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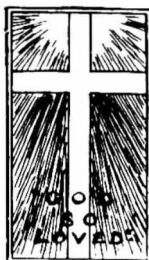


## EDITORIAL



### AUXILIARY—STEWARDSHIP

Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, President W.M.U.



The purpose of the Woman's Missionary Union so long ago expressed, to stimulate among the women and the young people of our churches the grace of giving and to aid in collecting funds for missionary purposes, has been a constant abiding principle of the Union through all its history. Largely because we have had false standards about it the enlistment of money is one of our greatest difficulties. Too often we hesitate to talk of it, as though money were a personal possession on which no one has any claim. Society has come to accept the fact that a community has some claim upon accretions of value which it has created. Christians have a higher law. "Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price". Because money is peculiarly the agent by which the vast majority must express their obedience to the Lord's "Go ye" we should consider its possession a holy trust and its possessors trustees to use it wisely and generously for advancing the Kingdom. Whether it be much or little our money and our relation to it are vital expressions of our personality. In the stewardship teaching of our Union major emphasis is placed upon stewardship of possessions. The underlying principle and expressed purpose of the Union is largely responsible for this emphasis. The life that recognizes fully its stewardship of possessions is not likely to fail in acceptance of every phase of stewardship obligation. It is therefore the purpose of the W.M.U. to lead its entire membership to recognize the Scriptural plan of tithes and offerings as the law of giving for their Christian life. W.M.U. is constant in its effort to enlist the women and young people in loyal obedience to this simple, logical and Scriptural plan of financing the Kingdom. Through teaching, securing promises to tithe and promoting the Stewardship Declaration Contest for young people it hopes to build up a trained conscience and to impress upon the entire church membership the claims of Christian stewardship. The W.M.U. recognizes that through consistent teaching and constant enlistment of its own membership to be true and faithful to the Scriptural plan—tithes and offerings—it may most effectively assist the S.B.C. in financing its world encompassing missionary program—experience justifies continued emphasis and activity. The Lord's commission commands our unquestioning obedience. Leading the women and young people of our churches to joyous acceptance of their stewardship of possessions is one of the chief aims of our Union. In faithful devotion to it we help to exemplify the word "auxiliary" as it applies to the relationship which W.M.U. sustains to the S.B.C. The love of Christ constrains us.

### TODAY—IT'S CHRISTMAS

Not the passing of two thousand years  
Nor the turmoil of wars and fears.  
Nor the selfish lust of mankind, and  
The scoff of godless men.  
Nor the hurry and worry of a busy world,  
Nor even the carelessness of Christendom—  
Not all these can shut out the Light of His  
Star  
Today—It's Christmas!

Oh the beauty of the blessed Christmas Season  
The tender memories, the kindly wishes  
Drawing friend to friend, sweetening family  
ties  
Christmas—fresh and glad some because  
In the long ago it brought a message eternal  
Of peace on earth and good will to men  
Let joy bells ring and love abound for  
Today—It's Christmas

—Edna Watkins Hewitt, Miss

## M. M. S. Programs for Week of Prayer for World-Wide Missions

December 4-8 Inclusive



MONDAY: December 4, 1933

SUBJECT: The Search for Christ

COUNTRIES: Japan and China

Theme for Week: Christmas for Christ

### SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN: "Joy to the World"

HYMN: "Hail, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

HYMN: "As with Gladness Men of Old"

SCRIPTURE LESSON by PASTOR: "We saw His Star"—Matt. 2:9.

### SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

TALK on WEEK'S THEME: Christmas for Christ

PRAYER that W.M.U. women and young people may thus observe this Christmas

HYMN: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

TALK: A Project of Faith. (See page 11 of week's folder.)

TELLING of STORIES: Mission Schools Count for Christ (See page 12 of week's folder.)

HYMN: "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning"

RENDERING of LEAFLET: The Great Bright God of Self-Restraint (Order leaflet for \$ from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

TELLING of STORY: The Growth of a Soul (See page 11 of week's folder.)

HYMN: "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful"

### SEASON OF PRAYER for S.B.C. MISSIONARIES IN JAPAN:

Fukuoka—Rev. and Mrs. Williamson; Rev. and Mrs. Edwin B. Dotter; Nagasaki—Rev. E. O. Mills; Shimomoto—Rev. and Mrs. Walms; Miss Walms; Hiroshima—Rev. and Mrs. Ray; Tokyo—Rev. Clarke; Kokura—Mrs. Rowe; Miss Lancaster; Miss Hannah; Mrs. C. K. Dotter; Tohoku—Miss Rebel.

Number of Missionaries on Furlough from Japan=2

HYMN: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

TALK: 126 A.D. in China versus 1933 in U.S.A. (See page 13 of week's folder.)

TELLING of STORY: Sue Wang, Evangelist (See page 11 of week's folder.)

HYMN: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

### SEASON OF PRAYER for S.B.C. MISSIONARIES in NORTH CHINA:

Huangshien—Dr. and Mrs. Ayres; Miss Hartwell; Rev. and Mrs. Glass; Misses Eide, Dr. and Mrs. Bryan; Rev. and Mrs. Lide; Miss Wright; Rev. and Mrs. Culpepper; Miss Knight; Rev. Washburn; Miss Bradley; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob; Luchow—Miss Wilford; Miss Miller; Dr. and Mrs. Gaston; Dr. Hall; Miss Grayson; Rev. and Mrs. Larson; Miss Huey; Chafoo—Rev. and Mrs. Moore; Miss Todd; Rev. and Mrs. McCrea; Rev. and Mrs. Pruitt; Tsingtao—Mrs. Stephens; Rev. and Mrs. Newton; Rev. and Mrs. Lowe; Tientsin—Dr. and Mrs. Evans; Rev. and Mrs. Abernathy; Miss Crawford; Tientsin—Rev. and Mrs. Connely; Miss Franks; Miss Smith; Harbin—Rev. and Mrs. Leonard; Darsen—Rev. and Mrs. Adams.

HYMN: "We Praise Thee, O God" (1st Verse)

### SEASON OF PRAYER for S.B.C. MISSIONARIES in INTERIOR CHINA:

Chengchow—Rev. and Mrs. Fielder; Miss Murray; Rev. and Mrs. Kood; Miss Lawton; Kaijeng—Miss Walther; Miss Cox; Miss Hare; Miss Humphreys; Miss Alexander; Miss Ward; Rev. and Mrs. Lawton; Rev. and Mrs. Gillespie; Paochow—Rev. and Mrs. Boettch; Miss Riddell; Dr. King; Miss Barrell; Rev. and Mrs. Strother; Kuatlah—Rev. and Mrs. Townshend; Miss Hostick.

HYMN (Standing): "We Praise Thee, O God" (2nd Verse)

These pages (5-8) are perforated for free use in preparing for Week of Prayer. Detach and assign parts early, please.

# SEASON of PRAYER for S.B.C. MISSIONARIES in CENTRAL CHINA:

Shanghai—Rev. and Mrs. Bryan, Miss Kelly, Miss Salter, Miss Johnson, Miss Bryan, Miss Marlowe, Rev. and Mrs. Wray, Mrs. Handley, Rev. and Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Chambers, Rev. and Mrs. Tipton, Miss Watson, Rev. and Mrs. Lowe, Rev. and Mrs. Blackman, Rev. and Mrs. Anderson, Rev. and Mrs. Westbrook, Rev. and Mrs. Hipps, Rev. and Mrs. Wiley, Rev. and Mrs. Johnson, Miss Thompson, Miss Plowden, Mrs. Salter, Miss Byrd, Mrs. Hall, Szechow—Rev. and Mrs. McDaniel, Miss Lannou, Rev. and Mrs. McMillan, Miss Groves, Miss Lee, Rev. and Mrs. Johnson, Chienyang—Rev. and Mrs. Marriott, Miss Wells, Jangchow—Mrs. Pierce, Miss Parker, Miss Morrison, Miss Tral, Rev. and Mrs. Tatum, Miss Demarest, Dr. Fetter, Miss Jeffers, Rev. and Mrs. Stamp, Wanch—Rev. and Mrs. Hamlett, Rev. and Mrs. Britton, Rev. and Mrs. Jackson.

HYMN: (Standing) "We Praise Thee, O God" (3rd Verse)

# SEASON of PRAYER for S.B.C. MISSIONARIES in SOUTH CHINA:

Canton—Mrs. Graves, Mrs. Greene, Rev. and Mrs. Lake, Miss Dodson, Miss Alexander, Rev. and Mrs. Rankin, Dr. and Mrs. Hayes, Miss Greene, Rev. and Mrs. King, Shingung—Miss Shumate; Shingchow—Miss Sandlin, Miss Patney, Rev. and Mrs. Rankin, Rev. and Mrs. Saunders, Wuchow—Dr. and Mrs. Leavelle, Rev. and Mrs. Ray, Miss McKinn, Miss Johnson, Dr. and Mrs. Snuggs; Mochow—Rev. and Mrs. Galloway, Kungchow—Miss Clement, Miss Funderburk, Miss Rice, Miss Scarlett, Rev. and Mrs. Woodward, Kueilin—Miss Stallings, Rev. and Mrs. Stansom, Miss Summer, Miss Stewart, Dr. and Mrs. Bailey; Wuchow—Rev. and Mrs. Gallimore, Miss Pettigrew; Luu Chan City—Mr. Snuggs, Miss Snuggs.

Number of Missionaries on Furlough from China—17

READING of APPEAL from FOREIGN BOARD (See booklet "Christ in the World")

EXPLANATION of NAME—"Lottie Moon Christmas Offering" (See page 10 of week's folder)

PRAYER for NATIVE CHRISTIANS and UNSAVED PEOPLE in CHINA and JAPAN

HYMN: "Trust, Try and Prove Me" (See page 22 of this magazine)

INGATHERING of LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS as to WEEK'S PROGRAM

HYMN: "How Long Must We Wait?" (See page 24 of this magazine)

SILENT PRAYER for WEEK'S OFFERING

TUESDAY: December 5

SUBJECT: The Joy in Finding Him

COUNTRIES: Palestine-Syria, Rumania, Hungary, Jugo-Slavia, Italy, Spain

Theme for Week: Christmas for Christ

SILENT MEDITATION:

HYMN: "Hark! Hark My Soul!"

—PRAYER by Y.W.A. COUNSELOR

HYMN: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

SCRIPTURE LESSON by Y.W.A. COUNSELOR: "They rejoiced with exceeding great joy"—Matt. 2:10.

SILENT MEDITATION

TALK: Baptist Work in Palestine and Syria (See page 16 of week's folder.)

TELLING of STORY: Saida of Galilee (See page 17 of week's folder.)

HYMN: "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem"

PRAYER for S.B.C. MISSIONARIES in PALESTINE-SYRIA:

Jerusalem—Miss Clor; Haifa—Rev. and Mrs. Owens

TALK: Observations as to Rumanian Women (See page 17 of week's folder.)

HYMN: "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

TALK: "What the James Memorial School Has Meant to Me" (See page 18 of week's folder.)

SEASON of PRAYER for S.B.C. MISSIONARIES for RUMANIA, HUNGARY, JUGO-SLAVIA:

Bucharest—Rev. and Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Hurley, Miss Hester

HYMN: "Angel Voices, Ever Singing"

PRAYER for RUSSIA and RUSSIAN BAPTISTS

TALK: The Italian Mission's Needs (See page 18 of week's folder.)

TELLING of STORY: An Italian Mother and Her Son (See page 20 of week's folder.)

HYMN: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

TELLING of STORY: New Life in Ancient Lentini (See page 20 of week's folder.)

PRAYER for S.B.C. MISSIONARIES in ITALY:

Rome—Rev. and Mrs. Whittinghill

HYMN: "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

TALK: The Influence of the Bible (See page 21 of week's folder.)

PRAYER for S.B.C. MISSIONARIES in SPAIN:

Barcelona—Rev. and Mrs. Bengtson, Rev. and Mrs. David

Number of Missionaries on Furlough from Europe—2

TALK on WEEK'S THEME: Christmas for Christ

HYMN: "Silent Night"

PRAYER for NATIVE CHRISTIANS and UNSAVED PEOPLE in EUROPE, SYRIA, PALESTINE

HYMN: "Trust, Try and Prove Me" (See page 22 of this magazine)

INGATHERING of LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS as to WEEK'S PROGRAM

MARKING of CALENDAR for MISSIONARY'S SUPPORT

HYMN: "How Long Must We Wait?" (See page 24 of this magazine)

SILENT PRAYER for WEEK'S OFFERING

WEDNESDAY: December 6

SUBJECT: The Treasures Laid before Him

COUNTRIES: Africa, Mexico, Chile

Theme for Week: Christmas for Christ

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN: "Hail to the Brightness"

—PRAYER by G.A. COUNSELOR

HYMN: "Away in a Manger"

SCRIPTURE LESSON by G.A. COUNSELOR: "They offered unto Him Gifts"—

Matt. 2:11.

SILENT MEDITATION

TELLING of STORY: One in a Million (See page 22 of week's folder.)

RENDERING of LEAFLET: The House of Their Hands (Order leaflet for Bc from

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SEASON of PRAYER for S.B.C. MISSIONARIES in NIGERIA:

Oghomoso—Dr. and Mrs. Green, Miss Kersey, Rev. and Mrs. Carson, Dr. and Mrs. Lockett,

Dr. and Mrs. Anders, Miss Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. McCormick, Abokute—Miss Anderson, Miss Perry,

Miss Young, Rev. and Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Dural, Shaki—Rev. and Mrs. Powell, Miss Elam; Lagos—

Miss Reagan, Miss Sanders; Ibad—Dr. and Mrs. McLean

Number of Missionaries on Furlough from Africa—5

HYMN: "Send the Light"

TALK: Mission Work in Mexico (See page 24 of week's folder.)

TELLING of STORIES: Two Faithful Stewards in Mexico (See page 25 of week's folder.)

TELLING of STORY: There is a Striking Difference (See page 25 of week's folder.)

HYMN: "Bringing in the Sheaves"

RENDERING of LEAFLET: The Light of Mexico's New Day (Order leaflet for Bc from

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SEASON of PRAYER for S.B.C. MISSIONARIES for MEXICO:

Toluca—Rev. and Mrs. Engelmann; Saltillo—Rev. and Mrs. Lacy, Rev. and Mrs. Branch, Rev. and Mrs. Neal; Chihuahua—Rev. and Mrs. LeBeur; Culiacan—Rev. and Mrs. Gregory; El Paso—Rev. and Mrs. Davis, Rev. and Mrs. Benson, Rev. Hatchell, San Antonio—Rev. and Mrs. Harris

Number of Missionaries on Furlough from Mexico—2

HYMN: "Christ for the World"

TALK: Baptist Handicaps and Victories in Chile (See page 25 of week's folder.)

TELLING of STORIES: La Sociedad de Senoras Meets (See page 25 of week's folder.)

HYMN: "Fling Out the Banner"

SEASON of PRAYER for S.B.C. MISSIONARIES in CHILE:

Concepcion—Rev. and Mrs. Moore, Temuco—Rev. MacDonald, Rev. and Mrs. Hart, Miss

Spence, Miss Graham, Miss Bruner, Miss Laxer, Rev. and Mrs. Marr, Santiago—Rev. and Mrs. McGarvey

Number of Missionaries on Furlough from Chile—3

TALK on WEEK'S THEME: Christmas for Christ

PRAYER for NATIVE CHRISTIANS and UNSAVED PEOPLE in AFRICA, MEXICO, CHILE

HYMN: "Trust, Try and Prove Me" (See page 22 of this magazine.)

INGATHERING of LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

MARKING of CALENDAR for MISSIONARY'S SUPPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS as to WEEK'S PROGRAM

HYMN: "How Long Must We Wait?" (See page 24 of this magazine.)

SILENT PRAYER for WEEK'S OFFERING

THURSDAY: December 7

SUBJECT: "O Come, Let Us Adore Him"

COUNTRIES: Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil

Theme for Week: Christmas for Christ

SILENT MEDITATION

PRAYER by R.A. COUNSELOR

—HYMN: "Come Thou Almighty King"

—HYMN: "O Worship the King"

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** by SUNBEAM LEADER: "They fell down and worshiped Him"—*Matt. 2:11.*

**SILENT MEDITATION**

**TALK** on WEEK'S THEME: Christmas for Christ

**PRAYER** that week's offering may exceed \$135,000 goal

**HYMN**: "Come, Women, Loud Proclaim"

**TELLING** of NARRATIVE: Lord, Teach Us to Pray as We Ought (*See page 26 of week's folder.*)

**SEASON** of PRAYER for S.B.C. MISSIONARIES in ARGENTINA:

Buenos Aires—Rev. and Mrs. Logan, Rev. and Mrs. Quarles, Rev. and Mrs. Rowles, Rev. and Mrs. Quarles, Miss Melroy, Rev. and Mrs. Sowell, Rev. and Mrs. Elder; Montevideo—Rev. and Mrs. Fowler; Rosario—Rev. and Mrs. Blair; Los Rios—Rev. and Mrs. Hawkins; Concordia—Rev. and Mrs. Freeman; Bahia Blanca—Rev. and Mrs. Swenson

Number of Missionaries on Furlough from Argentina—2

**HYMN**: "Hail to the Brightness of Zion's Glad Morning"

**TELLING** of STORIES: Conversions in Uruguay (*See page 27 of week's folder.*)

**PRAYER** for S.B.C. MISSIONARIES in URUGUAY:

Montevideo—Rev. and Mrs. Orrick

**RENDERING** of LEAFLET: Feeling after God (*Order leaflet for 3c from W.M.U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.*)

**TALK**: W.M.U. in Brazil (*See page 28 of week's folder.*)

**HYMN**: "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

**TELLING** of NARRATIVE: A W.M.U. Field Worker's Experience in Brazil (*See page 29 of week's folder.*)

**TELLING** of STORY: "My Strength Is Made Perfect in Weakness" (*See page 30 of week's folder.*)

**HYMN** (*Standing*): "I Love to Tell the Story"

**SEASON** of PRAYER for S.B.C. MISSIONARIES in SOUTH BRAZIL:

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**HYMN** (*Standing*): "I Love to Tell the Story" (*2nd and 3rd Verses*)

**SEASON** of PRAYER for S.B.C. MISSIONARIES in NORTH BRAZIL:

Bahia—Rev. and Mrs. White, Miss White; Jaguarua—Rev. and Mrs. Tumbilo, Rev. and Mrs. Taylor; Pernambuco—Miss Fuller, Miss Hunt, Rev. and Mrs. Wilcox, Miss Elze, Rev. and Mrs. Minn, Rev. and Mrs. Taylor, Rev. and Mrs. Hayes; Manaus—Rev. and Mrs. Nelson; Corumbá—Rev. and Mrs. Crouch, Macao—Rev. and Mrs. Bice, Rev. and Mrs. Johnson; Campina Grande—Rev. and Mrs. Stapp

Number of Missionaries on Furlough from Brazil—20

**HYMN**: "Children of the Heavenly King"

**PRAYER** for NATIVE CHRISTIANS and UNSAVED PEOPLE in ARGENTINA, URUGUAY, BRAZIL.

**HYMN**: "Trust, Try and Prove Me" (*See page 31 of this magazine.*)

**INGATHERING** of LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

**MARKING** of CALENDAR for MISSIONARY'S SUPPORT

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** as to FRIDAY'S PROGRAM

**PRAYER** for FRIDAY as "DAY of PRAYER around the WORLD"

**HYMN**: "How Long Must We Wait?" (*See page 31 of this magazine.*)

**SILENT PRAYER** for WEEK'S OFFERING

**FRIDAY: December 8**

**SUBJECT**: The Different Way

**COUNTRIES**: Day of Prayer around the World

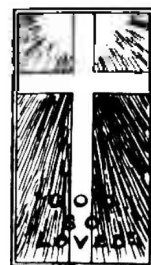
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## PREPARING for PRAYER WEEK



### PRAY and PLAN for LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING



Have the Baptist women of our southland a message to give to the nations? Yes, they have, through the medium of our approaching Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Do we really want the nations to know that the Lord, who reigneth above, hath sent His Son to save them and show them that our God is a God of love? I am wondering, as this season of the year draws nigh, if the hearts of our women everywhere beat faster, their step quicker, minds a little keener as they pray, plan and plead for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Without these 3 p's this offering will not be a success and the \$135,000 set for the goal cannot and will not be reached.

It takes time for women to save and sacrifice to be able to make an offering worthy of His name. It is only by plowing, preparing and pulverizing the ground that it yields the utmost.

Let us lay aside our first gift for Him. Let us make Christmas for Christ, even as is the theme for our Week of Prayer. "Christ in the world!" Oh, what a wonderful old world this would be if every one of us would pray and work toward that end, for we have seen His star, we have found Jesus. Will we at this crucial time in our missionary fields lay our treasures at His feet? Do we really adore and worship Him?

There would be no lack of funds for our great foreign mission program if we did. Our many returned missionaries would not be here in the homeland sadly waiting and longing to be sent back to their fields, that sorely need their ministrations, whose people need the Savior, whom we have and withhold from them by making it impossible for our Foreign Mission Board to send out missionaries, old and new, by the steadily declining receipts for this cause through our Cooperative Program.

Let us cooperate in every way possible with our Woman's Missionary Union in observance of the Week of Prayer, praying, planning, pleading for the same through every missionary organization in our churches. Prayer must come first: we can do nothing worthwhile for our offering without it.

Plan! What can we accomplish if we have no plans: would we undertake anything else in a like manner?

Plead! When we have prayed and planned to our very utmost, then we shall be prepared to make such a plea for our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering as will touch the hearts of all with whom we come in contact.

Help us, O Christ, to bring gifts acceptable to Thee.  
For Thou didst give Thyself for us on Calvary's tree.

—Mrs. G. B. Mountcastle, Va.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, the goal of which is \$135,000, is to be the climax of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, December 4-8 inclusive. The week's program is outlined on pages 5-8.

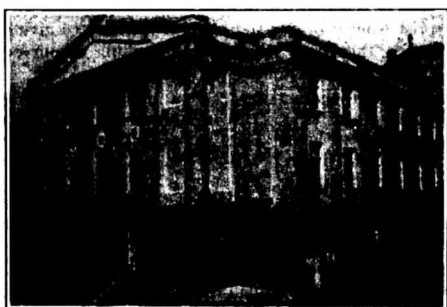
Christmas for Christ is the theme—not theory—for this December's Week of Prayer.



## FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



THANKS from TSINGTAO, CHINA



Mrs. S. E. Stephens of the Tsingtao church, the picture of which is herewith given, wrote early in August: "We are only a very small Woman's Missionary Society and no one among us is rich in this world's goods but the enclosed gift of \$14 comes from a heart of love and real interest in the work of our Lord to the uttermost parts of the earth. Our W.M.S. members have heard a great deal about the debt of southern Baptists and they gladly

respond in an effort to remove it. I wish you could have seen the joy in their faces and the ready response, according to their ability, as they contributed their 'mite' towards an on-going of the work of our common Lord. The spirit of co-operation as well as appreciation is splendid. Their message is as follows".

To those who are interested in us through the grace of our Lord Jesus, greetings! We thank and praise our Lord Jesus who has through you, our friends in Christ, called us out from the world to follow Him. We know that you have loved us even until now, that you have prayed for us and we pray that our Lord may reward you abundantly. And now we have in our hearts an everlasting love for you, because through you we have received such great blessing—even the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We wish to report our present state to you, lest you be anxious for us. Our church for more than ten years has received God's abundant blessings. In regard to our labors, we have not been faithful; therefore, we are ashamed. We have only thirty members in our W.M.S. We are weak and incapable; so we beg you, our friends, to remember us constantly. For our China W.M.U. we have great hope. Many of our sisters have arisen to labor for Jesus, putting all else aside to witness for Him. This is in answer to your prayers and labors.

Our local W.M.S. is sending a small gift—each one rejoices to give. Altogether it is only a little, but we send it as an expression of our love. Please see I Cor 15:58. May God bless all who fear Him.

### CLOSER to CHRIST



About three years ago an expectant mother, only sixteen years old, came to me and asked to study the Bible with me. I asked her why, and her answer was: "I believe in Jesus, but I understand so little".

So she began coming to a Bible study class with a few others. She took hold of the truths in a remarkable way and, after attending our Sunday afternoon prayer service and Bible study classes for a year and a half, she accepted Christ as her Savior. She was baptized last January and her husband followed her in baptism the next June.

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Then their sufferings began. He couldn't get work, so he bought a donkey and sold gasoline, worked in the garden and did the janitor work here.

About a month and a half ago a brother of the young convert came, saying their father had recently died in Persia, leaving a considerable estate which they must settle. By this time, there was another baby in the home, only eleven days old. But the older brother insisted the whole family must go, saying he would be responsible for the expenses of the journey. So they sold everything they had, expecting to replace them on their return.

At a hotel in Beirut they finally arrived, and there they remained for two weeks while the brother was supposedly making preparations for the journey to Persia. But one morning they found themselves deserted by the brother, a family of four stranded on the hands of an angry hotel proprietor. He refused to let them go until they paid.

Finally, they pawned the little mother's ear-rings, the wedding gift of her mother, and fled to Haila. There Mrs. Owens, our missionary, gave them money with which they might go on to Jerusalem. I went around to some of my friends and collected clothes etc., found a room and a kitchen where they can live, brought some old furniture and fixed them as comfortably as I could. With nearly no money it's difficult. None of this comes out of the mission funds—first, because we have no money and second, because I feel we ought to let the church do it.

Another very interesting thing connected with these people is this: upon their return, they were compelled to go to her mother's for shelter; the mother was so angry because of the awful deed of the brother that she insisted that her daughter get a divorce from her husband; but she loved her husband and her husband's Savior and so refused, even though that refusal made them homeless again. One of our Arabic families took them in and kept them until today when they moved into the room we had fixed for them. Christ can break down the hatred between Arab and Jew, when nothing else can!

The brother has confessed that he wanted to make them suffer so much that they would lose their faith in Christ. How I wish you could have heard their testimonies upon their return! They seem to have grown so very close to the Lord since this severe test.—*Elsie Clor, Jerusalem*

### PRICED LEAFLETS for WEEK of PRAYER for WORLD-WIDE MISSIONS December 4-8, 1933

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## RACHEL



Mary's Well in Nazareth

them to the mission, she went calling with the missionary, gaining entrance for her into many Jewish homes.

Two years ago she expressed a desire to be a Christian: earnest prayer was made with her and for her, but it was not until six months later that she made a definite decision. Early one morning she came to Elsie, her face aglow: "Oh, Miss Clor", said she, "I had a dream that Jesus came to me, took my hand and said 'I want you'". That morning she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and real joy came into her heart.

She told her mother of her new-found joy in Christ and received her permission for baptism. After months of instruction and testing she was baptized, her mother witnessing the ceremony.

But as the days passed, her father and eldest brother began to make her realize that they were by no means willing to take the consequences of her public confession of Christ. I wonder if we could face such consequences—public scorn and sneers, expressed by spitting, stoning and cries of "Traitor": expulsion from the only schools open to them; ostracism by all their friends; and loss of employment! When she refused to renounce Christ at their command, they made her a prisoner in her home and beat her mercilessly.

Early one morning Elsie went to her home and found the frail girl held by two strong men, while her brother was beating her. Later, these with others attacked our missionaries, threatening to kill all, unless Rachel gave up her "new and foolish beliefs".

But Rachel believed Christ meant it when He said that "he that loveth father and mother more than Me is not worthy of Me". And she did so long to be worthy! So, through it all, she endured, believing she could do all things through Christ, who indeed strengthened her. And today she is a bright and shining light for Jesus!—Mrs. J. Wash Watts, La.

That first day four years ago when Elsie Clor was just beginning her children's story hour in Jerusalem, she saw Rachel and loved her. Who wouldn't? A glowing little beauty she was, with dark snappy eyes and long heavy braids of hair. She was 13 then, a daughter of Spanish Jews, and lived far from the mission in the heart of the old walled Jerusalem. But, perhaps, it was her earnest interest and enthusiasm that first won Elsie's attention.

At any rate, Rachel immediately began to help by bringing in other children, then to eagerly memorize many Scriptures, then to study her Bible for herself. She began coming to the Sabbath school, then to the women's weekly meetings because, she said, "she loved to hear about Jesus".

What a helper an earnest young person can be! She brought her mother and aunts to the meetings, she made every effort to become acquainted with more and more children that she might invite

## EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

W. M. U. and E. M. C.

M. E. Dodd

President, Southern Baptist Convention



Sixty thousand Baptist women, workers, leaders, subscribers to this magazine! This is the thrilling information which Miss Malory gives me as she requests 450 words on the W.M.U. and the E.M.C.—Every Member Canvass.

I see a marvelous picture. It is in two sections. It is a problem picture of contrasts.

One side of the picture represents the W.M.U. of the S.B.C. There are women of wealth, education, culture, consecration and influence by the thousands. Their lives have been redeemed by the Christ of the Cross. Their hearts have been touched by the grace of God. Fountains of benevolent impulse spring up in their spirits.

The other side of that vast picture represents all the sorrow, suffering and sin of the whole race of men. There is physical pain, mental agony and spiritual torture. Babies, young people, men, women—black, white, brown, yellow—all suffering.

On the one side in those women, unlimited capacity for good. On the other side, unspeakable need.

But a yawning chasm separates the two—the chasm of geographical distance, of social, racial and language differences. How can that chasm be spanned? How can the unlimited supply of good be brought to the unspeakable need?

Ah, here it is—Eureka! A way has been found. It is the way of the Baptist Cooperative Program.

The Cooperative Program becomes a viaduct which carries the limpid waters of God's grace from the hearts of God's children across that chasm to the desert sands of the devil's waste lands and makes them blossom into a fragrant flower garden of redeemed humanity. And the Every Member Canvass is the instrument by which the waters are drawn.

Surely then every Baptist woman, out of her deep and natural instinct of motherhood, out of impulse born of the Spirit of God, out of the love she bears to the Lord Jesus Christ, will do all she can to keep a full and regular stream of Christly charity flowing through that Cooperative Program viaduct. There are several practical things she can do:

1. She will make her own personal pledge. It will not be a community pledge with husband or child. The husband cannot repent for her or believe or be baptized for her. No more can he do her giving. She must do these divinely imposed duties for herself.

2. She will encourage, inspire and insist upon each member of her family, especially those who are members of the church, making a pledge. Then she will insist upon the pledges being paid regularly every Lord's Day and will herself set the example.

3. She will do all she can—by word of mouth, over the telephone, by letter, by distributing tracts—to encourage all of her fellow church members to join in swelling the stream of benevolence through that Cooperative Program viaduct.

4. She will join others in going out to call upon their fellow church members

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## BIBLE STUDY



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

Societies, circles, families and individuals wishing a more detailed outline Bible study are referred to the "Family Altar" page with its many carefully grouped Scripture references.

Topic: HIS NAME EMMANUEL—Matt. 1:20-25

THE earth has grown cold with its burden of  
care,  
But at Christmas it always is young.  
The heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair,  
And its soul full of music bursts forth on the  
air,  
When the song of the angels is sung

It is coming, old earth, it is coming tonight!  
On snowflakes which covered thy sod  
The feet of the Christ-child fall gently and  
white,  
And the voice of the Christ-child tells out  
with delight  
That mankind are the children of God

On the sad and the lonely, the wretched and  
poor  
The voice of the Christ child shall fall,  
And to every blind wanderer opens the door  
Of a hope which he dared not to dream of  
before,  
With a sunshine of welcome for all

The feet of the humblest may walk in the field  
Where the feet of the holiest have trod;  
This, this is the marvel to mortals revealed,  
When the silvery trumpets of Christmas have  
pealed.  
That mankind are the children of God.

—Dr. Phillips Brooks



Christmas 1931! How rapidly the years pass! It seems that the story of Christ's coming should be known to all men. Nearly two thousand years since prophecy was fulfilled and a Savior was born! Precious indeed are the words of the prophet! Wonderful to us is the fulfillment! Mrs. A—, do you recall the first word of a promised Messiah?

Mrs. A— Yes, it is recorded in Genesis 3:15. (Mrs. A— quotes Gen. 3:15). Genesis, Numbers and Deuteronomy point out blessings which shall come through Christ. To me, however, the words of Isaiah mean much.

Leader: Does Isaiah say anything about His being born of a virgin?

Mrs. A— (Quotes Isa. 7:14) But it was Micah who mentioned the place of His birth. (Quotes Mic. 5:2)

Leader: Matthew's story of the Christ was written for the Jews. There are many references to the Old Testament. This Gospel presents well and conclusively the Messiah, the promised One of Israel. (Reads Matt. 1:17-25)

There is a wealth of Christmas Scripture. How we love to review the story of the wise men and the beautiful shepherd scene. Mrs. A—, will you read for us Luke 2:8-15? (Mrs. A— reads.) Luke is the only one who describes Gabriel's visit to Mary. To his Gospel we turn for the three songs of praise. The Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55); The Benedict (verses 68-79); The Nunc Dimittis (Luke 2:29-32, 34, 35).

Friends, read these Christmas passages for yourselves. Sing the Christmas hymns—Joy to the World; Hark, the Herald Angels Sing; and other familiar carols. Receive the message of the coming of the Babe at Bethlehem. Treasure the story of the great love of God who gave His Son. This Gospel is for the whole world. Will you send these good tidings abroad? Will you bear the news to those around you?

"Thou shalt call His name Jesus . . . and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us!"

## Calendar of Prayer

December, 1933

Prepared by Mrs. Maud R. McLure, Ga.

☩ He came—the infant Christ of God;  
☩ They did not want Him; they received Him not,  
☩ Though angels sang His birth, and wise men  
Came from far to bow before Him.

Topic: Trophies of the Word in the East

### 1—FRIDAY

Pray for Miss Willie H. Kelly, evangelistic work, Shanghai, China.  
Let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God continually.—Heb. 13:15

### 2—SATURDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Langston (on furlough), Rio Baptist College, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Mary E. Langston, Margaret Fund student.  
For we are His workmanship.—Eph. 2:10

### 3—SUNDAY

For pastors preaching on foreign missions, thus introducing Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions; also for Every Member Canvass.  
Go ye—pray ye—give ye—Matt. 28:19; 9:38; 14:16

### 4—MONDAY

For faithful observance of Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, Dec. 4-8 inclusive.  
These all with one accord continued steadfastly in prayer.—Acts 1:14

### 5—TUESDAY

For annual sessions of W.M.U. of Florida, Pensacola, Dec. 5-8.  
Thy saints shall bless Thee.—Ps. 145:10

### 6—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Norman F. Williamson, educational and evangelistic work, Fukuoka, Japan.  
I will sing a new song unto Thee.—Ps. 144:9

### 7—THURSDAY

For generous gifts to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.  
Of all that Thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee.—Gen. 28:22

### 8—FRIDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. J. McF. Gaston, medical and evangelistic work, Laichow-fu, China.  
A faithful man shall abound with blessings.—Prov. 28:20

### 9—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Hayes, evangelistic work, Pernambuco, Brazil.  
There is a happy end to the man of peace.—Ps. 37:37

### 10—SUNDAY

For Miss Mary Alexander, Pooi To Academy, Canton, China.  
He will give His angels charge over thee.—Ps. 91:11

### 11—MONDAY

For Miss Anna B. Hartwell, evangelistic work, Hwang-Hsien, China.  
He giveth more grace.—Jan. 4:6

### 12—TUESDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. George Green, medical and evangelistic work, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, and Lydia May Green, Margaret Fund student.  
Hereby we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.—1 John 2:8

### 13—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Frank Connely, evangelistic work, Tsiningchow, China.  
He who converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul.—Jan. 5:19

### 14—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. John L. Rice, evangelistic work, Maceio, Brazil.  
Send forth thy sickle and reap.—Rev. 14:18

### 15—FRIDAY

For Miss Mary Crawford, educational work, Tainan, China.  
Overcome evil with good.—Rom. 12:21

### 16—SATURDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Ayers, (on furlough), medical and evangelistic work, Hwang-Hsien, China.  
I love Jehovah because He heareth my voice.—Ps. 115:1

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## Calendar of Prayer December, 1933

**26** E lives today—this Christ of Bethlehem;  
Some will not have Him; yet to you He calls,  
Though others fail to let Him in their hearts,  
Be thou not one; but crown Him King!—*Russell E. Kaufman*

### Topic: Graphics of the Word in the East

#### 17—SUNDAY

Pray that the Christ may be exalted in the Christmas celebrations in our Good Will Centers and Mission Sunday Schools.

Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these—ye did it unto me—Matt. 23:40

#### 18—MONDAY

Pray for Misses J. Hattie Stallings and Mattie Vie Summer, educational work, Kweilin, China.

In your patience ye shall win your souls.—Luke 21:19

#### 19—TUESDAY

For Miss Bernice Neel, evangelistic work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

I will give you a mouth and wisdom.—Luke 21:16

#### 20—WEDNESDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Leavell, medical and evangelistic work, Wuchow, China.

The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.—Luke 18:27

#### 21—THURSDAY

For Miss Anne N. Lanester, Colegio Bautista, Temuco, Chile.

Be not anxious for your life.—Luke 12:32

#### 22—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. E. F. Tatum, evangelistic work, Yangchow, China.

It is enough for the disciple that he be as his teacher.—Matt. 10:25

#### 23—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Taylor (on furlough), educational work, Jaguaguara, Brazil.

Ye were enriched in Him.—1 Cor. 1:3

#### 24—SUNDAY

Pray that Japan and China may forever cease to fight and be friendly neighbors.  
Let the peace of God rule in your hearts.—Col. 3:16

#### 25—MONDAY

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace!—Luke 2:14

#### 26—TUESDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Gallimore and Miss Ruth Pettigrew, evangelistic work, Wai-chow, China.

God is faithful through whom ye were called.—1 Cor. 1:9

#### 27—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Bowdler, educational and evangelistic work, and Miss Minnie D. McIlroy, Publishing House, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

He that sows righteousness hath a sure reward.—Prov. 11:18

#### 28—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Ware, evangelistic work, Shanghai, China.

He with unto him Follow Me.—John 21:19

#### 29—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Neal, educational work, Saltillo, Mexico.

He that loveth Him and worketh righteousness is acceptable to Him.—Acts 13:36

#### 30—SATURDAY

For Miss Sophie Lanneau, Girls' School, Soochow, China.

He will keep the feet of His holy ones.—1 Sam. 12:9

#### 31—SUNDAY

Pray for all Christian workers as they get ready to enter the New Year.

Behold, I send an angel before thee, to keep thee by the way and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.—Ex. 23:22

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## FAMILY ALTAR



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

Topic: HIS NAME EMMANUEL—Matt. 1:20-25

**“ALM** on the listening ear of night  
Come Heaven's melodious strains,  
Where wild Judea stretches far  
Her silver mouthed palms

**“CELESTIAL** choirs, from courts above,  
Shed sacred glories there;  
And angels with their sparkling lyres,  
Make music on the air!”

#### His Name

1st Day—Isa. 7:14; 42:1-7  
2nd Day—Matt. 1:18-25  
3rd Day—Jer. 23:5, 6  
4th Day—1 Cor. 1:27-31  
5th Day—Isa. 9:6, 7; 60:19, 20  
6th Day—Psa. 27:1-6  
7th Day—Heb. 12:1, 2

#### His Gospel

15th Day—Mark 1:1-11, 14-15; 13:10  
16th Day—Matt. 24:14; 28:18-20  
17th Day—Rom. 1:16, 17; 10:15-17  
18th Day—Gal. 2:2; 3:8  
19th Day—Eph. 1:13, 14; 3:8, 10, 11;  
6:15, 17, 19, 20  
20th Day—Heb. 4:2  
21st Day—Rev. 14:6, 7

#### His Star

8th Day—Matt. 2:1-12  
9th Day—Matt. 2:11-23  
10th Day—Luke 1:1-22  
11th Day—Luke 1:23-38  
12th Day—Luke 1:39-56  
13th Day—Luke 1:57-80  
14th Day—Luke 2:1-21

#### His Salvation

22nd Day—John 1:1-17  
23rd Day—John 8:32; 17:7, 8  
24th Day—John 18:36  
25th Day—Acts 2:1-11  
26th Day—Mal. 3:1-3; 4:2  
27th Day—Isa. 53:1-10  
28th Day—Isa. 55:1-13  
29th Day—Rom. 5:1-11; 6:23  
30th Day—II Tim. 2:10; 3:16  
31st Day—Titus 2:13, 14

## “Pray Ye”

Asking God's guidance:

As one calendar year's work is being completed and as another calendar year's work is being undertaken  
For Women's Missionary Societies and W.M.U. young people's organizations in their observance of the  
December Week of Prayer, 4-8 inclusive

That Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will exceed its \$135,000 goal, each W.M.U. member giving to it as generously and gratefully as possible

For Every Member Canvass, that it may be enthusiastically and efficiently made in the churches and that W.M.U. members may loyally help

That pledges to the Cooperative Program may be paid in full and that W.M.U. women and young people may bend every effort to have their organizations exceed their apportionments  
For Christmas personal service by W.M.U. organizations, that it may be in loving remembrance of Christ

For missionary families that will be separated at the Christmas time and that southern Baptist homes may be hospitably opened to Margaret Fund students  
For furloughed missionaries, that God's plan for them may be known and followed  
For missionaries whose furlough is due, that they may not be held on the field longer than is best for them and their work

That payments may be faithfully met to Baptist Hundred Thousand Club and that many new members may be secured  
For Baptists and other Christians in Russia and in other lands where atheism and communism are rife

That this Christmas Christians everywhere and W.M.U. members in particular will observe “Christmas for Christ”



## BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES



Miss Inabelle Coleman, North Carolina

**Suggestions for program headings or posters:** Sketch or clip from magazines and paste scene of three Wise Men looking to the East. Under this print:

Lift up your eyes unto the East;  
Behold the millions lost in sin;  
Who do not know the Christmas peace;  
Who have not heard the Saviour of men.

B.W.C.                      Time                      Place

**TOPIC: TROPHIES of the WORD in the EAST**

### Devotional:

Hymn: "Joy to the World"  
Prayer of Praise  
Business  
The Christmas Story: Matthew 1:20-25 (See page 14.)  
Duet: "Silent Night, Holy Night"

### Program:

Carols  
Harvests "In the East" (See page 20.)  
Reviewing "Open Doors and Adversaries" (See pages 21-22.)  
Investing "The Word in the East" (See pages 22-23.)  
Sorrowful "Reductions and Retrenchments" (See pages 24-26.)  
Trophies of the Word" (See page 26.)  
Mentioning "What It Has Cost" (See pages 26-27.)  
A True Story: Thanks from Tsingtao (See page 10.)  
Sending "The Word around the World" (See page 27.)

**Losses in Exchange** Experience and practical business-wisdom lead business women to make very sensible and practical gifts at all times. At this Christmas-time when the suffering world is in such sore need of life's essentials, business women will be the first ones to limit their list of friendship-gifts and turn with hearty response to the needs to which Jesus also would respond were He walking among men today as a human being.

Without being told business women know the tremendous decrease in the value of the American dollar in foreign countries since the U.S.A. went off the gold standard. This has increased the distressing problem of our Foreign Board. In dollars and cents the bare necessities of our missionaries have increased from one-fourth to one-half because of this decrease in exchange. Yet southern Baptists' gifts to missions have decreased steadily for the past seven years. If ever the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering had an urgent appeal, this year it is doubly so. The needs are so great! The situations are so acute! Great eternal values are at stake! Let's combine our many customary gifts of former years into one great, glorious, holy Christmas gift unto Him whose birthday we honor!

**A Scholarship Fund** for Foreign Missions Week at Ridgecrest, August 5-12, 1934, may be one way for some B.W.C. to make a special Christmas gift for Kingdom investments in its own vicinity. This scholarship may be given to the member of the circle who directs and guides the mission study of the circle. Or it may be awarded to some other member who can appreciate such opportunity. Every alert business woman will start for herself a gift-fund for her own expenses to this Foreign Missions Week at Ridgecrest.



## PROGRAM PLANS



Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

### With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE

"Star of the East! Show us the way  
In wisdom undefiled,  
To seek that manger out and lay  
Our gifts before the Child  
To bring our hearts and offer them  
Unto our King in Bethlehem!"

—Eugene Field



How many poets have found inspiration from Bethlehem's Star! How many more lives have been illumined and transformed by the light of the "Star out of Jacob!" May the radiance of this "Bright and Morning Star" glow in the hearts of the Program Committee as they make preparations for the December missionary meeting. Wise men from the East saw His star and came to worship Him. May all who see His star in this Christmas meeting bow their knees and hearts in worship and, opening their treasures, offer gifts worthy of the newborn King. Let this be the prayer of the committee.

How shall we go about creating the atmosphere of solemn joy suitable to the season? If the meeting is held in a private home, there will probably be Christmas decorations furnished by the hostess. If the meeting is in the church, some decoration should be used, but this is no time for expensive decorations either in private homes or in churches. While the purchase of Christmas greens furnishes help to many really needy people, there may be wasteful extravagance in buying too much for mere decoration.

Music is always a means of keeping the Christmas spirit in the meeting. Each hymn and the special music also should be selected with this in view. Just the singing of Christmas hymns brings a thrill of joy.

The program material given in pages 20 to 27 may be worked into a program somewhat as follows: The leader may speak briefly on the special topic, China and Japan, using some of the information up to close of first paragraph under "The Word in the East" (page 22).

Following this opening talk, another woman should speak of "Reductions and Retrenchments" (pages 24-26). As she tells of the work of Mrs. Dozier, another member should use and say, "I wish to read to the society a part of a recent letter from Mrs. Dozier". See paragraph beginning "The first weeks of November brought joy to our hearts" etc. When the speaker on "Reductions and Retrenchments" tells of China, she may be interrupted (twice) by women who read letters from our missionaries, I. V. Larson and C. A. Leonard (pages 23-24). The speaker may finish her talk with an earnest plea for a large Christmas Offering to help wipe out the "two R's".

Since Christmas time means children's time, stories are always suited to a Christmas meeting. There are two stirring ones given (pages 26, 27 and 10). These should be told—not read—by some one who will put much animation into the telling. "What It Has Cost" is a story from Japan that has taken five years to develop. "Thanks from Tsingtao" is a message from China that reveals how women there long to enter into Christian fellowship with us. May hearing of the power of God in these two lands lead southern Baptist women to give largely that many more may learn "the Way, the Truth and the Life".

A definite sacrifice for the Christmas offering will bring its blessing to each who makes it. Expensive tree decorations have led many into extravagance that

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## PROGRAM for DECEMBER



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

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### Topic: TROPHIES of the WORD in the EAST

Hymn—Silent Night

Prayer of thanksgiving for the coming of the Christ Child

Bible Study—His Name Emmanuel: Matt 1:20-25 (See page 14)

Prayer that we may feel God with us in this meeting

Hymn—Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

In the East (Introductory Talk by Leader)

Open Doors and Adversaries

—The Word in the East

Prayer for all southern Baptist workers in China and Japan

Hymn—Send the Light

—Reductions and Retrenchments

Prayer that southern Baptists may increase their foreign mission gifts

Trophies of the Word—

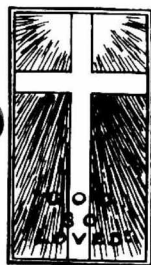
What It Has Cost

Thanks from Tsingtao, China (See page 10)

Hymn—Joy to the World

Prayer that we may do our utmost to send the Word to the lost people of the world

#### In the EAST



With the coming of Christmas our thoughts turn toward the East. As we hang the holly wreaths in our windows and light the candles on our Christmas trees in joyous celebration of the coming of Jesus to the earth we are reminded that a star in an eastern sky first announced His birth, that wise men from the East laid the first Christmas gifts at His feet and that it was an eastern land that cradled the baby King. So it is fitting that in this month, which brings Christmas, we should turn our minds again toward the East, thinking not only of Him who came to an eastern clime centuries ago but also of the lands in the

East to which we are sending His Gospel today.

In southern Baptist missionary parlance the East means especially China and Japan. China: that land which boasts the oldest civilization in the world; that land where gunpowder was invented and newspapers were printed long before such things were heard of in the West; that land which was the home of philosophers, artists, scholars and statesmen when Europe and America were but howling wildernesses; that land which today boasts the largest population of any nation in the world; that land which perhaps has more woes, more needs and more missionary possibilities than any other land on earth! Japan—that land whose scenic beauty, historic lore and fascinating people charm like the traveler, the historian and the student of human characteristics; that land whose military prowess and political, industrial and educational

progress have amazed and frightened the world; that land which is the most aggressive and progressive country in the East and at the same time one of the neediest missionary fields in the world!

China and Japan! These countries—interesting and intriguing, wonderful and woful, charming and challenging—are the East to which we are turning our attention during this Christmas month as we discuss the topic: "Trophies of the Word in the East".

#### OPEN DOORS and ADVERSARIES

As we look on China and Japan today we see that "a great door and effectual is opened unto us, and there are many adversaries". The possibilities of missionary work in these lands are unbounded. A great door of opportunity is open unto us. Recently a missionary was preparing to return to China. A child, living near, had fallen much in love with her and did not want her to leave. The mother of the child tried to explain that the missionary must go to China to tell the people about Jesus, and then the child exclaimed, "Haven't they all been told yet?" We have studied about China and Japan so much and have had missionaries in these lands so long that perhaps we, too, feel like exclaiming: "Haven't they all been told yet?" And we need to be reminded that millions in both lands have not been told about Jesus—about four hundred millions in China and sixty millions in Japan. These are our possibilities, our responsibilities—and the door is open. They are ready and waiting to hear the Gospel. Every letter, every article, every report from our missionaries tells us about this open door of opportunity. Listen to a few of their statements:

"Intelligent Chinese are ashamed of idol worship and are very generally disavowing it. Surely this is a time of blessed opportunity to give the worship of the true God to this great people".

"In the midst of trying conditions there is an unprecedented opportunity to give the Gospel to the people. Every door seems to be open. People from

every walk of life are investigating the claims of Christ".

"In this time of distress, humiliation and helplessness the Chinese of Manchuria are more open to the Gospel than ever before. We never had greater reason for encouragement, for the Lord is blessing His work and opening doors".

With all of these open doors there are many adversaries. There are problems to be solved, difficulties to be overcome, enemies to be conquered. In China there are floods, famines, banditry, civil war, poverty, disease, idolatry! "Oh", you say, "we have been hearing of these things for years. Are these still the problems of China?" To answer this question we give recent statements from our missionaries.

"China is passing through the most critical period of her history. For over twenty years she has been suffering from civil war and internal confusion. Bolshevism and banditry have laid waste some of her richest territory".

"Politically, China is not going forward in uniting much now. All feel that a new civil war is apt to start any moment. The most serious menace is the attitude of the Reds for they are still getting out their shrewd propaganda and getting it into the hearts of the people. The dikes of the Yangtsekiang (Yang-see-kee-ang) are breaking in some places and causing floods which means much suffering. This is causing famines and it is authoritatively reported that some families who cannot sell their children are actually eating them. Famines, floods, revolution, bandits and Reds certainly make this a country full of sorrow".

Along with these physical problems, causing them and caused by them, are mental and spiritual adversaries even more devastating in the life of modern China. Her people are still wrestling with the problem of mental adjustment, of transforming their ideas to meet the requirements of new conditions and developments. Religiously China's problems are two-fold: first, there are those who are still worshipping the old idols, and we know much of what that means of misery, degradation and unsatisfied

soul hunger. Most of China's millions are in this class. But there are others who, in the light of the progress of China's new day, have lost faith in the old heathen religions. They have cast off the old gods but have found no God to worship in their place. These are a people without a religion, and they may easily become the prey of any cult or "ism" that offers a panacea for China's ills.

While Japan has not as many physical problems as has China her mental and spiritual problems are altogether as serious. She is suffering from ideals of ultra-nationalism and militarism. Her progressive spirit has fired her with unholy ambitions. She, too, is suffering on the one hand from the influence of old religions, which do not satisfy the spiritual longings of her people, and on the other hand from a spirit of atheism, which has come as a result of a lack of faith in the old religions.

Of course the recent war between China and Japan has increased the problems of both. Both lands have more poverty, more misery and more unrest because of its ravages. Instead of the spirit of love and co-operative helpfulness which should exist between the two neighboring nations, there is a spirit of hatred, covetousness and revenge.

Jesus is the solution of all the problems—physical, mental and spiritual—of China and Japan. A high official in China recently said: "China needs Christ, and the best contribution we can give to the rebirth of the nation is to bring Jesus Christ to the people". Of Japan it has been said: "The greatest need of this progressive nation is Jesus. Japan, won for Christ in this spiritual warfare, means plus Japan's influence in winning the Orient".

In a recent meeting where a large group of Chinese were listening to the Gospel story, one man cried out: "Where is Jesus? I want to see Him!" That is the cry from China and Japan—"We want to see Jesus". And that need to see Jesus is our open door, great and effectual. And since the door is open we need fear no adversaries except our own failure to enter. Ours is the oppor-

tunity to set ablaze in the eastern sky the Christmas star of hope that shall guide the poor needy people of China and Japan to find the Christmas King who is the solution of all their problems.

#### The WORD in the EAST

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS are sending the Word to the East. We have in China 198 missionaries and in Japan 18. It would be inspiring to go into a study of all lines of our missionary work—the churches which by many activities are giving the Word to their constituencies; the schools through which thousands of pupils are coming in close contact with the Word as it is taught and lived by consecrated people; the hospitals, where the bodies of men are being cured and the souls of men are receiving the Word of healing; the publication work, which is literally sowing down these countries with the Word of truth. During the last six months Rev. C. J. Lowe has scattered through the provinces of China 75,000 copies of the Gospel of John, and it is his purpose to keep on until a million copies of this Gospel shall find their way into the hands and hearts of the Chinese people. But we are going to confine our study today to the evangelistic results of all this work. As we read recent reports of the work we are amazed and gratified by the frequent appearance of the words "revivals", "conversions" and "baptisms". There have been revivals in hospitals, schools and churches. There have been conversions as a result of the preaching of the Word in the churches, on the village streets, along the highways, in the homes. There have been conversions as a result of the teaching of the Word in our schools and of the healing ministrations of those who exemplify the Word in our hospitals. There have been conversions as a result of the dissemination of the printed page, carrying the Word to needy hearts.

Our missionary, Mrs. Dozier, writes as follows of a wonderful revival among the students in our Baptist schools in Japan:

"The first weeks of November (1932) brought joy to our hearts as we saw the earnest teaching of years bear fruit in the lives of one hundred and forty-nine girls, one hundred and seventy-seven boys and young men in our two schools as they signed cards, saying they were determined to follow in the Only Way—that Christ should be their Guide. The Sunday following this decision, thirty-two of these girls were baptized at the Yawata (*Yah-wah-tah*) Church. As we saw all of them, dressed in white kimonos, descend into the water our hearts' joy was boundless. Other baptisms followed in other churches. November and December proved to be the harvest months for the year. How happy we have been, as young men and women in the various churches on this field have been buried with Christ in the baptistries of the little churches or in the water of the sea".

While from every field in China come glorious reports of revivals, in north China the last two years have seen revivals unsurpassed perhaps in all Christian history. The following excerpts from the writings of our missionaries, who have been eye witnesses and know whereof they write, will give us some idea of the marvelous spiritual power which is being manifested in these revivals:

A year ago we began a revival in Laiyang (*Ly-wang*) City. For sometime we had felt the great lack of spiritual power in our own individual life as well as in the life of our churches. There was withal a great spiritual hunger in the hearts of many. At the meeting above mentioned, we claimed the promise in Luke 11:13 as our own, and our precious Lord answered in a most marvelous way. Never shall we forget that night when the fire fell! The little church was transformed into a veritable Paradise and we were transported into the Heavenly realms and caught a glimpse of their transcendent glory and splendor. It is absolutely beyond the power of human tongue to express the sheer joy and rapture of this new, marvelous, intimate fellowship into which we were brought with the glorified Re-

deemer Himself. On that night there began the most wonderful revival ever witnessed in that little church. During the following days of the meeting scores of souls came under deep conviction of sin, and many came out into sweet fellowship with the precious Saviour.—*I. V. Larson*

"In the densely populated county of Pingtu, Shantung, where the revival began and the churches have been greatly revived, there are now villages in which every family has one or more saved persons, and in some villages nearly every one has accepted the Lord. Is this not glorious news to all who love God, our Savior?

"At one of these villages a missionary dared not sleep a few years ago, for local bandits were expected to attack at any time, which meant looting and burning of the village and possible carrying away of missionary and leading Chinese for ransom or death. But since the revival began that whole community is different. Recently this same missionary slept there safely with doors open and walls down. One could not ask for more peace than now reigns in that region. Forty odd were baptized in the village this spring.

"At another village God's spirit seemed to fall upon the people like fire. They fell before Him, asking for forgiveness and salvation. During a meeting the speaker arose from prayer only to see his congregation leaving the house. He found that old Sister Kiao (*Kre-ah-o*), who had been sick and was carried to the meeting, had gotten up, walked out and was on her way home—third of a mile away—to tell her family she was healed. The village people marvel, for she had not walked for twenty years and was known to be helpless. She is still walking and, with others, is praising God. The church is now too small, so at night two separate meetings are held.

"Another story is told of a Gospel tent, which was not being used for lack of funds and workers, now repaired and being used by laymen in Pingtu county, as at Tsinan (*Gee-nan*). An organized band of desperate robbers planned to

break up the meetings and take the tent. The brethren were advised to move elsewhere in order to save the tent but refused to do so, preferring to pray earnestly for the salvation of these robbers. The result was that the young bandit leader was stricken blind and a swelling came upon his face. This frightened him greatly. He realized it was from the Lord and came to the tent confessing his sins and asking for prayer. Converted, his sight was restored and the swelling left. Later he went to Pingtu city and joined a Bible class. His life has been wonderfully transformed. This man had heard the Gospel in a Christian day school, when a child, but resisted and has served the devil rather than God. Those who know him believe that now he will give the remainder of his life to preaching. There have been between two and three thousand conversions in Pingtu county this year. No less than one thousand have been baptized"—C. A. Leonard

How our hearts thrill as we read these stories of the wonderful manifestations of the Spirit of God in China and Japan! We find ourselves longing to take the wings of the morning—or the wings of an aeroplane—and fly to the East that we might have a part in these glorious revivals. But wait! Have we given anything to foreign missions? Has our money gone regularly into the Co-operative Program? Do we contribute each year to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering? If so we do have a part in these revivals. If so the work that the missionaries do is *our* work, and the trophies of their work are *our* trophies. Glorious thought! We stay at home, and yet with our gifts and our prayers we fly on the wings of the morning to the East and help win a multitude of trophies of the Word.

#### REDUCTIONS and RETRENCHMENTS (An Imaginary Experience Based on Real Facts)

MY telephone rang and, answering it, I found the chairman of the program committee of our W.M.S. on the line. "I want you to be on our missionary program this month", she said.

"We are studying about China and Japan". "That pleases me exactly", I answered, "for I enjoy studying about those interesting countries. What phase of the work shall I take?" "I want you to talk about two R's", came the answer. "Two R's!" cried I, "What can they be! Religions and revivals, I guess!" "No", she answered, "these R's stand for reductions and retrenchments". "Oh, but I don't like those words", I protested, "they are not words for Christians! They are not words for Baptists!" "They are words which southern Baptists have made a part of their missionary program", said she. "But", I protested, "aren't we still doing a great work in the Orient?" "Oh, yes", she said, "others will tell of this, but I want you to tell about the reductions and retrenchments". Very reluctantly I agreed and then asked, "Where will I find out about these two R's?" "In the last report of the Foreign Mission Board", she answered.

So, to the 1933 minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention I went and turned to the Foreign Board's report to see if I could find my two R's. They were there, all right—written all over the pages of the report. **Reductions and Retrenchments!** They seemed to glare at me, to accuse me. I read such figures as these: in 1926 the total receipts for foreign missions were \$2,272,197; in 1932 they were only \$805,578.32, while the budget for this year is only \$608,000. This is only \$62,000 more than we gave twenty years ago, and yet the membership of our southern Baptist churches has almost doubled in that time. In the last four years there has been a cut of \$785,000 in our foreign mission budget.

These figures looked rather disgraceful as I saw them right there in black and white on the pages of the minutes of our great Southern Baptist Convention. However, statistics do not mean much to me, so I searched further for something that would give real significance to those figures. Down the page I found these words:

"Schools, seminaries and hospitals have been closed, native workers dis-

charged, chapels and preaching places have been abandoned, and everywhere there has been retrenchment and curtailment, until just about all we have left now is the greatly reduced missionary personnel, scattered through the mission stations in some fourteen countries. During this year we have lost seventeen missionaries by resignation and two by death. There has been a net loss in missionary personnel of this Board of 147 in seven years. Many of our finest young people, trained in college and seminary, are begging to be sent out, but not a single recruit has been sent out this year. Instead of sending out new recruits we have been compelled to keep at home a large force of missionaries on indefinite furlough". I do not know what happened as I read those words. They seemed to carry me far away, and I found myself facing situations that I had never realized before.

First I was a visitor of the Japanese mission field that sapped the life blood of Rev. C.K. Dozier last May. I should have used the word "field" in the plural, for I found that he had carried the burden of what was really many "fields". Besides much work in Kokura and other points of the north Kyushu (*Kee-oo-shoo*) field he was supervising the work of the Nagasaki field. No wonder his strength ebbed out! "Why did he have to do double work?" I asked. "Well", Mrs. Dozier answered, "there was this retrenchment in our work because Mr. Mills, the missionary for the Nagasaki field, was among the number that were kept at home on account of reduction of funds". **Reductions and Retrenchments!** There were my words! They had wrought his death! "How greatly needed are reinforcements", yearningly said Mrs. Dozier. "The work cannot be held together with our present force". I began to long to replace my two R's with another R—reinforcements.

Next I found myself in a Japanese kindergarten. Lovely were the Japanese children and beautiful the work done for them! "I am so glad to know that southern Baptists have several kinder-

gartens like this", I exclaimed. "Oh, but they haven't", came the answer, "for southern Baptists discontinued help for a Japanese kindergarten some time ago. Only the sacrifices of the missionaries and the support of a Japanese church keeps this one going". As I thought of all the little children of Japan, so lovely and so needful of the story of Jesus, I began to hate those words—**Reductions and Retrenchments.**

Leaving Japan I next visited the Boys' High School at Kwei Lin (*Gway Lin*), China. I was charmed to see a splendid group of boys under the instruction of consecrated Christian teachers. I was told that many of these were from heathen homes and had never heard of Jesus until they came to the school. As I saw the wonderful work done for them I asked: "Where are the girls? Have you no school for them?" "No", answered our missionary, Mrs. Bausum. "I once conducted a similar school for girls while Mr. Bausum conducted this one for boys but had to close it because of drastic cuts in our missionary funds". "Well", I asked, "how do you finance the boys' school?" "With our double tithe", was the answer. **Reductions and Retrenchments!** Faithful missionaries paying the price!

Once more I journeyed until I stood in north China in the midst of a great revival. I saw hundreds turning to Christ. I saw opportunities for saving the lost which thrilled and challenged me. Then, in the face of all that, I heard missionary C. A. Leonard saying: "Just think! We have only \$11 a year from our Foreign Mission Board for Christian literature for two provinces of 15,000,000 souls, only \$18 a year for Gospel tent and evangelistic work, only \$200 a year for the employment of evangelists and Bible women for this vast area! The Foreign Board, alas, can do no better!" **Reductions and Retrenchments!** Oh, those terrible words!

On and on I went visiting many fields in China and Japan, finding many closed doors and overworked missiona-

ries, and millions of people dying without Christ because of those two words, **Reductions and Retrenchments.** And then I found myself again in my own home with my eyes still on those Foreign Mission Board statistics. They were no longer dry figures to me but statements of tragic, disgraceful facts. I had learned the full meaning of my two R's. I had learned that a little reduction each on the part of thousands of southern Baptists means great retrenchment in their work. I was glad that I had been asked to speak on the two R's, and I prayed that not only the women of my own missionary society but all southern Baptists would learn the full meaning of the two R's and would resolve to erase from their vocabulary the words **Reductions and Retrenchments.**

#### TROPHIES of the WORD

**Leader**—We are thinking today of trophies of the Word. A trophy is a reward or a prize. What are the rewards of our work in the East? What prizes can we claim from sending the Word to China and Japan? Of course our trophies are the lost souls won to Christ. We want no other reward, no other prize. From our missionaries in China and Japan come many remarkable stories of the winning of the lost through the Word and of the faith and heroism of those who have been won. At Christmas time we love to hear stories. Let us listen while two stories are told—one of Japan, one of China, both of trophies of the Word in the East. And as we listen let us remember that these are really Christmas stories, for their events could never have happened had it not been that a star in the East once announced the advent of the incarnate Word.

#### WHAT IT HAS COST

(As Told by a Japanese Woman)

**FIVE** years ago there were some holiness people preaching on the streets as I was passing by in company with a group of friends. My friends said, "Let's stop to hear them". Reluctantly I stood awhile and listened and I found

that it really was interesting. So once again I stopped to hear. About that time I heard that there was a Baptist church where I could go every Sunday to hear about the strange religion. I went every opportunity I had. My mother and sister learned that I was going to this church. At once their opposition began. They did everything they could to keep me from going. They told my kindred and they joined in the opposition. But I said: "This is my life. Please only let me go to church". I was working in a telegraph office and made a little money, but it was put every week into the savings bank and I had none to spend except for running expenses at home. At this time a great desire to own a Bible seized me. How I wanted it! But how was I to buy it? I could not tell my mother. She would not give me the money. I finally decided to draw out a part of the money that I had in the savings bank and buy the Bible in spite of what the results might be. I took my two dollar and half Bible home. My mother saw it and asked what it meant and where did I get the money. I had to tell her the truth. She was greatly put out and said that I was disgracing the family. One day I gave my heart to Jesus and applied to the church for baptism. She was very angry, but she did not tell me I should not be baptized so I went on and followed my Lord. For a long time every possible obstacle was put in my way. Finally, however, my mother was persuaded to go to church with me to find out what it all meant and two years ago she was baptized and is now happy in Christ. My sister still opposes us.

Before I heard of Christianity my father died, so I have had to work to help support myself and mother. I was employed in the telegraph department of the postoffice. After I became a Christian I spoke to some of the employees about following Christ and was giving out tracts. I also spoke to the wife of the head man. He heard of what I was doing and was very angry. He called me into his office and demanded that I quit work. What should

I do? I prayed to God; I was not dismissed and God has given me work to do during these years. God removed the head man by death and another man who does not oppose Christianity has taken his place. I have suffered, yes, but if it is for His glory I want to suffer. God comes so near to us in times of suffering. If it is for His glory, then I am glad".

This is the experience of Mrs. Hara, the president of the Business Girls' Y. W. A. of our church at Shimonoseki (*Shee-mo-no-say-kee*), Japan. Mrs. Dozier says of her: "She is faithful in all church services, humbly, quietly but constantly working with people to get them to come to church. Not only that but she is now highest in authority over the many women who work in the telegraph department and is held in highest esteem by the 200 men and women who are her business companions. Constantly men and women whom she has influenced are coming to church". Is not this trophy of the Word worth all of our efforts in sending missionaries to Japan?

#### The WORD around the WORLD

**THIS** is our last meeting of 1933. The topics of our programs for this

year have been based on the general theme "**The World's Need of the Word**". Through the year we have journeyed around the world, finding in every land, among all people, great need of the Word. We have seen how the Word—spoken, read or exemplified—always wins its way to the hearts of people and works its miracles of grace. We have seen that it is equally effective with heathen or Catholic, rich or poor, educated or illiterate, young or old; on the banks of the Nile, the Yangtze, the Amazon or the Mississippi; in the heart that beats beneath a red, yellow, black or white skin. We have seen how southern Baptists are giving the Word to the world in a marvelous way, and also how they are failing to enter many doors of opportunity open to them. At this Christmas time when we are closing this year's work let us look again on the incarnate Word as He lay cradled in Bethlehem's manger and let us resolve to renew our allegiance to Him and to take His Word as the law of our lives and in His power to carry the Word to the nations of the world until all shall, as the wise men of old, see His star and come to worship Him.

#### QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Which is the most interesting country to you, China or Japan?
2. Which people do you admire most, the Chinese or the Japanese?
3. Discuss missionary opportunities in China and Japan.
4. Discuss problems in these two countries.
5. What in your opinion is their most serious problem?
6. Tell something of our work in China and Japan.
7. Describe some remarkable revivals of today.
8. How many missionaries in China and Japan can you name?
9. Discuss the reduction in foreign mission funds.
10. Show how this reduction is affecting the work in China and Japan.
11. Are we doing our best for the Co-operative Program?
12. Have we given our utmost to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering?

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## OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



### CHRISTMAS and OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



Since "the star stood over the place where the young child lay" Christmas has been peculiarly the child's day and childhood has been universally made happy at Christmas. But young people, even Sunbeams, can be learning the larger joy which comes from giving rather than receiving, so our plans for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering should be productive of the happiness of sharing. Programs with suggestions have been sent to the states and thence to all W.M.U. young people's organizations. Let every W.M.U. young people's director help the counselors of missionary education organizations, making sure that every organization observes this time of prayer and giving. In the W.M.S., talk to the mothers so that they will see the value to the young people in encouraging them to really make a loving, even if possible a sacrificial, gift. Catching the spirit of giving will bring to our young people new comprehension of the truth of the Christmas message. The need for funds through the Lottie Moon

Christmas Offering is desperate, but the real prompting of giving should lie in love for Christ, appreciation of God's gift at Christmas; let us help our young people understand this.

Another important Christmas consideration is that of gifts for children and young people. This Christmas surely no money will be wasted in foolish gifts, let us rather guide to gifts of permanent value. Subscriptions — to **World Comrades** for youth and children, to **The Window of Y.W.A.** for young women—will result in a year of blessing, a gift with permanent character building results. The stories, the articles, the programs will all contribute to growth in grace and interest in the Kingdom. W.M.U. young people's directors and counselors can be very useful if they will assist the Literature Committee in securing gift subscriptions for these magazines. One splendid leader has made a habit of giving subscriptions to **World Comrades** to a group of children, asking that every month each child write her an account of the story she liked best in that month's magazine. This has

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### JAMES MEMORIAL TRAINING SCHOOL



So beautiful a year we had in James Memorial School here in Bucharest, Rumania, last session that we believe the eleven girls are thinking as D'arcy Wentworth Thompson's children who, when reminiscing over already past school days, thought: "Oh! it was good for us to be there. For, unknown to us, were made therein three tabernacles: one for us and one for our school-master and one for Him, that is the Friend of all children and the Master of all school-masters".

There were only two senior sisters this year—our first James Memorial graduates—Lidia, from the Hungarian border of Rumania, and Paraschiva from near the Black Sea. These two, together with their eight junior sisters, had as teachers Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Hurley and myself, as well as a young girl who has finished high school and is a law student here in Bucharest. Only today she was saying to me: "In all my life I was never so happy as I was last Christmas, when we gave our holiday program—it was the most beautiful and impressive experience in my life".

The girls are home now for the summer and are working in every part of Rumania, and their work is that of carrying the Word to people who have never read a Bible in their lives, teaching Bible verses to thousands of women who cannot read for themselves, instructing children in Bible truths, living in their daily tasks as the Word tells us. One girl is working in Hotin, a province on the Dneister. She writes that she has organized a women's society with fifty-two members. Only the two can read, the fifty cannot. But it is commendable that hundreds of women have learned to read at the

late age of thirty to sixty years, using the Bible for a text-book. They say: "We had no need to know how to read until we became 'repenters'. When we were orthodox, the priest read for us—only he needs an education".

So our James Memorial girls walk from village to village organizing the children in Sunday schools and women in societies, for the study of the Bible. We have translated some three hundred Bible questions, which are their guide in study. Each sister who answers correctly these questions is given a certificate much simpler than our own Mission Study Certificate.

The prospects are very bright for the James Memorial School for 1933-34. This year we had one Greek girl, one Russian girl, two German; the others were Rumanian. It was a great sorrow to me that we had no Hungarian girls from the 1700 Baptist Magyar women and girls of Transylvania. After the spring Bible course here in Bucharest, the Hungarian brethren who attended, convinced of the value of the training given here, went back and after two weeks the leader wrote assuring me of ten Hungarian girls for next fall and more if I have room for them.

The people are beginning to realize what the training of the girls will mean to the work and to the country. The parents of Paraschiva wrote me this message through her, for they cannot write: "Thank you for the hard work you have put forth to teach our girls. We thank God that He sent you to our country to make a beautiful sacrifice in the cause of the Gospel, especially in this time of financial crisis. You have given us all diligence and love, have instructed our girls and have taught them many useful and beautiful things, which will benefit not only themselves but also the women and children among whom they work".—Earl Hester, '28



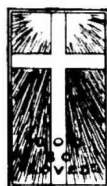


## MARGARET FUND



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God so loved that He gave—John 3:16



This verse is said to be "the best thing ever put in human speech". The proof of love is what it does. Christmas messages remind us anew of the proof of His great love, His great gift.

Our missionaries are telling the Christmas story to peoples of sin-cursed lands and they prove to the world their great love for Him, as they give themselves in sacrificial service. At this Christmas season our Margaret Fund activities can also become a witness of our love for our Master, our missionaries and their sons and daughters as we remember these students with our prayers, cards, boxes and tokens

of love.

As you joyfully plan to gather with your loved ones, may the following list of students—many of whom are separated by thousands of miles from their parents—challenge you to a new realization of their emotions and may you rejoice to share your Christmas joy with these. Pray for their protection during this vacation period. Vacation days are often dangerous times, and may the hours of longing for their mother and father this Christmas be somewhat soothed and blessed because of your interest and love.

### MARGARET FUND SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS—1933-34

#### From Africa

Lydia May Green, Averett College

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Samuel Maddox, University of Louisville

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Sudie Pearl Muirhead, Baylor University

Wm. Robert Pettigrew, University of Kentucky

Woodrow W. Pettigrew, Union College, Barboursville

Mary Shepard, Baylor University

Celso Stapp, Baylor University

Brunson Terry

Stephen L. Watson, Furman University

Mary and Juanita Joe Wilcox

Howard Payne College

#### From Chile

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Lois Hart, Agnes Scott College

#### From China

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Carey Daniel, Baylor University

Eloise Glass, Southwestern Theological Seminary

Lois Glass, Southwestern Theological Seminary

Charles Leonard, Wake Forest College

Rachel Leonard, Meredith College

Florence Lowe, Westhampton College

Jackson Lowe, Carson-Newman College

Marydee Lowe, Westhampton College  
Reba Lowe, Vanderbilt Medical School  
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Campbell Napier, Howard College  
Davie Napier, Howard College  
Gene Newton, Westhampton College  
James Williams, Alabama Polytechnic Institute

#### From Cuba

Moses McCall, Wake Forest College

#### From Europe

Samuel Bengtson, Polytechnical School, Barcelona

John Crocker, Heriot-Watt College, Edinburgh

Robert Whittinghill, London

#### From Japan

Lucile Clarke, Shorter College

Helen Dozier, W.M.U. Training School

William Medling, Union University

Mary Elizabeth Ray, Baylor University

Melvin Rowe, University of Texas

#### From Mexico

Horace Benson, Texas Tech. College

James Lacy, Abilene High School

Claradine LeSueur, Florida State College for Women

Martha LeSueur, Florida State College for Women

Olivia LeSueur, University of Texas

### EVERY MEMBER CANVASS (Concluded from Page 13)

in the Every Member Canvass and ask for their pledges to support this work.

W.M.U. members should be the best promoters, the best supporters, the best canvassers in the church because they are the best informed and the most interested. And what good is all the meetings, mission study classes, conferences, conventions and days of prayer if they do not eventuate and ultimate in the support of all our Benevolent, Educational and Missionary (B.E.M.) Enterprises? The success of the E.M.C. is the acid test of all our professions, plans and programs.

### OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

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proved a gratifying experience for giver and for young recipients.

December's holidays bring young people home from colleges, full of exuberance. Conserve this fine buoyancy by asking young women to take part in missionary education activities. One can direct special Christmas pageants or programs, another can tell about some missionary or denominational leader who visited her campus, another about a Margaret Fund student at college, another introduce to Y.W.A. and G.A. cheery new recreational songs—innumerable contributions of self which young women will be happy to make if given cordial opportunity and insistent invitation. Young men can bring similar impetus to Royal Ambassador Chapters. To use them will be to help develop them and to bring joy and enthusiasm to their hearers.

Christmas, then, in 1933, a Christmas for Christ! A Christmas of devoted love for Him expressed in service and in gifts!

### PROGRAM PLANS

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they could not afford. While these things add to the gaiety of the city where out-of-door decorations are urged, they should not be followed if offerings

for the coming of the Kingdom must be cut off. Let your light so shine—not to out-shine others in your strings of lights and tinsel show—but that they may be led to glorify your Father which is in Heaven.



## BOOK REVIEWS



Mrs. Julian P. Thomas, Virginia

Any 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.

### The GOSPEL of MARK from a DIFFERENT ANGLE



A recent book—prepared for devotionals in Business Women's Circles of Women's Missionary Societies by Miss Anna Branch Binford of the Presbyterian Committee of Publication—is admirably adapted to the use of circles and small societies. The title is "The Gospel of Mark from a Different Angle", and the author has contrived to present the story of the young man Jesus in a new and striking way. She treats of the contacts, the contracts and the conquests of Jesus, showing that in every particular the problems that came to Him are the same that meet us day by day in our modern life. We are encouraged by the thought that we, too, may conquer by following our Guide.

As we look with our author along Mark's roadmap, we realize that the

only way of conquest lies through sacrifice.—Price: paper, 20c

### GOD'S CANDLELIGHTS

A MOST delightful book by Mable Shaw is "God's Candlelights", a story of African life in northern Rhodesia. Miss Shaw is one of the first two women missionaries sent out by the London Missionary Society to central Africa in 1915. She founded a school there, and this book is written from an intimate acquaintance with the African people.

She has solved the difficult problem of building up the Christian life, conserving all that is good in African life, developing an African faith and not one founded on western ideals. She enables her readers to share with her the knowledge and appreciation of these childlike people.

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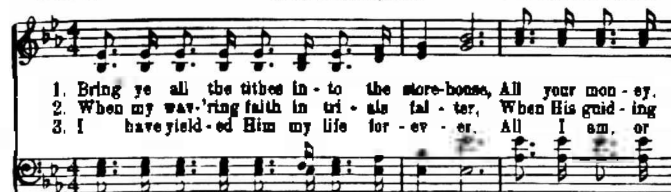
AT a mass meeting one Sunday afternoon in September, when we had present more men than women, I had presented the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club with all my soul. A man got up and said: "Give me one of them there cards. I want to sign it, but it won't be no over and above, for I ain't been giving nothing. But I'll give this" he said; "I never thought about missions this way before".—Emma Leachman, Field Worker of Home Mission Board

## Trust, Try and Prove Me.

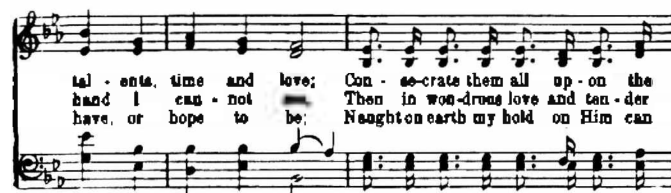
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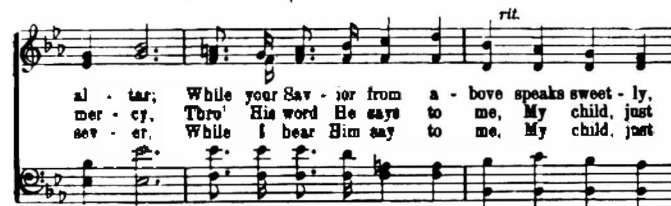
Lida Shivers Leech.



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



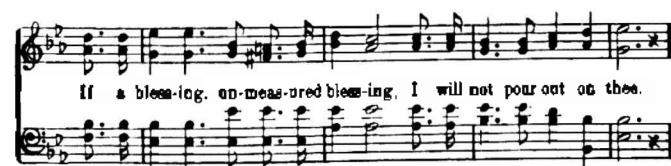
tal - ents, time and love; Con - se - crate them all up - on the  
hand I can - not be; Then in won - drous love and ten - der  
have, or hope to be; Naught on earth my hold on Him can



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



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



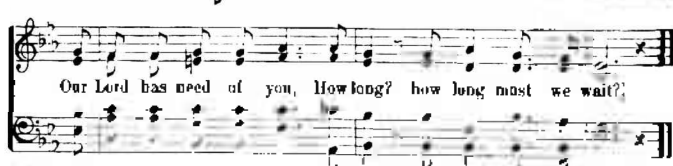
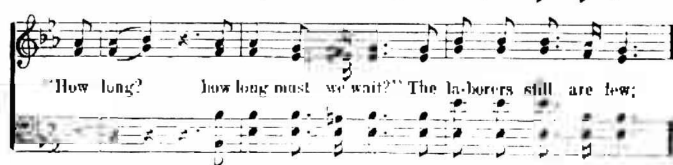
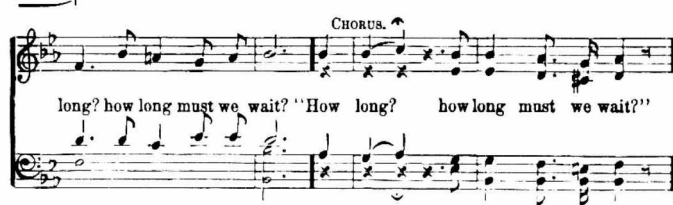
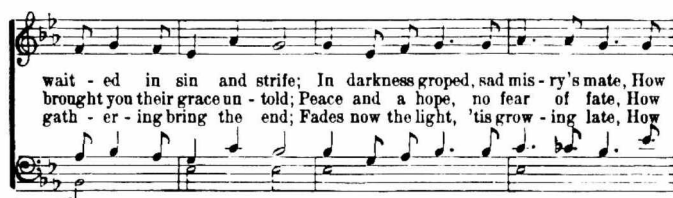
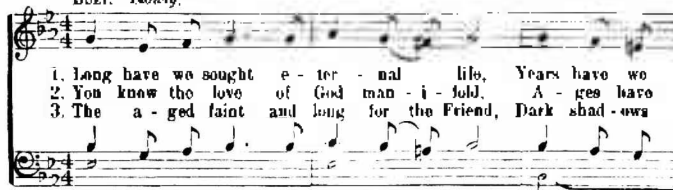
If a bless - ing, on - meas - ured bless - ing, I will not pour out on thee.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Robert H. Coleman, song book publisher of Dallas, Texas, the permission was secured to publish the song on this page and the one on the reverse side of this page. Both of these songs are suggested for use each day of the Week of Prayer, Dec. 4-6 inclusive. This page is perforated for easy removal from this magazine.

## How Long Must We Wait?

Rev. S. M. Glasgow,  
Duet. *Slowly.*

Rev. C. T. Caldwell.



(Rev. Motte Martin, of Africa, relates the moving incident of a worker after a teacher for his distant village who, when thrice refused, there being none to send, cried out in his brokenheartedness, in response to the answer, "You must wait." "HOW LONG MUST WE WAIT? Oh, Teacher, ask the white man to your land, "HOW LONG MUST WE WAIT?")

This hymn and the one on reverse side of this page are found in "The American Hymnal", price 55c in regal leatherette binding from Mr. Robert H. Coleman, Song Book Publisher, Dallas, Texas.

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Jay bells ringing in children's hearts

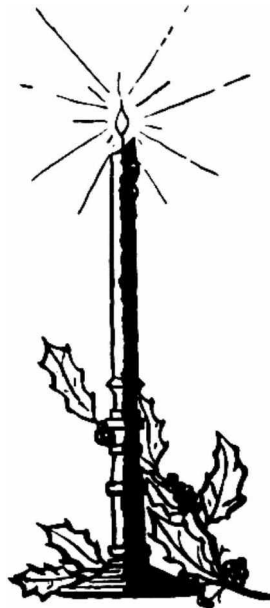
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## S. R. S.



A humorist, whose national popularity is enhanced by his wholesome philosophy, called attention to the many capital letters being used by the American government in its national recovery and other economic efforts. The "philosopher's" closing remark was that "not yet has the U.S. sounded forth an S.O.S." Perhaps **ROYAL SERVICE** should send forth an S.O.S. call, for certainly the increased cost of paper etc. under the **N.R.A.** is very apt to cause a deficit—as yet an unknown experience in the magazine's long and honorable experience.

The capital letters, therefore, at the top of the page may be read: **Save Royal Service** or they may be read: **Send Renewals, Subscriptions.** Either reading presents the same great need.

In trying to meet it, you will be encouraged by the following word from Miss Emma Leachman, who says:

At an associational W.M.U. meeting in September a country woman got up and said: "I want to tell you women how to make two pounds of butter last you twelve months". Of course there was a titter over the house! She said: "You needn't laugh—it is so—and I didn't bury it or hide it away. I did not consume some of it each day. I sold two pounds of butter at 25c a pound and paid the 50c for **ROYAL SERVICE**. Each day I get something out of it. This morning, before I kindled the fire in my stove, I had been talking to God about the missionaries on the Calendar of Prayer for today". Wasn't that a fine testimony?"

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## Royal Service



### PAR EXCELLENCE: A-1

**W**ITH this December another year's record passes from time into eternity—but it does not thus pass until the very last minute of the month. Therefore, there is still time, fleeting though it be, in which to check up on your society's Standard of Excellence, and that of the W.M.U. young people's organizations in your church. Perhaps only a few points—or maybe only one point—must yet be attained in order to be A-1. Once more give careful attention to pages 19-22, 49, 51, 71-72 of the 1933 W.M.U. Year Book. "It pays every way" to be A-1, for it is an excellent service for Jesus.