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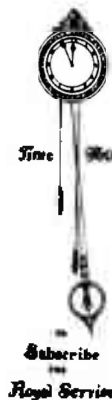
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 Present work of the Home Mission Board with especial emphasis on the influence of the Gospel in human hearts, transforming lives. Results of investing our money in home missions. Stories of what has happened recently on home mission fields where the Bible has gone to those who never had it before. (For other months' topics see pages 26-27 of 1933 W.M.U. Year Book.)

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EDITORIAL

PUTTING the WORLD on ITS FEET

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



Every way humanity turns it meets plans, suggestions, methods, legislation calculated to put the world on its feet. Great economic perplexities exist everywhere. As Will Rogers says, "Our financial giants have failed to giant". Many people are bewildered, discouraged and in need. In its study this month, the Union quietly turns to the true source of world recovery—the influence of the Word of God. The Word not only influences the homeland but the extremities of the earth. Its power is not only temporal but eternal for it links time with eternity. Jesus says: "Heaven and earth shall pass away; but My words shall not pass away". Thus, in studying and living and sharing the words of life, one turns to imperishable forces.

Long ago Seneca said: "It is nothing for a man to hold up his head in a calm; but to maintain his post when all others have quitted the ground, where all other men are beaten down—this is divine and praiseworthy". Today the believers in the Word of God are alone calm and trustful when many forces, thought essential, are falling. They know that if all fail and pass away, God's words will remain. In the midst of distress, poverty and hunger, they find Jesus the Bread of Life, the Light of the World.

Home missions is this faith on foot. It enters the fields of evangelism; the foreign settlements in the heart of the south. It enters the homes of the "Red man" and the Jew. It touches the rim of Baptist opportunity in more than nine million Negroes. It climbs the mountains with the Word and sets up a "Light-house" for the sailors. It enters field after field to lift and bless.

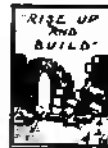
Opportunities to put the world on its feet lie all about us. It requires no special training or appointment to be a Good Samaritan to the foreigner in our midst or speak to the unsaved about Jesus. The Master's examination certificate contains but three questions: "Lovest thou Me?" "Then feed My sheep". Where our hands cannot reach, our prayers and gifts may encompass. Frederick the Great said that his father's love of God had gone very far but there was no thought of love for his neighbors. Our love of God must express itself in love for His children. We can live the spirit of home missions just where we are.

Soon (March 6-10 inclusive) we are to pray definitely for home missions. Where two or three gather in His name and agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them by the Father in Heaven. Such prayer can be great power. It can be our greatest contribution. When McCheyne died, it was said the heaviest blow to his brethren, his people and his land was the loss of his intercession. Nothing would so hearten the home mission workers as to know our Union was fervently interceding for them. Once a fireman at the top of his ladder, driven back by the smoke and flame, wavered and retreated. Someone below perceived his plight and said, "Let us cheer him!" Wave after wave of cheering arose. It reached the almost exhausted fireman and galvanized him into action. He entered the window and brought a life to safety. So wave after wave of prayer, storming the throne, will bring strength and power and a new day for missions.

Having once known the enlarged offering of last year, we can never again

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March Week of Prayer and Thank-Offering for Home Missions March 6-10 Inclusive



Since 1895 Woman's Missionary Union has each year set aside a week near the first of March for intensive study of, earnest praying for and a thank-offering in behalf of home missions. The inclusive dates for this year's "Week of Prayer for Home Missions" are March 6-10. The week's theme—"For My Countrymen's Salvation"—is based on the Scripture as found in Romans 10:1. The poster design for the week is the frontispiece in the booklet mentioned on the front cover page of this magazine, on page 36 of which is further information as to ordering the poster. Its design, as well as that on the week's envelopes and for the illustration on the front cover page of this magazine, is the generous gift of Mrs. Wm. H. Wright of Roanoke, Ala. The goal for the week's offering is \$80,000. The following list shows the various Home Board workers and work that will thereby be maintained. The page is perforated to enhance its usefulness. May it be true of each of us, who are members of W.M.U. organizations, always but especially when we prepare for and participate in this "March Week of Prayer and Thank-Offering for Home Missions", that "the longing of my heart and my prayer to God on behalf of my countrymen is for their salvation" (Romans 10:1).

INDEPENDENT and DIRECT MISSIONS

Alabama	
A. Puclarelli, Birmingham	\$ 1,000
Good Will Center, Birmingham	500
Mary Headen, Birmingham	600
Florida	
J. F. Plainfield, Tampa (Italian)	1,620
Mrs. J. F. Plainfield, Tampa (Italian)	540
Fannie H. Taylor, Tampa (Italian)	1,000
Workers at Tampa	890
Mrs. Aurelia Bazz, Tampa	740
Illinois	
Mary E. Kelly, Christopher	600
Mildred Bollinger, E. St. Louis	1,000
Workers for West Frankfort	600
New Mexico	
J. G. Sanchez, Albuquerque	720
J. B. Parker, Albuquerque (Salary)	900
Texas	
<i>Work among Mexicans</i>	
Paul C. Bell, Baptist Institute (Salary and Expenses)	2,000
Mrs. Paul C. Bell	500
J. G. Gonzalez, Austin	100
Mrs. J. G. Gonzalez	300
A. Valer, El Paso	1,000
Gladys McLanahan, El Paso	600
Lillie Mae Weatherford, El Paso	600
Geo. B. Mission, Brownsville	900
Donata Ruiz, San Angelo	900
Daniel Belardo, Corpus Christi	600
Cayetano Garcia, Uvalde	600
J. A. Lopez, Pearsall	600
Joel E. Garcia, Cameron	100
Andres R. Carrasco, Laredo	300
Moses Robledo, Eagle Lake	300
Mattias C. Garcia, San Antonio	600
Abel R. Rodriguez, Kerrville	600
<i>Work among Chinese</i>	
Miss Ollie Llewellyn, San Antonio	120
Louisiana	
Acadia Academy, Church Point	4,500
J. W. Newbrough, Rescue Mission, New Orleans	2,200
<i>Work among Ooaf</i>	
J. W. Michaels, Mountainburg, Ark.	1,600
A. O. Wilcox, Dallas, Texas	1,470

INDIANS

Alabama	
R. M. Averitt and Wife	340
New Mexico	
Worker at Albuquerque	440
George Wilson, Albuquerque	900
C. W. Burnett, Albuquerque	1,100
North Carolina Indian Work	500
Oklahoma	
A. W. Hancock and Mrs. Hancock, Shawnee	900
D. D. Cooper, Shawnee	540
A. Worthington, Pawbucka	1,210
Gladys Sharp, Fairfax	1,500
R. R. Beard, Pawnee	1,140
Grace Clifford, Nardin	100
Pascal Arpalo, Krebs (Italian)	900

NEGROES

National Baptist Convention Workers	
T. Theo. Lovelace, Cor. Sec'y	400
R. J. Moore, Tuscaloosa, Ala.	240
G. D. McBruder, Union, La.	240
R. T. Pollard, Selma, Ala.	140
Wiles W. Jenkins, Abilene, Texas	240
Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence	
Salary	\$ 1,600
Travel	600
Stenographer and Office Expense	800
	1,000
Mrs. Emma Leachman (Salary and Travel)	2,500
Jewish Work by Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus	1,000
Panama	500

CUBAN WORK

Eva Smith—Salary	810
Maria Perez—Salary	120
Maria Mendez—Salary	480
Mrs. Orjales—Salary	400
M. R. Vivanco—Salary	960
Josefa Munoz—Salary	340
Edelmira Robinson—Salary	810
Mrs. H. R. Money—Salary	810
E. Becerra—Salary	940
Ribano Molina—Salary	514
A. Martinez—Salary	980
Virginia Perez—Salary	470
A. S. Rodriguez—Salary	574
A. S. Rodriguez—Travel and Rent	481
M. A. Gonzalez—Salary	574
Rafael Fraguela—Salary	574
J. M. Fleyres—Salary	710
Placetas Mission—Rent	360
A. Corujedo—Salary	964
A. Lopez—Salary	534
Christine Garnett—Salary	810
Christine Garnett—Rent	340
M. A. Calleira—Salary	640
R. R. Machado—Salary	640
R. R. Machado—Rent	300
R. Alfonso—Salary	400
M. M. Galejo—Salary	340
M. M. Galejo—Rent	460
Jacobo Gonzalez—Salary	470
Jacobo Gonzalez—Rent	940
J. L. Giron—Salary	300
J. L. Giron—Rent	470
F. Santana—Salary	300
F. Santana—Rent	840
Juan Bautista Ferrer—Salary and Travel	840
J. M. Alarquez—Salary and Travel	840
Medical Work, Cardenas	670
Arturo Pontigo—Salary	400
Ismael Negrin—Salary	400
Filomeno Hernandez—Salary	280
A. Pereira—Salary and Rent	240
E. Vasquez—Salary and Rent	300
Filomeno Hernandez—Rent	400
D. Hernandez—Salary	400
W.M.U. Work	400

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ENLISTMENT

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YOU say that your mission study has opened your eyes to the need:
Did you tell your neighbor about it and lend her your book to read?
Did you ask her to come to your meeting and back up the effort with prayer,
Till she felt the tug at her heartstrings and wanted to do her share?

You say your hands are so full you simply can't do any more:
Divide up the things you are doing, enlist the woman next door.
Perhaps the reason she's careless and leaves all the burden to you
Is that you have not made her welcome and given her something to do.

The little church at the crossroads needs only a helping hand
To train and encourage its efforts, till it will be able to stand
And reach out in turn to help others and tell them why Jesus died,
Till the whole world hears the story of a Saviour crucified.

Not for you alone these blessings, that from study, work and prayer
Come only to God's children, but pass along a share.
Gather up your untrained women, little children, girls and boys,
Teach them how by earnest service they will find life's sweetest joys.

Training, teaching all, who love Him, better how His work to do;
Winning one by one for service as the Master taught us to.
Don't forget the "whosoever", Heaven's doors are opened wide,
All are needed, all are welcome, 'twas for all the world He died.

—Mrs. J. S. King, Arkansas

The WHY and HOW

TO BE enlisted in a W. M. S. will enlarge one's vision of the missionary task, it will develop a world love and will widen the circle of one's friends. It will give one the opportunity for Christian growth and bring a new realization of Christian stewardship. It will conserve the smallest missionary impulse and will help one to invest her talents, time, influence, love, money and life for Him. The W. M. U. organizations grow character, give joy in work, increase ability and usefulness.

The first essential to a successful enlistment effort is for first vice president (chairman of enlistment) with her committee (a member from each circle) to secure name and address of each eligible person on the church roll. Divide these unenlisted names, giving a list to the enlistment woman of each circle. These are souls upon their hands and a challenge to each to do her best by house-to-house visitation, prayer and perseverance.

Another aid in enlistment is for the program chairman to see that her committee functions and that good programs are rendered. A Church School of Missions is an excellent method of enlisting. Messages by a returned missionary will produce zest and enthusiasm.

Name circles for living missionaries on home and foreign fields. Study their lives and about their work. Have them visit you while they are on furlough if possible. Change circles annually or at least every two years. Leaders and mem-

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SOCIETY METHODS



Not until the middle of March will the Birmingham headquarters know which churches during the calendar year of 1932 maintained an A-1 Full Graded W.M.U. However, the remarkably fine record is known for the calendar year of 1931: from many of the churches included in that "Roll of Honor" the following practical suggestions have been received. Sincere is the hope that these articles will persuade other churches to decide to be A-1 for this calendar year of 1933. The essential requirements are listed on page 49 of the 1933 W.M.U. Year Book.



Our church has an interesting history. Organized in 1825 the celebration of its centennial seven years ago was of historical significance to this community. Our W. M. S. celebrated its Golden Anniversary in 1931. It was organized Feb. 10, 1881, and antedates the W. M. U. of S. B. C. by seven years. These facts may have some bearing upon the unbroken record our W. M. U. has in maintaining an A-1 standing, for it is not only our privilege to "keep the faith" but we also find that the habit, once established, goes a long way toward maintaining itself. These are the points which helped our organization to be A-1 in 1931:

- I. Habit of being A-1
- II. Very capable and interested counselors of auxiliaries
- III. The Standard of Excellence charts of all organizations are framed together and adorn the wall of the room in which we meet. These are marked up at the meetings of each organization and one may see at a glance how they stand and compare.
- IV. On Jan. 1st our Woman's Missionary Society gives the counselors of auxiliaries each five dollars to help with expense and to cover subscription to "World Comrades".—*Mrs. Arch Hix, Lexington, Mo.*

IT IS not a thrilling story, which I bring you of how our W. M. U. became A-1 in 1931, but a simple every day story of slow gradual steady growth. Our W. M. S. was organized in 1898. Our section of the state is not exceedingly missionary and our numbers were few at first. But our members were true and faithful and their missionary zeal was contagious. Gradually the average attendance grew from 4 or 5 to 8 and 10—itsself, a small circle attendance for today. The leaders studied and led and saw that regular reports went into Raleigh. The members contributed generously to all mission causes, were greatly interested in mission study and subscribed almost 100 per cent to ROYAL SERVICE in order that they might have interesting programs at the monthly meetings. The Standard of Excellence has been the goal toward which we have been led step by step. In 1930 the church put the "Biblical Recorder" in its budget and sent it to every family in the church. Then in 1931 we did what we had long wanted to do—organized a Full Graded W. M. U. with competent leaders for each organization. The junior organizations flourished, interest in the W. M. S. deepened and the meetings were better attended than ever. Our president, Mrs. Grover Triplett, guided wisely and well; we were all delightfully surprised to find ourselves members of an A-1 W. M. U., but I'm sure she rejoiced in the realization of a cherished dream.—*Mrs. R. E. Hardaway, First Baptist Church, Lenoir, N. C.*

THE officers elected to serve for the year had a willingness to work and immediately called a meeting and planned the entire year's work. Calendars were made out and ready for the January meeting. The director of missions, the pastor's wife, was a source of information and inspiration at all times.

The first and second vice presidents served well, being efficient and willing. The third vice president was a consecrated Christian mother who had a great love for young people, who gave of her time to secure the right kind of leaders for all junior organizations, who met with them and planned with them for the success of each organization. The R. A. leader was a fine young man just recently ordained to preach the Gospel. Business women, Y. W. A's. and G. A's. all worked splendidly under the direction of fine young women. Twelve meetings a year were held as planned. The increase in attendance was good and our gifts were made through the church budget except our special offerings. We subscribed to all denominational periodicals, observed the seasons of prayer as planned—not in one day, but five afternoons a week. Mission study classes were held and personal service work was done as directed by our Personal Service Chairman. Our gifts to the W. M. U. Training School, Margaret Fund and White Cross work were also made.

Any organization with "true and tried" officers who have a missionary zeal may attain the A-1 record. Our aims are high for this year.—*Mrs. T. J. Youngblood, Marion, Ill.*

EVERY one has two educations, Gibbons tells us: "one which he received from others and one which he gives to himself". In the W. M. S. we learn to do by doing. We study, we practice, we serve. Enlistment, enlightenment and enlargement are some of the guiding principles for our workers. I believe with my whole heart that mission study is the most significant fundamental in our plan of work in that, through the influence of a stimulating book, many women have come to put prayer and Bible study in their rightful places. To extend His Kingdom all must partake of the redemption He offers: so our society feels responsible of developing a Christlike world readiness in the young people's hearts. In making our Graded W. M. U. A-1, we pray and seek diligently for the needed consecrated leaders. We give them the equipment necessary for carrying on mission work. We stress emphasis on our missionary periodicals. We make it possible that our R. A's. attend the encampment each year. In all our work we have the hearty and enthusiastic response of our pastor, Rev. S. D. Dollahite. In our W. M. U. work the central focus is love for God. The next movement is friendly attitude; the third is cooperation which calls forth loyalty and service.

Thus has our W. M. U. won and thus will the W. M. U. win in years to come. As we enter upon a new year of service we are praying that faith will trim the light of love in the interest of our organized endeavors.—*Mrs. Harry Dupuy, Marion, Texas*

OUR motto is prayer and faith in God. We have some of God's most faithful servants, who are humble, Spirit filled soul winners: Mrs. W. F. Robinson, for sixteen years W. M. U. superintendent of the Ocoee Association, is of inestimable worth in our work, for she brings us "first aid" in the way of information and other business; Miss May Phillips, for many years our church missionary, is tireless in her efforts and sees that nothing is left undone. She is devoted to the cause of missions and helps us grow and glow. We have many difficulties to surmount, for our church house is located in the midst of a floating population.

We have a combined membership of one hundred and seventy members in all of our organizations. We try to select deeply spiritual leaders for our young people for we believe in them, meet with them and help them believe in themselves. We thank God for the Standard of Excellence as a pattern to work by. It is a mirror and reflects to us how much we are doing for the Master. We do not strive to reach this standard simply because we have been asked to do so, but we know we can do a better work by using this unified plan. (Concluded on Page 34)



TRAINING SCHOOL



Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, Principal, 334 E. Broadway, Louisville, Ky.
TRAINING SCHOOL GIRLS and the TRANSFORMED LIFE



A little picture lies on my desk, dropped from a letter in the morning mail. From it the smiling face of the "Lone Eagle" of the Baptist Mission at Caibarien looks out. It is Miss Katharine Sewell, who holds the work in this seaport town and its populous surrounding territory singlehanded, living and working alone with only the help of a Cuban pastor once each month to preach. As long as she stayed with her friend and fellow missionary, Miss Garnett in Guanajay, she fared well. But the need at Caibarien was so great that they decided to divide forces in order to reach farther. There is no opportunity for an English teacher in Caibarien, but there is great opportunity to tell a listening people about the Lord Jesus Christ, so she stays on while the other missionaries share with her of their small salaries.

"Fifteen years here now", writes Miss Christine Garnett from Guanajay. "And oh that I might have come sooner and could stay longer!" A cultured, highly educated gentleman has for weeks been standing outside the windows of the rented hall at Artemesia listening to Miss Garnett teach the Bible inside the crowded little room. An old grandmother was baptized some time ago after Miss Garnett had gone to her home for many weeks, gently leading her into an understanding of how Jesus saves. A group of young people are now her helpers in the work in two towns and several mission points, all of them won to Christ through her witness to the power of Jesus, the Saviour.

One evening at a special service in Guanajay, Miss Mildred Matthews, evangelistic missionary in Havana, sang the message of the Gospel with her sweet voice that is loved by all our Cuban Baptists and many others who hear her only over the radio. A young

girl attracted by the special features of the program came to the service, the first time she had ever been at a protestant meeting. Today she is a most earnest worker in that band of consecrated young people of Guanajay church.

Not so long ago there was a lovely wedding in North Boulevard Baptist Church, the center of our Italian work in West Tampa, Florida. As Fannie Taylor struck the chords of the wedding march, she remembered a scene of many years ago when, a new missionary, she saw two timid little girls dressed in black enter the door of the little mission where the work began. Today one of those girls was being married from the altar of the church that grew out of that little mission. Through the years that W.M.U. Training School girl has seen hundreds of such transformed lives of young people pass under her gentle, guiding hand.

Over in Cardiff, in the edge of Birmingham, last summer there was a baptismal scene, the result of an evangelistic campaign among the Italians which "everybody" said would be a failure—that is, everybody except Miss Mary Headen and Rev. A. Pucciarelli, missionaries of the Home Mission Board. Trusting in the power of their God, they had won a victory over indifference and opposition to the Gospel, and that afternoon they saw a leading man of the community, happy in a new found freedom from sins that cursed his life, rise from the baptismal waters to walk "in newness of life".

So are W.M.U. Training School girls, who are on your list of the workers of the Home Mission Board maintained by the March Week of Prayer Thank-Offering, doing their part in transforming this earth by the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.—Una Roberts Lawrence



FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



Any of the following "messages" will quicken your and other's zeal in preparation for the Week of Prayer, March 6-10 inclusive.

A GREAT HOST at WORK



"The Lord giveth the Word; the women that publish the tidings are a great host". This is seen to be true when in March as well as in December the host of W.M.U. women sets aside a week when they all "continue with one accord in prayer and supplication". During these days missionaries all over the world feel that soon their "fallen arms will be lifted up", that supplies will come from that host of women that will enable them to go out into the "highways and byways" carrying Christ, whose love will "compel men to come in".

The results of these seasons of prayer mean that in the home and foreign lands missionaries and native workers are strengthened by your petitions, that financial help gives them Bibles, tracts, churches, schools, clothes, food and that they continue to carry on. Souls by thousands are snatched from the talons of monsters—such as Buddhism, Confucianism, Catholicism, spiritualism, atheism—and are carried on eagle's wings to the Giver of Life; children are trained in Christ and make sure a future for Him in the hearts of thousands whose lives they shall touch.

Your workers in all lands are saying to you: "We are your epistles read of all men", and so we beg you, oh women of the W. M. U., that you "write"—and write boldly—these "epistles" by means of your Weeks of Prayer. Then surely the "leaves" of your lives and of ours shall "be for the healing of the nations".—Christine Garnett, Cuba

TWO COUPLES WON

If our missionaries had not been maintained by the gifts of our March Week of Prayer for Home Missions, many

people that have been led to Christ might still be in darkness. Shall I tell you of two interesting couples of old people whom I have had the pleasure and privilege of knowing?

One of these dear couples, who were French people, lived in a shack of one room with a lean-to-kitchen. Some of my happiest moments were spent in this home. Why? Because each of them had learned to love Jesus. From the time I entered the door, until I left, all their talk (*in broken English*) was on God's Word. Although not led until in late life to a knowledge of the Savior's love, yet each of them witnessed many times for Him, leading two of their grandchildren to believe and trust in Jesus as a personal Savior. Today they are at home with Jesus.

Another home I'm thinking of is that of two more old people who have recently put their trust in Jesus, breaking away even in old age from Catholicism and willing to bear persecution from their own loved ones that they may follow Jesus. How sweet it is to visit this Italian home and kneel in prayer with them even though they may pray in a different language. Perhaps they never would have known the true way if you Baptist women of the southland had not hearkened to the "Still Small Voice", giving as if the Master were taking the gifts in His own hands, praying for the missionaries who represent you among these people of other nationalities.—Mary Headen, Ala.

SEASONS of PRAYER

GOD is signally blessing W. M. U. work and I feel that one reason why this is true is because of the definite seasons of prayer. But, in the observance of these seasons of prayer for home and foreign missions, how much time is really given to prayer?

(Concluded on Page 31)

TITHING

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

For a HARVEST of TITHERS—PLANT



In the very dawn of creation God taught man that a definite portion of his increase was to be given back to Him. Thus the law of the tithe was established. Tithing was not originally a Jewish institution but was practiced by Abram, under the principles of grace and faith, five hundred years before the Jewish law was given.

Tithing is taught in both the Old and the New Testaments. Christ in talking to the Pharisees (*Matt. 23:23*) told them that they ought to tithe. He says: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithes of mint and annis and cummin; these ought ye to have done but not leave undone the weightier matters of the law; judgment, mercy and faith".

Giving according to the measure of prosperity is a New Testament rule for giving; this is an Old Testament rule also. In Deut. 16:17 it says: "Every man shall give as he is able, according

to the blessings of the Lord thy God which He hath given thee".

The tithe is a debt that we owe; our gifts must be according to prosperity. We know that tithing is scriptural, but how are we to establish it as a rule of practice among our people?

Mr. Hoover said "The race marches forward upon the feet of the children". Before their little feet are set upon the road, they patter around our homes. The home training sets the pace of the road: then women, let's teach the little ones in our homes to tithe. Let's teach tithing in Sunbeam Bands and Sunday school classes, and let's raise up the next generation to observe the law of the tithe.

An angel passed in his onward flight with a seed of love, of truth and light and cried: "Oh, where shall this seed be sown that will yield most fruit when fully grown?" The Savior heard and He said as He smiled, "Plant it for Me in the heart of a child". If we would reap a harvest of tithers we must plant the seeds in the hearts of our children.

—Mrs. W. S. Browning, Ky.



This Industrial School at the Baptist Good Will Center, Christopher, Ill., was taken about a year ago by our Sunday school superintendent after we had had our Christmas program and he had told the Christmas story. You see my head back in the window. We had a fine Christmas for the children, thanks to the kind friends who made it possible.—Mary E. Kelly



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: "BE the LORD'S PEOPLE": *11 Kings 11:1-4, 12, 17; 12:1-5, 9-15*



This month we have another story of a boy who became king. Joash was crowned when seven years old. He reigned over Judah forty years. He wanted to do right. Seeing great cracks in the walls of the temple he led his people to repair them. An old priest, named Jehoida, was his teacher and adviser. They talked together of the need of a revival in Judah. In some way Jehoida brought about a covenant between the king, the people and their God, saying that they should "be the Lord's people". Such a resolution would be appropriate any time.

Did you think of it as 1932 was passing that you were privileged to see and hear many of our returned missionaries? To our conventions, associations, district meetings they came willingly. We heard them tell of the saving power of Jesus Christ wherever the Gospel had been preached. They described the effect of personal evangelism among foreigners in our midst. Our hearts bled as we listened to stories of boys and girls who begged to be admitted to overcrowded mission schools. Minds failed to grasp numbers as we were made to see diseased persons who knew not their need of the ministry of healing. These seem to us to stand for even greater numbers whose need can be met in but one way: that is, by the saving power of our Lord through the work of the Holy Spirit as Christian missionaries tell the story of salvation.

And why were missionaries available for "Schools of Missions"? How did it happen that they were even living in our midst? Because we let them come home and did not provide for their return. Does it mean anything to you that the Foreign Mission Board should have to say to some of these, "Find another vocation since we cannot pay your salary"?

I heard a young man just out of college observe that among our great men in America today there were no Benjamin Franklins, no George Washingtons. An older man added that we had no Charles Haddon Spurgeons. Are these statements true? What statesman knows exactly how to lead America on? Who is going to sound the depth of spiritual need? Is there a Jehoida to draw up terms for our covenant with Jehovah? Is there a Joash to call us to put our Father's house in order? Far better off are we than the little southern kingdom of Judah. They looked forward to a time when the Redeemer should come. We date our every happening from the coming of our Lord. Will you and you and you covenant with your God that you will "be the Lord's people"? The following is an old translation of the first four verses of the first psalm.

THAT man hath perfect blessedness
Who walketh not astray
In counsel of ungodly men,
Nor stands in sinners' way,
Nor sitteth in the scorner's chair;
But placeth his delight
Upon God's law and meditates
On His law day and night.

HE SHALL be like a tree that grows
Near planted by a river,
Which in his season yields his fruit,
And his leaf fadeth never:
And all be doth shall prosper well.
The wicked are not so;
But like they are unto the chaff,
Which wind drives to and fro.



FAMILY ALTAR



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

Topic: "BE the LORD'S PEOPLE": *11 Kings 11:1-4, 12, 17; 12:1-5, 9-15*

"CONSECRATE me now to Thy service, Lord,
By the pow'r of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
And my will be lost in Thine.

"DRAW me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To Thy precious, bleeding side."

Consecration Is Consistent

1st Day—Neh. 5:9; 2:17-20
2nd Day—Matt. 5:23, 24; 6:24; 20:26;
13:44, 45
3rd Day—I Cor. 10:21, 24; 9:18-23
4th Day—Rom. 6:13, 16, 19; 15:1-3, 5, 6
5th Day—Phil. 2:3, 5-8
6th Day—Mark 9:35; 13:27, 32, 35, 36
7th Day—Acts 20:33-35

Consecration Is Expedient

13th Day—Rom. 8:1-5, 14-18
16th Day—Matt. 6:13-16
17th Day—I Cor. 6:12; 15:33, 34
18th Day—Prov. 17:9; 10:12
19th Day—Matt. 6:14, 15; 7:1-5
20th Day—Matt. 18:21-35
21st Day—Luke 9:26; 17:3; 6:36, 37;
18:8

Consecration Is Personal

8th Day—Psa. 51:17; 23:1-6
9th Day—II Cor. 8:5, 8-13
10th Day—Rom. 12:1; 14:1, 19-22
11th Day—I Cor. 13:1-13; 16:14
12th Day—I Tim. 1:5; 4:12
13th Day—James 4:11, 12; 5:16, 19, 20
14th Day—I Pet. 1:3, 18, 19; 2:4-7, 25;
4:8

Our Example

22nd Day—Matt. 20:28; 21:33-42
23rd Day—John 13:13-15; 14:20, 21
24th Day—II Cor. 4:10, 11, 14-18
25th Day—Eph. 5:2, 9, 10; 4:13
26th Day—I Pet. 1:15; 3:17-23
27th Day—Matt. 3:17; 4:3
28th Day—Luke 1:32, 35; 9:35; 10:22;
22:29



"Pray Ye"

Hallowing the Heavenly Father's name
That His Kingdom may come, His will may
be done on earth
That Christians may recognize God as the
bountiful giver of "our daily bread"
That we may "forgive them that trespass
against us"
That W.M.U. members may realize that
there is a home mission task and may
strive to "measure up to" it
That God's guidance be granted to all
Home Board workers and work
That unusually faithful preparation be
made in February for the observance
of the March Week of Prayer for
Home Missions, March 6-10 inclusive
That every W.M.U. organization may
strive to have every member make a
worthy thank-offering for home mis-
sions

That renewed emphasis be placed on prayer, enlistment, mission study,
personal service, stewardship of possessions, missionary education
of young people

Calendar of Prayer

February, 1933

Prepared by Mrs. Maud R. McLare

"Last eve I paused beside the black-
smith's door
And heard the anvil ring the evening
chime
And, looking in, I saw old hammers
on the floor,
Beaten with the years of time.

"How many anvils have you had?"
I asked,
"To beat and wear these hammers
so?"
"Just one", he said, with twinkling
eyes;
"The anvil wears the hammers out,
you know".

Topic: *The Influence of the Word in the Homeland*

1—WEDNESDAY

Pray for all departments of our
Home Mission Board work.
He that doeth good is of God.
—III John, 11

2—THURSDAY

For Dr. J. B. Lawrence, execu-
tive secretary, Home Mission
Board, Atlanta, Ga.
Jehovah strengthen thee out of Zion.
—Psa. 20:2

3—FRIDAY

For Miss Claudia Edwards, di-
rector, and for her co-workers
at Good Will Center (owned by
W.M.U. Training School), Lou-
isville, Ky.
Be ye also patient; establish your hearts.
—Jas. 5:8

4—SATURDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. M. N. McCall,
superintendent of our Cuban
mission, and for Moses McCall,
Margaret Fund student, Havana,
Cuba
God, even our own God will bless us.
—Psa. 67:6

5—SUNDAY

For the Baptist World Alliance
We have an anchor of the soul, a hope.
—Heb. 6:19

6—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Bagby,
evangelistic work, Sao Paulo,
Brazil, and Samuel and William
Bagby, Margaret Fund students
Who shall separate us from the love of
Christ?—Rom. 8:35

7—TUESDAY

For Miss Emma Leachman,
field worker for Home Mission
Board

The Lord direct your heart into the pe-
nience of Christ.—II Thess. 3:5

8—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Jacob,
educational work, Pingtu, China
Bless Jehovah, O my soul!—Psa. 103:1

9—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Al-
len, educational work, Rio de
Janeiro, Brazil
There shall no evil befall thee.
—Psa. 91:10

10—FRIDAY

For Misses Annie Sandlin and
Nellie Lee Putney, educational
work, Shiuchow, China
He that loveth his life for My sake
shall find it.—Matt. 10:39

11—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Elder,
evangelistic work, Buenos Aires,
Argentina, and Robert Elder,
Margaret Fund student
I have loved thee with an everlasting
love.—Jer. 31:3

12—SUNDAY

Pray for Christian thoughts and
deeds in all inter-racial matters.
Be ye merciful even as your Father
is merciful.—Luke 6:36

13—MONDAY

For Misses Flora Dodson and
Lydia Greene, educational
work, Canton, China
Let your light shine.—Matt. 5:16

14—TUESDAY

For Mrs. H. R. Moseley and
Miss Mildred Matthews, evan-
gelistic work, Havana, Cuba
Great is our Lord and mighty in power.
—Psa. 147:5

†Attended W.M.U. Training School

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"And so", I thought, "the Anvil of God's Word
For ages skeptics' blows have bent upon;
And, though the falling blows are heard,
The Anvil is unworn—the hammers gone!"
—Anonymous

Topic: *The Influence of the Word in the Homeland*

15—WEDNESDAY

For Miss Lila Watson, W.M.U.
work, Shanghai, China
Love—hopeeth all things—1 Cor. 13:13

16—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Reno
and Miss Edith West, education-
al and evangelistic work, Vic-
toria, Brazil
For me to live is Christ—Phil. 1:21

17—FRIDAY

For the work of Dr. and Mrs.
W. W. Hamilton and faculty of
the Baptist Bible Institute, New
Orleans, La.
The Lord stood by him and said, Be of
good cheer—Acts 23:11

18—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. F. P. Lide,
evangelistic work, Hwang-Hsien,
China
If God be for us who is against us?
—Rom. 8:31

19—SUNDAY

For more faithful observance of
the sabbath
Blessed is the man that keepeth the Sab-
bath from profaning it—Isa. 56:2

20—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Paul C. Por-
ter, educational and evangelistic
work, Sao Paulo, Brazil
In Thy name shall they rejoice all the
day.—Ps. 89:16

21—TUESDAY

For Miss Florence Walne (on
furlough), evangelistic and lit-
erary work, Shimonoseki, Japan
In His quiver hath He kept me close.
—Isa. 49:2

22—WEDNESDAY

For Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn,
principal, and for faculty, stu-
dents and Local Board of Man-
agers of W.M.U. Training
School, Louisville, Ky.
Our daughters as cornerstones hewn after
the fashion of a palace—Ps. 144:12

23—THURSDAY

For Miss Pearl Johnson, edu-
cational work, Shanghai, China
Thou art the God that doest wonders.
—Ps. 77:14

24—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Frank Marra,
educational and evangelistic
work among Mexicans, Eagle
Pass, Texas
The Lord taketh pleasure in His people.
—Ps. 149:4

25—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Dun-
stan, evangelistic work, and
Miss Pearl Dunstan, educational
work, Pelotas, Brazil
Abide in Me, and I in you.—John 15:4

26—SUNDAY

For God's power on His Word
as taught in all our Good Will
Centers
Holding forth the Word of Life
—Phil. 2:16

27—MONDAY

For Miss Eva N. Sanders, edu-
cational work, Lagos, Nigeria
Who shall also confirm you unto the
end that ye be unreprouched.—1 Cor. 1:8

28—TUESDAY

For annual sessions of W.M.U.
of North Carolina, Winston-Sa-
lem, Feb. 28-March 1-2
Thou shalt also be a crown of beauty in
the hand of Jehovah.—Isa. 62:3

†Attended W.M.U. Training School

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Miss Isabelle Coleman, North Carolina

POSTER or PROGRAM-SHEET SUGGESTIONS: An open Bible at Psalm 119:105, from which verse goes many-colored ribbons to the various home mission fields of the Home Mission Board. (Map can be secured free from Home Mission Board, 310 Red Rock Building, Atlanta, Georgia.) On every ribbon string a tiny red heart on which is printed the name of the territory to which its ribbon extends, as: Indian, Cuban, Italian etc. To the back of every chair in the room tie a red heart on one side of which is a missionary verse, as Romans 10:1, and on the other write the name of one unit of home mission agencies, as: Jew, mountain people etc.

Topic: The INFLUENCE of the WORD in the HOMELAND

Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us"

—Watchword for 1933

Prayer

—Duet: "More Love to Thee"

Scripture Story: II Kings 11:12 (See page 13.)

Hymn: "Nearer, My God, to Thee"

—Business

Missionary News (See page 35.)

—Hymn: "Holy Bible, Book Divine"

Talk: "The Word in America" (See pages 19-20.)

Talk: "America's Need of the Word" (See page 20.)

Silent Prayer—everyone present praying that she personally may read, believe and live the Bible

Talk: "The Southland's Need of the Word" (See pages 20-22.)

(Note: Characters in costumes impersonating these home mission fields will add interest to this part of the program.)

Prayers—(Let everyone claim the heart from the back of the chair, read the verse silently and pray silently for those of that particular field.)

Talk: "Giving the Word to the Southland" (See pages 22-24.)

Prayer for Dr. Lawrence and the Home Mission Board

Hymn (standing): "For All Mankind We Pray"

Six Stories (By two good story-tellers):

"Come Again" (See page 24.)

"Won by the Word" (See pages 24-25.)

"Hiding the Word in Italian Hearts" (See pages 25-26.)

"For Fifty-five Cents" (See page 26.)

"A Cuban Girl Finds the Word" (See pages 26-27.)

"Transformed by the Word" (See pages 27-28.)

Duet: "Must I Go and Empty-Handed?"

—Prayer

Suggestions for Personally Giving the Word of God to Some of Our Own Countrymen of the Southland: 1. Keep New Testaments (dime size) in a box marked: *Free—Take One—Read It*, and placed (by permission) in railroad or bus station. 2. Ask the local welfare department to let the B.W.C. donate a Bible to go with every first basket going out to poor families. 3. See that there is a Bible in every room and cell of the county and city jails, County Home, Rescue Home, Children's Home and other similar institutions. 4. Send a box of Bibles in English, Italian, Spanish etc. to S.B.C. home missionaries using Bibles of these languages with their foreign people (See "Home and Foreign Fields" for list of home missionaries and their addresses.) 5. Ask your church's counselors of the Sunbeams, G.A.'s, and R.A.'s, to find out how many of their boys and girls do not have—and come from families that are unable to buy for them—a Bible. To these give a serviceable copy of God's Word.



PROGRAM PLANS



Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE



Has the Program Committee or the society noticed that few charts, posters or acrostics have been suggested recently? It seemed best to get a rest from such for a time, but now we may go back to something of the kind.

Suppose, just at this point in program plans, the chairman ask all of the committee to turn to the program material on pages 19 through 28. Let each one read through what is given there and suggest an acrostic or poster. The suggestions will probably be much better and more suited to your society than the one given below. This "page" is not for any one to follow exactly but is intended to help the committee to think up something better. After the various suggestions have been made, turn back to this "page" and use or throw away what is offered.

Our missionary topic for this year is: "The World's Need of the Word". We had as our monthly topic for January: "Lord, Send a Revival". The topic for February relates closely to it—"The Word in America". A true revival in our churches would go far toward the rapid spread of the Word in America. A brief opening talk may be made by the leader on "America's Need of the Word", using the first part of the program material down through the first paragraph of "The Southland's Need of the Word" (pages 19-21).

At this point the chart may be displayed—if the chart is accepted by the committee. Across the top may be printed: **Home Missions**. Below this to the left print, one below the other, the words: **Here—Our—Mission—Entirely**. To the right of this column print, one below the other, the following: **Mountains—Indians—Silent Peo-**

ple—Spanish and French—Immigrants—Our Jewish Citizens—Negroes—Seamen.

The leader may explain the first column of the chart—"Here—Our—Mission—Entirely". Our homeland is ours to evangelize, to train and to teach in Christian living. She may tell of the agencies helping in this work, using material under "Giving the Word to the Southland" (pages 22-24). She may end her talk by saying: "We want to know something of the people of the southland to whom the message of the Word is given". Eight women may respond briefly, telling of the people listed in the second column of the chart. It would be best to give these talks in the order in which they spell the word "Missions"—that is, begin with "Mountaineers" and end with "Seamen". The order is different in the program material, but the change can be easily made. As each of the eight women speaks, she should touch on the chart with a pointer the group she describes. (For material, see pages 21-22).

If there are deaf mutes in your church or community, invite one or two to attend your meeting and give a Scripture reading in the sign language. This may result in the organization of a Sunday school class for them or it may persuade some of them to join the society.

Other features may be added to this program by special reports of work being done for any of these groups in the community. The program may close with one or two stories selected from those given on pages 24-28. There should be earnest prayer that missionary society members may not fail to give missions to those within personal reach as well as through their prayers and gifts for home missions.



PROGRAM for FEBRUARY



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

Prepared by Mrs. C. D. Cressman, Tennessee

Topic: The INFLUENCE of the WORD in the HOMELAND

Hymn—I Am Thine, O Lord

Bible Study—Be the Lord's People: II Kings 11:1-4, 12, 17; 12:1-5, 9-15 (Page 13)

Prayer that we who are the Lord's people may lead others to be His people

Hymn—I Love to Tell the Story

—The Word in America

Hymn—America

—America's Need of the Word

The Southland's Need of the Word

—Hymn—Tell Me the Old, Old Story

Giving the Word to the Southland

Prayer, thanking God for the work of our home missionaries

The Word Working Wonders

Come Again

Won by the Word

Hiding the Word in Italian Hearts

For Fifty-Five Cents

A Cuban Girl Finds the Word

Transformed by the Word

Hymn—Come Women, Wide Proclaim

Prayer that all in the homeland may know and accept the Word

The WORD in AMERICA



Some years ago a group of Indian chiefs visited Washington to confer with the president about some affairs related to their people. The visitors were much interested in the things they saw: the great capitol with its golden dome shining in the sunlight, Washington's monument standing in lofty splendor against the sky, the broad avenues, the lovely parks, the magnificent buildings and, most of all, the people, the pale faced throng that talked so merrily and smiled so happily as they met in daily contact. One day the oldest of the chiefs, speaking in congress, said through an interpreter: "What is the secret of all this

happiness? Our men do not look like yours: their faces are sad, their hearts heavy. Our women are not like yours. Our children are growing up in ignorance. Our homes are miserable. Tell us, if you can, what the medicine is which we must take". Then General O. O. Howard, with his empty coat sleeve, an arm having been left on the battle field, sprang forward and, lifting up the Bible in his one hand, cried out: "Mr. Speaker, tell him that this is the good medicine!"

Yes, the Bible is the good medicine that makes the American people happy. The Word of God is the force that makes America great. Because she was founded on the holy principles of the Bible she has grown strong. Because the Bible is her magna charta she has achieved mightily. Because she has believed and exalted and taught the Word of God her people are the freest,

the richest and the happiest on earth. Take the influence of the Bible out of American life and you will rob her of her just laws, her unsurpassed educational system, her humanitarian institutions, her happy homes, her spirit of progress and her ideals of patriotism, freedom and world brotherhood. Take the Bible away from America and her people will be as poor and wretched and hopeless as the heathen hordes of Africa or the benighted millions of India and China.

Let us take this Bible in our hands, touching it tenderly and lovingly as we thank God for its influence in our nation. Let us realize that herein is America's best medicine, prescribed by the Great Physician; herein is her best law, the Golden Rule; her best warfare, the struggles against evil and weakness; her best music, the laughter of happy people; her best food, the Bread of Life. Here is America's best book and the best influence in the lives of her people. We thank thee, O God, for this book, Thy Word.

AMERICA'S NEED of the WORD

THE general topic for ROYAL SERVICE programs for this year is, "The World's Need of the Word". Before the year is over we will journey around the world to see how Africa, China, Japan, South America and other lands need the message of the Bible. Before we start on this extended journey in search of the world's need of the Word let us take a good look at the needs of our own land. Does America need the Word? There can be only one answer: America does need the Word. About sixty-five million of her people are unchurched. While most of these have heard the Word of God they have not received and obeyed its teachings. And because of this great host, who need the Word, America abounds in crime, intemperance, divorce, irreverence, frivolity in society, dishonesty in business, graft in politics and in other social and moral evils too numerous to mention.

America needs to read the Bible. Only

as her people read and study the Word can they know its message for their lives. Too many of these precious books lie unused on the dusty shelves of American life. When the Word is honestly read the evil of higher criticism loses its power. "The Bible doesn't need to be rewritten, it needs to be read".

America needs to believe the Bible. Her people need to believe all of it, not just the Old Testament or the New, or certain portions here and there, but every word from Genesis to Revelation. They need to have some real convictions about its teachings. They must believe that it is the inspired Word of God and, therefore, the only source of true doctrine and the only guide for true conduct. They must have the faith of their fathers who stood for the doctrines of the Word even when it meant persecution and death.

America needs to live the Bible. To read and believe is not enough. It must be practiced in daily life. The Word needs to get into America's courts, into her legislative halls, into her schools, into her homes, into her business, into her society, into her politics, into the daily lives of her people. American justice must be the justice of the Book; American law, the law of the Book; American deeds, the love of the book; and American life, an expression of the Spirit of the Book.

What America needs I need, for America is made of a composite of individuals, such as I. America needs to read, believe and live the Bible. So do I. And as I thus give the Bible the right place in my life I will be helping to preserve and increase America's greatness.

THE SOUTHLAND'S NEED of the WORD

LET us come a little nearer home and see if the part of America in which we live needs the Word. "O Southland, thou fairest of all America's fair lands, within whose borders the Word has been proclaimed through many decades, whose history is rich with evangelistic lore, who boasts thousands of churches

and millions of believers, do you need the Word of God?" From every direction we hear voices, millions of voices crying: "Yes, yes! yes! The southland needs the Word. We, her children, need the Word. We are going to eternal death for the lack of it". Let us listen to some of these voices as we study for a bit the southland's need of the Word.

First, we hear a chorus of voices, rising mostly from the west, saying: "One hundred and ninety thousand Indians need the Word. Your first missionary work was done on behalf of our ancestors. Many of our people have received the Word gladly through the years, but there are still thousands of us who have never heard it. We are as much pagan as the people of China or Africa. We try to satisfy our soul's longing by peyote worship and religious dances, but we are starving for the food of the Word. You took away from us our great country; won't you give us in exchange the Gospel of Christ? You have made our feet tread many weary paths; won't you lead them to walk in the Jesus way?"

Now a larger chorus of voices falls on our ears, most of them speaking a strange language: "Over one million Spanish speaking people need the Word. Most of us are Mexicans who have come across the border to take an important place in your industrial life. Our religion, the Roman Catholic, keeps the Word from us; therefore we know nothing of Christ, and our lives are empty and sad. We are daily returning in great throngs to our own land. If you give us the Word we will take it back with us to bless our country, but if not we will go back just as sad and hopeless as we were when we came".

Other Spanish voices blend with these, saying: "In Cuba and Panama are four million people without the Word. We too have a form of Christianity but not the Word of Truth. The Catholic priests keep us in ignorance for they know that if we know the Word we will no longer be Catholics. Our need of the Bible is as great as that of any foreign land".

Now we hear voices from the Gulf Coast: "Seven hundred and fifty thousand French people of southern Louisiana need the Word. We have been native born Americans for many generations, but we still speak our own language. Because of this barrier of language and because we have been dominated by a priesthood that has controlled education as well as religion, we are a people without the Gospel. Many of us have never seen a Bible and do not know such a book exists".

Now those speaking many languages blend their voices in one cry as they say: "Over three million foreigners need the Word. We have come from Italy, Greece, Syria, China and many other European and Asiatic lands. We have come to your land seeking the good things of American life. We have brought with us our own religions but they do not satisfy. We want something better. We are an important part of your American life. If you do not give us the Word and make us the kind of citizens we ought to be we will give you our heathen practices and pagan ideals, bringing disaster to your fair land and ruin to your boasted democracy. In twenty-seven different languages we beg that you give us the Word".

From every part of the southland voices come blending together as they say: "The five hundred thousand Jews in your midst need the Word. We have a part of the Word but refuse to accept the rest of it. Perhaps that is because you have failed to explain it to us, because you have failed to show us that it takes the New Testament to complete the Old Testament. We know that our hearts are not at rest, that thousands of us have departed from the orthodox faith, that we are still looking for a messiah who is long in coming. Surely we need your Word of hope".

A large group speaking our own language cries: "We of the mountains need the Word. There are seven millions of us in your southern mountains. Many of us live in cities or on highways and are as privileged as any people in Amer-

ica; but others, because of our isolation, have been passed by in the forward march of religion, education and American civilization. We are not people of a strange race, neither do we speak foreign tongues. We are the strongest, most promising of your American people, but we must have the power of the Word of God in our lives if we take the place of leadership in American progress which is rightfully ours".

The largest chorus of voices yet heard speaks now: "Nine million Negroes need the Word. We constitute your greatest race problem. We have long been a downtrodden people, but we are beginning to feel our power and to assert our rights. We live close neighbors to you. Whatever concerns us concerns you. The only hope for the southland is that your race and ours shall live together in a spirit of peace and brotherly love. And the only way in which we can do that is through the love of Jesus. Therefore, you must give us the Word that we may know Him and His love".

There are others speaking, but we cannot hear their voices. With their gracefully moving fingers in the sign language they plead: "Give the Word to the forty-five thousand deaf mutes in the southland. Because of our affliction we cannot hear the Word as others do, therefore you must send it to us in a special way. Our lives are sinful, our hearts are hungry, our souls are lost and our need for the Word of salvation is very great".

Thus the voices of twenty-two million lost ones in the south join together in one plea as we seem to hear them crying: "We need the Word. We need it to save our souls. We need it to enrich our lives. We need it to make our homes safe and happy. We need it to make us good citizens of your land. If we do not have this Word the Christianity of America is endangered. If we do not have this Word your own safety and happiness are endangered. For your sake, for our sake, for America's sake, for the world's sake give us the Word".

GIVING the WORD to the SOUTHLAND

MANY are the agencies by which southern Baptists are giving the Word to the southland. All of our churches, all of our state mission boards and associational organizations, all of our denominational schools, hospitals and orphanages are home mission agencies. Every preacher who proclaims the Word of God Sunday by Sunday is a home missionary. Every Sunday school teacher is helping to scatter the Word over the southland. Every person who faithfully serves God through his church is giving the Word to the homeland. But southern Baptists have one agency which has as its special purpose giving the Word to the southland. This is the Home Mission Board, the agency through which southern Baptists unite to reach with the Word those special groups who either because of their geographical situation or because of their special need cannot be adequately cared for by church, associational or state organization.

The 1932 report of the Home Mission Board reveals a record for the 87 years of its history which can hardly be surpassed by any missionary organization. During this period 41,082 workers have been employed. These have organized 8,590 churches, which represent one-third of the total number of churches that southern Baptists now have. So faithfully and effectively have these workers given the Word to the southland that 786,500 have been baptized as the result of their work. This represents one-fifth of the total present membership of southern Baptists. For this task of scattering the Word the Board has received and expended a little over twenty million dollars. A large percent of this money was spent in church building and other enterprises and yet, based on this total, the baptisms reported by the Home Mission Board "cost" on the average of twenty-five dollars apiece.

Thus has the Home Mission Board achieved gloriously through its 87 years of giving the Word to the homeland. How about the present? A study of the work today reveals both discourag-

ing and encouraging conditions. Surely it is discouraging to know that our gifts for this worthy cause have steadily declined since 1924. The Board carries a heavy load of debt, the missionary force has been pitifully depleted, schools have been closed and fields have been abandoned. But there is a bright side to the picture. In spite of all these retrenchments most credible home mission work is still being done. The debt is gradually being paid. Our missionaries, in a beautiful spirit of self sacrifice, are doing double work on half salary, so the results are almost as large as when we had more workers and more money. The following, quoted from reports and letters from missionaries, give us some idea of the splendid work which is being done!

Dr. McCall writes from Cuba: "In the midst of their poverty and hardships Cuban Baptists have been made to rejoice during the year because of the manifest blessings of God on their efforts. Services have been more largely attended and professions of faith more numerous than ever before".

Rev. Alfred Carpenter, pastor of the Balboa Heights Baptist Church of Panama, is encouraged because of the response the West Indian churches have made in self support. He says: "One church installed a baptistry after being without a pastor two years. They had five candidates ready for baptism when the baptistry was complete".

Rev. R. J. Moore, our missionary to the Negroes in rural sections, gives the following report: "Since March we have received into the church 81, of whom 70 were for baptism; organized four churches, six Sunday schools, five B. Y. P. U.'s and several Helping Hand Committees for our work". Rev. G. D. McGruder, another Negro worker, says: "Spiritually our people are alive. They cherish the mind of Christ, which is the life of religion, in opposition to worldliness, selfishness, sensuality and lust. Their conversation is most of the time about Heaven, the development of religion and the salvation of sinners. Hun-

dreds of converts are being brought into the church".

From Rev. J. G. Sanchez, of New Mexico, comes this encouraging item: "Never before in all my experiences have I noticed the great amount of interest among our Spanish churches concerning offerings. They have contributed more liberally and with better faith in spite of this terrible economical crisis".

Miss Mildred Bollinger brings this encouraging news of her work among foreigners in East St. Louis, Ill.: "Our folks are lovely people who appreciate living in America, and who are little by little accepting the teachings of Christ as taught in protestant churches. We are very happy over the fact that last winter 14 of our boys and girls accepted Christ and were baptized, that all of them are faithful in their attendance at Sunday school, prayer meeting and B. Y. P. U. and that two are now enlisted as regular Sunday school teachers while two others are able substitute teachers. We have our Spanish meetings every Thursday evening and it is a joy to hear our young people lead out in Spanish prayers as well as in English".

Rev. C. W. Burnett tells the story of a great revival among the Navajos. He says that, after preaching for several days, on Sunday he gave his first invitation and that all the men, but one, and all the women (27 in number) came forward while one verse of a song was sung. He explains: "This was in a settlement where no minister or priest had visited in their homes for 25 years. They have no medicine or Indian ceremonies".

Let us let figures tell the story of success as we study the statistical reports of our workers given at the Southern Baptist Convention last year. We find that 38 workers among foreigners baptized 805. Five hundred and one were converted through home mission Good Will Centers. Twenty-one missionaries to the Indians baptized 347. Six Negro workers baptized 355. Our two workers among the deaf report 67 baptized. Thirty-three sailors confessed

Christ at the Seaman's Institute, in Jacksonville, Fla. At the Rescue Mission in New Orleans there were 510 professions of faith. In Cuba 31 workers report 352 baptisms. Not only have these missionaries preached the Word, but they have also given it away in Bibles, Testaments and tracts. We find that last year they distributed 6131 Bibles and 501,483 tracts and other pieces of religious literature. Surely God who says, "My Word shall not return unto Me void", will use this great sowing of the seed to produce an abundant harvest.

The women of the W. M. U. can be happy because they had a worthy part in these achievements, not only through their regular contributions to the Co-operative Program but also through the "Thank Offering" made at the March season of prayer and gifts for home missions. This thank offering last year amounted to \$79,263.08. Every cent of this was spent—not for debts and interest but—for salaries of missionaries and other promotional work of home missions. Through this gift we ourselves scattered the Word over the southland and so have a right to share in the glory of the harvest.

THE WORD WORKING WONDERS

Leader—It would be interesting to follow the Word of God as it goes throughout the southland in the hands and on the lips of our home missionaries. Such a following would lead to paths of amazing adventures and to trails shining with the glory and beauty of transformed lives. Let us follow some of these shining trails as, through stories told by our missionaries, we behold the Word working wonders, not in lands far away but on our own home mission fields.

COME AGAIN

"**COME** again". These were the only English words she could speak—that little Italian woman who had been housekeeper for a priest, and who was now taking care of four orphan nephews and a niece. "Come again", she said often to Miss Mary Kelly—the little

missionary whose comings are like visitations of angels in the homes of the foreigners of her Illinois field. "Come again". In response to this invitation Miss Kelly went again and again to visit the lonely Italian woman. They could not converse, for neither understood the language of the other, but Miss Kelly by her gentle manner and sweet smiles showed her friendliness, so when she left she was always urged to "Come again". On one of these visits she left an Italian New Testament and some tracts, with a prayer that these would say what she could not say with her lips and would work their wonders in the heart of the Italian woman.

One morning as Miss Kelly was getting ready for her sewing class, this little old Italian lady was on her mind. "Come again. Come again"—she kept hearing the invitation. "I will stop there this afternoon on my way home from the sewing class", she said to herself. But as she passed the house going to the class she heard some one say, "I thought you might like to come in and see Auntie". Looking up she saw a young man and recognized him as one of the nephews of her Italian friend. In response to his invitation she went in, wondering what it meant. And there in a casket she saw the form of her friend. She hardly recognized her, for always before she had worn a shawl around her head and had seemed like an old woman. Now she wore a white dress and looked young and lovely. But what pleased Miss Kelly most was the happy smile on her face which seemed to say, "All is well with my soul". A niece who stood by whispered: "Miss Kelly, Auntie loved to have you visit her, and she loved the book you gave her too and read it every day". Then the missionary's heart rejoiced because she had "come again" to take the Word of Life to a little strange woman in a strange land.

WON BY THE WORD

TO which church should he go—the Roman Catholic, which had been his church for years, or to the Baptist which seemed like his church now? This was

the question that troubled an old Italian grandfather in Birmingham, Alabama. He wanted to go to the Baptist church where he could hear the Word that satisfied his hungry heart. And yet he was afraid to break with his old faith. For a long time he went to both churches: to the Catholic for early mass, and to the Baptist for morning service and often for evening service too.

In the meantime our home missionaries, Rev. Pucciarelli and Miss Mary Headen, were busy with loving ministrations to this seeking soul. They went often to the home where he lived with his wife and one of their children's family, consisting of father, mother and nine children. Miss Headen says: "Sometimes the old grandfather would say 'Pray before you go'. What a sweet experience it was to gather with grandfather, grandmother, mother and several children in a room and lift our hearts to the Heavenly Father".

After awhile the old man became very ill. One night when he seemed in a dying condition his Catholic friends surrounded his bed and said: "Now you are a sick man. You may not get well. We urge you to call the priest and let him minister to you". He could not speak, but he motioned to them, whispering "No! No! No!" Then he turned to the wall and prayed: "Lord, if it be Thy will make me well". He told the missionary afterward that never before had he been able to so fully trust the Heavenly Father. He felt the Holy Spirit come into his heart and before the dawn of the day was much better.

Soon afterward, during a revival service he openly confessed Christ. He went to the back of the church where his wife sat and tried to get her to come with him but, when she refused, he came alone, saying: "I am a child of the King". Later at a service held at the Good Will Center conducted by Miss Headen the grandmother also confessed Christ. And at the close of the revival the two were baptized together, the grandmother and grandfather, born over seventy years before in Italy but won to

Christ in America by the preaching of the Word of God.

HIDING THE WORD IN ITALIAN HEARTS

THE bell of the North Boulevard Baptist Church of Tampa, Fla., was ringing out its Sabbath morning invitation. In a nearby Italian home a little fifteen months old girl listened to the bell, then grabbed the Bible and went running with it to her intermediate sister, crying in her baby language, "Church! Church!" Not only to this wee girlie, but also to the many Italians ministered to by this mission, church means the Bible, for there they have learned the blessed truths of the Word of God. Miss Fannie Taylor, our worker in this mission, describes their use of the Bible as follows:

"In our Sunday school through the years, and in our day schools when we had them, the children learned Bible verses in great numbers and even whole chapters until visitors marveled at their freedom in reciting passages from the Bible. A Presbyterian elder who visited the mission was loud in his praises of their Bible knowledge, saying it was beyond anything he had ever heard. This seed has brought forth fruit in breaking up the hard ground of opposition to being baptized. The boys and girls have become willing to fight for our Baptist beliefs and, after surrendering themselves and gaining permission of parents for baptism, have won many of them also. As the pastor of the church and I have visited the homes and read and re-read the Bible passages on confession and believers' baptism, many times being told that they have already been baptized (*in the Catholic church in infancy*), we have rejoiced when finally the Christian's Bible has won out. Our girls and boys are most enthusiastic over Bible drills in Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. Some of ours entered into a contest Bible drill with an American intermediate B. Y. P. U. and our girl, Carmen Monendez, won the honors. We make a special effort through the Bible drills to drill into them the Bible teach-

ing on certain topics. We make a practice of giving Bibles to our newly baptized members, always breathing a prayer that they may indeed realize that 'Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my pathway', and use it as a 'Sword of the Spirit' to fight against the temptations of the devil".

For FIFTY-FIVE CENTS

IT HAPPENED on a sugar plantation in interior Panama. Rev. Alfred Carpenter was on a missionary trip scattering literature, selling Bibles and doing all he could to give the Word to Panama's lost people. He found at the sugar mill on this particular plantation a young West Indian who had been brought to Panama in childhood and who with his wife now lived near the mill. To this man Mr. Carpenter sold a Bible for fifty-five cents. A year later he returned to the place and looked him up. Not only was he received with great joy, but at once the man said: "My wife and I are both believers". "How did you find the light?" asked Mr. Carpenter. "By reading and re-reading the Bible you sold me", answered the man. Mr. Carpenter requested to see the Bible, and when it was brought he saw that they had read the four Gospels till the pages were literally worn out. The Bible had cost only fifty-five cents, but it saved two souls and transformed two lives.

Mr. Carpenter also tells that on one occasion, when he was visiting a country colored church of Panama, an elderly woman came to him and said: "Pastor, tell southern Baptists that if they had not sent Pastor Witt (*the former superintendent of work in Panama*) I would not have known Christ, neither would my grandchildren nor my great-grandchildren". The little church of which she is a part was organized 16 years ago. A visit from the superintendent once a year or even less often is all the outside help they get and yet they keep up their work. Even when they have no pastor they never miss a service, their deacons supplying the pulpit. Mr. Carpenter says of them:

"They are poor, oh so poor, but they love their church, the Lord and southern Baptists. Yet we do so little for them". In speaking of his work at Balboa Heights in the church for white Baptists of Panama, he says: "Many service (army) men come in contact with our church. How the Bible has transformed their lives would fill a book!"

A CUBAN GIRL FINDS THE WORD

ZOILA SANCHEZ was a girl of 20 years, who lived way back in the country away from railroads or highways. Her father was fairly prosperous as a Cuban countryman, having his little farm which supplied his needs and enabled him to take rather good care of his family. He was known as a hard man, impatient with all things religious as he knew them. In the course of time the family thought it would be good for Zoila to get out some and sent her to stay six months in the town of Placetas.

It is not unusual for the Cuban, who lives in an out-of-the-way place or where eligible young men are few, to send his daughters visiting, in the hope that their matrimonial prospects may be improved. Whether that was true in this case I do not know. The people with whom Zoila got acquainted in town were members of the Baptist church, which is very small and humble in its ugly rented hall but which has burned with a steady light for the last three years. In that little church the Cuban girl heard the Word for the first time.

Zoila was interested from the first service, she became one of the most enthusiastic members among the young people and was delighted with the Gospel hymns which she was hearing for the first time. When the time came for her to go home she carried her Bible and hymn book and immediately began to read to her family and neighbors and to sing to them and teach them the songs. To her surprise and joy her father said to her: "I have never seen a Bible nor heard before of what you are saying, but that is my religion. I have always

believed there must be something like that somewhere".

Zoila has started a Sunday school and a Bible meeting where she tries to preach in the little country settlement. She has asked the pastor of Placetas to visit them and preach to them, which he has promised to do. But in the meantime she is holding forth the Word of Life to her country neighbors. (*Told by Dr. M. N. McColl*)

TRANSFORMED by the WORD

IT ALL started with a family dinner.

A rather unusual family dinner it was because the family itself was rather unusual, with a mother, father, twelve children, eighty grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren. With close relatives and old acquaintances added there were about two hundred attending this family dinner. There was one present who was neither a relative nor an old acquaintance, but a Baptist preacher who had never met that family before. There was a purpose back of the invitation that had brought the preacher to this scene of festivity. This was an annual occasion, and the year before some drinking and disorder had disturbed the joy of the feasting. It was thought that if a preacher came to offer thanks and make a short talk any one causing trouble could be arrested for disturbing public worship. So the preacher was invited, came and was most cordially received.

A most interesting sight was this to that minister—this great crowd of people, almost all of whom were members of one family. Of course he was interested in their spiritual condition, so when the afternoon brought opportunity for conversation with the head of the family he asked: "How many of these people are Christians?" "Very few", was the answer. What a sad picture! Almost none of this family group believes in the Word! This was too much for the evangel of the Word. "I would be glad to have a meeting for them or do something to help them", he said to the grandfather. The offer was gladly accepted. "You may use my

tobacco barn", said the old man. So a few weeks later the Word was preached in the tobacco barn. After a few nights the barn would not hold the crowds and a tent was secured. Great crowds filled the tent and listened eagerly to the Word. By the end of the revival thirty-three had accepted the Word and were baptized.

This happened five years ago. There is now in that community a Baptist Sunday school with an enrollment of over eighty. Meetings have been held each summer resulting in 125 professions. The old grandfather has passed away, but before going he had the joy of seeing all of his family above twelve years of age believers in the Word. This work has not been easy. The people are poor and some cannot read or write. At times only three or four attended Sunday school. But the Word had power, and as it was taught and preached this community changed. Their habits and manner of dress changed. Their outlook on life changed. Their hearts changed. Today there is a happy group of Christians loyal to the work of the little mission where they learned the Word.

This did not happen in what is usually considered a home mission field but in one of the best developed sections in southern Baptist territory. The preacher is not a home missionary in the usually accepted sense of the term. He is the pastor of one of our best southern Baptist churches. But he found at his very door a group of needy people, and to them he gave the Word of life. He did not do it alone. His church backed every step. They rented the tent for the revival meetings. They furnished superintendent and teachers for the Sunday school. This church became a home missionary sharing the Word with the part of the homeland nearest to them.

Let us give to home missions that those needing the Word in every section of the southland may be reached by those sent out by our combined missionary effort through the Home Mission Board.

Let us *pray* for home missions that the hands of these home missionaries may be strengthened and that they may disseminate the Word throughout the southland with power to reach and transform.

Let us *be* home missionaries by giv-

ing the Word to those needy ones near us.

And the seed of His Word, scattered over the southland by employed and voluntary home missionaries, shall make the wilderness of lost souls to be glad in salvation and the deserts of our sin and woe to blossom like the rose!

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the influence of the Word on American life.
2. Discuss conditions showing America's need of the Word.
3. What groups of people in the southland especially need the Word?
4. Tell something of the past achievements of the Home Mission Board.
5. What conditions make the present work of the Board discouraging?
6. Discuss the encouraging features of the work.
7. Give names of some of our home missionaries.
8. How many Bibles and tracts were distributed by home missionaries last year?
9. Give some instances where the Word has worked wonders.
10. How may we help give the Word to the southland?

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IMPORTANT DAYS AHEAD



February for the smallest month of the year does manage to fill itself up with most important dates, almost out of proportion in number to its 28 days compared with other months. February's famous birthdays may well make other months look with envious wonder. But this summer two months will share honors that have heretofore been given only to June, so that July will come into new glories and prominence also. Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp dates will be June 27 to July 7, 1933. June 27 may seem quite a distance now as you read, but early planning will be wise in order that your Young Woman's Auxiliary be represented at this signal occasion in the mountains of North Carolina.

Already we can begin to enumerate the choice spirits, the excellent speakers who will be present to bring their divinely directed messages and mingle in friendly fashion with southern Baptist young womanhood gathered at Ridgecrest. Dr. Louie D. Newton of Georgia will speak each morning at the Bible hour. The secretary of the Baptist World Alliance said after a recent trip to America that two of the coming young men of North America were Dr. Harold Tribble and Dr. Louie Newton. Last summer Dr. Tribble was the camp speaker at this choice morning hour; this year the young women will be equally charmed and blessed by Dr. Newton's presence and addresses. Mrs. W. J. Cox, gracious embodiment of consecrated personality, will bring vesper talks in the quiet dell by the little lake; these moments have always been rich to Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp attendants. Miss Kathleen Mallory, W.M.U. corresponding secretary, will be present throughout the entire period, teaching a class and speaking in public address also. Dr. C. E. Maddy, newly elected Foreign Mission Board secretary, has already promised to come to Ridgecrest. Miss Emma Leachman, loved and honored everywhere, and Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, brilliant and versatile, will be at Ridgecrest Camp during these great ten days. Missionaries from foreign lands and others will be announced later. This beginning of good things is made to "whet your appetite" and let you start planning to get your young women there. Write to Miss Pearle Bourne, Camp Director, and send the \$2 enrollment fee for each to assure yourself that you will finish providing a way for your choicest young women to go. Some societies offer to help their Y.W.A. to a certain extent, \$25 or \$50, and the Y.W.A. can divide the sum, helping several members in part or deciding on one young woman to go. Work all this out carefully that the best returns may be brought back from Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp. Of this be assured—investments in missionary education camps pay! It will be impossible to measure in dollars and cents what Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp in 1933 may mean to the young women present. The theme will be "Discipleship: a new life to be lived, a new life to be shared". In these troubled days of doubt, of religious deflection because of material circumstances and because of materialism, it is well to emphasize simply the assured eternal facts of faith that stand unmoved, abiding. The Master has need of disciples, who will leave all and follow Him or will go back to their routine lives following Him with a steadfast radiance that makes the common daily round transformed in fellowship with Him. Such will be the theme and such the attendant result of the ten days at Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp—listening, learning, loving. Be sure to set June 27 to July 7 as important days ahead in which your Y.W.A. must share.

A MONTH of HEROES

LOOKING at a calendar showing birthdays of famous people in February makes the little month fairly crowded with heroes of note. George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas A. Edison, Frederick Handel, Fritz Kreisler, Sidney Lanier, Alice Freeman Palmer, Mary Lyon, Jane Austen—the list is barely begun. But from the missionary standpoint February boasts much of merit also, and her days should be filled with biographical reading by Royal Ambassadors and Girls' Auxiliary members. In the multiplicity of excellent new mission study books of fascinating interest at hand, counselors and young people's directors must be guarded lest the biographies be overlooked. Here is one of the richest mines of missionary zeal. To study the lives of great missionaries is to be turned to noble dreams of service and to realize that those aspirations are made real through prayerful surrender to God's will.

From the heroic atmosphere of bicentennial celebrations it will be an easy step to others of February's renowned sons and daughters. It was February first 1880 when Nannie Bland David reached Lagos in Africa—and "Handmaidens of the King to Foreign Lands" tells her life story delightfully. Dwight L. Moody was born on February 5 of 1837 and on February 5 in 1812 Adoniram Judson and Ann Hasseltine were married. Why not read lives of all three? On February 7 in 1801 William Carey drew from his simple printing machine the last page of the New Testament translated into the Bengali and gave the book to thousands of people in their own tongue. Why not read a new life of William Carey, "the Father of Modern Missions", the man who opened eyes to see the Great Commission when long they had been blind to its command? It was on February 8, 1890, that Alexander Mackay—engineer missionary who could preach and build at the same time, "best missionary since Livingstone"—laid down his life in Africa. Dr. A. L. Shelton, hero of Tibet, was killed February 22, 1922. George Washington shares honors with this later man of undaunted courage, and boys of today will do well to read his life as well as that of "the Father of Our Country". Another recent hero is Wilfred Grenfell, born February 28, 1865, in England. There is no need for giving exact titles of biographies. Let the counselor send to her state Baptist bookstore or to the Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va., and she will find many different biographies of each of these famous missionary heroes, prices ranging from 75c or \$1 on up, according to binding etc. Perhaps you can

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"Thou shalt not have in thine house divers measures, a great and a small".—Deut. 25:14



Woman's Missionary Union desires that every student under the Margaret Fund shall be equally, sympathetically and tenderly remembered by the states. However, we realize that in our house there are "divers measures, a great and a small". Some states have not yet fully realized the privilege and joy of "real mothering" of these students, and our heart grieves when any students notice that some states seem so little interested. A letter from a former student, now on foreign field, who had been requested to write of what the

Margaret Fund and the W. M. U. mothers meant to her, says:

"The Margaret Fund with its semesterly check certainly did help in the finances, as I discovered when I stayed on an extra year without it. It also made it possible for my two sisters to go to college while I was still there, so that I could smooth their path for them as mine certainly wasn't! I remember that I once received a greeting card shower and, when I graduated, I received a tiny bar pin. So, when I read the glowing accounts of other 'mothers' of these young people and especially when my two sisters were so continually and plentifully showered, I felt just a little that my 'mothers' were not particularly interested in me. I could write a plenty about the folks who adopted my two sisters. They were remembered with gifts of every description—candy, stockings (my sisters were generous), underwear, aprons, money (which once helped me with a much needed winter coat), crates of oranges, stationery. Anyhow, I'm so grateful for the Margaret Fund and for the 'mothers' of my sisters. Keep it up! for it surely doth cheer a lonely heart in a strange land".

Some of our students are blessed with relatives here in the homeland who are able to assist them and are most generous and helpful with their needs and pleasures. Others have relatives who could mean much—but do not—thus are a handicap, as many societies feel they need no mothering as their relatives are well able to assist them. We trust each state shall know well the setting of each student assigned and none of these shall want for love, prayer, attentions and remembrances. Our scholarships are our love tokens to our missionaries, in appreciation of their services for our Master, and we long that every student shall be tenderly nurtured and comforted and strengthened and that there shall be no "divers measures in our house".—Mrs. Frank Burney

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In many churches I notice that the "Week of Prayer" is observed in only "one day" or even in "one afternoon", with a splendid program but with little time given to prayer. How much more would be accomplished if we met every day for a week, spending much time in earnest prayer? The present exigencies of the cause of missions demand more definite praying than many of us are doing.

The China Inland Mission never asks men for money, but their needs are definitely placed before God, and they dare to believe that He will supply every need. In 1931 they had over 800 missionaries, 200 of whom had gone to China within the past two years. They have all the money they need to support their workers and for buildings and equipment, even during the depression. When asked how they did it, they replied: "We do not do it. We just receive in answer to prayer".—Blanche Bradley, China

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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.

UNTO the HILLS



Conditions of life in the mountain sections of the south is well depicted in a recent novel, "Unto the Hills", by Neville Calmes. This story, of what was done for a backward but intelligent community by a devoted young missionary, is full of inspiration for all who are interested in helping these people so long shut away from the outside world.

We have a glimpse of the sturdy character of these mountaineers and their loyalty to each other and to their convictions. Interwoven is the love story of two fine characters—a young preacher, who comes to take charge of a mountain church, and one of the mountain girls, who is ambitious to make something of her life and to help her own people.

The story is well written and holds the attention throughout. Price: cloth \$2

WORSHIP GOD

IN HIS recent book, "Worship God", Dr. James I. Vance, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tenn., examines the foundations of our religious life and thinking with the very definite conclusion that the religion of Jesus Christ is for all people at all times and under all circumstances. He discusses the church, the Bible and the idea of God.

Present day tendencies are analyzed—atheism, failure in church attendance, the crime wave etc. He shows how a spiritual revival is the remedy for the confusion and unhappiness prevailing in the thinking and living of the world today.

The writer manages to put into the book the charm of his own spiritual personality. This is one of the most inspiring of recent publications. Price: cloth, \$1.50

The UNCUT NERVE of MISSIONS

REALIZING that many people are questioning the value of mission work in other lands, Dr. Cleland Boyd McAfee, of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions in the U. S. A., has given us a most helpful book setting forth the need for mission work. "The Uncut Nerve of Missions" gives the many reasons why people go and give, but it shows conclusively that all these reasons fail unless we are actuated by the fundamental motive of giving the abundant life promised by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, both in this world and the next.

The author gives a survey of the condition of mission work in the countries where it is carried on and discusses the failures and successes we have made. His suggestions for the future of the work are admirable. Price: cloth, \$1.50

LOOKING towards a CHRISTIAN CHINA

ADVANCED classes making a thorough study of China will do well to include in their study "Looking towards a Christian China". This little book is compiled and edited by Milton Stauffer, educational secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement. It consists of the best that has been published on China and gives an outline of China's political, industrial and educational, as well as her religious, problems. The author calls it a discussion course, and he gives as nearly as possible all sides of

each question. It has the advantage of being not one man's opinions but those of the best thinkers on these subjects.

While published several years ago, it is reprinted at this time because it helps us understand present conditions in China. The discussion of the Chinese church and indigenous religion is especially informing. Price: paper 25c

The NEW CRISIS in the FAR EAST

STANLEY HIGH in his recent book, "The New Crisis in the Far East", draws a vivid picture of conditions that seem likely, at any moment, to involve us in another war. He goes into the

history of both China and Japan and shows how circumstances in their past have brought them into present relations. He brings Russia into the picture and suggests the part she is likely to play in the situation.

He tells what Christians in Japan and China have had to do with conditions and what has been the missionaries' part in the awakening of these eastern countries. A most interesting example is given of what one Christian merchant did to create good feeling.

His conclusion is that, for the supremacy in these countries, there will be a struggle between communism and Christianity, and he urges the continued need for missions. Price: cloth \$1

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wholly return to a smaller conception of home missions. As we study and pray, God will show us how to diminish our possessions wisely by sharing them with our brothers who need to know Him whom to know is life eternal. Thus, we put the world on its feet.

ENLISTMENT (Concluded from Page 7)

bership should be changed. You ask why change? It distributes work, it divides responsibility, it breaks up clans, it keeps you from being selfish, it makes new friends and it adds new life to your circle.

It seems best to me to have all W. M. S. meetings (circles and society programs) at the church since it is a church organization. Circles may meet in class rooms, have their well planned programs and then come together in an assembly room for regular society program with an inspirational missionary program rendered by one of the circles or an invited speaker. Begin on time and close on time.

By these efforts some societies have doubled their membership. Above all be patient and tactful, helping the unenlisted to know what it is all about. Then you will win them. Then use them or you will lose them.

"If we work upon marble, it will perish;
If we work upon brass, time will efface it;
If we rear temples, they will crumble into dust;
But if we work upon immortal souls,
If we imbue them with principles,
With the just fear of God and the love of fellow men,
We engrave on those tablets something which will brighten all eternity".

—Mrs. H. W. Connelly, Va.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE (Concluded from Page 30)

assemble a fairly adequate collection from the pastor's and others' homes or from the public library and make these available and attractive to the boys—and girls—by telling episodes, by showing an intriguing picture, by reading a choice excerpt. Only be sure to conserve the heroic appeal of February by making it a month of biographical missionary reading.

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In the beginning of each year we see that all leaders and committees understand their duty, we keep on the wall the Standard of Excellence marked up month by month, we see that each circle and organization reaches its standard every month and we hold mission study classes throughout the year. No matter what confronts us we never give up.—*Mrs. C. W. Fortson, Baptist Tabernacle, Chattanooga, Tenn.*

BECAUSE so many little things enter into the making of a standard organization, it is difficult to explain just how we reached and maintained the A-1 standard. Perhaps the desire for a well balanced program had much to do with it. We first placed a wall chart of the standard in a conspicuous place in the church building; then the points were thoroughly explained until all were familiar with the plan. Reports of the progress were made each month when all circles and auxiliaries came together.

Having attained the standard, our problem then was how to maintain it. This we have done by checking all points once each month. After circle and auxiliary reports have been heard, those attained are marked on the standard, and plans are made to improve upon the weak ones the following month. We try to impress upon our members the fact that we are not working for an honor but that, by reaching the standard, we are helping to carry out the missionary program with the standard as our guide. For is not the standard a pattern after all? When we think of the great missionary program and the responsibility placed upon Baptists to carry it to the whole world, we are made to exclaim with the poet: "O, for the wings of the morning, that I might fly to the remotest parts of the earth with the Gospel message!"—*Mrs. A. A. Randell, First Baptist Church, Bristow, Okla.*

HOW have our society and auxiliaries kept on the honor roll these many

years? I will say the first thing we did was to organize by the circle plan in our society and found by doing so we did much more effective work. The first year was harder than any of the rest for, after once attaining the standard, it was more easily kept. We also checked up the work month by month and knew just what we were doing. We did not let the first quarter go by without knowing if we had reached all points on the standard. As to the auxiliaries, I feel credit is due their leaders for their success because they have always been faithful to the work. But I really feel the secret of success in our society and auxiliaries is the faithfulness, consecration and love of missionary work in the hearts of their members.—*Mrs. D. H. Lawrence, Immanuel, Covington, Ky.*

THE success of the W.M.U. of the Boulevard Baptist Church of Springfield, Missouri, is a story to be read not only in words but in the results visible in our church. At first the standard seemed out of our reach. How could a society and its auxiliaries such as ours become full graded and standard? That was the question in our minds—surely this standard was for larger churches.

We were missionary in spirit, however, and we began to study. We studied the manual to learn organization; we studied books on prayer so that we might learn to pray; and we studied mission texts for inspiring information.

Our next step was a mental mastery of the standard. Once clear in our minds the goals did not seem so far away. Our committees informed themselves of their tasks and went to work with a will. Our executive committee worked in perfect harmony, and we were fortunate enough to secure consecrated counselors who were willing to work.

There were only three things to do: study-pray-work. We prayed for guidance and studied and worked as we prayed. Almost before we realized it, we had reached our goal!

Truly, the women of the Boulevard church are "laborers together with God".—*Mrs. Leona Brown*

CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

The following is quoted from the statement issued by the International Missionary Council, which met in Germany last July: "What Christians have to give is the good news of a Divine act in history, of the Word made flesh. Apart from this there is no Christian mission. . . . The central aim of Christian work is the personal conversion of men to a new life in Christ, to complete surrender to God and to new relations of love with their fellowmen". We may well say that this represents evangelical missionary thinking around the world, because the International Missionary Council is made up of representatives of 25 nations, including Christians from the mission fields and representatives from mission boards in the occident.

When first discovered by the explorers from Europe, the Indians gave evidence of higher ideas of God, a better moral code and were more advanced in arts and some sciences than any other aboriginal people. "It is almost inexplicable", says the *Missionary Review of the World*, "that with such a background and such possibilities they have not progressed more in the 400 years since the first European settlers came in contact with them. Only one-third are now Christians, over 50000 are still unevangelized and many are ignorant pagans following their primitive customs and worship."

Dr. O. L. Hailey, writing concerning the Negro Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, says: "This year we had about 20 students to begin with. Some of these walked more than 100 miles to save the money required to pay railroad fare. We are doing our best to take care of them. During the last vacation the faculty and the students brought into the colored Baptist churches more than 400 new members".

Last August there was organized at Ridgecrest, N. C., the Baptist Mountain School Association. Fourteen schools are members, the enrollment of which is approximately 2100. There are more than 100 ministerial students and many volunteers.

International House at the University of Chicago was formally dedicated in October. John D. Rockefeller III presented the building on behalf of his father. Students of more than 20 nationalities served as ushers. John D. Rockefeller Jr. has already given international houses to New York, Berkeley and Paris to promote international understanding and friendship.

In the city and harbor of New York, during the past year, representatives of the New York Bible Society have handed some part or all of the Bible in 79 different languages to persons of all these nationalities. Many of these persons were going out to all parts of the United States with the Word of God thus placed in their hands.

The flag on the Arizona capitol flew at half-mast on November 15 as a mark of respect to the memory of the first Baptist home missionary, who went to that state 54 years ago.

According to figures recently published, the total membership of the Methodist and Baptist churches (including northern, southern and colored), of the Lutheran churches, the Disciples of Christ, the Episcopalians and the Presbyterians amounts to 25,203,820. If every member of these denominations were alive to his opportunity and responsibility, there need not be one person of our 120,000,000 population who, at the close of this year 1933, has not been brought face to face with Christ and had the opportunity to choose whom he would serve.

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