgiveness received many were baptized with the Holy Spirit. It is like the story in the Book of Acts.

"This was during the first two weeks in February. About the middle of February schools opened and, after schedules were arranged, the revival broke out in the girls' school first. Whole nights were spent in prayer and confession of sin. Over a hundred teachers and pupils were set free from sin and baptized with the Holy Spirit. Next came the boys' school. On Sunday, March 13, a Sunday school class met. Upon the recital of God's work in the girls' school the power of God fell upon those boys. Before I reached the building the sound of weeping came to my ears. As I entered the room the students were on their knees crying out to God for mercy. Many were released, and shouts of victory and joy went up to the Savior for His great salvation.

"The revival has been going on for over six weeks. The Holy Spirit laid on the hearts of the students a great burden for the lost, and they cried out to schoolmates to repent and confess their sins. These schoolmates came under conviction and many were saved. Every Saturday afternoon the students go out to be His witnesses, 'beginning at Jerusalem'. Young and old seemed to feel the responsibility of warning the unsaved that 'the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand'. I heard of a movement initiated by the students to ask for a week's holiday to go out and preach to the unsaved. A group of young girls walked ten miles to be at the Sunday service in a large market town. At the morning service these school girls got up to tell of the great work of the Holy Spirit in the girls' school. Many of the church members broke down, weeping under the burden of sin. . . . Since

then we have heard that twenty-two in that town have been baptized with the Holy Spirit.

"The hospital also has received many blessings during these weeks. Several of the personnel have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Among these was the cook who came one morning bringing ten dollars, saying: 'It is not as much as I have stolen but it is all I can pay'. The enthusiasm of the boy nurses is especially lovely. All these boys, with the exception of a probationer who had not previously heard the Gospel, have received the blessing and are rejoicing in the Lord. 'Hallelujah, praise the Lord!' is the frequent greeting when Christians meet each other these days".

The effect of this wonderful revival is spreading far beyond Hwang-Hsien. Missionary Leonard of Harbin, Manchuria, writes: "God's Spirit is moving the people of Shantung Province and on up here in Manchuria. Harbin Christians needed greatly such a refreshing. We needed falling before God in confession of sins and getting right with Him, for there had been numerous divisions and other troubles in the churches displeasing to God. But the revival has been deep—scores have been healed, misgivings set aside and closer fellowship and real blessings resulted". Missionary Glass writes of the Pingtu field: "The revival tides are already sweeping the non-Christians and in some instances whole villages have been converted. Christ is conquering hearts that have been the hardest and most bitter".

Thus we see that in our mission fields the fires of revival are already burning. Surely this encourages us to pray with increasing zeal: "Lord, send a revival—a world wide revival!"

SOME THINGS TRUE OF ALL REVIVALS

A STUDY of the great revivals of the past and of the present reveals certain principles that are generally true of all revivals. We mention three.

Prayer—All revivals start and continue

in prayer. Pentecost was preceded by a ten-day prayer meeting. The great revival of 1857 was one continuous prayer meeting. During this revival a man, speaking in a Boston meeting, said: "I am from Omaha in Nebraska. On my journey east I have found a continuous prayer meeting all the way. We call it two thousand miles from Omaha to Boston: and here was a prayer meeting about two thousand miles in extent". Another, speaking of this revival, said: "It was simply a revival of prayer. Underlying the use of all external means and agencies was the predominating spirit of prayer". One, writing of the "Welsh Revival", explained it all in these words: "For a long time past the Welsh Christians had been moved to pray, especially for the quickening of religious life in their midst". It is said of the "Chinese Revival" that every week they had at least one all night prayer meeting. We can see how great a place prayer has had in all these revivals and must conclude that prayer is the power of all Holy Spirit revivals.

Proclamation of the Word—All these revivals were accompanied by the proclamation of the Word of God. The power of "The Great Awakening" was largely in the preaching of Jonathan Edwards, George Whitfield and other great evangelists who proclaimed the Word of God with faith and conviction. It is said that in the "Welsh Revival" everybody preached. One of the results of the "Chinese Revival" is that a middle aged woman is attending school to learn to read the Bible. She said, "Unless I can learn to read my Bible the devil will be sure to get me". The Bible and revivals, they go together! The Bible is the mother of revivals. "Quicken me according to Thy Word" is the continued cry of David in the 119th psalm. Any quickening that is not according to the Word of God is worth nothing and will soon pass away. The Bible is the life-giving Word which produces that new life, which is the essence of the real revival.

Great Manifestations of the Spirit—All great revivals are manifestations

of the Spirit of God. His spirit is in them with *convicting power*. We are told that under the preaching of Jonathan Edwards men and women often fell on their faces crying, "Have mercy! Have mercy!" Often in the meetings of the great evangelist, Charles G. Finney, sinners cried out for forgiveness before he said a word. This convicting power comes not only upon sinners but upon Christians. Indeed in every instance it is the Christians who first feel this convicting power of God's Spirit. As they confess their sins and make themselves right with God then sinners are led to repentance. Miss Lide in writing of the "Chinese Revival" says: "All sorts of sins were brought to light, confessed and forgiveness sought from God and man. Quarrels were made up, restitutions made to God and man, and misunderstandings were healed. Truly from the failure and disappointment of our doings He has brought miracles of His doing". These experiences remind us of God's promise: "Repent and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that so there may come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord".

The Spirit of God is also manifested in *saving power*. While the success of a revival cannot always be measured by the number saved, it is true that the fundamental purpose of a revival is to reach lost souls, and all great revivals from Pentecost to the present day have had their quota of those won to Christ.

In the last place the Spirit of God is manifested in *consecrating power*. Former Christians and new converts alike are led to give themselves to the Master's service. One of the results of "The Great Awakening" was a new impetus to the missionary cause. Henry Martyn, the first modern missionary to the Mohammedans, and other missionaries may be claimed as fruits of this great spiritual revival. We have already seen how the "Chinese Revival" is leading the Christians into evangelistic work. It is said that it is also leading many Christians to become tithers. "Christians have been convicted of the sin of robbing God of the tithe and have

brought in money to pay up the tithes in arrears. One man brought six hundred and more Chinese dollars. A woman returned eighty dollars. A poor paralytic, whose income for a year is about \$30, sent over six dollars as her tithe for the two years she has been a Christian and failed to pay God His tithe".

Now abideth, as essential parts of all revivals: **Prayer; the Proclamation of the Word; Great Manifestations of the Spirit!** These three! All are equally great, equally important, equally necessary. There can be no revival without them.

LORD, SEND A REVIVAL

AS we make this the prayer of our program — and, indeed, the prayer of the year 1933—let us ask and answer two questions: First, "Do we need a revival?" Second, "Have we hopes of a revival?"

Do We Need a Revival? Everything within us, everything around us prompts the response—"Yes! Yes! Yes!" *The church needs it.* Many members of the church are living in sin. They are not separated from the world as they should be. They are indulging in worldly pleasures. They care more about the card table than about the salvation of the lost. They care more about success in business than success in the Kingdom of God. Many church members are neglecting their Christian duty. They are not reading the Word of God. Some are even daring to question the inspiration of the Bible. Some of our preachers are turning aside from its precious truths to please the itching ears of their hearers with empty platitudes and fables. Our churches need a revival that will carry their people back to the Word of God in their reading, preaching, teaching and living. Also Christians are not praying as they should. The family altar has become almost extinct. Christians are failing to make use of this most blessed privilege and so are robbing themselves of God's benedictions and power. They are neglecting the services of God's house. Empty pews tell a story of faithlessness that cannot be denied.

Then, too, they are withholding their tithes and offerings. The financial condition of our churches and boards bears testimony to this truth. Few Christians are really consecrated to the work of the Lord. The churches need a revival in the hearts of their members that will lead them to turn from sin and lay their lives on the altar of consecrated service.

The world needs it! Our own nation and all the nations of the world need a revival of the Christian religion. Communism, crime, war, intemperance, immorality, disregard for all the laws of man and God, evils of all kinds are prevalent in all parts of the world. We read our newspaper, behold the evil tendencies around us and shudder to think what the world is coming to. The only thing that can save the world from these destructive forces is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. A world-wide revival of religion will produce world peace, world love and world salvation. We who are Christians need to hear God saying to us as He said of Israel of old: "If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land".

Lost people need it. There are still a billion people in the world who do not know Jesus as their Savior. They are without God and without hope in the world. They are bound by the fetters of sin. They grope in a world of hopeless darkness. They are as sheep without a shepherd. They are starving and have no bread. Unless they are born again they shall suffer eternal death. These lost people need a revival. They need the new birth. They are dying in sin and only new life in Christ Jesus can save them.

Have We Hope of a Revival? Are there indications today that we are approaching another great religious awakening? We feel that there are a number of good reasons for answering this question in the affirmative. In the first place, it is a law of revivals that every

great spiritual awakening has been preceded by a period of spiritual depression. The spiritual tide seems to ebb and flow. While we would not be too pessimistic about conditions in our churches, we must acknowledge that with all our activity we do not have the spiritual power that we should have. How else can we explain the hosts of unenlisted in all of our churches? How else can we explain the continued dropping off in our missionary offerings? How else can we explain the wave of modernism that has threatened the faith of our fathers? How else can we explain the spiritual lethargy upon the hearts of so many Christian people? But surely it does our hearts good to believe that this is just the period of intense darkness that always precedes the dawn of a revival day. And surely we find ourselves praying: "Lord, hasten the dawn of that day!"

Dr. James Burns in his book—*Revivals, Their Laws and Leaders*—gives us another hope for a coming revival. He calls attention to the fact that great religious movements synchronize with some crisis of national development or with some profound change coming over the social or political life of the people. He says: "When now we turn to the present social and political conditions, it is not difficult to see that a great silent revolution is taking place. Up from the depths there is emerging a multitude of the neglected demanding recognition, justice and human rights. A new cry is heard today. It is the cry of the under-fed and over-worked; of those who are awakening to a sense of bitter wrong and of social discontent. A vast multitude around us is awakening to a new sense of their rights, to a recognition that they are not 'dumb driven cattle' but men and women made in the image of God and having a right to the tree of life. All such awakenings are full of menace if unattended by spiritual illumination and allowed to grow in hostility to religion". The finger of scorn is pointed at Christian people for not living the principles of Christ in their dealings with their fellow men.

Surely only the Spirit of Christ applied to daily contacts and relationships can solve this problem. We are hoping that according to past experiences a great religious awakening will be the solution of this serious political and social condition.

Another indication of the approach of a revival is the fact that so many religious leaders are praying for it and prophesying it. There seems to be a general feeling among Christian people that we are on the eve of another religious awakening. One of our great Baptist leaders says that we are approaching either a great world wide revival or a great world wide revolution: he thinks that it will be a world wide revival. Dr. Burns says: "The church of Christ is not on the eve of perishing. It is on the eve of revival. For sure as day cometh when the long night is ended, so revival comes after every such time of tribulation. Nothing in the world is more certain than this. The question is not 'Will the church be revived?' One may as well ask, 'Will the sun rise tomorrow?' The question for us is 'Is the dawn near?' or 'Is the night but partly over?' On a question of this kind it would be impious to speak with authority, for it is not for us to know the times and the seasons which the Father has hidden in His own hand. At the same time there is much to encourage us to hope."

Another hope for a world wide revival is seen in the spirit of revival that prevails in our mission lands. The spiritual wave that is ebbing here is flowing with majestic power on mission fields. Never was there such a wide outlook or a more enthusiastic response. In China, in Japan, in Korea, in South America, in Europe, in Africa Christianity is making its way with marvelous swiftness. Haven't we a right to believe that the fire of spiritual fervor seen in the "Kingdom of God Movement" in Japan, in the great revival of north China, in the marvelous record for conversions in Bessarabia and in the great zeal for spiritual religion shown in Brazil is but the forerunner of a revival that

shall spread from pole to pole and from our own land even to the ends of the earth?

LET IT BEGIN IN ME

Lord, send a revival and let it begin in me! Is each one of us willing to add that last clause to our New Year prayer? We see the great need of a world wide revival. We see the dawning hope of such a revival coming soon. We want a world wide revival in 1933. How shall this come? Where shall it begin? The best place for a revival to start is in the hearts of individuals. Indeed it must start there. As individuals are revived churches are revived, communities are revived, nations are revived, the world is revived. God operates only in the hearts of individuals.

Lord, send a revival—and let it begin in me! I need new life. I want new life. With new life in my own heart I can help to bring new life to those who have never been born again. With a revival in my own soul I can help to bring a revival in the whole world. But how can I have a revival in my own soul?

I must pray for it! A revival cannot be worked up. It must be prayed down. I must deeply desire a new life. I must want the power of the Holy Spirit. I must crave a spiritual awakening in my own being. I must have a consuming passion for lost souls. I must desire above all else to see the world won to Christ, and for this I must pray without ceasing. I must pray with all the earnestness of my being: "Lord, send a revival and let it begin in me!"

I must work for it! I must give new life a chance to work its way into my soul. I must read God's Word faithfully, remembering that all spiritual quickening must come according to that Word. I must feed my spiritual nature by regularly attending the services of my church. I must faithfully pay my tithes and give my offerings to the Lord's work. I must eagerly grasp every opportunity for service. I must be al-

ways abounding in the work of the Lord. I must be faithful—in season, out of season, in all places, at all times, by all means—to Christ and His Kingdom. My life must reiterate, day by day, my New Year prayer: "Lord, send a revival and let it begin in me!"

If all members of the W.M.U. of the Southern Baptist Convention would

really pray this prayer through the year 1933, surely their petitions would unite at the throne of God with such power as to bring the desired revival. Other southern Baptist women may fail to do this, but I will not. With my lips, with my life, in the depth of my soul, day by day, I will earnestly pray: "Lord, send a revival and let it begin in me!"

In the words of Mr. B. B. McKinney of Texas:

SEND a revival, O Christ my Lord!

Let it go over the land and sea.
Send it according to Thy dear Word,
And let it begin in me.

Send a revival among Thine own;
Help us to turn from our sins away.
Let us get nearer the Father's throne;
Revive us again we pray.

Send a revival to those in sin;
Help them, O Jesus, to turn to Thee.
Let them the new life in Thee begin;
Oh, give them the victory.

Send a revival in every heart;
Draw the world nearer, O Lord, to Thee.
Let Thy salvation true joy impart,
And let it begin in me.

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. What is the general topic for our program this year?
2. What is a revival?
3. How is the Bible a manual of revivals?
4. What is the first great revival of the Christian era?
5. Mention some other great revivals in Christian history.
6. Recall some revivals in which you have had a part. How did these bless you?
7. Mention some characteristics of all these revivals.
8. Name some of the great evangelists.
9. Tell of some present day revivals.
10. Give some reasons why we need a world wide revival today.
11. Give some reasons for believing that we are approaching a great revival.
12. How may we, as individuals, help to bring a revival?

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



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

The SEAS of 1933

The urge of our 1933 watchword recalls John Oxenham's vigorous lines:

"We break new seas today—
Our eager keels quest unaccustomed waters.
And from the vast uncharted waste in front
The mystic circles leap
To greet our prows with mightiest possibilities!"



Because this is Boys' Year—the celebration of twenty-five years of organized Royal Ambassador activity—the superlative is unquestionably true as describing the possibilities of 1933. As we launch into the year's tasks this celebration should give impetus and buoyancy to all W.M.U. work. If we can conserve the boy power of our churches we shall surmount waves of difficulty in the future. The "Southwide Committee on Missionary Education of W.M.U. Young People" upon careful deliberation has set definite goals for our R.A. endeavors. They are not impossible mirages, that lure

without hope of achievement, but are steady sensible beacons that signal for sustained effort in this calendar year of 1933:

**4000 Royal Ambassador Chapters
40000 Royal Ambassador Members
\$30000 Gifts to Cooperative Program**

Associational young people's leaders will be busy starting additional chapters and helping new organizations become well established. Boys everywhere are eager for Royal Ambassador life when they know about it. Plan so that a chapter may go to an unorganized group, presenting a regular monthly program or telling in frank boy's way what R.A. means to them. Send representatives to put on the initiation when the organization is perfected. It will be a revelation to the men of the church and will inculcate in them a zealous interest in behalf of R.A. work if they are invited to a regular chapter meeting.

Early in 1933 a "Guide for Counselors of Royal Ambassador Chapters" will be on sale, full of valuable pointers for better R.A. leadership. Revised R.A. Manual for the members will also be ready, containing new "Allegiance", slightly altered "Commission and Declaration of the Order", a full scheme of projects for intermediate Royal Ambassadors leading to higher ranks than the four familiar ones. As new organizations come into existence or as organizations renew their activities with keener zeal, attention of the counselors is called to the Royal Ambassador Charter which may be ordered for 25c through state W.M.U. headquarters (addresses on page 2). This is a fine lithographed certificate to grace the chapter meeting-place and to serve as tangible sign of membership in a large and growing international "Order". Many R.A. Chapters are building "chapter houses"—a log hut, the upstairs of a garage, an attic room, wherever the chapter finds adequate meeting-place the term "chapter house" is applicable and is

proudly used. Here chapter paraphernalia may be kept—Bibles, "swords", knights' accoutrements, record books, files of "World Comrades", library books ready for reference etc. Why couldn't your chapter be provided with a real place for its meetings? It would be a fine present for the Woman's Missionary Society to make to its chapter during this anniversary year. The small investment—it might not involve actual money, just thought in locating the place—would be well worth making.

A newspaper cartoon recently showed a combined picture of a boy in school and a criminal in prison stripes: the statement was made that it cost in that southern state \$100 a year to keep a child in school and \$300 a year to keep a criminal in prison. Why not weigh W.M.S. expenditures in behalf of Royal Ambassadors in some such light: the annual cost, so much—the annual loss to the church and denomination, of unenlisted men as so much? The results would spur your society to real fostering.

"World Comrades" will seek to carry special Royal Ambassador features throughout the months of 1933 that will enhance the magazine in boys' eyes. Every W.M.S. should earnestly seek for individual subscribers to this magazine for childhood and youth. Three copies for each organization is a good beginning but members who have the magazine in their own home, as their own magazine, inhale a missionary atmosphere which is most helpful. Counselors and young people's directors of W.M.U. young people's organizations should second the urging of the W.M.S. Literature Committee in behalf of subscriptions to both "World Comrades" and "The Window of Y.W.A." What are the children and youth of your church reading? What are your young women reading? Feeding on movie magazines, detective or sex stories will scarcely result in missionary minded Christians. "World Comrades" and "The Window of Y.W.A." are each only \$1 in subscription price—less than 2c a week for each! Is that not reasonable, even cheap for all they mean of determination of interest and character building?

In the year 1933, while attention turns with gay respect and commendation to Royal Ambassador activities, we must not slacken our fostering of other missionary education organizations. If the Sunbeam Band, the Girls' Auxiliary, the Royal Ambassador Chapter, the Young Woman's Auxiliary in your church have never before been A-1, set your heart and mind to make them so in 1933. And why not let this year be the year in which your entire church is honored by having a "Full Graded A-1 W.M.U. Family?" A little more care, a little more prayer, a little more effort and the blessings and the honor are yours. Both "World Comrades" and "The Window of Y.W.A." have suggestions for variety in presenting and in marking the Standard of Excellence wall charts, which will be helpfully stimulating. The enthusiasm of young people's director and of counselor will be caught by the officers, committee chairmen and members: all striving together, "being A-1" can readily become reality.

As you look down the months of 1933 it is well to sight the special dates of interest—state camps and houseparties, associational conclaves and councils. These are veritable "treasure isles" on the sea of 1933 and should be anticipated and planned for unstintedly. Your state young people's secretary will be sending news of state dates: mark them in your memory, make posters to keep them before your membership. The Southwide Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgcrest will begin Tuesday night, June 27, and will continue through Thursday night, July 6. Your Y. W. A. having once been represented needs no second urging; if your Y.W.A. has never had a member present, let it begin in 1933.

Innumerable good things open during the New Year. Let young people's director and all counselors launch eagerly into the untrod way, fearing not any passing puff of difficulty, knowing that the seas of God touch eternal shores and that no matter what the gale "the Pilot knows the unknown seas and He will bring us through".



MARGARET FUND



Chairman: Mrs. Frank Burney, Waynesboro, Ga.

A TRUST to KEEP, a CAUSE to MAGNIFY



Deep and keen is the realization, on the part of the Margaret Fund Committee, that "a 'trust' to keep 'we' have". The Margaret Fund is a memorial fund, with rules and regulations which govern the committee in its decisions. No scholarship is ever a careless or hasty gift but is weighed and measured by a standard, which helps to keep it inviolate. In the present changing conditions and with exceptions requested, more and more do we realize the responsibility of handling and holding this sacred "trust".

There are some points that we need to remember. This assistance for higher education for our missionaries' sons and daughters cannot be looked upon as something due them. 'Tis a love gift and can no more be demanded than a Christmas present. The endowment money of the Margaret Fund is held intact, and only the interest with the yearly contributions from the states to this cause can be counted on for each year's scholarships. Thus it is necessary for applications to reach the committee before the May annual meeting, so that we may know how to plan for the year's expenditures and may consider carefully each application. This applies equally to those seeking renewals and those applying for the first time.

As with other causes there has been less money given to our fund this past year, which will necessarily mean fewer scholarships can be granted. How your committee would rejoice if this cause could be so magnified that funds will flow in, so that there would be ample means for every request!

This committee, which is so vitally linked with missionaries, grieves and sorrows because of their added burdens these days. Happy are we if our Margaret Fund does somewhat lighten their burdens.

We ask every missionary to study carefully our standard before requesting scholarships.

Who are eligible?

Sons and daughters of a regular S. B. C. missionary in active service under the Foreign Mission Board or in case of Home Board missionaries in countries outside of the United States; or of a former S. B. C. missionary who had to retire on account of ill health incurred in active service, and whose health continues to be seriously impaired; or of one who at death was serving under the Foreign Mission Board or under the Home Mission Board of the S. B. C. in countries outside of the states.

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

The Margaret Fund Committee feels keenly its responsibility and must be true to its trust. It asks for an understanding and sympathetic co-operation.—Mrs. Frank Burney

January is an ideal month for mission study classes.



TRAINING SCHOOL



Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, Principal, 334 E. Broadway, Louisville, Ky.

EXTENSION: The PRIMARY PURPOSE of OUR SCHOOL



Life has set herself to teach us a great many lessons. She uses oftener and more successfully the textbook of adversity than that of prosperity. The New Year finds us in the midst of a great program of extension in Woman's Missionary Union. Like countless of our predecessors perhaps, we had to have the superabundance of material wealth taken away before we could adequately appreciate the unused human wealth. The deadening blight of things had to be removed before we could properly evaluate people.

The Training School, like any faithful child of a noble mother, desires to make her contribution to the success of this undertaking in which all W.M.U. forces are joined. The primary purpose of this school has always been extension, but she wishes to underscore the word with renewed emphasis. Therefore she has set herself this year—

To carry forward the work at hand with renewed zeal. There is great need in this city of more than three hundred thousand people. In our own Good Will Center and in five other settlements in the city, as well as in several missions—all located in crowded sections where people are facing difficulties unknown to this generation during the last twelve years—our students are striving to bring help and cheer. In nine churches, where it is difficult to get sufficient teachers and leaders to take care of the crowds, they are doing "with their might what their hands find to do". Into four institutions they are taking cheer, comfort, guidance as the need dictates. In leadership training schools, in mission study classes, as speakers before various groups faculty and students alike are feeling the urge to carry forward the work with more

earnest purpose and renewed consecration to the task in hand.

To make more comprehensive the meaning of the Christian life and mission. Extension in this movement means, first of all, getting the other person, group or church committed to the cooperative missionary task for which our denomination is responsible. It means, also, getting all of the individual, all those areas of individual life that remain unChristianized. Charles M. Sheldon's recent book, "Jesus Is Here", reminds one that the Saviour of mankind is still clamoring for expression through the minister, the Christian professional worker, yes, and also the doctor, the politician, the teacher, the shop girl, in fact, through all the life of every professing Christian. Beginning in our own lives first of all in this house of prayer, we are striving to make more comprehensive in the lives of others the meaning of that well-known truth: "The Kingdom of Heaven is within you".

To extend the influence of the Training School, so that more and more of our young women may grasp the opportunities offered in its classrooms Woman's Missionary Union "holds out as a gift" to every Christian young woman—strong in body, prepared in mind, earnest in spirit—the priceless privilege of one or two years of study in this school whose advantages are unique. Her generous support makes it possible to offer such low rates that the privilege is within reach of any who meet the requirements for entrance. "When yesterday was young" every girl who could afford it went to "finishing school" so that she might properly fill her place in society. Today the alert Christian young woman has a higher ideal of what it means to fill her place in society. She wants to take her place

in the church, the community, the office, the school room, as the best Christian worker that training and education can make her. By availing herself of

this gift of preparation which Woman's Missionary Union extends to her, she can extend her influence for good immeasurably.—*Carrie U. Littlejohn*

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a mustard seed of Kingdom missionary endeavor in some church now unenlisted in the missionary enterprise. "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully". Scatter your mustard seeds! Be not weary in well doing. We will reap if we faint not.

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false interpretations of God in Africa; such as Mohammedanism. Latest developments in our own work. Results that have come from our own investments. Need for missionaries and equipment. The possibilities on our own field

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

BOOK REVIEWS

Mrs. Julian P. Thomas, Virginia

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

LIVING ISSUES in CHINA



Of exceptional value to advanced classes is "Living Issues in China" recently published by the Friendship Press. The author, Dr. Henry T. Hodgkin, was born in England and educated at Cambridge. He served as a practicing physician in west China for a number of years, visited many countries in the orient and has lived in both England and America.

He believes that the missionary effort for China must take account for her physical, economic, political and social life. He shows the drastic changes that have taken place in the country in recent years.

Especially informing is his statement of the attitude of China to Sun-Yat-Sen and his three principles. He emphasizes the change in China from a mission-centered to a church-centered point of view. Price: paper 60c, cloth \$1

JAPAN SPEAKS for HERSELF

"JAPAN Speaks for Herself" is another volume of the "Christian Voices around the World" series published by the Missionary Education Movement. These books are most helpful to all who wish to see the reaction of nationals to the missionary efforts of the Christian churches of America.

The entire frankness of these Japanese writers is most revealing as to what can still be done by missionaries to Japan. While a few think the foreign missionary is no longer needed, the large majority feel he still has a wonderful service to render. All agree that he must be sympathetic, understanding and of high character. Most emphatically do they insist that the Japanese must now take over the leadership and that the foreign missionary must work as an associate. Price: paper 75c, cloth \$1.25

GOOD TIDINGS

A SHORT study of the missionary message of the Bible is found in the little book, "Good Tidings", by Mrs. Virginia Ware Frazer of Virginia. She knows and loves her subject and has given a concise and usable study for missionary circles and small societies.

The preface tells us the book is neither a literary product nor a comprehensive view of the message. The writer thinks that the command to go will mean little unless we understand the message. This, she believes, is the motive which is the imperative of missions, and a large part of the book is given to the story of this message, other chapters being on the sender and the field.

The book can be recommended as being just what many societies need and desire. Price: paper 25c

OUT of the STORM in CHINA

THE fact, that most of the protestant denominations are studying China at this time, makes the publication of Dr. Wm. B. Lippard's book—"Out of the Storm in China"—particularly acceptable. Dr. Lippard is one of the secretaries of the Northern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. In writing this thrilling story of the mission work of this board, he has had access to sources not usually available.

The book is in no sense sectarian but deals with conditions and problems that affect all religious workers in China. Most illuminating are the closing chapters stressing the need of leadership among the Chinese and the preparation of Chinese Christians for the future.

The work of Shanghai University, in which northern and southern Baptists cooperate, is highly commended. Price: cloth \$1.50

SOCIETY METHODS (Concluded from Page 9)

president who held *monthly conferences* with the counselors. Here the efficiency of the Y.W.A. and junior organizations was measured by their respective standards. No other factor meant as much in attaining A-1 rank as these helpful meetings.

The third and outstanding factor, no doubt, was the *marking monthly of the W.M.S. standard* by the secretary who kept at her finger tips all necessary information. No single individual did more in placing the responsibility on the officers responsible for the various points than the secretary.

This leads to the fourth factor, namely, *each officer felt that A-1 attainment depended on her*. The first vice president set the pace. With the aid of the church secretary she listed all Baptist women in our church and community who did not belong to the Woman's Missionary Society. These names were equally divided among the circles and given out at intervals by the personal service chairman as directed work. Quality programs under the direction of the second vice president were altogether responsible for the attendance which was well over the percentage required by point 9. After all, the whole story can be told in *one word—Co-operation—* spelled with a capital letter!—*Mrs. Wm. McMurry, Memphis, Tenn.*

"A THING worth having is a thing worth working for". When the

"thing" desired is an A-1 society, it certainly calls for work but it is worth all the time and energy spent. Our society was successful in reaching this goal in 1931. By request I submit the following suggestions.

First: a society must have informed, consecrated leadership. No ship can run a true course without a pilot and officers who know the chart of the seas to be sailed. Each W.M.S. is a ship of Zion and its leadership is important.

Second: enthusiastic cooperation is needed from every member. The pilot can steer but cannot make a successful voyage unless crew does its full part.

Third: frequent mission study classes are essential, as they supply information and consecration. Mission study is to a society what fuel is to a ship: without it, a society would stand as still as a ship without fuel.

Fourth: there should be kept constantly before the society the Standard of Excellence, emphasizing each point. The standard is to a society what a compass is to a ship.

Fifth: there is need for unceasing prayer. As a pilot must be kept in constant touch with his captain that his orders may be carried out, just so a society must be in constant touch with the Captain of our souls, who alone can guide our ships of Zion through troublous seas to a safe harbor.—*Mrs. H. A. Dudley, First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia*

BIBLE STUDY (Concluded from Page 12)

Bible were false. Interrupting him without apology she said: "Son, I've lived a long time. I have experienced joy in the Bible. Nothing that you can tell me will take away my love for it or my faith in it".

"Oh how I love Thy holy law!
'Tis daily my delight;
And thence my meditations draw
Divine advice by night.

"My waking eyes prevent the day
To meditate Thy Word;
My soul with longing melts away
To hear Thy Gospel, Lord".

WATCHWORD for NEW YEAR

"Launch out into the deep and let down your nets".

—Luke 5:4

CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

Roger Babson—the statistician who is perhaps better able than any man in America to judge accurately any business situation and its causes—foresaw the present business depression and said it was not due to economic conditions but to failure in spiritual life. Recently before a group of representative business men he said: "Our present depression would end not in a revival of business methods but in a revival of spiritual life".

According to the 116th annual report of the American Bible Society in the year 1931 the society issued at home and abroad: 273,520 Bibles, 479,540 Testaments and 8,992,296 portions, making a total of 9,745,356 volumes. Work was done in 182 languages and dialects. Two languages received translation for the first time; another, the entire New Testament.

The Foreign Mission Board reported 16,568 conversions on our foreign fields last year. Dr. Ray accounted for this largest number ever reported, in spite of the fact that the number of our missionaries has been greatly decreased, in the following statement: "It was due to the fact that through the years our missionaries have been training a native ministry which is now leading in a wonderful way the native churches in a far more active and effective service".

Rev. Chas. A. Leonard Sr. writing of the great revival in north China says: "There are many people throughout the world praying earnestly for a world-wide revival at this time when there is so much distress in the earth. It may be that the working of God's Spirit here in China is the beginning or a part of a wider blessing that is to come among the Lord's people throughout the earth".

The students of a Presbyterian Bible Seminary in west Africa spent their month's vacation in doing personal evangelism. When the reports were all in it was discovered that eleven hundred and five had confessed Christ as a result of this house-to-house evangelism.

In the "Restoration Herald" a Christian worker tells of a visit to Maleck, a city in Poland about 45 miles from the nearest mission station, which has neither Bible nor Christian literature of any kind. A small Russian Greek orthodox church has been closed for three years and there is a small Jewish synagogue with but a few old people in its membership.

G. D. McGruder, missionary, writing of work among the Negroes in Louisiana says: "This year has surpassed that of many others in conversions. Hundreds of converts are being brought into the churches. Great emphasis is being placed upon repentance and faith. Sinners are being made to understand that singing and praying cannot save them. Belief in Christ alone can save. The atonement and free salvation are being preached in a very simple and plain manner".

Speaking in the House of Lords, soon after the death of Lord Roberts, Lord Curzon quoted from the last letter that the great field marshal of Great Britain had written him: "We have had family prayer for 55 years. A revival of the old fashioned family altar in the homes of church members would, in the opinion of the editor of this paper, contribute in no small degree to a revival of spiritual life throughout our own and other lands".

NINE MONTHS' REPORT of WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

January 1, 1932 to October 1, 1932

Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, Treasurer

STATES	Margaret Fund and Training School		Cooperative Program	
	Apportionment for Year	Amount Paid	Apportionment for Year	Amount Paid
Alabama.....	\$ 2,200	\$ 1,649.93	\$ 97,800	\$ 53,733.14
Arizona.....	30	23.00	1,000	545.26
Arkansas.....	1,000	708.20	35,000	17,832.18
Dist. of Col.....	200	25,000	9,553.10
Florida.....	500	416.60	60,000	35,220.85
Georgia.....	3,300	2,750.00	196,700	119,155.67
Illinois.....	600	313.97	22,000	14,709.50
Kentucky.....	3,124	2,343.00	130,876	78,222.68
Louisiana.....	500	2.00	46,800	31,401.06
Maryland.....	400	400.00	20,000	15,712.38
Mississippi.....	2,020	1,005.00	60,000	32,138.57
Missouri.....	2,280	1,710.00	40,000	40,899.13
New Mexico.....	100	125.00	7,500	7,093.60
North Carolina.....	2,000	1,068.02	248,000	110,261.07
Oklahoma.....	1,500	1,250.00	50,000	31,739.31
S. Carolina.....	2,000	900.00	133,000	62,859.72
Tennessee.....	2,000	1,525.00	140,000	85,088.38
Texas.....	2,400	1,200.00	247,600	106,668.09
Virginia.....	3,760	2,820.00	256,000	165,920.39
Totals.....	\$29,814	\$20,209.72	\$1,817,276	\$1,008,752.03

From OUR MISSIONARIES (Concluded from Page 8)

lukewarm Christians! But the Lord commanded us to sow—He will reap the harvest. And when we look on a family like this we say: "Surely the seed has fallen in good ground, for it brings forth an hundred fold". Oh! May we sow,

unsparingly! May God bless our sowing and may the Maia family be greatly blest and continue to be a blessing to Brazil, that others may hear also and be saved.—Ray Buster, Bello Horizonte, Brazil

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Third Quarterly Report, July 1, 1932 to October 1, 1932

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STATES	Reported by State Treasurers as Having Been Remitted by Them to the Respective Boards						Received by W. M. U. Treasurer		Cash Total		
	Cooperative Program Undivided	Special Emergency Relief Fund	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Ministerial Relief	Christian Education	State Missions and Other Objects in S. B. C. Program	W. M. U. Training School Executive Committee S. B. C.		Scholarship Fund	
Ala.....	\$	\$ 3,292.27	\$ 2,723.84	\$ 1,208.28	\$ 478.14	\$ 4,397.31	\$ 6,073.06	\$ 549.96	\$ 38.64	\$ 300.00	\$ 19,061.50
Ariz.....			14.94	6.98	2.09	5.13	149.00	2.00	.79		180.93
ARK.....	4,180.14	1,658.33	121.24	8.09		131.37	1,051.74	227.57	2.42	200.00	7,580.90
D. C.....			473.52	473.52			631.36		3.73		1,582.13
Fla.....	1,242.85		1,669.47	807.83	233.28	787.87	3,715.43	166.89	30.48	50.00	8,704.10
Ga.....	4,176.64		2,484.08	139.84	5.50	46.81	1,239.87	940.35	19.29	500.00	35,817.20
***Ill.....	711.13		548.33	221.15	33.86	248.95	12,277.05	96.94	1.31	100.00	14,238.72
Ky.....	4,464.04		6,076.27	2,658.76	773.07	4,085.42	9,524.46		76.70		27,658.72
La.....			403.66	188.30	56.74	1,500.49	8,669.91			75.00	10,896.92
Md.....		11.70	1,147.16	222.03	222.03	259.03	2,451.36				4,313.31
Miss.....			2,317.46	1,162.04	132.52	1,685.07	2,502.33	250.00	32.56	150.00	8,231.98
Mo.....			4,590.35	2,426.83	232.49	1,755.74	6,514.99	570.00	39.92		16,130.32
N. M.....							3,253.31	25.00			3,278.31
N. C.....	25,545.05	795.99	798.95	208.48	208.48	424.55	5,799.95	1,051.40	83.06	500.00	35,207.43
Okl.....	2,468.09	934.00	934.00	434.00	163.00	984.00	1,995.85	*376.00			7,383.94
S. C.....	965.63	6,088.32	2,798.44	2,798.44	837.70	2,335.40	9,187.96	300.00	71.51	250.00	22,835.55
Tenn.....	3,330.80	6,696.47	3,107.46	925.05	9,239.36	12,613.59	1,000.00	1,000.00	96.80		36,909.53
Tex.....	3,371.73	6,096.03	2,682.78	1,312.90	18,662.89	32,904.28			35.84		65,036.45
Va.....	9,394.79	15,029.56	5,459.14	1,624.21	12,671.75	20,822.15		940.00	194.63	300.00	66,436.23
Special Gifts.....									.31		
Totals.....	\$55,790.01	\$35,883.99	\$58,214.15	\$24,183.95	\$7,032.58	\$59,221.23	\$141,277.65	\$ 6,495.11	\$ 730.81	\$ 2,425.00	\$391,254.48

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