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" B "	4330
" A-1 "	3741
<i>Total Standard Organizations</i>	13624
Mission Study Classes	26329
" " <i>Seals</i>	184655
Personal Service Committees	8054
<i>Women Tithers</i>	64568
" Members	284045
<i>Youth Tithers</i>	25353
" Members	279785
<i>Total Tithers</i>	89921
" Membership	563830
<i>Full Graded W.M.U.'s</i>	2056
A-1 " "	184

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EDITORIAL

"RENEW--STRENGTH"



June is commencement month not only for young people in general but also for those in W.M.U. young people's organizations and in our Women's Missionary Societies as they assume responsibilities resultant from the May annual meeting. Though the records of Woman's Missionary Union run with the calendar year and though the "Plan of Work" has long since been available in the 1933 Year Book, it is nevertheless true that all W.M.U. organizations will "renew their strength" if they will promptly study and faithfully follow every worthwhile recommendation of the annual May meeting in Washington. Sources for gaining such information will be this magazine and other denominational periodicals, talks by attendants upon the Washington meeting, discussions at summer assemblies and other conferences in the interest of state and southwide Baptist enterprises. Swift as an eagle, patient as a plodder take advantage of these "golden opportunities" to commence and complete many fine projects.

Complete? Have you, has your society completed its home mission thank offering? You will recall that it was to have been ingathered early in March but you also remember that just then came suddenly the bank moratorium. Maybe your personal or society offering for home missions was thus "tied up" and may not yet have been given in behalf of the Home Mission Board's work. Practically all of the actual missionary work of the Board depends upon the W.M.U. thankoffering. If you or your society have not completed yours, it will give renewed strength to the Home Mission Board to have it done at once.

Renewal of strength will likewise result from participation in associational programs, summer assemblies and W.M.U. young people's camps. First in many ways is the Southwide Y.W.A. Camp, which will be held at Ridgcrest, N. C., June 27-July 7. Intriguing information concerning it will be found on page 9. Mothers will rejoice now and in the years to come if they arrange for their daughters to attend this camp; societies will scarcely find a finer opportunity of fostering W.M.U. young people's work than by sending or helping to send a Y.W.A. member to this June's Ridgcrest camp: verily, such mothers and such societies will thus and in kindred ways renew not only their strength but their youth!

"Believe it or not" solving problems is a sure way to renew strength for other solutions. On page 1 will be found a very gratifying array of figures from the records as compiled for the May meeting in Washington. Turning to that page, please, study the following statements:

1—In 1931 there were 10888 Women's Missionary Societies; in 1932 there were only 10459; in the 10459 there were 911 new Women's Missionary Societies. Therefore, why is it that the total is only 10459 instead of being 10888 plus 911? Will not the year's watchword stir you to revive the 429 dead societies, an average of over one per day?

2—The 1931 record showed 425027 W.M.S. members, whereas in 1932 there were only 284045. You know the parable of the lost coin—will you not exercise that woman's industry and interest as you in Christian faith seek to find first one and

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CHURCHES HAVING A-1 FULL GRADED W.M.U. in CALENDAR YEAR of 1932



Grateful to God and to His co-laborers in 184 S.B.C. churches is Woman's Missionary Union because in each of them there was maintained during the calendar year of 1932 an A-1 Full Graded W.M.U. If your church is in this elect circle, then you have some idea of the daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly prayer and planning and perseverance which such an A-1 record represents. The following "Roll of Honor" is less by 14 than the one of a year ago. In reality, the loss is far heavier: there were 198 such A-1 churches in 1931 and there came up into this honorable group 71 other churches in 1932, so the total should be 269 whereas it is only 184, which is a heavy loss of 85. For this and countless other reasons strive to have your church A-1 this year. Workable ways for so doing are set forth on page 49 of the Year Book.

In the following list the "stars" indicate the number of years that the church has been A-1. The remarkable roster is as follows: 8 churches have been A-1 for 8 years; 10 for 7 years; 7 for 6 years; 10 for 5 years; 13 for 4 years; 29 for 3 years; 36 for 2 years; 71 for 1 year.

For economy and other reasons it was decided best not to publish the pictures of these 184 victorious churches. However a letter is being sent to their 1932 pastors, W.M.S. presidents and leaders of W.M.U. young people's organizations. Their "Roll of Honor" will be incorporated in the minutes of the May W.M.U. annual meeting. Thus would Woman's Missionary Union felicitate these churches and itself, withal longing that they and a host of other churches will achieve A-1 this calendar year.

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9:00- 9:50	Adventuring with Great Disciples in Japan, China, South America, Africa and America
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11:20-11:30	"Praise Him, Praise Him"
11:30-12:10	Studies in Discipleship— <i>Dr. Louie Newton, Speaker</i>
12:15	Dinner Is Served
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Recreation: Something for Every One: Suit Your Own Taste!	
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BIBLE STUDY
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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—BEING a CHILD: *1 Sam. 2:18, 19, 26; 3:1-10*



Rare was the privilege of the boy Samuel as he heard God's voice one night in the temple at Shiloh. Rare too was Eli's privilege of making Samuel understand that the Lord was calling him. Faithful was Hannah who prayed to God for a child and promised to give him to the Lord. Being a child Samuel did the things Eli told him to do. His services were simple. His obedience was rewarded.

Lying down to sleep one night Samuel thought he heard Eli's voice. Promptly he went to Eli, saying: "Here am I; for thou calledest me". When told that Eli had not called he returned to his cot. Again he heard his own name out of the silence of the temple. Going to the old priest again he said: "Here am I; for thou didst call me". How surprised and puzzled he must have been when Eli replied that he had not called! When the word, "Samuel!" sounded out again it was time to wonder. Going to Eli the third time he said: "Here am I; for thou didst call me". Eli knew then that the Lord had called the child and he told him what to say if the voice came again. And the Lord called: "Samuel, Samuel". Samuel answered: "Speak; for Thy servant heareth". God revealed the things that were about to happen to Israel. Never had a child's ears heard such a message. Quietly he waited for daylight. We can wonder if he slept at all.

Up early in the morning he opened the doors of the house of the Lord as usual. Then Eli asked him to tell him the whole story. Very few words were needed. Eli had failed to control his own sons. That was the reason for the destruction of a family and the end of a ministry.

Many are the consecrated Hannahs who would give their sons and daughters to Christian service. Many children are ready to hear God's call if young ears can be tuned to catch the message. How many of you understand the heart of a child? Can you "speak the word in season" to let him know that Jesus loves him? Jesus understood human nature. He understood child nature.

† HANK God for little children.
 His gifts of tender love;
 God bless the little children
 And watch them from above.
 'O suffer little children
 To come to Me', He said;
 And laid His hand in blessing
 Upon each little head".

In the life of our Lord upon earth there is hardly a more loved scene than that of His blessing little children. This story delights the old and the young. It is the subject of a beautiful painting. Many poets and preachers have tried to put into the language of their time the message of "Suffer the little children". We look on the people of a hundred years ago as of sterner nature toward their little ones than those who live now. To show you, however, that the same mind is in us all we turn to another paraphrase. The meaning is exactly the same as the lines above. The difference is in the style of the words.

† HE Saviour kindly calls
 Our children to His breast;
 He folds them in His gracious arms,
 Himself declares them blest.
 'Let them approach', He cries,
 'Nor scorn their humble claim;
 The heirs of Heaven are such as these,
 For such as these I came'".

The following topics will be used in 1934 as basis for monthly Bible studies and family altar readings furnished by this magazine.

BIBLE STUDY TOPICS for 1934

Jan.—"The Gospel of the Kingdom": Matt. 4:23-25
Feb.—"For Righteousness' Sake": Matt. 5:10-16
March—"Hallowed Be Thy Name": Matt. 6:9-15
April—"Go Quickly": Matt. 28:1-8
May—"Come Ye Blessed": Matt. 25:34-40
June—"A Lad Here": John 6:1-13
July—"If My People": 11 Chron. 7:12-16
Aug.—"Paul, an Apostle": Gal. 1:1-8
Sept.—"Concerning the Stranger": 11 Chron. 6:32, 33
Oct.—"The Ninety and Nine": Luke 15:2-7
Nov.—"His Benefits": Psalm 103:1-13
Dec.—"This Day a Saviour": Luke 2:11



CHIEF AIMS of WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

- 1—Prayer: *Individual and United*
- 2—Enlistment: (1) *Membership* (2) *Activity*
- 3—Study: (1) *Missionary Message of the Bible*
(2) *World Missions*
- 4—Personal Service: *Directed and Individual*
(1) *Soul-Winning*
(2) *Manifesting Christian Fellowship*
(3) *Development in Christian Service*
- 5—Tithes and Offerings: (1) *Study and Plans*
- 6—Missionary Education of Young People



FAMILY ALTAR



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

Topic—**BEING a CHILD:** 1 Sam. 2:18, 19, 26; 3:1-10

“**Here** a principle of religion is not yet planted in the hearts of the young, family prayer accompanied with the reading of the Scriptures is, with the divine blessing, the most likely means of introducing it. Where it already subsists, it is admirably adapted to cherish, strengthen and advance it”.

A Child—A Prophet

1st Day—I Sam. 1:9-20
2nd Day—I Sam. 1:21-28
3rd Day—I Sam. 2:1-10
4th Day—I Sam. 2:11, 18, 19, 21, 26
5th Day—I Sam. 3:1-10
6th Day—I Sam. 3:11-21
7th Day—I Sam. 12:23, 24; 15:22, 23, 28, 35

A Shepherd Boy—A King

8th Day—I Sam. 16:11-13, 17-23
9th Day—I Sam. 17:4-11, 15-22
10th Day—I Sam. 17:23-37
11th Day—I Sam. 17:38-52
12th Day—I Sam. 20:1-17
13th Day—Psa. 11:1-7
14th Day—II Sam. 5:4, 5; 22:1-7, 20-25, 29, 31

“Think on these things”.

15th Day—Gen. 18:17-19
16th Day—Ex. 12:26, 27; 13:8, 14
17th Day—Deut. 4:9, 10; 6:7, 20-23
18th Day—Deut. 11:18-21; 32:46
19th Day—Luke 11:11-13
20th Day—Eph. 6:1-4
21st Day—I Tim. 3:4, 5, 12; 5:8

Little Children

22nd Day—Isa. 40:11; 54:13
23rd Day—Matt. 18:2-6; 19:14, 15
24th Day—Mark 10:15, 16; 9:36, 37
25th Day—I John 2:12-17
26th Day—Prov. 10:1; 13:1; 15:5; 22:6, 15; 23:22
27th Day—Eccles. 12:1-14
28th Day—Matt. 2:11-23
29th Day—II Tim. 1:5; 3:14, 15
30th Day—Luke 2:52

“Pray Ye”

In praying, remember requests from missionaries and other Baptists in:

South Brazil—

That we have more power to win the higher classes
That God furnish the funds for evangelization and give all the workers wisdom for “such a time as this”

That the out-stations in the state of Rio de Janeiro develop spiritually and financially to the extent that they become organized into self-supporting churches

That the Margaret Fund students from Brazil be faithful witnesses of the Gospel by their words and deeds

That God will bless the Brazilian Baptist Publishing House as it teaches, instructs and evangelizes through the printed page

Uruguay—

That the evangelistic work of the tent meetings may be effectual for the winning of many souls
For more consecrated native workers and the means for their support

That members may feel an individual responsibility for winning souls
For a revival spirit in all the churches in Uruguay

(See page 32.)



Calendar of Prayer June, 1933

Prepared by Mrs. Maud R. McLure

AT Thy dear feet, once pierced for me
With cruel nails upon the tree,
I lay my life for use by Thee,
Not careful to be praised of man,
But only to be taught Thy plan;
What Thou wilt have me do, I can.

Topic—**Youth: Tomorrow's Messenger of the Word**

1—THURSDAY

Pray for Rev. and *Mrs. H. A. Zimmerman (on furlough), educational work, Sao Paulo, Brazil. It is Christ Jesus — who maketh intercession for us.—Rom. 8:34

2—FRIDAY

For Mrs. L. W. Pierce, evangelistic work, Yangchow, China
In the fear of God is strong confidence.—Prov. 14:24

3—SATURDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. W. Q. Maer (on furlough), educational work, Temuco, Chile
The upright shall behold His face.—Psalm 11:7

4—SUNDAY

For God's blessings on all state assemblies during June
Happy is the man that findeth wisdom.—Prov. 3:13

5—MONDAY

For Rev. W. F. Hatchell, on border superintending work in Mexico
Be strong and let thy heart take courage.—Psa. 37:14

6—TUESDAY

For Southwide Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest, N. C., June 27-July 7
Let — your lamps be burning.—Luke 12:35

7—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. S. M. Sowell, educational work, Buenos Aires, Argentina
There is no want to them that fear Him.—Psa. 34:9

8—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. T. F. McCrea (on furlough), evangelistic work, Charoo, China, and Mari-belle McCrea, Margaret Fund student
Verily there is a reward for the righteous.—Psa. 64:11

9—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Nelson, evangelistic work, Manaus, Brazil
Jehovah God is a sun and a shield.—Psa. 84:11

10—SATURDAY

For Dr. Mary L. King, medical work, Pochow, China
I will help thee, saith Jehovah.—Isa. 41:14

11—SUNDAY

Pray that our young people may be attentive to God's Word and His call.
Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly.—Col. 3:16

12—MONDAY

For Miss Cecile Lancaster, Girls' School, Kokura, Japan
New abideth faith, hope, love.—I Cor. 13:13

13—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Britton, evangelistic work, Wusih, China
If God is for us, who is against us?—Rom. 8:31

14—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Baker (on furlough), Rio Collage, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Herbert Baker, Margaret Fund student
No good thing will be withheld from them that walk uprightly.—Psa. 84:11

15—THURSDAY

For Mrs. W. E. Salles (on furlough), educational work, Kai-feng, China
My presence shall go with thee.—Ex. 33:14

*Attended W.M.U. Training School

*Attended Southwestern Training School

Calendar of Prayer

June, 1933

BEFORE Thee let Thy servant stand,
To watch Thine eye, Thy beckoning hand,
And promptly move at Thy command.
So shall my life be one sweet day
Lit up by Heaven's cloudless ray,
A walk with God—a radiant way.—A. T. Pierson

Topic—Youth: Tomorrow's Messenger of the Word

16—FRIDAY

Pray for Rev. and *Mrs. M. W. Rankin, educational work, Shiu-chow, China.
I will make the wilderness a pool of water.—Isa. 41:18

17—SATURDAY

For Dr. and (on furlough) Mrs. J. C. Anders, medical and evangelistic work, Ogbomoso, Nigeria
Pour out your heart before Him.
—Psa. 62:3

18—SUNDAY

For youthful converts on foreign fields
They looked unto Him and were radiant.—Psa. 34:5

19—MONDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. J. R. Saunders, educational work, Shiu-chow, China
God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love.—Heb. 6:10

20—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Bratcher (on furlough), evangelistic work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
They that deal truly are His delight.
—Prov. 12:22

21—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. H. H. McMillan, evangelistic work, Soochow, China
He that doeth the will of God abideth forever.—1 Jno. 2:17

22—THURSDAY

For Misses Grace Clifford, Nardin, Okla., and *Gladys Sharp, Newkirk, Okla., workers among Indians
A faithful man shall abound with blessings.—Prov. 22:26

23—FRIDAY

For Misses Mary D. Willeford (on furlough), principal Woman's Bible School, and Cynthia Miller (on furlough), nurse and teacher, Laichow-Fu, China
He is strong—for your work shall be rewarded.—11 Chron. 16:7

24—SATURDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. C. F. Stapp, evangelistic work, Garanhuns, Brazil, and Celso Stapp, Margaret Fund student
Blessed are they that keep My ways.
—Prov. 8:22

25—SUNDAY

For all teachers of the youth of America
If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God.—Jas 1:5

26—MONDAY

For furloughed missionaries
Beloved, now are we the sons of God.
—1 Jno. 3:2

27—TUESDAY

Pray for God's power on all who gather at Southwide Y.W. A. Camp, Ridgecrest, N. C., June 27-July 7.
Trust in Jehovah—and lean not upon thine own understanding.—Prov. 3:5

28—WEDNESDAY

For Dr. Ethel Pierce, medical work, and Miss E. E. Teal, nurse, Yangchow, China
Jehovah is thy keeper.—Psa. 121:4

29—THURSDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. V. L. David (on furlough), evangelistic work, Valencia, Spain
He covereth him all the day long.
—Deut. 32:12

30—FRIDAY

For righteous voting concerning 18th Amendment
The sun of Thy Word is truth.
—Psa. 119:106

*Attended W.M.U. Training School
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FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



FAITHFUL



The following is an extract from a letter sent by Mrs. H. H. McMillan of Soochow, China, to her North Carolina church and association:

"Throughout this eventful year when there has been such a disquieting of mind and heart on the part of all the Soochow people, they have given the more earnest heed to Jesus' invitation to come unto Him and learn of Him: many have found rest unto their souls. Fifty of this number were baptized into our church during the month of June and among them was Miss Yao of whom I have written before. You will remember she was the young girl who was sold by her parents. My heart leaped for joy and overflowed with gratitude when on that rainy Sunday morning she appeared along with the others to be buried with her Lord in baptism. Her old father, a carpenter by trade, came to witness that sacred ordinance. I know he could not but be impressed that morning with the contrast between her frail little body and her divine courage and loyalty. May God use the inspiration of her example of faith and trust to bring her parents to Him!

"Last week we passed through a lonely little village in the wild mountainous section of Chekiang Province. As our house-boat was being towed along the canal through that village at midnight, I saw a night watchman at his lighted post—keeping watch. There was something about that watchman, faithful at his post, that made me want to be more faithful with that which Jesus has committed unto me and privileged me to be a bearer of—even His light and truth. Through you at home and us on foreign lands He is sending out His light and truth. God help us all to be faithful!"

LA MESTIZA

Little maid with haunting eyes,
Born and bred 'neath Cuban skies,
Cuban? Yes! But in your veins
There is blood of many strains.
Oft I wonder which holds sway:
Spain or Moor or old Cathay.

SLENDER, attractive, sweet was Marie Josefa, the little mestiza girl who had come from the country to work in Havana. She had heard and accepted the Gospel in her home town and, when she came to the city, she identified herself at once with our Baptist Temple. Tonight she was on the program at B.Y.P.U., her subject being *John Bunyan*.

"Before I begin my theme", she said, "I wish to ask your prayers for one whom I have on my heart". Then she went on: "I am a seamstress in the home of a Cuban lady whose daughter is a *religiosa*. This young girl has determined to enter a convent. So imbued is she with the idea of being a nun, she does not even want me to make pretty dresses for her, with frills and lace, like we girls love. But they must be very severe, with high necks and long sleeves, notwithstanding our hot climate.

"Both the senora and the senorita have been most kind to me, and one day I felt impelled to tell them that I was a Christian—an evangelical. The lady was horrified. She exclaimed: 'Oh my poor child, surely you do not mean it! I charge you to repent of your sins!' I assured her that I had already repented of my sins and had received pardon and peace through Christ, my Lord. Then she warned me to flee from the wrath to come for having left the Roman Catholic church and said she was going to pray for me. I told her that I, in turn, would pray for her. She forbade my speaking to her daughter about this 'new religion!' So I come to you, my Christian brothers and

sisters, and ask you to pray with me for this young girl, that the Holy Spirit may open her eyes and cause her to see in Jesus her only Saviour".

Then Marie Josefa began to talk about *John Bunyan*. But I could not think about John Bunyan, dead these many years, while that live bit of Christian girlhood stood there, with her slanting eyes and winning smile. The oriental semblance was accentuated by her dress of pale tan, trimmed with bands of Chinese blue.

So slender, attractive and sweet was she! True, *coursing through her veins there was blood of many strains*. But I no longer wondered which held sway, for I knew full well that the blood of Jesus Christ, her Lord and Master, held complete sway over that young heart. And in Him, you know, there is neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free, Castilian nor mestizo!—*Mrs. H. R. Moseley, Havana*

HOW WE IN CHILE OBSERVED DAY OF PRAYER

A JOYFUL hour in our Women's Convention was the one set apart to hear the reports of the observance of the Day of Prayer. As we had made careful and prayerful preparation, each society found itself ready for the day with programs in hand and with the cooperation of the pastor and other members of the church. What a testimony meeting it was when the messengers recounted the blessings of that mountain-top experience! We did not

hear of a single society which failed to observe the day or of any member who did not receive a blessing thereby. As our societies are small, with an average membership of less than twenty, it is our custom to have each member lead in prayer in every meeting—and each one wants to repeat each petition. So we have real prayer meetings; there is little time for anything else but prayer.

The societies in several of our country churches gathered in the morning and spent the day fasting as well as praying, for they did not wish to return home to get something to eat. They do not have the custom of spreading a lunch as the societies do in the United States. Several messengers said that the whole church membership joined them in the evening and that the meeting resulted in a revival spirit in the church.

The missionaries have commented on how remarkably the Lord has answered many of the petitions which we sent in for prayer, knowing that many around the world have been faithful in presenting them before the Throne. Marvelously has the Lord opened the windows of Heaven to bestow His blessings and to recall to us His keeping power when we could not see the way.

Earnestly do we ask that this day be observed annually, not as a beautiful custom but as an opportunity, freshly presented each year, for uniting our prayers in mutual help around the world.—*Mrs. R. Cecil Moore, Concepcion*

Heart's Desire

I ASK not that my humble name
Be blazoned in earth's hall of fame,
I only ask that Jesus' name
May set my heart aflame.
That I, a blazing torch, may light
Some soul now groping in the night
And cause blind eyes to see the Light
That makes the whole world bright.
And if His name may honored be,
And He be "lifted up" through me,
What though my torch consumed be
If others Jesus see?

—*Mrs. H. R. Moseley, Havana, Cuba*



ENLISTMENT



"PUT HEART into the LISTLESS"



The hesitancy of God's people to enlist in His service is a revealing fact of history. We recall how Moses hesitated and made excuses to avoid the command of God to lead Israel out of Egypt. The hesitation of David was caused by a different reason. He knew God had called him to fight Goliath, but his friends at Saul's court insisted that he use Saul's armor. Such artificial preparation may well cause hesitation. Isaiah's hesitation, perhaps, is the most significant illustration. He knew that God needed witnesses and he wanted to enlist but felt unworthy. His desire was not to be excused but to be cleansed and made ready. He realized that it was a "clean vessel" which God could use, and it was not until such cleansing had been received that we bear him say: "Here am I, Lord, send me". And, so, on down through the centuries we find "listlessness" of God's people a major problem. The Word of God through Isaiah—"Put heart into the listless"—is the clarion call of this hour in His Kingdom.

Enlistment means to awaken new ideals and great goals. A few years ago there came a call to the lads of the allied nations to enlist to fight. They responded most nobly. The motive, however, which actuated these lads was not the same with each. With some it was defense of all that was dear to them—home, loved ones and life itself; with others, it was love of their own country, thus revealing their splendid patriotism; some, however, caught a higher vision and saw the welfare of all humanity at stake and enlisted for the liberty of all humankind. Theirs was the awakening of greater ideals and finer goals. Such an enlistment as was witnessed during those days is but a slight

example of the spirit of enlistment which should mark the attitude of every loyal Christian today. The same high motives which quicken the spirit of patriotism to one's earthly country must quicken a like spirit of allegiance to the King of kings.

Again—enlistment means to set free! "In a slave market in Cairo, Egypt, a swarthy Egyptian was on the block. An Englishman began to bid. That Egyptian knew full well that it was against the law of England for an Englishman to own a slave, and a strong feeling of resentment sprang up against his 'would-be master'. The Englishman went on bidding—bought the slave and disappeared. The slave waited and wondered. After a time, his new master appeared and handed him a piece of paper on which were these words, 'This is your emancipation. I love to set men free'. Then, giving him some money, he said: 'Now go and be a free man'. This long-time slave, as he realized what had occurred, experienced a complete reversal of feeling toward his redeemer; a great inexpressible gratitude filled his heart, and he cried: 'Do you mean that I am now free to do as I please?' 'Yes, that is what I mean', was the reply. The slave said: 'Well, there is just one thing I want to do the rest of my life—that is, to serve you'. Ah, yes, that was his highest liberty.

The spirit must have place in the heart of each of us as we realize that "Jesus paid it all". Enlistment in His service will be our highest liberty. Enlistment is to be set free to accomplish the tasks which He has purposed for us. Why do we hesitate to "launch out into the deep"? The Agoga Class motto—"Get Another Man"—might well suggest to each W.M.U. member this slogan for 1933—"Get Another W.M.U. Member". As Isaiah said, "Put heart into the listless".—*Mrs. S. E. Ewing, Missouri*

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Miss Inabelle Coleman, North Carolina

POSTER or INVITATION SUGGESTIONS: From Perry Picture Company, Malden, Mass., order (must be for at least 50c) penny pictures of Plockhorst's *Christ Blessing Little Children*. Paste picture at top of card and underneath print: "Jesus loved the youth of His day. He wants all youth to be tomorrow's messengers of the Word". Under this give an invitation to the B.W.C. meeting.

Topic—YOUTH: TOMORROW'S MESSENGER of the WORD

Hymn: "With Happy Voices Singing"

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OUR PART—Much criticism and condemnation are being directed today at church members as the world tries in vain to find the dividing line between Christians and non-Christians. We would stop and take stock of Christianity in an effort to discover the reason for there being any such questions. Quickly we find it. It is this: the majority of Christians come face to face with God in their youth and answer His wooing voice, as the boy Samuel did: "Here am I. . . speak, for Thy servant heareth". Out of this soul experience of conversion, they come into church membership radiant and eager to be like Jesus in love, in behaviour, in dreams. They yearn to be different but do not dare to break through the walls of platitudinous conventions of the home, the church, the community. Soon their spirits are daunted and chilled, undernourished and stunted for growth in Kingdom graces. And they, also, become adults repeating the cramped, undeveloped life of the Christians of the previous generation.

What a rebuke this is to us young women who were the youth of yesterday! We remember. We understand. Then—shall we not respond with all of our hearts of love, with all of our wisdom of experience and lead this generation of youth into life more abundant by quenching their thirsty souls with opportunities for their loving the world and serving it in a realistic and missionary way? Christian "service is the antidote for worldliness". Youth needs many older campfire-friends, deep-in-the-woods comrades, understanding and loving hearts to lead them.

Business women have little time of their own: Saturday afternoons and Sundays plus a few evenings—that's all! Yet, these are sufficient for knowing one or two—or more—young people intimately. And because of our Christian comradeship and sharing of Jesus with them, they can somehow through Him and us combined dare to be different—forever—and even in eternity.

PROGRAM PLANS

Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE



The month is June. The topic is "Youth". How fitting that these should come together! There will scarcely be a member of a Program Committee that is not especially interested at this season in some young graduate of college or high school. Commencement days are at hand and households and communities will be stirred over events centering around these occasions. Even in homes, where there are no young people, members of Women's Missionary Societies will be in touch with these boys and girls through the W.M.U. young people's organizations and the Sunday schools and will be in sympathy with their joys and excitement.

What are our highest wishes for these young lives? Do we have any clearly defined ideals for them? As a whole, we may have a general notion of how we would have them live. But the young person who is dearest to us in all the world, whose life means more than our own life, are these standards suited to him or to her? Are there not exceptions to the rules when applied to our own? Are we not more lenient to their demands for happiness on their own terms? Let us, as we plan this program, be very honest with ourselves, with our society and with our young people.

One of the most interesting ways of studying the young people is to let them speak for themselves. If they are just home from college, invite them to come to the meeting and tell of their college activities. They may tell of the different aspects of college life. One may speak of "Religious Life in the College"; one of "Mission Study and Missionary Addresses"; another of

"Personal Service Opportunities in College". If there are different colleges represented, each speaker may outline each of these briefly. It would be an excellent time to "line up" these young folk for some kind of vacation work among little children or old people who need to have the hot months made more bearable.

Should it not be advisable to call on the young people, a very interesting program can be made up from the material given on pages 20-28. First have a brief talk on "Youth", then use "Youth", "Baptist Youth" and "Youth in the Modern World". The next talks should be based on "Youth and the Word" and "Hiding the Word in the Hearts of Youth". Following these two talks should come the little dialogue, "Training Tomorrow's Messengers". This may be most attractively carried out exactly as given. The president and third vice president can make it very impressive and may add any local touches they think suitable. For instance: in mentioning the different junior mission organizations, the speaker may tell who the leaders are and the number enrolled. When money is discussed she may tell the amounts these organizations have contributed in a year. She may mention the books they have used in mission study. If she prefers she may call on the leaders of these organizations to tell of them or have representatives from the membership present.

In so far as possible, let this whole meeting be filled with the hope and joy of youth, remembering that joy is one of their greatest contributions to a burdened world. Let the purpose of the program be to teach that happiness is not negative—just not doing wrong; it is positive—doing that which is right.

PROGRAM for JUNE

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.

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Topic—YOUTH: TOMORROW'S MESSENGER of the WORD

Hymn—O Zion, Haste

Bible Study—Being a Child: I Sam. 2:18, 19, 26; 3:1-10 (Page 10)

Hymn—Be a Little Sunbeam (*sung by either one or a group of Sunbeams*)

Prayer that this program may help us see our duty to our young people

—Youth in the Modern World

Hymn—Yield Not to Temptation

Prayer that our young people may be fortified against temptations

Youth and the Word —Hiding the Word in the Hearts of Youth

Prayer that we may be faithful in giving the whole Word to our young people

Preparing Tomorrow's Messengers

G.A. Hymn (*one verse*)—We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

R.A. Hymn (*one verse*)—The King's Business

In Her Two Hands

W.M.U. Hymn (*second verse*)—Come Women, Wide Proclaim

Prayer that we may faithfully prepare our young people to be "tomorrow's messengers of the Word"

YOUTH

We are told that there are in the United States twelve million young people between the ages of fourteen and twenty-eight. Were they to clasp hands they would form an unbroken line from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Some one has estimated that these represent enough labor to go into the forest and bew the timbers, into the mines to dig the iron, manufacture these elements into rails, spikes and ties and construct a railroad reaching from New York to San Francisco, doing all this between the rising and the setting of the sun. Add to these the millions of children under fourteen and it gives us a realization of the great throng of young people in our midst.

YOUTH—a vast host, marching toward the future, carrying the world's destiny in their hands!

YOUTH—in the impressionable age, fixing habits which will remain with them through life, forming ideals on which their future activity depends, making choices which will determine their eternal destiny!

YOUTH—of the adventurous spirit, dreaming of heroic achievements, daring to attempt the impossible!

YOUTH—our greatest hope and our greatest hazard; our greatest power and our greatest problem; our greatest opportunity and our greatest responsibility!

YOUTH—needing us: needing our help, our guidance, our teaching, our example, our inspiration!



Youth!

Thank God for the hope of it!

Thank God for the scope of it!

Thank God for the chance of it

And for the expanse of it

And for the advance of it!

Youth, glorious youth!

SOUTHERN BAPTIST YOUTH—We wonder how many young people southern Baptists can claim. There are over half a million enrolled in our B.Y.P.U.'s. Most of these are already members of Baptist churches and are, therefore, certainly Baptist youth. It is safe to estimate that there are one and one-half million children and young people under the age of thirty in our Sunday schools and, while many of these are not members of the church, they are under the influence of our churches and therefore may be claimed as Baptist youth. Then there are those young people around us who are not in any Sunday school or church and who are, therefore, our possibilities and our responsibilities. With these included, our Baptist youth would number into the millions and, standing hand in hand, would probably reach across our southern Baptist territory from east to west.

BAPTIST YOUTH—full of enthusiasm and zeal, ready to do heroic things in the Kingdom of God!

BAPTIST YOUTH—needing to be guarded from the pitfalls of evil and guided into the paths of service!

BAPTIST YOUTH—our future preachers, teachers, missionaries, leaders, tithees—our church of tomorrow!

Baptist Youth!

Proudly we hail you!

Ne'er may we fail you!

May we stay close beside you

To guard and to guide you!

May we teach you and lead you,

In Kingdom work speed you,

For, oh, how we need you!

Youth! Baptist Youth!

YOUTH in the MODERN WORLD

Is youth today different from what it was one hundred, fifty, twenty-five years ago? This is a question often asked today, and there are many who shake their heads in despair and answer: "Yes, youth has changed since we were young. The young people of today are going to the dogs". We believe that the right answer to this question is: "No. Young people have not changed. They have the same nature, the same impulses, the same desires, the same ambitions that young people have had since the beginning of time". We believe that the young girls of today are just like their mothers and grandmothers were before them—and yet they are not, for they do things that mother and grandmother would never have thought of doing. What makes the difference? Surely we will all agree that the difference is not in the young people but in the world in which they live. The world is a different place from what it was twenty-five years ago. Boundaries have been removed, knowledge has been increased and there are more opportunities for both good and evil. Mother traveled behind "Old Dobbin" at the rate of five miles an hour. Daughter rides in her car at sixty miles an hour or may, in her aeroplane, fly swifter than a bird over a continent or a sea. Youth lives in a fast world which has greatly multiplied its temptations. It seems that the devil has marshalled his forces to destroy the youth of today. Let us think of some of these evils which threaten our young people.

INTEMPERANCE—We use the word intemperance in its broader meaning, to include not only strong drink but also tobacco in all its forms. Without question the Eighteenth Amendment has greatly lessened drinking among our young people, but there is still far more of it than should be and, if the legalized saloon returns, the temptation to drink will be multiplied a thousand fold. It therefore behooves us to teach our young people the terrible evils of strong drink. They haven't seen these evils themselves, and it will be easy for them to be led into the enticing path of intemperance which surely leads to destruction. Total abstinence is their only safe course. Then there is the tobacco curse. The cigarette is probably ruining more young people today than strong drink ever did. Whisky reaches its tens while the cigarette reaches its tens of thousands. The young man who doesn't use the cigarette today is almost a curiosity and, alas! even our girls are falling into this pit. We must teach our young people the harm that comes from the use of tobacco. We must make them realize that the manly, womanly, heroic thing is to desist from all habits which harm the body and which may destroy the soul.

WORLDLINESS—Again we use the word in its broad sense, to include frivolity, sinful pleasures and materialism. Young people desire a good time. Their natures demand it, and all too often that desire leads to frivolous and sinful excesses in pleasure. The craving for a good time leads first to the parlor dance and the bridge table, and then on down to the night club and the gambling den. The things of the world appear so attractive that it isn't always easy for young people to realize the superior qualities of the things of the spirit. Too often they are building their ambitions on material ideals. To have money and a good time is the sum total of many a young man's dreams. Unselfish service is the Christian antidote for worldliness. Let us administer it to our young people in large doses!

LOW MORAL IDEALS—Close akin to worldliness is low moral ideals. Excess in worldly pleasures inevitably lowers the moral ideals of our young people. The automobiles furnish opportunities and temptations for familiarities which should never be permitted. We are shocked to find young people from even our so-called best homes indulging in midnight riding, "necking parties" and other dangerous diversions. The statistics of our divorce courts appall us. Discussions of "free love" and "companionate marriage" disgrace the pages of many magazines and contaminate our conversation. Jazz music and jazz thinking have produced jazz ideals which are breaking down the moral stamina of many of our young people.

MODERNISM—There is a danger that the Christian faith of our young people will be eclipsed in the whirlwind of modernism which is sweeping through our schools and even through some of our churches. Doubts of the eternal verities of God's Word are being planted in their minds by unwise teaching. With some, modernism has grown into atheism as their faith in God Himself has been swept away from them. We find in some of our schools such atrociously suggestive organizations as "The Society for Damned Souls". Our young people need the strong anchor of our watchful love and careful training to hold them firmly fixed in the faith of their fathers.

These and a thousand attendant evils threaten youth in the modern world. With these Satan would destroy every young man and woman if he could—but he can't! There are powers for good as well as evil in the world, and these are at work to save youth. Thousands of young people are still true to high ideals, strong to resist temptations and ambitious to attain worthy goals in life. And it is our business to help youth in the modern world to take advantage of all the good things which a modern world affords and yet remain true to the standards of living which have been right ever since the world began and which nothing modern can change.

DISCUSSION—Do we believe that the young people of today are worse than they were when we were young?

What particular perils endanger our young people?

YOUTH and the WORD

THE solution of the youth problem may be found in the Word of God. The Bible is a book of the young and for the young. Young men and women walk through its pages, feeling the same aspirations, facing the same temptations, dealing with the same problems that fill the life of the modern youth. Young Esau falls the victim of appetite, young Jacob of avarice. Young Joseph dreams his dreams, young David kills his giant, young Samuel hears his call to service and young Daniel refuses to be tempted by the enticing dainties of a king's table. Young Jesus faces temptation and conquers, then treads the roads of Palestine, giving His young life in sacrificial service. Yes, in the Bible modern youth may see himself in every condition and in every mood of life.

YOUTH NEEDS THE WORD—He needs it to show him how to be saved. Not in history or in philosophy or in science but in the Holy Scriptures is found the way of eternal life. He needs it to fortify him against temptation. In the Bible he learns of one who was tempted in all points, even as he is, and was yet without sin and that this one will not suffer him to be tempted above what he is able but will, with every temptation, provide a way of escape. He needs it to help him know what to do with his life. The Word helps him to form the highest ideals and to achieve the greatest success. He wishes to "find his life" in all its fullness, and in the Bible he learns that to do this he must "lose his life" in service for others. He needs the Word to show him his relationship to God and his fellow man. He needs it to live by and to die by. It is his ship to carry him safely over the stormy sea of life's sorrows and temptations. It is the bread to feed and satisfy his hungry soul. It is a lamp unto his feet and a light unto his pathway.

YOUTH RESPONDS TO THE WORD—It is a mistake to think that the Word of God has lost its appeal to youth. To be sure there are those "smart Alec" young people who look on the Bible as antiquated and entirely too old fashioned for the consideration of their modern and sophisticated thinking. There are those who doubt its inspiration and point the finger of scorn at its sacred teachings. But on the other hand there are thousands of others who believe its message and respond to its teaching. Only a few years ago a survey of our leading colleges and institutions revealed the fact that a large percent of their students believe in God and in the Bible as His Word. If the Word is presented in the right way youth responds. Why not? Youth desires the heroic. The pages of the Bible are ablaze with the record of courageous deeds of men and women and with the ideals of heroic service. Youth desires adventure. The Bible offers an adventure even into the unknown realms of eternal life. Youth is questioning. The Bible answers all his questions. Youth is seeking. In the Bible he finds most priceless treasures. Youth responds to the evangelistic message of the Word. Statistics prove that ninety percent of the people who come to Christ come before they are twenty years of age. Youth responds to the missionary message of the Word. Adoniram Judson was only twenty-five years of age and his fair bride only twenty-three when they went to Burma as America's first foreign missionaries. Robert Moffatt heard the call of God to be a missionary at the early age of nineteen. The same heroic spirit that led thousands of the flower of America's youth to cross the seas to give their lives a sacrifice on "Flanders Field" also leads the flower of Christian youth to cross the seas and offer their lives a living sacrifice to the cause of Christ.

YOUTH MUST BE TOMORROW'S MESSENGERS OF THE WORD—The messengers who scatter the Word today will be silent tomorrow. Unless the young people take their

places the Word will be lost. But that cannot be, for God has said: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Word shall not pass away". The young people of today must be the messengers of tomorrow. Some must go to those who have never heard and speak to them the Word of salvation. Others by their gifts must put wings upon the Word and send it flying round the world.

DISCUSSION—What evidences have we seen that youth responds to the Word?

HIDING the WORD in the HEARTS of YOUTH

SINCE the Word means so much to young people, how important it is that its truths be planted deep in their hearts in the days of youth. There is a story told of a prince who sent one of his knights on a perilous journey. As the knight departed the prince placed around his neck a golden chain on which hung a lovely ruby, saying: "This will serve you well. Never part with it, for it is your most priceless treasure". The knight had many painful and dangerous experiences, but always the prince's jewel, pressed against his bosom, sustained and strengthened him. When he took a wrong road the jewel burned until he returned to the forks and chose the right way. When he was tempted to do wrong the ruby burned again as if to remind him of his duty to his prince. When he was fearful the jewel burned courage into his soul and, when he was sad, it lay in warm comfort against his heart. At last, with the ruby still pressed close to his breast, the knight entered the shining gates which stood at his journey's end. This is a picture of what we do when we hide the Word in the hearts of our young people. We give them a gem which will ever burn in their hearts, strengthening them in times of temptation, comforting them in times of sorrow and guiding them into right paths of living and serving.

IN the HOME—What a blessed privilege it is to teach the Word of God in the home! We wonder how many southern Baptist young people have mothers and fathers who avail themselves of this privilege. We wonder how many of our children hear the Word of God often on their father's lips and learn their first Scripture text at their mother's knee. Every youth problem could be solved with the right kind of homes aided by the right kind of schools and churches. Too often parents give no attention to the religious training of their children, thereby making the work of the church very difficult and often causing the destruction of their children. In a southern city recently three girls were brought into a police court at two o'clock in the morning in a drunken condition. When their homes were called in an effort to inform their mothers of the whereabouts of their girls not a one of the three mothers was at home—at two A. M.! Such homes and such mothers make wayward sons and daughters. What we need is the home with a family altar: the home where the Word is exalted, taught and lived.

IN the CHURCH—It is the chief business of the church to give the Word to its young people. Its system of organization is built around this purpose. The Sunday school teaches the Word, the B.Y.P.U. gives training in using and obeying the Word, while the W.M.U. gives special emphasis to the missionary message of the Word. A child who begins the study of the Word in the nursery class and the Sunbeam Band and goes through all the grades of the Sunday school, B.Y.P.U. and the W.M.U., should come to adult life with a comprehensive and usable knowledge of the facts and truths of the Bible—"completely furnished unto every good work". The tragedy is that so many of our churches do not have these organizations for the training of their young people. Usually the reason they do not have them is because of lack of leaders. The young people are in their midst and they are needing to be taught and trained in the Word, but it seems impossible to find leaders for all the organizations needed. What is the trouble? Is it possible that God has placed young people in our churches without providing ade-

quate leadership for them? We believe not! We believe that there are in every church enough men and women to teach every Sunday school class, to lead every B.Y.P.U. and counsel every W.M.U. organization. The trouble is that so few are willing to consecrate their time and talents to this work. We wonder why every man and woman are not willing and eager to do it, for surely to lead young people to know and live the Word of God is the greatest work that a Christian can do.

DOERS of the WORD—Our young people must be not only hearers but "doers of the Word". It is a mistake to think that we can prepare them for service by just pouring the Word into them today expecting them to use it at some future time. They must use the Word now. They must give expression in daily life to the impressions received through our training. They must be messengers of the Word today or else tomorrow will find itself without its messengers. In other words, we must use our young people in God's work while they are young. We must give them opportunities to develop their talents in Kingdom service. The forces of the world are eager to use young life and never fail to exploit the talents of youth to further their schemes. We must be equally as wise and utilize all the capabilities of our young people as we help them, even in the days of youth, to become "doers of the Word".

TRAINING TOMORROW'S MESSENGERS

Leader—The training of tomorrow's messengers of the Word is the special work of the W.M.U. Every W.M.S. should feel its obligation for the missionary education of its young people. No mother society should be satisfied until her family is complete with at least four young people's organizations under her care. We have heard much about the W.M.U. young people's work, but let us hear the story again in the following dialogue which might be called "A Sack Full of Suggestions" and which will show us how we may prepare tomorrow's messengers. (*If impossible to use the following as a dialogue its contents may be easily given in a talk.*)

W.M.S. President (*Looking at "Royal Service" program*)—I see that the subject of our missionary program for this month is: "Youth—Tomorrow's Messenger of the Word". That is a timely subject, for surely our young people of today must be tomorrow's messengers of the Word and it is essential that we train them. But I am wondering how we can best do it. (*Enters third vice president carrying large sack*)

Third Vice President—I am just the one to show you how to prepare youth to be tomorrow's messenger of the Word. You see, I am your third vice president, elected for the specific task of studying young people's work and leading our society in fostering W.M.U. organizations.

President—Yes, and I am so glad to have you do this splendid work for us, for of course it is impossible for me, with my many duties as president, to give the time and study necessary for the training of our young people.

Third Vice President—Well, it is my business to do that, and I have brought you a sack full of suggestions, of things that our W.M.S. can and should do for our young people.

President—A mystery bag! Oh how interesting! I am wondering what treasures I shall draw from it!

Third Vice President—I am going to draw them out for you, and I assure you that they are treasures indeed, each one a plan which I want you to help me carry out for our young people.

President—Hurry up! I can hardly wait to see!

Third Vice President (*takes from sack short pieces of yellow, blue, green and white ribbon pinned together in fan shape*)—These colors suggest to you the young

people's organizations which we should have. The yellow is for the **SUNBEAMS**. We must have this organization so that our little children up to nine years of age can learn to shine for Jesus. Really, this is the most important organization of all, for the impressions made in the earliest years are the ones that remain through life. If we can make our children messengers of the Word today, they will surely continue the great work tomorrow. The blue ribbon suggests the **ROYAL AMBASSADORS**.—All of our boys from nine to seventeen should be in this organization; those through twelve in the Junior R.A. and the older ones in the Intermediate R.A. The word ambassador means messenger, and I believe we can make all these boys messengers of the Word if we but train them in this organization. The green and white are the colors of the girls' organizations: the **GIRLS' AUXILIARY** for girls from nine to seventeen, and the **YOUNG WOMAN'S AUXILIARY** for girls above seventeen. The G.A., like the R.A., may be divided into two groups: the **JUNIOR** and the **INTERMEDIATE**. When we have all these organizations and the W.M.S. we will have what is called a **FULL GRADED W.M.U.** or a complete W.M.U. family. It is not obligatory to have both the junior and intermediate groups but it is far better to do so.

President—Splendid! But it seems to me that it would be very difficult to conduct so many organizations.

Third Vice President—It is difficult, but then we must pay the price for anything worthwhile. You see, the W.M.S. must furnish a counselor or leader for each of these organizations; and I, as third vice president, have general supervision over all. And remember this sack is full of suggestions to help us with this work.

President—Show me some more. I am eager to see!

Third Vice President (takes from sack placard bearing word "Meetings")—You see, each organization must have meetings, at least one a month, and more if possible. At each of these meetings there must be a devotional and missionary program. You can see what wonderful missionary training this will give to the young people. Of course these meetings must be made as interesting and attractive as possible so that the attendance will be good and all the young people enlisted. Occasionally the W.M.S. will furnish refreshments, which will add to the social enjoyment of the young people and show the interest of the mother organization in her children.

President—I see! That is a part of our fostering duties. But tell me: where will the counselors get all these programs?

Third Vice President—Oh, wait till you see the next contents of my mystery bag (takes out copies of "World Comrades" and "The Window")—Here are the official magazines of the W.M.U. for her young people: **WORLD COMRADES** for the Sunbeams, R.A. and G. A.; and **THE WINDOW** for Y.W.A. Miss Juliette Mather, the young people's secretary of the southern W.M.U., edits these magazines, and truly they are full of interesting and helpful reading for young people. In them are found splendid programs for the organizations.

President—Wouldn't it be great if these magazines could be in all homes where there are young people!

Third Vice President—Indeed it would; and we should urge the mothers to subscribe for them. They would, if they could realize the importance of filling the minds and hearts of youth with missionary information. Young people who read these magazines each month will surely be messengers of the Word tomorrow. Then of course the Woman's Missionary Society must provide at least one copy of these magazines for the counselors of the respective organizations—two would be better: one to clip for program use and one to keep intact.

President—Another way to foster, I see!

Third Vice President—Yes. (takes out mission study book) Now here is a mission study book, which suggests another way in which missionary information can be given to our young people. There are many such books just as interesting and attractive as can be. It will be no trouble to get the boys and girls to read and study them.

President—And it wouldn't hurt the W.M.S. to buy some of these books and establish a missionary library.

Third Vice President—That would be a splendid plan. The church that leads its young people to read and study missionary books will be a missionary church tomorrow. (takes out a football or tennis racket) This emblem of recreation suggests the camps, conclaves and house parties held for young people. It is hardly a fit emblem for these activities, for they are far more than recreational pastimes. While they furnish good times in abundance they also furnish study classes, inspirational speakers, devotional periods and other services designed for the spiritual training of the young people.

President—Who provides these camps?

Third Vice President—Sometimes they are associational or district projects, and again the organizations of a whole state come together for a camp, a conclave or a house party. The greatest of all these is the Southwide Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest. Every June the girls from the whole southland come together at this Baptist "Retreat" in North Carolina and there enjoy mountain top experiences of recreation, information, inspiration and consecration. The dates for this camp this year are June 27-July 7.

President—I hope some of our girls can go. What next in your bag?

Third Vice President (takes out picture of people praying)—Our young people must be taught to pray. Devotional services are held at all meetings and the young people are encouraged to pray both silently and aloud. "The Window" carries a prayer calendar, suggesting objects of prayer for the Y.W.A. for each day of the year. Then all organizations must observe the three seasons of prayer during the year, one each for state, home and foreign missions.

President—If all the Baptist young people of the south would thus unite their petitions, surely they would shake the very throne of God.

Third Vice President—Yes, and I believe the young people would do it if only the older people would lead them. (draws out bunch of flowers) This suggests one of the best departments of our young people's work: personal service. Through personal service the young people may give expression of their love for others by sharing both their spiritual and material blessings with those near at hand. So they carry flowers to the sick, food and clothing to the poor, share their games, visit the unfortunate and do other things for the spiritual uplift of their community. As they thus share their blessings with the needy ones around them, they may be forming habits that will lead them to share their lives with the needy of some foreign land.

President—I can see the wonderful influence of such service.

Third Vice President (takes out a bill or silver dollar)—Now comes the suggestion of gifts. We must teach our young people to be tithers and faithful stewards of all they possess. To foster stewardship training, a "Stewardship Declamation Contest" is held each year. The Sunbeams memorize Scripture and the Junior R.A.'s and G.A.'s short speeches, while the Intermediates and Y.W.A.'s write their own speeches. The contest is held first in the churches, then in the association, then in the district and then in the state. With the Y.W.A. there is also a southwide contest as a part of the Ridgecrest program. In this way stewardship knowledge is disseminated not only among the young people themselves but also among all those who attend the contests.

President —That seems like a wonderful plan to me. What have you next?

Third Vice President—The next is the suggestion of a special plan for this year. (*draws out placard with "25" on it*) This is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the R.A., so 1933 is being celebrated as "Boys' Year". Already the boys have celebrated together with the southwide broadcast of March 10. Father and son banquets, R.A. conclaves and other activities are being planned for the benefit of the boys. The very best way to celebrate this anniversary is to organize R.A. Chapters in all churches where there is none.

President — We must plan something especially attractive for our boys. Have you emptied your bag?

Third Vice President—No. I have one more suggestion in my sack, and it is the most suggestive suggestion of all. (*draws out a Bible*) This Bible tells us what it is all about. All of our young people's work centers around the Word of God. We are planting missionary truths of this Bible in their hearts that they may be faithful messengers of the Word tomorrow.

President — Indeed this is a wonder bag, full of wonderful plans! I pledge you the cooperation of our W.M.S. in carrying out everyone of them for our young people. Then shall we have the joy of knowing that, when we can no longer be messengers of the Word, these—our sons and daughters—will be ready to carry on the blessed work of giving the Word of God to the whole world.

DISCUSSION—How well are we using this sack full of suggestions in our young people's work?

IN HER TWO HANDS

OUT on the plains of Oklahoma stands the world famous statue, the "Pioneer Woman". In this marvelous work of art is depicted all the daring adventure, the dauntless courage, the grim determination of the woman who turns her back on the things which are behind and presses on to those things which are before because she believes that they are the better things for her and hers. We are especially interested in what this "Pioneer Woman" holds in her two hands. Look! In her right hand, pressed between her arm and her body, is the Bible. Her left hand holds firmly the hand of her young son. On her face is a look of assurance, for she knows she can conquer with the Word as her guide and the child as her inspiration.

The **WORD** and **YOUTH**, held by the two hands of a **WOMAN**: Isn't that a picture of our W.M.U.? Surely she holds the Word firmly in one hand. That Word with its message of salvation for all mankind is her watchword, her guide, her inspiration, the reason for her existence and her work. She herself is a messenger of that Word, daring with the spirit of the pioneer to face any danger or endure any hardship that the Word may be carried to the ends of the earth. Then with her other hand she clings to her youth—the thousands of young people whom she must guide and train and lead out to greater ventures in Kingdom service!

Can you imagine the "Pioneer Woman" dropping the hand of that boy, leaving him to wander and lose his way among the unknown dangers that are ahead? Never! She will cling to that small hand in hers and, at the cost of any sacrifice to herself, she will lead him on and help him to overcome all obstacles and to reach the sunlit fields of success which she sees ahead.

Can you imagine the W.M.U. dropping the hand of youth and leaving her young people to drift into sin and neglect of Christian service? Never! Through her organized plan of missionary training she will cling tight to that hand, leading her youth to the sunlit fields of service which she sees ahead.

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

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

WHY NOT for YOUR R. A.'s, TOO?



Last summer Shelby County in Tennessee had a remarkably fine R.A. School of Missions. It was so successful that the following ideas from Mrs. Jack Sanders and Mrs. Lancaster—the counselors who were most responsible for its promotion—are published for the benefit of others who will want to follow similar plans for their R.A.'s this summer. Mrs. Sanders writes:

"We must take more time planning and praying for the young manhood of today, so we may have men of tomorrow who can lead us on to the high ideals of life. The men of the past generation were neglected; today they are suspicious, because they did not get the true knowledge of missions. It takes preparation for a School of Missions. If everyone could have heard the expressions of our teachers regarding the pleasure they had in teaching the boys, no one would hesitate to go anywhere to teach in an R.A. School of Missions. There were nearly 100 boys who attended from fifteen or more chapters. The school lasted a week, from 9:30 in the morning until noon. Between class periods, an assembly was held, at which time a pastor spoke".

In preparation for the week's School of Missions there was earnest prayer and careful planning. Teachers were secured for the classes, using the texts: "Around the World in the Southland", "The King's Own" and "Outriders for the King".

Specific duties were assigned to different counselors. One attended to registration each morning, care being taken to select a counselor who would not fail to be prompt. Another arranged for the R.A. program features each day and for

the different pastors who would lead the devotionals. Another planned for the picnic lunch on the last day. (*Each boy brought four sandwiches, each counselor one cake and a jar of pickles, while the associational W.M.U. furnished ice cream.*) Still another counselor was responsible for publicity announcements and one sold books at the registrar's desk. With everyone doing his part, the school was a perfect success.

Anticipatory publicity was wisely given so that the R.A.'s. were ready to attend. Then a week prior to the date the daily newspapers carried announcements, giving program in detail. For two Sundays the pastors in the association announced the R.A. School of Missions from their pulpits. A centrally located church in Memphis, the county seat, was chosen because of its accessible location and its adequate class room spaces. The program for each day was as follows:

Classes convened at 9:30.

General assembly in auditorium at 10:30 (*Marching in to tune of "Loyalty to Christ" or some other hymn played by an R.A.*)

Song, "Loyalty to Christ"

Prayer by pastor invited to lead devotional

R.A. feature of 5 minutes, one of following each day: musical number; talk on "What My R.A. Armband Means to Me"; talk on "Purpose of R.A."; recognition of all full ranking ambassadors; duet by R.A.'s.

Devotional by pastor

Announcements

March to class rooms

Class period, 11 to 12

Dismissal

An R.A. presided at the assembly. Another led the singing.

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TRAINING SCHOOL

Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, Principal, 324 E. Broadway, Louisville, Ky.

YOUTH, TOMORROW'S MESSENGERS of the WORD



The highest privilege afforded any woman is that of being a mother with the responsibility of implanting in her children's lives the ideals and characteristics that Jesus would have them possess. Next to this great privilege is the opportunity and responsibility of leading another woman's children to know this same Saviour. Since every child has not the privilege of living in a Christian home, missions and religious education have become a great part of the program of the churches.

The young people and children that surround us everywhere must have implanted in their lives a longing that will make them want their lives to count for Jesus and others if the world is ever to be won to Christ. The young people of today are to be the church members of tomorrow. Just as we train them to do their work will it be done. They are to be the light of the world. Their conduct and influence will elevate and bless mankind.

Scientists tell us that the moon has no light of her own but shines because she reflects the light of the sun. Christians shine only as they catch and reflect the rays of the Sun of Righteousness—Jesus. The business of the women of today is to train the young people to be "good reflectors" in the world of sin and ruin of tomorrow. A "good reflector" must be clean and polished and bright and always in position to catch the sun's rays.

Near Pottsdam, Pa., there is a large surface deposit of dark stone covering several acres. These stones are called the "ringing rocks". They have a metallic sound when struck by a hammer, which gives them their name. During a recent thunderstorm on a dark night, persons passing were startled to see a light bluish flame rise from the ground and spread over a space ten or twelve yards square. This flame rose and fell after the manner of the northern lights, lighting up the darkness around it. Some old residents in that district say that these strange lights are always seen on stormy nights. They explain that the rocks are so metallic in formation that they attract electricity from the atmosphere for miles around and, through some natural cause, the electricity becomes luminous like a phosphorescent glow. Scientific men declare that the rocks are so highly charged with magnetism that any electric disturbance will cause the glow. We know that it is possible for men and women to be so highly charged with the magnetism of the Holy Spirit that they will glow with a divine light and will illuminate the spiritual darkness of the world around them. It is possible for every Christian to live a life like that—that is the kind that we want the young people of the tomorrow to live.

These young people must be taught that they must shine for Jesus at all times. They must learn that their dim lights will grow brighter as they show others the way and they in turn become lights for Jesus. If they take a candle and put it under a jar and shut out the air, the flame will be extinguished. So it is with their lives: if they are surrounded by the world and material things and God's love and will are shut out, they will not flourish or shine brightly. They must not be discouraged about their seemingly dim lights, for it was by the candle light that the woman recovered her lost piece of silver. It is possible to find a diamond by the aid of a candle or even with the aid of a match.

—Alpha Durnall, Mo.

MARGARET FUND

Chairman: Mrs. Frank Burney, Waynesboro, Ga.

"ONCE upon a TIME"—



Even yet our ears prick up with keener interest when some one begins to tell us a story beginning with this fascinating title. "Once upon a time" shall be the title to our short, concise yet interesting history of all former stu-

dents.

Anxious we are to know the "where they are, who they are and what they are" of our missionary sons and daughters, whom "once upon a time" Woman's Missionary Union was privileged to assist in securing their college education and "once upon a time" was so happy to "Mother" while they were absent from their parents.

All over the world we are hearing from them, and we are appealing now for some information from each former student and if possible a kodak picture of him or her. A charmingly interesting letter from Victoria Logan of Buenos Aires, Argentina, says:

One of the things I'm most proud of in my life is that "once upon a time" I was a "Margaret Fund student". It proved a blessing to my life which will continue to bear its fruit, I am quite sure, not just as a means of acquiring an education (*although that was great in itself*) but because of all the dear associations it brought with it, the lives of Christlike women I was privileged to know and in whose homes I visited, the opportunities that were given me to tell about our missionary work in this country. All of these things have had such an influence in my life, that I do not hesitate for one moment to say that what I am today (*and certainly I fell far, far short, I realize that, but what I mean is the little I am able to do*) I owe it first to my wonderful parents and, then almost in entirety, to the fact

that "once upon a time" I was a "Margaret Fund student". God grant His richest blessings on the wonderful work, in which you are engaged, is my prayer, and you can be assured that I will always feel deeply grateful for what it has meant to me.

I have been in Argentina just exactly a year this month. It happened this way. The last position I held in the United States (*for I was young people's secretary of the W.M.U. in Tennessee for two years*) was as young people's director in the First Baptist Church of Knoxville, Tenn. I had been there a little over two years when the women of the W.M.S. offered to help pay my expenses to come back to Argentina, for they knew how much I longed to "come back home". You can well imagine how delighted I was to return to my "native land" and especially to be able to be really "at home" again with my parents, because for ten years we had been separated and I felt that, now that they were getting up in years, they surely must long to have some one of their four children with them. Needless to say they were overjoyed, and I never got quite so much "spoiling" in all my life! Shortly after my arrival, I set about to find me a job, for I not only wanted to earn my own living but also to be able to help with the expenses at home. Knowing the Spanish language, the securing of a job didn't prove so very hard for me, and soon I was working in "Armour's" large packing house offices in this city, as a Spanish-English stenographer, attending to all the correspondence of one of the managers here, who can't speak Spanish. Of course I work pretty hard at the office all day long, but in my spare time I am able to do some church work, and I thoroughly enjoy it. Our Baptist mission work has made wonderful

progress here and, now that I am no longer a mere kid, I can of course appreciate what is being done more and can also understand the problems our missionaries and native workers face in this country, much more than I did when I was here before.

Mother and Daddy are now 60 years of age, but they keep remarkably well for their age, just as active in the work as they ever were, I really believe. This makes their 33rd year in Argentina, so you see they have lived here long enough to see some real fruits of their labors, watching the work grow from one little mission hall, you might say, to some 15 splendid little Baptist churches here in this city as well as a number of others up in the interior. I am sure there are no happier people in the whole world than our missionaries—in spite of all the sacrifices they may have been called upon to make, they somehow have learned to live so close to God, depend on Him so much more

than we do in all the bustle and hustle of our lives in the U. S., and He continues to bless them in such a wonderful way. Right now, because of the perilous conditions of our Boards in the United States, our work here is naturally facing a crisis, too, but their zeal has not decreased, and missionaries as well as native workers, who have been told that all appropriations for the work here have to be cut in half beginning from the first of the year, have set out to do the very best they can with the little they have.

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The Friday picnic was held after the second class period, recreation being planned for the afternoon. Accurate record was kept of the boys who passed examinations; certificates were awarded.

Why not follow such plans, adapting where necessary to fit your situation? Why not have a splendid R.A. School of Missions during these vacation days?

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Some day the "Woman" will fall by the wayside. She will be able no longer to hold the Word. And then that youth, trained and prepared, will seize the precious book in his own hand and with its message in his own heart will carry it on to missionary achievements that the "Woman" only dreams of.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

"The Window of Y.W.A."	—"World Comrades"
Home and Foreign Fields	—State Denominational Papers
Youth and the New America	G. Bromley Oxnam
The Child and America's Future	J. S. Stowell
Stewardship in the Life of Youth	Williamson-Wallace
Telling You How	Juliette Mather
Manuals of W.M.U. Young People's Organizations	

"Pray Ye" for Argentina—

- For revival among the churches
- That the Argentine woman may have complete liberty to decide spiritual matters for herself
- That the day may soon come in Argentina when all hindrance to the reading of God's Word will be removed
- That God's children in Argentina and Uruguay may be so united in love that they shall have as their sole aim working for the salvation of lost souls
- For Margaret Fund students from Argentina

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.

HE UPSET the WORLD



Under the arresting title "He Upset the World", Bruce Barton gives us a short study of Paul, the missionary. Beginning with a dialike of Paul, his manners, his theology and his style, the author was soon fascinated by Paul's personality. The outcome was this book, which gives a vivid picture of the man who did more than any other to make the Christian religion not that of a Jewish sect but a world-wide religion.—Price, cloth, \$2

THE MARCH of the ELEVEN MEN

IN "The March of the Eleven Men"

Frank S. Mead, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, depicts the march of Christianity through the centuries, beginning with the eleven apostles, whose influence has gone on until the religion of Christ counts more than five hundred millions among its worshipers. The vivid imagination of the author makes history live for us, as he shows how the Christ-life came down through Constantine, through Charlemagne, through the Crusaders, through Wycliffe, through Luther, crossed the ocean with the Puritans and put its stamp on America.—Price, cloth, \$2

EDITORIAL (Concluded from Page 4)

then another of these 140982 women who have been lost from our missionary enterprise?

3—In 1931 there were 17591 W.M.S. mission study classes; in 1932 the record is still quite large—16575—but alas it is smaller by 1016. The Standard of Excellence calls for each W.M.S. to have at least two mission study classes annually. Will you get your society and your circle to renew their strength by such study this summer?

4—The 1931 records showed that 68579 W.M.S. members had agreed to tithe; can you fathom the reasons why the 1932 records show only 64568; will you try this summer to renew the strength of the wearied missionaries by helping to "repledge" these 4011 W.M.S. tithers?

5—In 1931 there were 9514 societies, among the women and W.M.U. young people, that had personal service committees, whereas in 1932 there were only 8054 such committees—a loss of 1460. Has there ever been an era in the life of Woman's Missionary Union when personal service was more needed or when the tender but careful direction of personal service committees could serve more beneficently? Is your society, is each of your young people's organizations thus organized for Christlike living in your own community?

How can you—how can each of us—so renew strength as to be able to meet these needs, to redeem these losses, to achieve steady victories? Isaiah answers in Christlike zeal (40:35): "They that wait for Jehovah shall renew their strength: they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint".

"O watch and fight and pray;
The battle ne'er give o'er;

Renew it boldly ev'ry day
And help divine implore!"

CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

The Board of Education of the Methodist church has voted that topics of the majority of student units in the Epworth League (*Methodist young people's society*) will in the future be stated affirmatively, rather than as queries, and that all study units will have a strictly Biblical basis and a Biblical explanation. This step has been taken because the members of the board are convinced that young people are in need of affirmations of faith with an increased Biblical emphasis and that the fostering of questions in the mind of youth is a bad policy.

The following news item comes from Honolulu in the Hawaiian Islands: "34000 children have registered for weekday religious education in Honolulu since the organization of the work in 1925. All the teaching under the Weekday Board is by trained professional teachers".

During the last week in January a "Mission of Students" was held in the Latin quarter of Paris. For seven days the halls, where the meetings were held, were well filled with student groups varying in number from 350 to 650. "It has become clear that today even sophisticated and uprooted Paris students are eagerly seeking an answer to the deepest questions of life", says W. A. Visser't Hooft of Paris.

From Korea there comes a story of remarkable progress in the vacation Bible school work. This movement, we are told by the *Watchman-Examiner*, began in Korea in 1922 with one school, five teachers and 100 pupils. The statistics today indicate a total of 1086 schools, 6831 teachers and an enrollment of 102,698 pupils.

Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, in writing about the young people of Europe says: "There is much intercourse between the young people of various races. Exchange of visits between British young Baptists and those of the continental countries has been a feature of the last two years. From Finland there now comes an announcement that at Whitsuntide of this year there will be a Baptist congress at Helsingfors for young people of the Scandinavian countries and that the presence of any who may be able to attend from other lands will be welcomed".

Mrs. Sam Higginbotham, wife of the well known missionary to the lepers in India, has been awarded the Kaiser-i-Hind medal by the British government in recognition of her services to the people of India. Mrs. Higginbotham's work is among the children of the lepers.

Dr. Mary Florence Denton, often referred to as "the best known foreign woman in Japan", has just been decorated by the emperor of Japan with the sixth order of the sacred treasure in recognition of 43 years of service as a missionary in Japan. Though varied and many have been Miss Denton's interests, her special work has been in the girls' school department in Doshisha University in Kyoto where she still teaches.

A new organization of youth to combat the liquor traffic has been formed by the Anti-Saloon League, the title being the Olympians. They propose to reach every community with an education campaign against the liquor traffic. The Olympians have their organization headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Trust, Try and Prove Me.

L. S. L.

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Lida Shivers Leech.

1. Bring ye all the tithes in - to the store-house, All your mon - ey
2. When my wav - ring faith in tri - als fal - ter, When His guid - ing
3. I have yield - ed Him my life for - ev - er. All I am, or

tal - ents, time and love; Con - se - crate them all up - on the
hand I can - not see, Then in won - drous love and ten - der
have, or hope to be; Naught on earth my hold on Him can

rit.

al - tar; While your Sav - ior from a - bove speaks sweet - ly,
mer - cy, Thro' His word He says to me, My child, just
sev - er, While I hear Him say to me, My child, just

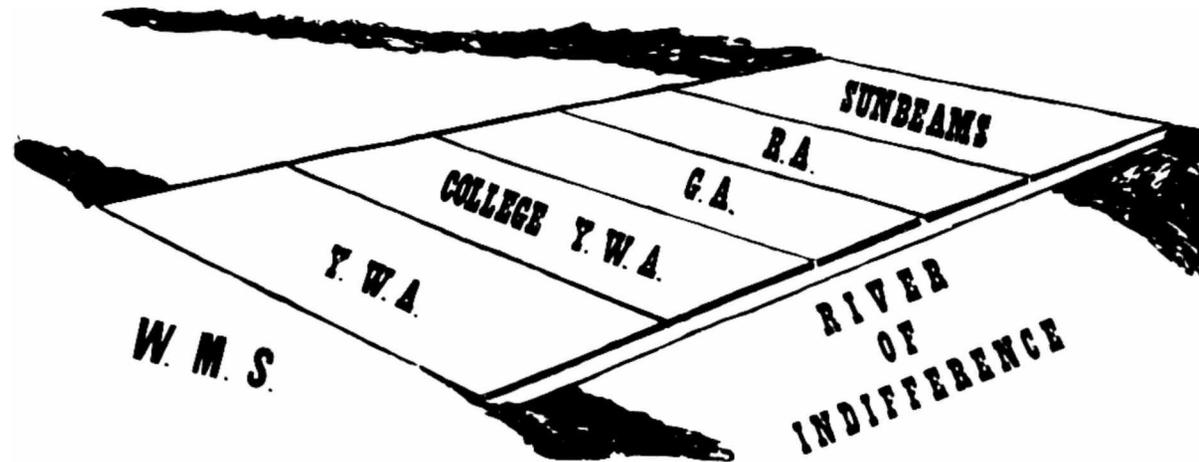
REFRAIN.

Trust Me, try Me, prove Me, saith the Lord of hosts, and see
Trust Me, yes, then try Me, prove Me,

If a bless - ing, un - meas - ured bless - ing, I will not pour out on thee.

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