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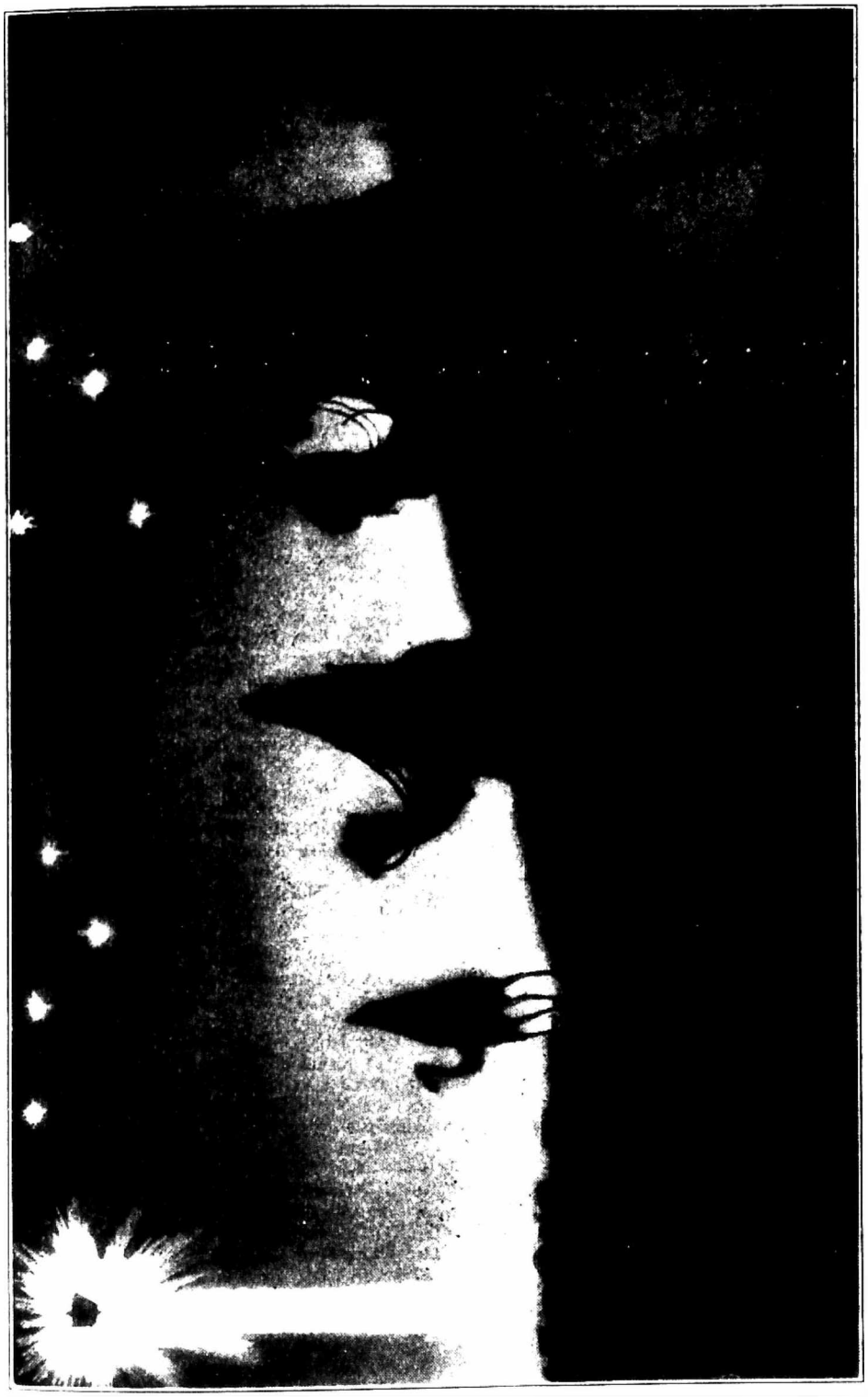

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EDITORIAL

"I AM DEBTOR"

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

"We cannot but speak the things that we have seen and heard". Thus the apostles Peter and John answered those who would have silenced their testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ. And how the fact that they had seen Jesus, had heard the words He had spoken did make their speaking free and bold and powerful. That they had seen the transforming power of Jesus in the lives of many who had accepted Him by faith gave to their testimony added weight. To have seen and heard made them more effective witnesses but it was also a compelling force in their own hearts. "*We cannot but speak*" they said.

It has been granted to some of us to see in recent weeks certain miracles of grace that are taking place throughout European fields, to hear things that lead one to believe that here again are re-enacted the experiences of the first Christian churches. Often called upon to endure hardships for the sake of the Gospel, our Baptist friends can say with Paul. "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us". Conquerors they are in the midst of persecution and tribulation There are sure evidences that real sacrifices have been made that houses of worship may be built and maintained. How eagerly they grasp opportunities for training for better service. The Seminaries and the James Memorial School have been truly open doors of opportunity to zealous and consecrated young people. The churches welcome the Bible Schools conducted by Dr. Gill and Miss Hester and through them are strengthened in their faith and good works.

Members of Woman's Missionary Union may well rejoice in the abundant harvest of their gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for these fields. Helping gifts they have been and how they have helped! It was our joyous privilege to meet several choice young women who have been graduated from the James Memorial School. They wanted us to tell the friends at home what this school had meant to them. Speaking through an interpreter they seemed to find any words quite inadequate to convey their whole feeling, but without exception they assured us that it was their earnest and eager desire to make their work for Jesus express the gratitude of their hearts. Catincea, a graduate of last year, is doing work among the women of thirty churches around Arad. She gathers them together for classes, organizes them into societies and helps them to a better understanding of the Bible and leads them in various forms of service. From the fund for W.M.U. work which comes from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering she receives four dollars a month. Miss Hester fondly hopes that her work will prove of such value that the women will themselves support it next year. They entertain her in their homes and so most of her living expenses are cared for.

Mrs. Udvarnoka in tender earnest words told us of her dream for a Woman's Training School for Hungary in connection with the splendid Seminary at Budapest. This winter Miss Hester will go to help them with a several weeks' training course for young women. This may be the beginning of the dream come true. In

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

December 3-7 Inclusive

Permanent Motto: **"Christmas for Christ"**
Yearly Theme: **"We Would See Jesus"** —*John 12:21*

MONDAY, December 3—SUBJECT, Hearts Ready for Jesus

HYMN: "Jesus Calls Us" —**PRAYER by PASTOR**
HYMN: "My Jesus, I Love Thee" —**PRAYER by PRESIDENT**
HYMN: "While Shepherds Watched" —**SILENT MEDITATION**
SCRIPTURE LESSON by Pastor: Simeon Ready for Jesus—*Luke 2:25-27a*
PRAYER by PROGRAM CHAIRMAN **HYMN:** "Hark, Hark My Soul"
TALK on WEEK'S THEME: "We Would See Jesus"
PRAYER that the week's study and offering may help many to see and accept Jesus
TALK: Hearts Ready in Chile (*For this talk use from week's program folder article entitled "She Hath Done What She Could".*)
PRAYER for CHILE: its unevangelized hosts, its 2807 Baptists, 12 S.B.C. missionaries of whom 4 look to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for support
HYMN: "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"
TALK: Getting Hearts Ready in Argentina (*For this talk use from week's program folder article entitled "Argentina's Greatest Need".*)
PRAYER for ARGENTINA: its unevangelized hosts, its 4403 Baptists (*including Uruguay*), 22 S.B.C. missionaries of whom 6 look to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for support
TALK: Hearts Receptive in Uruguay (*For this talk use from week's program folder article entitled "Present Conditions and Needs in Uruguay".*)
PRAYER for URUGUAY: its unevangelized hosts, its Baptists, 2 S.B.C. missionaries
HYMN: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"
RENDERING of LEAFLET: "The Good News Spreads in South America" (Order leaflet for 3c from W.M.U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)
TALK: That Other Brazilian Hearts May Be Ready (*For this talk use from week's program folder material entitled "Holding the Ropes".*)
PRAYER for BRAZIL: its unevangelized hosts, its 39001 Baptists, 87 S.B.C. missionaries of whom 30 look to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for support
TALK: Getting Hearts Ready in Mexico (*For this talk use from week's program folder article entitled "Mexican Baptist Seminary".*)

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

PRAYER for MEXICO: its unevangelized hosts, its 3703 Baptists, 18 S.B.C. missionaries of whom 2 look to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for support

HYMN: "Away in a Manger"

READING of APPEAL from FOREIGN BOARD: (See booklet: "Where Is He?")

DISPLAY and EXPLANATION of CALENDAR for MISSIONARIES' SUPPORT

INGATHERING of LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS as to WEEK'S PROGRAM

HYMN for YEAR: *(Audience Standing)* "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

TUESDAY, December 4—SUBJECT, Hearts Satisfied with Jesus

HYMN: "Christ for the World We Sing" —**PRAYER by SUNBEAM LEADER**

HYMN: "Close to Thee" —**SILENT MEDITATION**

SCRIPTURE LESSON by R.A. COUNSELOR: Hearts Satisfied with Jesus—*Luke 2: 27b-32*

PRAYER that the week's study and offering may greatly help to "reveal" Jesus to the "gentiles and to His people Israel"

TALK: That Hearts May Again Be Satisfied in Palestine *(For this talk use from week's program folder article entitled "Workers Together with God".)*

PRAYER for PALESTINE-SYRIA: its unevangelized hosts, its 109 southern Baptists, 3 S.B.C. missionaries, its Good Will Center which looks to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for support

HYMN: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

TALK: Proving Satisfied in Manchuria *(For this talk use from week's program folder article entitled "Mr. and Mrs. Leo of Manchuria".)*

PRAYER for CHINA: its unevangelized hosts, its 37672 southern Baptists, 194 S.B.C. missionaries of whom 55 look to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for support

TALK: Other Hearts Ready in China *(For this talk use from week's program folder article entitled "Shih Shen, the Apostle to the Mountains".)*

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

TALK: Ready Also in Japan *(For this talk use from week's program folder article entitled "From Our Two Baptist Schools in Japan".)*

PRAYER for JAPAN: its unevangelized hosts, its 2686 southern Baptists, 18 S.B.C. missionaries of whom 8 look to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for support

HYMN: "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

TALK: Ever Ready in Argentina *(For this talk use from week's program folder article entitled "Maria de Blanco".)*

RENDERING of LEAFLET: "Diversities of Gifts among Missionaries" (Order leaflet for 3c from W.M.U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

PRAYER for 394 S.B.C. MISSIONARIES of whom 113 look to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for support

TALK: Why the Name—Lottie Moon Christmas Offering *(For this talk see article by same title in week's program folder.)*

HYMN: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

PRAYER for WEEK'S PROGRAM and OFFERING

INGATHERING of LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS as to WEEK'S PROGRAM

SILENT PRAYER —**HYMN:** "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

WEDNESDAY, December 5—SUBJECT, Hearts Rejoicing in Jesus

HYMN: "O, Come All Ye Faithful" —**PRAYER by G.A. COUNSELOR**

HYMN: "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?" —**SILENT MEDITATION**

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Hearts Rejoicing in Jesus—*Matt. 2:8-20*

PRAYER that the week's program and prayers may lead many to rejoice to "offer their treasures to Jesus"

TALK on PERMANENT MOTTO: "Christmas for Christ" *(For this talk use from week's program folder material entitled "Christ's Christmas List".)*

TALK: Hearts Rejoicing in Brazil *(For this talk use from week's program folder article entitled "Dona Feliciana Silva".)*

HYMN: "Angel Voices Ever Singing"

TALK: Happy Hearts in China *(For this talk use from week's program folder article entitled "Yin Ching".)*

PRAYER for faithful Christians in every land

TALKS: Rejoicing in Yet Other Lands *(For these 3 talks use from week's program folder articles entitled "A Thousand Baptisms a Year"—"From Africa"—"Holding On in Italy".)*

PRAYER for AFRICA: its unevangelized hosts, its 28877 southern Baptists, 30 S.B.C. missionaries of whom 7 look to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for support

PRAYER for EUROPE: its unevangelized hosts, its 70915 southern Baptists, 8 S.B.C. missionaries of whom 1 looks to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for support

HYMN: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

TALKS: How Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Has Made Hearts to Rejoice in Japan and Brazil *(For these two talks use from week's program folder articles entitled "Some Results for Japan of Our 1933 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering"—"Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Brazilian W.M.U.")*

SEASON of PRAYER for W.M.U. Work on Foreign Fields (For itemized list see week's program folder.)

PRAY also for members of these Unions in their observance of "Day of Prayer around the World".

HYMN: "Come Women, Wide Proclaim"

PRAYER for James Memorial School in Rumania

INGATHERING of LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

RENDERING of LEAFLET: "Two Sunny Hearts" (Order leaflet for 3c from W.M.U. Literature Dep't. 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS concerning Christmas Pageant, "Day of Prayer around the World" and Thursday's Program

HYMN: "Children of the Heavenly King" —**SILENT MEDITATION**

THURSDAY, December 6—SUBJECT, Hearts Responding to Jesus

HYMN: "Fling Out the Banner" —**PRAYER by Y.W.A. COUNSELOR**

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Hearts Responding to Jesus—*Matt. 2:1-11*

PRAYER that W.M.U. members' hearts may this week respond with faithful prayers and generous gifts

TALKS: Teaching Hearts to Respond in Chile and Brazil *(For these 2 talks use from week's program folder articles entitled "Training for Preachers"—"Need for Training Workers".)*

PRAYER for all S.B.C. foreign mission schools, 3 of which are helped by Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (See list in week's program folder.)

HYMN: "Send the Light"

TALK: Hearts Responding in Uruguay *(For this talk use from week's program folder article entitled "The Gospel Makes Progress in Uruguay".)*

RENDERING of LEAFLET: "A Missionary Church" (Order leaflet for 3c from W.M.U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

TALKS: Hearty Response in China *(For these 3 talks use from week's program folder articles entitled "A Happy Chinese Family"—"Yangchow-Chinkiang Short-Term Bible School"—"Gold, Silver and Precious Stones".)*

HYMN: "Bringing In the Sheaves"

SEASON of PRAYER for Certain Objects on List of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Such as—Native Work in Italy, Publication Work in S.B.C. Foreign Fields, Allowances for Missionaries' Children, Itinerating Expenses and Rent of Missionaries, Furlough Expenses (See list in week's program folder.)

INGATHERING of LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS concerning "Day of Prayer around the World"

SEASON of PRAYER *(Select one petition from each S.B.C. foreign field as listed in Friday's pamphlet, asking 14 women to offer the prayers, as an "earnest" of Friday's unceasing intercession for those lands.)*

HYMN for YEAR: *(Audience Standing)* "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

FRIDAY, December 7—DAY of PRAYER around the WORLD

SUBJECT: Hearts Interceding through Jesus

(For Friday's program see pamphlet as explained in week's program folder.)

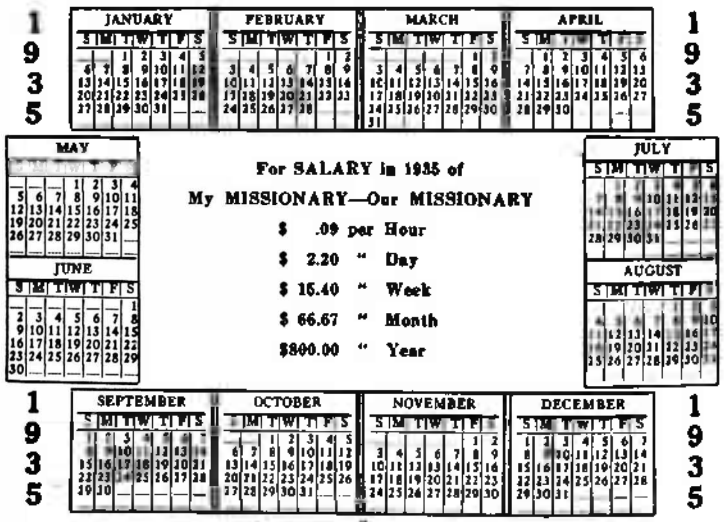
EDITORIAL *(Concluded from Page 4)*

Italy we were much impressed with a fine group of women from several churches, whom we met in the home of the Whittinghills, and with the congregation of the church in Florence with whom we worshipped on our last Sunday evening and with whom we witnessed a baptismal service.

That which we have seen and heard throughout Europe leads us to plead for unusual devotion in participation in the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and for generous giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The help which our prayers and gifts bring to these fields is a source of tremendous strengthening of the work, as in every field the world round. We must now say with the great apostle, "I am debtor".

REAL RED-LETTER DAYS

MANY societies experience such days by persuading their members or other interested friends to support a Lottie Moon Christmas Offering missionary for 365 days or 31 or 7 or 1 day. Such donors choose the day or days that are especially sacred in their own lives, those days being marked with Christmas red on a large calendar of the new year. You will rejoice if you carry out this plan in your society and church.



PREPARING for PRAYER WEEK

In ATLANTA

The most outstanding week in our Woman's Missionary Society of Tabernacle Baptist Church of Atlanta, Ga., last year was the Week of Prayer and study at the close of which was brought the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. Beginning in January each circle had prayed definitely for and looked forward to this week. At each circle meeting an offering, known as the "Lottie Moon Christmas Offering", was taken and kept until this time.

All circles were urged to study the book, "Lottie Moon", by Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence. This added greatly in interest and inspiration. Inactive members were asked to read this book, to pray for and make a sacrificial offering. Several women became active members from this. Just prior to our Week of Prayer an all-day mission study class was held at the church using the book, "Christ in the World".

All junior organizations had part on the Week of Prayer program. The Wednesday evening prayer service was given over to the program so that the Business Women's Circle and the Young Women's Auxiliary might have a part. At this service an offering was taken, this being the only time during the week until the last day when all offerings were brought. The program was well planned, the Spirit-filled devotionals each day drawing all in closer fellowship with the Master.

On Friday afternoon two foreign missionaries were with us. Dr. T. W. Ayers, who had known Miss Moon, talked in his own characteristic way of the needs and work on foreign fields.

The offering was brought by circles and by organizations. When the church secretary had checked it, more than eleven times the offering of the year before had been given.

A missionary pastor and his wife, vitally interested in this offering, had led and encouraged our women. Prayerful, systematic and sacrificial giving had brought to pass that which a year before would have been considered an impossibility.—*Mrs. Roger S. Howell, Ga.*

In JACKSONVILLE

THE methods used by our society at Riverside Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., for the December Week of Prayer to project the most interest and results that I have observed were when the Executive Committee discussed same in its meeting. Announcements were made at program and business meetings of same, and the new Stewardship Chairman made a heart appealing talk on "Giving", sacrificially and otherwise; she also gave suggestions. Last year we used "Blessing Boxes" to save our pennies, nickels and dimes which increased our giving one-third over the previous year. "The dollar-of-dimes card" was used for March home missions and more than doubled the gifts.

Our Program Chairman is prompt in getting the material for the December Week of Prayer programs to the new circle leaders, to present. Our aim is to give interest and variety to the programs. One used the majority of her circle, another two or three good speakers, another a splendid speaker from another church for a part, another gave a dramatization. The Wednesday program is rendered at the church prayer meeting hour. This gives a missionary contact with the men of the church. December 1932 the capable circle leader presented "in person Lottie Moon and Margie Shumate" dressed in the style of their day, who brought a great message of their work in China. At close

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FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

A PERSONAL MESSAGE

Almost in the heart of Rome in the square of San Lorenzo, opposite the fourth century Roman Catholic church of that name, on the Mission property are the modest Baptist headquarters. This is the gathering place for our pastors who are passing through town; also our little W.M.U. meets here, when we have a lecture on some great missionary. The willing hands of one of our young secretaries produces coffee, lemonade or tea on many occasions. There is also a blue platter for crackers of which we are proud. The Christian who is at the head here is known to the office staff as "l'angelo colla barba" (*the angel with a beard*) because of his unfailing patience and courtesy in helping "lame dogs over stiles". Our Publishing House is also located here.

Thanks to the gracious giving of our W.M.U's. of America at the time of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering our Baptists of Italy have been able to continue important features of our work. Many non-evangelicals, who would never enter one of our churches, can only become acquainted with our beliefs through our publications. In a sense this is an "open sesame" for religious opportunity. "Il Seminatore" (*The Sower*) is a leaflet for the working classes, showing them how to have Christ as a personal friend and where to find comfort in their poverty. It is written in a clear, concise fashion and has a large circulation. This had been discontinued but is now alive again and fills a real need. "Il Testimonio" (*The Witness*) is a monthly church organ which holds our little congregation together, by giving them news of general religious interest. It encourages a holy emulation and gives the brethren some idea of what is going on in the Baptist world. This publication is pleasingly gotten up with vignettes and decorations designed by Paolo Paschetto, a prominent Italian artist and a deacon in one of our Rome Baptist churches. Signor Fasulo is the capable editor.

The Publication House is the pivot on which the work turns. The immense correspondence, which the representative of our Board has, could not be dealt with unless there were secretaries. Records must be kept, copies of letters made, religious literature sent out and proofs corrected, but the lack of funds allows for none of this necessary secretarial help. If you of the W.M.U. had not come to the rescue with your financial help we should be trying here to make furrows with no plow!

Next year a number of tracts should be reprinted if possible. So the dear W.M.U. is helping scatter the Seed and we shall reap in due time *if* we faint not!—*Mrs. D. G. Whittinghill, Rome, Italy*

"PRAY for PEACE of JERUSALEM"

THE following requests for prayer have come from Miss Elsie Clor, the only S.B.C. missionary in Jerusalem:

Pray for a revival in Jerusalem church and that the young people who have been saved this year will gain permission from their parents to follow Christ in baptism.

Pray for a Spirit-filled man as pastor and worker among our young men and boys.

Pray for Miss Fenderson's complete recovery so that Miss Clor will be able to take her much needed furlough in the spring. Miss Fenderson is a volunteer worker with Miss Clor.

Pray that we might be guided by the Spirit of God in all our service for Him in Jerusalem.

Pray for two fine Jewish lads who are almost persuaded that they may fully surrender to Christ.

Pray that we may be guided in finding someone as a helper to Miss Fenderson while Miss Clor is on furlough.

TRAINING SCHOOL

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

CHRISTMAS at GOOD WILL CENTER

It was Tuesday. The women of the Friendly Circle had sung together and in the quiet of the candle lighted room thought seriously about the deeper meaning of Christmas. Then the tree and all the decorations seemed to breathe expectancy, when suddenly there came the tinkle of bells and old Santa himself was with them. How the faces of the mothers—their hearts burdened by many problems, not the least of which was how to give the children at home a happy Christmas with little money—beamed with pleasure as in turn they were called to receive a jar of fruit and a gift. "Now, Mary, have you been a good girl?" Santa asked of one grandmother. "Yes, ma'am", came the emphatic reply, for even the costume could not hide the fact that Miss Edwards, director of the work, was bringing such fun. "How do you all ever think up such nice things to do?" was the grateful question with which they left.

It was Friday. In the gymnasium an attentive group watched club boys and girls present a Christmas play. Its message was felt; audience and actors alike were affected by the beauty of the manger scene.

It was Saturday. The kindergarten room held a large group of small children who, revelling in the beauty of the tree, had been singing and playing. But everything lost its attraction when Santa Claus entered. For a few moments there was silence: each child was too thrilled for words, but how eloquent were the little faces! And then began the fun, each one marching up for a lovely toy with his or her own name on it. Downstairs with the juniors the climax was again the visit of Santa with his pack. To each eager child he gave a gay little package containing a washrag and a cake of beautifully colored soap. The intermediate boys were supposed to be playing in the gym, but somehow the basketball held no charm: when Santa Claus came their way with a handkerchief and a Testament they were as happy as the little folks. After the others had gone two little girls were waiting for their mother to come for them. The younger confessed that her five years old sister wanted a doll. Some one remembered a big doll, not beautiful even at first, now dusty with age, stored away. This was brought, wrapped in newspaper "till Mother can make it clean for you", and put into the proud arms of the child whose face glowed with delight as she carried it home.

It was Christmas Eve. But space will not permit describing that interesting day with the usual Sunday school plus the bright tarlatan bags and, best of all, the well filled baskets delivered late that afternoon.

All in all, it was "the best Christmas we've had in a long time". And the "extras"—made possible by the Training School girls sharing the good things, which had been sent them, and by the people of the Louisville churches sending money, toys and baskets of food—meant extra happiness for many and drew them closer to Good Will Center. Its spirit went on into the year ahead as week by week in many ways we tried to help the Good Will Center families realize the life abundant the Child of Bethlehem came to bring.—*Elizabeth Hale, China*

SOCIETY METHODS

ACHIEVING — AIMING

From Mississippi—Each committee had charge of one point and was responsible for that one. I presented a W.M.U. pin to the circle having the largest attendance during the year at the missionary program meetings. This helped to increase the average attendance. Each young people's leader was kept active. We always mark up the Standard of Excellence every month.—*Mrs. Chas. Brumfield, Magnolia*

From North Carolina—The one thing above all others that helped us to be A-1 in 1933 was a close check by months on every circle and every organization. This we did by making a chart that contained all standard requirements and the month in which each was to be done. At the top was the name of the organization and the number of the circle. On the chart was space for two seals: a blue seal for the required number present at the meeting and for personal service; the red seal was given for special work for the month. Counselors or representatives from each organization were expected to be present at each general meeting and to give a report on all required work. Another thing that assured our reaching the standard was the making of duplicate copies of the financial report, these being turned over to the president each quarter. If an organization was short one quarter, it was urged to make it up in the next.—*Miss Ora Motsinger, Waughtown Baptist Church, Winston-Salem*

From Tennessee — This is the method we used in 1933 in helping to reach the standards in our W.M.S. We had four circles; each circle "adopted" one of the young people's organizations for the year, helping it to "carry on"; then our W.M.S. marked up the standard at each meeting; circle standards were also used and there was a banner given to the circle reaching the highest point; by reaching the circle standards it was easy to reach the society standard.—*Mrs. Clem Howell, Alamo* **(A-1 for at Least 4 Years)**

From Kentucky—Why was ours an A-1 Full Graded Union? I can think of no better method than thorough organization with loyal leaders. The most minute detail was watched and checked month by month. We are justly proud of our society not only because it is A-1 but also because we have Christian women who are vitally interested in the work and cause for which the W.M.U. stands.—*Mrs. E. E. Waltz, Immanuel Church, Lexington* **(A-1 for at Least 4 Years)**

From South Carolina—One of the outstanding things in helping to make our church A-1 is the cooperation of leaders of young people's organizations. —*Mrs. Fred Phillips, Grassy Pond Church* **(A-1 for at Least 5 Years)**

From Florida—A group of noble women worked with me to achieve a place on the missionary honor roll of churches in which every resident woman member contributed to missions. More than half of our active W.M.S. members take *Royal Service*. The missionary education of our women through *Royal Service* programs was a great factor. However, I believe that our success was due to the distribution of alabaster boxes, one to each resident woman member. These are collected and opened quarterly; this is made a festive occasion. Of course we talked and prayed much for missions.—*Mrs. H. G. Anderson, Tallyrand Baptist Church, Jacksonville*

From Virginia—While we work hard for the standard, our aim is yet a little higher: we try to make a point better than the standard calls for. There is always a willingness on the part of our members to go out and work for worthy objects. Prayer has meant so much to us. There has been a beautiful spirit of cooperation between officers and members.—*Mrs. Lettie Hinman, Chincoteague Baptist Church.* . . . We have found that the best method which we used for reaching the Standard of Excellence was to keep constantly before our Union exactly how we stood on the standard each month. Of course prayer was the keynote of our success, because through prayer we catch the vision of the needs of today and through prayer we receive power to do things God wants us to do.—*Mrs. P. G. Longest, St. Stephens Baptist Church* **(A-1 for at Least 2 Years)** . . . Each member does her part. We hold our monthly meetings in the homes of our members. We make each member feel that we can't do without her.—*Mrs. H. A. May, Broadway* **(A-1 for at Least 6 Years)**

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of program the congregation was asked to stay for a social half hour "to meet the missionaries". Simple refreshments of a hot drink and wafers were served. The men are appreciative and gladly give this hour to the society.

The deepest spiritual blessing was when the leader called upon all for a minute of silent prayer to attune our hearts to the message to follow. There was another appeal for sentence prayers; these were given besides the prayers for definite objects.—*Mrs. N. B. O'Kelley, Fla.*

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FAMILY ALTAR

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: "This Day . . . . a Saviour"—*Luke 2:11*

BORN Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever:
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring.

BY Thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.
—*Charles Wesley*

"He Shall Come"

1st Day—Gen. 3:15; 12:3; 49:10
2nd Day—Isa. 42:1, 2; 53:7
3rd Day—Jer. 33:15-18
4th Day—Zech. 9:9; 13:1
5th Day—Mal. 3:1-3; 4:2
6th Day—Acts 3:22-24
7th Day—Matt. 12:17-21; 21:5, 11

"His Name Shall Be"

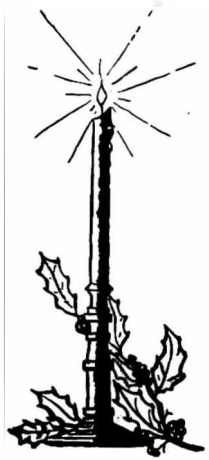
8th Day—Isa. 7:14; 11:10; 9:6; 61:1
9th Day—John 3:2; 14:6; 15:1
10th Day—Eph. 5:23, 32; 6:14-18
11th Day—I Pet. 2:4-8; 5:4, 10, 14
12th Day—Heb. 12:2; 2:10; 10:29
13th Day—Rev. 1:5; 3,12, 14, 21; 5:5, 6, 8, 12; 6:16
14th Day—Rev. 7:9, 10, 17; 12:11; 13:8; 14:1, 4; 15:3

"The Son of Man Is Come"

15th Day—Matt. 14:33; 18:11; 16:15, 16
16th Day—Mark 1:1-11
17th Day—Luke 3:1-38
18th Day—John 1:41, 45; 4:25, 26
19th Day—Acts 28:33
20th Day—Rom. 1:2-4; 8:32; 10:16
21st Day—I John 5:6-9

The Christmas Story

22nd Day—Matt. 1:18-25
23rd Day—Matt. 2:1-15
24th Day—Luke 1:26-35
25th Day—Luke 2:1-20
26th Day—Luke 2:21-35
27th Day—Luke 2:36-52
28th Day—Matt. 2:16-23
29th Day—John 1:1, 2, 14; 3:34, 35
30th Day—II Cor. 4:14; 5:15
31st Day—II Tim. 2:8



"Pray Ye"

Hallow the Name of God for His Unspeakable Gift.

Thank God for all that is meant by the birthday of Christ.

Ask forgiveness for any misuse of Christmas.

Seek guidance: (1) in Christmas personal service; (2) in Christian friendliness to college students; (3) in helpfulness to aged ministers; (4) in reaching every worthy aim of the society; (5) in planning for the new year.

Intercede for missionaries on furlough and on the fields; plead also for the sending out of needed recruits.

Pray for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, that it may go far beyond its goal and that every W.M.U. member may yet give to it a worthy gift in loving gratitude for the coming of Christ.

Calendar of Prayer
December, 1934

Prepared by Mrs. Maud R. McLure, Georgia

AND what do I want for Christmas?
Perfumes and jewels to wear?
Nay, such were the gifts that kings bore
Who thought a King was there,
When in the darkness, on the hay,
A Babe in need of comfort lay.

Topic: Back to Bethlehem

1—SATURDAY
Pray for Rev. and †Mrs. Norman F. Williamson (*on furlough*), educational and evangelistic work, Fukuoka, Japan.
I will pour forth of My Spirit upon all flesh.—Acts 2:17

2—SUNDAY
For pastors preaching on foreign missions, thus introducing Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions; also for Every Member Canvass
Go ye—pray ye—give ye.—Matt. 28:19; Luke 10:2; Mark 6:37

3—MONDAY
For faithful observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, Dec. 3-7 inclusive
These all with one accord continued steadfastly in prayer.—Acts 1:14

4—TUESDAY
For Dr. and Mrs. J. McF. Gaston, medical and evangelistic work, Laichow-fu, China
He that loseth his life for My sake shall find it.—Matt. 10:39

5—WEDNESDAY
For Rev. and *Mrs. John L. Bice, evangelistic work, Maceio, Brazil
Be ye merciful even as your Father is merciful.—Luke 6:36

6—THURSDAY
For Miss Willie H. Kelly, evangelistic work, Shanghai, China
Be perfected; be comforted.
—II Cor. 13:11

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

8—SATURDAY
For Dr. and Mrs. George Green, medical and evangelistic work, Ogbomosn, Nigeria, and Lydia May and Dorothy Green, Margaret Fund students
Commit thy works unto Jehovah and thy purposes shall be established.
—Prov. 16:3

9—SUNDAY
Pray that the Christ of Bethlehem may bring peace to all the earth.
Jehovah will bless His people with peace.
—Psa. 29:11

10—MONDAY
Pray for Miss Elsie Clor, evangelistic work, Jerusalem, Palestine.
Christ redeemed us.—Gal. 3:13

11—TUESDAY
For Miss Anna B. Hartwell, evangelistic work, Hwang-Hsien, China
He will keep the feet of His holy ones.
—I Sam. 2:9

12—WEDNESDAY
For Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Langston (*on furlough*), Rio Baptist College, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Mary E. Langston, Margaret Fund student
To you is the promise and to your children.—Acts 2:39

13—THURSDAY
For †Miss Mary Alexander, Pooi To Academy, Canton, China
In the day of trouble He will keep me secretly in His pavilion.—Psa. 27:5

14—FRIDAY
For Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Hayes, evangelistic work, Pernambuco, Brazil
His heart is fixed, trusting in Jehovah.
—Psa. 112:7

15—SATURDAY
For Rev. and †Mrs. A. R. Gallimore and Miss Ruth Pettigrew, evangelistic work, Walchow, China
We have, as an anchor of the soul, a hope.
—Heb. 6:19

†*Attended W.M.U. Training School*
*Attended Southwestern Training School

Calendar of Prayer
December, 1934

THEN what do I want for Christmas?
To watch a Star with you
In wonder, still as the shepherds';
To hear songs fill the blue
And, dreaming of that Babe asleep,
To have a child's faith, sweet and deep!
—*Violet Allyn Storey*

Topic: Back to Bethlehem

16—SUNDAY
Pray that Christ may be exalted in the Christmas celebrations in our Good Will Centers and Mission Sunday Schools.
Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these—ye did it unto Me.—Matt. 25:40

17—MONDAY
Pray for Rev. and †Mrs. J. H. Ware, evangelistic work, Shanghai, China.
He that feareth Him and worketh righteousness is acceptable to Him.
—Acts 10:35

18—TUESDAY
For *Miss Bernice Neel, evangelistic work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
He who converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul.—Jas. 5:20

19—WEDNESDAY
For Misses †*Hattie Stallings and †Mattie Vie Summer (*on furlough*), educational work, Kweilin, China
They shall not labor in vain.—Isa. 65:23

20—THURSDAY
For *Miss Anne N. Laseter, Colegio Bautista, Temuco, Chile
Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.
—Psa. 17:8

21—FRIDAY
For Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Leavell (*on furlough*), medical and evangelistic work, Wuchow, China, and Cornelia Leavell, Margaret Fund student
I will strengthen them in Jehovah.
—Zech. 10:12

22—SATURDAY
For Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Bowdler, educational and evangelistic work, and for xxMiss Minnie McIlroy, Publishing House, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Guard that which is committed unto thee.
—I Tim. 6:20

23—SUNDAY
Pray for the unevangelized multitudes in the land of our Saviour's birth
It is the power of God unto salvation—to the Jew first.—Rom. 1:16

24—MONDAY
For Rev. and †Mrs. Frank Connely, evangelistic work, Tsinlingchow, China
There is a happy end to the man of peace.—Psa. 37:37

25—TUESDAY
For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour.
—Luke 2:11

26—WEDNESDAY
Pray for †Miss Sophie Lanneau, Girls' School, Soochow, China
He covereth him all the day long.
—Deut. 33:12

27—THURSDAY
For Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Neal, educational work, Saltillo, Mexico
Thou hast been my help.—Psa. 63:7

28—FRIDAY
For Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Taylor (*on furlough*), educational work, Jaguaquara, Brazil
Let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God continually.—Heb. 13:15

29—SATURDAY
For Rev. and Mrs. A. Scott Patterson (*on pension from Africa*) and Pansy Patterson, Margaret Fund student
Jehovah is thy keeper.—Psa. 121:5

30—SUNDAY
For all Christian workers as they make plans for the New Year
Redeeming the time because the days are evil.—Eph. 5:16

31—MONDAY
For §Dr. and †Mrs. S. Emmett Ayers, medical and evangelistic work, Hwang-Hsien, China
I will bless Jehovah who hath given me counsel.—Psa. 16:7

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BIBLE STUDY

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

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

TOPIC: "This Day . . . . a Saviour"—*Luke 2:11*

The names by which our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is known are many. We are familiar with Isaiah's glorious prophecy. (*Quote Isaiah 9:6.*) Isaiah also declared the Son of God to be Emmanuel, Ensign, Covenant of the People, Arm of the Lord, Consolation of Israel, God of the Whole Earth. Other Old Testament appellations are: Branch, Captain of the Lord's Host, Chiefest among Ten Thousand, Lord Strong and Mighty, Seed of the Woman, Sceptre, Star, Sun of Righteousness. In the New Testament are titles revealing the nature, the attributes and the ministry of the Man of Galilee. Paul in writing to Timothy said, "Those who use His name must depart from evil" (*II Tim. 2:19*).

May we think upon these names as we celebrate the birthday of our Saviour! Jesus is all, even more, than these titles indicate. Writers of the Gospels and of the Epistles, along with John in Revelation, have given us a beautiful imagery. They present Christ our Advocate. He is described as Alpha and Omega, Angel of His Presence, Author and Finisher of Our Faith. In Him we behold the Saviour of the World, the Seed of David, Our Mediator, the Lamb of God, the Head of the Church, the Great Shepherd of the Sheep, the Beginning and the End of the Creation of God. One looks to Him as Rabboni. To another He is Righteous Judge. He appears as Lord of the Dead and Living. He is the Man Christ Jesus. He is Minister of the Sanctuary. He is Prophet, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. "Unto you therefore which believe, He is precious". "Unto you . . . (*quote Luke 2:11*). "This day . . . a Saviour!" Today He is yours. Yours to bless, to praise, to magnify. He is your Saviour to love, to adore, to enjoy forever. He is yours to give to the world. That part of the world into which Jesus came needs Him today just as much as it needed Him two thousand years ago. Your neighbor needs the Christmas message. Meditate on the beautiful Scriptures suggested on the Family Altar page. Ask the Heavenly Father to show you some one who will listen to you as you tell of the great love which prompted the sending of God's Son.

Christ is the Anointed One. Melchizedek, Abraham, Aaron and Moses are distinct types of Christ. Not one of these could be called the Anointed. Jesus came as a babe. Forget not, my friends, that He came, a Saviour.

As the Babe of Bethlehem He came
To Mary, the Virgin Mother;
Wonderful, Mighty is His name,
Salvation in none other.
At Christmas time we celebrate
His birthday. And we know
'Tis pleasing to our Advocate
When others Him we show.

Let Christmas Day mean more this year
Than any time before
Live, pray and give to make it clear
That you His name adore.
To little children sing the songs
And teach them carols sweet;
Bring to the throne those waiting throngs;
Lay all at Jesus' feet

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Miss Inabelle Coleman, Virginia

Suggestion for Poster—Sketch a lovely Christmas fire place with wreathes, candles, cheerful fire and the filled stockings hanging by the chimney. These stockings are to be running over with gifts. Some of the gifts peeping out of the top of six of these stockings bear these names—hope, joy, glory, peace, salvation, love and are tagged for Japan, China, Europe, Africa, South America, Palestine. The other stockings are tagged for members of the family to be helped this Christmas by the circle. *Under the sketch print:*

Are All Your Stockings Filled?

Time..... **B.W.C.**..... **Place**.....

Across the top of the poster print:

A Bethlehem Christmas

SUGGESTION for PROGRAM

Presentation—On a long table in front of room improvise a *World Highway from Bethlehem*. At left end of the table construct a miniature Bethlehem copied from familiar pictures. On the cellophane window panes paste gold letters spelling: joy, glory, peace, hope, salvation and love. Down the highway construct six small houses of construction paper duplicating typical homes of South America, Africa, China, Europe, Palestine and Japan. At the right end of the highway set up a small, beautifully decorated world Christmas tree with a cross above the star. Run an electric cord down the highway and have a tiny electric bulb in each house. With the presentation of the first talk, turn on the lights in Bethlehem and, with each talk, continue turning on the lights in the houses one by one and, finally, turn on the lights of the tree during the closing lines of the program.

Christmas Clarions—*Is your B.W.C.* claiming the blessing of bringing gifts to Christ on His birthday in the name of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering that all the world may share your Christmas-love this year?

Is your B.W.C. sending Christmas greetings to the local school teachers who are going home for the holidays?

Is your B.W.C. claiming the privilege of bringing the Christmas Spirit to some lonely shut-in, poor family or orphan?

Is your B.W.C. individually seeking to win the unsaved in your midst to Christ before Christmas-day? What more acceptable gift could we bring to the Master at this season?

TOPIC for MONTH—BACK to BETHLEHEM

String Quartette: Christmas Carols (*as members assemble*)
Silent Meditation and Quiet Prayer
Hymn (Softly): "Silent Night"
The Christmas Story: Luke 2:7-20 (*See page 17.*)
Prayer for Guidance by Our Saviour
Business and Current Missionary Events (*See page 35.*)
Hymn: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"
Back to Bethlehem—(*See page 20.*)
Duet: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
God's Calendar—(*See page 21.*) —*Silent Prayer*
Around the World with Christmas—(*See pages 22-26.*)
Solo: "Living for Jesus"
Where There Is No Christmas—(*See page 27.*) —*Prayer*
Playlette: Putting Christ into Christmas—(*See pages 28-30.*)
Hymn: "Joy to the World" —*Benediction*

PROGRAM PLANS

Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Again a Christmas program to plan! Possibly this is the last meeting in the hands of the present Program Committee. If so they will want to make it the very best of the whole year and leave a high standard for the incoming committee. Certainly the very best anyone can do is none too good for this sweet and joyous Christmas season.

The committee will first wish to read carefully the material given by Mrs. Creasman (*pages 20-30*). Then there will be a prayer for guidance in using this splendid material and in adapting the suggestions she gives.

First, the place of meeting should be given a Christmas look. There should be enough decoration to express a cheery welcome to all. If possible the seats should be arranged a little differently. Since the star is the central emblem in the program material, the seats might be arranged in five groups to represent the five points of the star. The program easily divides into five heads: Christmas in Chile, in Africa, in China, in Roumania and at home. A part of the decoration in the room in which the meeting is held might be a large tinsel star. From each of the five points streamers may lead to the five groups of women, each streamer bearing the name of one of the five countries. As the chosen speaker tells of her country she may represent her group of women as coming from Chile or China etc. She may say: "We have come from far off Roumania to tell you how our people follow the Bethlehem road at Christmas". Or, "We have come to tell you how the Bethlehem road has reached into Africa and brought the joys of Christmas".

Since the Program Committee must be ever watchful of the time allotted, a choice must be made between some of the parts given in the material offered. According to the type of your society, choose between "Back to Bethlehem" (*page 20*) and "God's Calendar" (*page 21*). The leader may be able to use a few items from the one omitted, but she must be careful of the time she allows herself.

"Around the World with Christmas" gives us glimpses of Christmas celebrations in four of our mission lands. The leader may introduce the four speakers in the following way: Mrs. ..... will bring us a story of a Christmas in Chile by Mrs. Cecil Moore, our missionary there. She calls it, "Where Chile Christmas Is Warm". This will be followed by "Christmas Lights in Dark Africa", as told by Mrs. B. L. Lockett. Then "Christmas in South China" by Miss Mary Alexander; then "Christmas Customs in Roumania" by Miss Earl Hester. (*Pages 22-26*)

A Christmas hymn may be used here. The leader may then say: "We have spoken of some Christmas customs in Roumania as 'heathenish'; now let us look at some of our own celebrations in our Baptist Christian homes and see if they are not even farther away from the real meaning of Christmas than the Roumanian custom of giving food to the representative of their church. Could every Baptist home in the south invite a Baptist minister to share in all of their Christmas celebrations? The last of Bethlehem roads leads to our home".

"Putting Christ into Christmas" should be given at this place in the program. It should be made as impressive as possible. (*Pages 28-30*)

Many societies take their Lottie Moon Christmas Offering at the December meeting. Suitable receptacles for the offering would be a star-shaped cake pan lined with silver paper and resting on a tray covered with holly or cedar. The outline of the star should be kept clearly defined.

PROGRAM for DECEMBER

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

Prepared by Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: Prayer in the Progress of Christianity

TOPIC for MONTH: Back to Bethlehem

Hymn for the Year—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Watchword for the Year
Bible Study—"This Day . . . . a Savior": *Luke 2:11* (*See page 17.*)
Prayer thanking God for the coming of the Savior —Hymn: Silent Night
Back to Bethlehem —Hymn: Oh Little Town of Bethlehem
God's Calendar
Prayer that we may endeavor to carry out God's purpose for the present time
Around the World with Christmas
- Where Chile Christmas Is Warm
- Christmas Lights in Dark Africa
- Christmas in South China
- Christmas Customs in Roumania
- Christmas at Alamo
- A Christmas Visitor

Prayer thanking God for Christmas around the world
Hymn—It Came upon the Midnight Clear —Where There Is No Christmas
Putting Christ into Christmas —Hymn: Joy to the World
Prayer that we may put Christ into our Christmas

BACK to BETHLEHEM

"Let us now go even unto Bethlehem". (Let this be given as a memorized reading while "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem" is played softly.)

Christmas always takes us back to Bethlehem. Each year at this season of festive celebration we rejoice to travel the path of holy memories back to the little Judean village which was the scene of the world's first Christmas. We follow again the weary footsteps of Joseph and Mary as they enter the crowded town, look vainly for a lodging place for the night and finally accept a rude shelter in a stable. We stand again with holy awe in the presence of the great event which transpired in that stable, as Mary brought forth her first born, who was also the Son of God, and laid Him in a manger. We follow again the trail of the shepherds as, thrilled and amazed with a message brought by an angel choir, they hasten to Bethlehem "to see this thing that is come to pass". We see again a star in a distant eastern sky and, with wise men, follow its leading light until it stands over the place that cradles a baby king; and with them we enter to worship and to lay our gifts at His feet.

Our programs this year have carried us by many roads to many places as we have traced the progress of Christianity from its beginning to the present time. It is fitting that this, our last program for 1934, shall carry us back to Bethlehem, where Christianity began. So, in this happy Christmas month—when our houses, streets and churches are decorated with Christmas greens; when our shops present a tempting display of tinsel, ribbon, cards and a thousand gift suggestions; when Christmas lights gleam from our windows; when Christmas odors scent every breeze and Christmas carols ring out on the frosty air; and when that indefinable, indescribable thrill of Christmas is pulsing through our entire being—let us go back to Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass—this event which is the cause of all our festivities and joys, this event from which the progress of Christianity dates.

Back in Bethlehem we find JOY. "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy!"

Back in Bethlehem we find GLORY. "Glory to God in the highest!"

Back in Bethlehem we find PEACE. "Peace on earth, good will to men!"

Back in Bethlehem we find HOPE. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord!"

Back in Bethlehem we find SALVATION. "He shall save His people from their sins!"

Back in Bethlehem we find LOVE. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son!"

So let us go back to Bethlehem—to the JOY and the GLORY and the PEACE and the HOPE and the SALVATION and the LOVE which make Bethlehem the destiny of all Christmas fancies and the Mecca of all Christmas dreams.

It isn't far to Bethlehem town!
It's anywhere that Christ comes down
And finds in people's friendly face
A welcome and abiding place:
The road to Bethlehem runs right through
The homes of folks like me and you".

GOD'S CALENDAR

"When the fullness of time came, God sent forth His Son".

AT THIS season of the year we become interested in calendars—calendars of the new year which we are just about ready to enter. I think that God has a calendar, not of just one year but of all of the ages of time which His benign providence has given to mankind. And surely the first Christmas is the red letter day of God's calendar. Bethlehem stands at the apex of the world's history. All of the events of God's providential dealings with men center in Bethlehem. All of the events of the Old Testament lead up *to* Bethlehem. All of the events of the New Testament and of the history of Christianity lead *from* Bethlehem. God spent centuries preparing for the coming of His Son, then in the fullness of time the clock struck, and a baby lay in Bethlehem's manger—salvation came to a lost world. Let us notice some of the conditions which made the time full, which placed Bethlehem's Christmas at a fitting date on God's calendar.

First, we see that it was a period of great wickedness. The Romans, who ruled the world, were arrogant and cruel and took a real joy in the shedding of blood. The vilest immorality and the grossest cruelty prevailed, not only in Rome but throughout the vast empire. It was a time of outward peace because the power of Rome had reduced practically the whole world to slavery. But in the hearts of the people there was no peace, for class warred against class, man against man, rich against poor. It was a period of both great prosperity and great poverty. The Roman nobles lived in luxury of wealth unsurpassed in the history of the world, while the common people were the victims of oppression, cruelty, fear and despair. All religions had lost their vitality.

Three things made the time propitious for the beginning of the Gospel. First, the world was more nearly united than at any time in its history. Under the conquering banners of Rome the civilized world had become one empire. And all over the empire were the famous Roman roads which converged at Rome and connected the whole world. Second, it was a time of a universal language. The Greek was the classical language of

the day, so that Christian literature written in that language could be read by the educated of all nations. Third, the Jews were scattered in every part of the world and, through their worship of God, were a united people. They had at last abandoned the idolatry, which had so cursed them, and had established in whatever places they lived synagogues where they regularly worshipped Jehovah. These were as lighthouses set amidst the darkness of the world, ready to become centers for the spread of that greater light which was to shine from Bethlehem's manger and Golgotha's cross. But the Jew's religion had lost its power in a formalism that obeyed the letter but not the spirit of the law, so even that light burned dimly.

Yes, the world was ready for Bethlehem's Christ—ready because of its great need, ready because God had prepared the roads by which the Gospel could travel speedily from Bethlehem to the rest of the world. God's calendar was ready for its red letter day.

We find many conditions today which parallel those of the time when Christ came. Again the world is very wicked, cursed with lawlessness, social vices and every conceivable evil. Again the greediness of a few rich has tied up the world's wealth while the masses of the people live in poverty. Again there is strife between classes, capital against labor, the rich against the poor. And again, even amid the darkness of world conditions, the light of true religion shines. Millions from many nations have seen Bethlehem's star and worshipped Bethlehem's King. And yet again we see the danger of this light becoming dim, because formalism, ritualism and inconsistent living on the part of believers are taking the place of spiritual Christianity. But we see, too, that the world is again united, not under one flag but by radio, railroad, steamship and cablegraph until all nations are in one neighborhood. And once again there is a universal language, English, which is fast becoming the medium of communication around the world. All of this makes us wonder what is on God's calendar for this age. Surely He has again prepared the world for the spread of the Gospel. Surely again the clock is striking a critical hour in the history of Christianity—an hour when we shall go back to Bethlehem, not only to worship and adore but also to carry *from Bethlehem to the ends of the earth* the message of Him who came to cure all the woes of mankind, to bring JOY and GLORY and PEACE and HOPE and LOVE and SALVATION to the whole world.

Around the WORLD with CHRISTMAS

"Which shall be to all the people"

THERE is a Bethlehem road which leads not *to* Bethlehem but *from* Bethlehem, the road that has carried Christmas around the world. We invite you to take this road and, in company with some of our southern Baptist missionaries, go around the world with Christmas, as we hear stories of how the birth of Christ is celebrated on our mission fields.

(The material for the following foreign mission stories was furnished by Mrs. Cecil Moore of Chile, Mrs. B. L. Lockett of Africa, Miss Mary Alexander of China and Miss Earl Hester of Roumania; the home mission stories were contributed by Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence.)

Where Chile Christmas Is Warm

It is Christmas in Chile, but a strange Christmas it seems to us. There is no ice or snow or cold winds or open fires to make things seem "Christmasy", for the glad day comes in the summer season. So sandwiched between commencement and summer vacation this Chile Christmas is as warm as a June day would be for us. But as the Bethlehem road leads us to the home of our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Cecil R. Moore, we find all the joyous bustle and the excited planning that make the charm of Christmas around the world. Santa Claus comes on Christmas eve, even if the weather is warm, decorates the tree which the Moore children have brought from the hills and leaves a gift

for each member of the family. So, early on Christmas morning in South America, even as in North America, little eyes open wide and there are shouts of joy as the big brother among the Moores distributes what Santa has left.

The Moore family has one Christmas festivity which not many of us in North America can enjoy—a Christmas picnic. It is a missionary picnic, too, for the fifteen missionaries of various denominations in Concepcion, Chile—with their children, their lunch and their bathing suits—pile into a big truck and away they go through the wooded hills to a private beach on a large farm. So, while we are sitting by our warm firesides and eating our turkey dinners in the warmth of our furnace-heated houses, these missionaries are enjoying a picnic on the beach. What fellowship and joy are theirs as they celebrate the birth of Him for whose sake they have left home and native land to dwell in a strange country among strange people!

The Moores' Christmas ends as does Christmas with many of us — with a beautiful Christmas pageant at the church. Last year before the pageant there was a baptismal service. How beautiful to celebrate the birth of Christ with the birth of a new soul into His Kingdom! Then came the pageant, which was missionary in its nature. For weeks the young people had been practicing the hymns and actions of the beautiful pageant, with a prayer that its Gospel message might reach the hearts of the many people who will come to church for a "fiesta" but will never listen to a sermon. The church was packed with people long before the program started, and those who were turned away were so insistent that they filled the windows and sidewalks outside, hoping to be able to see or hear some part of the program.

At midnight Christmas ends for the Moore family as they return home, tired but happy because they feel that God has used them on His birthday for His glory. We are glad that the Bethlehem road has led us to share this warm "Chile" Christmas with this happy missionary family.

Christmas Lights in Dark Africa

As the Christmas road leads us to Africa we find another warm Christmas. In our schools it is a mixture of Christmas and commencement because it comes at the season for the closing of school and the beginning of vacation. To our missionaries the festive day is always one of unselfish service for the black people, to whom they have devoted their lives, and of joyous fellowship with each other and with Him who brought Christmas to the world. In each of the stations the missionaries have Christmas dinner together, usually a turkey dinner with all the trimmings that the local market and gardens will afford. Then always there are some especially needy groups to be visited—blind people or perhaps lepers, who will have no Christmas joy except that brought to them by the missionaries. Then always either on Christmas eve, or sometime during Christmas day or evening, there will be a celebration at the church. Mrs. Carson tells of the first White Christmas held in the church at Ogbomoso. A tree was set up on the church lawn, all shining with candles, and to this the people brought their gifts, which included farm products, cooking utensils and small coins. Some of what they gave was distributed among the blind and lame, but most of it was taken to a leper colony.

When Mrs. Lockett went to Ogbomoso she carried with her a set of tiny colored electric bulbs, just such a set as we will hang on our trees this Christmas. This was an act of sublime faith on Mrs. Lockett's part, for at that time there was no electricity in the three hospital residences, one of which was her home. But she dreamed of having in Africa a tree whose many colored lights would shine amid the darkness of heathenism to tell the story of Him who came on Christmas to be the light of the world. So she carried the bulbs, dreaming and believing that her dream would come true.

She waited long, enduring the inconvenience of kerosene lamps and wondering when the little light bulbs could be used. Then came the day when a power house was provided for the hospital plant. It was just before Christmas that the wiring was finished, the switchboard put in place and the current turned on. A tree was set up, the little colored lights placed among its branches, the switch turned and lo! there were real Christmas lights in dark Africa! How brightly they sparkled! How wonderful they seemed to the natives, who for the first time saw electric lights on a Christmas tree! Yet more brightly than the lights on that tree shines the life of her who dreamed the dream and who, though her own life has been darkened by the death of her husband, plans to go back to continue the blessed work of setting Christmas lights shining in Africa.

Christmas in South China

Christmas begins early in our South China Mission, for the Christians usually begin practicing the carols in November, and by the first of December they are busy rehearsing the pageants, cantatas, operettas and concerts which may be a part of the celebration in the churches or schools. Miss Mary Alexander tells us that no congregation is so small or remote but that sometime during Christmas week they have their Christmas services and entertainments. The larger churches, especially in our church school centers, have very elaborate celebrations, each organization in the church and, oftentimes each grade in the school, having its own service or form of merry-making. While Christmas trees are almost always a part of the festivities in both churches and schools, Santa Claus is not encouraged to attend the church celebrations, for the tendency is to get Jesus and Santa Claus hopelessly confused in the minds of the people. However, he often comes to add to the merry-making in the schools where the history of Santa Claus and the Christmas tree can be explained. He is called "The old man from the north end".

Let us make a Christmas visit to the Tung Shan Church in Canton. This is one of our largest churches in China, with a membership of eighteen hundred. The building seats fifteen hundred. At the Christmas morning service we hear anthems sung in English just as we hear in our own churches and as beautifully rendered, too. The house is packed with people, many of them standing. The morning offering goes to the Chinese Baptist Orphanage in Canton. There are other gifts too from different organizations, not only of money but of candy, towels, stockings and huge baskets of fruit. These are publicly presented and are afterwards carried to the orphanage, Old Ladies' Home, Door of Hope and School for the Blind. The evening services are in charge of the Sunday school. A few years ago one of the members of this church who was in the United States sent four large boxes of the most beautiful tinsel, Christmas tree ornaments etc. These are treasured and kept carefully by the church, and each year their very large Christmas tree, as it appears bedecked in American finery and electric lights, is a feast for the eyes of the hundreds and even thousands that see it through the various Christmas services of the church. This is indeed an unusual sight, for Christmas decorations are not yet manufactured in China, so most of the Christmas trees are decorated with home-made paper decorations. Miss Mary Alexander in writing of the Christmas spirit of the Chinese says: "It has seemed to me ever since I came to China that the real Christmas spirit is more in evidence in China than in America. Christ, born in Bethlehem, the Savior of men, is a blessed and joyful reality to them. Real worship and praise—not so much for gifts but for Jesus Himself—characterize the Christmas service".

Again Miss Alexander says: "For me Christmas never comes in China but with it comes a burden of prayer that in

and through the Christmas services and festivities many who have never heard of Jesus may hear and that many who have heard may believe. The Christmas services furnish an unusually fine field for seed sowing. The non-Christian people come merely because they are curious, but the Holy Spirit can and does change their curiosity to interest, their interest to concern and their concern to an acceptance of Jesus as their Savior".

Christmas Customs in Roumania

As the Bethlehem road leads us to Roumania we find some strange Christmas customs. Some of these center around the making and use of Christmas cakes. These are not large like our Christmas fruit and pound cakes but are more like our cookies. They are of two varieties called *turte* and *colacii*. The *turte* are made from wheat flour mixed with honey, almonds and other nuts. The *colacii* are made from yeast dough and shaped in the form of plaited rolls. The week preceding Christmas is a busy one for the Roumanian housewife, for no matter what happens she must make plenty of these little cakes, because she must be prepared to serve them to all who may come around on Christmas eve to wish her family a merry Christmas. Miss Earl Hester tells us that there are many interesting beliefs about the yeast and dough used for Christmas cooking. For instance, it must not be borrowed. Then it is thought that the more the dough rises the more little chickens the housewife will be able to raise the coming year. In some parts of Roumania the housewife has one of the children bite nine times from the dough, all the time holding his hands behind his back. From these bites a kind of cake is rolled together and baked, and this is used as a medicine for stomach trouble.

On Christmas eve the chanters from the village church go through the town with an icon in which is painted a picture of the birth of Christ. They enter each house to bless that home. On entering, one of the chanters sets the icon on his chest, holding the upper corners with his hands, and then all begin to sing about the birth of Christ.

Early on Christmas morning the housewife rises to prepare what is called the "priest's table". She first arranges a dish of *turte* in this fashion: three or four of the cakes are taken, broken into four pieces each, dipped in warm water in which sugar has been melted and then placed in the dish. Over this is sprinkled a layer of broken cakes, pounded sugar and nuts. When this dish is arranged the woman goes into the "big house"—or the "other house" as the extra front room is called—which is always kept clean and darkened. In front of the icon in a corner of the room she places a table. She spreads on the table a beautiful table cloth, and in the middle she places a bottle of wine. To the right of the wine she places the dish of *turte* and on the other side a plate of beans and fried onions. On the same plate are placed boiled plums, and at the four corners of the table are placed small cakes. Between the cakes is placed a stalk of *canopa* which is the plant from which the white material for costumes is made. This stalk must be well combed, for some say that this is the beard of Father Christmas.

Now the priest's table is ready, and no one can go in the room until he comes to bless the food. It is believed that any one who dares to snatch a bite of this food will be covered with boils during the year. Some time during the day the priest comes to the house. After singing a song he blesses the food and then samples each kind. The man of the house uncorks the bottle of wine and drinks to the priest's health. The priest wishes for the family the usual Christmas greetings and, if he is a jolly one, he will make a few jokes with them. While he is in the house his assistants are burning incense in the yard to keep the devil away! As pay for his visit he takes the coins, which are under the table cloth, and the cakes from the right side of the wine as well as the wine itself. The village teacher, together with some school boys, always goes with the

priest with sacks on their backs to carry all the food collected in the course of the day.

There are over 52,000 Baptists in Roumania who have laid aside these heathenish customs connected with Christmas, which are the result of centuries of Catholic influence. These Baptists believe, even as we do, in a celebration of Christmas which is sacred and beautiful, and which needs no priest to bless it because it is blessed by the Spirit of Christ.

CHRISTMAS at ALAMO

"They've come! They've come!" cried the Indian boy as he rode on his horse up the canyon to tell the Navahos that the missionaries had come to bring Christmas to Alamo. The missionaries looked like Christmas as they arrived in two cars, each with a trailer piled high with mysterious looking packages. There were six in the party: Mr. and Mrs. Hicks, formerly Miss Eathyl Burnett, who was spending her fifth Christmas as missionary to the Indians; Mr. Stumph, who had just come as the new missionary to the Navahos; his son Roy; and Mrs. Chastain and her daughter who were teachers in the Indian Sunday School at Albuquerque. It was about three o'clock in the afternoon when they arrived at their camping place just in front of the Alamo Baptist Church. The message, "They've come!" soon spread from hogan to hogan to the Indians who were eagerly anticipating the coming of the Christmas visitors. So while the visitors were preparing their camp and having their supper the Indians came visiting. By the time supper was over a large group of them were there and a service was held. What a good time they had—missionaries and Indians together—talking, singing and finishing arrangements for the next day's festivities! Surely in no place around the world was there more Christmas spirit than at Alamo that night. At last the Indians went home and the visitors went to bed, some on cots in the church and others on improvised beds in their cars.

The next day dawned warm, bright and glorious. Preparations for the festivities started early, for the missionaries were hardly up before an Indian boy came and made a big open air fire from three loads of wood that had been hauled by the Indians for the occasion. Soon two other boys came bringing a beautiful Christmas tree. Missionaries and Indians worked together until the tree was a thing of beauty, decorated with tinsel and gay streamers. Many gifts hung from its branches while others were stored in large boxes underneath. Bye and bye all the Indians came and were invited to sit on the ground around the tree in the warm sunshine. Carols were sung. The new missionary was presented. The head man of the Indians welcomed him. Then the missionary preached, telling again the old Christmas story. After this the people marched to the tree, the little ones leading, and there was a gift for each one of the more than one hundred who were there. The babies received rattlers, the girls dolls, the boys marbles and balls and the grown ups gifts to their liking. When the festivities were over, the Indians returned to their hogans and the visitors to their homes in Albuquerque where they were to furnish Christmas for other Indians, all happy because of the coming of the Christ Child.

This was the third time that Christmas had come to Alamo. Yes, up to three years ago that was a forgotten canyon and those Indians had never heard of Christ. But our faithful missionaries carried the Gospel to them, they accepted Christ as their Savior, and so now every year Christmas comes to Alamo.

A Christmas Visitor

It was Christmas eve, and the Gartenhaus family in Atlanta had an unexpected guest. He was first cousin to the father of the family, our own Jewish missionary, but the Gartenhaus children had never seen him, neither had Mrs. Gartenhaus, neither had Mr. Gartenhaus for many years. And yet he was

the son of Mr. Gartenhaus' mother's sister, and in the home Mr. Gartenhaus had lived when he first came to America. But when this boy was only seven years old, Mr. Gartenhaus had been cast out of that home as a despised heretic because he had become a Christian. So for many years there had been no connection between these relatives. But on this Christmas Eve the telephone rang. This unknown cousin was on the line. He was hitch hiking to Florida to see his sister, had remembered that his cousin was living in Atlanta and so called to see about him. Of course he was invited to visit, and so it happened that on this Christmas Eve the Gartenhaus family had an unexpected guest.

They hardly knew what to do with him, for they knew that he despised the Christ whose birthday they were celebrating. But the faithful missionary family could make no compromise, so in the presence of this orthodox Jewish relative they proceeded with their usual Christmas festivities. Christian books and missionary magazines were left in plain view on the table; grace was said at the Christmas Eve supper; a Christmas tree was set up and decorated, and at bed time the Christmas story was read from the New Testament, and the children prayed "in Jesus' name". The young visitor looked on but said nothing. So lovely was Mrs. Gartenhaus that he was charmed with her, and he said afterwards that he was surprised to find his cousin—whom he had always thought of as hardly human — a gracious, refined gentleman.

As a result of that visit and other contacts with Mr. Gartenhaus, the cousin became a regular attendant at a St. Louis Baptist church while a student at Washington University. Let us hope that the Christmas visit will lead this young man to accept the Christmas Child and to join his cousin in the work of giving Christmas to the Jews.

WHERE THERE IS NO CHRISTMAS

"Having no hope and without God in the world"

"Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!
Christmas in lands of fir tree and pine.
Christmas in lands of the palm tree and vine.
Christmas where snow peaks stand solemn and white.
Christmas where corn fields lie sunny and bright!"

SO SINGS the poet. And we rejoice because it is true that the Bethlehem road has girded the earth with Christmas cheer. And yet Christmas is not everywhere. A billion lost people in the world have no claim to Christmas. Millions have never heard of the joyous season. There are whole tribes in dark Africa that have never seen the light of the Christmas star. Over three hundred million in China have never heard the message of "Peace on earth, good will to men". Millions in Catholic countries celebrate the birth of Christ in a distorted fashion because they know Him not as a living Savior. Even in the land where Christ was born many people have never heard of Him. They walk on the same hills where shepherds heard the angels' song, but no Christmas music echoes in their ears. They look every night on the same starry sky that witnessed the miracle of the first Christmas, but no star of hope shines there for them. They tread the streets of Bethlehem with no thrill or joy in their hearts because they have never heard Bethlehem's wonder story.

No Christmas! Let us think for a moment of what that means. No Christmas! No trees with candles lit! No holly wreaths hanging from the windows! No stockings swinging by the fireside! No Christmas odors on the breeze! No sound of carols on the air! No exchange of merry greetings! No Christmas pageants or cantatas or anthems! None of these lovely happy "thrilly" things that we enjoy during the Christmas season! But that isn't

all that it means. Those who have no Christmas have no Christian joys at any season of the year. They are missing the joy, peace, hope, love and salvation which the Christ Child brought into the world.

Perhaps saddest of all are those who know about Christmas—who celebrate the birthday of Christ each year—but do not accept Him as their Savior. There are millions like that here in our own land. They appropriate all the blessings which the Christ Child brought and yet refuse to crown Him King of their lives. We know that they are missing the deeper joy of Christmas, and we pity them, even as we pity those who have no Christmas. As we go into the celebration of the happy Christmas season we pray that the time may speedily come when Christ will reign in the hearts of all men, when Christmas will really be everywhere.

PUTTING CHRIST in CHRISTMAS

(If it is not practical to give the following as a playlet the thought may be given in a talk. If the playlet is given the four spirits should wear Grecian robes, either in white or different colors.)

The Woman —*(She enters as from a shopping trip, hands full of packages, throws packages down, takes off hat and coat and speaks in an enthusiastic manner.)* Christmas! Christmas! What a wonderful time it is! How I love it! The shop windows are lovely this year, and I found so many nice things to buy! I believe I have everything I need—gifts for each of the children, for Mother and Father and, yes *(checks list)* for all of my relatives and friends. And oh, I have bought the loveliest decorations for our tree! I know I ordered the best turkey in town, and my fruit cake looks delicious. Oh! it is all just wonderful. I am full of the Christmas Spirit! How I love it! *(Spirit of Christmas enters!)*

Spirit of Christmas — You say that you are full of the Christmas Spirit, but I wonder if you know what the Christmas Spirit is.

The Woman —Of course I do. It is festivity and gayety. It is spending all the money I have to spend. It is playing Santa Claus to my children and exchanging gifts with my friends. It is lighted trees and filled stockings and gayly wrapped packages and mince pie and candles in the windows. Oh! it is just the Spirit of Christmas that thrills me and makes me love it!

Spirit of Christmas — Yes, you have described all that the Spirit of Christmas is to many people. But you have left out that which really makes Christmas. You made no mention of Christ.

The Woman —Oh! of course, I know that Christmas is Christ's birthday and that we give gifts because wise men brought gifts to Him. You must think that I am a heathen if you suggest that I don't know that. I have heard that story ever since I was a child. I am a Christian woman and send my children to Sunday school. Of course we know what Christmas is.

Spirit of Christmas — That may all be true, and yet you may miss the true meaning of Christmas. The Spirit of Christmas is the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of unselfishness and love and sacrifice.

The Woman —I am sure that nobody could accuse me of being selfish. Why I am working myself nearly to death planning to give my family and my friends the best Christmas they have ever had.

Spirit of Christmas — Yes: *your* family and *your* friends. Your Christmas is limited to that little circle of which *you* are the center. Do you call that the Spirit of Christmas?

The Woman —*(Thoughtfully)* Well, no! I fear I am leaving Christ out of my Christmas. I know I ought to put, not myself, but Christ in the center. How may I do that?

Spirit of Christmas — If you would put Christ into your Christmas you must make it a time of worship.

("O Come All Ye Faithful" is played softly, and the Spirit of Worship enters, carrying in her hand an open Bible.)

Spirit of Worship—On the first Christmas shepherds worshipped at the manger bed of the Christ Child. Wise men, too, when they saw the Child, fell down and worshipped Him. You cannot rightly observe Christmas without taking time, amid the joyous festivities, to join the group of worshippers at the feet of Bethlehem's King.

"All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son;
Evermore your voices raising
To the Eternal Three in One;
Come and worship;
Worship Christ, the new born King".

(Soloist sings one verse of "O Come All Ye Faithful".)

Spirit of Christmas — You can put Christ into your Christmas by giving gifts. *(While "Help Somebody Today" is played softly the Spirit of Giving enters, carrying a Christmas gift basket.)*

Spirit of Giving—The Wise Men offered to Jesus gifts as the supreme expression of their worship. You too should celebrate His birthday by offering Him gifts. You can do that by giving to those in need, for He said: "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, My brethren, ye have done it unto Me".

" 'What shall we bring to Thee, O Lord?
The kings who came of old
Laid softly on Thy cradle rude
Their myrrh and gems of gold.

Thou know'st of sweet and precious things
My store is scant and small,
Yet wert Thou here in want and woe,
Lord, I would give Thee all!'

There came a voice from Heavenly heights;
'Unclose thine eyes and see,
Gifts to the least of these I love
Thou givest unto Me'!"

(Soloist sings chorus of "Help Somebody Today".)

Spirit of Missions—The Spirit of Christmas is the Spirit of Missions. *(While "Joy to the World" is played softly the Spirit of Missions enters, carrying a globe in her hand.)*

Spirit of Missions—The Babe of Bethlehem came to bring salvation to the whole world. In celebrating His birthday you must remember those who have no Christmas because they know Him not, and you must do your utmost that they, too, shall see His star and follow its light to find a Savior for their sins.

Christmas is not yours to keep,
But yours to gladly share;
Until the blessings Christmas brings
Are scattered everywhere.
Go tell the story far and near,
Till those of every nation
Shall know about the Christmas King
Who brought for all salvation.

(Soloist sings third verse of "Joy to the World".)

The Woman —Yes, I have been leaving Christ out of my Christmas. *(Addressing the audience)* How about you? Have you been using Christ's birthday only for the satisfaction of your own selfish desires? Are you so busy with

Christmas shopping, baking, decorating etc. that you have no time for the worship of the Christ Child? Are you so interested in your gifts for your own dear ones that you forget His little ones who have no Christmas cheer? Do you spend so much money on your own Christmas that you have none to give for the spreading of Christmas around the world? Come, join me in resolving to put Christ into this Christmas as we worship Him, give to Him, serve Him.

"We're dull indeed if we can't see
What Christmas feelings ought to be,
And dull again if we can doubt
It's worth our while to bring them out.
'Glory to God; good will to men!'
Come! Feel it, show it, give it, then".

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Tell something of conditions in the world at the time of the birth of Christ.
2. What three things made conditions propitious for His coming?
3. How do conditions today parallel those of the time when Christ came?
4. Tell something of Christmas in Chile.
5. Tell how our missionaries in Africa spend Christmas.
6. Tell the story of how Christmas lights went to dark Africa.
7. Describe a Christmas celebration in Tung Shan Church.
8. How do Christmas celebrations aid evangelistic work in China?
9. Tell some of the strange customs connected with Christmas cakes in Roumania.
10. Describe how the priest blesses Christmas food in Roumania.
11. Discuss the people in the world who have no Christmas.
12. How may we put Christ into Christmas?

REFERENCE MATERIAL

The Window of Y.W.A. —World Comrades
Home and Foreign Fields —Current Christmas Literature

APPEAL to SOUTHERN BAPTIST WOMEN and YOUNG PEOPLE

A CRISIS AVERTED

Charles E. Maddry, Executive Secretary of Foreign Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention

DURING the past three years the Foreign Mission Board has been passing through a terrible crisis. Our income declined from $2,300,000.00 seven years ago to less than $700,000.00 last year. Our missionary personnel declined from 544 to 394. The debt in the banks was crushing and it seemed the tide would never turn.

The generosity of the Woman's Missionary Union saved our foreign mission cause in this tragic hour. The 1933 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering went beyond the objective set by the Woman's Missionary Union by $39,099.80. This enabled the Board to send out eight new missionaries that were needed so sorely. It enabled us also to bring home on furlough all the missionaries who were due furloughs this year. In addition to many other special needs provided out of the beyond-the-goal gifts of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, over ten thousand dollars was given for the current budget, thus releasing that much to be applied by the Board to the debt.

We devoutly hope and pray that the 1934 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will go far beyond the objective set by the Woman's Missionary Union. We thank God for the generosity of our women and W.M.U. young people.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

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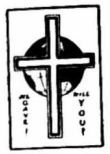
YOUR ANSWER to THEIR QUESTION



Over and over this December in observing our Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions we will be repeating the question: "Where is He?" It is no idle question. It should have most earnest reply from our hearts, reply that will loosen our clutched purses that we may give worthily. "Where is He?" Elsie Clor is telling them now in Jerusalem where the Wise Men asked the question long ago. "Where is He?" Our 113 "Lottie Moon missionaries" are telling thousands of seeking questioners in China, Japan, Africa, South America. "Where is He?" Tracts, magazines with programs for W.M.U. organizations will carry the life-giving information when released through the presses that will turn them out as paid for by Lottie Moon Christmas Offering dollars. "Where is He?" The answer will reach the women of Roumania through the young women of the James Memorial Training School. "Where is He?" eagerly they are asking. Will you bring your young people to make reply by being sure they share in this beautiful season of prayer and giving? Every counselor, every W.M.U. young people's director should hear that pleading question of lost souls and make sure reply now for Christ's sake.

The programs were distributed through state W.M.U. headquarters. If your G.A. or R.A., your Y.W.A. or Sunbeam Band is not supplied, look about at once. Perhaps the programs were all sent to W.M.U. director or W.M.S. president and perhaps someone has been dilatory about passing them on. Perhaps you are a new counselor and the programs were addressed to the previous counselor and perhaps she has neglected turning them over to you. If they are not at hand, write at once to your state W.M.U. headquarters and you will receive material for your organization. Then use it with the Prayer Committee from Y.W.A. or Intermediate R.A. or Intermediate G.A. Plan prayerfully for a real prayer meeting. This should be different from a regular meeting, even for Jr. R.A., Jr. G.A. and Sunbeam Band also, but for them the planning will be the counselor's and leader's responsibility. Read over the suggestions, ponder them; more ideas adapted to your own organization will grow out of these; decide what will be best. Where will you meet? At church or home? When? Make the prayer meeting shorter than customary if need be but have a real prayer time for your organization as such—quiet, reverent.

And the giving? Careful here: some can bring but little and must not feel embarrassed; some can give quite generously and must not fail to enter into that privilege. Dear counselor, if He is living in you, you will know how to approach individually those members who will need your encouragement to give largely, those who will need your encouragement for even a small gift.

This Christmas will it not be glorious if every Sunbeam Band, every Girls' Auxiliary, every Royal Ambassador Chapter, every Young Woman's Auxiliary observes this particular Week of Prayer? Be sure about the organizations of your church, W.M.U. director or W.M.S. president and counselor. Then with every organization be sure that every R.A. member brings back his envelope and that the other young people bring their bags in loving eagerness to share their knowledge of Christ. Help them to see the needs that will be met by the $150,000, the joy that will reach even to the heart of the Father when His children bring rich gifts to Him.

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COLLEGE Y. W. A.

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CHRISTMAS VACATION!

There's magic in it. College students look forward to it from the September goodbyes until Christmas vacation comes — excitement deepening as October changes quickly to November, as November moves creepingly through the dragging December days.

There's opportunity in it—opportunity for the College Y.W.A. members as they return for the fortnight to their homes. Will your W.M.S. help your returned college young women to see that "vacation" can be expanded to spell "opportunity" or will you dwarf it to "waste"? What can be done in so few days? College days are crammed with experiences which can be shared—ask your college visitors. Perhaps a Margaret Fund student is a prime friend back at school: how interesting to tell about her or him and the field where the parents are. Perhaps there is a student from another nation in the same college and your College Y.W.A. member has been friendly and helpful to that one and in return has been blessed by new close-up understanding of the far land, an insight which can now be shared by the telling. Perhaps a denominational leader has visited the campus but is not known personally to the young people of the home church: how splendid for the fortunate college young woman to make that leader a real personality by her description. Always there are new recreational songs to share; often Christmas carols introduced by the Glee Club or music department, beautiful for the carol singing your organization will wish to do, led by the one who has had some vocal training. Perhaps it is teaching the G.A's. how to make some missionary marionettes similar to the funny ones that grow in college dormitories. Perhaps it is just telling about the R.A. Chapter or G.A. in the church of the college town, thereby giving a feeling of comradeship with others, of organizational size and worth not known before. Perhaps it will be going to the Sunbeam Band or one of the other organizations with a Christmas story, studied in public speaking. Whatever the perhaps, always the returning College Y.W.A. member can be used, but she will probably not fling herself at the opportunity unless you—counselor—or you—W.M.U. director—or you—W.M.S. president—plan for and with her.

And this same vacation should also be assurance—assurance that her home church, the people with whom she has lived until this college experience came are still interested in her, still count her their own and show their pride and hope by the warmth of their welcome. Why not at some occasion let your Y.W.A. express its welcome in real words, in grateful manner telling how blessed all are by this vacation visit? Trite? Well, remember or imagine yourself in that place. Three months away, your regular church task occupied by another, everything going on nicely and you not at all needed apparently: wouldn't you like to know that your church counted on you, needed you? Wouldn't it help you in the drifting days of college life to keep from drifting? Of course.

Make this vacation spell opportunity, spell assurance for College Y.W.A's.

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"Where is He?" Waiting for your gift, for the gift from each young person in the organization you lead. Behind the tinsel and fuss of Christmas merriment He waits, yearning that we of Woman's Missionary Union will see Him so clearly this Christmas that we shall be able to reply to those who never yet have found Him, reply by our prayers, by our gifts.

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The following list will be exceptionally interesting because it gives the location of each college where a Margaret Fund student is enrolled for this scholastic year. Please pray for these students, calling them by name and interceding for their health and happiness, for their fidelity to each task, for their witness as Christian students, for their safety at all times but especially during Christmas vacation. Pray also for their parents and other loved ones "sundered far".

From Africa

Dorothy Green ..... Averett College, Danville, Va.
Lydia May Green ..... Averett College, Danville, Va.
Patsy Patterson ..... Averett College, Danville, Va.

From Argentina

Frank Elder ..... Eltham College, Nottingham, London
Mary Wallace Quarles ..... Bessie Tift College, Forsyth, Ga.
William Quarles ..... Mercer University, Macon, Ga.
Maurice Sowell, Jr. ..... Georgia Tech, Atlanta, Ga.

From Brazil

Samuel Bagby ..... University of Richmond, Richmond, Va.
Luther Bagby ..... Fork Union Military Academy, Fork Union, Va.
Elsie Baker ..... Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C.
Herbert Baker ..... Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.
Lewis M. Bratcher, Jr. ..... Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky.
Claudia Johnson ..... Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla.
Perla May Johnson ..... Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla.
Mary E. Langston ..... Greenville Woman's College, Greenville, S. C.
Daniel Maddox ..... University of Louisville, Louisville, Ky.
Samuel Maddox ..... University of Louisville, Louisville, Ky.
John Gordon Mein ..... Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky.
Robert Mein ..... Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky.
Ernest Muirhead ..... Baylor University, Waco, Texas
Sudie Muirhead ..... Baylor University, Waco, Texas
Evelyn Shepard ..... Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C.
Celso Stapp ..... Baylor Medical College, Waco, Texas
Wilford Lee Stapp ..... Baylor University, Waco, Texas
Susan Elizabeth Terry ..... Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.
S. Lawton Watson, Jr. ..... Furman University, Greenville, S. C.
Maxey G. White, Jr. ..... Kansas City Junior College, Kansas City, Mo.
Dorothy Wilcox ..... Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Texas
Juanita Wilcox ..... Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Texas

From Chile

Lois Hart ..... Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga.

From China

David G. Anderson ..... Furman University, Greenville, S. C.
Theresa K. Anderson ..... Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss.
Carey Daniel, Jr. ..... Baylor University, Waco, Texas

Cornelia Leavell.....Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss.
Charles A. Leonard, Jr.....Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.
Rachel Leonard.....Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C.
Florence Lowe.....Westhampton College, Richmond, Va.
Jackson Lowe.....Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.
Cread C. Marriott, Jr.....Glendale Junior College, Glendale, Calif.
Mary Fay McMillan.....Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C.
Archibald M. McMillan.....Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.
Campbell Napier.....Louisville Seminary, Louisville, Ky.
Davie Napier.....Howard College, Birmingham, Ala.
Roy Newton.....University of Richmond, Richmond, Va.
Bryson Tipton.....Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.
James Williams.....Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala.

From Cuba

Moses McCall.....Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.

From Europe

Samuel Bengston.....Polytechnical School, Barcelona, Spain
John Crocker.....Heriot-Watt College, Edinburgh, Scotland
Robert Whittinghill.....Mill Hill School, Cambridge, England

From Japan

Lucile Clarke.....Shorter College, Rome, Ga.
Helen Dozier.....W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Ky.
William Medling.....Union University, Jackson, Tenn.
Elizabeth Ray.....Baylor University, Waco, Texas

From Mexico

Horace Benson.....Texas Tech. College, Lubbock, Texas
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1900 Years Ago in Bethlehem—
And there were shepherds in the same country abiding in the fields and keeping watch by night over their flock. And an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them. . . . And the angel said unto them: Be not afraid, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to *all the people:* for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour who is Christ the Lord.—*Luke 2:8-11*

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea . . . behold Wise-men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, Where is He that is born King of the Jews? . . . And they came into the house and saw the young child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshipped Him; and opening their treasures they offered unto Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.—*Matt. 2:1-2, 11*

Gifts: Gold and Frankincense and Myrrh in 1934—
"I have a large personal service band", writes our own Rose Marlowe of Shanghai, "which is my joy. This band is called the Heart of Shung Tak (*our school's name*). They conduct a large school for poor street children and girl slaves. Eighty-nine such children come every day and have learned to read and write, to sing hymns and *love* Bible stories. These Christian girls conduct one evangelistic service a week, two ten days revivals every year, teach Sunday school classes and do many other kinds of personal service".—*Religious Herald*

In a small village of Chosen (*Korea*) a Christian church had been closed for years because its members had become indifferent. The Presbyterian Mission sent a Korean Bible woman to the district to endeavor to return the flock to the fold. After two months 30 persons met in the long closed church. At the same time the Bible woman's salary ceased. She was invited to go to another church which had raised money for the support of a Bible woman. Here is her answer: "My little children here are just getting on their feet and learning to walk. Can I say to them, 'There is rice for me there and none for me here, therefore I will go where there is rice?' The Lord won't let me starve. I'll work on here".—*Presbyterian Advance*

A boy, who had been trained in an English mission in Borneo and had returned to his distant country home, later reappeared at the mission with five friends whom he had prepared for baptism and who had come with him the three days' walk to the mission. The boy said simply: "I am trying to do something for God who has done so much for me".—*Missionary Review of the World*

From the report of the American Baptist Telugu Mission, South India, we glean the following: During the year many Christians were called to undergo persecution. Fiery persecution came to a beautiful Komati girl of fourteen years, and often her back was covered with welts from the cruel rod. Her testimony was: "You may take my life but I will not deny Christ".—*Watchman-Examiner*

Back to Bethlehem—
Louis Lipsky, American member of the World Zionist Executive and Jewish Agency for Palestine, predicts that because of the persecution of Jews in certain countries in Europe there will soon be an enormous forced Jewish emigration. He states: "Other than Palestine, there is no country prepared or willing to open the door to any substantial Jewish settlement. In fact all other doors are practically closed."—*Christian Century*

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