

Royal Service

WATCHWORD for YEAR:

In the name of our God we will set up our banners.—
Psa 20:5

THEME for YEAR:

"The Christian Conquest" or "The Banner of the Cross"

HYMN for YEAR:

"Fling Out the Banner! Let It Float!"

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Prayer — Enlistment — Study — Personal Service —
Tithes and Offerings — Missionary Education of
Young People

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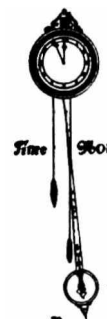
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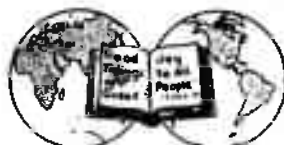


EDITORIAL



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

"In the NAME of OUR GOD"



"Hope springs eternal in the human breast": so the poet voiced a truth as old as time and as fresh as a new day. The great apostle listed it among the things that abide. With it be linked faith and love: "now abideth faith, hope and love" said he. Hope springs eternal because it is God-implanted in the human heart. For us all it is the very morning star in the dawning New Year. It bids us be better and do better; it helps us to strike off the deadening weight of past failures and face the new opportunities as the lark greets the sun with a glad note of victories to be.

The ideals and purposes of W.M.U. command the devoted service of every woman and young person who is enrolled as a member. They invite the united devotion of all the women and young people of southern Baptist churches. By them we are bound together in the holy objective of the spread of the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ to the very ends of the earth. A review of the blessings and achievements of the past year leads to a deepened realization that He walks with us when we choose His way. It may be that the closing year leaves us with a sense of failure, of shame that we have done less than our best. But a New Year dawns and hope springs eternal, bidding us rise to meet its glorious opportunities.

The watchword of the New Year will often be upon our lips. That it shall be enshrined deeply in every heart is our prayer. "In the name of our God"—the name of majesty, dominion and power, the name before which every knee shall bow, in His name whose authority is supreme, whose power is unquestioned, whose purposes are unchangeable, whose will is eternally wise, in His name "we will set up our banners". Who fears to encamp under the banners that bear that name, under such banners to go forward to conquest? Missions, making Christ known to the world, is the supreme calling of the Christian. Missionary education, missionary enlistment, missionary participation, this—the recognized function of W. M. U. organizations within the churches and the life of our great denomination—is the task of the New Year. For this task "in the name of our God we will set up our banners".

Hope carries the double meaning of desire and expectation. Used as a verb it means to expect with confidence. It implies the exercise of will and effort toward its fruition. Believing as we do in the ideals and purposes of W. M. U., hope—the very morning star of the dawning New Year—bids us be better and do better, bids us work in and through our organizations with greater devotion, more constantly faithful, inspired in our service because we work "in the name of our God".

"Lead on, O King Eternal,
We follow not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er Thy face appears.

Thy cross is lifted o'er us;
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might!"



WATCHWORD for YEAR



"In the NAME of OUR GOD WE WILL SET UP OUR BANNERS"

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IT WAS an anxious hour for David and his loyal followers. War had been declared. Angry foes were breathing out hatred. The little army of Israel was hopelessly in the minority. Fear could creep in and throttle the hands of the soldiers. What could be done?

In that crisis David called his people to the sanctuary for solemn prayer. The words of our watchword came from the inspired throat of the sweet singer of Israel: "In the name of our God we will set up our banners" (Ps. 20:5). He was willing to commit his cause to Jehovah, the sole Giver of victory. It breathes a simple faith and a glowing confidence in Jehovah's aid. The enemies were depending upon chariots, horses and spears; Israel would put her trust in Jehovah alone.

The strength, wisdom, skill and past successes of the king were not to be relied upon. There was neither boasting of former victories nor reference to earlier feats of bravery. God's name alone could rouse courage and pledge triumph. That God, who had already proved His power and availability, was now to come back to take His place at the head of the army to lead the forces to victory. It was in such a spirit that David had gone forth as a mere youth against the great giant (Goliath). His own arm was weak. He lacked skill, strength and experience but he knew that God was more powerful than all the Philistine giants. "In His name" he won the victory. In that same name he was now ready to go forth with his army to fight the foe. God would guarantee triumph.

As we face the New Year with tremendous responsibilities and unlimited opportunities, it is fitting that we should adopt such a watchword for our campaign. In that spirit we would disclaim any powers of our own and launch out into this new day with confidence in our God who has never failed the trusting crusader.

In His name "we will lift up our banners". By means of these banners we will assemble, direct, distinguish and encourage our troops. In His name we will wave our banners ascribing glory to Him and imploring His continued blessings as we follow in His train.

We will gladly wage war in His name. Following His leading we can be certain of the way, confident of triumph and strong to win victories. When the devil shows the most strength we can have courage enough to let God use us mightily to get glory to His name. Having routed the enemy from his strongholds and fortifications we will proudly plant the banners of our God upon the abandoned ramparts. It will be evident to everyone, who looks on, that "our God" has won a glorious victory. Each of us will find joy in waving a banner in the breeze announcing Him as the conqueror. The celebration of victory will be a happy one as all the assembled ones lay the trophies at His feet and crown Him the Conqueror.

Let this challenge call us to the finest sort of endeavor for Him this year. He leads on to certain victory.

"His love has no limit, His grace has no measure,
His power no boundary known unto men,
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth and giveth and giveth again".



TRAINING SCHOOL



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

USING TRAINING SCHOOL STUDENTS in VACATION TIME

DURING the summer between my two years at the Training School I worked under the State Board in the mountains of Kentucky. This experience meant so much to me that I have longed ever since for other girls to have the privilege of doing something like this.

Last spring our executive committee selected two Training School girls to help our state missionary in the mountains, Miss Annie Allen. A small sum of money was appropriated for their expenses. For two months they followed a very intensive program, teaching in vacation schools mornings and afternoons and helping in revival services in the evenings. By spending two weeks in each locality and conducting two schools daily, they were able to touch eight communities. Everywhere they found the children unusually responsive.

In addition to the above plan, we announced at every district meeting that any church or association—that would promise to pay transportation, furnish necessary living expenses and donate a free-will offering—could have the services of one of the first-year girls for two months. The result was that we had five girls working in our state last summer.

A pastor of one of our city churches where one student was located wrote expressing deep appreciation of the excellent work his "assistant" had done. He said he had never had his young people so interested as they were at the end of the summer.

One girl worked in an undeveloped association, putting new life into the existing societies, organizing new ones and training leaders. She, too, assisted in revival meetings and not only won many for Christ but also organized the

young people into Personal Workers' Bands and trained them. The women in this association are insisting that they have the same worker next summer, for they are sure no other one could be quite so good.

One W.M.U. leader requested a worker for her church, then left for a twelve weeks' course in a summer school before she arrived. The church had no pastor, so this student faced an unexpected and baffling situation. But she proved equal to the task. She made her plans and launched forth, trusting in the Lord to guide her as she tried to meet the needs of church and community. She worked untiringly for the entire two months, and the people are deeply grateful for the splendid work she did.

The six girls who worked in Kentucky last summer, including one who took part in a very successful evangelistic campaign for young people as sponsored by the Baptist Student Union, are now making interesting and inspiring reports to our executive board. The women are deeply interested, and I believe a much larger amount will be set apart for this work next summer.

This plan is primarily for the juniors in the Training School, because they are the ones who need the experience, but many of the seniors who have not had this opportunity are begging for it. This experiment has been eminently successful, seeming to have triple value:

1—The first-year students are given an opportunity to put theories into practice and discover their needs before they enter the senior year. By studying their work first-hand and through their directors and associates on the field we can advise with them more intelligently about their life work.

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MARGARET FUND



Chairman: Mrs. Frank Burney, Waynesboro, Ga.

"Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain"

—John 15:16.

WHEN word reached the chairman that she was to choose the officers to serve for the first year for the Margaret Fund Students Alumni Association, earnestly did she ask our Heavenly Father to choose them and ordain them that fruit meet for His service might remain. We rejoice that nearly every one "chosen" was happy to serve and it is with great joy that we now present to you a message from the chosen president, Miss Mary Lawton of China. Miss Lawton is now secretary of W.M.U. young people's work for South Carolina. Her address is 1301 Hampton St., Columbia, S. C.

Greetings to each and every Margaret Fund student! To those who in former years have enjoyed the generousities of the ladies of the southland and to those who are just now experiencing the kindness and motherly love of the ladies of this land—greetings!

Few college students are as lucky as we are. Even though we might look on the blue side and say that few have to bear as hard separation, as long and distant as ours, we can look on the brighter side and see the silver lining to our clouds of difficulty and see the brightness and joy these American mothers bring to us with their gifts, love and tender care.

Margaret Fund Mother, above all other such mothers in the nineteen southern states, is Mrs. Frank Burney, with whom no doubt all of you have had personal contact. She had led us on for some time and now suggests that we are so many in number that we should form an organization. We could thus help her in many ways, such as giving information about one another.

"In union there is strength"; we are all together Margaret Fund students and there is no use denying the fact. Even though we are scattered far and wide, we exist in the capacity of being Margaret Fund students. Joining together and being an organization will give us

strength of purpose and loyalty to one another and to our "Foster Mothers". I quote from the constitution, article two—Object: "The object of the Margaret Fund Students Alumni Association shall be to enlarge and to foster the best interests of the Margaret Fund by prayer and loyal support; to manifest greater interest in Margaret Fund students now in school; and to bind together in a common spirit of love and loyalty all those who have ever been beneficiaries of the fund".

At the Southern Baptist Convention in Fort Worth, Texas, a group of Margaret Fund students and state chairmen of the Margaret Fund met and there organized the Students Alumni Association. At this time Mrs. Burney was asked to appoint a vice president of each country represented and other officers for the organization.

It is urgently requested that every student that is eligible, both past and present, join this organization. For the sake of gratitude alone it would seem the very smallest thing we could do was to join. Then for the broadening influence, being a member of such a worldwide organization and one so exclusive, we should not miss the honor of joining that to which we alone are eligible.

The yearly dues (\$5c) are so little
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SOCIETY METHODS

W.M.U. SEASONS of PRAYER



Our special seasons of prayer, planned by our W.M.U., truly give us spiritual power and interest in all our work throughout the year. I fail to know of a single W.M.S. which observes in a worthy way the three seasons of prayer which does not succeed in all of its undertakings in a greater way. And the opposite is also true. To neglect these weeks of prayer is to cripple all of our other efforts.

The planning must indeed begin far enough in advance to have time to complete a study of the field for which the week of prayer is being observed. For example, January and February will certainly be spent in studying our home mission fields to better prepare us for the March Week of Prayer for Home Missions.

The next important step, I should say, would be in a full meeting of your Executive Committee the month previous to the observance of the season of prayer: at this committee meeting in addition to regular Executive Committee work you will give much prayer and consideration to your planning of this special objective for the next month. Set your goal in the executive meeting. Never be satisfied with a low goal: we will not ask our people to give "Too much" as often as we ask "Too little" of them. Know what you gave the year before and plan some increase, unless you know conditions in the community would make this impossible. Take into consideration your young people's auxiliaries and include them in your goal or be sure that the young people's leader of your society has not overlooked this.

Because of the great pleasure and benefit which our women felt that we received from our well planned prayer programs here in our church, they un-

selfishly volunteered to visit as many of our country societies as we could with our programs. So, working with our county W.M.U. superintendent, meetings were arranged in the near-by churches on the week days that we were having our programs so we might hold the service in the country church earlier in the afternoon and not miss our services in our local church. On Sunday preceding and following our Week of Prayer we visited some country churches further from Brookhaven.

In some cases we repeated parts given on our programs which were especially good and in other cases the programs were rendered in the country church first and then repeated in our church. We feel sure that the repetition and added study of parts helped those who gave them, and we felt encouraged that the work here bore fruit in increased interest in missions and in many cases larger offerings. We urged the women in the societies visited to have a part in the offering and to give further study to the subject we had discussed.

It required extra work to be sure, but everything worth while does, and in some small societies possibly the gifts from these churches did not much exceed our gas expense but it gave those women an opportunity to have a part and we are praying that they will have a larger part in the years ahead. It brought genuine joy to those of us who had a part. Try it!

Plan to observe the entire week. Your meetings will increase in interest and power the more time you give to the observance. One day is better than no observance of the week at all, but observance of the full week will richly repay all effort expended.

Talk up the interest, pray about it in the circles and in general meetings

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FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

WHAT SHALL WE DO with OUR SHEAVES?



We often sing about working in the Lord's harvest field and gathering in the golden sheaves. And it is a matter to rejoice one's heart in song and a joy to be one of the reapers in the field of His appointment. But we who are seeking to glean the precious sheaves often feel that our greatest task is not merely to "bring in the sheaves" but to take wise care of the good grain that *has* been harvested and to see that it also, in its turn, is planted, watered and brought to its time of fruitbearing, for surely the faithful husbandman thinks not only in terms of one harvest season but also of year by year growth and increase.

We who labor in this field have peculiar problems to face in this regard, for which we entreat your prayers. To bring a soul from a background of Mohammedanism or Judaism, or even nominal Christianity, to an out and out stand for Christ is usually a long process of seed sowing and cultivating, and that not without tears. And when we do see fruit, then what? Almost always it means persecution and suffering—sometimes actual physical suffering and danger even to life itself—always keen mental suffering, that comes with separation from home and loved ones, and always actual bread-and-butter problems that must be faced.

And after that, what? Many of the "after-thats" within our experience in this land have left us with saddened and self-condemning hearts. It is a heartbreaking thing to see, after perhaps years of witnessing and prayer, one who has come to faith in Christ and to outspoken testimony for Him slip back into the old life while we stand help-

lessly by. This has been our experience so many times that we are crying to God to make it possible for us to do something to meet this problem. Otherwise the best fruit of our labor is seemingly lost.

You who live in a land such as America can have little realization of these things in their bearing upon the life of the convert or upon the work of the Mission itself. The convert *must* be cared for in some way. We do not mean by this that he should be shielded from all persecution. Perhaps that would not be wise even if it were within our power to do so. But he must find some way of earning his livelihood apart from his family and the friends of the old life if his new life is not to be strangled. In such a field as ours, this is no small difficulty due to the existent social, religious and economic conditions. To take on a convert and provide outright his means of living is impossible, for it takes away his independence and his self-respect and cannot be expected to produce rugged Christian character in the convert himself or in outsiders who might view the situation with the same step in mind. On the other hand, to do nothing at all for the convert leaves him stranded, at the mercy of his family and associates who are ready to use every means within their power to pull him back into the old paths.

We are facing the same old problem just now in the case of a Jewish girl, twenty-two years of age, who after six years of contact with our work in various ways was baptized last Thanksgiving Day and voluntarily gave a joyful, ringing testimony to her faith in Christ. Though she had confessed Christ for over a year before and her family were not ignorant of her faith, the open act of baptism and public declaration of her faith brought on the storm of persecution that always comes. She has stood

true in spite of threats and persecution from her family and is seeking to get established in some way independent of her family. But it is not easy for a girl in this country to be independent. She has now gone to Beirut, Syria, and entered the Nurses' Training School. Her independent spirit would not allow any one to help or support her. She is ready and more than willing in her new life to find a way for herself.—*Elsie Clor, Jerusalem, Palestine*

HOW YOU HELPED

A SONG of great joy arose in our hearts when we here at Collegio Baptista Brasileiro in Sao Paulo, Brazil, received word that you good W.M.U. friends had sent enough money to pay off the debt of this college dedicated to the education—Christian education—of young ladies here in Brazil. Students, teachers and other friends of the college are all alike deeply grateful to you for this very timely help in this matter of no little importance.

The debt of the college continued from the time of construction of the new building, which so majestically graces your campus, but it was increased a little on account of political and economic disturbances. The debt of about forty-four contos, including principal and interest, was liquidated by your offering. We have been and are now in need of school equipment and supplies but we have been balancing our budget and have been paying current accounts for some time but could not get anything ahead with which to pay off the debt. Now with the debt paid we hope to be able to lay aside some money for these needed equipment purposes and thus make the school serve greater ends by enlarging its student body. The boarding students and teachers of the college live in the third story of the present building. We need sorely to put the teachers into another building apart from the students and to give more room for the boarding students. Some day we hope to be able to build a suitable dormitory for the

students, have a teacherage for those who are compelled to board in the college and thus be able to use this building for administrative purposes and classrooms for which it was designed. We have a whole block of land here in the city which furnishes enough space for these needed additional buildings. May the Lord help and lead us as we labor to "strengthen the stakes and extend the curtains" in His name.

In every classroom we are teaching the Bible and are waiting with prayer for the Lord to give the increase. We therefore humbly ask you to pray for us.

We shall endeavor as president and Board of Directors to keep the school free from debt and try also at the same time to make such improvements in the college as we can, using the funds that we can get together by economy and by offerings from friends of the college. In all this we need your prayers and Christian sympathy.—*F. A. R. Morgan, President of the College*

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and make new, attractive posters announcing the meetings. Give out the parts and envelopes for the offering at least one week in advance. Make each circle chairman feel a great responsibility for the attendance of members of her circle and responsible for securing their offerings.

Recognize in some way those who attend all the programs. We make an "Honor Roll" of the names of all who attend the five days and put up the names in poster form. This is displayed in the room where general meetings of the W.M.S. are held until the next week of prayer. Those who attend are of course most interested in the offering and feel greatly responsible for the success of the observance. Keep the state or southwide goal before the women and the question of "What is our part?"

Decorate the rooms where programs are held. Begin on time, close when you have announced the meeting will close. Pray about every detail, and your prayers will be answered.—*Mrs. A. F. Crittendon, Brookhaven, Miss.*



STEWARDSHIP SUGGESTIONS



Southwide Stewardship Chairman: Mrs. Carter Wright, Alabama

WHY and HOW W.M.S. and Y.W.A. MEMBERS CAN HELP BAPTIST 100000 CLUB



Our W.M.U. president has recently written: "The success of any venture is measured by the interest with which it is received and the enthusiasm with which it is promoted". This principle, applied in W.M.U. organizations to the work of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club, will bring success. We are auxiliary—that is, cooperat-

ing, helping, aiding. We can prove that we are missionary by lining up definitely and sympathetically with this plan.

As a rule, women hate debt more than men do; this Hundred Thousand Club plan appeals to them as a practical way of getting rid of our denominational debts. Let us look at some simple suggestions of how this can be done and is being done.

First: Every woman should prayerfully consider her individual obligation and, if possible, join the Club. This should be done when the regular canvass of her church is taken. Let us emphasize this as of first importance, according to the original plan.

Second: There will be members in Women's Missionary Societies and in Y.W.A.'s who are not able to take out a membership alone but who really want a part in this. After definite preparation has been made by thinking and talking and praying, let the organization decide how many memberships it can take. One society has five such memberships. Over and above, the women are bringing nickels and dimes and larger offerings each week to the meeting; so, when the month is over, the necessary five dollars are ready.

Third: One W.M.U. in a small church has just one membership: the W.M.S., Y.W.A., G.A. and Sunbeams are all helping. The plan can be adjusted so that no society need be left out.

Fourth: Let each W.M.S. and Y.W.A. have a chairman of Hundred Thousand Club, and let her have time at each monthly business meeting to present some phase of the Club's work, get new members and renew the old ones.

Fifth: "They that loved the Lord spake often one to another" (*Malachi 3:16*). Mouth-to-mouth publicity is an easy way to advocate the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club. Know about it, what it is doing and talk about it. Recently a W.M.S. member spent a whole evening talking of the Club to a guest who is a Baptist deacon: he became enthusiastic for it. Every one we enlist will help the cause that much, but the greatest thing accomplished is putting an interest in the soul of the subscriber.

The Club pledge is as follows: "I hereby enroll as a member of *The Baptist Hundred Thousand Club* and agree to pay \$1 per month for years. It is understood that all funds collected through *The Baptist Hundred Thousand Club* shall be distributed to all southwide agencies in ratio to their debt needs".

The special W.M.U. emphasis that is being made on *prayer* this year can be used to further the Hundred Thousand Club. Prayer is the fire that warms every department of our work. Dr. Tripp urges that every W.M.U. member become a member of the "Inner Circle"—asking the Father each day to help southern Baptists get under the load.—*Mrs. R. A. Kimbrough, Ark.*

IF WE HAD BUT A YEAR

IF THERE is any time in all the year that *compels* solemnity of thought it is that hour when the old year ends and the new year begins. Callous indeed is that heart in which no emotion stirs when memory looks adown the way o'er which we came with its sunshine and shadows, its failures and triumphs, and when hope peers questioningly into the misty vista of the year ahead.

It is the hour for prayerful meditation. Far more important is it for a *soul* to "take stock" than for a merchant to do so. Another whole year—fifty-two weeks of three hundred and sixty-five precious days have gone by, all bearing our individual record, all to be accounted for when our stewardship is ended.

What did we do with the countless and priceless opportunities that came to each of us for speaking a word for Jesus? for doing a good deed in His name? for promoting His Kingdom through the many avenues of service opened to all of us?

Were the good intentions, made a year ago, translated into deeds? Or did Satan succeed in persuading us to postpone or crowd out with trivialities or give up as not-to-be-attained those things of eternal worth?

There is a story of a woman who had a dream one New Year's eve that revolutionized her life. Probably she had been engaged in that rare but profitable exercise of introspection. Anyway, it was New Year's eve. Suddenly she became aware of a shining presence by her side. Looking up she saw an angel. It is strange that we mortals are afraid of the lovely angels! The woman was afraid and said:

"Who art thou?" And the angel answered: "Be not afraid. I am your guardian angel".

"My guardian angel?" queried the woman.

"Yes", said the angel. "Tonight I have slipped away and have come down to tell you something. Perhaps you may not wish to know it but, you see, I have cared for you so long that I love you and want to help you".

"Oh, do tell me!" exclaimed the woman.

"Well", said the angel—and there was a tremor in her sweet voice—"this year that begins tonight is to be your *last* one on earth". The woman gasped!

The angel continued: "And today I have been looking over your record, and there is not very much to your credit up yonder. So I thought, if only you *knew* that this would be your last year, you could get busy. You could do so much in one year if you tried. Many years when you were a little girl I guarded you to keep you from losing your life. I've come now to warn you to keep you from losing your crown".

With a cry, the woman awoke. Down on her knees she went, tearfully acknowledging to the Lord that she had lived a useless, fruitless life but begging for a chance to redeem the wasted years.

What a year she had! Every day seemed a *holy* day even as every day should be for every Christian. She was amazed at the number of opportunities for doing good that each week brought. Life took on a new and glorious meaning—new strength, new joy, new exhilaration of soul. She walked with the King. Not only was her own life transformed, but also her society and her church put on new life and had a zeal hitherto unknown.

Ah—if we had but a year—how busy we would be—busy about *our Father's business*! How nobly we would *live*! How sacrificially we would *give*!

If we had but a year—doubtless there are some of us who will not have the entire year! It may be I, it may be you!

You do not like to think about such solemn things? Our Lord and Master advised and warned us to do that very thing. In the twelfth chapter of Luke we find these admonitions, commands and warnings: "Seek ye the Kingdom of God. . . . Let your loins be girded about and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord. . . . Be ye therefore ready also; for the Son of man cometh at an hour ye think not. . . . Who then is that faithful and wise steward? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing".

"Another year is dawning.
O, Master, let it be
On earth or else in Heaven
Another year for Thee!"

—Mrs. Carter Wright

HOW HAVE YOU SACRIFICED or SELF-DENIED or SCHEMED?

HAVE you sacrificed or practiced self-denial or skillfully planned so that you gave to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering or are a member of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club, a regular supporter of the Cooperative Program? Can you recall how you managed to have a goodly part in your society's gifts last March to the Annie W. Armstrong Offering for Home Missions? For the next three months this magazine would be glad to convey to its 70000 or more readers heartening suggestions along the lines intimated by the above questions. Please take the time to write briefly or at length about your sacrifices or self-denials or schemings so that you could and can participate in some or all of the above mentioned efforts. In writing, clearly tell how you managed and also what effort was thus helped. Of course no names will be given in publishing any such notes but they will be grouped by states as well as by efforts thus helped. Surely such narratives will stimulate many another to sacrifice or practice self-denial or plan skillfully in order to help also to the limit of her ability. Kindly send your note early this month to Kathleen Mallory, 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.





PERSONAL SERVICE



Southwide Personal Service Chairman: Mrs. P. B. Lowrance, Tenn.

OPEN DOOR

"COLOR draws no line through human needs. They are the same for all people". In the W.M.U. Year Book for 1935 there is a personal service plan given, which we hope will help in our work for the Negro. This plan does not of necessity confine itself to the Negro alone, however. In communities where there are foreigners, Indians or any who need it, the suggestion for the "Open Door" may be worked out. Seeking to do a greater service in the way of Christian living in the community, this has been presented as a need and an opportunity that we should not overlook.

The plan of having a place to help the Negro does not come as a new suggestion. Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence has written a leaflet, "The Negro Woman and Her Needs", in which there is much good advice, and many helpful suggestions are given for this work.

Do not make the "Open Door" expensive to operate. It should be furnished as much as possible by donation. We are interested in the things to which we contribute. One room—furnished simply, with a table, chairs, a bookcase perhaps and a stove—large enough to use for a meeting place will be the first step. When the room is equipped for use, call together the ones who you know will cooperate, step out on the promise of our Master, who said "If ye ask anything in My name, I will do it", and open the door to teach them the things we know they need so much. These very needs will govern the activities of the volunteer. Can you not use a mother to teach that black mother or red mother or foreign-born mother how to care for her baby? Can you not find a woman who can tell them how to keep their homes clean and orderly and what foods are best? Are there not many among us who can sing and pray and teach God's Word? Can we not guide them to a possibility for service to their own race? They need us to show them the way.

If your heart leads you into larger service you will find joy in it, but begin with a simple plan and let it grow into the larger place. In all our personal service we seek to present Jesus to those with whom we come in contact. Our own lives will be enriched, and His name will be glorified. We must work the works of Him that sent us (John 9:4).

"Father, where shall I work today?
And my love flowed warm and free.
Then He pointed me out a tiny spot
And said 'Tend that for Me'.
I answered quickly: 'Oh, no, not there;
For no one would ever see.
No matter how well my work was done;
Not that little place for me!'
And the word He spoke, it was not stern,
He answered me tenderly:
'Ah little one, search that heart of thine;
Art thou working for them . . . or Me?'
Nazareth was a little place,
And so was Galilee!"

—Mrs. P. B. Lowrance



Mission Study Department



Southwide Mission Study Chairman, Mrs. Una R. Lawrence, Missouri

SUGGESTIONS for the ONE-DAY CLASS

IN ORDER to secure the largest possible results from the one-day mission study class, it is suggested that the following plans be followed where it is found advisable to hold a class in one day's time.

1. That the books be distributed at least one week in advance and all urged to read them
2. That there shall be three full hours of study—apart from devotionals and other features—broken by sufficient periods of other activities to insure efficient work by teacher and students
3. That there shall be some use made of visual helps—such as charts, maps, posters and blackboard—enabling the eyes to help the overworked ears in study of the subject
4. Attention is called to the requirement that no awards for study can be made to individuals until each has read the book and passed examination on it.

POINT SEVEN, STANDARD of EXCELLENCE

THIS now reads: "At least two mission study classes during the year, the combined enrollment in the classes to include at least one-half of the active membership".

This brings added emphasis on the enlistment of our whole membership in mission study, for in estimating that percentage of enrollment no member may be counted more than once in the combined enrollment. This should greatly increase the total of women and young people taking mission study classes. Try to do this in your society.

The HEART of MISSION STUDY

WE CALL our women again to the necessity of making mission study the

means to an end, rather than an end within itself. We believe that those who know most about the needs and opportunities of the missionary enterprise have greatest responsibility for meeting these. Therefore we call W.M.U. to greater effort for the spread of His Kingdom, from their own neighborhoods to the ends of the earth, through our increased program of mission study. We believe that no woman or young person, or even a boy or girl, should come from a mission study class quite the same person who began that study. We believe attitudes can be made more Christ-like and vision more world-wide through a mission study book, rightly taught and sincerely studied. We believe that it is the missionary minded southern Baptist who is bringing relief to our distressed mission causes. We believe that multiplication of these is the real solution of our problems.

We believe that through the mechanics of books, classes, awards and records there can be, must be shot the thrilling sense of the continuing presence of Jesus in the records of His marvelous deeds today, through the witness of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the missionaries and their fellow Christians on mission fields at home and abroad. Thus in this present day which is ours we will participate in "all that Jesus began both to do and to teach".

—Mrs. Una R. Lawrence

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2—Much excellent missionary work is done in the state.

3—The Training School gets a very fine piece of advertising, and in consecrated young women a desire is created to obtain the training offered there.—Mary Nelle Lyne, Cor. Sec. Ky. W.M.U.

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Miss Isabelle Coleman, Virginia

Suggestion for Poster—Sketch a large outline map of the Holy Land. Designate southern Baptist mission points by gold stars from which float miniature Christian flags (see program for list). For invitations or program headings, cut out small maps of Holy Land, mark mission points with small gold stars. On back of map print invitation, or underneath type the program.

Resolved—That our Business Women's Circle have an attractive year book containing directory of members, program plans, personal service projects, stewardship goals, mission study calendar, prayer-calendar-frame into which to slip the monthly prayer calendar and all other original or local information about the proposed plans for 1935. This will become a missionary guide book for each member.

That our Business Women's Circle will find a group of unenlisted business women in some other Baptist church and organize them into a B.W.C. which we will foster throughout 1935.

That our Business Women's Circle have a study course during the first quarter of 1935.

That our Business Women's Circle follow in prayer the Missionary Birthday Calendar in Home and Foreign Fields and send birthday greetings to at least one missionary each month.

That our Business Women's Circle seek to be the soul-winning corps and pastor's aide in personal evangelism during 1935.

That every member of our Business Women's Circle shall subscribe to *Royal Service* (50 cents from W.M.U. Headquarters, 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.) and to *Home and Foreign Fields* (\$1 from Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.).

That all of our business women shall tithe during 1935.

That all of our business women shall have a "quiet time" for meditation and prayer daily.

TOPIC for MONTH—The BANNER of the CROSS in the LAND of OUR LORD

Hymn: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Silent Prayer —News from the Fields (Page 33)

Business, New Members, New Goals for 1935 (Page 1)

Quartette: "Ring out the Old, Ring in the New"

The Banner of the Cross (By Spirit of Christianity dressed in white and carrying the Christian flag; page 22)

Solo or Duet: "Lead On, O King Eternal"

Scripture: Psalm 60:1-4 (Page 18)

Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Prayer: The Afterglow of Christmas

—Palestine: (Page 23)

The Christian Banner in Palestine: (Page 24)

Watchword for 1935: "In the name of our God we will set up our banners."—Psa. 20:5—(Pages 4-5)

Hymn for 1935: "Fling Out the Banner! Let It Float!"

Setting Up Our Banners (By four members in costume significant of Holy Land; pages 25-28)

Four Prayers for mission work in these four places

—Solo: "Jerusalem"

The Banner Shall Wave: (Page 29)

Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign"

—Benediction

PROGRAM PLANS

Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE

THE department of Program Plans opens its January page with loving New Year greetings to each Program Committee. Possibly many of you are new to this work of planning programs. You will be most valuable by bringing fresh ideas and adding novel features. It may be many on the committee are faithful ones who have been often given this task. These can speak from ripe experience of things that have proven helpful and interesting in the past.

But whether the committee member is new or old in the work, there lies ahead a new year with new opportunities of service to the society. A new topic—"The Christian Conquest or The Banner of the Cross"; a new watchword—"In the name of our God we will set up our banners"; a new hymn for the year—"Fling Out the Banner! Let It Float!" May we add renewed consecration, new zeal and new determination to put our best efforts into each program!

The January meeting follows closely upon the Christmas season that drew us close to the time and the country of our Savior's birth. The Palestine of that far-off time seems more real to us than the Palestine of today. Yet with the song of the angels still in our hearts and the radiance of the star illumining our vision, we must try to hear the voices of Palestine of 1935 and see the needs of her people, still wandering as sheep without a shepherd.

Such a tiny little country! Get a good road map of your own state. They are given away at almost any filling station and need not be the latest issued. The scale of miles is given on these maps. Use this carefully and draw a map of Palestine by this measure. Cut this map out of bright colored paper and paste it on your state

map. This will give a relative idea of the size of little Palestine compared to your state. Display this map during the opening talk. The speaker should combine the information given in the three sections "The Banner of the Cross", "Palestine" and "The Christian Banner in Palestine". (Pages 22-24)

There are two mission stations in what was the old section of Palestine called Galilee. These stations are Nazareth and Haifa. After these have been told about, some one may sing softly the old song: "O, Galilee, Sweet Galilee". After the talk on our work in Jerusalem, all may join in singing "Zion Stands with Hills Surrounded". (Pages 25-27)

The story of the beginning and development of our work in Syria should certainly be given too (page 28). All of these talks are based on material on pages 22-29 in this magazine. Each speaker should be given a time limit and the whole program kept within the allotted time.

A lovely picture chart once used for Sunbeams might be made for the W. M.S. and used throughout the year. Get as large and pretty a colored picture of our national flag as you can. These are often found on school tablets or may be had from the American Legion. Cut three triangular pennants—two blue and one white. On the white paste a big red disc. On one blue paste the same size white disc. On the other blue paste a white cross. Now for the chart: get a suitable size piece of colored cardboard—yellow is best since it will show off the white and the blue pennants. Draw a heavy line for a flag pole. At the top of this paste the blue pennant with the white cross; under this the American flag; below

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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: "A Great High Priest"—Heb. 4:12-16



Because Jesus is the son of God He is fitted to fill the place of our great High Priest. As a man living on earth He learned to understand men. He sympathizes with human need and human longing. Being divine, His office of priest continues forever. Christ is "better than the angels". He "was accounted worthy of more glory than Moses". He is of a higher order than Aaron. The old priests represented man before God while Old Testament prophets represented God to man. Jesus was both high priest and prophet. He came from God to man to express God's love. He is High Priest going to God for the sake of man.

The best commentaries on the Gospels are the epistles. Letters seeking to show how to live the Christ life were written before the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. To a few early followers of our Lord it was given to put into writing the meaning of the crucifixion and the resurrection. These writings are our heritage. May we ap-

preciate them and study them. Knowing something of the Old Testament teachings, you may see that "Christ is the end of the law". Knowing Jesus as your High Priest you are willing to "come boldly unto the throne of grace".

With joy we meditate the grace
Of High Priest above:
His heart is full of tenderness;
His bosom glows with love.

Touched with a sympathy within,
He knows our feeble frame;
He knows what sore temptations mean,
For He has felt the same.

He, in the days of feeble flesh,
Poured out His cries and tears
And, in His measure, feels afresh
What every member bears.

Then let our humble faith address
His mercy and His power;
We shall obtain delivering grace
In each distressing hour.

—Isaac Watts

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this the white pennant; and under that the blue one with the white disc.

The symbol of this flag code should be explained to the society. The top flag is the Christian flag—the only one allowed to fly above our national flag. It represents the Christians of America but, first of all, the Christ who bore the curse for America. Whenever Christian service is held on one of our ships or in our camps, this flag flies. Our own flag of red, white and blue—emblem of our love of country—comes second on the chart. Below that flies

the code flag which says "Coming to help". Should a sister ship fly a flag of distress, this white and red pennant would be the reply message. "Coming to help". But to make the reply stronger another pennant is run up, the blue with the white disc. This says "As fast as we can". What cheer to the ship in need: an American ship coming to help as fast as she can! When we as Christians add the Christian flag, we may signal to nations in need: "The Christians of America coming to help as fast as we can!" If we signal with this code, do we mean it?

Calendar of Prayer January, 1935

Prepared by Mrs. Maud R. McLure, Georgia

Standing with folded wings of mystery,
The New Year waits to greet us—you and me.

Her arms are full of gifts; her feet are shod
All fitly for rough roads or velvet sod;
Her eyes are steady with belief in God.

Topic: The Banner of the Cross in the Land of Our Lord

1—TUESDAY

Pray that we may be worthy stand-
ard bearers of God's banner.
In the name of our God we will set up
our banners.—Psa. 20:5

2—WEDNESDAY

Pray for Mrs. F. W. Armstrong,
president of Woman's Missionary
Union, auxiliary to Southern Baptist
Convention.
Light shall shine upon thy ways.
—Job 22:28

3—THURSDAY

For vice presidents of W.M.U. and
presidents of state Unions.
Happy is the man that findeth wisdom.
—Prov. 3:13

4—FRIDAY

For Miss Kathleen Mallory, corre-
sponding secretary of W.M.U., aux-
iliary to S.B.C.
The God of hope fill you with all joy.
—Rom. 15:13

5—SATURDAY

For Miss Ethel Winfield, assistant
to the corresponding secretary of
W.M.U., auxiliary to S.B.C.
He that doeth the will of God abideth for-
ever.—1 John 2:17

6—SUNDAY

Pray that the Banner of the Cross
be lifted high in the city of Jerusa-
lem.
His banner over me was love.
—Song of Sol. 2:4

7—MONDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. C. A.
Leonard (on furlough), evangelistic
work, Harbin, Manchuria, and
Charles and Rachel Leonard, Mar-
garet Fund students.
Great peace have they that love Thy law.
—Psa. 119:165

8—TUESDAY

For Miss Juliette Matber, young
people's secretary of W.M.U.
He will fulfill the desire of them that
love Him.—Psa. 145:19

9—WEDNESDAY

For Mrs. H. M. Wharton and Mrs.
Sumter Lea, Jr., recording and as-
sistant recording secretaries of W.
M.U.

Yea, we also bear witness.—III John 12

10—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Nils Bengtson,
educational and evangelistic work,
Barcelona, Spain, and Samuel Bengt-
son, Margaret Fund student.
If our heart condemn us not we have bold-
ness toward God.—I John 3:21

11—FRIDAY

For Miss Pearl Bourne, associate
young people's secretary of W.M.U.
Let your light shine.—Matt. 5:16

12—SATURDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. E. N. Walne (re-
tired on pension), publication, lit-
erary and evangelistic work, Shimo-
noseki, Japan.
They that deal truly are His delight.
—Prov. 12:22

13—SUNDAY

For large growth in Baptist work in
Palestine.
O Israel, return unto Jehovah, thy God.
—Rom. 14:1

14—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. M. T. Rankin,
educational work, Canton, China.
This is love that we should walk after His
commandments.—II John 6

15—TUESDAY

For Mrs. W. J. Cox, treasurer of
W.M.U., and for state W.M.U.
treasurers.
He glad in Jehovah, ye righteous.
—Psa. 97:12

16—WEDNESDAY

For annual sessions of W.M.U. of
Florida, DeLand, Jan. 16. Pray
also for work of Brazilian W.M.U.
If God is for us, who is against us?
—Rom. 8:31

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**Attended Baptist Bible Institute

Calendar of Prayer

January, 1935

Her voice falls sweetly as a vesper bell
Where trust and hope all lesser notes dispel;
Scarce knowing why, we feel that all is well.

She smiles a little as she turns away,
Breathing a promise for each coming day;
And we—we pause a little while to pray!—*Lillian Gard*

Captr: The Banner of the Cross in the Land of Our Lord

17—THURSDAY

Pray for state W.M.U. secretaries
and young people's secretaries.
Fight the good fight of the faith.
—1 Tim. 6:12

18—FRIDAY

For editors of *World Comrades* and
for mid-year meeting of W.M.U.
Executive Committee and corre-
sponding secretaries in Birmingham,
January 29-31 inclusive
Wisdom is profitable to direct.
—Ecc. 10:10

19—SATURDAY

For Rev and Mrs J. C. Powell,
evangelistic work, Shaki, Nigeria
It is Christ Jesus who also maketh inter-
cession for us.—Rom. 8:34

20—SUNDAY

Pray that Baptist Hundred Thou-
sand Club may fulfill its mission.
Bring an offering and come into His courts
—Psa. 96:8

21—MONDAY

Pray for all W.M.U. leaders in mis-
sion study, stewardship, personal
service, White Cross, College Y.W.A.
and Grace McBride Y.W.A.
The way of Jehovah is a stronghold to the
upright.—Prov. 10:29

22—TUESDAY

For Misses Kate Murray and
Olive Lawton, evangelistic work,
Chengchow, China
Fervent in spirit, serving the Lord
—Rom. 12:11

23—WEDNESDAY

For resident members of W.M.U.
Executive Committee, in Birming-
ham, Ala.
O Lord out Thy light and Thy truth!
—Psa. 43:3

24—THURSDAY

For Misses Jane and Florence
Lide, evangelistic and educational
work, Hwang-Hsien, China
Now abideth faith, hope, love.
—1 Cor. 13:13

25—FRIDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Bagby,
evangelistic and educational work,
Porto Alegre, Brazil
Because I live, ye shall live also.
—John 14:19

26—SATURDAY

For Miss Juanita Byrd, Shanghai
University, Shanghai, China
Jehovah will be thy confidence.
—Prov. 3:16

27—SUNDAY

Pray that the hearts of indifferent
Baptists may be quickened into mis-
sionary interest.
Faith apart from works is dead.
—Jas. 2:26

28—MONDAY

Pray for Miss Doris Knight, edu-
cational work, Hwang-Hsien, China
He will touch us of His ways and we will
walk in His paths.—Isa. 2:3

29—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. D. H. LeSueur
(retired on pension), educational
work, Chihuahua, Mexico, and Clar-
adine and Martha LeSueur, Marga-
ret Fund students
Godliness is profitable for all things.
—1 Tim. 4:8

30—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Townsend
and Miss Attie Bostick, evangelistic
work, Kweichow, China
Make ye ready the way of the Lord.
—Mark 1:3

31—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. T. B. Hawkins,
evangelistic work, Rafaela, Argen-
tina
A good name is rather to be chosen than
great riches.—Prov. 22:1

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FAMILY ALTAR



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: "A Great High Priest"—Heb. 4:12-16

COME, my soul, thy suit prepare,
Jesus loves to answer prayer;
He himself has bid thee pray;
Rise and ask without delay.

"A Great High Priest"

1st Day—Heb. 2:17; 8:1, 2
2nd Day—Heb. 4:12-16
3rd Day—Heb. 5:5, 6, 10; 6:19, 20
4th Day—Heb. 7:22-28
5th Day—Heb. 8:1-6, 10-12
6th Day—Heb. 9:11, 12, 24-28
7th Day—Heb. 10:11-25

Our Mediator

5th Day—Eph. 2:13-18
9th Day—Eph. 3:8-12
10th Day—Heb. 12:24; 13:16
11th Day—I John 2:1, 2, 12
12th Day—Zech. 6:13
13th Day—Isa. 63:4, 10-12
14th Day—Psa. 110:1, 4, 5

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that I know that each and everyone of
us will gladly part with that at an early
date. The secretary and treasurer of
the organization is Mrs. Eloise Glass
Cauthen, care Rev. B. J. Cauthen, Fort
Worth, Texas. Fifty cents and a short
note from you, as to your whereabouts,
present name and address will be gladly

THOU art coming to a King;
Large petitions with thee bring,
For His grace and power are such,
None can ever ask too much.—*John Newton*

"As He Was Praying"

15th Day—John 17:11, 15-17, 20-22
16th Day—Rom. 5:1, 2; 8:34
17th Day—Luke 9:18, 28, 29
18th Day—Matt. 11:25, 26; 14:23
19th Day—Matt. 15:36; 19:13; 26:26, 27
20th Day—Mark 1:35
21st Day—Luke 5:12

"Father, Forgive Them"

22nd Day—Luke 22:31, 32, 41-44; 23:33,
34
23rd Day—Matt. 18:21, 22, 35; 11:25, 30
24th Day—Luke 6:35-37; 7:47; 17:3, 4
25th Day—Rom. 12:14, 17, 19, 21
26th Day—I Cor. 4:12
27th Day—Col. 3:13
28th Day—Matt. 6:12, 14; 5:7
29th Day—Gen. 45:6-16
30th Day—Acts 5:31
31st Day—Psa. 118:22-24, 25

received. Thanks for sending same to
her as soon as possible!

With keenest hopes that our organiza-
tion will thrive and grow, not only in
numbers but also in grace and love and
knowledge of one another and of the
Lord, I am,

Yours in the service of the Master,
Mary E. Lawton, *President.*

"Pray Ye"

In thanksgiving for God's guidance during past year
and years

In adoration for Christ, "the gift of God's love", and
for the Holy Spirit with "quickening power"

In supplication for a New Year of increasing usefulness
in the Kingdom of God

In intercession for: (1) your own life; (2) your home;
(3) your society; (4) your church; (5) your associ-
ation; (6) your state; (7) your southland; (8) your
country; (9) your world

In petition for W.M.U. work: (1) among young people;
(2) through study classes; (3) in teaching steward-
ship; (4) in personal service; (5) through enlistment; (6) by prayer

In behalf of Baptist Hundred Thousand Club and in preparation for March Week
of Prayer for Home Missions



PROGRAM for JANUARY



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: The Christian Conquest or The Banner of the Cross
TOPIC for MONTH: The Banner of the Cross in the Land of Our Lord

Hymn—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Bible Study—"A Great High Priest"—Heb. 4:12-16 (See page 18.)

Prayer for God's blessings on our work during the New Year

The Banner of the Cross

Watchword for Year: "In the name of our God we will set up our banners"—Psa. 20:5.

Hymn for the Year: Fling Out the Banner! Let It Float!

Palestine! —The Christian Banner in Palestine

Hymn—Zion Stands with Hills Surrounded

Setting Up Our Banner

At Nazareth

At Haifa

At Jerusalem

In Syria

Prayer for God's blessings on all of our work in Palestine and Syria

Hymn—Send the Light

—The Banner Shall Wave

Hymn—Jesus Shall Reign

Prayer that we may do our best to give the Gospel to Palestine



The BANNER of the CROSS

A New Year brings a new program theme: "The Christian Conquest" or "The Banner of the Cross". What a picturesque theme it is! The word "banner" suggests something bright and colorful waving in the air, and at once we picture parades and soldiers with bands of music and enthusiastic people shouting "Hurrah! Hurrah!" Usually the banner is insignificant in itself but valued because it is a symbol of a country or a cause or something very important. It carries with it the thought of LOYALTY to the thing for which it

stands. It carries with it the thought of CONFLICT, for those who wave it will fight for its protection and its glory. It carries with it the thought of SACRIFICE, for gladly will its supporters die rather than see the flag go down or its cause suffer defeat.

But the banner of OUR PROGRAM THEME is different from all other banners—it is THE BANNER OF THE CROSS. Of course the "Cross" can have but one meaning—the sacrificial death of Jesus for the salvation of a lost world. The cross places this "Banner" above all emblems of national greatness because no nation is as great, as powerful and as important as the cause of Christ. The cross makes this a universal banner, without national or racial limitations, for in the cross is salvation for ALL people who will accept it. This banner, by the command of Him for whose cause

it stands, is to be planted in every land and to become the emblem of salvation for the whole creation. Therefore this Banner, more than any of earth's banners, demands our love, our loyalty and our service. We must work for it; we must live for it; we must fight for it; we must, if need be, die for it!

PALESTINE

IT IS fitting that our first program under the new theme should take us to Palestine where the Banner of the Cross was first unfurled. Palestine! How thoughts of the land charm us! Palestine—the Promised Land for God's people, the land of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David, Peter, Paul and Jesus! Palestine—the land which gave to the world its greatest race, the Jews; its greatest book, the Bible; its greatest man, Christ; and its greatest religion, Christianity! Palestine—the land which has inspired more poetry, more pictures, more music and more books than all the rest of the world! Palestine—the land where earth's history centers and toward which prophecy points as the place of the fulfillment of God's plan for the world! Palestine has always been fascinating, but at no time in its history more so than now. Today the eyes of the world are on this land, eagerly watching the events that are transpiring there, reading again the prophecies that must yet be fulfilled within her borders, wondering what new purpose God is working out on that favored spot of the globe.

Palestine is a mere pinhead on the map, covering an area of ten thousand square miles, about the same as that of New Hampshire. It is about 150 miles long and varies in width from 35 to 110 miles. The population is mixed, mostly Jews and Arabs with a sprinkling of English, German and other European people. From the seventh century up to the time of the World War Palestine was under Moslem control. The Crusades of the Middle Ages were for the purpose of taking this Holy Land away from the Mohammedans, but none of them succeeded. What the crusaders failed to do the late World War accom-

plished, for at its close General Allenby of England entered Jerusalem as conqueror and the home of Christianity came for the first time under the rule of a Christian nation.

Many changes are transpiring in Palestine today. First, the Jews are returning in great numbers. From all corners of the world they are again turning their eyes toward their Land of Promise. The Zionist Movement, which has for its purpose the securing of Palestine as a rightful home for the Jews and the establishment there of a Jewish national life, is growing stronger every year. It is estimated that at the close of the World War the Hebrew population of Palestine was only 20,000. In 1931 it was 175,000, but now it has reached 245,000. During the past three years, due to persecution of the Jews in Germany, the Jewish immigration to Palestine has been larger than ever before.

Not only are the Jews returning to Palestine but the land itself is being reclaimed. Even nature is changing and helping to bring back to Palestine its ancient glory. This land, for long almost like a desert, is beginning to blossom like a rose. After centuries of barrenness it is again flowing with milk and honey. The average rainfall has increased over 50 percent since 1860. Olive culture is taking on new life. Thousands of vines and myrtle trees have been planted. A dozen new important industries have been brought to the country. Outstanding is the chemical development of the Dead Sea potash and other mineral resources. The Jordan River now supplies electric power for the whole country. New factories turn out iron bedsteads, tooth paste, shaving soap, artificial teeth, brick, candles, glue, preserved fruits and aluminum ware. Old walls are being rebuilt and new cities are springing up where old ones once existed. There are speed boats on the Dead Sea, and seaplanes on the Sea of Galilee. Tractors are taking the place of the primitive plows of Bible times and across the plain of Dothan, whence the Ishmaelite caravan

carried Joseph into Egypt, speed high powered automobiles. Truly Palestine is becoming modernized.

Yet, while all these astounding things are taking place, many conditions in Palestine sadden our hearts and call for our utmost in missionary effort. Religiously the people are divided into three classes—Moslems, Jews and Christians who are mostly nominal of the Greek orthodox type. Moslems, Jews and nominal Christians are alike insufficient for the spiritual needs of the people and opposed to the advance of true Christianity. The people are for the most part grossly ignorant, intolerant, superstitious, fanatical, poor, sinful and seemingly satisfied. Here in the land of our Lord are multitudes who do not know the Lord of the land. Here, on the very soil where Jesus walked, people tread the paths of sin on their way to destruction with no one to show them the way of salvation. Surely, then, Palestine is not only the most historical, the most romantic, the most interesting and the most fascinating land on earth, but it is also the most appealing and the most challenging to those who love Jesus and call this land "holy" because of its association with His earthly ministry.

THE CHRISTIAN BANNER IN PALESTINE

THERE is perhaps no spot on earth which has been so neglected by evangelists of the Cross as Palestine. The Crusaders carried the Banner of the Cross to Palestine in an effort to wrest the holy place from the hands of the Saracens, but they made no effort to win the people of the land to the Christ of the Cross. According to records given by Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus the first protestant missionary work dates from about 1809 when a society known as "Church Missions to the Jews" was organized in London. From time to time the founders of this society went to Jerusalem to distribute Bibles and tracts, but political and religious conditions made it impossible to do more than a temporary and spasmodic work.

It was not until 1833 that a permanent mission was established. In 1835 an appeal was made for the establishment of a protestant church in Jerusalem. The following touching and challenging statement was included in this appeal: "In Jerusalem the Turk has his mosque, the Jew his synagogue while the pure Christianity of the Reformation alone appears as a stranger". In 1838 the first protestant church was built on Mt. Zion. Since that time there have been many missionary efforts in Jerusalem, and today practically every denomination has its mission placed there. But, after his recent visit to the Holy Land, Mr. Gartenhaus said: "The older missions, once well equipped and wise in their methods of work, have become antiquated, while the new missions are poorly supported and lack buildings and equipment necessary for the successful operation of their work." As for the rest of Palestine almost nothing is being done. There are a few poorly equipped and poorly manned mission stations and schools scattered through the land, but as one of our missionaries writes: "There is at present no honest-to-goodness, thorough effort among any protestants to carry the Gospel to Palestine".

And in the meantime all over the land is great need and open doors inviting Christians to enter and give the Gospel to needy people. There is the great city of Jerusalem, almost untouched by evangelical Christianity. There is Tel Aviv, the old Jewish city, with a population of 80,000. This is a modern city in every respect, but with no Baptist work since Dr. and Mrs. Watts left it in 1928, except an occasional visit from Mr. Owens. There is a little band of Baptists there waiting and begging for a missionary. Then there are the villages—Nain, where Jesus raised the young man from the dead; Shuam, where Elisha often visited; Endor, where Saul visited the witch the night before his death; Cana, where Jesus performed His first miracle; and there are scores of other villages teeming with lost people just as they did when Jesus walked in their midst—still sheep without a shepherd.

herd. How they need some one to have compassion on them as did Jesus long ago! Mrs. Owens, writing of these opportunities, says: "One might write indefinitely of the open doors in Palestine. The one need that overshadows all the others is for men and women to go with the message of salvation. Our prayer is that one of these days e'er long we shall have the men and means necessary to go in and claim the people of these places for Him who lived and taught here long ago".

SETTING UP OUR BANNERS

How southern Baptist heralds true,
Embedded with power divine,
Have set the Banner of the Cross
To wave in Palestine!

At Nazareth

Where Jesus spent His boyhood days,
And grew in wisdom, strength and praise!

THE first point in Palestine where southern Baptists set up the Banner of the Cross was Nazareth. A preacher by the name of Musa started the work there. After a few years he died, but the work still goes on under the capable leadership of Rev. Louis Hanna, with Mrs. Musa as the efficient and consecrated Bible woman. Mr. Hanna, a native of Palestine, was educated in this country and married an American woman. A lovely little stone church, the gift of Mrs. George Bottoms of Arkansas, furnishes the place where the Baptists of Nazareth may worship Him who spent most of His early years in their town. Pastor Hanna reports that the work of the Nazareth station has kept going under very trying circumstances. It has been made especially difficult by the opposition of the Greek Orthodox Church. "The leaders of this church are ignorant, corrupt, sensual; swearing, drinking and other gross sins mean little to them; the church has no preaching or teaching. One question the converts to evangelical Christianity ask of their former leaders is: Why did you never tell us about our sins and about salvation in Christ, instead of talking about Saint So-and-So?" The opposition

of the nuns and priests often takes the form of bitter persecution. It takes real courage for one to make a public profession of Christ in Nazareth, for it usually means heartless persecution even from loved ones.

In spite of these difficulties some progress has been made. The little church took care of its running expenses last year and paid taxes on the property of the Foreign Mission Board. An interesting feature of the work is a Daily Vacation Bible School. The first of these was held in the summer of 1933. A personal gift to Mrs. Hanna from a missionary-hearted friend made possible this school. Three seesaws, two swings and several big balls were the playground equipment provided. For the classrooms long low tables were made. It was a happy group of children that gathered each morning to be taught the great truths of God's Word. On the first morning there were twenty-two, but the number kept increasing until there were fifty-six. Still others wanted to come, but the workers felt that they could not adequately care for more than fifty-six, so sent the others away. The children were from Greek Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Moslem homes, with only two Baptists in the group. "The children were interested and eager, for the school was different from anything known before in Nazareth. They especially enjoyed the memory work, hand work and the choruses which were translated from the English". The children were not the only ones who thought this school different. Parents came, begging the teachers to open a regular school to which they might send their children because "they really taught them something and did not just keep them in like other schools". The government inspector, from the Educational Department of Palestine, also urged the Baptists to open a kindergarten and primary school. The workers feel that the D.V.B.S. was very helpful in breaking down much of the prejudice of the people against the work. One of the results is that the Sunday school attendance has improved in a remarkable way.

Surely it does our hearts good to know that this work is being done for the children in Jesus' childhood home. We believe that if Jesus has a favorite spot in the world it must be Nazareth, for the earliest memories of His earthly boyhood cluster around the little Galilean village. On her streets and adjoining hillsides He romped and played with other growing boys. To her synagogues He went on the Sabbath day to worship God and to be taught in the Scriptures. There in a carpenter's shop He worked to help His widowed mother care for a family. In Nazareth He "grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man". Of course He loves Nazareth and desires that all there shall know of His love; and if we love Him we will do all we can to send His love to His old home.

At Jerusalem

Royal city of great fame,
To which the Royal Savior came!

IN GREAT Jerusalem, the city of kings, where once the temple stood, and which was for centuries the center of the worship of God, southern Baptists have one little mission with one missionary in charge. That one missionary is Miss Elsie Clor, herself a Jewess who was converted through a Good Will Center. And now she is in the city of her fathers, conducting a Good Will Center through which she strives to win to Jesus many other Jews as well as Arabs and other lost people in Jerusalem. The Jerusalem mission opened over seven years ago. At that time the task of giving the Gospel to the lost of that great city seemed stupendous, but now the challenge is much greater for not only has the Jewish population of Jerusalem grown to thrice the number that it was then but, going directly from the mission station, there is a road that makes it possible for the work to reach more than a dozen colonies which are constantly growing. Miss Clor, writing of the opportunities, says: "The influx of German Jews within the past year has opened another and wider door of

service for our Master. The sufferings of these people have made them more ready to listen to the truth. We have already come in contact with these people and feel that their hearts are good soil for the Seed".

The Good Will Center building is an attractive one and serves not only as a home for Miss Clor and her volunteer assistant, Miss Fenderson, but also serves as the center of Baptist activity in Jerusalem. Around it is a garden where beautiful Palestine flowers bloom in profusion. This building was made much more commodious by a gift from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of 1931; this gift also provided splendid playground equipment. One thousand dollars of the 1932 offering was used for the erection of the little church which was dedicated with great rejoicing on Thanksgiving Day of 1933. A very bright and promising young Jewess was the first to be baptized in the new baptistry of the church. Before the erection of this building all converts had to be taken to Nazareth for baptism, or the baptistry of some other church in Jerusalem had to be borrowed. Of course neither plan was satisfactory, so we can rejoice with the Baptists of Jerusalem that they now have a baptistry of their very own.

Miss Clor writes as follows of the last year's work at the Good Will Center: "The Good Will Center has made a remarkable advance this year. The Sunday school for mixed nationalities, the Sabbath-School for Jewish children, the Boys' Club and the Girls' Club, Young People's Bible and English Classes, Women's Meetings and Sewing Classes have all been increasing and their interest in the Gospel has deepened. Indeed the children's and young people's departments are the most promising features of our work. We touch no less than 250 of these precious lives a week. Sixteen of the children ranging from the ages, 11 to 17, have been definitely converted this year. They have organized themselves into a Junior Bible Class and choir for the church. Their love for the work and their eagerness to

bring in others are a real joy to us. On Sunday morning some of these children go out early to hunt up children who are not going to Sunday school and bring them in. These dear little warriors of the Cross long to be baptized but, owing to the fact that they are minors, they must get the consent of their parents, according to the law of the country. We have interviewed the parents several times, but as yet they have refused to grant the request of their children. The accomplishment and interest in the D.V.B.S. far surpassed anything that we have had before. The enrollment was 267, but because of cramped quarters we could not accept more than 110 daily. During the seven weeks' session, several of the older children took a definite stand for Christ".

As we read of this wonderful work we are not surprised that one little girl in Jerusalem said to Miss Clor, "There aren't any more places like yours".

A great need of the Jerusalem field is a pastor for the church. Of course Miss Clor, with the work of the Good Will Center on her shoulders, cannot conduct the work of the church as it should be done. Jesus Himself bore His cross through the streets of Jerusalem on His way to Calvary. What an opportunity have southern Baptists to set up the Banner of that Cross in Jerusalem by strengthening the work there through a missionary pastor who will,

in the city of Jewish kings, win Jews and gentiles to the King of kings.

At Haifa

A modern town on ancient site,
Where progress and great needs invite!

HAIFA is a growing and progressive city, situated on a beautiful bay, just at the foot of historic Mt. Carmel, hardly twenty-five miles from Nazareth. There is every reason to believe that this will soon be one of the largest and most important cities in the Near East. Already it boasts a population exceeding forty thousand. It has a new harbor, costing over \$6,000,000. It is the terminal for the Irak pipe line which connects the coast city with the rich oil fields of Palestine. Other new developments in Palestine are using Haifa as the export city for their products. All of this means that Haifa will continue to grow in size and in importance and, therefore, a challenging mission field.

Two of our three missionaries in Palestine, Rev. and Mrs. Roswell Owens, work at Haifa. Mrs. Owens sent an interesting and appealing account of their work, the article appearing on pages 13-14 of the W.M.S. folder of the December Week of Prayer: the article's many stirring facts should again be brought to the society's attention. Mrs. Owens also sent the following appealing poem:

"Will you not pray for us?
Each day we need your prayers,
For the way is rough and long,
And our lips falter and forget their song
As we preach the Word men will not heed.
Pray for us.
We are but vessels frail;
The world's appalling need would crush us down,
Save that in vision we behold the crown upon His brow,
Who shall at length prevail.
Not yet the crowning!
Fields must first be won,
Lives freely yielded,
Martyr blood be spilt,
Love cast out fear,
Redemption blot out guilt,
Ere we behold the Kingdom of God's own Son.
We shall behold it!

Lo, His Word stands sure;
Our King shall triumph in a world set free.
With joy His chosen ones His reign shall see.
Pray for us, friends,
That we may still endure!"

In Syria

A land all Bible students know
Of ancient fame and modern woe!

ADJOINING Palestine is Syria, offering about the same needs and opportunities as does Palestine. The story of the beginning of our work there is graphically told by Mrs. J. Wash Watts and centers in a most interesting character. The story begins with a World's fair—not the recent one, but the Chicago fair of 1893.

"From all over the world men were coming to Chicago to bring the exhibits of their respective countries to the World's Fair. Among them was a young Syrian who was in charge of the Turkish Exhibit. As his assistant he had selected his cousin, Said Jureidini, a young photographer of Beirut. A wise choice it was, for Said was quick and capable, a man of excellent artistic judgment and with a lovable, most attractive personality. It was a wonderful opportunity for him, and he entered enthusiastically into every plan, little realizing that God was thus working out His purpose for Said and for his land.

While here some friends invited him to visit them in St. Louis, and there he first met Baptist people. Now this young man thought himself to be a Christian. Had he not been christened when a baby? Did he not attend church on the feast days and more or less faithfully pay the priest for confession and prayers? But here suddenly he learned of a living Saviour and Christ, of a vital relation with Him that necessitated a change of heart and life on his part. And there in St. Louis he yielded his life to that living Saviour.

Back to Beirut he went, a regenerated, baptized believer, enthusiastic and lovable as ever. At home again, his home and his shop became his preaching places. Later he was ordained by

a party of visiting members of his church in St. Louis and began the first organized Baptist work of modern times in that land. How he preached the love of Christ, how he struggled to be a real soldier for Christ! Persecutions, privations were as nothing. A church of more than fifty members was established.

But the World War came and the members were scattered. Some went to other lands, some lost their lives. Again he must build slowly and carefully, but encouragement came with the southern Baptist missionaries and some regular bit of support. The Baptist group in Beirut is still small, but this cultured, gifted, eloquent preacher has preached to many, many peoples. Under his influence a fine young lawyer of Beirut gave his heart to Christ and has finished after several years of arduous labor a splendid Arabic translation of the New Testament.

At the time of the dedication of our church at Nazareth several years ago, Bro. Jureidini preached the dedicatory sermon. There he was heard to say that he had lost the hearing in one ear, that one knee was stiff because of rheumatism and that he needed glasses for reading but, oh, how thankful he was that God had allowed him to keep his voice, so he could preach the love of Christ! Today he is old and feeble, but so happy to see the Banner of the Cross planted firmly in the hearts of a few of his countrymen.

How wonderfully did God connect our land with that far distant one for the beginning of work there, using a world's fair, a Baptist church and a man who was His chosen vessel! Today we have two mission stations in Syria: the one at Beirut, which is a large seaport; and the other at Kefr Mishky, a little village in the Lebanon Mountains very near Mt. Hermon".

The BANNER SHALL WAVE

THE work of the cross is small and difficult in Palestine, but the word of prophecy concerning the future glory of the land is sure. Palestine shall be redeemed. The Banner of the Cross shall wave in triumph over the Land of the Lord. The Bible promises it: therefore, it will surely happen.

Present developments in Palestine are an indication of the approaching fulfillment of God's promises for the land. As we see the Jews returning to Palestine we remember the words of the prophets: "Thus sayeth the Lord Jehovah: Behold I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land" (*Ezek. 37:21*). "And they shall know that I am Jehovah their God, in that I caused them to go into captivity among the nations and have gathered them unto their own land; and I will leave none of them any more there" (*Ezek. 39:28*). In the reclamation of the land we see the fulfillment of other prophecies: "They shall plant vineyards and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens and eat the fruit of them" (*Amos 9:14*). "And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations" (*Isa. 61:4*). All of this fulfillment of prophecy leads us to believe that other prophecies yet unfulfilled will yet come to pass and that the day will come, perhaps soon, when "Zion shall be re-

deemed" and "when Jehovah of hosts will reign in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem".

In Jerusalem is the famous wailing wall, where Jews continually weep for the departed glory of Israel.

"They left thee but a wailing place
At which to sob thy story
And mourn with sad, averted face
The days of vanished glory.

Only a few stones wet with tears
In what was once thy city,
With none to share thy haunting fears
And none to offer pity.

A wailing place! And yet near by
Was born the wide world's gladness!
O tell me, House of Judah, why
This deep, unending sadness?"

ISRAEL need not be sad—Palestine need not be hopeless! Beyond the wailing wall the Sun of Righteousness arises with healing in His wings. The hope of Israel, the hope of the world was born, lived, died, arose and ascended from Palestine's soil. Surely He has not forgotten His own land. Surely in the fulfillment of God's promises for this land the day of her redemption draweth nigh. And we can hasten that glorious consummation by carrying the Banner of the Cross back to the spot where it started on its victorious conquest of a lost world. We have our part in this great task; we must do our utmost to carry the Banner of the Cross to the Land of our Lord and to His whole world.

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Discuss size, area and population of Palestine.
2. Discuss the importance of Palestine in world history.
3. Tell of the Jews' return to Palestine.
4. Tell of modern development in Palestine.
5. Discuss religious conditions in Palestine.
6. Tell of the beginning of protestant churches in Palestine.
7. Discuss open doors of opportunity in Palestine.
8. How many mission stations have southern Baptists in Palestine and who are our missionaries?

9. What are the difficulties of the work in Nazareth?
10. How has the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering helped the work in Jerusalem?
11. Why is Haifa an especially important mission station?
12. Tell something of our work in Haifa.
13. Tell of the beginning of our work in Syria.
14. Discuss the present day fulfillment of prophecy in Palestine.

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

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

NEW YEAR AIMS



No one knows what the months of 1935 hold in store for us as a nation or as members of the world family, but it should be growing in the consciences of W.M.U. counselors that the future of the denomination and, hence in an influential way, of the nation is in their hands. W.M.U. counselors lead 300,000 young people in nearly 22,300 organizations. Can you picture the difference that those 300,000 young people can make in the world's life in the coming years? Rightly motivated, learning deliberately to choose and follow the way of Christ Jesus, they can mould attitudes and actions for righteousness. Racial antipathies, economic conflicts, liquor problems confront these young people: the counselors can so guide and center their thoughts on the Kingdom that youth today will tomorrow in adulthood make changes according to Christ's plan of loving living. Once our counselors comprehend their importance they will see beyond the small discouragements of the present program meeting to the reality of values planted in youthful hearts, and all their leadership will become a joy.

Sit down this New Year's month and look at your organization as it truly is—a means, a channel through which the Kingdom may come. The Standard of Excellence becomes glowingly a prod for minimum fulfillment of high purpose. Young people must give at least one full meeting a month to missionary information inspired by which they will desire to serve their fellowmen, will learn the honesty of stewardship, be eager for intensive mission study, be desirous of a special season for prayer and giving, be zealous to reach others and bring them also to center on missions. Your standard is not a mechan-

ical measure forced upon your organization; it is a measure whereby spiritual development may be estimated as it is achieved. Keep the right motivation for being A-1 before your membership; never let A-1 become an end in itself; it is only a modest mark of attainment.

Increasingly our organizations realize that two meetings or four a month are far more fair for learning about missions. The taste whets the appetite for more if your programs are flavored with adequate prayerful preparation. G.A.'s and R.A.'s, especially like the spice of Forward Steps and Ranking Systems which afford opportunity for individual projects. Have you been reading articles appearing in *World Comrades* from members who are progressing in these?

This year of 1935 we will be giving special emphasis to a certain organization during a given week in a quarter. Sunbeam Bands will be the center of the first Focus Week during the first quarter. Further plans will be suggested in February *Royal Service*, through our other missionary magazines and the state papers. W.M.U. directors will watch for these plans and help each church enter into them.

In the flood of reading matter which surges before our young people keep *World Comrades* and *The Window of Y.W.A.* in the front where it will be read. Tawdry sensational magazines or a diet of lurid mystery stories will produce young people with superficial and morbid outlooks. Our monthly missionary magazines bring well written, interesting literature as well as program and organizational material. Realize your possibilities for making 1935 a year of vital missionary activity and growth and, as counselor rededicated to this large service, walk with God through all its days and months.



COLLEGE Y. W. A.



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

Before the HOLIDAYS END



It has been such a happy time, this holiday with the college daughter at home again. It seems so good to hear her hurrying about the house, laughingly, merrily doing the cheery things a daughter at home for a brief vacation delights in. Soon she will be packing up, the family car will pull in at the depot, and the train or bus will pull out carrying her back to that period of life we cover in the term college. Wouldn't it be a fine thing to just sit down and talk calmly, mother and daughter, before the holidays end?

Have you both read the booklet, "Prayer—the Golden Chain"? It costs only 25c but is a volume priceless in what it can help you do in developing your prayer life. Perhaps mother has read it in her W.M.S.; lend it to the college daughter. After she reads it she will pass it on; it can move along a dormitory hall, a veritable book of blessing, turning hearts to prayer, hearts that may be trembling in doubt on the verge of grave difficulties of questioning faith and prayer and God. Suggest that daughter and her roommate or a group read it together just before light bell. It will help them sleep in His peace after the trustful prayer of the evening. (Order the booklet for 25c from State Baptist Bookstore or from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

You have talked about the clothes needs; have you talked about the garments of righteousness — consistent Christian living that young womanhood needs today? Those are the garments that Y.W.A. helps to produce, as young

women see they are called as Christians to have a big part in lifting a lost world back to a waiting Savior. Perhaps your Y.W.A. daughter has not taken time during first semester to go to Y.W.A.; remind her of the missionary imperative that is the organizational purpose of Y.W.A. and show her how she will be blessed and can become a blessing by participation in Young Woman's Auxiliary on her campus. There isn't any such organization? Then the W.M.S. mother can give the college daughter the name and address of state young people's secretary (address on page 2) and in all probability an organization can be perfected. But meanwhile the daughter can have a subscription to *The Window of Y.W.A.*, can feel through its pages the friendly spirit of courageous endeavor for Christ that characterizes our world-wide Y.W.A. She can use the "Daily Thoughts" and mother and daughter can covenant together to pray for the missionary or object indicated on the Calendar of Prayer which is the same in *Royal Service* and *The Window of Y.W.A.* How it will strengthen the ties of love and the bonds of faith to know that day by day each reaches out a prayerful interest toward the same person or phase of denominational life!

And the matter of finances: every family must discuss that a bit before separating. Do bring the stewardship, tithing reminder into your conversation. Surely the college daughter, increasingly independent the longer she is away from the home nest, must be a steward of her money; help her here lest she feel you do not expect her to give, and lest she forget her duty to God.



CURRENT EVENTS



Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

The very mention of the land of our Lord and the Banner of the Cross causes one inevitably to think of the Jewish people now gathered and gathering in Palestine and just what will be their future status in the Promised Land. From the secular press we learn that the Jewish population in Palestine has devised a flag all its own—a field, the upper half blue, the lower half white, on which Solomon's seal in blue and white is centered.

Mr. Gartenhaus, our Home Board missionary to the Jews in this country, believes that the return of the Jews to Palestine will lead to their return to God and says this return to God is the only solution of the Jewish problem. But there has been no period since the beginning of Judaism in which Jews have not been living in Palestine and as in years past so in the years to come the problem is to induce Christ's followers to so lift Him up both in Palestine and in the other lands where Jews reside that seeing Him they will lift high the Banner of the Cross so that it may float far above any flag they may adopt in their endeavor to establish themselves as a nation.

The National Council of the Episcopal Church says that the need for restoring spiritual and intellectual life after centuries of Moslem domination in Palestine is obvious and imperative. In a total population of over a million more than 90,000 are Christians most of whom are members of eastern churches—Greek Orthodox, Armenian, Syrian and others. The Episcopalians have

about 35 ministers and a number of lay workers, over 40 churches and missions, 7 hospitals and 15 schools.

In the March issue of the *Missionary Review of the World* is an outline prepared by Miss Ruth Angel of the New York City Gospel Mission to the Jews which suggests a method of approach to the Jews in seeking to win them to Christ. There are twelve points in the outline each of which is most helpful but there is not space to give them here.

Palestine has received from 3 to 4 thousand Jews a month during this year. During 1933 the number of German Jews that entered Palestine was 9,000. There are 120 Jewish settlements in Palestine and 24,000 children in Jewish schools.—*Missionary Review of the World*

Dr. M. E. Dodd, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, on a tour around the world writes concerning his visit to the Holy Land: "We missed our missionary, Brother Owens, in Haifa, Syria. The pastor of our Nazareth church was away the day we passed through there. But we found Miss Elsie Clor on the job at our mission in Jerusalem. And what a job she has! And how heroically she is carrying on! We saw a group of happy children at play in the yard. Her Saturday (*Jewish Sabbath*) afternoon Bible class of Jewish young men and women was in session. There were some twenty in the class studying the Acts of the Apostles. Her beautiful little chapel is a worthy trophy to the W.M.U. Christmas Offering of a year ago".

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Mrs. W. J. Cox, Treasurer

STATES	Reported by State Treasurers as Having Been Remitted by Them to the Respective Boards					Received by W.M.U. Treasurer					
	Cooperative Program Unaffiliated	Debt Paying Campaign	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Ministerial Relief	Christian Education	State Missions and Other Objects in S.B.C. Program	Mar. Fund for Tr. Sch. and Marg. Memls.	W.M.U. Training School Executive Committee S.B.C.	Scholarship Fund	Cash Total
Alabama.....	\$	764.10	\$ 2,668.38	\$ 1,245.90	\$ 479.19	\$ 4,527.63	\$ 7,964.19	\$ 750.00	\$ 40.78	\$	\$ 18,440.17
Arizona.....		18.00	60.07	28.04	8.41	20.61	428.35		69		564.17
Arkansas.....		742.23	420.40	512.61	51.48	834.72	4,039.76	409.95	8.81	100.00	7,119.96
D. C.....											
Florida.....		251.70	1,753.54	772.11	231.60	805.66	3,586.00	167.64	36.16	25.00	7,629.41
Georgia.....	25,072.97	1,704.78	1,972.80	220.33		69.32	1,442.51	1,192.92	28.93		31,704.56
Illinois.....		79.25	339.42	3.30			2,899.91	135.67	2.25		3,459.80
Kentucky.....		1,505.64	5,234.19	2,161.14	644.41	4,634.58	8,606.65	1,952.50	81.55	284.97	25,104.63
Louisiana.....			778.21	363.42	108.96		7,878.01	200.00	20.02	40.00	9,388.62
Maryland.....			1,041.47	234.04	167.17	234.04	1,882.83	200.00			3,759.55
Mississippi.....		1,513.11	1,410.79	706.14	122.40	1,560.36	1,159.57	1,015.00	39.01	150.00	7,676.38
Missouri.....			2,125.31	1,056.18	227.40	2,179.51	5,766.10	760.00	22.48		12,136.98
New Mexico.....							2,279.47	50.00	1.24		2,330.71
N. Carolina.....	26,677.95		991.87	133.53		149.90	6,463.40	1,498.66	78.50	500.00	36,493.31
Oklahoma.....			1,537.50	452.58	176.49	2,184.30	3,022.50		375.00		7,748.37
S. Carolina.....		25.50	9,217.32	2,317.27	679.37	5,186.33	9,014.04	606.00	64.17	300.00	27,410.00
Tennessee.....		2,490.97	8,313.07	3,567.70	903.25	7,815.75	13,463.19	1,700.00	106.40	200.00	38,560.33
Texas.....		7,048.63	6,871.80	3,202.70	1,344.24	19,237.21	37,645.11		38.42		75,388.11
Virginia.....		5,935.82	17,290.76	2,433.90	1,636.94	10,276.38	22,646.61	1,000.00	171.87		61,392.28
Totals.....	\$51,750.92	\$22,079.73	\$62,026.90	\$19,410.89	\$6,781.31	\$59,716.30	\$140,187.20	\$11,638.34	\$1,123.94	\$1,599.97	\$376,315.50

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*This amount includes special gifts of \$4,300.60 to Foreign Missions for hospital in China; Missionary's salary for one year; and partial expense of sending nurse to hospital.

SIGNING EACH YEAR as TITHERS



At the May meeting in Fort Worth it was decided to ask every W.M.U. tither to sign again each calendar year, one of the chief reasons being that to do so will remind such tithers of their high resolve to "honor Jehovah with 'their' substance and with the first-fruits of all 'their' increase". This page and the following one are to be used for these re-signatures, these two pages being perforated so that they may be readily detached. The Stewardship Chairman will find it easy to "line" extra sheets of paper or to borrow the perforated pages from members' copies of the magazine, so that every tither may duly sign. As formerly, the signature of each new tither is to be inscribed on the Stewardship Covenant Card which is free upon application to the state W.M.U. headquarters (address on page 2). Unless the state has a different plan, the general policy is for each organization to keep the signatures and signed cards of its tithers, merely reporting the number according to the state plan. If in doubt as to your state plan, please write to your state W.M.U. headquarters.

