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"All Things through Christ"

ALL things through Christ in earth and Heaven,
Power to overcome and win;
Power of thought and word and action,
Strength beyond the reach of sin.
All things the gift of those who follow,
From God's great Son, our mighty King,
And 'neath the shadow of the cross
No defeat in anything.

All things through Christ in earth and Heaven,
Nought of failure's pain to fear—
All things the gift of those who follow,
Those who follow very near.

—Gwynn McLendon, Ky.

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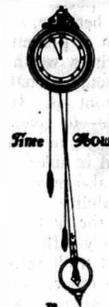
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MONTHLY W.M.U. MISSIONARY TOPICS for 1934

THEME for the YEAR: PRAYER in the PROGRESS of CHRISTIANITY

- Jan.** —THE BEGINNING of the MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE
Coming of Christ, the world's Great Missionary; His Kingdom teaching; work of Holy Spirit; activities of apostles—Am I really missionary?
- Feb.** —PERSECUTION in the SPREAD of CHRISTIANITY
Courage and fidelity of early disciples; individual instances of persecution; explanation of W.M.U. pin—Can I wear this pin worthily?
- March** —PERIODS of LOST POWER
History of dark ages; lost vision of Christ, lost Word, love of luxury, greed for power, perils of today paralleling conditions then—What can I do to retrieve America's lost spiritual power?
- April** —WAKING to WORLD VISION
Historical setting; what brought William Carey to world vision; effect on America; Judson; Rice; and others—How shall I renew my missionary vision today?
- May** —BAPTIST AVENUES of WORLD SERVICE
Triennial Convention; organization of Southern Baptist Convention; today's organization and plans; Baptist World Alliance—How loyal am I to my denomination?
- June** —CONTRIBUTIONS of YOUTH to WORLD-MINDEDNESS
How youth has led in our Christian progress; Raymund Lull, Zinzendorf, Margaret Wilson, Samuel J. Mills etc.; responsibility for molding youth in the home and church—What is my society doing for youth?
- July** —AMERICA'S REAL HEROES
Thomas Jefferson and constitution; Marcus Whitman, David Brainerd, John Mason Peck and others who impressed American Christianity and missions—Am I a loyal Christian citizen?
- Aug.** —MISSIONARY FOOTSTEPS in the ORIENT
History of missions in China and Japan; reaction of exclusion act—What is my obligation to the oriental at my door and to our missionaries over there?
- Sept.** —PIONEERING BAPTISTS in EUROPE
John G. Oncken; other outstanding leaders; present pioneers; missionaries—What can I do for the Europeans in my community and in Europe?
- Oct.** —BROTHERS in BLACK—HERE and THERE
Beginning of African missionary activities; work in Africa today; Negro mission work in America—What is my Christian attitude toward this race? What service am I rendering?
- Nov.** —CLASPING HANDS with OUR SOUTHERN NEIGHBORS
South America, Cuba, Canal Zone, Mexico; early missionaries to these fields; results of Catholic occupation; present status of work; menace of Catholic power in our country, threatening our ideals and freedom—Am I praying and supporting the missionaries?
- Dec.** —BACK to BETHLEHEM
World conditions when Christ came paralleled with present; great need for knowledge of Christ in His own land and in all hearts; Christmas around the world—Am I putting Christ in my Christmas?



WHY and HOW ENLIST WOMEN in W.M.U.



Enlistment is one of the most important and necessary aims of the W.M.U. It is necessary to enlist the women before the other aims of the W.M.U. can be successfully carried out. It takes women to make a W.M.S. and it takes women who are really enlisted to make a live, worthwhile organization, carrying forward the Lord's work. The more women enlisted, the more prayers are ascending to God, the more women receiving information and inspiration from study of missions, the more women active in personal service, the more tithes paid and offerings given, and the greater interest in the missionary education of our young people.

The general enlistment chairman and circle enlistment chairmen must be wide-awake and willing to work if new members are to be enlisted. Make a list of all unenlisted women on church roll and give each circle the same number of these unenlisted women to enlist; each circle to report at monthly business meeting the number they have enlisted, the circle enlisting the most to receive a star on the chart for new members and have the privilege of wearing the W.M.U. pin for the month.

Change circles every year. A great surprise is in store for those who try this. When circles change, let circle leaders draw names having names of active members in one basket, inactive in another and unenlisted in another, each circle leader drawing same number from each basket. Then each circle leader sends a card to each one she has drawn, notifying them which circle they are in and the time and place of next meeting. Before the day of meeting, the circle leader should visit each one whose name she has drawn and invite them to be present at next meeting, telling those who do not have cars that some one will come for them each meeting day. Those in circles who have cars are given a list of those without cars and are asked to call for the same ones each time. This will mean much toward enlisting the unenlisted.

Name circles for living missionaries. It is well to select missionaries at work in several different countries, giving "all the world" atmosphere. Study the lives and work of these missionaries, having each circle write monthly to her missionary and once a year sending a love box to her.

After one is enlisted as a member, she must be enlisted in the activities of the W.M.U. if she is to be kept enlisted. Give each woman something to do and put it into her heart not to be satisfied until she has done her best for her Lord and Master.

Have well planned programs each month, using as many women as possible from circle having charge of program. Spend much time, thought and prayer in planning programs and rehearse programs several times before presenting them.

Where women are busy in the work of the W.M.S. and putting their whole heart and soul into the work you will find an active W.M.S., one that is really accomplishing something, one in which it is not hard to enlist women and to keep them enlisted, one whose members are happy and finding joy in serving their Master.—Mrs. C. M. Baker, La.

68% of members in southern Baptist churches are said to be unenlisted.

STEWARDSHIP SUGGESTIONS

EVERY RESIDENT WOMAN MEMBER CONTRIBUTING to MISSIONS



At the W.M.U. annual meeting in May the following motion was passed:

"That southwide and statewide recognition be given to churches in which every resident woman member makes some gift to missions (Cooperative Program designated or undesignated, or special offerings of Woman's Missionary Union) during 1933".

It is the custom of the Virginia W.M.U. to recognize such stewardship zeal. Accordingly the following explanatory article was secured from Miss Blanche S. White of Virginia.

1st—Quarterly report blanks carry following questions:

Number resident women members of church?.....

Number not contributing yet this year to missions?.....

These figures change, of course, from quarter to quarter. The last quarterly report of the year is especially watched by superintendent of association and associational stewardship chairman, and churches reporting every resident woman contributing to missions during the year are checked up and reported to W.M.U. headquarters in Richmond.

Yearly questionnaire is sent to each W.M.S. president direct from W.M.U. state headquarters. One question asked is: "Has every resident woman member of your church contributed to missions (Cooperative Program, or designated gift to some object in Cooperative Program or one of the special seasons of prayer offerings)?" A double check is thus kept on reports, W.M.U. headquarters submitting list thus compiled to associational superintendents who try to investigate locally.

In spite of every precaution, there are those whose names have slipped by and they have been rewarded by recognition when they have not really won it. Some in spite of explanation think this means merely every member of society. Some are "sure" without special check-up. Our Membership Record Sheet is helping along this line, since we ask circles and societies to keep accurate check-up during the year. This came to us from Tennessee and we modified a little to add this feature of our program.

2nd—Group meeting and local programs present the ideal of every member contributing and much is made of those who have "attained". A banner was presented last year and this year to those who have been thus honored and we tell them that this is a more honorable award than the A-1 banner.

3rd—During 1934 Point 3 on the Standard of Excellence cannot be marked in Virginia, even though apportionment has been reached, unless every resident woman member of that church has made some gift to missions. Virginia is going to fall down terribly on A-1 societies and A-1 Unions, but our women need to be shocked into a realization of their duty.

4th—During this coming fall, our group meeting program will be planned around "Our Church Covenant". We hope in this way to emphasize the duty of the church toward the development of every member and our share in helping the church realize the responsibility.

WEAK POINTS to GUARD

Enthusiastic for the "letter of the law", women have been known to rush around and secure a nickle from the women "just to count". I have heard that canvassers have given the women something to give "just to count". This sickens one, but every plan has its weak points. Keeping the matter on a high plane is a hard job—but our job.

BAPTIST HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB

The membership card is as follows:

I hereby enroll as a member of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club and agree to pay \$1 per month through my church treasurer until the present debt of all southwide agencies are paid or this pledge is cancelled by me. It is understood and agreed that all funds collected through subscriptions to the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club shall be distributed to all southwide agencies in ratio to their debt needs. Any violation of this understanding or agreement by any individual or committee authorized to handle said fund will automatically cancel this pledge.

Name.....

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Church.....

State..... Ass'n.....

Date.....

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": II Chron. 7:12-16

Aug.—"Paul, an Apostle": Gal. 1:1-6

Sept.—"Concerning the Stranger": II 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



FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



"MY WITNESSES—in JERUSALEM"



Again and again I have tried to find time for at least a note of thanks for the "Lottie Moon" gift but it seems that my time is so crowded that I do not get done the correspondence that I should. I do hope you will pardon my delay in acknowledging your gift of sacrifice and love. To describe to you our heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation in words is most impossible.

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active work. This will give us permanent premises for our work and we will not have to use our money for renting rooms which are expensive and difficult to procure in Jerusalem.

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May God bless and reward you for all your untiring efforts in our behalf on the fields where the harvest is indeed ready. There are no laborers to do the

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Calendar of Prayer

August, 1933

Prepared by Mrs. Maud R. McLure

NOT what, but WHOM, I do believe!
That, in my darkest hour of need,
Hail's comfort that no mortal creed
To mortal man may give.

NOT what, but WHOM!
For Christ is more than all the creeds,
And His full life of gentle deeds
Shall all the creeds outlive.

Topic: The Return of the Word to Europe and Palestine

1—TUESDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Roswell E. Owens, evangelistic work, Haifa, Palestine.
Jehovah hath been mindful of us.
—Psa. 115:12

2—WEDNESDAY

For Dr. Jeanette Beall, medical work, and Miss Alda Grayson, nurse, Laichowfu, China.
Hide me under the shadow of Thy wing.
—Psa. 17:8

3—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Crabtree (on furlough), educational work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
Our sufficiency is of God.—II Cor. 3:5

4—FRIDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Bryan, educational and evangelistic work, Shanghai, China.
With Him is pleasurable redemption.
—Psa. 130:7

5—SATURDAY

For editors of Royal Service.
I will give thee counsel.—Ez. 18:39

6—SUNDAY

Pray that in Europe the people may have free access to the Bible.
The Lord giveth the Word.—Psa. 68:11

7—MONDAY

Pray for W.M.U. work in Palestine.
Seek ye Me and ye shall live.—Amos 5:4

8—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Watson, publication and educational work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and for Stephen Lawton Watson, Margaret Fund student.
When thou hast down, thou shalt not be straid.—Prov. 3:24

9—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. A. Y. Napier (on furlough), evangelistic work, Chinkiang, China, and for Campbell and Davie Napier, Margaret Fund students.
He will teach us of His ways and we will walk in His paths.—Isa. 2:3

10—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. M. G. White and Miss Pauline White, evangelistic and educational work, Bahia, Brazil.
Thou art my help and my deliverer.
—Psa. 40:17

11—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Wade D. Bostick, evangelistic work, Pochow, China.
I will establish My covenant between Me and thee.—Gen. 17:7

12—SATURDAY

For Mrs. J. H. Rowe (on furlough), educational work, Kokura, Japan, also Melvin and John Rowe, Margaret Fund students.
According to your faith be it done unto you.—Matt. 9:29

13—SUNDAY

Pray that our mission forces in Palestine may be increased.
Lift up your eyes and look on the fields.
—John 4:35

14—MONDAY

Pray for Misses *Viola Humphries and Blanche Rose Walker (on furlough), evangelistic work, and Josephine Ward, educational work, Kaifeng, China.
I myself will be the shepherd of My sheep.—Ezek. 34:15

15—TUESDAY

For Misses *Essie Fuller, *Bertha Lee Hunt (on furlough), and *Eunice King (on furlough), educational work, Pernambuco, Brazil.
In righteousness shalt thou be established.—Isa. 54:14

16—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Bausum, boys' work, Kweilin, China.
It is good for me to draw near to God.
—Psa. 73:26

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WHO walks beside me (in the gloom)?
WHO shares the burden wearisome?
WHO all the dim way doth illumine?
And bids me look beyond the tomb
The larger life to live?

Not what I do believe,
BUT WHOM!
Not what,
BUT WHOM! —John Ozarham

Topic: The Return of the Word to Europe and Palestine

17—THURSDAY

Pray for Mr. E. T. Snuggs, evangelistic work, Fort Bayard, and Miss Faith Snuggs, educational work, Liu Chau City, China.

In the day of trouble He will keep me secretly in His pavilion —Psa. 27:1

18—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Berry, educational work, Bello Horizonte, Brazil

Jehovah—forsaketh not His anointed. —Psa. 37:28

19—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Blackman, evangelistic and educational work, Shanghai, China

They that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament —Dan. 12:3

20—SUNDAY

Pray that opposition and persecution may strengthen the faith of our Baptist believers in Europe.

Blessed be ye when men shall reproach you—for My sake —Matt. 5:11

21—MONDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. F. T. N. Woodward (on furlough) and Miss Leonora Scarlett, evangelistic work, Kong Moon, China.

Trust in Jehovah and do good. —Psa. 37:3

22—TUESDAY

For Misses Elma Flam and Lucille Reagan, educational work, Lagos, Nigeria

Ye shall go out with joy. —Isa. 55:12

23—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Wilson Fielder, evangelistic work, Chengchow, China

The peace of God shall guard your hearts. —Phil. 4:7

24—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Jas. McGavock, evangelistic work, Santiago, Chile

Of Thee cometh my praise. —Psa. 115:15

25—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Chan. L. Culppepper, evangelistic work, Hwang-Helen, China

Rest in Jehovah —Psa. 37:7

26—SATURDAY

For all Home Board workers in Acadia Academy, Church Point, La.

The firm foundation of God standeth —1 Tim. 3:10

27—SUNDAY

For Baptist converts in Palestine

Christ redeemed us. —Gal. 3:13

28—MONDAY

For Mrs. S. E. Stephens, evangelistic work, Tsingtao, China

He searcheth my soul. —Psa. 13:1

29—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Z. Paul Freeman, evangelistic work, Concordia, Argentina

Thou art My servant: I have chosen thee. —Isa. 41:9

30—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Rex Ray, evangelistic work, Wuchow, China

They shall not labor in vain. —Isa. 65:25

31—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Johnson, evangelistic work, Soochow, China

I came not to call the righteous but sinners. —Matt. 9:13

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FAMILY ALTAR

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

Topic: "BEHOLD the LAMB of GOD!" —John 1:36-42

"I ADEN with guilt and full of fears,
I fly to Thee, my Lord;
And not a glimpse of hope appears
But in Thy written Word.

"O MAY Thy counsels, mighty God,
My roving feet command;
Nor I forsake the happy road
That leads to Thy right hand".

"Lamb of God"

1st Day—John 1:29; 86-89
2nd Day—John 1:40-49
3rd Day—Rev. 7:9-12
4th Day—Rev. 7:13-17
5th Day—Rev. 13:8
6th Day—Rev. 12:11
7th Day—Rev. 21:10, 22

"From Death unto Life"

8th Day—John 5:24
9th Day—John 3:14-18
10th Day—John 11:25, 26
11th Day—Acts 2:38; 3:19
12th Day—Acts 17:2, 3
13th Day—1 Cor. 1:21-24
14th Day—Rom. 1:16, 17

"Unto Perfection"

15th Day—Heb. 6:1, 12
16th Day—II Tim. 4:18
17th Day—II Tim. 3:14
18th Day—Heb. 2:1
19th Day—Phil. 1:6
20th Day—Gal. 6:9
21st Day—II Tim. 1:12, 13

"By His Own Blood"

22nd Day—Psa. 79:9; 103:12
23rd Day—Isa. 1:18; 66: 6, 7
24th Day—Ezek. 33:14-16
25th Day—Matt. 1:21; 6:12, 14, 15
26th Day—Matt. 26:28
27th Day—Psa. 51:2-4
28th Day—Heb. 9:12-14
29th Day—Eph. 1:7
30th Day—Col. 1:14, 20
31st Day—Heb. 13:20, 21

"Pray Ye"

In praying for Europe remember:

Need of adequate church buildings for Baptist congregations in Italy
Recent baptisms in Baptist churches in Italy
Evangelistic opportunities among village folk of Spain
Recent baptisms in Baptist churches in Spain
Hopeful outlook for Baptist work in Jugo-Slavia, especially in its capital, Belgrade
Recent baptisms in Baptist churches in Jugo-Slavia
Recurring persecutions of Baptists in Romania—closing chapels, arresting workers
Recent baptisms in Baptist churches in Romania
James Memorial Training School at Bucharest, Romania
Recent baptisms in Baptist churches in Hungary
Encouraging interest in Baptist work for women and young people in Jerusalem, especially through English and Bible classes
Recent baptisms by Baptists in Palestine-Syria
Opposition to Baptists in Palestine-Syria by Greek Catholics through press, threats of boycott, insulting letters
New door of hope at Haifa, port city

Need of several workers in university city, Beirut
Missionaries in Palestine-Syria and in Europe





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: "BEHOLD the LAMB of GOD!"—John 1:36-42

"Not all the blood of beasts,
On Jewish altars slain,
Could give the guilty conscience peace
Or wash away the stain.

"But Christ, the Heavenly Lamb,
Takes all our sins away—
A sacrifice of nobler name
And richer blood than they".

"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission".

"I saw One hanging on a tree,
In agony and blood;
He fixed His languid eyes on me
As near His cross I stood.

"A second look He gave which said:
I freely all forgive;
This blood is for thy ransom paid,
I die that thou mayst live".

"Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot".

"Alas! and did my Savior bleed?
And did my Sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?"

"But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself to Thee—
'Tis all that I can do".

"Neither by the blood of goats and calves but by His own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us".

"What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

"This is all my hope and peace—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus".

"But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin".

"There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.

"Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power,
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved, to sin no more".

"**BEHOLD the Lamb of God!**" One of the two who heard John speak was Andrew. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Peter. John the Baptist—a preacher—and fisherman Andrew—a personal worker—were both true to their opportunity. The message of the preacher—how necessary! The invitation and the prayers of the layman—how blessed of God! The great Dr. Jowett was nearing death. Friends asked him what message he had to send out before the end. "Tell the preachers", he said, "to make very plain how men are saved". Oh, the pity that there is yet confusion in men's minds as to how to be saved. The Bible message is plain. The experience and testimony of Christians
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BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES



Miss Inabelle Coleman, North Carolina

SUGGESTIONS for PROGRAMS or POSTERS: Sketch an airplane loaded with Bibles. On plane print: **SOUTHERN BAPTIST.** Underneath draw and mark out a chart from Richmond, Virginia, to southern Baptist missions in Europe and Palestine. Under these print in large letters: *Do we need other landing fields?* These "plane" facts will be told at B.W.C. Time.....Place.....

Topic: The WORD RETURNS to EUROPE and PALESTINE

Hymn: "O Zion, Haste"

Scenes from Palestine: John 1:36-42

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"Roll Call of the Fields" (Impersonated as directed—pages 20-22)

"From a Missionary's Diary" (Pages 22-24) —Hymn: "Jerusalem, the Golden"

"Palestine without the Word" (Pages 24-26)

"The Word Returning to Palestine" (Pages 26-27)

Hymn: "O Word of God Incarnate"

—Business

—Prayer

Books about Missions—Weary of office duties business women can find choice relaxation in reading. Yet, sometimes other extras claim our leisure, and we are robbed of the rare enrichment of reading. Mrs. Browning said: "No man can be called friendless who has God and the companionship of good books". Charles Kingsley declared: "Save a living man, nothing is so wonderful as a book". Horace Mann rang out a challenge: "Resolve to edge in a little reading every day, if it is but a single sentence. If you gain fifteen minutes a day, it will make itself felt at the end of the year". Fannie Hurst emphasized this fact: "It is trite to dwell upon the imperial place which books should occupy in this straining, hurried and harried era of ours but, considering the growing peril of the tyranny of materialism which is descending more and more rigidly upon us, it seems more than ever imperative to shout out aloud and aloud and aloud this call to books!"

And louder yet would we shout out the call to mission books. A storehouse of interesting, fascinating, beautifully written facts woven into true stories from our Baptist fields are ours for the claiming. Let's read one mission book every week during the month of August. And then we shall want to keep on reading one every week throughout the year.

"Unheard because our ears are dull,
Unseen because our eyes are dim,
He walks—on earth—the Wonderful,
And all our deeds are done for Him".


PROGRAM PLANS


Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE



"The World's Need of the Word." In this August program we study the need of the Word in the very land and lands in which the Word was first given and to which it first spread. As it is now necessary for us to send the Word back to them, the thought arises, "Will the time come when they will send it back to us?" If we neglect to read it, teach it and preach it, it may die out or be distorted in our country. Then, from the land in which the Word was given, the land that can most truly interpret it, there may be sent missionaries to us to call us back to understand and accept the Word in its purity.

Our program material in this issue of ROYAL SERVICE deals with Palestine and the section of lower Europe that have been entrusted to southern Baptists to evangelize: Spain, Italy, Hungary, Jugo-Slavia, Rumania. If we were making a summer cruise of the Mediterranean, these are some of the important countries we would probably visit. It may be interesting to arrange this August meeting in the form of a trip, stopping briefly at the countries mentioned, being introduced to certain missionaries and hearing of their work.

The leader may act as conductor of the cruise, giving first a brief outline of the material down to "Roll Call of the Fields". (See pages 18 to 20.)

Following this she may call on others to tell of the countries visited in the cruise. She may say Spain is our first port of call and Mrs. will tell us a little of our work there. Next would come Italy and so on as given in the program material. When Rumania is reached, Miss Earl Hester may be introduced and asked to tell

some of her experiences in carrying the Word into that romantic country. Of course she cannot tell all of the diary as given but she can choose certain especially interesting sections.

When Palestine is reached Mrs. Roswell Owens may be introduced to speak of the work there. She also will need to shorten the material on this country and give only the most important items of missionary work rather than descriptions of the country.

If the program seems too long for a hot August afternoon it should be shortened. The leader who is conducting the cruise may mention that southern Baptists have mission work in Spain, Italy, Hungary and Jugo-Slavia, giving only a word or two about each of these. Then the greater part of the program may be used by Miss Earl Hester and Mrs. Roswell Owens in telling of their respective work in Rumania and Palestine.

Probably some class in your Sunday school has a map of the missionary journeys of the apostle Paul. This could be used to great advantage in pointing out the countries of this month's study. Italy carries its same name. Illyricum and Macedonia would represent present day Hungary, Rumania and Jugo-Slavia. Little Palestine seems far away and very small but how interested we are in the work there.

The committee may feel that a very brief program should be planned for this summer meeting. In that case the leader may state that just two of the countries will be studied and leave off her own talk of the history of Christianity in southern Europe.

It falls more and more to the Woman's Missionary Society to give mission information and strengthen mission zeal.

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PROGRAM for AUGUST


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, 1131 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. See list of leaflets on page 3.

Prepared by Mrs. C. D. Cressman, Tennessee

Topic—The RETURN of the WORD to EUROPE and PALESTINE

- Hymn—Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee
- Bible Study—Behold the Lamb of God: John 1:36-42 (See page 14.)
- Prayer of thanksgiving for the atoning blood of Jesus
- Hymn—What a Wonderful Savior
 - Journeys of the Word
- Europe without the Word
 - The Word Returning to Europe
 - Roll Call of Fields
- Hymn—Send the Light
 - Prayer for our European work
- From a Missionary's Diary
- Hymn—Zion Stands with Hills Surrounded
 - The Word Returning to Palestine
- Palestine without the Word
- Hymn—Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
- Prayer that we may help the Word to return to Europe and Palestine



"Some of our Baptist church group taken in front of the mission. Most of these were saved and baptized in 1932. They are Jews, Arabs, Armenians, English etc. They are all rejoicing in their new found faith", so says Miss Clor of Jerusalem, which she describes as "God's melting pot".



PROGRAM for AUGUST



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REPORTS OF RETURNS FROM EUROPE and PALESTINE

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The JOURNEYS of the WORD

How from Palestine it went
To Europe's people, westward bent,
Then to America was sent
And on to every continent.



Our programs for this year are grouped around the general topic: "The World's Need of the Word". The topic for this month, with its suggestion of a return journey for the Word, invites us to look back to see where the Word started and trace its line of travel through the centuries. The Word started in Palestine. There Jesus, the incarnate Word of God, lived and spoke the Word. As He left the world He said to His disciples: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel—(the Word)—to every creature". These disciples first proclaimed the Word in Jerusalem. Then came persecution, and they were scattered, but they "went everywhere preaching the Word". On into Samaria, to Antioch, through Asia Minor, the Word traveled on the lips of Peter, John, Philip, Paul, Barnabas and other early Christian missionaries. "And mightily grew the Word of God and prevailed". At first the Word was preached only to Jews, but in a marvelous way God led those early messengers to see that it was His message to the gentiles also; and as they had opportunity gentiles received the Word gladly. Then came the call: "Come over into Macedonia and help us, bring the Word into Europe". And on the Word went into a new continent. In victorious advance it traveled to Corinth, Athens, Rome, in northern Europe, found its way into the hearts of our ancestors, then crossed the English Channel into Great Britain and, following the path of discovery and progress, traveled across the Atlantic to America and on to "the uttermost part of the earth".

The path traveled by the Word of God has not been an easy one. At first horrible persecutions blocked the way. It seemed at times that it would be consumed in the flames of burning Christians; that it would be lost on the cold lips of those who died rather than renounce its message. But the Word, which could not be destroyed, was wafted even above the crackling flames of persecution and when martyred voices could lisp its message no longer, other voices eagerly snatched it and continued to proclaim it even in the face of the persecutors. So persecution seemed even to hasten the progress of the Word.

Then came an enemy more dangerous than persecution. The Roman Catholic church arose with the idea of keeping the Word away from the people. They closed it up in monasteries and even tried to destroy all copies that might reach the people. Formalism, ritualism, ecclesiasticism, creeds and priestcraft laid hold on the church and largely destroyed its spiritual life. The Word was almost lost but not quite! Always portions of its truth lived in the hearts of faithful believers here and there, and the time came when it broke the bonds of formalism and ecclesiasticism, which had tried to hold it, and began again its victorious advance in the hearts of men.

The Word! It started in Palestine. It journeyed through Europe on to America—to you and me. All this year, as we have studied the world's need of the Word, we have seen how southern Baptists are passing the Word on to parts of the world that have it not and need its message. Today our topic leads us to look back on the way the Word has traveled. Does the Word need to return over the same old path by which it came to us? Do Europe and Palestine need the Word today? Are we helping to return to them the Word which they gave to us? Let us answer these questions as we study the topic, "The Return of the Word to Europe and Palestine".

EUROPE without the WORD

WHAT a tragedy it is that Europe—where the Word was carried even in the first years of Christianity; Europe, visited by Peter, Paul and John; Europe, which was so nearly Christianized in the first century of the Christian era; Europe, which has had a form of Christianity through many centuries; Europe, through which the Gospel has passed to other parts of the world—should be largely without the Word today. Most of the nations of Europe have a form of Christianity, either Roman or Greek Catholicism, but large multitudes of her people know no more of the saving grace of Jesus than do the heathen of China or Africa. The Word—lost centuries ago in the formalism, ecclesiasticism and priestcraft of the Catholic church—has never been found for most of Europe's people. In the very beginning many of them came into the church, not because they were converted and wanted to serve Christ but because some king or tribal chief either forced or bribed them to be baptized. Vedder, the Christian historian, tells us of the following instance: Clovis, an early king of the Franks who had married a Christian princess, vowed before the battle that if the Christian's God would give him victory he would become a Christian. He won the victory and kept his promise. He and 3000 of his nobles were baptized, but Dr. Vedder adds: "He was still the same cruel, vindictive, barbarian warrior that he had been. Another prince won converts by promising to each one a new suit of wool underwear". Thus it was that various tribes and vast numbers of individuals were swept into the fold of the church without any Christian experience or real knowledge of what it was all about. They gave up the worship of their idols and images and substituted therefor the worship of Catholic images and saints". (Dr. Gill)

The majority of European people of today have that same kind of Christianity. They still have many images and icons and great cathedrals but know nothing of Christian ideals and doctrines. Miss Earl Hester, our missionary to Roumania, says that in almost every home of that land there is an icon before which the people keep lighted candles. All good things, all things held dear are brought to these icons, for they are really their gods. This is a picture of European heathenism.

The greatest curse which ever befell Christianity in Europe was the union of church and state. Most of her countries today have a state church. The idea back of state churches is to force a certain form of religion on the people, and the result through the centuries has been the persecution of all who refuse to accept the doctrines of the state church. While modern ideals of democracy and personal liberty have compelled practically all countries to give religious liberty to their people, religion by force is still the law of both the Roman and Greek Catholic churches, and they still persecute those of other faiths when they can.

Ritualism and evangelism do not exist together. Europe has had a form of religion but has denied the power thereof. She has had ritualism and ecclesiasticism but has known nothing of vital, evangelistic Christianity. The living Word of God has been closed up in monasteries and has had no access to the hearts of the people. So we find her today without the Word of God. And, oh, how she needs it! Her people are poor—depressed by economic conditions far worse than anything we are experiencing in our land. International hatred and jealousies prevail. Her nations learned nothing from the World War but are getting ready for another as rapidly as they can. All "are spending what wealth they can create or borrow on armaments instead of meeting the needs of sanitation, public health, education, industrial reform and the general benefit of the citizens". Bolshevism is not confined to Russia but threatens all Europe with a spirit of anarchy. The only hope in the midst of all these threatening evils is the Word—the Word of peace, brotherly love and salvation.

THE WORD RETURNING TO EUROPE

BAPTIST work in Europe is not yet 100 years old. The oldest Baptist church on the continent was organized on April 23rd, 1834, with Johann Gerhard Oncken as its pastor. But the growth of the work through this comparatively short period of its history has been remarkable. Europe, as we know, "is not a homogeneous unit but a complex of diverse races, languages and conditions". Often, even in one country, are found several language groups. Amid all this variety, however, the Gospel as presented by our denomination is securing a foothold everywhere. In practically every European country there are flourishing Baptist bodies.

While southern Baptists have had missionaries in Italy since 1870, our European work, as it is conducted today, began with the London Conference in 1920. This was not a large meeting—only 70 were present—but there has not been a more important and significant session in all Baptist history. Seventeen European countries were represented, as well as Great Britain, Ireland, Canada, Australia and the northern and southern Baptists of the United States. The most important action of this conference was the adoption of a co-ordinated plan for furthering the spiritual tasks of European lands. To each of the larger bodies were assigned certain European countries for co-operative helpfulness in carrying on their work. Southern Baptists were asked to assume the responsibility of helping Baptist groups in Spain, Hungary, Jugo-Slavia and Roumania and to co-operate with other Baptist bodies in Russia. This work is different from our other foreign work in that southern Baptists did not initiate any of it and do not absolutely direct the work anywhere. In fact the work sprung up among the peoples themselves and was not brought to them by any foreign missionaries. "They do not wait for American money but, even in their poverty and with lack of trained leaders, they undertake their enterprises and carry on the best they can". However, they need and welcome the assistance of southern Baptists and it is our joyful task to co-operate with them and help them do what they cannot do alone. Dr. Gill, in "Europe and the Gospel", says: "Our assistance has markedly stimulated denominational growth. Where they crawled, now they walk; and where they walked, now they fly".

The work on our European field is a striking example of the power of the Word of God for, as Dr. Gill tells us, it is a Bible reading and Bible founded movement. He says: "In some parts the work was started by Bible reading groups who had never heard of Baptists. From the latest reports that very work is going on now in some sections. God's Word is not returning void. These European Baptists, without Sunday school training or equipment, are perhaps more thoroughly versed in the Scriptures than any other group in the world". It is gratifying to us to know that these simple hearted people, by studying the Word of God, became Baptists, and we believe that God is using them to give the unadulterated truth of His Word to Europe, and by helping these people with their work we will have a part in the glorious return of the Word to Europe.

ROLL CALL of the FIELDS

(Let the leader call the roll, giving the verses, to which five women respond, impersonating the respective countries. Most of the facts were gleaned from Dr. Gill's report of European work given in the Foreign Mission Board's report for 1933.)

Italy

Land of music and of arts,
Historic charm that ne'er departs,
And woes and wants that wring our hearts.

IT is fitting that I should be first in the roll call of southern Baptist mission fields, for I am many years older than my sister fields. Southern Baptists sent missionaries to me in 1870 and since then have been giving the Word to my lost people. Because I am the home of the pope and the center of Roman Catholic influence, Baptist work within my borders is very difficult. Roman Catholics are opposed to the preaching of the true Word and persecute those who attempt it. But as a result of the years of Baptist work I have now 51 churches with a membership of over three thousand. Dr. and Mrs. Whittinghill are your missionaries with me now. From their headquarters in Rome they have general supervision over all the churches and work throughout my borders. They edit a Baptist paper, "Bilychnis", which is doing much to scatter the Word through all Italy. You once had a seminary in Rome, but it has been closed for lack of funds. That is unfortunate, for the great need of my Baptist churches is trained leadership. It is hard for me to believe that southern Baptists who have been working for my salvation for so many years will fail now to support the work they started.

Spain

Land of Saracens and Moors,
Of poets, knights and troubadours,
Of Christian martyrs by the scores.

FOR many centuries I have been known as "The Land of the Inquisition", but the day of my Catholic intolerance is past, and I am now a republic, granting to my people full religious liberty. So my Baptists, after many years of persecution, are now permitted to go on with their work unhindered. Your southern Baptist representatives are Rev. and Mrs. Nils J. Bengtson. Mr. Bengtson not only takes care of the publication work of Spanish Baptists but also holds Bible courses and gives private instruction in theology to selected young men. The depression and changing conditions have made the work of this last year difficult, and statistical returns are not large, but my Baptists feel sure that the new liberty granted to them by the new republic will bring great blessings and an increase in power and influence.

Hungary

Land of myth and mystery,
Of art and song and rhapsody,
Of tumult and uncertainty.

MY Baptist work dates far back of the time when southern Baptists began missionary work here. In fact the Hungary Baptist Union is one of the oldest Baptist organizations in Europe. It fosters a seminary, two homes for the poor and aged, one orphanage, a publication work and has the usual committees or boards for Sunday school, young people's work and women's work. The spirit of unrest and uncertainty and the terrible financial condition have made the work difficult in 1932, but in spite of these things progress has been made, and the people are turning to God. The leaders of the various institutions and the seminary professors have visited the churches, holding Bible courses. An annual encampment is held for young people and church leaders. Since the London Conference southern Baptists have been helping my Baptists with their work. While the annual grant is not large it has been a wonderful aid in relief, church building and general missionary work. My Baptists are profuse in their expressions of gratitude to the American brethren for this help which makes possible work which they could never do alone.

Jugo-Slavic

A land that's new but also old,
Made up of other lands, we're told,
By the World War's action bold

TEN years ago Baptists were practically unknown in my land, but now they are known everywhere and people are interested in knowing what they believe. In spite of desperately hard times the work of my Baptists goes gloriously forward. They have a home for the aged, a goodly number of chapels which they have built largely by themselves and a monthly paper which is rendering great service in extending the work. Their great need is a seminary where their preachers can be prepared for their work. They tell me that long ago there lived in my land a group of people called the Bogomiles (*Friends of God*) whom various historians classify as the Balkan spiritual forefathers of the Baptists. They were exterminated with fire and sword and barbarous cruelty. It seems a sort of poetic justice that right upon their graves is arising a new people (*the Baptists*) who, at least in certain respects, are their spiritual kinsmen and who may in God's good time rebuild their holy work.

Roumania

An ancient land with new expanse,
Where history reads like a romance,
And tales of Baptists' growth entrance.

YOU southern Baptists should be especially interested in me because in my capital city live the superintendent of your European work, Dr. Gill, and his wife; because also in Bucharest is not only a Baptist seminary but the James Memorial School, built by southern Baptist W.M.U. for the training of my Baptist girls, and because I can boast greater Baptist growth during the past few years than any of your foreign mission countries. Besides Dr. and Mrs. Gill you have four other missionaries in my territory: Rev. and Mrs. Craighead, in Bessarabia; Miss Earl Hester, directress of the James Memorial School; and Mrs. Hurley, who assists Miss Hester. My Baptists, too, are feeling the effects of the unrest and depression that pervade all of Europe. The seminary has been closed for two years, but Dr. Gill has been conducting Bible courses in the village churches and seeking to reach as many pastors and workers as possible last year. A five weeks' course was held in the seminary building. The James Memorial School re-opened last fall and was conducted during the entire session with seriousness, success and joy. The prospects for the school are most encouraging. Baptist growth in my land since the World War has been marvelous. By 1931 they had increased from less than fifteen thousand to nearly forty thousand. You spend one per cent of your foreign mission money in my land and I give you thirty-five per cent of your baptisms on foreign fields.

From a MISSIONARY'S DIARY

MISS EARL HESTER makes many trips among our Roumanian Baptists, conducting Bible classes, telling people about the girls' training school and otherwise helping them with their work. The following extracts from her diary give us an intimate glimpse of one week's work.

Feb. 4—A girl from the James Memorial Training School and I left Bucharest early in the morning and after a day of travel over snow-clad mountains arrived at evening in Toblitz, a summer resort with some 10,000 inhabitants. One hundred of these are Baptists—or "repenters" as they are called, because the word "repentance" was unknown in that town until the beginning of the Baptist movement there some seven or eight years ago.

Feb. 5—We arose this morning to behold the Carpathian Mountains, glorious in their snowy garments. These seemed to call us to worship, but two huge Greek orthodox churches and one beautiful Roman Catholic church rang their bells, inviting all to enter them and be blessed by the priest. However, we answered none of these bells but made our way to the small building where the Baptists held their simple services. The brethren want to build a larger church in the spring, but the authorities are doing everything to prevent their receiving permission from the government. However, they are hopeful that their petition will be granted. Our Baptists have only recently begun to learn music, so they cannot sing by notes. Not one of the congregation knows them. So they engaged the service of a "chanter" from the orthodox church to come and teach them. The town priest is very angry about this and does all he can to hinder the chanter's going to help the Baptists. On this Sunday afternoon they were to have had a lesson, but the teacher sent word that the priest had detained him.

Feb. 6—At seven o'clock a sleigh came for us to go to Sarmash, 12 kilometers away, where we are holding a Bible course for women this week. We met many peasants, especially women, going to Toblitz for the usual Monday market. They had cows, sheep, butter, eggs etc. We wound up and down, over mountains and through valleys with ever a new and thrilling view of a pine forest against the whiteness of the snow. When we came to Sarmash the student pastor pointed out to us a heap of torn down walls and rafters on an otherwise vacant lot. He told the story of how the Baptists nearly two years ago put about \$125 into the building of a meeting house and how when the frame work was about finished the village priest, together with the new mayor and some 20 men of the village, went and tore down and chopped up the whole structure. The Baptist brethren had been called to the court house before and were held there by the gendarmes while all of this was going on. The brethren have not until now been given the properly signed papers allowing them to rebuild. So this week we are holding our course in a private house with two rooms. The family lives in one and we use the other.

Feb. 7—After the lessons of yesterday we climbed the mountain to the peasant home of a Baptist brother. A lamb three days old was nosing the cat by the parlor-bedroom-kitchen stove. The grandmother was making up black bread to be baked that night in the big clay ovens which filled one end of the house.

Feb. 8—Yesterday we held Bible courses from 9:30 to 2 o'clock. After lunch we were taken by a group of sisters to visit a neighbor whose two daughters, 8 and 10 years of age, were weaving a rug by hand. There was a kind of frame for the long threads, and the girls had scores of small balls of different colors which worked into their complicated design. Girls here in the village have at most seven years of schooling, and the majority of them have only two or four and many, only one. They begin very young weaving and spinning and arranging their "hope chests", for at 16 they will likely get married, and the father will rejoice because he has one less to take care of. At 4 o'clock a sleigh came to take us around two mountains to another part of this widely scattered village to visit a family in which the wife is a "sister" (*that is a member*) while the husband is only a "friend" (*one who is not against the Baptists but has not been baptized*). Three years ago the Baptists had held their meetings in this two-roomed home, but it was found to be too near the center, so they had been arrested at the instigation of the priest and the meetings here had ceased. On our arrival these friends told me that some neighbors might come in during the evening, but I was greatly surprised when almost seventy, including 19 boys and girls, between 8 and 14 years of age, crowded into the two small rooms. My companion from the training school took the children in one room, while I spoke to the group of

shaggy mountaineers who, dressed in home spun and sheep skin, had come with large sticks to help them over the snow to listen for the first time to an evangelical message. Later the training school girl and I changed places, for I wanted them to hear her sing and tell a Bible story. At ten o'clock the student pastor said that we must go, for since so many had come there would be danger of trouble from the gendarmes again. So we left under the protest of everyone as they begged for "at least one more song". All came out to see us safely and warmly in our sleigh.

Feb. 10—Yesterday afternoon the priest, together with his wife and daughter, passed the house where we were staying and went to visit in a neighbor's home. He had heard we were here and wanted to get the latest Baptist news. Today a woman who had never before been to our meetings came and listened to the lessons attentively. Later she admitted that the priest had sent her to spy around. That afternoon a sister told us a pathetic story of persecution. A certain young Baptist was taken to the police station along with two or three other young men. The mayor made him stand on a chair and then said: "You say you are the priest, now preach". Of course he felt very far from preaching, but they began to beat him and he finally began to quote: "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you". Then they made him stop, saying that they did not want that. He was beaten until blood gushed from mouth, nose and ears, and his sufferings were such that he soon contracted tuberculosis and died. His funeral was conducted by the Baptist pastor, but his parents, some six months later, had his bones dug up and invited the priest and some other orthodox members to hold a service over his coffin. These gloriously beautiful mountains have witnessed many strangely sad tragedies acted in the name of Christianity.

PALESTINE without the WORD

PALESTINE! The very mention of the name makes our hearts thrill with memories of Bible stories which have enriched our lives since childhood; with thoughts of the Christ who once trod its paths; and with wonder that one small part of the world's surface should have had such influence upon the world's history. Palestine is about the size of Vermont—a mere pin head on the map of the world, and yet it is sacred to the three greatest religious groups in the world—Moslems, Jews and Christians—and has given to the world its most wonderful people—the Jews—its incomparable person—Jesus Christ—and its most influential book—the Bible.

Religiously speaking the people of Palestine are divided into three groups—Mohammedans, Jews and nominal Christians, mostly Greek and Roman Catholics. All of these groups need the Word. Mrs. Roswell Owens, our missionary in Palestine, describes their religious condition as follows: "The Jew is just as fanatical and jealous for the religion of his fathers as he was in Paul's and Stephen's day. The Arab is ignorant and steeped in and wedded to traditions and customs that have their roots back in heathenism. The nominal Christians, mostly Roman Catholic and Greek orthodox, are far from the New Testament in their beliefs and practices, and many of their leaders are as fanatical as the Jew or Moslem and just about as ignorant as can be".

Mrs. Owens tells us of the many opportunities in Palestine for giving the Word to people who have it not. First there is Jerusalem. Surely Jesus weeps again as He beholds this modern city of Zion, still more steeped in sin, still more destitute than was the old Jerusalem whose woes He so tenderly lamented in the long ago. In Jerusalem, and in all Judea today, Jews and Arabs are alike sinful and needy—without the Word—waiting!

There is Tel Aviv, the new all-Jewish city, just north of old Jaffa. This is the most up-to-date city in all Palestine, indeed quite as modern as European and



Miss Clor writes: "We had to take most of our converts to Nazareth to be baptized because it is our only Baptist church in Palestine. This is a group in Nazareth after one of our groups from Jerusalem was baptized".

American cities. For two years Baptists had a missionary couple there, but in 1928 these left, and since then there has been no Baptist work in this important center of Jewish life. And while this little group of Baptists, weak and untrained, beg for some one to come and lead them, thousands of Jews in Tel Aviv and in surrounding colonies are without the Word—waiting!

There is Haifa, another growing and progressive city, situated on a beautiful bay, just at the foot of historic Mount Hermon, about twenty-five miles from Nazareth. Mrs. Owens describes the development of Haifa as follows: "There are indications that Haifa will, in the near future, become one of the largest and most important cities in the near east. It already boasts of more than 40,000 souls within its city limits. Soon it will have the best harbor in the near east; work is already under way, and its construction will exceed six million dollars. With the likelihood that the pipe line from the rich Mosul will strike the coast at Haifa and that the new railway from the Dead Sea will come up the Jordan Valley to Haifa, bringing the vast quantities of products from the new Dead Sea chemical works, it seems reasonable to believe that this city will grow by leaps and bounds in the years ahead". What a wonderful opportunity to make Christianity a part of Haifa's remarkable development. Today her thousands of progressive people are without the Word—waiting!

Then there are the villages, scattered around over Galilee. Mrs. Owens describes these in the following beautiful words: "Nain, yonder on the northwest slopes of little Hermon, a place where Jesus must have often visited when He was a boy and the scene of one of His miracles; Endor just around the corner of the mountain to the east, where Saul visited the witch of Endor the night before his defeat and death; Shunem, also on the slopes of little Hermon, often visited by the prophet Elisha who restored to life the son of the good people who had built for his use a little room on their roof; Cana of Galilee, where Jesus performed His first miracle; and other villages by the score, less known to us". We have come to believe that the ripest field for the evangelization of the people may be in these villages, where live the host of people without the Word—waiting!

From these descriptions we see that there is perhaps not a spot in the world that needs the Word more than does Palestine. How sad the realization that the land of our Lord is without the Word of our Lord! Right here, on the very soil which Jesus trod, men walk today in sin with no hope of salvation. Right here, where the Great Physician plied His marvelous cures, men are sick both in body and soul and there is none to heal them. Right here, where Jesus lived and died and arose and ascended, many people have never heard His name. Right here, where the Word started, it is seldom heard today. Palestine, without the Word! The picture—pathetic, appealing, challenging—is before you. What will you do about it?

The WORD RETURNING to PALESTINE

THE Word, which started in Palestine and journeyed across continents and oceans and centuries until it came to you and me, is returning to Palestine through our work and that of other evangelical groups. Southern Baptists have three missionaries in Palestine: Rev. and Mrs. Roswell Owens and Miss Elsie Clor. The Owens have been working in Nazareth but a few months ago they moved to Haifa. Drawn by the unsurpassed opportunities of that growing city, they have gone there to give the Word a chance to have a part in its development. They write as follows of this move: "The days of apprenticeship for the Owens are past and they are launching out by themselves. They are facing all the difficulties one meets in opening a new field, and they crave your continued prayers". The pastor of the church at Nazareth, Rev. Lewis V. Hannah, carries on the work there, assisted by Mrs. Musa, the wife of the founder of this work. A lovely little stone church, the gift of Mrs. George Bottoms of Arkansas, furnishes a place for the preaching of the Word to the people of Jesus' boyhood home. The work is not easy, for there is continued persecution on the part of the Greek Catholic church. The people are ignorant and superstitious, and it is difficult for them to understand and accept the Word of God. Most helpful are the Bible classes for women conducted each week by Mrs. Musa. Brother Hannah follows literally in the footsteps of Jesus as he goes all about Galilee, preaching the Word in the villages.

Miss Elsie Clor, our missionary in Jerusalem, is a Jewess who became a Christian and a Baptist by most marvelous workings of God's power. How fitting it is that we should have a Jewess as our representative in the Royal City of the Jews! Miss Clor does her work through a mission conducted very much like a Good Will Center. She and Miss Fenderson, her volunteer helper, live in the mission headquarters where all their work is done. Through a gift from the 1934 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering a room was added to the mission house and another small building was erected. Each December the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has been helping this work even as it has that of the James Memorial School and several other European efforts. Miss Clor writes that there have been recently fifteen professions of faith in the Jerusalem mission and twelve have followed the Lord in baptism. This is a remarkable thing when we realize how great is the opposition to the work and what the new converts often have to suffer for their faith. Miss Clor tells of one eighteen year old girl who was beaten and imprisoned in her home, but she stood true to Christ. Another girl, after confessing her faith in baptism, was thrown out of the house one night and came to the mission weeping. The missionaries took her in and cared for her, and she is now in the English mission hospital for nurses' training. During the last year a little church, of thirteen members, was organized in Jerusalem. It is interesting to know that in this small group are Jews, Arabs, Armenian and English and that all work together in fine harmony. In writing of her work Miss Clor says: "The war waged against us by our enemies this year was far worse than ever before.

yet their aggressive attacks have not hindered the work. Every department has greatly increased in number and interest in the Word of God. This indeed proves the power of God as we wholly depend on Him for wisdom, strength and guidance".

During these days we are using the term "returning" often in connection with Palestine. The Jews are returning in such large numbers that the world looks on in wondering amazement. Prosperity is returning to Palestine, making her once again a land flowing with milk and honey. "Capital is flowing in, homes and industries are going up, agriculture is being developed, a new harbor is being dredged to bring the giant oil deposits of Iraq to the world. The Dead Sea and its potash deposits are being opened up".

While other good things are returning to Palestine we must see to it that the Word returns also. That Word started in Palestine. It was first spoken in Palestine. It was written in Palestine. Its people for the most part lived in Palestine. Its promises especially concern Palestine. We believe that by helping the Word return to Palestine we will be helping to fulfill the promise in that Word of her restoration and may be hastening the time when the Incarnate Word will return to Palestine and to the whole world.

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Show how the Word traveled from Palestine through Europe to the rest of the world.
2. Why was the Word almost lost in the middle ages?
3. Why is Europe almost without the Word today?
4. How have state churches been a menace to the progress of the Word?
5. What are our southern Baptist mission fields in Europe?
6. Tell something of the origin and characteristics of European Baptists.
7. Discuss the nature of our relationship to the European work.
8. Tell something of the work of each European field.
9. Give names of our missionaries in Europe.
10. What is the religious condition of Palestine?
11. Discuss present day developments in Palestine in the light of prophecy.
12. Name our missionaries in Palestine and tell something of their work.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

"The Window of Y.W.A."	—"World Comrades"
Home and Foreign Fields	—State Denominational Papers
Minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention for 1933Everett Gill
Europe and the GospelJ. H. Rushbrooke
The Baptist Movement in Continental EuropeGeorge Braxton Taylor
Southern Baptists in Sunny Italy

Please turn to page 49 of W.M.U. Year Book and see anew how a church may this calendar year have an A-1 Full Graded W.M.U. Resolve afresh that your organization and your church shall be able at the end of the year to say of devoted service, "She hath done what she could!" Such a resolve and such service usually win the victory.



"Our women waiting for meeting-time. These are very eager to hear the Gospel. Pray for them. Some were saved last year. We want them all for Jesus. These are all Jewesses", writes Miss Clor, who is also a Jewess, leading S.B.C. work in Jerusalem.

ANOTHER A-1 CHURCH

THE June issue of this magazine carried the names and much other data concerning churches which during the calendar year of 1932 maintained a Full Graded A-1 W.M.U. Among these churches should have been listed Lamar Baptist Church in South Carolina. The pastor is Dr. C. E. Schaible, who is also a professor at Coker College in Hartsville, S. C. The W.M.S. president is Mrs. S. B. Judy of Lamar. Sincere are the Union's congratulations and thanks to these leaders and to each of their co-workers in the various W.M.U. organizations. Sincere also is the hope that the church will be A-1 this calendar year and "ever after".

For the FRONTIER MISSIONARIES

THE "frontier" may be "vanishing" but even more so is the income of Baptist missionary workers out "along the western front". Brave hearted they are but even "brave hearts" feel the pinch of inadequate salaries and the bite of winter's cold. If you or your society would like to help one of these Baptist frontier preachers please write to your state W.M.U. corresponding secretary (address on page 2). You will thus secure a letter giving the measurements for the clothes. It will be doubly helpful if the box can be sent in October.

FOOTNOTE for POINT 5 on W.M.S. STANDARD

AT Washington in May the W.M.U. Executive Committee and state W.M.U. corresponding secretaries decided that it would be well to use the following explanation in considering point 5 of the W.M.S. Standard of Excellence. It will be all the better remembered if each one using the W.M.U. Year Book will insert it as a footnote to point 5 on page 19 of the Year Book:

"If two or more members together subscribe for one missionary magazine it shall count as one subscription only".

Of course this applies also to subscriptions to state denominational paper.



OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



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

PLEASANT STUDY: VALUABLE CONTESTS



These summer days are invitingly ready for mission study trips for our young people. What are you planning? Last year many delightful and worthwhile plans were developed and carried out with a completeness of detail which made them fascinating and memorable.

At Columbus, Georgia, the First Baptist Church became a Chinese center for nine nearby churches whose young people participated in an all-day program. The Sunbeams devoted their time to "A Chinese Baby", made Chinese fire-crackers and kites. Royal Ambassadors and Girls' Auxiliary members used "The Young Revolutionist" as their text book, coupling with it much information about our work in China. Young Woman's Auxiliary also based their study on "The Young Revolutionist". Different teachers presented the different chapters and phases of our denominational activities, thereby giving variety to the personalities on the program. Many curios and pictures had been carefully gathered, lending atmosphere and background to the day's study, and appropriate handwork was ready for boys and girls. Chinese games were played in groups in the middle of the morning to provide restful change from sitting. Lunch time was a real picnic; each "student" brought sandwiches, each counselor brought a bowl of salad and the hostess W.M.S. served iced lemonade. Tests came in the late afternoon, the awards to be made at the next organizational meetings of the auxiliaries.

Cuba, Alabama, reports a slightly different plan working successfully with them. There was a Junior School of Missions just for Sunbeams, G.A.'s.

and R.A.'s, held three mornings of the week from eight to ten A. M. The program was similar to that of a Daily Vacation Bible School except that it was a Daily Vacation Mission School with devotional, mission study, recreation with refreshments furnished by W.M.S., story telling and songs. The children all enjoyed the handwork in connection with their study. Wednesday evening service was given to them for display of this handwork and review of the things they had learned by presenting the information to the adults. The pastor preached on missions the following Sunday and awarded mission certificates, also R.A. and G.A. arm bands for advance in "Rank" and "Forward Steps".

Now what can your society do to promote mission study this summer? Would one of these plans work for your young people? How could you adapt them to suit your "peculiar situation?" The young people will be eager to come if you give them opportunity. It may be necessary to have some one drive around and collect the children a la school bus fashion, but surely this will be a joy to one willing to serve but hesitant about teaching. Look about for college girls who are at home, for young business women who are unemployed or on vacation; prayerfully locate the right person, provide helpers and needed small funds for handwork supplies and your teacher problem is solved. There are books on almost any of our mission fields with suggestions about presenting them. Your state leaders have selected certain ones for special emphasis this summer; follow their suggestions or, if your young people have already used that text, choose another. Only use the summer days well for Christ: don't let them be idled

away when they could be fraught with pleasant trips on mission study ships.

They can hold trips for participation in the Stewardship Declamation Contest also. Everywhere leaders and counselors are appreciating increasingly the value of the Stewardship Contest promoted by Woman's Missionary Union as a real and effective force in teaching tithing. Many a young person, interested by the zest of competition, has turned to the Bible for material for his declamation and discovered that he has convinced himself and must become an honest tither. Mothers and fathers and aunts and uncles and grandparents "practiced on" by young entrants in the contest have become tithers themselves, while audiences—upon whose hearts the words of pastors might fall as customary—are really led to think on their stewardship by the Scripture quotations of Sunbeam boys and girls, by the short talks memorized and given by Junior R.A.'s and G.A.'s, and by the declamations prepared by Intermediate R.A.'s and G.A.'s, and Y.W.A.'s. Most states want to have completed the church contests by August so that associational and district and state competitions may proceed through late summer and early fall. Have you learned the time schedule desired in your state? Be sure that your young entrants are not left out in the progress of the contest.

Some have wondered about transportation. Almost without exception some parent will be able to take the contestants to the central point designated in association or district, sometimes all can "chip in" and pay for gas and oil. The alert spirit of "Others have done it, we can too!" will be guided to find a way to get the young people there.

Some have felt that if a child or youth had not had expression lessons there would be sure to be failure. The contest is graded by a carefully planned scale which gives major importance to the earnestness of real stewardship teaching; this is not always achieved by the most artful expression student. Certainly our young people must learn to be

"good losers" and the contest should help develop an attitude of real sportsmanship. Occasionally the disappointed adults behave worse about the judge's decision than the contestants, who usually are ready at once to congratulate the announced winner and resolve to try again. Let counselors point out to contestants that the plan calls for one to be pronounced winner but that one could not win without the competition, that those who "lose" really win also when they have done their best for Jesus' sake. Point out constantly the teaching purpose of the contest and let each one feel that perhaps his words or hers will lead some one in the audience to become a tither whose money will help win souls all around the world: does not this constitute a real victory then?

Leaflets containing assigned verses for Sunbeams, talks on stewardship for Junior G.A. and R.A., topics for Intermediate G.A.'s and R.A.'s, and Y.W.A.'s are ready. If they have not been received by your auxiliaries probably there is error in the address you have provided your state W.M.U. headquarters. Write to them (address on page 2) about this, giving correct information. Let your young people benefit by the Stewardship Declamation Contest too.

PROGRAM PLANS

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At every meeting of the society special messages from our Woman's Missionary Union and from our state W.M.U. should be carefully read and considered. The co-operation of every society is necessary to carry out these plans. No matter how small the society and how little help it can give, that little is important in the whole. Remember the little boy who could "push a pound" and so launched the ship. The temptation to discouragement is great. "And these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away" (Luke 8:13). "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations" (II Peter 2:9).

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MARGARET FUND



Chairman: Mrs. Frank Burney, Waynesboro, Ga.

"The Word—behold it travels, borne on wings of faith
Far across the seas to heathen lands".



In a letter from Mrs. C. K. Dozier last January she says—"Next to seeing souls born again, the coming of new missionaries brings to our hearts greatest joy.

What joy could be greater to a father and mother than to see their own son, bringing his bride, come back with his heart full of love for the people among whom he was born; come back to be co-laborers with Him in bringing the Good News of salvation to Japan. For a little more than a month we rejoiced to have our son, Edwin, and his bride, in our home. What a Thanksgiving time it was to the parents who had dedicated their children to God, to have the blessing of their presence after the years of separation, for preparation for service, were ended. We thank you, kind friends, for your share in sending them. But you have only started. We need other sons and daughters, oh, so badly! We just can't carry on with so small a force. What does the King Eternal think of the work we are trying to carry on in His name?

"How many of you have contributed to the happiness of our dear children during college days. For your prayers and love and gifts to them during these past years Mr. Dozier and I are profoundly grateful. Surely God has supplied all of their needs in a way that is marvelous to us. Now that you have fitted Edwin for service we are going to ask that you continue to pray for him, as he begins his work in Seinan Gakuin, Fukuoka. You have made Helen's college days radiantly happy and she wants to enter the Training School after graduation in June. How Mr. Dozier and I thank you all for what you have done for them".

Before these words are printed God

has called to rest from these earthly labors her husband, Mr. C. K. Dozier, and how all Margaret Fund workers grieve with Mrs. Dozier and our two Margaret Fund students. Certainly to these we extend our tenderest sympathy and love.

We do rejoice that on "wings of faith" during a few years of enlarged gifts to our Margaret Fund we could give extra years' assistance to Edwin Dozier and thus help to prepare him to bear The Word to heathen lands. We praise God for the generosity of the young people of Virginia, who so recently returned him to beautiful Japan. How his presence now must strengthen and bless his mother in this dark hour of grief.

Behold another former Margaret Fund student, Hermon Ray of Japan, now assistant to the president of the Northern Baptist Convention in his important pastorate. His heart longs to go to Japan also accompanied by his bride "How can they go unless they be sent?"

A message recently from a former student, Harvey Clarke, in journalistic work in Japan, said: "Today father is sailing home with mother very ill". You have already learned how one day out from San Francisco the spirit of precious Lucile Daniel Clarke (Mrs. W. H.) went back to God. Certainly the ambassadors for Christ are falling fast, hard pressed of body and spirit because of indifferent selfish Baptists, failing to lay money on the altar of God.

To these sorrowing families Margaret Fund workers extend deepest sympathy and love and earnestly pray that to this beautiful Japan our trained new recruits can soon be borne on "wings of faith" that the people of Japan may learn more of the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ.

TRAINING SCHOOL

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

For Our Beloved Mrs. Eager: A Living Monument

"FOR she has lived with heart and soul alive to all that made life beautiful and fair."

Because of a broken body and the missing of her beloved companion, by whose side she had walked for fifty years, life could not here continue so beautiful and fair, and on the morning of May 14th, her Father called her home; Sunday—God's day and Mothers' Day. How fitting that the great heart, that so loved to mother all who needed mother's love, should have been stilled in peace on that day. To attempt to write an appreciation of Mrs. Eager is an impossible task. A poverty of words prohibits the telling of what she meant to me, just one, in a close friendship of nearly thirty years, of the love and counsel often sought and always abundantly given.

Shakespeare says, "A friend should bear his friend's infirmities". I never knew anyone who so literally lived this as Mrs. Eager. Next to her own family, I think the Training School was nearest to her heart. It was due largely to her appeal for funds to her personal friends in the south, that the school was able to carry on through the strenuous years before W.M.U. adopted it. Living in close touch with the students as she did, she saw many girls who came with courage and zeal, but little else, and a great longing was in her heart to help "her girls" over the hard places. One day a check was sent her to use as she saw fit, and immediately the "Fellowship Fund" was born. It was added to from time to time as other small gifts came and often from her own means, when she saw a real need. As long as she lived in Louisville, it was her joy to administer this fund herself, often supplying things that a girl thought no one except herself knew she needed, but "Grandmother Eager's" keen eyes had seen.

I cannot, no one can, tell what this precious life has meant. But one thing we can do—we can keep her memory and influence alive in a way that would have rejoiced her heart more than any laurel wreathes or peans of praise could ever have done.

At the recent annual meeting of the General Boards of the Training School, Miss Mallory made a motion that the Fellowship Fund of the school be hereafter known as the "Mrs. Geo. B. Eager Fellowship Fund". This was unanimously carried and all trustees present pledged themselves to make this known to the W.M.U. of their respective states.

So my message to you is, let us build to her a living monument that her name shall never die. It shall be builded not of "marble white or granite cold", but of love, consecration and sacrifice. And as it is built into the hearts and lives of these young ambassadors of Christ whom she so loved, it shall rise higher and ever higher until at last it touches the foot of the Great White Throne, and she will be there to receive the Master's commendation, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto these ye did it unto me."—Mrs. T. H. Wayne, Chairman Local Board of Managers

Have you joined the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club? For explanation see page 1 of July issue of this magazine.

HELP for HOUSE BEAUTIFUL

HOUSEKEEPERS have the helpful habit of remembering the W. M. U. Training School in Louisville, Ky., when they are canning, preserving and sewing for their own homes. But for such help it would be hard indeed for the School to "make ends meet". It is almost trite to say that this coming season will feel the effect of the general depression: all the more reassuring is it to believe that this particular summer many societies, circles and members will see that the School's name is "put into the pot". Even a very few cans from many such a source will replenish the depleted larder of "House Beautiful." In packing the cans and jars use extra care, being sure to put inside the package as well as on the outside the full address of the sender: thus the school will know whom to thank, even as it sincerely desires to do. The School's address is: W. M. U. Training School, 334 East Broadway, Louisville, Ky. Do not make the shipment until after October first, please. The supplies which are particularly needed are as follows:

Canned Vegetables	Canned Fruit
Pickles	Relishes
Preserves	Jellies
Napkins	Tray Cloths

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and grounded in prayer, with unswerving devotion to its basic purpose its life and work have been signally blessed of God. The missionary task is yet unfinished; open doors await the missionary evangel. Until the millions of men around the world who know not God are brought to a saving knowledge of Him there will be need for the wisely directed service of the W.M.U. The gravity of our times, the present mission crisis are a challenge to our faith, an incentive to earnest service, devoted living and sacrificial giving. In rededication to the expressed purpose of our organization W.M.U. members will make their finest contribution to denominational progress and to Kingdom extension. "God is able"—His unfailing Word commands obedience.

FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

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reaping here, for I feel as nothing in the midst of so much to do.

March first we had the joy of seeing three more new converts go on with

Christ in baptism. Five have confessed their faith in Christ as their Savior. One of them is a dear 13-year-old girl from our junior department; she surely loves Jesus but her father refuses to give his consent for her baptism. Pray much for us.—Elsie B. Clor, Jerusalem

Law observance is a moral standard in W.M.U. work. Faithfully vote in defence of the Eighteenth Amendment.



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.

CRAFTSMEN ALL



Edward Shillito, an English writer on religious subjects, has given us in "Craftsmen All" — with the sub-title of "Fellow-workers in the Younger Churches"—some idea of what the churches of the orient are contributing and will continue to contribute to the churches of the occident. By the younger churches he means those of the east—Japan, China, India etc.—as the latest to accept Christ.

He shows by individual examples what the east holds for religion in poetry, art, evangelism, martyrdom, brotherhood and other noble characteristics. He believes with Kagawa that a fight is on between Communism—which he thinks grips the soul as a religion—and Christianity. The book is well worth study. Price: paper 60c, cloth \$1

MAI-DEE of the MOUNTAINS

A delightful little story of China's mountain people is "Mai-dee of the Mountains", by Mary Brewster Hollister, who will be remembered as the author of "Lady Fourth Daughter of China". The author says she writes of present-day China, and her picture shows the difficulties through which the common people of China are making their way to a better future.

The reader will find much to admire in the loyalty and strong sense of duty in the Chinese, even the bandits possessing these qualities that seem to be universal in the nation. The story of how a lovely young nurse sought through Communism to help her people—but found at last her mistake and that her ideal could be realized in the Jesus Way—makes thrilling reading. Price: cloth, \$1.50

BIBLE STUDY (Concluded from Page 14)

The world around is the same. God's plan of salvation is established forever. The great difficulty lies in the fact that sinners do not hear it. You hear the consecrated minister proclaim the Word of truth and you find that his audience is made up largely of saved persons. What can Christians do to bring the unconverted to hear and receive the Word? Andrew found Peter. Philip found Nathaniel. The woman at the well left her watering pot and hastened to tell the people of the village that the Messiah had come. How many times do we leave the prayer unuttered or the invitation unspoken? Covenant together to pray for the unsaved. Do not neglect the family altar. Make the most of your own private seasons of prayer. Follow public prayers, letting your heart respond with "Amen and Amen". Read the promises for yourself and think upon them. Pray without ceasing. Make it plain to those, who look to you for light, how men are saved.

"Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, join'd with pow'r.

"Let not conscience make you linger
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him.

"Come, ye weary, heavy-laden,
Bruised and mangled by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.

"Lo, th' incarnate God, ascended,
Pleads the merit of His blood;
Venture on Him, venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude".



CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS



Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

People of all nations are interested in the recent dedication of the handsome new building of the Young Men's Christian Association in Jerusalem. The building cost \$1,000,000 and is amply equipped for the work. Waldo H. Heinrich is the secretary. In the opinion of the *Watchman-Examiner* and others this center ought to mean much to Christianity in Jerusalem.

The 1931 census for Italy gave \$2,500 protestants in addition to the Waldensians. They embrace Methodists, Baptists, Adventists and Salvation Army. We are told the people there have more desire for religious books than in the past—first of all for the Bible. Many declare the great benefits they have received from the Word of God. An aged teacher in writing for a Bible, said: "I am 78 years old and never have seen the Bible in all my life".

Attempts to organize anti-religious activity in Soviet Russia continue to meet with considerable difficulty, largely from two causes says *The Living Church*. These two causes are: the persistence of the religious spirit in groups and individuals, and inertia on the part of the anti-religious workers.

From the *Christian Century* we learn that the younger generation in Russia are showing interest in religion, they are seeking something which will meet the needs of life, not being satisfied with the negative aspect of the anti-religious life.

A few years ago an English missionary connected with the Jewish Mission in Bucharest, Rumania, exchanged language lessons with a young priest of the Greek Orthodox Church. By this contact the young priest was converted to evangelical Christianity. He became assistant to another priest who was led

to a real interest in evangelical methods. He insisted upon preaching in his church and upon justification by faith. Whereupon he was tried for heresy and removed. He and his followers built a church of their own and were immediately subjected to persecution. That has now ceased but alarmed because of the influence of this church the Orthodox Church is insisting that its own preachers preach in like manner.

Wherever there are evangelicals", testified a priest recently in a Rumanian newspaper article, "there is less stealing, drunkenness and immorality".

For the first time in many years Turkish men and women have been openly confessing Jesus. They have been brought before minor government officials and severely dealt with, according to recent reports. But those officials later were rebuked for their failure to respect the liberty of conscience which the laws now guarantee to every citizen.

In the last days of Adoniram Judson his wife read to him from the newspaper that some Jews in Turkey had been converted through the published account of his sufferings for the Gospel in Burma. Mrs. Judson says that an unearthly solemnity came over her dying husband's face as he said: "This awes me. This alarms me". "But", said she, "why? This is good news". His reply was, "When I was a young man I prayed to go to Jerusalem because I read the words of the Lord about Beginning at Jerusalem. But God sent me here to preach in Burma and to suffer torture in Burmese prisons. Now by this means God has brought Jews to repentance in Turkey.—(*The Effectual Prayer*)"—HEART AND LIFE BULLETIN)

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