

Royal Service



"Where Is He?"

THE question of the Wise Men—"Where is He?"—has been chosen as the title of the booklet to be studied in preparation for the December Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. A review of the booklet is given on page 34. Much was also said concerning it in the October issue of this magazine. It is sincerely believed that the early and earnest study of this booklet will stir many W.M.U. hearts to pray and give more faithfully in behalf of the millions with whom it is yet a vital question, "Where is He?"

The question and picture of the Wise Men are suggested for poster use not only in announcing the study of the preparatory booklet but also in giving notice of the program and other plans of the December Week of Prayer. Further help for the week will be found in this magazine on pages 4-10.

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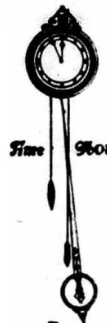
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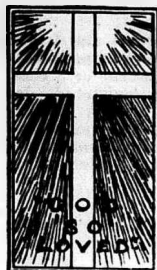
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EDITORIAL

"I CAME ALL"



ARMISTICE DAY vividly recalls World War days. During 1918 our government's officials were examining questionnaires filled out by foreigners. The accent of a Polish lad betrayed him as an alien enemy. The examiner pointed to the question: "Do you ask exemption from service in the American army because of your relation to Germany?" The man hesitated and his face was a study. Finally he replied: "When I came to America I came all!" The examiner, who was a Baptist, afterwards asked the Southern Baptist Convention: "How many of us coming to Jesus Christ have come all?"

Thanksgiving Month constrainingly asks the same question. Then cometh Christmas, when "the love of Christ constraineth us" to give complete allegiance.

After we thus seriously search our hearts and minds as did the alien lad, will we finally mean it when we say that, though we were once "alienated from God" by our sins, we "came all" when we registered as Christians? Thus coming did we, do we bring our personality, our possessions, our prayers unto Him who freely gave Himself, who possesseth the universe, who heareth and answereth prayer?

At the Thanksgiving-Christmas time of the year the chief thought of W.M.U. women and young people is preparation for and observance of the December Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. The opening day this year is Monday, December 3. On the week's Wednesday, December 5, it is hoped that a vast number of churches will use the evening prayer-meeting hour for the presentation of the Christmas pageant as written by Miss Juliette Mather: free copies of the pageant are being distributed through the state W.M.U. headquarters. The pageant graphically sets forth the causes that are included in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (pages 7-8). It also calls attention to this December's innovation as to the offering envelopes: there really are none for Sunbeams, Girls' Auxiliary and Young Women's Auxiliary members, their organizations being urged to make attractive bags for their members' offerings which are to be impressively ingathered by the use of Christmas trees and the like. For Royal Ambassadors and W.M.S. members there are the envelopes, which are larger than usual so that much missionary information may be conveyed by them. The hope is that the offering bags and envelopes will be most carefully and yet generally distributed so that "whosoever will may" give! Undoubtedly it will take time and thought to effect this distribution and also to make ready for the pageant. Counselors of W.M.U. young people and presidents and circle leaders of Women's Missionary Societies will best succeed who have the Polish lad's spirit: "I came all".

Another absorbing interest of the December Week of Prayer is its Day of Prayer around the World, Friday, December 7. To each of the S.B.C. foreign fields an advance copy of the day's program was sent in August, so that it could be translated and distributed to W.M.U. organizations in each country in ample time before December 7. Often in this magazine articles have been published showing ways in which the day has been observed in foreign fields in previous years, each writer proving that the observance was a benediction. Scarcely could it have failed to be so, because in each little group the world around there is quite apt to be several very consecrated Christians, each of whom "came out of great

tribulation" and can truthfully say "I came all". We shall want by faithful study and prayer to be ready for December 7, withal longing to have our prayers so unselfishly intercessory that they will mingle not only with those of our devotedly Christian sisters on the foreign fields but also with the prayers of the interceding Christ who unreservedly could say "I came all".—Kathleen Mallory

From MISS JULIETTE MATHER



While Miss Mather was still in Europe she wrote on August 31 the following impressions of what she saw during her summer's trip abroad as to the helpfulness of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The other W.M.U. travelers referred to by Miss Mather were Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, Mrs. Geo. McWilliams of Mo., Mrs. Berta K. Spooner of Okla. and Miss Louise Smith of Fla. Miss Mather wrote as follows:

Giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is always a glad experience when our gifts are truly sacrificial, but seeing the offering in action is a rare joy. Your five W.M.U. friends traveling in Europe have worshiped in the Hungarian Baptist Church of Budapest which our offering helped to build a few years ago. It is a trim gray building, with balcony to help seat the large numbers attending, and there is a large choir and orchestra space for these most attractive features of Hungarian services. There was a sense of gratification and pride that we had helped in this building so

useful in the Kingdom.

We were entertained for supper by Mrs. Kristof, president of the Hungarian Woman's Missionary Union. Their programs are translated and published through what our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering provides for central Europe. The women are showing eagerness for development in their programs and activities. We must continue to help them.

Outstanding in our Christmas Offering objectives in Europe as well as in its force for Christ is the James Memorial Training School at Bucharest. School opens September 12 and about 30 young women are expected; choice young women they will be from all sections of Rumania and from Hungary also. To train them through our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is to make a real gift to the King. We met some of the graduates of last year who are now at work. "Catherina" expressed to Mrs. Armstrong through an interpreter her profound appreciation for the experiences which had been hers at James Memorial Training School saying: "I did not know so happy a place could be on this earth. I shall do all I can to show my gratitude". At Balti (Balti), a Bessarabian city, "Helena" with tears streaming down her face came running to greet the school's principal, Miss Earl Hester, and the visitors from America. Helena's father is an atheist but Helena is a loyal devoted Baptist. Her family thought when her clothes wore out Helena would "give up those foolish ideas", but Helena goes out into the near-by villages telling others the precious story of salvation. She has been arrested, her Bible and hymn book taken away but she goes on for Jesus' sake. It was touching indeed to see the same spirit which permeates our W.M.U. Training School at Louisville transplanted into this new Training School, yet it is not surprising for it is inevitably the spirit which must develop where live together those called by God and being made ready for His best service. The school building is quite adequate, fittingly Rumanian in architectural arrangement. There is need for a heating system. The young women have only one study hall warmed during the winter, their bedrooms being used only for sleeping and hasty dressing

or undressing in the severe cold of Bucharest. Their desks are home made, skillfully arranged, painted white. They do their own work, including the cooking. We must surely provide as much as we did last year, for even that with the low value of our American dollar will still be less than last year and they have economized beyond reason. In going out in the interest of the school and in W.M.U. work, which our offering makes possible, Miss Hester travels third class, most uncomfortably and, from the standpoint of contagion and physical strength, all but dangerously. We could add many years to her life no doubt by attending a bit to her present comfort and by relieving her strain. Mrs. Dan Hurley's salary is cared for entirely from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The Seminary benefits by it also because the young women must have pastors who will permit them to work in the churches and with Seminary training be ready for them, so the Training School has shared a little of its gift. Dr. Gill and Mr. Seasonor plead for another teacher, and obviously the new missionary is needed. Let us surely reach our promised goal for this year to our European objectives in the Christmas Offering.

Our hearts are assured by what we have seen that the gift develops in God's hands into vital Kingdom values. We go on tomorrow to Damascus and then to Jerusalem. We have seen shepherds in the fields today, and thus Christmas seems very near. We long to make the joy of giving richly to the Christmas Offering more real to you that you may give largely for His name's sake. It will be a gift that really serves the King. We have seen it.

Turner with Their Teacher

AS SUMMER was changing to autumn in Canton and Louisville, Mrs. George W. Greene on August 20 and Dr. A. T. Robertson on September 24 passed on to be forever with the Teacher whose words and work they had for many decades most faithfully taught. For over forty-three years Mrs. Greene was an S.B.C. missionary in south China, giving her time and strength in evangelistic and educational work. Last May there was celebrated in Canton the twenty-fifth anniversary of the school which she founded and which she loved better than life itself, the Pooi In Bible Training School for Chinese Christian women. Even before it was established, a co-missionary of Mrs. Greene—Dr. E. Z. Simmons of Canton—sent a letter to America urging the founding of a school for the training of southern Baptist women as foreign missionaries. Among those who encouraged Woman's Missionary Union to follow out Dr. Simmons' suggestion was Dr. A. T. Robertson, professor of New Testament Interpretation at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Through all the intervening years he proved himself invaluable as a member of the faculty of the W.M.U. Training School, also most generously giving of his wise counsel when problems needed to be solved by the school. It is also gratefully remembered that Dr. Robertson was a brother-in-law of Miss Eliza S. Broadus and that she and Mrs. Robertson joined with him in loyal devotion to the school, even as he took great interest in Miss Broadus' exceptionally long term of service as a vice president of Woman's Missionary Union and in the fact that, when she was made vice president emerita, Mrs. Robertson succeeded her as vice president. And now Woman's Missionary Union and its school are bereft even as the South China W. M. U. and its school are—but Dr. Robertson and Mrs. Greene will eternally live not only in Heaven but in the missionary enterprise and in the lives of their many pupils the majority of whom are likewise teaching the Word of God. Therefore, in expressing sincerest sympathy to their families, to their native state of North Carolina and to the schools in which they taught, Woman's Missionary Union would also express deepest gratitude for what they accomplished as Bible teachers and as trainers of missionaries for home and foreign service.—*Kathleen Mallory*

PREPARING for PRAYER WEEK

IF



Kipling is not the only one who revealed the power of the tiny conjunction "If". Jesus repeatedly used it: in the rather short 15th chapter of John it is used ten times by Jesus. It is also immortalized by His use of it in His conversation with the woman at the well and with Martha at the tomb of her brother. It can but help to recall some of these verses when hearts and hands and heads are beginning to prepare for the program and offering of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, December 3-7 inclusive.

"If" ye abide in Me and My words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7). What a challenge to meditation, to study of God's word and work, to prayer for God's world! If there is faithful study of the two new booklets—"Prayer . . . The Golden Chain" and "Where Is He?"—each will certainly show many reasons why Christians should pray and will induce a more faithful stewardship through prayer. For more information concerning these two booklets see pages 8, 34.

Both booklets tell of many inquiring souls. To one such sin-burdened woman Jesus said: "If thou knewest the gift of God . . . thou wouldest have asked of Him and He would have given thee living water" (John 4:10). The 113 missionaries and every other cause included in the following Lottie Moon Christmas Offering list seek to show the people in S.B.C. foreign fields that Jesus is the gift of God, that He is the Water of Life. If you freely give through the offering, you will have a vital part in all such soul-winning.

To sorrowing Martha Jesus said: "If thou be believedst, thou shouldest see the glory of God" (John 11:40). What a rebuke to the Christian who doubts even while longing to see those who are "dead through their sins rise to newness of life" by the quickening power of Christ! Jesus also said: "Ye are My friends, if ye do the things I command you" (John 15:14)—"If ye love Me, ye will keep My commandments" (John 14:15). The following list for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will greatly appeal to His friends in W.M.U. and will show us many ways of keeping His commandments.



LIST of OBJECTS for 1934 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

(To have preference in the order herewith listed)

(1) Salaries of 40 Missionaries Returned by Our 1927 Offering.....	\$32,000
(2) Salaries of 60 Missionaries Returned by Our 1929 Offering.....	48,000
(3) Salaries of 2 Missionaries Sent Out by 1931 Offering.....	1,800
(4) Salaries of 3 Missionaries Added through 1933 Offering.....	2,400
(5) Salaries of 8 New Missionaries Sent Out with 1933 Offering.....	6,400
(6) James Memorial Training School and Its Extension Work, Bucharest, Rumania.....	3,500
(7) Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund for W.M.U. Work on Foreign Fields.....	12,500

(8) Native Work, Italy.....	3,000
(9) Pool in Bible Training School, Canton, China.....	2,000
(10) Allowances for Children of 40 Missionaries Mentioned in Item 1.....	6,188
(11) Allowances for Children of 60 Missionaries Mentioned in Item 2.....	5,425
(12) Allowances for Children of Missionaries Mentioned in Items 3, 4, and 5.....	500
(13) For Itinerating Expenses and Rent of Missionaries, to Be Used at Discretion of the Foreign Mission Board.....	9,000
(14) As Much as Necessary for Furloughs of Missionaries Mentioned in Item 6, Whose Regular Furloughs Are Due.....	10,000
(If any of this amount is unused, sum is to be reported to W.M.U., to be designated by W.M.U. Executive Committee in 1935.)	
(15) Publication Work in S.B.C. Foreign Fields.....	6,000
(Divided as Follows: Palestine, Spain, Chili, Argentine-Uruguayan Mission, Mexico, Africa, Hungary, Rumania, Jugo-Slavia, Italy, \$250 Each; Brazil \$1,000; Japan \$1,000; China \$1,500)	
(16) Annie Jenkins Sallee Bible School, Kaifeng, China.....	500
(17) Mexican Publishing House, El Paso, Texas.....	900

That part of the offering exceeding \$150,000 shall be divided according to the decision of the Woman's Missionary Union Executive Committee in 1935.

Item (7) of the above list will be divided for W.M.U. work on foreign fields as follows:

China—According to the decision of Woman's Missionary Union of China, with headquarters at Shanghai, China.....	\$ 5,000
Japan Women's Missionary Union.....	2,000
Africa.....	2,200
Argentine-Uruguayan Mission.....	900
Brazil.....	2,500
Chile.....	500
Italy.....	200
Mexico.....	200
Good Will Center Work in Palestine by Miss Elsie Clor.....	1,000

Total for W.M.U. Work on Foreign Fields.....\$12,500

TOTAL GOAL as LISTED.....\$150,000

"WHERE is He?" asked the Wise Men as they came bringing "unto Him gifts—gold and frankincense and myrrh". How much money will you and I bring unto Him this Christmas, how much praise, how much sacrifice on our part will it represent? The Wise Men's goal was to find and worship Him; the purpose of every S.B.C. missionary and of every cause included in the above list is to help heathen, pagan or papal people to find and worship Him, the "Savior who is Christ the Lord". Will you, will I lovingly enable them to attain their Heavenly purpose by our faithful prayers and sacrificial gifts through this December Lottie Moon Christmas Offering? The Wise Men "came . . . and worshipped Him . . . and offered unto Him gifts!"

PRAYER—THE GOLDEN CHAIN

THE October issue of this magazine told much concerning the new booklet by the above title as issued by W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. The booklet may also be secured from the State Baptist Bookstores. The price is only 25c. It is valuable for personal or family worship, for circle or society devotionals. Presented as a choice gift it is apt to deepen the recipient's prayer life.



FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



HELPING MISS MOON'S ADOPTED COUNTRY



To the north, south, east and west of the land in which Miss Lottie Moon devotedly labored for thirty-nine years, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in the last four years has sent tens of thousands of messages from God's Word printed in Chinese. Thus many Chinese Christians, through His power, have been enabled to become "laborers together with God" in a more united objective of gaining followers for Him to whom John the Baptist pointed and said: "Behold the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world!" If you can feel for yourself what it would be to be without *Royal Service*, *The Window of Y.W.A.*, *World Comrades*, *Home and Foreign Fields*, all missionary leaflets and study course books published by Woman's Missionary Union, the Foreign and Home Mission Boards and the Sunday School Board and all other publishing agencies in the English language, to be without all Christian and missionary biography except a very, very few, even without enough Bibles for you to own one which was the best translation of the original, you can sympathize with those Chinese Baptists who had only short, monthly missionary programs printed in a little booklet for the whole year before the help came through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Before such help came, the women missionaries felt so much the need of simple missionary programs that from their salaries they financed the printing of the short programs. One year the women missionaries of south China made up the amount needed to print the booklet, the next year the women missionaries of the Central China Mission and the next the North China women missionaries etc., the women missionaries of each mission

also taking turn in responsibility for writing the programs.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has greatly increased the material for missionary information and inspiration. Now, we not only have the easy, brief, monthly program, printed in large characters for the older women who do not know many Chinese words, but we also have a magazine for the younger women who have been educated. The quarterly magazine, called *The Missionary Quarterly*, has weekly programs rich in material which Miss Hannah Fair Sallee and Miss Irene Chen compile and edit. There is a program for a quarterly day of prayer as well as helps for Christian women in Bible study, for mothers' meetings and for evangelistic meetings for non-Christian neighbors. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering also publishes *Glad Tidings* for the young people through three quarterly publications, a quarterly for senior age group people (*Y.W.A.'s* and *senior young men*), for the intermediate age (*G.A.'s* and *R.A.'s*.) and for junior ages (*Jr. G.A.'s* and *R.A.'s*.) and an annual of weekly Sunbeam programs with music and handwork which make the Sunbeam meetings increasingly joyful and fruitful. How delighted you would be to see the award of diplomas and seals to members of young people's missionary organizations in the churches and to W.M.S. members for Bible study and mission study. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering enables us to have these encouraging features in awards as well as to publish biography, manuals, studies of Bible characters and portions of the Word to be memorized, such as the "Fifty-two Bible Verses" which have been largely used and re-printed several times.

Tracts specially prepared for the women to use in evangelistic work have been sent forth by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The plan and Bible verses for many of these tracts have

been given through the inspiration of God's Holy Spirit to Mrs. Y. C. Ling, corresponding secretary of the Soochow-Shanghai-Wusih W.M.U.

Great as has been the need of literature to help, to enable Christian women to be "laborers together with God", another need met by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has greatly set forward the women on their way to giving the Bread of Life to the hungry hearted in China. Churches all too few in city and scattered in distant villages needed a Spirit-filled woman in each convention to give all her time to teaching, encouraging, visiting, corresponding with the women in the churches, helping those already organized in a W.M.S. and laying foundations for those who feel too ignorant to work together in a missionary organization. The Woman's Missionary Union of South China and the Union of Soochow-Shanghai-Wusih in Central China found women called of God to this work. The Unions took responsibility for the salaries and travel of these corresponding secretaries and were able to go all but the last mile in the support of this large undertaking which was to them a real forward step taken in faith. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering enabled these two Unions to go the last mile.

"God's clocks keep perfect time" was the thought of Baptist women in Honan-Anhui, the youngest of the five sister Woman's Missionary Unions in China, when a Woman's Bible School opened at Kaifeng and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering arrived at the same time. From Miss Addie Cox's country field—from Pochow, Kweichow, Chengchow and Kaifeng—a few Christian women came from each field to prepare themselves to return to their own church to help in the work of Woman's Missionary Union. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was God's enabling.

To the North China W.M.U. meeting in annual session came the heartening news of the great new undertaking of southern Baptist women to plant more largely and cultivate more carefully in promoting W.M.U. work in foreign fields. Realizing North China's

need of trained workers, the Union unanimously decided to create a W.M.U. Scholarship in the North China Woman's Bible Training School. Later it was also voted to use some of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in equipping the Bible School so that it would be more effective in training young women to be W.M.U. co-workers.

Happy were those who had the opportunity of studying in the Bible School at Kaifeng in interior China and at Hwanghsien in north China but another Woman's Missionary Union—that of Yangchow-Chinkiang in central China, speaking Mandarin and so separated from the adjoining W.M.U. which speaks the Wu dialect and separated by long distance from Mandarin-speaking Bible Schools—realized that its Christians needed the advantage of Bible study and training in order to show themselves approved unto God. W.M.U. work cannot grow except on a sure foundation. Certainly the Yangchow-Chinkiang Woman's Missionary Union knew how to grow! A "school" was held for a month, when many potential leaders came from the churches in villages, towns and cities to study and practice, then go back to teach and lead the other women in their churches who could not come. The first year the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering brought these women to Yangchow on boats, wheelbarrows and rickshaws. The next April the women paid more of their expenses and this past April it was the plan for them to pay still more and save the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for other great needs. These trained workers in these Short Term Bible Schools are laying foundations for W.M.U. work in the Yangchow-Chinkiang Association.

And so to these five Unions of Women's Missionary Societies in China has come help to grow, greatly encouraging and setting forward the work in these far distant fields. Separated from one another as they are by difference in language, by geographical boundaries and lack of means of travel there has been need of Chinese and missionary

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SOCIETY METHODS



"DO THOU LIKEWISE"



Fifteen states of the Southern Baptist Convention's nineteen affiliated bodies reported that during the calendar year of 1933 they each had one or more churches which maintained an A-1 Full Graded W.M.U. From about half of these "par excellence"

states the following accounts have been secured—each writer having been asked to state the most helpful of their many successful methods—the hope being that they will serve the high purpose at this checking up time of the year of strengthening each A-1 church to be victorious again and of showing other churches how they may be A-1 during the calendar year of 1935.

From Missouri—The method that we use in helping our W.M.S. and auxiliaries to be A-1 is the following: praying earnestly, working faithfully, teaching missions to young and old, making the young people feel that we want and need them, that the Master needs them to work for Him and that striving to meet the points on the Standard of Excellence is in a measure fulfilling the Great Commission: "Go ye".—Mrs. S. C. Bray, Immanuel Baptist Church, Springfield

From Florida—Caring for the social side of our Royal Ambassadors gave us an opportunity to promote the other points of the Standard of Excellence. We also tried to keep all promises made.—Mrs. W. C. Norman, First Baptist Church, Palatka (A-1 for at Least 4 Years)

From Kentucky—The standards as our goal were kept before our whole organization through the officers of the society, the circles, the committees, the young people's director and counselors—from the president down to the tiniest

Sunbeam. Each one was made to feel responsible for the attainment of this goal, not for the standards' sake but as patterns to go by for more efficient service for the Master. Has it paid? Certainly the Lord has wonderfully blessed our Union during these years.—Mrs. Chas. Ison, First Baptist Church, Harrodsburg (A-1 for at Least 3 Years)

From Louisiana—The methods that were used in making our W.M.U. standard were prayer, cooperation and loyalty on the part of all the members; perseverance and work on the part of the officers.—Mrs. J. H. Houck, Gibsland

From South Carolina—First, we have a group of women who cooperate. Second, we have acquired the A-1 habit and just can't bear to fall down.—Mrs. E. H. Hearon, Mt. Elon Baptist Church (A-1 for at Least 9 Years)

From Virginia—Our leaders and committee chairmen seem to realize their responsibilities; we had the spirit of cooperation among our women; also the spirit of prayer was much manifested. We stressed the points that we were weakest on more than anything else until we were as strong on those two points as the others. They were points 3 and 5.—Mrs. J. L. Doughtie, Black Creek Baptist Church of Blackwater Association

From Arkansas—I believe the most practical thing we did to be A-1 in 1933 was that we studied the Year Book, thus keeping ourselves informed as to the correct way of marking the Standard of Excellence chart, which was kept before us at each business meeting. It took three years of this before we were A-1.—Mrs. Chas. A. Gordon, First Baptist Church, Pine Bluff



EVERY MEMBER CANVASS



HELPERS of the EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

By Walter M. Gilmore, Publicity Director S.B.C. Executive Committee



It is infinitely better to be a helper of every good cause than a hinderer. Jesus used very strong language with reference to those putting a stumbling block in the way of one of His little ones, declaring that it were better for that man that a millstone were hanged about his neck and he were cast into the sea. Beware lest you be found on the side of the hinderers rather than the helpers.

From the very beginning of the W.M.U. organization it has ever been an invaluable helper in promoting our Lord's work. Its very name indicates as much—"W.M.U., Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention". So this organization started out with the high purpose of being an aid, a helper to every good work fostered by the Convention. It has lived up to its worthy ideal to a most remarkable degree. Indeed, this great organization has been a life-saver for all our missionary enterprises. More than any other agency it has kept the missionary fires burning in our churches through its persistent efforts to inform and inspire our people with missionary information and through prayer and sacrificial giving to missions.

Helpers Needed

It is quite evident to those who have ever had any part in putting on a thorough Every-Member Canvass that intelligent, sympathetic, persevering helpers are needed. This effort to enlist every member of the church in the hearty support of all its program is not an easy one and it frequently fails ignominiously for lack of such helpers. The hinderers are always close at hand

and ready to give plenty of reasons why the Canvass will fail.

How the W.M.U. Can Help

1. By boosting your church, all of its organizations, its pastor and other leaders. Speak a good word for them in season and out of season. Show your faith in their leadership by your cooperation with them.

2. By informing yourself thoroughly about the program and budget of your church and denomination so that you can impart to others this knowledge clearly and intelligently.

3. By an organized personal visitation of your church membership some time before the Canvass and in a tactful, loving way advising the good women in the homes of the plans and purposes of your church; if possible, "selling" each one of them on the idea of supporting all the agencies and institutions fostered by the church in the Bible way. Through the women, try to reach the men and children in the home.

4. By your example as a consecrated, cooperating member of your church subscribing to and supporting its program and budget to the limit of your ability.

5. By utilizing every opportunity you may have in your W.M.U., Sunday School and Baptist Training Union for creating and intensifying interest in missions, Christian education and benevolences.

6. By paving the way for the men through your regular programs and study courses, creating a missionary atmosphere in the church that will make it easy to enlist the people in the support of all the church is doing.

7. By far the most potential help you can render is your prayers. Coming from a heart and life fully dedicated to Christ, your earnest prayers for definite results will avail much.

Calendar of Prayer

November, 1934

Prepared by Mrs. Maud E. McLure, Georgia

CHRIST for the world we sing;
The world to Christ we bring
With loving zeal;
The poor and them that mourn
The faint and overborne,
Sin-sick and sorrow worn,
Whom Christ doth heal.

Topic: Claspng Hands with Our Southern Neighbors

1—THURSDAY

Pray for Rev. and *Mrs. E. J. Gregory (on furlough), educational work, Culiacan, Mexico. Every good gift—is from above.

2—FRIDAY

For editors of state denominational papers. Give me understanding and I shall keep Thy law.—Psa. 119:34

3—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. C. G. McDaniel and *Miss Helen Yates, educational work, Soochow, China. Now the God of peace—make you perfect in every good thing to do His will.—Heb. 13:21

4—SUNDAY

Pray that the W.M.U. of the south may put stronger emphasis on the practice of prayer. We will give ourselves continually to prayer.—Acta 4:4

5—MONDAY

Pray for Rev. and *Mrs. W. C. Taylor, educational work, Pernambuco, Brazil; also for annual sessions of W.M.U. of Texas, San Antonio, Nov. 5-6. A great door and effectual is opened.—1 Cor. 16:9

6—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. R. R. Beard, workers among Indians, Pawnee, Oklahoma. He... is my Rock.—Psa. 62:2

7—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Glam, evangelistic work, Hwang-Hsien, China. I will call upon Jehovah who is worthy to be praised.—Psa. 13:3

8—THURSDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. R. Cecil Moore, evangelistic work, Temuco, Chile. He giveth more grace.—Jas. 4:6

9—FRIDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. G. W. Strother, evangelistic work, Chengchow, China. His commandments are not grievous.—1 John 5:3

10—SATURDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. P. S. Evans, medical and evangelistic work, Tainan, China. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.—Col. 3:15

11—SUNDAY

For prayerful and studious preparation for "December Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions", studying the preparatory booklet, "Where Is He?" That the man of God may be complete.—1 Tim. 3:17

12—MONDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. R. Elton Johnson, educational work, Pernambuco, Brazil; also for annual sessions of W.M.U. of Oklahoma, Ada, Nov. 12-13. Only be strong and very courageous.—Josh. 1:7

13—TUESDAY

For Carey Daniel and William Medling, Margaret Fund students, whose fathers gave their lives for China and Japan. Thou art my trust from my youth.—Psa. 71:5

14—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. P. W. Hamlett, evangelistic work, Wuzh, China. For Jehovah taketh pleasure in His people.—Psa. 149:4

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CHRISt for the world we sing;
The world to Christ we bring
With fervent prayer;
The wayward and the lost,
By restless passions tossed,
Redeemed at countless cost
From dark despair.

—Rev. John B. Dykes

Topic: Clasp Hands with Our Southern Neighbors

15—THURSDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. E. G. McLean
(on furlough), industrial school
work, Iwo, Nigeria
Love cometh all unsummoned.

—Prov. 10:12

16—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Johnson
(on furlough), evangelistic work,
Maceio, Brazil, and Perla May and
Claudia Johnson, Margaret Fund
students

Trust in Jehovah with all thy heart.

—Prov. 3:3

17—SATURDAY

Pray for Dr. W. Maxfield Garrott,
educational work, Fukuoka, Japan.
He saith unto him, Follow Me.

—John 21:19

18—SUNDAY

Pray that America may be a strong
and helpful friend to our southern
neighbors.

A friend loveth at all times.—Prov. 17:17

19—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Robert Logan,
evangelistic work, Buenos Aires, Ar-
gentina

Because He is at my right hand I shall
not be moved.—Psa. 16:8

20—TUESDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Ayers and
Rev. J. R. Mashburn, retired on
pension after work in China
My soul waiteth in silence for God only.

—Psa. 62:1

21—WEDNESDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Long,
medical work, Ogbomoso, Nigeria
When He saw the multitude He was
moved with compassion for them.

—Matt. 9:36

22—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Plainfield, work-
ers among Italians, Tampa, Florida
Be not overcome of evil but overcome evil
with good.—Rom. 12:21

23—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Quarles,
evangelistic work, Buenos Aires, Ar-
gentina

He will bless them that fear Jehovah both
small and great.—Psa. 115:13

24—SATURDAY

Pray for Miss Little Mae Hundley,
educational work, Shanghai, China.
The Lord is faithful who shall establish
you.—II Thim. 3:3

25—SUNDAY

May God pour out His Spirit on the
Christians of South America!

I pray thee, let a double portion of Thy
spirit be upon me.—II Kings 2:9

26—MONDAY

Pray for the work among the In-
dians, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
My hope is in Thee.—Psa. 39:7

27—TUESDAY

For Miss Elizabeth Hale, educa-
tional work, Shanghai, China
There shall no evil befall thee.—Psa. 91:10

28—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. E. F. Tatam,
retired on pension after work in
China

As the Father hath loved Me, I also
loved you.—John 15:9

29—THURSDAY

Let us thank God for our national
and material blessings.
"Every day's Thanksgiving if you look
up to the Light."

30—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Herring,
retired on pension after work in
China

Thy saints shall bless Thee.—Psa. 145:10

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FAMILY ALTAR

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: "His Benefits"—Psa. 103:1-13

BLESS my soul, bless God the Lord;
And all that in me is
Be stirred up, His holy name
To magnify and bless.

"Bless the Lord, O My Soul

1st Day—Psa. 103:1-13

2nd Day—Psa. 103:14-22

3rd Day—Psa. 104:1-18

4th Day—Psa. 104:19-35

5th Day—I Pet. 1:3; 4:13

6th Day—Rom. 5:1, 2; 7:25; 9:30-33

7th Day—Eph. 2:1, 3-5, 8, 9, 14, 15, 17

"O Give Thanks unto the Lord"

8th Day—Psa. 105:1-22

9th Day—Psa. 105:23-45

10th Day—Psa. 107:1-22

11th Day—Psa. 107:23-48

12th Day—Psa. 118:1-10, 14, 16, 21-24

13th Day—Phil. 1:3-6; 3:1; 4:8

14th Day—I John 5:5 (Memory)

BLESS, O my soul, the Lord Thy God
And not forgetful be
Of all His gracious benefits
He hath bestowed on thee!"

"Praise Ye the Lord"

15th Day—Psa. 106:1-23

16th Day—Psa. 106:24-48

17th Day—Psa. 108:1-6; 135:1-3

18th Day—Psa. 111:1-10

19th Day—Psa. 112:1-10

20th Day—Psa. 113:1-9

21st Day—Psa. 117 (Memory)

"Hear My Prayer, O Lord"

22nd Day—Psa. 102:1, 2, 12-22

23rd Day—Psa. 119:33-40, 105, 169

24th Day—Psa. 143:1, 2, 10; 146:1, 2

25th Day—Psa. 50:14, 15; 98:1

26th Day—Dan. 6:10-23

27th Day—Luke 22:39-46

28th Day—Rom. 10:12, 13

29th Day—Phil. 4:6 (Memory)

30th Day—Psa. 150

"Pray Ye"

"Praise Him! Praise Him! Whom
offereth the sacrifice of
thanksgiving glorifieth
God!"

Thank God for Jesus Christ, for
our country, for food and
clothing.

Intercede for the president of the
United States and others in
authority that they may seek
and follow His leading.

Pray for the Red Cross and Anti-
Tuberculosis League in their
annual drive for funds to
pursue their Christlike ser-
vices.

Intercede for Christians in Russia and other persecuting countries, for native Chris-
tians in every B.B.C. field, for all efforts to advance missions by prayer and
study and gifts.

Pray for (1) Every Member Canvass; (2) Cooperative Program; (3) Baptist Hundred
Thousand Club; (4) missionaries on furlough, those seeking appointment and
those over-burdened on the fields at home and abroad.

Pray for increasing W.M.U. usefulness through prayer, enlistment, personal service,
study, stewardship, missionary education of the young people.

Intercede: (1) for faithful preparatory study of the booklet "Where is He?" (2) for
the prayerful observance of the December (3-7) Week of Prayer for Foreign
Missions (3) for the reaching (aye, passing) of the week's goal of \$150,000.

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"



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 Benefits"—Psa. 103:1-13

"EVERY good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning". The psalmist praises God for all His benefits. He names forgiveness, healing, preservation from destruction and the tender mercies of the Heavenly Father. This 103rd Psalm brings joy and a spirit of thankfulness. There ought to be greater joy for the Christian in calling to mind the blessings of the Eternal God, for Christ is the greatest benefit of all. "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift—for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life".

From the 103rd Psalm to the end of the grand old song book, the Psalms, the notes of praise and thanksgiving are sounded again and again. Praise lifts the soul out of gloom. One of these psalms may express something which you had failed to put into words. Commit to memory passages like Psalm 103:1-13. Catch David's spirit and call upon all that is within you to praise God and give thanks unto Him.

Before Israel's sweet singer lists these gifts from God to man he calls upon his soul to bless the very name of God. "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name". How like the first petition in the prayer our Lord taught His disciples—"Hallowed be Thy name". The benefits have not come to one person only. Spiritual blessings and temporal blessings have been received by individuals. Some of these gifts came to nations, some to the great throng of believers who know the Lord. The Christian would say that knowing Jesus Christ as God's Son and

as his personal Saviour is the alpha and omega of all God's benefits.

Delightfully David brings to attention the mercy, the justice, the long suffering and the gracious, forgiving nature of God. Just as emphatically he tells who will receive blessings from such a glorious Being. In verses seventeen and eighteen is this answer: "But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto children's children; to such as keep His covenant and to those that remember His commandments to do them". Are we keeping His commandments? Do we remember the covenants God has made with His people? He never failed to keep His part of the covenant with Israel. He never fails to keep His promises to the Christian.

As a climax to this hymn of praise all nations and even the Heavenly hosts are reminded to bless the name of the Lord. Then, as though he would sound a great "Amen", the psalmist closes with, "Bless the Lord, O my soul".

May we make this Thanksgiving season a time of rededication of ourselves, our lives, our all to Him whose name we hallow, whose Son we adore! May we begin the habit of letting praise come before petition! It is just a part of prayer to ask. The highest step in prayer is praise: "O give thanks unto the Lord". Praise brings us nearest to the throne. "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. . . . Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ".



BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES



Miss Isabelle Coleman, Virginia

POSTER or PROGRAM HEADING SUGGESTION—Write (enclosing postage) to Lamport and Holt Line, 301 Produce Exchange, New York City, for *Booklet S. No. 2 on South America*. Copy the lovely cover of the maps of the Americas, portraying two beautiful women clasping hands across the Panama Canal. Use material in booklet as supplemental for the program. On the poster give subject, time and place of B.W.C. meeting.

TOPIC for MONTH: CLASPING HANDS with OUR SOUTHERN NEIGHBORS

Have string quartette play softly our national anthems and those of our "Southern Neighbors". Then sing "America" and "Faith of Our Fathers" followed by Scripture lesson, Psalm 103:1-13 (page 16), then doxology followed by silent prayers of thanksgiving.

News from the Fields (Page 35)

—Prayer for World Peace

Dut: "In Christ There Is No East or West"

—Our Southern Neighbors" (Pages 19-20)

"Results of Roman Catholicism" (Pages 20-22)

"Clasping Hands"

(Let 6 members give this material on pages 22-26, using wall map. Give everyone a small map of one of these 6 countries, the map carrying the name of a missionary to that country. Have silent and audible prayer for these missionaries. Then, standing, sing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name".)

"Catholicism in Our Land" (Pages 26-27)

—"A Vision of Hands" (Pages 27-28)

Hymn—"The Touch of His Hand on Mine"

—Watchwords for Year —Benediction

NOVEMBER NUGGETS

1—"My work for peace is a long-term undertaking, including both the transformation of men's inner souls through the religion of Jesus Christ and the changing of the economic system under which they must live from a competitive to a cooperative one. We must go to the root of militarism and cure its causes, which lie in the realm of economics and religion" —*Toyohiko Kagawa*. What are we business women doing on this November 11 and throughout the year to bring perpetual peace on earth?

2—"Where is He?" is the theme of our thoughts as we plan for our Christmas gift to Christ. "Where is He" on our "Christmas list" and what proportion of our total sum for gifts shall He claim this year? November is an excellent time to face this question—and to answer it, making this "Christmas for Christ".

3—"We have been asked to say a word about our cooperation as missionaries in the work of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club. In the first place, Mrs. Morgan and I feel that the debts are as much our debts as debts of any

others. We feel that the debts can and ought to be paid even at the cost of sacrifice on our part. We feel that no one even though he should die for the cause of the Master would not be sacrificing anything at all for the Saviour. We know the pleasure and blessings that come from giving; therefore, we are happy to have a part in this campaign of debt-paying, for well do we know the embarrassment of our work caused by the debts that crush us all. Money for the payment of interest on borrowed money is always hard to raise and pay. On our part we feel that we have and are giving so little to the cause of the Master. Oh, that we were able to give more! do more! reap more for His glory! If our debts were paid the money we spend on interest could be so well employed on the fields now, that we all should combine our efforts and really perform the doing of the payment of all indebtedness on all of our institutions. May the Lord lead us in the doing of our duty now when loyalty is at so high a price.—*F. A. R. Morgan, President of Baptist College, Sao Paulo, Brazil, South America*

PROGRAM PLANS

Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE



One very important thing the Program Committee should hold in mind is that it is trying to work up a program of mission information. It is not enough to give facts, however interesting, about the countries and people being studied. It is planning a missionary meeting, in which other things are to be used as a background though not as the main material offered.

Many of us have been to missionary society meetings where this has been disregarded. One society used a chapter from "The Royal Road to Romance"—containing not even a remote mission suggestion—to fill the whole time of the program! It is one thing to entertain a group of women and quite another to give them entertaining missionary information. Let us as a Program Committee hold to the purpose of using mission information in our programs and then making that information as interesting as possible.

"Clasping Hands with Our Southern Neighbors" is our subject for November. The material in this number of ROYAL SERVICE (pages 19-28) gives fine help in the study of our missions in South America, Cuba, Panama and Mexico. These program suggestions are based on this material. But the committee can find much additional or substitute material in *Home and Foreign Fields*, the state denominational papers where letters from missionaries are often printed and from the annual reports of our Home and Foreign Mission Boards. Special attention is also called to "From Our Missionaries" (pages 9-10). The leader for the meeting may make an opening talk on "Our Southern Neighbors" and "Results of Roman Catholicism" (pages 19-22).

After the opening talk by the leader, the suggestion as to "Clasping Hands" (pages 22-26) may be used. This will require six women; some of the readings may be shortened. If late items of interest about these fields are found they may be substituted. If it seems hard to cut out maps of the different countries as suggested on page 22, the words Cuba, Panama, Mexico etc. may be printed on large pieces of cardboard and held by the ones representing those countries. "Catholicism in Our Own Country" may be given by the leader in a few words (pages 26-27).

The closing talk, "A Vision of Hands" with music accompaniment, can be used most impressively in a small or large society (pages 27-28). In fact, almost any of the material furnished in this magazine is usable by any society.

In one of his most graphic articles Alexander Woolcott tells of an experience during the World War. After supper one evening all the men of a wide sector were lined up and marched past tables at which sat officers with flashlights. Each man had to spread out his hands for examination. It later proved that a crime had been committed by one of the men against a young girl. Her only means of identification was that she had bit deeply enough into his hand to draw blood. Hence the examination of hands. Woolcott concludes: "Did they find the man? They did". The thoughts come to us after this topic of "Clasping Hands with Our Southern Neighbors": "Are my hands missing in that chain of friendship? As southern Baptists march in a great line before Him, unto whom the secrets of all hearts are made known, will all hands be clean of blood or will the marks of neglected opportunities and of unfaithfulness to God show forth in guilty stains?"

PROGRAM for NOVEMBER

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

Prepared by Mrs. C. D. Cressman, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: Prayer in the Progress of Christianity

TOPIC for MONTH: Clasping Hands with Our Southern Neighbors

Hymn—O Worship the King

Bible Study—"His Benefits": Psalm 103:1-13

Prayer thanking God for His manifold blessings

Heartening News from the Fields (Have several members give principal facts from pages 5, 9-10, 35.)

Hymn—Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Our Southern Neighbors

—Results of Roman Catholicism

Clasping Hands:

With Cuba

With Brazil

With Panama

With Argentina-Uruguay

With Mexico

With Chile

Prayer for all of our work among our southern neighbors

Hymn—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

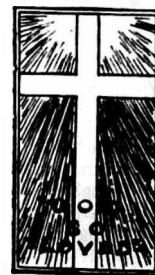
Catholicism in Our Own Land

—A Vision of Hands

Hymn—The Touch of His Hand on Mine

Prayer that we may support our missionaries in Latin America and among the Catholics of our own land with our gifts and our prayers

OUR SOUTHERN NEIGHBORS



Mexico, the Islands of the West Indies and the countries of South America may be called our southern neighbors. They are our neighbors by the law of propinquity—they are nearest to us, they belong to the same hemisphere, they may be reached without crossing the wide expanse of an ocean. They are our "old neighbors", for they and our nation grew up together, sharing a similar early history and many of the same experiences of development and growth. All are parts of the same America discovered by Columbus and others who fol-

lowed the track he made across the ocean in search of new lands. Into the history of all alike are woven the threads of adventure and romance which make up the fabric of the discovery and conquest of the western world. These neighbor nations and ours have the neighborly habit of exchange of products. Brazil sends us her coffee; Cuba, her sugar; Chile, her nitrates; Columbia, her rubber; and we, in return, send to these lands our automobiles, radios and other commodities.

For many years we had little general knowledge of these neighboring lands, but recently our President, Lindbergh and other ambassadors of Good Will have brought them closer to us by paying them neighborly visits and calling our attention to their attractions and achievements. We have learned that they have wonders of nature that equal

ours in interest; scenery that rivals ours in beauty; resources that compete with ours in richness. We have learned that south of us are mountains as great as our Rockies, rivers as great as our Mississippi and cities that are worthy rivals of our Chicago and New Orleans.

Yet, with all of this, these nations are our neighbors in the sense that the Bible interprets neighbors—because they need our help. With all their greatness they are far inferior to our nation. We are strong, and they are weak; we are rich, and they are poor; we are a world power, while their influence in international affairs is comparatively small. Wherein lies the difference? We know that it is almost wholly a difference in religious ideals. Ours is a Christian land, founded on principles of true Christianity. These nations were founded on false ideas of Christianity. They have a form of Christianity but know little or nothing of it as a living force. These, then, are our needy neighbors. They lie by the wayside of life stripped of the development that should have been theirs, beaten by years of tyranny of a powerful ecclesiastical system, victims of a false religion. We must not act the part of the priest and Levite and, wrapped in the robes of our superiority, pass by on the other side; but, with the spirit of the Good Samaritan, we must minister to these needy neighbors, giving them our love and our Christ.

RESULTS OF ROMAN CATHOLICISM

IT IS hard for us who live in the United States, where freedom of religion and a powerful protestant constituency have from the beginning of its history had a restraining influence on any "state control" of the religious life of the nation, to realize what unrestrained Roman Catholicism is. In this country we see Catholicism at its best. We see it at its worst in Latin America. We remember that the first act of Columbus, when he landed in the new world, was to fall on his knees and dedicate the land to the Spanish throne and the Roman Catholic Church. The conquistadores who followed him, to the

new world were ardent Catholics and forced their religion on the pagan people whom they conquered. They had a system of "reduction" by which they attempted to civilize the natives by taking them into the Roman Catholic Church. Little effort was made to teach them anything about Christ. Only the rites and ceremonies of the church were forced upon them, and so they became so-called Christians without knowing Christ. In many instances the conquerors permitted the natives to take into their new religion many of their heathen practices. Their old temples were changed into churches; their old superstitious shrines were dedicated to Catholicism; many of their old gods were still worshipped under slightly changed names, and old pagan ceremonies were not only permitted but sanctioned by the Catholic leaders. Thus the religion of Latin American countries became a mixture of Catholicism and paganism, and such it is down to the present day. It withholds the Bible with the result that millions in Latin America have never seen its pages. It gives the people two pictures of Christ: as a babe in His mother's arms, and as a dead man on a cross, but teaches them nothing of a living Messiah with power to save from sin. Mary is exalted above Jesus. Images of Mary and the saints are worshipped just as are idols in pagan lands. An article written recently by a missionary gives the following description of the celebration of Saint Anthony's day in Brazil:

"Saint Anthony is one of the most popular saints in Brazil because he is the saint to whom the girls and young women pray when their thoughts turn to matrimony. He is supposed to furnish them with a suitable husband. On his birthday tens of thousands of candles are lighted and carefully placed in front of his image as maidens of every class kneel and say their prayers and make their vows. Some promise him an offering of money while others vow to help carry his great image, which habitually abides in a niche in the nearby church, when it may be taken out in

the next great religious parade, provided he sees fit to supply them with a desirable lover or husband. Still others promise to name the firstborn son Anthony in honor of the saint. On the other hand if the lover does not appear in a reasonable period of time Saint Anthony is held responsible. The candle in his presence is withheld on his next birthday and his face is turned to the wall, or he may be taken down and placed face down on the floor. That is the punishment meted out to induce him to get busy and supply the luckless maid—should I say old maid?—with a husband without further delay."

And all of this is done in the name of the Christian religion. And it is only one of the numerous customs that make up the idolatry of the Roman Catholic Church of South America.

We find the following results of centuries of influence of such a religion:

Ignorance—The Roman Catholic Church is conscience bound to oppose all public education. Its power depends on keeping the masses of the people ignorant. As a result illiteracy abounds among our southern neighbors. In Brazil at least eighty per cent of the non-evangelical people are illiterate. Even in Argentina, which has become the most progressive of all these lands, up to the beginning of protestant missions ninety per cent of her people could not read and almost none of them had ever seen a copy of the Bible.

Immorality—Some one has said that the two fundamental moral defects of South America are the habit of lying and the lack of men of will, morality and character. Certain iniquitous customs—such as concubinage, sexual license, bull fights, lottery and gambling of all kinds—have been handed down from the very beginning of Spanish settlement and have corrupted the moral ideals of the people. The Roman Catholic Church makes no attempt to improve the morals of the people. Indeed, the clergy themselves are often openly immoral. Dr. Robert E. Speer says

that the Roman Catholic Church in South America "has held its voice and been dumb before an immorality of which China would be ashamed. And it is silent because it could not speak, its own leaders and priests being guilty".

Intolerance—The Roman Catholic Church of Latin America has vigorously opposed every protestant missionary effort. Even after these South American neighbors of ours threw off the Spanish yoke and became republics it was long before they came into religious independence and freedom. "The Roman Church continued in most cases to be the church of the states, and even when it lost this legal status it retained powerful, usually dominating, influence". Now, since religious freedom is granted and the Roman Catholic Church sees the intellectual leaders and masses of the people turning toward the protestant churches and realizes that there is danger that it will lose its political and suicidal power, its leaders have risen in fury to prevent the advance of protestantism. By slander, force and terror they fight every religious movement among the people.

Lack of Progress—As compared with North America there has been a lack of progress in all South American and Central American lands. This should not be true, for colonization began in Central and South America a century earlier than in North America, and the "European colonies had in the first case to deal with the native population far in advance of that in North America; and they found lands with natural resources certainly no less than those of the immigrant invaders of the north". And yet at the beginning of the twentieth century Catholic Latin America was a century behind protestant North America in progress. A South American writer attributes this lack of progress to Catholicism, saying: "Catholicism, the open enemy of science and the advocate of lay ignorance, develops a spirit incapable of self-government".

Surely we see then that these lands

are not Christian and that they need evangelical missionaries as much as do pagan lands. The Roman Catholic Church cannot be reformed. It cannot be changed from within. It can only be changed as its people are touched by the redeeming power of a living Christ, and when that happens they are no longer Catholics. Therefore we must continue to send them missionaries to tell them of this saving Christ.

CLASPING HANDS

FOR many years our America—Christian, progressive North America—has reached down to clasp hands with the needy neighbors of the other Americas in an effort to share with them her Christianity. As southern Baptists we have had a substantial part in this missionary hand clasp with our southern neighbors. Let us take a look at the countries where we have missionaries and see just how the work began and what has been accomplished.

(It is suggested that this preceding paragraph be given by the leader and that each of the following be given by a different woman. Large placards in the shape of the maps of the different countries, with the names of the countries printed on them, may be held by the women giving the parts.)

With Cuba

First, let us look across the Gulf of Mexico on our island neighbor, Cuba. We remember that Cuba was the first of American lands to be discovered and settled. For that reason Catholicism is older in Cuba than in any other American country. Dr. McCall, our veteran missionary there, says: "Cuba is to the New World what Italy is to the Old World, so far as entrenched Catholicism is concerned. Here it took root first. Here, perhaps, it will yield last".

Southern Baptists first clasped hands with Cuba in 1885. Most dramatic are the events leading to this beginning of our work there. A Cuban soldier of fortune, Alberto Diaz by name, fleeing from the Spaniards, came to this coun-

try and while in a hospital in New York was given a Bible which brought about his conversion. He became an evangelist and returned to Havana, preaching the Word with such power that a missionary of Florida Baptists was sent to Havana to make his acquaintance and see about his work. As a result of this visit Diaz was ordained to the ministry and in January 1886 a Baptist church was organized in Havana. In May of that same year the work was taken over by the Southern Baptist Convention, and property was bought which to this day is the center of our Baptist work. This property is a corner only a block away from the national capitol, and as it is located the Baptist Temple, which not only houses the Calvary Baptist Church but is also the living quarters of our missionaries in Havana and headquarters for all our work in Cuba. From this point as a center the work is carried on in four Cuban provinces, with a population of over 2,000,000 people.

In February, 1905, Dr. M. N. McCall, the pastor of the Baptist Church, Dalton, Ga., went to Cuba to start a seminary and to pastor the church at Havana. Soon after his arrival he was made superintendent of the Cuban work, which position he has held to the present time. These years of faithful service on one of the hardest mission fields in the world, with their record of unsurpassed achievements, place Dr. McCall in the first rank of southern Baptist missionary heroes. We have now in Cuba seven southern Baptist missionaries, together with a large force of native pastors and volunteers carrying on the work of our forty-four churches on the island.

Last year, while the fires of political strife and revolution were burning, revival fires burst forth in many of our Cuban churches. This spiritual revival started in Havana where the fires of political strife burned the strongest. "Even in the midst of war, God's spirit moved in the hearts of the people. The services, even down town, went on. People came quietly through too-quiet

streets, but they came; and it seemed that prayer was stronger and the love of Christ dearer because of all the danger around them". This spirit of revival spread out from Havana to the other provinces, and hundreds of people have been saved. In Cruces, a town of eight thousand people, the Baptists planned a day when, with the help of the Spirit of God, they would preach the Gospel to everybody in the town. Beginning at six o'clock in the morning they went from house to house, holding evangelistic services. By eleven o'clock that night they had held 328 services and had preached the Gospel to 5,022 people. A wonderful revival followed, which is being continued as the young people from this church go out in all directions preaching the Word.

With Panama

When we reach a friendly hand down to Panama we are really clasping hands with a part of our own country, for we remember that the Canal Zone belongs to the United States. So it is fitting that the missionary work there should be a part of our home mission work. The Canal Zone is a strip of land ten miles wide and forty-eight miles long across the isthmus. Here we have nine churches. Balboa Heights Baptist Church for white people, chiefly Americans, located in the administration section of Balboa, at the Pacific end of the canal, is a self-supporting church, worshipping in the building erected by the Home Mission Board. The other eight Baptist churches of Panama are for the West Indian Negroes, brought to the Canal Zone from Jamaica during construction and remaining after the canal had been finished. These churches are largely the result of the work of Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Witt who went to the isthmus as missionaries of the Home Board in 1911 and gave there twenty years of heroic service. For ten years Dr. Witt was pastor of the Negro church at Colon, during which time a thousand members were received, and the Sunday school increased until the attendance reached an average of over

four hundred. For the last decade of their work in Panama the Witts had charge of the Negro churches on the Pacific side of the canal. During that period two new churches were added to the group and many souls were won to Christ. Because of illness they were compelled to give up the work in 1930, and since then there have been no missionaries among these churches. However, three faithful native pastors serve the group and the work goes on. "These churches are centers of evangelism among their people, there being about 100 baptisms among them last year. Several have small day schools that are self-supporting".

With Mexico

Southern Baptists need reach only across the Rio Grande to clasp hands with Mexico, one of the neediest and most important mission fields in the world. So far as the records disclose, Baptist work in Mexico began in the year 1862. A good Baptist—Elder James Hickey, who lived in Texas when the Civil War broke out—because his sympathies were not with the Confederacy, moved over into Mexico and began a Baptist work in Monterrey. So successful was his witness for Christ in his new home that by January 13, 1864, he helped organize the First Baptist Church in Mexico. In 1870 the Home Mission Society of the Northern Baptist Convention began work in Mexico, taking over the work of Hickey and his co-laborers. However, Hickey was a Texas Baptist, and his work was supported by Texas Baptists in the early years, so both northern and southern Baptists can claim the honor of having a part in the beginning of work in Mexico. After the Civil War a number of Texas Baptists moved into Mexico and carried on work in their own way, but it was not until 1880 that southern Baptists, as a convention, began clasping hands with their nearest neighbor. Since this was one year before the Bagbys went to Brazil and six years before the work started in Cuba, Mexico was the first of our southern neigh-

bors to whom we reached a helping hand. Among our pioneer missionaries in Mexico was Dr. W. D. Powell. The story of his early experiences in this land, where Catholicism is of the most fanatical type, is a thrilling one. As soon as the Catholics knew that he was there they determined to drive him out. They threatened him, they spat upon him, they imprisoned him, they stoned the house where his services were held. On one occasion a ruffian attempted to plunge his dirk in him but was prevented by one of Dr. Powell's deacons. In spite of all this persecution, this brave man stayed on the field until ill health compelled him to leave. He served faithfully in other fields of missionary service until he passed from this life on May 14 of this year. The work in Mexico has been hard through all the years, for to the Catholic fanaticism has been added unsettled political conditions, repeated revolutions and, of late years, a strong movement against all religions. Through the years missionary heroes and heroines have faced many dangers and endured many hardships that the work might go on. We have now eighteen missionaries in Mexico. Five of these work in connection with the Baptist Publication House in El Paso. This publishing house furnishes Baptist literature not only for Mexican Baptists but for other Spanish-speaking people. We have 57 churches in Mexico with a membership of almost 4,000. These reported last year 343 baptisms. The students in our seminary there are doing a splendid evangelistic work, going out two by two on Sundays for house-to-house visiting in Saltillo and near-by villages. As a result of this work 259 found Christ last year.

With Brazil

The story of the beginning of southern Baptist work in Brazil has been told so often recently that it is hardly necessary to repeat it here. We remember that fifty-three years ago southern Baptists sent Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Bagby as their first missionaries to Brazil. We remember how these were soon followed by Dr. and Mrs. Z. C. Taylor

and how on October 15, 1882, in Bahia the First Baptist Church in Brazil was organized with five members—the four missionaries and one Brazilian. Then we remember the long line of missionaries—the Nelsons, the Renos, the Ginsburgs, the Shepards, the Deters and scores of others who have gone to give their lives to this great land. Surely no missionary work has ever been more fruitful than that in Brazil. After only fifty-three years the Baptist cause is well established and is a powerful influence in the national life of the Republic of Brazil. Four hundred and sixty-two Baptist churches shed the light of the living Christ amid the darkness of a dead religion. About forty thousand members of Baptist churches testify to the saving power of Christ. Eighty-seven S.B.C. foreign missionaries and a host of native workers are giving themselves to the task of winning Brazil. Sixty-three schools, with a student body of 3,000, are sending out all over the country well trained Baptist leaders. Last year there were 4,251 baptisms, one for about every nine Baptists. A recent letter from one of our missionaries, Mr. Bratcher, tells of an associational meeting where 37 were converted. In this association are nineteen churches with only four pastors, and Mr. Bratcher says: "There are literally hundreds of places where work could be opened". This gives us a picture of the need in Brazil.

Last year Brazilian Baptists lost perhaps their most outstanding preacher. This was Dr. F. F. Soren. He was one of the first converts of Dr. Bagby, and "his great life shone down all these years with increasing luster". He was pastor of the First Baptist Church at Rio for 33 years. At first he suffered much opposition on the part of his fellow countrymen. At one time he had to preach every Sunday evening in opposition to a brass band placed just across from his church for the purpose of tormenting him. But he succeeded in building up a great church membership and erecting the most magnificent evangelical church building in South

America. Last October, at the zenith of his career, he quietly fell asleep. What a glorious thing it is that southern Baptists sent Dr. Bagby to clasp hands with Dr. Soren! Because of that contact thousands of people know of the saving nail prints in the hands of Jesus and will one day, together with the redeemed people of all lands and all ages, shout His glory, waving palm branches of victory in their hands. Let's see to it that there are many more hand clasps between our missionary representatives and Brazil's lost millions. One immediate way in which we can do this is to give generously through the December Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, which includes the salary of Mrs. W. B. Bagby and that of 29 other missionaries to Brazil as well as much other needed help for work there and in all S.B.C. foreign fields. Mrs. Bagby thus lovingly voices the gratitude of all whom we help by the offering: "Please tell our dear W.M.U. that I am much gratified to know that it cares for me. I am a very poor representative of the active work of that wonderful organization. Fortunately our every word and act count on the foreign field and by the grace of our risen Savior I promise to do my best for His cause, poor gleaner that I am".

With Argentina

In 1903 southern Baptists first clasped hands with Argentina by sending Mr. Sowell as their first missionary to her progressive but benighted people. He was joined in 1904 by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hart. We remember that both Mr. Sowell and Mr. Hart, while students in the seminary, felt the call to Argentina before our Board had any work there. When, on account of lack of money, the Board refused to send them to the land of their choice, they appealed to the faculty and students of the seminary and so moved their hearts that they raised a thousand dollars for the opening of the new mission. This had such a stimulating effect on the churches that the Board finished the year out of debt and sent the missiona-

ries to Argentina. A mission station was established first at Buenos Aires, and a little later at Rosario. After five years, in December, 1908, the River Plate Baptist Convention of Argentina-Uruguay was organized in Rosario. Last year the Baptists of Argentina-Uruguay celebrated in Rosario the silver jubilee of this convention. Dr. Sowell, the pioneer, gave the historical address, and there was great rejoicing over the achievements of the twenty-five years. In the first meeting there had been only 23 delegates, representing 237 members of 6 churches. The convention of 1933 represented 66 churches with a membership of 4,180. Our missionaries in Argentina-Uruguay now number 24. The mission sustained a great loss in 1933 in the passing of Rev. F. J. Fowler on November 14. Mr. and Mrs. Fowler were among the first 8 missionaries who laid the foundation of southern Baptist work in Argentina. Another recent loss to the work was the death of the great pioneer, Don Pablo Besson. He had the distinction of being the first Baptist in Argentina. He was a Swiss by birth but was baptized in France; from that land he went to Argentina where he became a leader in the fight for religious liberty. Dr. Hart says of this pioneer: "Today the civil register, civil marriage and the municipal cemeteries in Argentina stand as memorials to him". Since his death a splendid story of his life has been published, which is considered a most valuable addition to evangelical literature in the Spanish language.

With Chile

The first Baptist in Chile was a Scotchman, Rev. W. D. T. MacDonald, who went to that country for educational work. His position as a teacher did not last long, and then he found himself in Chile with a family to support and without the means of a livelihood. At that opportune time he was offered work in the United States, but the spiritual needs of the people around him appealed so to his heart that he refused to leave and made up his mind

to devote his life to the task of giving Christ to Chile. He accepted a position as colporteur of the British and French Bible Society and for several years traveled up and down the "Splinter Republic" circulating the Word of God and preaching whenever there was an opportunity. He won hundreds to Christ and organized 12 churches. In 1908, on the invitation of Mr. MacDonald and his co-workers, Dr. Bagby of Brazil visited them and advised them about their work, with the result that the Baptist Union of Chile was organized. On his way home Dr. Bagby stopped at the first meeting of the Baptist Convention of Argentina and told about the Baptist work in Chile. The Argentine Baptists were so impressed by his story that they sent a gift to help the Chilean brethren. Brazilian and Mexican Baptists also helped them. In 1914 our Foreign Board came to their rescue, and in 1917 Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Davidson were sent as southern Baptists' first missionaries to Chile. Today we have 37 churches in Chile with a membership of almost 3,000, and twelve of our missionaries are extending southern Baptist hand clasps to the people of this southern neighbor. The report of the work of all the churches for last year is most encouraging. The First Baptist Church of Concepcion dedicated a lovely new building. A new mission was opened up in Chillan, a city of 45,000 people. The Baptist college at Temuco was full to the limit of its capacity, and all the boarding pupils manifested a desire to accept Christ.

CATHOLICISM in OUR OWN LAND

WE HAVE pictured the Roman Catholicism of our southern neighbors. What of this religion in our own land? We realize that we have a different type of Catholicism in the United States from that found in Cuba, Mexico and South America, and yet the difference is not so much in the religion itself as in the atmosphere in which it exists. Because of the restraints of a religiously free country and of many years of strong protestant influence,

Catholicism in the United States appears to be a different and better type than that in Latin America and parts of Europe. But we must remember that in its essential nature Catholicism is the same the world over. It is always opposed to religious liberty. It is always a political organization and does its utmost to influence civil government. It would make itself the state church in every country if it could. It is always opposed to public education but is most aggressive in establishing schools under its own control. It always opposes the open Bible. It always exalts Mary and the saints above Christ. It always advocates the practice of image worship which is a form of idolatry. It always has rites or ceremonies that are more heathen than Christian. While without question there are many Catholic leaders who are pure in their daily living, the practice of the celibacy of the priests, the confessional and other rites of the church always tend toward immorality. All these things are true of Catholics in the United States as well as among her southern neighbors.

One hundred and fifty years ago there were 30,000 Catholics in our population of over 3,000,000—one in a hundred. Today there are 20,000,000 or about one in six of our population. And statistics show us that they are increasing at the average rate of 40,000 a year. This average increase is not as large as it once was, but when we realize that where the increase was once caused by immigration it comes now almost altogether by converts, the Catholic growth appears more serious. However, last year the increase was far short of the average, only twenty-seven thousand. For our encouragement, too, we can remember that the Catholics count their baptized babies as members, which of course greatly increases the total of their membership.

We have at least 3,000,000 Catholics in the southland. Practically all of our foreign population is Catholic. The 500,000 French people in Louisiana, the more than a million Spanish-speaking people in Texas and other southwestern

states, the 500,000 Italians scattered through our cities and those of some twenty or twenty-five other foreign-speaking groups in our southland are Catholic, many of them of the most fanatical type. A study of their lives reveals conditions almost, if not quite, as serious as those which so appal us among our southern neighbors. In French Louisiana hundreds of people have never read a page from the Bible, and some do not even know that such a book exists. They have been told that reading the Bible will make one go insane. Mrs. Lawrence in "The Keys of the Kingdom" tells of seeing a shrine in Texas where men, women and children went to pray to a figure of Mary that overlooked a glass-enclosed bed on which lay a dead Christ. In New Mexico 84 per cent of the people are Catholic and practice religious rites as heathenish as anything found in "Old Mexico".

Dr. E. P. Alldredge, statistical secretary of the Sunday School Board, says that Catholics have the inside of the political situation in the United States as they have never had it before. He estimates that there have been more Catholic appointments under Roosevelt than under any other five presidents. Moreover Catholics are now openly demanding division of public school funds, insisting that they have a right to a per cent for the support of their schools. While we are rejoicing because the state legislature of Ohio recently refused by a vote of 8 to 1 to make such a division we must remember that in at least three southern states—Louisiana, New Mexico and Arizona—public school money has for many years been used for the support of Catholic schools. In these states tax money is used also for the support of Catholic charitable institutions. Of course such a policy is in absolute opposition to the principle of separation of church and state, on which our government is founded, and has in it elements of great danger to our religious liberty. And yet in the recent celebration of the 300th anniversary of Maryland the Catholics

commemorated as one of the great events in the early history of Maryland the granting of religious toleration, thereby claiming that they were pioneers of religious liberty. Of course such a claim is ridiculous, for the pope of that time condemned religious liberty and it was granted by the Catholics of Maryland only because they were forced to do it. Baptists are the only denomination that can truly claim to be pioneers of religious liberty.

A present Catholic menace is their work among the Negroes. They recently ordained four Negro priests, which is the first group ordination that has taken place among them. This was done at the Catholic Negro Seminary in Bay St. Louis, Miss., where there are forty young Negroes studying for the priesthood. This is one of two Catholic seminaries for Negroes in the south, whereas Baptists have only one in the whole United States. And yet there are at least 12 times as many Negro Baptists as there are Negro Catholics in our country. In Loyola University, a Catholic school in New Orleans, 40 per cent of the 600 students come from Baptist homes.

We see that while we are thinking about the Catholic curse in Latin America we need to be working to keep our own land from becoming Catholic. Such a fate would bring on our nation the conditions of ignorance, immorality, intolerance and idolatry which so curse the people of our southern neighbor nations.

A VISION of HANDS

(This will be effective if given as a memorized reading while "The Touch of His Hand on Mine" is played softly on the piano.)

I see hands—millions of hands from Cuba, from Mexico, from South America, from the Catholic population of our own land, reaching out toward me, pleading for my help. They are hands soiled with sin. They are hands bloody with revolution. They are hands worn with the futile worship of idols. They are helpless, hopeless hands, desiring

something better than they have but not knowing where to find it.

Now it seems to me that all these millions of hands come together in one hand, and in that hand I see the prints of nails. Yes, it is the hand of Jesus, reaching toward me in an appeal for the needy ones of Catholic America. He seems to say: "The nails were driven in My hands for the salvation of these lost ones, and yet many of them know nothing of My power to save. Their hands are My hands, reaching out to beg you to come and share My salvation with them".

And now I see two other hands, reaching down from my America to these southern lands. One of these hands has in it gifts for the support of home and foreign missionary work. I realize that this is well, for gifts from the hands of southern Baptists must support those who are giving Jesus to the lost people of our own and other lands. The other hand is the hand of

prayer. It is stretched toward Heaven as if invoking God's blessings on the work of our missionaries. I know that this, too, is well, for southern Baptists can best help their missionaries through prayer.

And just as I seem to see these two helping hands clasp the nail-scarred hands, dedicating all the money and prayer power of southern Baptists to a great task, I seem to feel the touch of the Savior's hands on mine as I hear Him whisper: "Are these two helping hands yours?" I look at my own hands and think of how often they hold tight God's gifts, refusing to share them with others. I think of how often they fail to stretch themselves toward God in prayer for lost people. And I pray in my heart: "Lord, let these giving and praying hands be mine, reaching down to clasp hands with my southern neighbors that they may know the saving touch of the nail-scarred hands of Jesus".

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Describe the type of Catholicism which prevails in Latin America.
2. Mention some of the results of Catholic influence in Latin America.
3. Tell of the beginnings of our work in Cuba.
4. Tell of recent revivals in Cuba.
5. How many churches have we in Panama?
6. Tell something of our work in Mexico.
7. Mention some pioneer missionaries in Brazil.
8. Tell of the beginning of our work in Argentina.
9. Who was W. D. T. MacDonald and in what country did he work?
10. Give names of missionaries among our "Southern Neighbors" who have died recently and tell something of their work.
11. Tell something of Catholicism in our own land.
12. Are we supporting with our gifts and our prayers the work to evangelize our "Southern Neighbors" and the Catholics in our own land?

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

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TIME to THINK OVER



Get out your German dictionary and look up the word "denkmal", and you will see that it means "to keep in memory, time to think over". It is interesting that each year there is a special time when we pause "to think over" God's goodness. In Psalms we read: "This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice in it and be glad". We stand before a painting—it is the handiwork of an artist. We are fascinated by a great book—it is the handiwork of a writer. Man can do many and marvelous things—build skyscrapers, invent a radio, fly through the air, talk around the world, but no man can make a day—only God can make a day. Each day is a little life and so one says:

"This day is mine—
Not yesterday, not yet the day to be".

One day, October 3, Washington issued a Thanksgiving Proclamation. In it he set aside a day as a day for thanksgiving and prayer: "I do recommend and assign Thursday to be devoted by the people to the service of that great and glorious Being".

Every day should be pregnant with meaning, Woman's Missionary Union believing that it should produce plans to reemphasize the practice and power of prayer. As Y.W.A. president or counselor you should get the prayer cards by writing to your state W.M.U. headquarters and thus give the members of your organization a chance to share in the joys of definite prayer. If this has not already been presented to your Y.W.A. members, what finer season of the year could be chosen for its presentation than this Thanksgiving time—a "time to think over"?

"By words and works we teach a few but by prayer we benefit a whole world". A great business man immersed in large affairs, with great interests in his hands, says: "I have absolute faith from repeated trials of the power of prayer". Knowing this, Woman's Missionary Union longs for each counselor to lead her young people into a new realization of the importance of that prayer ideal of all our organizations. A devotional service on the "Power of Prayer" could be followed with the presentation of the cards to the Y.W.A's.

It will be fine if Y.W.A's. study the book on "Prayer—the Golden Chain", which has been prepared by such outstanding southern Baptist women as Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, Miss Kathleen Mallory, Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Mrs. H. M. Wharton and Mrs. Taul B. White. This study should prepare the hearts of our members for the coming Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, December 3-7 inclusive. Let us plan to make it the finest season we have ever had. No young person should be deprived of the blessings of a large part in this season's prayer and its Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Thanksgiving month is a good "time to think over" God's goodness to us, "to think over" the needs out on the mission fields and to start definite preparation for ways in which young people can help meet these needs. Prayer still works wonders. Prayer can do anything God can do. Our God is a God of power. "Believest thou that I am able?" Let us with one accord answer: "Lord, I believe; help Thou my unbelief".

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In THANKFUL HOUSE



Look through the window of Thankful House during the month of November. The pane leads us back over the year that we may in retrospect be grateful for God's significant blessings of health and home, friend and frolic, college and cooperation, life and love. Maybe there were some bumpy places where the going was hard financially but "the things that abide" have not worn thin or rough. In a college girl's heart there should be every reason for gratitude:

"I would give thanks for blessings rare,
For God's own loving tender care,
For life and friends and loved ones dear,
Whose hearts are faithful and sincere:
For these good gifts I render praise
To God who guides me through the days!"

Young people are accustomed to rush to work, to classes, to meals, to tasks so fast that they scarcely stop to be thankful. A busy telephone girl was asked her impression of people who crowded the booth all day: "Mostly", said she, "I don't notice them unless something unusual happens, like somebody saying 'Thank you!'"

Surely a College Y.W.A. girl will be more thankful than that. Would any one trade off her health, her home, her friends, her love of life? Thanksgiving offers to College Y.W.A.'s an opportunity of expressing their gratitude through sharing with unfortunate people some of the necessities of life. Joy is felt as the Personal Service Committee takes baskets of food, fruit etc., but an even finer field of sharing is open through the possible religious services that may be planned. A Prayer and Praise Service might be held with a shut-in. A group of R.A.'s. or G.A.'s. or young people near the college might be gathered together for a period of thanksgiving for strong bodies and for a study of alcohol and its evil effect upon these bodies of ours. Some College Y.W.A.'s. plan a Thanksgiving Sunrise Service and invite all students on the campus. In the jolly preparation for Thanksgiving visitors, for that important football game of the year, let Y.W.A.'s. be alert to spiritual opportunities also.

There could be no better way of showing our gratitude than in the coming December Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and its Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. College girls have much that demands their attention; therefore early preparation is essential for them. All during the month of November by posters, by cards bearing striking information, by bulletin board information (each day news items, brief facts, fine goals etc. carried on the bulletin board), by brief, to-the-point, two or three minute talks at each Y.W.A. or circle meeting, by true and "false" questions, letters and other methods interest for this great world mission season may be created, one "best method" being to study the booklet, "Where Is He?" One free copy of this booklet is being furnished each Y.W.A. organization; additional copies at 25c each are to be purchased from State Baptist Bookstore or from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. November is an "acceptable time" for the study of this booklet preparatory to the December Week of Prayer. Let every College Y.W.A. plan for the observance of the December Week of Prayer. December 1-7 inclusive and carry in their hearts the lovely slogan that has been chosen: "Christmas for Christ".

TRAINING SCHOOL

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A TRAINING SCHOOL GRADUATE at WORK



It is Monday morning, the first week of the Daily Vacation Bible School. Seventy-nine pupils have marched into the assembly room. The principal is explaining some facts about Africa around which the missionary project of the school is to be centered.

She introduces Miss Ruth Walden's picture to them and suggests that Miss Walden will need many things during the three years that she will be in Africa. It is suggested that the D.V.B.S. send her a box of notions. The children list many small things which include pins, needles, thread, soap etc. For four weeks, interest in missions grows as missions become real to them. Their committee made several trips to town and spent the \$10.40 which the children gave during the month. At the close of school they packed the box as decorated by boys in the woodwork department.

In the junior department assembly room a spirited discussion is taking place. A committee of boys and girls is working out a dramatization from the events of the life of Elijah. This dramatization will be used in their junior Bible lessons, "Marching through the Old Testament", and later as a junior demonstration at the commencement.

A group of intermediate girls has just asked for permission to dramatize the story of "The Quest" which was used in the departmental worship period this morning. They will work out the lines and make the costumes for this four-minute playlet which the intermediates will give at commencement.

Friday is Intermediate Day in the D.V.B.S. and the intermediates will be on their best behavior for they are to have, as a guest-artist, the church organist. They have invited all of the

departments of the D.V.B.S. and the intermediate department from the Good Will Center to share their musical program. The visiting departments will remain for the departmental Bible lesson.

In the primary department, which is a bright colored room with admirably chosen pictures, the children are busy with their handwork. This illustrates the beauty of "Our Father's World".

The handwork period is an exciting time for intermediate boys who are being introduced to the mysteries of the radio as they build crystal sets for themselves. Down in the woodwork room, the primary and junior boys are using coping saws to cut out picture frames for their mothers.

The junior girls have an aim in their handwork for they have decided to make something for their mothers, for the church and for themselves. The ladies of the church are going to enjoy using those kitchen towels which the girls are hemming.

The entire junior department reveals a variety of meaningful activity. This group over in the corner is modeling sheep from clay for the illustrated project of the Twenty-third Psalm.

Tramp! Tramp! Tramp! Column right! In military formation, the intermediate and junior boys are marching down to the City Hall. They have accepted the invitation of the representative of the Safety Council who spoke to them last week. They will be personally conducted through every department which the city maintains for the safety and happiness of its citizens. These boys will be better citizens because of this experience.

These are just some of the things which we did in our D.V.B.S. at Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky., this past summer. Recreation had a part in our daily plans. The faculty

feels that they have helped the children to learn "The Secret of Happiness" which was the motto of the school.

—*Lorene Tilford, Class of '31*
—*Secretary of Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.*

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field workers visiting the fields, learning of their needs of literature, gleaned inspiration from what God has wrought in one Union and passing it on to the others. There has been need of representatives of far distant sections coming together to plan for the W.M.U. work of all China. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has set forward field workers, speeding them on steamboat and train to distant W.M.U. fields in other parts of China and has brought from those fields members of the W.M.U. to confer together through their three dialects concerning the common needs of W.M.U. work in China.

> Not only for the women has the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering wrought but also for the young people in Baptist churches in China. Besides providing literature for their missionary organizations it has enabled them to or-

ganize an all-China Baptist Young People's Committee with the purpose of giving the Gospel to Manchuria and other places.

Perhaps the greatest single blessing of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is the literature for the "Day of Prayer around the World". This literature is translated, printed in Chinese and mailed out free of charge to the W.M.U. organizations throughout China. Many evidences of God's blessing on this day of intercession are seen, many expressions of gratitude for the day and for the program of prayer are heard. But the blessings are innumerable. We give thanks for the Day of Prayer as a unifying factor of Baptists in China, enabling them to pray together and work together. We give thanks for the fact that the Day of Prayer is unifying the great missionary objectives of all southern Baptist churches around the world. We give thanks for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering because it has taken Christmas to many lives who never before knew about the Christ who came at Christmas time. Christmas 1934: a birthday gift to Him whom my heart crowns Lord of all? What shall it be?—*Lila Watson, Shanghai, China*

AMERICAN RED CROSS

ANNUAL CALL for MEMBERS

Armistice Day to Thanksgiving

November 11-29

THE services of the Red Cross include: Disaster Relief; First Aid; Life Saving; Assistance to Veterans; Public Health Nursing; Home Hygiene; Civilian Home Service; Junior Red Cross; Volunteer Services—including production, administration, staff assistance, braille, canteen, motor corps, health aids, hospital service.

JOIN, please!

JOIN!



MARGARET FUND

Chairman: Mrs. Frank Barney, Waynesboro, Ga.

In Memoriam

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.—*Rev. 7:17*

"Not now, but in the coming years—
It may be in a better land—
We'll know the meaning of our tears
And then, ah! then we'll understand!"

William Bagby, Brazil

TEARS flow from our eyes as we chronicle the death of William Bagby, in Richmond, Va., July 11. William was one of our Margaret Fund students—so young, just 18 years of age. Grateful are we that the Margaret Fund ministered gently and sympathetically to him. All our hearts extend tenderest sympathy and love to his greatly bereaved parents in far-away Brazil, suffering, sorrowing, yet joyously serving our King. Tenderly do we commend them and his brothers to our Heavenly Father believing

"He giveth more grace where the burdens grow greater.
He sends more strength when the labors increase;
To added affliction He addeth His mercy,
To multiplied trial, His multiplied peace."

Mrs. Chas. Beck

Illinois Margaret Fund Chairman

WE COULD not keep the tears from our eyes when word reached us of the Home-going of our dear Mrs. Beck, Aug. 9. I could not believe Mrs. Beck was dead! Such a strong physical body, so alive, so alert. Her heart was devoted to the Margaret Fund work. Joyously, enthusiastically she entered into every plan and program that would add to its value and development. No more loyal, co-operative, happy member did we have on our committee, and her heart delighted to minister and serve the students assigned her state. I know they too give thanks that "she has lived and on their lives such radiance poured". To Mr. Beck we extend greatest sympathy.

"God calls our loved ones but we lose
Not wholly what He has given:
They live on earth in thought and deed
As truly as in Heaven."

Mrs. T. W. Hannon

Alabama Margaret Fund Chairman: 1914-1931

DURING this 20th anniversary as we studied the history of the Margaret Fund we found that Mrs. Hannon was among that list of first Margaret Fund Committee members. How lovingly, long and laboriously she spent herself for the development of our beloved cause, and we praise Him for such interest manifested throughout these years. For 67 years she was active in every phase of Christian work and was a "builder for Christ" in Alabama and throughout the world. She died in Montgomery July 16.

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.

WHERE IS HE?



In the little book "Where Is He?"—a most suitable and helpful preliminary study to the December Week of Prayer and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering—Mrs. R. K. Redwine of Hickory, N. C., tells how man from the earliest beginning of time has been deeply concerned with the search after God and how through this search the pagan and oriental religions—Animism, Shintoism, Hinduism, Buddhism and Confucianism—came into being. She shows how incapable their religions are of answering the deepest needs of man and of banishing the fear that lurks in the heart of every man. She adds to these religions Roman Catholicism as we know it in the countries of South America, Mexico etc., because it also contains elements of idolatry. Her treatment of Mohammedanism is very thorough, showing the immorality that pervades the whole system and how this, too, fails to satisfy the spiritual nature of man. Passing on to the present day and the modern substitutes for religion our author gives a vivid description of the one that is making most noise in the world, Communism. She explains how its advocates think of it as a religion, as it is in many of its manifestations of devotion and passion, its entire forgetfulness of selfish ends.

Another substitute for religion in many European countries at present is Nationalism, which demands of its followers absolute obedience to the state above God and man. In this country the New Humanism knows no God, thinks it can be sufficient unto itself

and believes or says it believes man is the be-all and end-all of existence.

And still man asks "Where Is He?" searching for the Light, the true God. It is only in Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life that he finds the answer that conquers his fears, that banishes the shadows, overcomes his errors and triumphs over selfishness.

The many illustrations are exceptionally well chosen and most convincing. They are full of human interest.—*Price: paper, 25c*

ORIENTALS in AMERICAN LIFE

A VERY timely book is "Orientals in American Life" by Albert W. Palmer, whose life and contacts with orientals in this country and abroad give him the knowledge and the understanding that enable him to weigh the serious problems that confront us in this matter. Dr. Palmer has lived in the Far East, has been pastor of a Congregational Church in Hawaii and churches in several California towns. He gives a picture of Chinatown in San Francisco forty years ago and contrasts it with the same section today. In doing so, he shows what can be done with the oriental situation in America. He takes the three oriental nations that have immigrated in large numbers—the Chinese, the Japanese and the Filipinos—outlining their good and bad qualities, tells how and why each of them came to this country and why they became obnoxious to Americans through little if any fault of their own but largely through economic conditions. He faces the question of these conditions and concludes that the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ will solve the problem.—*Price: cloth, \$1; paper, 60c*

CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

Altogether there are from 160,000 to 180,000 Mohammedans in South America, it is estimated. Most of those in Brazil were originally African slaves; but in recent years there has been immigration from Syria. The only Mohammedans in Argentina are Syrian Arabs. There is no specially organized work reported among these people; but Bibles in Arabic are being distributed by the Immigrant Mission at Buenos Aires.

According to latest statistics there are among the 42,000,000 inhabitants of Brazil 1,000,000 protestants. It is significant that, while 70 per cent of the population of Brazil can neither read nor write, among the protestants there are no illiterates.—*Christian Observer*

It is said by some that the Indian of Brazil is perhaps the most neglected human being on the face of the earth. Brazilian Baptists have taken upon themselves the task of carrying the Gospel to that neglected people. At a recent meeting in Pernambuco, where the Baptist workers in the north of Brazil gathered together for study and fellowship, a young Indian speaking three times created great interest. He thanked the Brazilian Baptists for having sent the missionaries to his people who were ignorant of God and Jesus Christ until their coming. He begged that the work be continued and that more missionaries be sent to his people.

The Anglican Church has a work among the Indians in the south of Chile. Dr. Sadler, a pioneer missionary among these Indians and who has recently given up his activities because of age, has the honorary title of "Chief of the Tribes", so beloved is he because of his work. There are yet hundreds of thousands of Indians in all the Latin American countries who have never heard of God or of the love of the Mas-

ter of a Baptist church in a town in Cuba which is the result of the witnessing of a Baptist layman, a veterinary surgeon, who moved to the town. He dedicates a part of his income to rent a Gospel hall and conducts the services, except once a month when a Cuban pastor visits them.

In recent months Mexico to a large extent has been attracting the attention of the missionary-minded men and women of the United States because of the outbreak against religion in that country. The attack is not only against the Roman Catholic Church but against all churches and all religion. "Down with religion! Down with God!" were expressions frequently heard shouted in a session of the National Revolutionary Party (the party in power) last spring.

In the summer issue of the *Missionary Review of the World* will be found the statement that the Federal Ministry of Education in Mexico has introduced a "Manual of Anti-Religious Education" for use as an official text-book in primary schools and night schools for workers. The book has been placed in all official schools and an attempt is being made to have it required in private schools. Even so, Mexico City booksellers refuse to handle it or put it on display!

In the September issue of the same magazine we find the following: A National Union of Christian Young People in Mexico has been formed. The objectives are: "To announce the message of the Gospel of the Living Christ to all the Mexican people without distinction, aggressively and courageously, without denominational color, regarding as central the value of human personality and its salvation as the ultimate and supreme objective; to work for the application of Christian teaching and standards of conduct to all phases of human life, taking man as a whole in his normal development of spirit, mind and body".

From the *Watchman-Examiner* we learn

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