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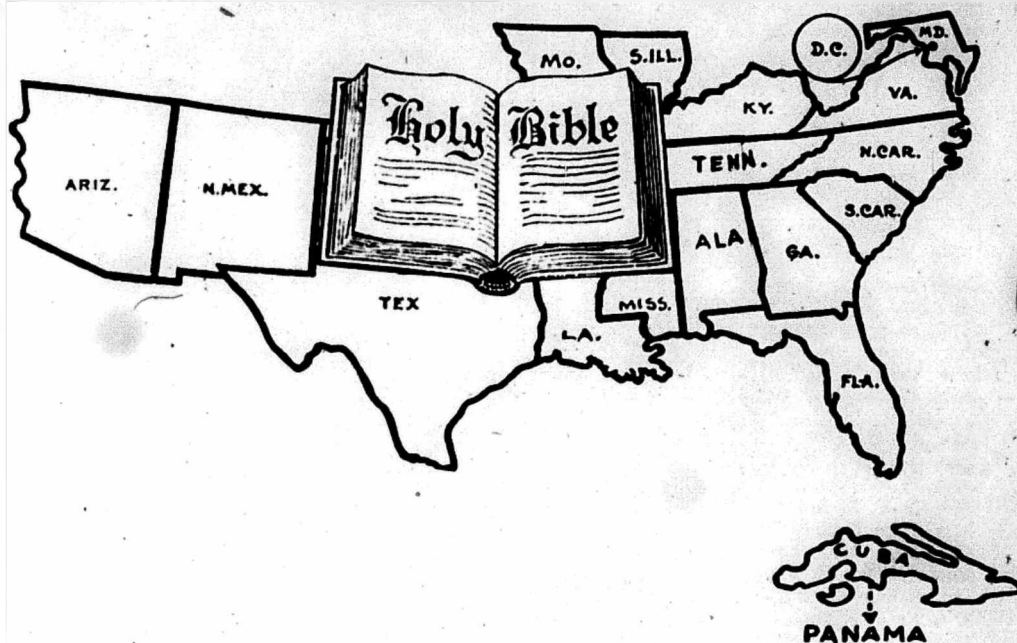
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Theme—Revival Fires

Friday, March 8, will be an All-Day Program of Prayer, Praise and Testimony.

Themes for the preceding four days (March 4-7) will be: Revival Fires—between the Americas, from the Highlands to the Sea, in the Mississippi Valley, on the Far Frontier.

Pastors are requested to preach on home missions on preceding Sunday and to emphasize home missions at mid-week prayer service.

State denominational papers are asked to publish appeal of Home Mission Board. Families are requested to use daily the week's free leaflet, "Homes Praying for the Homeland".

Program, leaflets and envelopes for the March week are furnished free through the state W.M.U. headquarters.

Any society not receiving its supply by February 1st will please request the same from its state W.M.U. office.

Goal for Annie W. Armstrong Offering is \$103,500.

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EDITORIAL

NEW DAYS of a NEW YEAR

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



"Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new!" Old days—with their faithfulness or failure, with their successes or mistakes, with their right or wrong doing—are passed away, their record is written. But new days dawn for each one of us. Fresh from our Father's hand, they are His gift to us, ours to use. "Behold"—the glad hope of a new year—"all things are become new". Behold! a new opportunity for faithfulness in prayer, to enter into the fellowship of prayer—which binds the hearts of our members the world around in daily united petition—to uphold our missionaries and all our Lord's work in home fields and foreign, to enrich our own spiritual lives. Behold! a new opportunity for constant *faithfulness in prayer*.

Behold! a new opportunity for study of God's Word and of His movements in His world. W.M.U. offers us rich treasures in plans for such study—lifting our vision, enlarging our sympathies, making us workmen who need not be ashamed. Behold! new opportunities for promotion of, for participation in this vital phase of our united activity—study. Behold! a new opportunity for service, *personal service* to those near us—the friendly word, the cheering visit that brings renewed hope to the discouraged heart, ministry in suffering—in His name. "If ye love Me ye will do". Behold! new opportunities for meriting His "Well done", the reward of *faithfulness in service*.

Behold! a new opportunity for acknowledging the Lordship of Jesus—"Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price". Stewardship of possessions, *tithes and offerings*, how sure an evidence of individual recognition of His ownership. Behold! a new opportunity of hastening His coming Kingdom through *faithfulness in observance and teaching of the divine law of tithes and offerings*.

Behold! a new opportunity for leadership of eager young life, for vital *missionary education of young people*. We may lift horizons, clear mists for those who follow the gleam, who are in a very real sense our tomorrows. Behold! a new opportunity for *faithfulness to this holy responsibility of leadership of young people*.

Behold! also a new opportunity for *enlistment*, sharing with other women and young people the blessings that come to us in our service through W.M.U., seeking out and developing peculiar gifts for service. Behold! a new opportunity for encouraging others to be as the Wise Men presenting unto Him their gifts. This is *enlistment* to which we would be constantly *faithful*.

New days dawn for each one of us. With them come new opportunities to show our faith by our works. Thank God for the glad hope of these new days, for the joy of precious service in His name, for ready tools in our hands as workers in Woman's Missionary Union. *Laborers together*—we are laborers together with God. "Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new!"

"Out of eternity this new day is born,
Into eternity at night will return.
Behold it aforesaid no eye ever did,
So soon it forever from all eyes is hid!"

PREPARING for PRAYER WEEK

"TLL TELL the WORLD: GOD ANSWERS PRAYER"



Some curb service boys stood on the pavement before a city drug store, and the prescription clerk was in the door one morning as the city missionary passed by and cheerily called "Good morning". As she went on, one of the young fellows said "That's the prayer vender for the city". Looking up at the older man, he asked: "Mr. Blank, do you believe in all that bunk?"

"Not I", he replied. "All that's out of date, antiquated. But my old folks set great store by it". An incongruous subject for such a group and place!

It was Saturday, always a hard day in this work-a-day world. At midnight the clerk turned down the lights and, worn out by the grind of the day, soon was deep in sleep on the cot in the prescription department. An hour later he was aroused by a persistent knocking on the door and half dazed he went grumbling to admit the disturber of his slumbers. He found a small lad standing there who said, "Mister, my baby brother is mighty sick and Mother wants you to send her this medicine", and he produced the prescription and money to pay for it. Complaining that people had no business getting sick at midnight and troubling other people he went to the desk and prepared the formula. Giving the bottle to the boy he followed him to the door and pushed him out into the darkness, slamming the door behind him. The clerk threw himself on the cot, then almost instantly arose and ran to the desk as a fear terrified him. He took the bottles he had used and found that in his half dazed condition he had taken down the wrong bottle and had put into the prescription an infinitesimal portion of a deadly poison, sending to that distracted mother a death-dealing instead of a life-saving remedy. The man stood appalled at the revelation. He had never seen the lad before and had no idea where he lived. In agony of soul he cried: "O, God, forgive me and please help me. Help me quick or it will be too late!" He saw himself as a murderer and walked the floor and rung his hands pleading with God for help.

Again a pounding knock at the door and when it was opened the same lad stood there with tears streaming down his cheeks. He caught the clerk by both sides and said: "O, Mister, please, please, sir, give me some more medicine and I'll bring you the money in the morning. I was in such a hurry to get home I ran so fast I fell and smashed that other bottle all to pieces". Never was the sight of a boy so welcome; joyously the clerk put his arms around the boy's shoulders, drew him in and said: "Come right in, Sonny. I'll fill that prescription in a jiffy and believe me, old man, it won't cost one red cent!"

Trembling hands steadied by God's mercy hastily filled the prescription and together the two went to the door; as the boy passed out, the clerk said: "Be steady, Son; don't fall down this time, and I'm sure Buddy will be alright when he gets it". As the boy hurried off into the night he called to him: "Say, kid, drop by in the morning and tell me how Buddy is". From the distance, the breeze brought back the reply, "Okay, Mister".

A penitent, humble man turned back into the store and as he closed the door he said: "I thank you, Lord. I thank you for forgiving my awful sin and for helping me. I know, God, I did not deserve it. And, Lord, I'll tell the world you do answer prayer!"—*Mattie B. Sheldley, Mobile, Ala.*



SOCIETY METHODS



PUTTING OVER the HOME MISSION PROGRAM



Abraham Lincoln said: "Get ready for your opportunity and it will come". The world tells us a great deal about being prepared: we believe that this one thing—being prepared—accounts for the successful way in which our last Week of Prayer for Home Missions was "put over".

We began six months beforehand to make our first but, to me, very necessary preparation. We selected as our second vice president a woman who could afford to lead a mission program. She believes in missions so much that she actually attends mission programs; studies missions and gives to missions. We could listen when she urged us to do likewise.

Second, we made preparations in the matter of time. We believe that our leaders who plan our programs have a very definite idea as to the time required for the presentation of each program. We followed their suggestions to the letter. Instead of a stilted, hurried program ours developed into round table discussions.

Third, our leader prepared herself.

PRAYER: the GOLDEN CHAIN

THE booklet on prayer, issued last September by W.M.U., is just what many societies have been asking for. The suggestion as made at the Fort Worth meeting that we have such a booklet was enthusiastically voted for, in keeping with a strong plea as made for prayer by our president, Mrs. F. W. Armstrong. The plans for the booklet were carried out by a committee, whose names were a guarantee that this effort to make prayer the most important

She knew the program from the beginning to its end, therefore she presided with the ease that comes only when a leader knows that she is prepared to meet any emergency that may arise.

Fourth, those who took part on the program also made thorough preparation. Much additional material was used and every one felt that she had received much information as well as inspiration.

Fifth, we use in our society the alabaster boxes which we secure free from our state W.M.U. headquarters. Our offerings always depend upon our interest and it will surprise you how one's interest will grow if the object is kept constantly before you. From day to day, dropping in even a small amount for "Home Missions"—and a frequent reminder from our second vice president that the time would soon come for us to gather that offering—we believe greatly increased the amount that we gave.

Sixth, our leader planned our program so that it was a real season of prayer. We did enough talking, but we did more praying.—Mrs. J. A. Sproles, New Orleans, La.

theme in our meetings would be well planned.

From the initial chapter—"After This Manner Pray Ye" by Mrs. H. M. Wharton—to the closing chapter by Mrs. Armstrong, it will prove an inspirational booklet to our women. The cover and general appearance of the booklet are so very attractive that it may well be used as a gift.

Price: paper 25c from State Baptist Bookstore or from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

Thanksgiving in Heaven

ON THANKSGIVING EVE the spirit of Mrs. F. S. Davis of Dallas, Texas, passed from earth to Heaven. For many months she had been ill, so it must have been sweet release for her pain-writhed body. Assurance of such ease for her is sweet comfort for her family and friends as is also the thought that her first day in Heaven was Thanksgiving Day. How typical such a day was of her life and work in her home and her city, for our nation and the world! Devoted to her husband and son, she graced and glorified her hospitable home. In turn she gave time and talent for the uplift of her city, chiefly through her church and the Y.W.C.A. A leader by nature and experience she devotedly served for a quarter of a century as president of the Texas W.M.U., guiding its growth not only for the state but also for the entire southwest, notable proof of which was her interest in the opening up of W.M.U. work in New Mexico and in the founding and fostering of the Training School at the Southwestern Theological Seminary. During these years (1906-32) Mrs. Davis was a vice president of S.B.C. Woman's Missionary Union. With exceptional fidelity she attended its sessions (all except the one in 1914) and the mid-year meetings of its Executive Committee. Among her many invaluable contributions to such gatherings was her loyal reaction in favor of the body's decisions, no matter how valiantly she might have led the other side. This choice characteristic particularly endeared her to W.M.U. workers throughout the south, so that they gave heed to her whenever she spoke on any issue even as they respected her ringing of the bell when, as the program's timekeeper, she guarded the interests of all. And now the "golden bells" have rung for her! How beautiful that they sounded the summons just at the Thanksgiving time, for surely there is thanksgiving on earth and in Heaven for her strong service animated by her sweet Christian spirit.—Kathleen Mallory

"Pray Ye"

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!"
Pray that the earth may be filled with the knowledge of God.

Intercede for native Christians the world around.
Pray that unusually faithful preparation be immediately made and throughout February for the observance of the March Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 4-8 inclusive.

Intercede that every W. M. U. organization may strive to have each member make a worthy gift to the Annie W. Armstrong Offering for Home Missions, every effort being made to reach the \$103,500 goal for the week's offering.

Pray that W. M. U. members, circles and organizations may each prayerfully decide upon and faithfully work toward their goal for the week's offering.

Intercede for all Home Board workers and work.
Pray that renewed emphasis will be placed on prayer, enlistment, mission study, personal service, stewardship of possessions, missionary education of young people, Baptist Hundred Thousand Club, Cooperative Program.

Pray that each W. M. U. organization will faithfully endeavor to be A-1 in 1935.



FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



MOTHER and DAUGHTER



A year ago they said to me: "A Baptist lives in Number Three". I went, and there the so-called Baptist was: a slender, neat, pretty, cultured little woman, all dressed up in her yellow and white "promise dress".

She told me how, when she was a girl, she had been secretary of the Baptist Sunday School in Guines. Married now, four children, all kinds of "ups and downs", and there remained only the pleasant memories of those Sunday school days. The elderly mother came in, but I noticed that she sat very near her "Saint Lazarus" who was behind the door with his large piece of bread hanging close to him.

Many trips I made to Number Three before Josefa consented to send the children to Sunday school, but at last they came, and with their Bible verses in little cards; a long-asleep chord was touched in that young mother's heart, and she began to talk to me of the good old days, the influence of Catholic friends that kept her away from what was really calling her. The only thing that I could detect as Baptist was "My children have never been baptized", but I clung to that as a ship to its anchor.

Josefa was made a member of the Home Department, but Grandmother was afraid of us; she watched that saint with a jealous eye. Josefa bought a Bible; the husband and she, with all the children, were in the service one Sunday night. How we rejoiced to see the cord lengthening!

How good the Lord is to send us sickness sometimes! The children came to tell me "Grandmother is sick", and I dropped a hundred tasks and ran over to Number Three. That kind old grandmother cried as I talked of Jesus and Jesus only, and I dared to dream of a

day when Saint Lazarus would come down from his altar behind the door.

Josefa, for months, has been a member of the Amoma Class, and a fine member she has proved, for Maria de los Angeles—one of my Guanajay daughters and co-laborer in the work—had taught her well as she went around among the Home Department members from Sunday to Sunday. But Josefa still had an idol—the Virgin of Charity—"That for so many years has protected my home and my group of little children", she would tell me.

One day near this home the rain caught me and I ran to them for shelter I thought. How we do make mistakes sometimes! I was not finding shelter, but I was taking to them Shelter, an eternal Shelter. An hour passed, the second hour was passing. Suddenly, Grandmother, tears streaming, rushed to the door, pulled down that idol of hers, tore it in pieces and said: "Oh how long I have sinned with this". Before I could speak, Josefa, crying, too, had her Virgin of Charity in pieces on the floor, and my two friends knew they were saved!

A whole year, you say, to do this! Oh, friends, salvation is so great that what is a century if necessary?

How we beg you to help us win others as these! Help us with love, with prayers, with gifts. Mothers and daughters and children must come into the fold.—Miss Christine Garnett, Cuba

A VETERAN MISSIONARY RECALLS A VIVID INCIDENT OF BYGONE DAYS

TO BE informed about missions is to be concerned for missions. How we do thank God for the gifts of the W.M.U. that have made it possible for us to carry on with these Indian people through the past years. We are happy to know that they are praying for us. We have seen many

things happen in our thirty-three years among the Indians. One incident is an especially vivid memory just now.

It was in March, 1910, when my husband and I were missionaries to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Indians in western Oklahoma. These were known as the wild tribes or Blanket Indians, and indeed they were only semi-civilized. They were exceedingly shy of what they called "the white man's Jesus Road". We soon learned that a Christmas meeting with Christmas presents and a feast would draw even the unfriendly Indians to the "Jesus meetings", so we made much of these occasions.

On this particular occasion of which I write, we decided to make for them a real civilized feast and Christmas tree in the "Jesus house" and serve the dinner in our own dining room. There were only about three dozen Indians in this particular clan, living in teepees around the mission house. Accordingly we prepared a long table in the large dining room, with plates, knives, forks, cups, saucers, spoons, napkins on a clean table cloth—in fact, we made everything just as neat and tidy as possible, hoping by this method to show them the contrast, without saying anything about it. I invited two of the squaws who could speak English to come in and help me prepare the feast. Abundance of beef, bread, beans and other Indian foods was prepared. Seats were prepared for all at one sitting at the table.

I wish that the civilized world might have looked in on that scene when they came in to partake of that feast. Some things I cannot describe, and some I would not describe if I could. Squaws—all ages, shapes and condition, some with their long black hair hanging tangled and unkempt about their unwashed faces and necks, some with bright new blankets, others with only rags for a blanket—but all—men, women and children—were wrapped in blankets. A few had taken the pains to clean up their children, but only a few. Such a bedlam of talk in the Indian language as they filled into the dining room!

After all were seated, my husband

spoke to them through an interpreter, telling them about the "Jesus Road" and how to walk in it. He told them that Jesus gave us everything that was good for mankind and that therefore always before eating, we bowed our heads and offered thanks to Jesus. After saying the blessing, which was also interpreted, we told them to eat all they wanted.

Then is when business really began to pick up. Most of them pushed their knives and forks aside and reached into the platters with their hands for the food. When they had filled their plates to overflowing, most of them pushed back their chairs and sat flat down on the floor and ate in the Indian way. Of course, we permitted them to eat just as they chose, and then when they had eaten—and I mean *eaten*—until they could eat no more, nearly every squaw drew up the corner of her blanket and put therein beef, bread, beans and other foods and tied it up and went away with it until nothing was left. The interpreter explained that this was "the Indian way".

Though it was in March, nature had given us a big snow. All the plains were covered with a heavy blanket of white, and the few cedar bushes were loaded, making everything look for all the world like Christmas. In the afternoon I secured some of the Indian girls from the government school near by to assist me in preparing and decorating the Christmas tree with a present—yes, three or four presents—for every one.

At early candle lighting the Indians came until every Indian in the camp was there. All seats were pushed back against the walls while the Indians were seated flat on the floor of the chapel. All names had been written in English by the school girls; I wish you might have heard these names. Here are a few of them that still linger in my memory: Three Fingers, Shot Himself, Burnt All Over, Left Hand, Powder Face, Yellow Eyes, Skinny Neck, Wrinkle Face, Black White Man, White Shirt, Flying Crow, Spotted Horse.

Before the presents were given out

another forceful Jesus talk was made by Mr. Phelps, interpreted by Grant Left-hand, son of the famous Chief Left-hand. Many thus heard the Gospel story for the first time in their lives. Old and wrinkled Indians heard this story of the Saviour of sinners put into the simplest English possible and then translated into their own native tongue. After the talk, the invitation was given for all who would trust this Jesus to come forward and put their "feet" in the Jesus Road. Five came and were examined as to their understanding of the Saviour's Road. Three were received and two were advised to wait until they knew more about this Jesus Road.

You ask why have Christmas in March? Three other Christmas meetings had already been held with other bands in other camps along the Canadian River. These meetings had to fol-

low each other as the missionaries were able to arrange them.

You ask how did we supply the food and the presents for all these feasts and gifts? Here is the secret. The women and Y.W.A.'s had their part in it, and no small part. They sent these supplies to us from many states, and in this way we were able to lead many wild Indians to put their feet in the Jesus Road.

We have lived to see the children and the grandchildren of these plains Indians living in nice homes of their own, leading members of churches, some of them preaching the blessed Gospel to their people. No people in the world ever made greater progress than these Indians have made since my husband and I came among them thirty-three years ago. To God be all the glory!—Mrs. G. Lee Phelps

B. B. C. EMPHASIS on HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB

ENTHUSIASTIC yet earnest endorsement of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club was accorded by the last Southern Baptist Convention. At that meeting last May in Ft. Worth two months of the Convention's year were reserved for an intensive campaign to secure members for the Club, the months being January and February. Tactful effort will also be made to get delinquent subscriptions pay up to date and to persuade all members to continue to help through the Club plan of a minimum of \$1 per month per member.

Woman's Missionary Union rejoices that many of its members are also members of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club. If you are a member, please consult your accounts to make sure that you are paid up to date. It is heartening to believe that you will pursue such a policy in behalf of the Club's worthy purpose—to wipe out the debts on the southwide causes.

In further helpfulness please try to get other W.M.U. members to join the Club and to keep up their payments regularly. Why not honor your circle chairman or your W.M.S. president by enrolling them as members of the Hundred Thousand Club?

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MARGARET FUND

Chairman: Mrs. Frank Burney, Waynesboro, Ga.

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the Heaven"—Eccl. 3:1.

THE season is here and the time has come for all missionary parents who purpose in their hearts to request assistance from the Margaret Fund, for their sons and daughters, for 1935-36 to do so at once. All applications, both new and renewals, must be in hand before the annual W.M.U. meeting in Memphis next May.

It is the time for all such parents to remember applicants must be at least fifteen years of age, preferably sixteen.

In the granting of scholarships, Woman's Missionary Union's "every purpose under the Heaven" is to express greatest gratitude and appreciation to our missionaries, for their services for our Master. This assistance, in the education of their children, is a love gift, which brings great joy to W.M.U. hearts.

When these requests for assistance reach us on time, and the necessary information is given, the work is made easier and much delay obliterated.

This is the season and the time for all parents of Margaret Fund students to request such students to make their applications for renewals. We are mindful that every scholarship is granted a year at a time and must be renewed. Every student should have had report cards sent to the chairman, as that is one of the necessary requirements.

Parents or students should write the chairman if the student expects to change colleges. Scholarships are forfeited if changes are made without notifying the committee.

Woman's Missionary Union expects the parents to choose the colleges in which their sons and daughters matriculate. They know that the missionary will be loyal to southern Baptist schools and they usually choose such, except in rare cases for very expedient reasons.

The Margaret Fund Committee passes on such exceptions before scholarships are granted.

It is "high time" that all applicants should know scholarships are not granted to married students or to students applying for a scholarship the first time if they are twenty-one years or older.

Now is the time for all former students to rally joyously to the organization of the Margaret Fund Students Alumni Association. Anxious is Woman's Missionary Union to know the "doings" of her former students—what profession they are following—whether teachers, preachers, journalists, doctors, lawyers, missionaries etc. Kindly send in your membership dues, fifty cents, and your history since the time when you were a student under the Margaret Fund so that at the first anniversary of this Alumni Association we may have such information. Remember the time of the gathering will be in Memphis at the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union in May. This alumni gathering should give real joy.

We are rejoiced that so many of our students have purposed in their hearts to answer the call of God for definite missionary service—on foreign fields—and we praise our Heavenly Father that He would desire to use them. We are grateful that so many are pastors here in the homeland—many are teachers etc. We are proud of our students!

We believe this cause is a great contribution to the polishing and perfecting of precious young lives. If all societies and their members would contribute to its development, the time would soon come when through its ministry the burdens of our missionaries would become much lighter.

TRAINING SCHOOL

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

OBSERVANCE of the WEEK of PRAYER at the TRAINING SCHOOL

"PRAYER gives power". The girls of House Beautiful believe this and, since we have this year pledged to "give ourselves more continually to prayer", we have felt the potency of prayer more than ever before. We do things at the Training School because deep down in our hearts we want to do them. As time for the observance of the Week of Prayer neared we asked ourselves if we really wanted to observe a Week of Prayer for foreign missions. An all powerful God is waiting and anxious to bless—do we *desire* to pray? We do, we must, "for the love of Christ constraineth us". So it was in this spirit that we set our hearts to prayer, not simply because someone had planned a special season of prayer, but because with all our hearts we wanted to join with others of the world in praying definitely "that the world might know and believe".

In order to observe this Week of Prayer most effectively certain preparation was necessary. Quiet posters were prepared which, for a week before time, kept fresh before us each day the searching challenge to pray and to give. Our hearts were thrilled as through these we realized how God had heard our prayers of last year and blessed them. There was a very definite preparation through prayer and Bible study as individuals and in groups.

Then there was our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. What would be our goal for this year? There was such a little money—but there was a supplement to this, hearts of love for our Lord. Everything done in House Beautiful is preceded by prayer; so was the setting of our goal—\$350—a 10% increase over last year, though we have the same number of students, fifty. Our initial offering Friday, December 7th, was \$281. We expect to have reached and surpassed our goal before January 1st.

Information was necessary before we could pray intelligently for definite needs in the different countries. The chapel hour of each morning during the Week of Prayer was given to informational and inspirational messages and to prayer. The morning watch period was spent in prayer for the particular objects as outlined for that day. In our private devotions or with prayer mates our hearts were still with one accord united with yours of the southland. Life is full here in House Beautiful, but we make prayer the foundation stone of our "House of Prayer".

The crowning event of our Week of Prayer was the visit of Miss Kathleen Mallory, who spoke to us in the evenings. Her subjects were: "Now Abideth Faith", "Now Abideth Hope", "Now Abideth Love". In these messages she brought the six chief aims of Woman's Missionary Union to challenge our very best—faith to pray and to study; hope to enlist and train; love to give and to serve.

There is a peculiar thrill that stirs the heart as one knows that all over the world, in every country, hearts are with one accord united in prayer. This was true on Friday as we observed with you our Day of Prayer around the World. With the map of the world before us and the definite needs on our hearts we prayed. From 9:00 o'clock in the morning, with the exception of one hour at noon, we continued our prayer until 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon. To be sure,

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FAMILY ALTAR

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: "A Good Report through Faith"—Hebrews 11:1-6

Now let our cheerful eyes survey
Our great High Priest above
And celebrate His constant care
And sympathizing love.

Though raised to Heaven's exalted throne,
Where angels bow around,
And high o'er all the hosts of light,
With matchless honors crowned.

—Philip Doddridge

"Ask in Faith"

1st Day—Jas. 1:8; 2:1-10
2nd Day—Luke 7:9, 50; 8:50; 12:32
3rd Day—Luke 17:6; 18:42
4th Day—Jno. 5:24; 6:29
5th Day—Matt. 6:2, 13; 11:5, 28-30
6th Day—Mark 11:22
7th Day—Heb. 11:1-6, 39

"Trust in Him"

8th Day—Psa. 5:11; 7:1; 18:30
9th Day—II Sam. 22:31
10th Day—Isa. 26:4, 20; 41:10, 13, 14
11th Day—Psa. 37:3, 5, 7, 39, 40
12th Day—Psa. 55:22; 62:8; 115:9, 11
13th Day—Prov. 3:5, 6; 14:26; 29:25
14th Day—Nabum 1:7

"Believe on the Lord Jesus"

15th Day—Acts 16:31; 26:18; 27:25
16th Day—Rom. 10:4, 9
17th Day—Mark 1:15
18th Day—Dan. 3:16, 17; 6:16
19th Day—Micah 7:7-9, 20
20th Day—Luke 1:38
21st Day—Phil. 1:19-21

"Obey the Voice of the Lord Your God"

22nd Day—Jer. 26:13; 38:20
23rd Day—Matt. 9:9; 19:17
24th Day—Deut. 27:1-3, 8-10
25th Day—Jno. 12:28; 13:17; 14:15, 21
26th Day—I Sam. 12:24; 15:22
27th Day—Eccl. 12:13
28th Day—Jas. 1:22-25

TRAINING SCHOOL (Concluded from Page 12)

regular class work went on as usual through the day, but as groups were out of classes the prayer chain continued—"all bound with golden chains about the feet of God".

There is no measure of the results of this Week of Prayer, and especially this Day of Prayer, in House Beautiful. Our God answers prayer we know. In faith we have prayed, we await to see results on the fields. And as we wait we continue to pray.

As to the personal blessings, here are a few statements from the girls:

"Chapel services informing us of needs of the fields, group prayer services, prayer between prayer mates, inspirational and informational messages of faith, hope, love, through Miss Mallory—this was the Week of Prayer in this, the House of Prayer. It called us to come bringing gifts, rich gifts, of self and substance to the manger cradle of the Bethlehem Babe, that we might share Him and His love with all the world!"

"This Week of Prayer has shown me very clearly my failure to understand the real meaning of prayer as it was exemplified by Christ. A strong determination has come to make my prayer life more constant, more persistent and earnest and sincere. Oh, that every day of my life might be lived in prayer as was the Day of Prayer during this week! It should be—it can be—it must be!"

"Gazing intently through the 'field glasses' of the Week of Prayer my heart's vision became keener, more compassionate for lost men without Christ. Through the smaller lenses the great host of foreign ones saved through prayer gladdened my soul, while the larger lenses revealed the urgent need of fresh recruits, more intercessory prayer and sacrificial giving. I shall continue to pray."

All of this and more the observance of the Week of Prayer has meant to us in this House called Beautiful.—Jane Pinnix, Mississippi



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 Good Report through Faith"—Heb. 11:1-6, 39

Names of all His saints He bears,
Deep woven on His heart;
Not shall the meekest Christian say
That he hath lost his part.

O, gracious Savior, on our breasts
May Thy dear name be worn,
A sacred ornament and guard,
To endless ages borne. —Philip Doddridge



The "Bible Study" for the first four months of the New Year is in Hebrews. There is a connection. To behold Jesus our great High Priest is an objective as we study together selected portions of this unique epistle. Review the daily Bible readings as given on "Family Altar" page in January *Royal Service*. Commit to memory some of the passages. Even the lines of poetry at the close of January "Bible Study" may be reviewed as you read those on both "Family Altar" and "Bible Study" pages for February. There comes at this time a question which we may well consider. Has our faith in prayer increased as Woman's Missionary Union has stressed prayer? Have we learned to think of Jesus interceding for us as we pray? There is much to strengthen our faith. The most encouraging messages come to us from the missionaries. The heroes of faith in Bible times and now show us how to ask in faith.

The English chemist, Sir Humphrey Davy, once said: "I envy no quality of mind or intellect in others—not genius, power, wit or fancy—but if I could choose what would be most delightful, and I believe most useful to me, I should prefer a firm religious belief to every other blessing; for it makes life a discipline of goodness, creates new hopes when all earthly hopes vanish and throws over the decay, the destruction of existence, the most gor-

geous of all lights, calling in the most delightful visions where the sensualist and the skeptic view only gloomy decay and annihilation."

Contrast the words of George Mueller whose faith removed mountains: "The only way to learn strong faith is to endure strong trials. I have learned my faith by standing firm amid severe testings".

The eleventh chapter of Hebrews brings in the most dignified language a roll call of saints who believed in God. (Quote *Galatians 3:6*) Abel's sacrifice, Enoch's life of communion with his Maker, Noah's accomplishment as ship builder and pilot and preserver of the race, Moses' intercessions in Israel's behalf, Joshua's courage in leading on to victory—these testify to the power of faith. These heroes did indeed receive a good report through faith. They died believing that the Anointed One would come.

Looking upon the martyrs of three centuries, seeing the massacre of seventy thousand Huguenots, knowing of the tragic death of the chosen twelve, Frederick William Faber wrote:

"Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!"

With just such faith may we lift high the banner of the cross in our own land. Then will the light of the Gospel shine upon the uttermost parts of the world.

We hear the call; in dreams no more
In selfish ease we lie;
But, girded for our Father's work,
Go forth beneath His sky.

Where prophet's word and martyr's blood
And prayers of saints were sown
We, to their labors entering in,
Would reap where they have sown.

O Thou, whose call our hearts has stirred,
To do His will we come!
Thrust in our sickles at Thy word
And reap our harvest home.

—Robert Elmer Smith

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Prepared by Mrs. Maud R. McLure, Georgia

LING out the banner! let it float
Skyward and seaward, high and wide,
Our glory, only in the cross;
Our only hope, the Crucified!

Topic: Lifting the Banner in Our Own Land

1—FRIDAY

Pray for Dr. C. E. Maddry,
executive secretary Foreign Mis-
sion Board, Richmond, Va.
Jehovah God is a sun and a shield.
—Psa. 84:11

2—SATURDAY

For Miss Annie Sandlin, edu-
cational work, Shiuichow, China
Yet shall the righteous hold on his way.
—Job 17:9

3—SUNDAY

For the Baptist World Alliance
Keep the pally of the Spirit in the
bond of peace.—Eph. 4:3

4—MONDAY

For Mrs. H. R. Moseley and
Miss Mildred Matthews, evan-
gelistic work, Havana, Cuba
In all these things we are more than
conquerors.—Rom. 8:37

5—TUESDAY

For Miss Addie E. Cox (on
furlough), evangelistic work,
Kaifeng, China
Be thou faithful unto death.—Rev. 2:10

6—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Dun-
stan, evangelistic work, and
Miss Pearl Dunstan, educa-
tional work, Pelotas, Brazil
In the fear of Jehovah is strong confi-
dence.—Prov. 14:26

7—THURSDAY

For Misses Flora Dodson (on
furlough), and Lydia Greene,
educational work, Canton, China
A man's heart deviseth his way: but
Jehovah directeth his steps.—Prov. 16:9

8—FRIDAY

Pray for Dr. W. W. Hamilton
and faculty of Baptist Bible In-
stitute, New Orleans, La.
They that wait for Me shall not be put
to shame.—Isa. 49:23

9—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Bagby,
evangelistic work, Sao Paulo,
Brazil, and Samuel and Luther
Bagby, Margaret Fund students
Surely I know that it shall be well with
them that fear God.—Eccl. 8:12

10—SUNDAY

For a spirit of prayer in the
south
I desire therefore that men pray in
every place.—1 Tim. 2:8

11—MONDAY

For Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus,
Home Board evangelist among
Jews
I will heal their backsliding.—Hos. 14:4

12—TUESDAY

For Miss Naomi Schell, Good
Will Center, Tobata, Japan
Let the peace of Christ rule in your
hearts.—Col. 3:15

13—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Frank Marrs
(on pension), evangelistic work
among Mexicans, San Antonio,
Texas
He that doeth good is of God.
—III John 11

14—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. F. P. Lide
(on furlough) evangelistic work,
Hwang-Hsien, China
Guide me in Thy truth.—Psa. 25:5

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LIFTING out the banner! wide and high,
Seaward and skyward, let it shine;
Nor skill, nor might, nor merit ours;
We conquer only in that sign.

—Bishop George W. Doane

Topic: Lifting the Banner in Our Own Land

15—FRIDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Reno and Miss Edith West, educational and evangelistic work, Victoria, Brazil.

Jehovah is good unto them that wait for Him.—Lam. 3:25

16—SATURDAY

For Misses Ola Lea, educational work, and *Blanche Groves, educational and evangelistic work, Soochow, China

I am with thee, saith Jehovah, to save thee.—Jer. 30:11

17—SUNDAY

For the spirit of sacrifice for God in the south

If any man would come after Me let him deny himself.—Matt. 16:24

18—MONDAY

For Miss Claudia Edwards, director, and her co-workers at Good Will Center (owned by W.M.U. Training School) Louisville, Ky.

Whoso walketh wisely he shall be delivered.—Prov. 28:26

19—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Allen, educational work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Jehovah—strengthen thee out of Zion.—Psa. 20:1, 2

20—WEDNESDAY

For Miss Pearl Johnson, educational work, Shanghai, China

God is able to make all grace abound unto you.—II Cor. 9:8

21—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Elder, evangelistic work, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Blessed are they that keep My ways.—Prov. 8:22

22—FRIDAY

For Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, principal, and for faculty, students and Local Board of Managers of W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Ky.

Thou shalt be steadfast and shalt not fear.—Job 11:16

23—SATURDAY

For Miss Lila Watson (on furlough), W.M.U. work, Shanghai, China

I am thy shield and thy exceeding great reward.—Gen. 30:1

24—SUNDAY

For a more vital Christianity among our people

For me to live in Christ.—Phil. 1:21

25—MONDAY

For Miss Eva N. Sanders (on furlough), educational work, Lagos, Nigeria

Jehovah hath set apart for Himself him that is godly.—Psa. 41:3

26—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Jacob, educational work, Pingtu, China

Behold, we call them blessed that endured.—Jam. 5:11

27—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Paul C. Porter, educational and evangelistic work, Campinas, Brazil

The Lord is faithful who shall establish you.—II Thess. 3:3

28—THURSDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. M. N. McCall, superintendent of Cuban Mission, Havana, Cuba, and Moses McCall, Margaret Fund student

Let us not be weary in well doing.—Gal. 6:9

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BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Miss Isabelle Coleman, Virginia

Poster Suggestion—On the summit of a globe of the world, sketch a flag pole to the top of which extends a ladder. The rungs of the ladder are labeled: *Home Missions, Prayer, 100,000 Club, Gifts, Volunteers, Cooperation, Love, Unselfishness* etc. At the foot of the flag pole, drooping in the dirt, hangs the Christian flag. Underneath the sketch print: "We southern Baptists be the Master's color-guards!" Give time and place of meeting. Use U.S.A. and Christian flag sketches in corner of program sheets.

Ridgecrest Reservations—For August 11 through 18, Foreign Missions Week, every business woman will want to make vacation reservations for spending that week at Ridgecrest, North Carolina. Missionary R. S. Jones, who is chairman of the plans and program for 1935, has announced that Dr. W. E. Denham of Euclid Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri, will return for the "Sunset Services". More than one hundred of southern Baptists' choicest and most talented missionaries will be in the states on furlough. A multitude of these will be on the program and present to share their experiences and friendship with those who choose the rare privilege of spending these days among the mountains. Dr. Charles E. Maddy, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, will bring daily dynamic messages, reviewing his four months spent in Europe and the Holy Land last summer and his many months this winter and spring in the Orient. He will give a fresh portrayal of all of southern Baptists' interests in Spain, Italy, Rumania, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Palestine, Syria, Japan and China.

Dr. W. O. Carver, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will have an hour when everyone may assemble to hear him share his great storehouse of current missionary facts and news. Altogether the week promises to be the best that the Foreign Mission Board has ever fostered.

Echoes from 1934 Foreign Missions Week—There have been so many requests for Dr. W. E. Denham's sunset service talks that he has prepared them for print. Fleming H. Revell is publishing these in a lovely little book of 128 pages for \$1.25. It is entitled "The Comforter". Everyone who was at Foreign Missions Week in 1934 will want several copies of these masterly messages presenting the Spirit of God as an intimate friend of Christians. Copies of this book may be secured from the Baptist Bookstore serving your state.

TOPIC for MONTH—LIFTING the BANNER in OUR OWN LAND

Hymn: "America"

News casting (See page 35.)

Quartette: "Faith of Our Fathers"

Hymn: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

—Silent Prayer

Scripture Message: *Hebrews 11:1-6* (See page 14.)

Introduction: *Christian America* (See page 19.)

Blackboard Talk: *Let Figures Talk* (See page 20.)

Quartette: "America, the Beautiful"

Poster Talk: *Enemies of the Cross* (See page 21. Illustrate with posters.)

Map Talk: *Home Missions Lifting the Banner* (See page 22. Get home mission map from Home Mission Board, 315 Red Rock Bldg., Atlanta, Georgia.)

Prayer

Pantomimes of Six Banner Stories (See page 23.)

—Doxology

Drill on *Debts, Debtors and a New Deal* (See page 26.)

Impersonating Two Banners (See page 27.)

Hymn: "Fling Out the Banner"

—Prayer

PROGRAM PLANS

Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina
With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE

THE Program Committee will find excellent material for the February meeting in the program prepared by Mrs. Cressman, pages 19-28. There is no excuse for a dull uninteresting meeting with the helps she gives for a talk, for charts and for stories of men and women being helped by our Home Mission Board.

The one who is to make the talk "Christian America" should prepare a large chart or use a suitable blackboard to present the figures of Baptist growth. Where the meeting is held in a large room, the figures must be large if they are to be seen. How many of us have been in meetings where a blackboard was filled with small faint lettering and could not be read beyond the second bench? Get a lump of chalk, that will make a broad mark, or use the flat side of a broken piece so the mark will be clearly seen. Be sure to get to the meeting place at least half an hour ahead of time and take an old cloth to wipe off the board. Be sure there is chalk at hand. It has a great way of disappearing when needed! Possibly there is some one in the church who is good at chalking up figures and he or she may be asked to put them on the board before the meeting.

The following arrangement for a chart would be effective:

Christian America			
1790	Christians	{5%	
1930		{47.6%	
Baptists in United States			
1683	1,125	Southern Baptists	23
1845	811,935	"	352,950
1875	1,989,487	"	1,249,073
1933	9,668,808	"	4,066,140

Where the blackboard is small, only the figures of 1683 and 1933 should be given. This shows the growth in two hundred and fifty years and ought to give encouragement to every Baptist.

With these figures before the society, the chosen speaker should tell briefly the faith in "Christian America" and "Let Figures Talk". She may then call on some one to tell of our work "Among the Indians". The one giving this paragraph should follow it with the story, "Indian Personal Service". (Pages 19, 20, 22, 25)

The leader then may mention briefly our work among the Negroes, deaf mutes and Jews. She may then turn back to the paragraph about the foreigners. Three women should then be called on for the following stories: Work among the Acadians, "The Bible Wins"; Work among the Italians, "Wooed by the Gospel"; Work among the Mexicans, "One Wins Many". After mention of Cuba and Panama, some one may give the story of "Ana's Sunday School". (Pages 22-25)

If this program is to be given in a small society, the women who tell the stories may make them as personal as possible. One may say, "I am especially interested in the Italians and I want to tell you of one Italian and his conversion" (Concluded on Page 28)

PROGRAM for FEBRUARY

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

Prepared by Mrs. C. D. Cressman, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: "The Christian Conquest" or "The Banner of the Cross"

TOPIC for MONTH: Lifting the Banner in Our Own Land

Hymn—My Faith Looks Up to Thee
Bible Study—"A Good Report through Faith"—*Heb. 11:1-6* (See page 14.)
Prayer that we may make a good report of our service because of the high quality of our faith
Hymn—My Country 'Tis of Thee
Let Figures Talk
Enemies of the Banner
Prayer for all the work of our Home Mission Board
Banner Stories
Debts, Debtors and a New Deal
Hymn—Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus
Prayer that the Banner of the Cross may always wave in triumph over our land

—Christian America
—Hymn—America the Beautiful
—Home Missions Lifting the Banner
—Hymn—Bringing in the Sheaves
—Two Banners

CHRISTIAN AMERICA

Wherein we see our native land
A Christian land, forsooth,
Where men for Christ's ideals stand
And live for right and truth.



From the beginning of her history the banner of the cross has waved over our own land. We call ours a Christian nation, and she is perhaps more Christian than any other nation in the world. She was established on Christian principles. Many of the men who have formed her policies and guided her destinies have been Christian men. Her laws are based on Bible ideals of justice and righteousness. Her president is inaugurated with his hands on the Bible. The oaths in her courts are made in the name of God. The words on her coins are, "In God We Trust".

Because of our country's Christianity we have our homes—pure, sacred, protected and happy. Because of her Christianity we have our schools—offering free education to all, high and low, rich and poor alike. Because of her Christianity we have our churches—uncounted thousands of light-houses flooding the land with the light of salvation, love and service. Because of her Christianity we have our liberty—liberty of thought, liberty of religion, liberty of life. Because of her Christianity we have our laws, courts, institutions of mercy and all those other things which make us safe, happy and with every opportunity to achieve worthily in the world.

"Let us lift up the slogan, from river to sea;
To Americans all let it say—
Our call, as it throbs o'er the land of the free—
'Our country, God's country', for aye!

"On prairies, down valleys, where great rivers run,
And far where the mountains rise gray,
Ring it out to the land of the westering sun
'Our country, God's country', for aye!"

LET FIGURES TALK

Wherein by figures we are shown—
And figures tell no lies—
How Christians in our land have grown
In numbers that surprise.

(The following will be more effective if the statistics are placed on a black-board or chart. The statistics are taken from "Southern Baptist Handbook 1934" by Dr. E. P. Alldredge.)

TALKING figures tell a remarkable story of Christian progress in our land. In 1930 there were in the United States 122,775,046 people. Of these 60,886,445 were Christians. Up to the year 1790, 5.0 per cent of the population of our land was Christian; in 1930 the percentage was 47.6. That means that almost half of the people in the United States are nominally Christians today. To let the figures tell the story in another way, in 1800 one of every 14.5 persons in the United States was a church member. In 1930 one out of every 2.1 persons was a church member. These figures prove that Christianity has grown steadily stronger with the passing of the years.

Now, some Baptist figures are ready to talk for our enlightenment and encouragement. It is estimated that in 1683 there were about 1,125 Baptists in the United States with only 23 of them in what is southern Baptist territory today. In 1845, at the time of the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention, there were 811,935 Baptists in the United States, with 352,950 of them in the south. In 1875 there were 1,989,487 Baptists in the United States, with 1,249,073 in the Southern Baptist Convention. Since then the growth has been steady, year after year, bringing the totals in 1933 up to 9,668,808 Baptists in the United States, 4,173,928 of whom were southern white Baptists. Counting the Negro Baptists we had 6,652,941 in the south in 1926. This meant that at that time southern Baptists almost equalled the number of the six main protestant denominations in the south, namely: Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Lutherans and both bodies of Campbellites (*Churches of Christ and Disciples of Christ*). Without doubt this is still true today for since 1926 the Baptists of the south have increased almost one million, bringing the figures up to 7,508,021 in 1933. It is interesting to know that there are almost three times as many Baptists as Catholics in the south.

These figures prove that the United States is not only largely Christian but also is largely Baptist. They say to us: "Take courage. The Banner of the Cross still waves over your land. Your country is still Christian and it is growing more and more so every year. Moreover, the denomination of Christianity, which you believe in and love, waxes stronger and stronger each year and is today one of the mightiest religious forces in your land. Take courage and go ahead, for the banner under which you serve shall be victorious in your own land".

ENEMIES of the BANNER

Wherein some enemies we see,
The foes of truth and right.
To keep our Christianity
These evils we must fight.

WHILE we rejoice with a justified optimism because of the Christianity of our land, based on the true tale that the figures tell, we must not be blind to the sinister influences of evil which are at work today to destroy the banner of the cross and to trail its folds in the dust of sin and defeat. These enemies of the banner of the cross are too many to enumerate, but we will give our attention to a few of the most deadly ones.

Lowered Moral Standards—Among the perils that endanger our Christianity none is more dangerous than that of lowered moral standards. We are living in a "lax, easy going, careless, flippant and cynical age. Good and evil are regarded as pretty much alike. We are so mixing the colors that it is difficult to distinguish white from black". Even Christians are winking at things once considered out of the realm of decent conduct and, in their eagerness to avoid "old foggyism" and puritanism, are accepting lowered moral ideals of living. "The institution of marriage is crumbling and divorce is easy. Our literature is being poisoned. The home is being threatened, and moral sanctions have about reached the vanishing point". We who love the banner of the cross need to beware lest this enemy lower it from its high place of honor in our land.

Disregard for the Law—Hand in hand with our lowered moral standard has come a disregard for law. All laws, both those of God and of our commonwealth, are held in light esteem. Stories of kidnappings, murders and atrocious crimes of all kinds fill the pages of our newspapers. Dr. Fredrick B. Hoffman, the noted statistician, says: "Murder, more than ever, is becoming an ingenious art if not a trade in this country". In the year 1931 the murder rate in the United States was 10.8 per 100,000 population. In contrast with this record, the rates for the same year in England and Wales was 0.5 per 100,000 population. We spend for crime annually over 16 billion dollars.

Intemperance—With the repeal of the 18th Amendment strong drink is becoming a more powerful enemy against the banner of the cross. "Repeal results have already become a national scandal. There is more drinking, more debauchery, more rioting, more poverty, more accidents, more murders, more kidnapping, more crimes and the saloon (*or its equivalent*) is here". Last year traffic fatalities increased 20 per cent in the United States. Arrests for drunken drivers increased 42 per cent and the number of pedestrians hit by cars increased 60 per cent. Young people are being educated in the use of alcohol. Even children in many places are being served with candy filled with alcohol, ice cream flavored with wine, anything to create an appetite for strong drink.

Atheism—Organized atheism fights to tear down the banner of the cross in our land. Yes, those who do not believe in God are actually organized to propagate their diabolical doctrines among our American people. They ridicule the Bible, calling it a "cesspool of Asiatic superstitions", and declare that people are better and more moral if they get rid of the idea of God. Dr. R. G. Lee, in writing of the menace of atheism, says: "Their devilish advocacy includes the elimination of chaplains from the federal pay roll, the abolition of oaths in courts and at inaugurations, the removal of 'In God We Trust' from our national coins, the outlawing of religious proclamations by the president, the abolition of our present marriage laws". One of the leaders of this organization of atheists claims that there

are 40 million people in America who do not believe in God and that there are 100,000 avowed atheists—atheists who are neither afraid nor ashamed to admit it.

These and many other evils threaten us. These we must fight if we keep the banner of the cross waving over our land. These we must overcome for the sake of our Christian homes, our Christian schools, our Christian churches, our Christian liberties—our Christian land!

HOME MISSIONS LIFTING the BANNER

Wherein we take a rapid view
Of our home mission fields
And see the work our workers do,
The harvest that it yields.

HOME MISSIONS is the special agency by which southern Baptists are lifting the banner of the cross over our own land. From its headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., the Home Mission Board is sending its influence throughout the southland and into Cuba and Panama, fighting the enemies of the cross with the only conquering weapon, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our missionaries, working under this Board, are doing much toward making and keeping our land Christian. They go as our representatives to places where we cannot go. They lift the banner in the hearts of people that we cannot reach. Through them we stretch ourselves and make the power of our Christianity felt throughout the borders of our Samaria. We must remember that there are at least 18 million unevangelized people in the southland. Only by winning these to Christ can we save our land from threatening evils. And that is what our missionaries are doing. All of their work is for the purpose of reaching the lost with the message of salvation. They report a total of 2,797 won to Christ last year. Let us take a brief glance at our home mission work, seeing how our missionaries are lifting the banner among different needy groups.

Among the Indians—Our thirty-seven missionaries to the Indians are doing much to lift the banner of Christ in the hearts of the 160,000 red men of 41 different tribes who live in the southland. As a result of their work last year 329 were baptized. An interesting addition to our missionary force among the Indians is Rev. Willie King, who works among the Seminoles of Florida. The Creek Indian Association of Oklahoma and the Florida State Convention are helping the Home Board support this work.

Among the Foreigners—We have many foreigners among our population—2 million Spanish-speaking people, about 450,000 Italians, 600,000 of French descent and others representing 28 different language groups. The Home Board has thirty-seven missionaries lifting the banner among these people. They baptized last year 724. Three schools, the Anglo-Mexican Institute at El Paso, Texas, the Mexican Baptist Institute at Bastrop, Texas, and Acadia Academy at Church Point, Louisiana, are doing splendid work, not only along educational lines but also for evangelism in a radius of many miles around them. Several of our missionaries also conduct day schools for foreign children. Three Home Board Good Will Centers—at Christopher, Illinois, East St. Louis, Illinois, and Birmingham, Alabama—are doing a great work in these centers of foreign population.

Among the Negroes—The Home Board employs 8 missionaries among the 9 million Negroes of the south. These reported last year 286 conversions. Especially notable is the service of Dr. R. T. Pollard, who from Selma University in Alabama, is conducting a splendid work for the education and spiritual development of the preachers among his people. Over one-third of the Baptist forces of

the south are Negroes. Surely we will do well to train leaders who shall keep the banner of the cross lifted among the southern Negroes.

Among the Deaf Mutes—We have over 45,000 deaf mutes in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. Two faithful missionaries, assisted by a number of volunteer workers, are lifting the banner among these who have understanding hearts even if their ears are deaf. They have established, in 65 centers of our southern life, classes where the Bible is taught in the sign language for the benefit of the deaf. As a result of this work 64 were baptized last year.

Among the Jews—One missionary, Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, is lifting the banner of the cross among 500,000 Jews in our midst. He says of his work: "It is difficult to estimate in actual figures the number of conversions. In the past it was a very rare thing to hear of Jewish conversions, but now scarcely a week passes but there comes to us from near and remote corners of our territory the good news of some Israelite who has found his Messiah, and their number will increase as Christian friends earnestly reach out a saving hand to them".

Among the Down and Out—In New Orleans we have twin rescue missions. The first of these is for men and has operated for seven years; during that time 3,500 men have been won to Christ. The five workers report an attendance last year of 33,092 with 121 professions of faith. The other mission is a similar home for women. This was opened in October 1933. Last year it ministered to about 1,000 women and reports 34 conversions.

In Cuba—We have almost forty workers in Cuba, and these baptized last year 189. Dr. McCall, superintendent of this work, says: "The hunger for the Word of Life has never been so marked as at present. Activity on the part of workers and church members has never been greater. Emphasis has been placed on lay evangelism, and numbers of Cuban laymen have volunteered for local mission work in Sunday schools and preaching stations".

In Panama—Nine churches, one for white people and eight for colored, constitute our home mission work in Panama. All of these are centers of evangelism. There were 100 baptisms in the colored churches last year.

This is a brief resume of the work of our Home Mission Board. But this does not count all the lives touched, all the powers set in motion, all the influences at work to conquer the evil forces in our land and to set the banner of the cross in the hearts of the people who constitute the personnel of our great commonwealth.

BANNER STORIES

Wherein we hear some thrilling tales
To cheer us and to please;
Of how the Gospel still prevails
With glorious victories.

(The following stories are adapted from material furnished by Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence.)

The Bible Wins

Vina Aguilard is one of the missionary workers at Acadia Academy. One day she went to a town among the French people of Louisiana where she was told that there was not a home where they would be willing to hear the Bible read. In no wise discouraged by this she searched until she found one woman who was willing to hear the Bible. As the missionary read the blessed words the French woman exclaimed, "I want my sister to hear that". So to the sister's home they went.

Now it happened that that sister's husband was the "bad man" of the town, a general ruffian who beat his wife and children and had been in the penitentiary. He would not let his wife's sister enter the house, so when she and Vina arrived the wife and some other women met them under a tree and listened as the Bible was read.

When the wife heard the wonderful words she exclaimed: "I want my husband to hear that too. He is in the field now, but you must wait and let him hear what I heard this afternoon". So Vina waited and though somewhat frightened by the reputation of the man, she was ready when he came in to read the Bible to this town terror. The beginning was not very encouraging, for with an angry scowl he said, "I have no time for such". All undaunted she read a little from the Word and then invited him to a prayer-meeting for the next Tuesday night. He came, standing in the door in the darkness where he could listen. For three months the prayer-meetings were held every Tuesday night, and the bad man attended them all. Then came a tent-meeting and victory, when the man, his wife and grown daughter gave their hearts to Jesus and were baptized. The Bible had won. He said to Vina, "When you come back next summer I will be a missionary too". He has been true to that promise, for he has won his children to Christ and is a leader in the work for the evangelization of the French people.

Wooed by the Gospel

He lived in Birmingham, Alabama. He was a Catholic of such prejudice that if he came in contact with an Italian protestant he would get away as quick as lightning, fearing contamination. Our home missionary, Mr. Pucciarelli, became interested in the man and made up his mind to win him to Christ. He realized that it would be difficult, so planned very wisely. Most gentle and tactful was his method of Gospel wooing. First he gave him a Bible. Then after that had been read for several months the wise missionary held open air services in a vacant lot adjoining the man's house where he could hear the Gospel preached even though he feared to come and sit with the crowd. The plan was successful, for the Holy Spirit worked while the missionary preached and this prejudiced Catholic Italian gave his heart to Christ. Now he prays earnestly that his wife and six children and other Italians of the community may find Christ as he has done. He testifies as follows: "My friends, I am not ashamed to stand for Jesus. I am not ashamed to say that years ago, when I met Mr. Pucciarelli the first time, I felt like I saw the devil. I am sorry for that ignorance. Now I am glad and thankful for Mr. Pucciarelli who has taught us the way of salvation, like the Jesus way, and in the way we have never heard in our lives". This is just one of thousands of Catholics who have been won to Christ through our home missions.

Ana's Sunday School

While Ana Diaz was attending normal college in Havana, Cuba, she came under the influence of the Gospel in the Sunday school of Temple Baptist Church. There, under the instruction of a consecrated home missionary, she gave her heart to Christ and was from the beginning a most enthusiastic Christian.

When her days at normal college were over Ana returned to her home in Cruces. Would she keep her enthusiasm when away from Temple Church and the missionaries? She did! She carried her religion into her home, into her school room and out to her friends. So enthusiastic was she about her Christianity that her influence was felt in her daily contacts with others. She first taught in the Cruces Sunday school, then became its superintendent; and then, because this Sunday school was not reaching people whom she desired to reach, she organized a mission Sunday school in her own home. She wrote Dr. McCall of a Sunday when there were 282 present in her Sunday school and yet for that

large group they had only ten senior quarterlies, twenty-five lesson papers and twelve illustrated lesson cards. We are not surprised that she exclaimed, "What are they among so many!" But they had no money to buy more. I wonder if we would be able to keep Ana's enthusiasm and go on under such difficulties. We must remember that Ana, with her enthusiasm and her Sunday school, is a trophy of home missions.

One Wins Many

It was just at dawn on a Sunday morning when one of our Mexican missionaries in Texas was awakened by a knock on his door. On opening the door he was surprised to find a man wanting to know if he could come and baptize a dozen people in a town a hundred miles away.

"Who evangelized those people?" asked the missionary, for he knew that no Spanish-speaking preacher had been there in many months.

"I did", was the simple reply.

This was not a missionary or preacher but just a Mexican layman, who had been won to Christ by a home missionary. When he had moved to a new town he had not laid aside his religion but had carried it with him. He had gathered a group of people and had read to them the Bible and testified to the saving power of the blood of Jesus. The result was that a dozen of them had been won to Christ. And now this faithful man had come a hundred miles, seeking the nearest missionary who spoke their language to return with him and baptize the waiting believers. Such a story makes us believe that Mrs. Lawrence knows what she is talking about when she says, "The Mexican is a born missionary".

Indian Personal Service

There is among the Pawnee Indians a Woman's Missionary Society that believes in a type of personal service that is ever seeking the salvation of the lost. A member of this society, Sarah Stoneroad by name, was in the government office one day and she met there an Indian woman past seventy years of age. She found out that the old woman was not a Christian and that she lived with her little granddaughter, a crippled girl of thirteen. Mrs. Stoneroad asked if she might come and read the Bible with her, to which the old woman agreed. A few days afterward several earnest women of that missionary society went and held the service of Bible reading and prayer in the home of the old woman. She was much interested and, when she learned that the older women of the church held a regular meeting when the whole service was in the Pawnee language, she invited them to come to her home for the next meeting.

So it happened that the regular meeting of the Pawnee speaking Woman's Missionary Society was held with this old woman who was just beginning to learn about Jesus. Mrs. Beard, our missionary to the Pawnees, gave the Bible lesson, speaking directly to their hostess and telling her that the lesson that day was especially for her. She listened attentively and when the lesson was ended and they had had prayer the old lady arose and came up to the missionary, saying: "I want Jesus for my Savior too. I want to be a Christian". The little lame granddaughter was there, also listening with interest to all that was said. After another prayer they both made a definite decision for Christ, and on the next Sunday morning they went to church and came to the front asking for membership—the old, old lady and her little crippled granddaughter. So it happened that because of the personal service of this Indian missionary society two precious souls were saved.

Rescued by Love

The Rescue Home for women in New Orleans is a new institution, but already it has had experiences which furnish stories of tragic appeal. It is the only refuge

not under Catholic control for the homeless and friendless women of the great city of New Orleans. One of the first to enter this home was a young woman who had been betrayed; in the Rescue Home she found the care needed in the days before her baby came. Today she is an earnest Christian girl working and winning her way back to health and peace of mind and heart.

One morning a young woman who had come from another state seeking work was found in one of the parks almost dead from starvation. She was taken to the home, given tender care and is today working and living in the home.

On another occasion an old lady, well along in her seventies, was discovered homeless and helpless. In the Rescue Home she found not only friends to give her gentle care, but also the Friend of friends. She was baptized and today is as attractive a little old lady as one could find anywhere, rejoicing in the love of Jesus and the assurance of the future whether here or "over yonder".

These are stories of only a few of those who have been rescued by love in the Woman's Rescue Home.

DEBTS, DEBTORS and a NEW DEAL

Wherein in spite of debts and debtors
A new deal shows the way
To free our Board from foes and fetters
And save its work today.

Debts—The word "debt" has been a very common one in the southern Baptist vocabulary for the last few years. We use the word often with many laments and much discouragement, and again we determine to pay out and never make another debt in the history of our denomination. Our Home Board has had its share of southern Baptist debts. For several years it has carried a burden of debt so heavy as to make it almost impossible for it to go on with its work.

There are several encouraging features in the present debt situation of the Home Mission Board. First, *we are paying the debt*. The 1934 report of the Home Mission Board brought the good news of \$61,346.92 reduction in debt. Of this \$18,729.03 came from the Hundred Thousand Club. Next, *we are making no new debts*. The Board is operating absolutely within its income. The size of the gifts determine the amount of appropriations for the work. In the last place we can be encouraged by the fact that in spite of debts, diminishing funds and cuts in appropriations *the work goes on with increasing zeal and glorious results*. This is due largely to the sacrificial spirit of the missionaries. Cuts in salaries have not meant cuts in zeal or in the amount of work done. All missionaries have shown a wonderfully unselfish spirit through this trying period of debt and depression. Many of them have made almost unbelievable sacrifices. When the Board could not return Miss Kathryn Sewell to Cuba she went without salary, expecting to earn a livelihood by teaching English, and then, because the need was great, took work in a place where there is very little demand for an English teacher. Miss Bertha Abbott conducts the kindergarten of the Temple Italian Mission without salary, depending altogether on the small fees paid by the mothers of the children. Miss Mary Kelly buys all the foreign literature used in her work out of her own small salary. Stories like these could be told of every home missionary. Practically all of them are members of the Hundred Thousand Club. So our work goes on in spite of debt because of the beautiful sacrificial service of our home missionaries.

Debtors—This brings us to our next word, "debtors". We are debtors to God for giving us this wonderful land to live in. We are debtors to our forefathers who established our nation on Christian ideals of justice and righteousness. We

are debtors to our Home Mission Board for the wonderful work it is doing in helping to keep our land Christian. We are debtors to our home missionaries who are so nobly lifting the banner of the cross in our homeland. These are helping to make America truly a Christian land and, therefore, a place where our loved ones and we may dwell in safety and happiness. These are helping to conquer the enemies of Christianity and thus are doing much to help America keep the ideals which have made her great and which she must keep if you and I are to enjoy peace and prosperity and happiness. Yes, we are debtors to the Home Board, to our home missionaries and to God. How can we pay this debt?

A New Deal—The answer to this question is found in a much used term of the day—"a new deal". That is what our Home Board needs from us. It needs a new deal in *giving*. We have not dealt fairly with our gifts. We have withheld our tithes and offerings. We must give home missions a new deal with increased gifts. We must pay the debt on the Board. We must join the Hundred Thousand Club and so have a part in that great debt-paying campaign. We must send out new missionaries. We must more adequately support those who are already on the field. Certainly the Home Board needs a new deal in *praying*. We must pray—constantly, earnestly we must pray that the Holy Spirit may guide the work of all home missions and that the millions yet unsaved in the southland may be speedily reached with the Gospel. Most of all, home missions needs a new deal in *living*. We must live the Christian life. We must be home missionaries, working eagerly for the salvation of the lost around us. Our lives must be dominated by a vital Christianity which will find expression in pure living and sacrificial serving. So shall we help to lift the banner of the cross and to keep it waving over our own beloved land.

TWO BANNERS

Wherein two banners now we see,
And may they ever wave
O'er people who are always free
And hearts both true and brave.

(A woman carrying the American flag and impersonating the Star Spangled Banner enters.)

The Star Spangled Banner—Behold me, the Star Spangled Banner, the emblem of your country. I am the greatest banner in the world because I represent the greatest country in the world. I wave over a land where homes are protected, where schools are free, where laws are righteous and where people are safe, prosperous and happy. Behold me, the Star Spangled Banner, which ever shall wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

(One verse of the "Star Spangled Banner" is sung either as a solo or by all present. As this ends another woman, carrying a Christian flag and impersonating the Banner of the Cross, enters.)

The Banner of the Cross—Behold me, the Banner of the Cross, the emblem of Christianity. I tell the story of the Savior who died on the cross to save a world from sin. I claim even a higher place than you, O Star Spangled Banner. You are great because of my influence over your land. Without my Christ your fair colors would soon trail in the dust. I claim that the Banner of the Cross should wave even above the Star Spangled Banner.

The Star Spangled Banner—Your claim is deserved. I grant you the honor of being even greater than I. My land is great only because of the Christianity which you represent. I grant to you what I would grant to no other banner in the world, the glory of waving higher than my stars and stripes.

(The two, holding the flags, stand side by side, the Banner of the Cross held a little higher than the Star Spangled Banner. The first verse of "Fling Out the Banner, Let It Float" is sung either as a solo or by all present. The W.M.U. Woman enters as song ends.)

W.M.U. Woman—Hail the two banners under which we live! We love them both for they stand for the things which make America great and a happy home for us. Not for anything would we see either emblem trailing in the dust. So we will do all we can to keep the Banner of the Cross lifted above the Star Spangled Banner that both may continue to wave in glory above our country and above our hearts.

(All sing "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus".)

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Tell of things which make our country a Christian land.
2. Give statistics showing the growth of Christianity in the United States.
3. Give statistics showing the growth of Baptists in the United States.
4. Give statistics showing the growth of southern Baptists.
5. How do southern Baptists compare in numbers with other denominations?
6. Mention some foes of Christianity which threaten the safety of our land.
7. Discuss the results of the repeal of the 18th Amendment.
8. Tell something of the work of our Home Mission Board.
9. Mention three encouraging things in regard to our Home Board debt.
10. How are we debtors to home missions?
11. How may we pay our debt to home missions?
12. Why should the Banner of the Cross wave even above the Star Spangled Banner?

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(*Wooed by the Gospel*). Another woman may say, "I once visited in New Orleans and I read everything I can about that interesting city. How splendid that we have two rescue missions there" (*Rescued by Love*). The Indians, Cuba and so on may be similarly treated.

Some societies may have members who are from Alabama, Texas or Oklahoma. These should be asked to tell of the special home mission work carried on in their own state.

The Week of Prayer for Home Missions and the Annie W. Armstrong Offering will follow soon after the February meeting. Special plans for this week and offering should be announced and committees named so that every woman in the society and church shall be reached. In the first years of the observance of this home mission week, it was called the "Week of Prayer and Self Denial for Home Missions". The women and young people were asked to deny themselves some definite thing. Possibly this idea might be revived. Also there was "Talent Money". Each woman took a dollar or fifty cents and tried by "investing" it to make it grow into as large an amount as possible by the time the offering was taken.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

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

FEBRUARY FOCUS on SUNBEAM BANDS



During 1935 Woman's Missionary Union plans 4 Focus Weeks. These will be the second week of the second month in each quarter, unless some state feels led to change a week for some special reason. If not informed otherwise by your state leaders the weeks will be as follows:

Sunbeam Band—February 10-16

Young Women's Auxiliary—May 5-11

Girls' Auxiliary—August 11-17

Royal Ambassador Chapter—November 10-16.

We hope to accomplish much through giving this week's emphasis to the young people's missionary education organizations in their turn. These will serve not only to show in emphatic way during the week the values of missionary education epitomized or concentrated but will also be weeks of visitation that counselors may the better know the home background of their organization members and that new members may be enlisted. Publicity regarding the week given in the local newspaper as well as in the church bulletin and announcements will aid in enlistment and in extension efforts also. Sometimes even the fostering W.M.S. is not sure of what its young people's organizations are doing but these weeks will help them find out and more fully appreciate their "children".

The first Focus Week brings our 6,620 Sunbeam Bands into the center of our attention. Sunbeam Band leaders, W.M.U. third vice presidents—or young people's directors—and W. M. S. presidents will all share in making this week of February 10-16 a meaningful success. Work out your plans together, being sure that no important possible activity for the week is overlooked. To begin with: on Sunday, February 10, probably your pastor will be happy to invite the Sunbeam Band to sit together in seats reserved with yellow ribbon streamers, ready to give the three rays of their shining watchword and sing their Sunbeam song as a special feature of the morning service. Be sure that Sunbeam leaders and helpers are seated with the Sunbeams to assure reverent quiet throughout the sermon. Have a paragraph about Sunbeam activities in the church bulletin and in the local newspaper. If the three—leader, director and president—can go calling together on the Sunbeam Band mothers, that will be splendid; surely two can visit together. Talk thoughtfully to the mothers of what the Sunbeam Band should mean to their boys and girls with its enlarging horizons, its developing understanding of the breadth of God's love to all the world, its breaking down instead of un-Christian building up of racial barriers, its early lessons of sharing and a true stewardship giving, its cultivation of a helpful spirit, its bringing the child to a realization of Christ as Savior and its teaching from these early days that God has a plan for each life. Perhaps as leaders you have not comprehended all that Sunbeam Bands are as agencies for God's touch on childhood, and this checking up will help you in your leadership while it helps the mothers to see how important it is to send their children under nine years of age to Sunbeam Band. You will visit the mothers who are careless about their children's attendance and those who have never been enlisted at all in Sunbeam interest also. If your Sunbeam Band membership with its possible membership is too large for the Sunbeam leader to visit each home this week, secure the assistance of the W.M.S. circle which fosters the Sunbeam Band. Let this group meet together for prayer and to talk over the purpose of the visits before going out to make them.

A regular Sunbeam Band meeting should be held during the week but let it be irregular in having it an unusually fine meeting, an open meeting to which visitors are urged to come. In this meeting let the Sunbeams show the many phases of Sunbeam meetings—stories told and acted out informally, Scriptures recited, projects carried out, handwork done. This meeting can be combined with a party given the Sunbeams by the fostering W.M.S. This can very merrily be a Valentine party with red hearts as decorations and pretty red and white gelatin refreshments. The Sunbeams can make Valentines to take home or to use in personal service ways.

Devot^o another afternoon in the week to personal service, with the entire Sunbeam Band going to take Valentines to cheer a neglected shut-in, or to visit the crippled children in a hospital, or to brighten an hour for a needy blind person. If it does not seem well for the entire Sunbeam Band to do this, let a committee selected by the Sunbeams go this week as their representatives thus including personal service in the activities of Focus Week.

Sunbeam Band leaders will want to study the revised How to Shine, or to restudy it, and the W.M.U. Year Book for 1935. In some associations, associational young people's leaders will plan for a conference of Sunbeam Band leaders in the association. This you will want to share in and profit by, of course, for the exchange of problems and solutions and the discussion of Sunbeam activity will be an invaluable addition to your personal review of the manual and Year Book.

In the February number of *World Comrades* a simple Sunbeam Band playlet is given which should be used at associational rallies during February or March, or which may be presented to the local W.M.S. It can be used in a church where there is no Sunbeam Band, showing the work of Sunbeam Band as it does, with a view to organizing.

If you have not ordered your Sunbeam Sunbonnet Baby Standard of Excellence chart yet, this should be done at once; its price is given in the manual—How to Shine—along with other supplies but is repeated here for your convenience: Sunbonnet Baby, price 25c. Order from W.M.U. Literature Department, 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

Watch your state Baptist paper for articles about Sunbeam activities which will be appearing during Focus Week and throughout the entire month of February. Do you read the letters from other Sunbeam Bands published in *World Comrades* that you may see what they are doing and profit by their acts as suggestions for your Sunbeams also?

In your discussion of plans for Focus Week for your Sunbeams you may have other ideas of what you can do to make the value of Sunbeam Bands better known to your constituency; follow these original ideas also keeping constantly in mind the purpose of Sunbeam Band organizations. They are not mere gatherings of children to entertain or amuse them with moral or good stories or with bits of handwork. Sunbeam Bands are missionary education organizations, bringing to children's minds and hearts the missionary passages from God's Word, stretching their love to children beyond their sight that they may help them also to love Jesus, beginning the presentation of a world in which Christian young people will find their places of service for the King. In the testimonies of newly appointed missionaries we are reminded again of the fact that God speaks to the hearts of little children, calling them to definite service before the noises of the world "dull their ears to the Father's voice". In these impressionable years basic truths are planted in children's hearts which grow and bear fruit as the years pass. Do not minimize the value of Sunbeam Band: what can be more priceless than the privilege of leading children? When Jesus was here, He took a little child and set him in the midst of His disciples. Still the child occupies that central place; give it to him in Focus Week and sustain it throughout the year.



PERSONAL SERVICE



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

WHO IS OUR NEIGHBOR?



"Love thy neighbor as thyself". But how many of us do it? To many of us it is a distasteful procedure to camouflage but we, most of us, do it nevertheless. We are selfish in our interests and cover these up with excuses and explanations. Real personal service—which is service to others plus Christ, which is the giving of ourselves in His Name and expecting no return to ourselves—is loving our neighbor as ourselves. In this southland one of our "nearest neighbors"—in every community, city, town, village and rural section—is the Negro. Yet in this matter of personal service we look right at them, right through them and over and around them and in most cases never see them. No greater or more opportune time could come to every Baptist woman's group to demonstrate neighborliness than right now. The Emergency Relief Administration is probably administering relief in every community. This relief *must* go to every needy person regardless of color. To the Negro this meant some food and work relief but has left a large group untouched. When the "depression" came and salaries or incomes were reduced many housewives decided to do their own work for economy's sake. The woman's division of the Southern Interracial Commission soon realized that something must be done for the vast army of Negro women out of employment, inefficient in any work they might attempt to do, and that Negro children were becoming more than demoralized because of lack of clothes to go to school and in many instances because schools were closed and because in many places these Negro children were roaming the streets begging, stealing and generally getting into mischief. Then there was another class of Negro women who, while not in actual need, were needing help and encouragement and training for efficiency in their line—the mid-wives.

May I briefly tell what has been done in my own county along these lines and which may be accomplished to more or less degree by every W.M.S. everywhere? With the woman among the Negroes of our city and county who was most outstanding and interested in the welfare of her race—Marian Wilkinson, also a member of the Interracial Commission—I went to the Woman Director of Emergency Relief and placed before her and her co-workers the need of a training school for servants, the need for play-grounds for Negro children. We asked only for colored teachers and workers for these projects. They listened, they questioned and we came away feeling they would do nothing. But faint heart never won anything so we kept right behind the projects. The State College for Negroes agreed for the use of their building and laboratories for the Servants School, and the Negro Home Demonstration Agent of the County offered to supervise the project. The school board agreed to the use of the Negro school grounds for play-grounds and two other plots of ground were secured and cleared. Much newspaper publicity was given to these projects and the real needs. The Relief Administration finally agreed to pay the salaries of three teachers for the Servants School and three workers for the Negro play-grounds. A small sum of money was appropriated for play-ground equipment; all this apparatus was made by a Negro craftsman whose skill made from these funds equipment valued at four times the material cost. One of the play-grounds was located at a thickly

settled Negro section and is the project of the Sunlight Club, a social service club of splendid Negro women.

At the Servants School over one hundred enrolled at no cost to themselves whatever. The following was taught: Foods and Their Value, Care of the Home and of Children, Personal Care and Common Etiquette, Laundering and Reading and Writing. The course was thorough and practical and those enrolled ranged in age from thirteen to fifty-eight years of age. Such a school can be established anywhere, running from three to six weeks with Relief or volunteer teachers. The Orangeburg Ice Company loaned a large refrigerator and supplied ice. Wholesale and retail grocers gave sample articles; church organizations and missionary societies gave donations of food stuffs; and the Relief Commissary gave from their store. White friends were invited to visit the school in session and were interested. Every enrolled servant was required to pass a health examination. Commencement exercises were an occasion and forty-two certificates were awarded and all of the 111 went forth better equipped to serve and make a living. Personal service was made real in the service rendered to these by definite planning. These servants were eager and alert for information and the change noted in their personal appearance after a few days at the school was marked. Such a school could be held in a Negro school where there is no nearby Negro college.

The mid-wives school was truly a joy. Many states through their State Health Boards require mid-wives to take training for their work and hold a certificate from the State Health Board. These Negro women go into all classes of white and colored homes. Such a school can be held with the cooperation of the State Health Department, that will send a registered nurse as teacher, local doctors and nurses giving their services as lecturers. Such a school affords an opportunity for a local W.M.S. to give one hour each day in the three weeks school in a period of religious training. It was my privilege to teach such a group of nearly a hundred mid-wives using, as a background for the devotional talks, practical every day things they would understand and use from Christ's sermon on the mount and having women from our local W.M.S. make simple talks on assigned subjects to them from time to time, letting the colored women sing their own selection of hymns or spirituals at the beginning and closing of the hour. The W.M.S. also supplied each mid-wife with a small copy of the Gospel by Matthew that could be carried in her kit bag. In other words we tried to show them their opportunities of Christian heart service as they minister to bodies in distress; led them to know there were white sisters waiting to help them in their work if they would only make known their need.

Every child loves to hear a story, and play-grounds afford a wide field of service in Christ's name for the woman or young woman who really wants to give herself in personal service. All this takes faith and prayer. "Where there is faith there is love, where there is love there is peace, where there is peace there is God, where there is God there is no need!"—Mrs. Geo. E. Davis, S. C. Member Interracial Commission

The dates of Foreign Missions Week at Ridgecrest, N. C., have been changed to August 11-18 inclusive. Please change accordingly in your summer planning and on page 14 of 1935 W.M.U. Year Book. On page 17 of this magazine is much additional data concerning Foreign Missions Week, August 11-18 inclusive.

BOOK REVIEWS

Mrs. Julian P. Thomas, Virginia

Any books reviewed in this magazine may be ordered from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., or from State Baptist Bookstore. The price of each is quoted with its review.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS in the GREAT ADVENTURE



A fitting close and crown of a life spent in the service of foreign missions was the writing of the book "Southern Baptists in the Great Adventure" by Dr. T. B. Ray of the Foreign Mission Board of

the Southern Baptist Convention. To the author this was indeed the "Great Adventure"—the carrying out of God's plan for the salvation of the world.

As he tells the story of the "Great Adventure" from the time the disciples waited at Jerusalem for the coming of the Holy Spirit, down through the ages, each missionary the channel through whom the Holy Spirit works, we catch the spirit of the author's devotion. We rejoice with him that southern Baptists have had a part in the great work of carrying forward God's plan for the world's redemption. Joy thrills our hearts as we read of their accomplishments, and we thank God for the long service of twenty-seven years that enabled Dr. Ray to give us this story of missions. It should be the background of every study of missions in southern Baptist territory. Price: cloth, \$1.25

PRAYER

A BOOK that has been a source of inspiration to many in their prayer life is "Prayer" by O. Hallesby, professor in the Independent Theological Seminary, Oslo, Norway. In the first chapter the author shows prayer as the simplest and most natural thing in the world. The reader feels that this is the right view and should appeal to every one. In later chapters the author tells of the difficulties in prayer, prayer as

work, the misuse of prayer, the problems of prayer etc.

The great value of the book is in the emphasis laid on the prayer life and what it accomplishes both in those who use it and for those for whom it is used. We feel that the book is the experience of one who has lived in the spirit of prayer and has received its benefits.—Price: cloth, \$1

SKETCHES from MISSIONARY LIFE in SPAIN

"SKETCHES from Missionary Life in Spain" is a delightful small volume describing the adventures of an English missionary, Ernest H. Trenchard, in central Spain. The occupations and lives of the people are very similar to those of the people in Palestine in the time of our Savior. The manner of separating the chaff from the wheat is exactly the same.

The author sees equally the good qualities and the weaknesses of his people and his descriptions of their quaint personalities make them live for his readers. Dr. Trenchard's sense of humor enables him to stand the discomforts that come to him and, even when he is imprisoned for five days because he has officiated in the funeral and burial of one of his people, he thinks of it as only a part of a missionary's life. An unusual story of missionary experience—Price: cloth, 75c

KAGAWA

THE thrilling story of Japan's outstanding citizen and Christian, written by Dr. William Axling, missionary of the Northern Baptist Board, is this remarkable biography. Born out of wedlock of an unregenerate official

of the government and a dancing girl Kagawa was indeed a miracle, for from the beginning of his life he had a passion for purity. From his conversion through the agency of Dr. H. W. Myers, a Presbyterian missionary, his whole prayer was: "Oh God, make me like Christ". The story of his success in abolishing the slums in the six largest cities of Japan, of his work for the peasants of Japan through the Peasant Schools, of his help for the laboring classes and of the Kingdom of God Movement in Japan is almost too wonderful for belief. It, too, is a miracle.

Each chapter of the book is prefaced by a quotation from Kagawa's meditations. It is well worth study.—*Price: cloth, \$1*

MISSIONS MATCHING the HOUR

DOUBTS as to the value of foreign missions will be dissipated on read-

ing "Missions Matching the Hour", by Dr. Stephen J. Corey, president of the United Christian Missionary Society of the Disciples of Christ. Dr. Corey meets every criticism, old and new, and by arguments and well authenticated examples taken from life proves their falsity. He shows how the whole world is being influenced by the growing tendency to secularism and how it may be combated. He makes careful study of the aims and motives of foreign missions and contends that the need to share with others is inherent in the Christian religion, not only with those of our own race and blood, but also with the whole world.

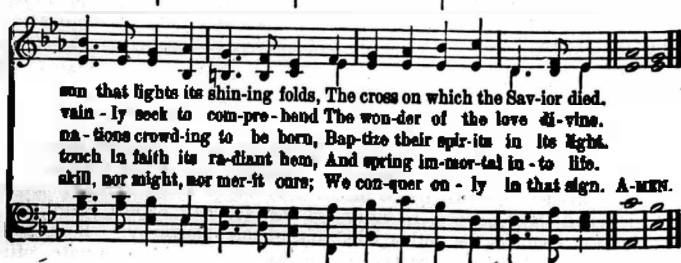
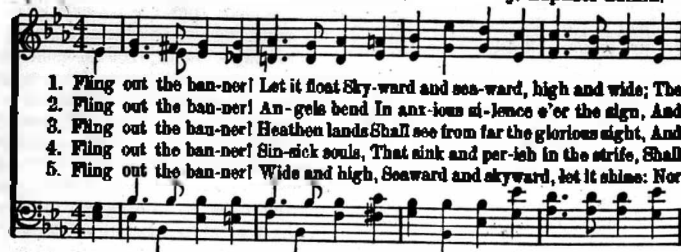
He closes with the thought that we need to give the Gospel to the world not only for the sake of others but also for our own sakes. Only when we save others can we save ourselves in the sense of our stewardship of the Gospel.—*Price: paper, 50c*

Fling Out the Banner! Let It Float.

George W. Doane.

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CURRENT EVENTS

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

It is well when thinking of the conquest of America for Christ that we not only rejoice in the evidences of the progress of Christianity but also give due consideration to those forces at work in our country that would tend to retard Christian progress and thereby require on the part of those who serve under the Banner of the Cross greater zeal, closer fellowship with Christ and a deeper sense of dependence upon God if Christ is to reign.

Encouraging News

In 1800 the Baptists of America had 1100 churches, 1250 ordained ministers and approximately 100,000 members. There were no Sunday schools, no young people's organizations, no Women's Missionary Societies, no brotherhood organizations. There was but one Baptist school, no orphanages, no hospitals, no Baptist periodicals and few educated ministers. Compare these facts with what you know about the work of southern Baptists alone and rejoice that Baptists have been able to make so large a contribution to the progress of Christianity in the United States in the past 134 years. (Also see pages 18, 20.)

The average annual expenditures for home missions the past five years was \$24,893,888 by 22 denominations according to a report from the Home Missions Council. The total number of enterprises recorded is 29,653 including all kinds of activities.

The Executive Committee of the Dallas County W.M.U. in Texas is opening an Open Door Mission for Negroes in Dallas. They will have stereopticon lectures, talks on health, sanitation, citizenship and other social and civic questions. Much credit is given by the women of Dallas to Miss Emma Leachman, Home Board field worker, in helping to plan this enterprise.

A writer from south Georgia says that "ninety percent of all south Georgians helped by the government are non-Christians".

Disquieting News

It is estimated that there are 85,000 feeble churches in the United States. These churches are unable to support the full time services of either a trained or untrained minister.—*Watchman Examiner.*

From the *Presbyterian Advance* we learn that there is a Mormon church in our national capital with a building on a prominent corner. There are several hundred in the membership many of whom are in government service. "It appears Reed Smoot was not only United States senator but a persistent propagandist of his faith. He is one of the highest Mormon officials and was present at the dedication of the church in Washington November 1933".

Church announcements in the Saturday papers of New York reveal a motley assortment of religious cults according to the *Missionary Review of the World*. There are twelve mentioned which are not Christian in the remotest sense and but one in its name even suggests the name of God.

"According to Hinduism, the benighted condition of the people of the United States calls for the 'Ramakrishna Mission of Hinduism', with India as its headquarters, to maintain ten independent mission centers in the cities of our land". One of these mission centers is to be found in Washington and the others are all through the north and west.

HUSSY-WILLOWS and carolers join in heralding the end of winter and the return of spring. Even so does **ROYAL SERVICE** proclaim faith in the power of prayer and consecrated missionary service in "ending the night of weeping when life's long shadows break in cloudless love". In your home, your circle, your society this W.M.U. magazine will instill hope and will strengthen faith in missions in the Name of Him who is "the Day-Spring from on High". Therefore, please, renew, subscribe at 50c a year for

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