

# Royal Service



## RECOMMENDATIONS from SOUTHWIDE W.M.U. STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

1. That we re-double our efforts for these four major aims: (1) Organization of Tithers' Bands; (2) Promotion of Stewardship Declamation Contest; (3) Securing some gift to missions from every resident woman member of the church; (4) Definite prayer for the convicting and converting power of the Holy Spirit among God's people on the money question

2. That we take as our southwide slogan—"Missions Wait on Stewardship" and Stewardship Waits on You

3. That the stewardship covenant pledge be signed each year by old as well as new tithers

4. That great care be exercised in the selection of the local stewardship chairman, since the success or failure of our stewardship plans are so largely in the hands of the local chairmen

5. That in addition to the study of a home and foreign mission book each year, at least one book on stewardship be studied.

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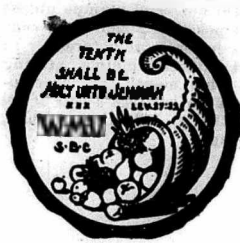


## EDITORIAL



### "STIR UP the GIFT"

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



Experience has taught us that refreshment comes from drinking deeply of the pure flowing spring. To places of cool streams or to mountain heights we turn in times of physical weariness. By and in them we are revived and re-invigorated. Mind and spirit yield likewise to their benign influence. There is wisdom in providing facilities where may be gratified this natural instinct to seek the refreshment which change and nature afford. Summer assemblies and camps have answered a natural need and have served to bring inspiration and spiritual refreshing to large numbers of people. In the several states and at the Southern Baptist Assembly grounds at Ridgcrest varied programs are provided. Mission weeks there and the Y.W.A. Camp are periods of deepest interest for our W.M.U. constituency; this is likewise true with the B.S.U. of which our College Y.W.A.'s. are a part.

The apostle Paul wrote to the youthful Timothy: "Stir up the gift of God that is within thee". With profound wisdom he sensed the tendency of human nature even in the mind and heart of youth to be complacent, to be satisfied with things as they are, to drift into easy ways. Recognizing that mental and spiritual lethargy is dangerous the great apostle admonished this youth, so inexpressibly dear to him, to stir up the gift within him. Nor does he leave him in ignorance as to how to do it. Just as exercise is necessary to the proper development of the physical body so spiritual gifts grow through exercise. As plants respond to cultivation so the gift thrives under stirring.

In a vast number of our churches there are young people who have known in some camp or assembly through the summer days an experience which has had a profound influence on their thought and life purposes. They have come back to their same worlds it is true but with a new light which changes things. They are eagerly seeking to find expression for this new and deepened purpose. It is our blessed privilege, yours and mine, to help them, to encourage them, to provide helpful wholesome avenues for productive expression of their new born or vastly deepened life purposes. Some of them will be trying daring ventures of faith, some seeking the way to more effective prayer life, many eager to walk the ways of genuine service. For each we may open doors and constantly lend the supporting strength of our own experience in spiritual ways. Of the things that abide the Apostle said the greatest is love. Sympathy is the very essence of love.

It is probable that the young person—home from camp, yielding to the stirring of the Spirit, eager to do something—is the very answer to the need for a counselor for Sunbeams, G.A.'s. or R.A.'s. Guide and help such young person and really foster the auxiliary and you will see both leader and the organization flowering and bearing fruit. Encouraged and helped these young people could well be the means of leading other young people to deeper consecration of heart and life. More than eight hundred young women, not including counselors and other leaders, shared the high inspiration of the Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgcrest. Countless others with younger brothers and sisters have in other camps caught some gleam they would follow. If we in sympathy and love and understanding

help all these now home again in their churches to "stir up the gift of God that is within" them what hidden resources of strength may be released for deepening the spiritual life within our churches and for advancing the Kingdom to the ends of the earth!

### "The FIELD IS the WORLD"

Notes of Address by Dr. J. H. Rughbrooke

General Secretary of Baptist World Alliance

to

1935 W.M.U. Annual Meeting in Memphis

OUR Baptist community is today a world-force to an extent and in a degree never hitherto the case. It is already the largest free church body on earth, and year by year its numbers are growing. The increase of numbers is conspicuous in your own southland, but it is not confined to your Convention or to the United States of America. We are advancing in every continent. Not in the advance merely in numbers: there is also a steady progress in the unification of our people. They are coming closer together and Baptist world-consciousness, once an ideal, is steadily being translated into a fact and a force. It is registered in an increasing and more intimate cooperation for the common cause and in a consensus of witness over against assaults upon the faith from the side of materialism and paganism. This sense of oneness throughout the world-wide Baptist community is due very largely to the existence and the work of the Baptist World Alliance. The Congress held last year in Berlin, at which Mrs. Armstrong took a conspicuous part, registered a high water mark both in our unity and in our testimony. Its findings are known throughout the whole earth. Its resolutions have been sent to governments of all countries, large and small, and to the League of Nations. It will interest you to know that the importance of the women's work among us has received a larger recognition than heretofore. At the Congress in Toronto seven years ago two women were elected to the Executive Committee of the Alliance: at Berlin five were elected, and henceforth we are never to have fewer than five.

I rejoice in Baptist growth and unity and in the increasing activity of women in our world service, but especially that they are taking so notable a part in the missionary enterprise. For precisely there is one real task—the thing that matters supremely. *Neglect evangelism in favor of anything else whatever, and we are leaving out the "one thing needful"*. Everything then goes wrong. A ministry may be brilliant on the intellectual side and may even offer a certain degree of emotional support to those who are in Christ, but if there is no appeal to men and women to face the great decision, if there is nothing of the passion of the apostle who wrote, "We beseech you in the stead of Christ be ye reconciled to God", it is missing the central matter and in the long run its failure will be complete. A church which is non-missionary will soon cease to be evangelistic at home or even evangelical. The temper which seeks to win men for Christ abroad is indispensable in our work at home. The Baptist World Alliance knows that, and it gave a great place in Berlin to the work of missionary societies and boards, not only for their own sake but that our people in all lands might be recalled to the supreme task—to win souls, to change lives, to make disciples. Put it in what terms you like, *conversion is the first business of the church of Jesus Christ*. If it forgets that, it leaves out the one thing for which the Master died. "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Myself".

(To Be Continued in Another Issue)



## STEWARDSHIP SUGGESTIONS



Southwide Stewardship Chairman: Mrs. Carter Wright, Alabama

### "IT PAYS EVERY WAY"



In a previous issue of this magazine the request was made for testimonies as to ways in which tithes and offerings were made possible. The agreement was that no name of any person or church would be published but merely the name of the state from which each testimony was received.

#### In MISSISSIPPI

"Though for seven months my preacher husband had no regular work, we tithed every bit that came into our hands! Our three children were ragged and cold; we were often hungry. It was the most poignant grief I ever felt. Then we went boldly to God's great throne in prayer: we laid our case before Him; we told Him how we had chosen His paths of service when other fields were inviting and alluring; we reminded Him of years of tithing. God came to our relief in a glorious way. We were very soon on a field with four country churches, with small but sufficient pay".

"My husband and I were children of very poor parents. When we built our home we went in debt and there is still a mortgage. We have nine living children, to all of whom we have given an education, two having already gone to college. Each of the five oldest children has taken turn about and missed school one whole term to help make a living that the others might be in school. I am president of our little W.M.S.. We decided to give \$5 to the 1935 Annie W. Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. I said to myself: 'That will mean 50c a member'. When I got home I prayed to God to direct me as to how much to give: I was impressed to give \$1. This was gotten chiefly by titling our sales of dry peas. My husband tithes his income and I have what money I can make by selling poultry, eggs, milk, butter or garden produce. Once about ev-

ery three months I go to town with a list of things I need to buy, my husband giving me the money, he and I understanding that I have added 10 per cent to the total and that before I go to town I will lay aside the tenth in my titling box. God blesses the nine-tenths: I am often surprised in my trading to find that I have money left and can buy something that I did not have on my list".

#### In NORTH CAROLINA

"Tithing is the way I do it. Every time any money comes into my hands from any source, whether it is money for groceries or something else, whether it is 10c or \$10, one-tenth of it goes into a little lavender box in my trunk. This does require sacrifice, self-denial and scheming, but I am sure that I am much happier by doing this than I would be to spend these tithes on clothes, something for the house or for some other pleasure. And somehow I feel that God lets more money pass through my hands because I honor Him with the first than He would if I just gave Him what was left. We plan to organize a Tithers' Band in our W.M.S."

"Since the depression I have not been able to give as much as \$5 to each Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. But, although my preacher husband's salary had not been increased last year, I had set my heart on giving \$5 to the offering last December. I have no income except the marriage fees and they had not

been so numerous or large. I immediately began to pray for a wedding. Soon there was one and the fee was \$5: I immediately put it in the envelope and sealed it! Next time I shall pray for the wedding but will not put a limit on the fee!"

#### In NEW MEXICO

"After paying my tithe into the church's Cooperative Program, I find that on every side there are sacrifices to be made for the Lord's work. In signing up for the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club I don't know just exactly where the money will come from but there will be something I can sacrifice to meet this need. I find that, by praying diligently, I am enabled to sacrifice in a bigger and broader way so many things which I once thought were necessary".

#### In KENTUCKY

"At our November W.M.S. meeting we decided to use the playlet included in the December Week of Prayer material. Our pastor willingly agreed to give us the Wednesday night service and we had a crowded audience. We took up a free will offering. On Sunday morning at the close of the December Week of Prayer, our pastor gave every one another opportunity to give to the missionary cause. Our men have never before displayed such missionary enthusiasm: one man expressed the hope that we shall have these playlet programs oftener!"

#### In SOUTH CAROLINA

"Our church is in a small town in the cotton belt. We have been very hard hit during these years of low-priced cotton but somehow we have managed to keep up our special offerings. Particularly have we worked and prayed for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Several times I have felt like I could not possibly give to these special causes but the Lord has opened up a way. I have one little gift—just the tiniest talent for writing and He has let me use it for Him. Last December, just two days before our Week of Prayer, there came very unexpectedly a small check for an article I had written. How glad I was to have part of this to give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering".

#### In VIRGINIA

"I am deeply interested in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Well do I remember the

month of June 1928 when we held our annual W.M.U. associational meeting. Our state W.M.U. corresponding secretary was present: her wonderful address is still an inspiration to me. She said something like this: 'Go home and begin now to plan for your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Don't take it out of your tithe'. So I went home and set two hens for my offering! When the time came to make my offering, I was ready: it was the largest I had ever made; I was so happy, for I felt I had pleased my Lord. I believe that if southern Baptist women would begin now to plan and pray for our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, it would be the largest we have made in any one year".

#### In GEORGIA

"We had worked and prayed that the total for the 1934 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering from our Full Graded W.M.U. would be \$1000 but our faith was often weak. However, the final count was \$1,050. How thankful and happy we were! The W.M.U. young people's organizations gave over one-fifth of the total. We have no wealthy members; there were no large individual gifts: the total came because a great many members gave sacrificially and prayed throughout the year that the offering would reach the \$1000".

#### In TEXAS

"We have a love-box in our circle. Week by week each member donates. We purpose saving these gifts for mission work, especially the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering".

#### In TENNESSEE

"I felt that I was giving all that I could, yet in my heart I wanted so much to be a member of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club. I took the matter to my Heavenly Father, and this is how it resulted: a local cafe needed some home-made pies, so I began to bake pies—some days only two, other days as many as six; one month I sold ten dollars' worth!"







## FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



### WANG FAMILY of TENGCHOW, CHINA



It was my privilege to have a part in winning Miss Sue Wang, the famous woman evangelist of north China, to consecrate her life to Christ. Before it happened the missionaries of the Tengchow station covenanted together to pray that Miss Wang's father would not carry out his threat to disown her and drive her out of his home, as he had threatened to do if she became a Christian, or otherwise persecute her. At about this same time Miss Wang's brother, Wang Pin, as his Chinese name is (or Peter Wang, using his foreign name) was baptized into our Hwanghsien Church. I do not know the circumstances of his conversion and baptism, at all.

He was, however, a student in Mr. C. N. Hartwell's school and both of them were proteges of Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell. Today he is an ordained Baptist minister and is being greatly used of God in all our north China work.

We do not know what happened in the father's heart and life when his two children became Christians. It must have been a hard blow to his Chinese pride, especially in connection with Sue Wang, as it is said that he idolized her because of her remarkable intellectual gifts, he having given her a fine classical education which, as you know, is a most unusual thing for a Chinese father to do. Many missionaries and many Chinese Christians were praying for him and his family. Not many months after they were baptized he died without in any way persecuting them, I have been told, but most remarkable of all when his will was read after his death and before his funeral he had left instructions that his two Christian children were not to be persecuted by the older members of the family, that they were not to be required to perform the usual rite of ancestor worship at his funeral as it was against the teaching of Christianity and that they were to be allowed full freedom of conscience in the family!

One result of his change of attitude and the Christian zeal of the brother and sister was the conversion of practically the entire family, including their mother and a younger brother of their father. Mr. and Mrs. Newton had a short visit with us on their way back to China in April and while here Mr. Newton told me that this younger Mr. Wang is the outstanding member of the Hwanghsien Church and a man of great gifts and fine Christian character. In view of the wonderful ministry of Sue Wang, before she literally wore her life out giving the Gospel to the women of China, and the remarkably fruitful ministry of Peter Wang that is still going on, this must be an unusual family and it shows what is going to happen in China when we win more of this scholar class. No doubt many a Chinese Apostle Paul will arise.—Rev. T. F. McCrea, Formerly an S.B.C. Missionary to North China

### WOMEN'S LOWER GRADE BIBLE SCHOOL

PERMIT me to write you a few lines about my deep interest in the Women's Lower Grade Bible School here in Shanghai. My heart is filled with joy and thankfulness for the bountiful grace the Lord has given to us.

This school was started by the Soo-Sung-Sih W.M.U. in 1933 and was trans-

ferred to the Baptist Compound near Shanghai in 1934. I want to tell you briefly about the opening service we had for the school.

It was a bright sunny morning, all teachers (*volunteers*) were dressed in their best clothes and came on time. Some of them were from the Baptist Compound, some came from far-away places and some from the W.M.U. Headquarters in Shanghai. How neat and quiet the house was! Not a sound was heard. The teachers had to talk and make merry in order to break the silence. We waited and waited till we could wait no longer. You can imagine how sweetly we were comforting each other and encouraging each other. Our lips quivered as love overflowed within our hearts. When time came we had the service by ourselves. Not one pupil had come! We really did not know what to do. We poured out our hearts before the Lord. Words could not express how we felt, but the dear Lord knew our thought. He listened to our prayers and opened a way for us. Finally eight girls came, one after another, from different places. We thanked our Father for giving us the start.

Our W.M.U. had raised a fund for the school expenses but we had no money to support the girls. The girls were not able to pay their tuition etc., with the exception of Mrs. Sio who was supported by the Cantonese W.M.S. Mrs. Sio had the most difficult time with her language. The committee planned and prayed and again the Lord opened the second door for us.

Mrs. Ware was appointed principal of the school, Miss Sze the teacher and Mrs. Nei the matron—teacher of domestic science. Mrs. Ware started to teach the girls hand work so that they could pay their own expenses by their hand work. Now I want to tell you about some of our girls:

Wong Hue Yiu is a woman from Kaiding. She once decided to be a nun for the remission of her sins. Her life has been a sad one and she did not care to live. She is a widow with two children and her family is poor. But Jesus loved Wong Hue Yiu and sent her to the Bible School to study His Word. Mrs. Wong is now greatly changed. She is very friendly and especially fitted for the work of evangelism. She is doing a wonderful work in giving the Gospel to the village people near the Baptist Compound.

Mrs. Sio is a middle aged widow and mother of nine children. Unfortunately she lost every one of them. No wonder she was sad. She came to the women's meeting faithfully but no sunshine ever appeared on her face. She never sang. She did not speak to other people: therefore, she had very few friends. The Bible says: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest". Jesus received Mrs. Sio with His opened arms and gave to her His own peace and joy. Owing to the age and dialect of Mrs. Sio the school had to give her up. The Cantonese sisters were anxious for her to finish her course in the school. They asked Mrs. Ware to take her again, hoping she will be a great helper among them before long. We hope that Mrs. Sio will learn her singing, too, as well as her other lessons.

Yen Young Mei is a girl from Wusih. She is 17 years old. Her family lives on a boat. They don't have much contact with other people. Many of the boat people in China are Catholics. They have no chance to come to church or to let people speak to them. God loved Yen Young Mei and chose her to be His vessel. She is a bright girl. She sings well and does her lessons well. She is "dark but comely". She has a beautiful Christian character. It is our hope that she will go back home and give the message to other boat people. We trust the Lord will bless Yen Young Mei in her future work and also other girls in the school.

At present we have 20 girls and would have more if the house was large enough to hold them. The Lord has been gracious to Mrs. Ware and her work. She is a mother of many daughters. She has praises all she deserves and criticisms all she needs, but all of these she counts are for the glory of God.—P. Y. O. Ling, Shanghai, China



## FAMILY ALTAR



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: "A Certain Woman"—*Luke 10:38-42*

He toiled and saved his earnings every day  
But starved his mind and grasped at common things;  
His prisoned soul ne'er struggled out of clay,  
His better nature never found its wings.

He hoped to sit with happiness at last,  
Mansioned, sufficient, when he would be old;  
But he was just a graveyard, and the past  
Left naught for him but a rude pile of gold. —Fraser

### Jesus Teaches Stewardship

1st Day—*Luke 16:1-9*  
2nd Day—*Matt. 25:14-30*  
3rd Day—*Luke 19:11-27*  
4th Day—*Matt. 21:33-44*  
5th Day—*Luke 7:41-47*  
6th Day—*Luke 13:6-9*  
7th Day—*Luke 10:25-37*

### Jesus, Our Teacher

8th Day—*Matt. 4:23*  
9th Day—*Matt. 7:29; 11:1*  
10th Day—*Matt. 21:28; 22:18*  
11th Day—*Matt. 23:8; 28:55*  
12th Day—*Luke 4:15; 6:6*  
13th Day—*Mark 4:1*  
14th Day—*Acts 1:1*

### "Written for Our Learning"

15th Day—*Rom. 15:4-6*  
16th Day—*Eph. 4:17-24*  
17th Day—*II Tim. 3:14-17*  
18th Day—*Heb. 5:8-14*  
19th Day—*Acts 7:22-25*  
20th Day—*Jno. 7:14-19*  
21st Day—*Matt. 11:27-30*

### "Wait on the Lord"

22nd Day—*Psa. 27:11-14*  
23rd Day—*Psa. 37:7-11*  
24th Day—*Psa. 130:5-8*  
25th Day—*Acts 1:4, 8*  
26th Day—*Rom. 8:24-28*  
27th Day—*Gal. 5:5, 25, 26*  
28th Day—*Luke 8:1-16*  
29th Day—*Luke 8:11-18*  
30th Day—*Luke 10:38-42*



## "Pray Ye"

Thank God for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.  
Humbly ask pardon for sins of omission and commission.

Intercede for missionaries overburdened on the fields, for those on furlough, for new ones recently commissioned.

Pray for youthful volunteers for home or foreign service, that by God's leading the way may be opened up for them to go forth.

Ask God's guidance for all Margaret Fund students and their parents.

Pray for opening of W.M.U. Training School in Louisville, Ky.

Intercede for other Training Schools, Theological Seminaries and other Baptist schools and students.

Ask God to guide in: (1) observance of state seasons of prayer; (2) full plans for mission study, enlistment, personal service, fostering of W.M.U. young people's organizations, increased emphasis on tithes and offerings; (3) entrance upon celebration of Shuck Centennial.

## Calendar of Prayer

September, 1935

Prepared by Mrs. Maud R. McLure, Georgia

**B**ECAUSE I have been given much,  
I, too, shall give;  
Because of Thy great bounty, Lord,  
Each day I live  
I shall divide my gifts from Thee  
With every brother that I see  
Who has the need of help from me.

### Topic: Lifting the Banner through Stewardship

#### 1—SUNDAY

Pray that better understanding between labor and capital may prevail in our country.

Be of the same mind.—*II Cor. 13:11*

#### 2—MONDAY

Pray for all laborers in our country. Come unto Me all ye that labor.

—*Matt. 11:28*

#### 3—TUESDAY

For Dr. and †Mrs. R. E. Beddoe, medical and evangelistic work, Wuchow, China

Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee.—*Psa. 84:5*

#### 4—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. T. B. Stover, publication and educational work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable . . . than sacrifice.—*Prov. 21:3*

#### 5—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Hugh P. McCormick, educational work, and †Miss Ruth Kersey, nurse, Ogbo-moso, Africa

For Jehovah taketh pleasure in His people.—*Psa. 149:4*

#### 6—FRIDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. P. H. Anderson (on furlough), evangelistic work, Canton, China, and David and Theresia Anderson, Margaret Fund students

He that feareth Him and worketh righteousness is acceptable to Him.—*Acts 10:35*

#### 7—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Hart, evangelistic work, Concepcion, Chile, and Lois Hart, Margaret Fund student

Great peace have they that love Thy law.—*Psa. 119:165*

#### 8—SUNDAY

Pray that as Christians we may realize our stewardship of personality and talents.

There are diversities of gifts but the same spirit.—*I Cor. 12:4*

#### 9—MONDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Lawton, evangelistic work, Kaifeng, China, and †Wesley Lawton, Jr., evangelistic work, Pochow, China. In the shadow of Thy wings will I take refuge.—*Psa. 57:1*

#### 10—TUESDAY

For Mrs. D. P. Appleby, evangelistic work, Petropolis, Brazil

Christ redeemed us.—*Gal. 3:13*

#### 11—WEDNESDAY

For Mrs. W. H. Sears, educational work, and †Miss Blanche Bradley, nurse, Pingtu, China

But Thou, O Jehovah, art a shield about me.—*Psa. 3:3*

#### 12—THURSDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. Everett Gill, superintending work in Europe, Bucharest, Rumania

Jehovah is thy keeper.—*Psa. 121:5*

#### 13—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. A. V. Napier (on pension from China), and Campbell and Davie Napier, Margaret Fund students

I love Jehovah because He heareth my voice.—*Psa. 116:1*

#### 14—SATURDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. E. H. Crouch, educational work, Corrente, Brazil

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

#### 15—SUNDAY

Pray that we may be faithful stewards of our influence and time.

To whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required.—*Luke 12:48*

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## Calendar of Prayer September, 1935

**B**ECAUSE love has been lavished so  
Upon me, Lord,  
A wealth I know that was not meant  
For me to hoard,  
I shall give love to those in need,  
The cold and hungry clothe and feed—  
Thus shall I show my thanks indeed.

—Grace Noll Crowell

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#### 16—MONDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Marriott (*on furlough*), educational and evangelistic work, Chinkiang, China, and Cread C. Marriott, Jr., Margaret Fund student.  
Thou art my trust from my youth.

—Psa. 71:5

#### 17—TUESDAY

For Mrs. C. K. Dozier, educational and evangelistic work, Fukuoka, Japan, and Miss Helen Dozier, newly appointed missionary to Japan.  
Be still cover thee with His pinions.

—Psa. 91:4

#### 18—WEDNESDAY

For Misses Hannah Fair Saltee and F. Catharine Bryan, educational work, Shanghai, China.  
If any man would come after Me let him deny himself.

—Matt. 16:24

#### 19—THURSDAY

For Mrs. F. J. Fowler (*on furlough*), evangelistic work, Mendoza, Argentina, and Franklin Thomas Fowler, Margaret Fund student.  
Thou hast been my help.

—Psa. 63:7

#### 20—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Gillespie, evangelistic work, Kai-feng, China.  
God Himself shall be with them.

—Rev. 21:3

#### 21—SATURDAY

For Miss Alice Huey, evangelistic work, Lachowfu, China.  
I love them that love Me.

—Prov. 8:17

#### 22—SUNDAY

For careful presentation and increasing interest in all our W.M.U. programs. Pray also that Shuck Centennial may be faithfully commemorated. (See page 36.)  
Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God.

—II Tim. 2:15

#### 23—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. I. V. Larson (*on furlough*), evangelistic work,

Laiyang, China

Let your forth of My Spirit upon all

#### 24—TUESDAY

For Miss Ottilie Lewellyn, worker among Chinese, San Antonio, Texas.  
I am Jehovah thy God, who teacheth thee to profit.

—Isa. 48:17

#### 25—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Adams, evangelistic work, Dairen, Manchuria.  
Let not your heart be troubled.

—Jno. 14:1

#### 26—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. D. G. Whittinghill, evangelistic work, Rome, Italy, and Robert Whittinghill, Margaret Fund student.  
Feed on His faithfulness.

—Psa. 37:3

#### 27—FRIDAY

For Mrs. R. H. Graves, educational and evangelistic work, Canton, China.  
I have loved thee with an everlasting love.

—Jer. 31:3

#### 28—SATURDAY

For Home Board missionaries among the deaf: Rev. and Mrs. C. P. London, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Michaels, Mountainburg, Ark.; Rev. and Mrs. A. O. Wilson, Dallas, Tex.

It is the power of God unto salvation.

—Rom. 1:16

#### 29—SUNDAY

Pray that we may realize our responsibility for the opportunities of service which come to us.  
As we have opportunity let us work that which is good.

—Gal. 6:10

#### 30—MONDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Tipton (*on furlough*), literary and evangelistic work, Shanghai, China, and Bryson Tipton, Margaret Fund student.  
In all thy ways acknowledge Him.

—Prov. 3:6

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## BIBLE STUDY

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

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

### TOPIC: "A Certain Woman"—Luke 10:38-42

I cannot choose; I should have liked so much  
To sit at Jesus' feet—to feel the touch  
Of His kind, gentle hand upon my head  
While drinking in the gracious words He said.

And yet to serve Him!—Oh, divine employ—  
To minister and give the Master joy,  
To bathe in coolest springs His weary feet,  
And wait upon Him while He sat at meat!

Worship or service—which? Ah, that is best  
To which He calls us, be it toil or rest—  
To labor for Him in life's busy stir,  
Or seek His feet, a silent worshiper.

—Caroline Atwater Mason



"The sisters of Bethany were of different types—although one in kindness and loyalty—and their separate individualities stand out in relief from the story. Martha was chiefly concerned that their guest should be served, and her desire was to compass Him with every observance of hospitality. She was full of plans for His comfort and rest, so that for once He should have no care or burden. Her energy and ingenuity, all inspired by love, were unceasing and showed the traces of that religious spirit, which knows no quietness and expends itself in the works of charity. It was inevitable that Martha should be impatient at times with Mary, to whom this bustle of goodness was foreign. The joy of Mary was to sit at the Master's feet and drink in every word which fell from His lips, for here was that religion which hides truth within the heart as great treasure. Martha was concerned with what is external, Mary with what is spiritual; and if the Master gently chided Martha, He was not indifferent to her solicitude for Him; and if He praised Mary, it was not for inaction but for inwardness.

"It is easy for us all to sympathize with Martha in her desire to entertain Jesus worthily. It must have seemed to her as if she could not do enough in showing Him all hospitality. And, indeed, this festive season was a busy time for the mistress of a wealthy household, especially in the near neighborhood of Jerusalem, whence her brother might, after the two festive days, bring with him honored guests from the city.

"We need not question Martha's love to Christ. What we must question, however, is whether she made her service the fruit of her love. In all the New Testament, works are approved and appreciated, but they follow faith and are the outcome of love". (Dr. James Hastings)

The good steward will put into practice the industry of "a certain woman" of Bethany who received Jesus into her home. The good steward of today will sit at Jesus' feet as did Mary of old. Giving, receiving, enjoying and working for the Kingdom will be but different expressions of the same personality. The good steward gives himself. It follows that he gives his best. Sitting humbly at the feet of Christ prepares the whole-hearted Christian to go forth in loving service. "The effective life and the receptive life are one. The essence of love that does some work for God but harvests also some more of the truth of God and sweeps it into the treasury of the life". (Brooks)

## BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Miss Isabelle Coleman, Virginia

**Poster Suggestion**—Across the top of a poster board print: *The Good Steward's Little Ships*. Underneath sketch a fleet of one large and seven small sail boats (triangle sails and oval bases). Label these: *Stewardship* (large one), *Personality*, *Talents*, *Influence*, *Time*, *Opportunities*, *Possessions*, *Extras*. Underneath, print: *Does Your Fleet Sail Safely into Your Harbor of Heart's Content at Every Evening Time?* Under this, print the poem:

One ship drives east and another west.  
While the offshore breezes blow;  
'Tis the set of the sail and not the gale  
That bids them where to go.

Like the winds of the air are the ways of fate,  
As we journey along through life;  
'Tis the set of the soul that decides the goal,  
And not the storm or the strife.  
—Eda Wheeler Wilcox

**Program Suggestions**—From different colored paper cut ships with sails. Print announcements and program outline on these for each member.

**Other Little Ships**—Along with our stewardship of possessions there are other little ships floating out on our life's sea of service and influence. The set of the sails of these other little ships of personality, influence, time, life's extras, will determine their destiny, also. Regardless of the winds of circumstance and the breezes of opportunities, sails set Christward will bring the steward safely into that port of Christlike stewardship. The set of the sails determines the goal.

**Figures Speak**—If ten thousand Baptist business women in the south, each making \$15 a week, would tithe for one year, they would give \$175,000 more than the entire annual budget of the Foreign Mission Board for 1934. Do you tithe? Does stewardship of possessions mean *tithe* and *offerings* to the business women of your circle?

**Malachi's Question**—"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say: Wherein have we robbed Thee? In *tithe* and *offerings*!"

**Self - Betrayal**—"Still, as of old, man by himself is priced. For thirty pieces, Judas sold himself, not Christ!"

TOPIC for MONTH: Lifting the Banner through Stewardship

Sing "Living for Jesus"  
Announcements and Business  
Introducing Local School Teachers  
Lesson from God's Word (Page 13)  
Interesting News from the Fields (Page 35)  
Notes of Prayer (Pages 10-12)  
Give of Your Best to the Master (Quartette)  
Making Christian Ideals Real (Page 17)  
Your Stewardship of Personality (Page 18)  
Loyal Stewards of Talents (Page 19)  
Influence—A Trust of Stewardship (Page 20)  
Time—A Challenge to Stewardship (Page 20)  
Trusteeship of Opportunities (Page 21)  
Looking to God for Guidance (Prayer)  
Every Possession (Page 22)

Solo  
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## CIRCLE PLANS

### CIRCLE'S MISSIONARY PROGRAM

THE outline program in the W.M.U. department of *Home and Foreign Fields* has been prepared with especial thought of its being used by circles, the effort being made to avoid duplication of thought or material as used by the society in its regular missionary program. The price of *Home and Foreign Fields* is \$1 from Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

### WHEN YOUR CIRCLE STUDIES "Stewardship Parables of Jesus"

the following suggestions will help from the Southwide Stewardship Chairman, Mrs. Carter Wright of Roanoke, Ala. The book may be purchased from State Baptist Bookstore, price 50c.

A FAMOUS educator once said that the secret of good teaching lay in three things: First, review; second, review; third, review. With this in mind, the following suggestions are offered:  
1. When you study this book—STUDY THIS BOOK. Read it slowly, thoughtfully, pen in hand, underscoring some of the many fine, thought-provoking passages. Then re-read the passages underscored for a brief review of the book.

2. It will be most helpful if the leader will make a digest of the book, fixing copies enough to give one to each member of the class. This puts into their hands not only a summary of the most important truths presented but also furnishes the best means of review. Ten minutes, at least, of each lesson period may be profitably used that way.

3. The book abounds in "gems of thought", " nuggets of gold" for those who read and heed. Ask each member of class to select and write out two such "key sentences" from each chapter, to be read in class. If, at the final session, these "key sentences" are re-read, it will be another fine review. Urge the class to memorize some of these quotations. Only the truth hidden in our hearts can shape our lives.

4. Have six members impersonate (in costume, if possible) the "Parable of the Good Samaritan". (See pages 32-38.)

5. As a class project, help your young people to pantomime and present the "Parable of the Talents", as suggested on pages 65-69. It will be a powerful lesson in stewardship both for them and their audience.

6. As a second project, let each circle be responsible for teaching this book in some church where no mission study class has been held this year. "Opportunity and Responsibility are twins".

As parallel reading for this book, see "Stewardship Vitalized" by Walt N. Johnson, pages 85-136 and 221-231.

Since no questions are given in this book, the following ones are suggested:

#### Chapter I

1. What is the main lesson in this parable?
2. What is the most significant thing in the twentieth century? What is the Bible name for over-developed "acquisitive instinct"?
3. What can the church do to help?

Personal: (to Be Answered to God Only): How would Jesus class you: Robber, Priest, Levite or Good Samaritan?

#### Chapter II

1. To whom is this parable directed? (See page 82.)
2. Mention four punishments of the unfaithful steward.
3. Name some of the potentialities or capabilities that we cannot neglect and remain blameless.

Personal: Re-read the list you have just made in answering question three, pausing after each item long enough to consider the use you are making of these potentialities and capabilities.

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## PROGRAM PLANS



Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

### WITH the PROGRAM COMMITTEE



"Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us", . . . especially the social sins and greed and covetousness and the lack of a sense of trusteeship in acquiring and using wealth. "And lead us not into temptation", . . . especially the temptation to use our possessions selfishly, forgetting our responsibilities and failing to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. "But deliver us from evil", . . . from all meanness and selfishness and from surrendering the Christian principle of giving to the worldly principle of getting". (From "Church Finance" by G. H. Cameron)

How definitely the above quotations link our Lord's Prayer with stewardship or trusteeship. The whole prayer has thus been interpreted but there is not space to give it. Will not the Program Committee give these quotations careful thought and let them sink deep into their own hearts before beginning work on the program?

If there is any one subject upon which the committee must have clear personal convictions it is the subject of stewardship. No desired results can come from this program unless those who take the different parts are truly committed to their teaching. So the committee must make a definite, personal decision about stewardship in its six divisions as presented in the program material (pages 17-27). If each one would sign the Stewardship Covenant Card (page 49 of W.M.U. Year Book) it would greatly strengthen the plans they offer to the society: "First gave their own selves to the Lord and unto us (the society) by the will of God!"

The Program Committee usually has to arrange a meeting with little hope of any immediate results upon those who attend. This program should be different. The committee should work with the definite aim of securing more tithers. At the close of the meeting the women should know more clearly what stewardship is and whether or not they believe in the principle of tithes and offerings and will live by this principle.

That the women may be listening for the explanations of stewardship the leader may tell in her opening talk what the purpose of the program is. She may state that the program is on stewardship and that the committee hopes that many women (she may state a number in proportion to the membership if she thinks wise) will definitely pledge themselves to tithes for the balance of the year. New pledges may be made in January. The leader may then have two slips of paper given to each woman present. The papers should be exactly alike so no one will know how any one else decides. On one slip should be written, "I will tithe until January", on the other, "I will not tithe". Each slip should be folded. The leader may explain that at the close of the program the slips will be collected. No names are to be signed, but each woman is to deposit her decision in the collection plate.

After the leader has made this statement a talk on stewardship should be given. The material on pages 17-18 will supply her needs for this talk. A second talk may include "Stewardship of Personality, Talents and Influence" (pages 18-20). These three are closely related and belong to the individual. There was never a time when we heard as much about personality as now. "Develop your personality" is heard in the school room, in business and in social life. Yet what uses to make of personality after it is developed are not so clearly taught. The usual idea is personal advancement. Stewardship has a different teaching—"That ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9).

Another talk should take up the subjects of "Stewardship of Time and Opportunity" (page 20-22). "Stewardship of Possessions" should have the most important place on the program (pages 22-26). Many women are at a loss to know how to tithe when they have no personal income. These should be helped by suggestions in the talk. Certainly the speaker should insist that a tither needs to keep an account of money received and money given. In no other way can one be sure that the tenth is paid. So each woman, who promises to tithe for the next three or four months, must realize that this means writing down all money she has for her own use and all money she gives to church, missions or charitable causes.

The leader may speak again of stewardship and its relation to tithing. She may tell of the understanding of the Prophet Malachi when he wrote (Mal. 3:13; 3:10).

The slips given out at the beginning of the meeting may now be collected. Each one should surely put one of the slips in the collection. There are just two sides in this matter: "I will" and "I will not". A closing prayer should follow, asking that all may be faithful stewards and prove (or *test*) the promises of God as He asks.

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## PROGRAM for SEPTEMBER



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

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

### TOPIC for MONTH: Lifting the Banner through Stewardship

Hymn for Year (See cover page of 1935 W.M.U. Year Book.)

Watchword for the Year (See page 1 of 1935 W.M.U. Year Book.)

Bible Study—"A Certain Woman": Luke 10:38-42 (Page 13).

Prayer that we may choose that "which shall not be taken away"

Hymn—Jesus Calls Us

—Making Christian Ideals Real

Prayer for the realization of Christian ideals in each of our lives

Stewards of Personality

—Stewards of Talents

Stewards of Influence

—Stewards of Time

Stewards of Opportunity

—Stewards of Possessions

Hymn—Trust, Try and Prove Me (See page 34.)

The Rewards of Stewardship

Personal Experiences—How Tithing Has Blessed Me

Prayer thanking God for the blessings of stewardship

Stewardship Stories

Faithful in Adversity

A Revival in Tithing

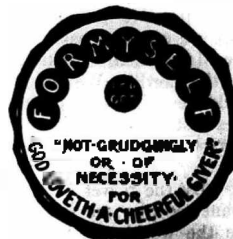
Give and You Shall Receive

Waiting

—Hymn—Living for Jesus

Closing prayer that southern Baptists may be faithful stewards

### MAKING CHRISTIAN IDEALS REAL



The great need of the world today is that all who are called Christians shall be real Christians—Christians not only in profession but in practice, not only in idealism but in reality. Dr. E. Stanley Jones quotes an Indian philosopher as saying: "Christ is all right, but you Christians are not like Him". Yes, our Christ, our beliefs, our ideals are all right, but it is we ourselves who are not all right because we are not like Christ. What we need is to make real our Christian ideals. We need to be living exponents of the high ideals expressed by Christ. We need to lift the Banner of the Cross high in our own lives in

order that we may plant it in the lives of others. There is a Bible principle which provides the only *guaranteed* way of making our Christian ideals real, and that is through Christian stewardship. How much we preach, but how little we practice stewardship! And yet in this we find the solution to every problem in Christian living and service.

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Let us think for a minute about the *obligation* of stewardship. It is the obligation of entrustment. We have been entrusted with everything that we are and have, to be used for God and His Kingdom. God is the owner of all and we are His stewards, obligated to use His property for His glory. It is the obligation of love. God loves us and proves His love in a thousand ways; therefore, we are obligated to show our love for Him by giving ourselves and all that we have to His service. It is the obligation of sonship. We are God's children. We belong to Him by right of creation, preservation and salvation. Therefore we should give ourselves to Him for service. It is the obligation of obedience. Jesus has commanded that we "occupy" or use His gifts till He comes again. He has commanded us to be good stewards of all He has committed unto our care, and so it is our supreme obligation to obey this command.

Next, let us think of the *operation* of stewardship. It means the giving of ourselves and all that we have to the Master's service. It means the use of the Lord's talents in the Lord's work till He comes again. It is the investment of life in the cause that will pay the largest dividends. It is a sensible and adequate method of carrying on the great task of winning a lost world to Christ. It is God's agents doing God's work in God's way.

And what is the *consummation* of stewardship? It is God's will done; it is the Christian's obligation fulfilled; it is Christ's Kingdom brought in. Yes, if all Christians were good stewards there would be no lack of time or talents or money or personalities to carry on the work of Jesus—there would be no lack of hands to wave the Banner of the Cross, and the cause of Christ would go on to speedy victory. If all Christians were faithful stewards, Christian ideals would be realized in their lives and the world would look on and be convinced that in Christ was the consummation of all its hope. Yes, stewardship is our program for Christian living and Christian serving. Let's realize its obligation, let's utilize its operation, let's visualize its consummation in the glorious advance of the Banner of the Cross around the world.

#### STEWARDS OF PERSONALITY

**H**UMAN personality is God's greatest creation and man's greatest possession. It includes all of those qualities of mind, soul and body which go together to complete the individual. It is the breath of God expressing itself through the physical, mental and spiritual being of a man. It is that thing which sets each of us apart as a person differing from all other people in the world—of great importance to ourselves and of still more importance to Him who created us. These personalities of ours belong to God. Let us not forget it! He made them, He redeemed them by the blood of His Son, and therefore we are responsible to Him for the use of them. He expects us to do as did the Macedonian Christians of whom it was said, "First they gave their own selves to the Lord". We owe it to God to make the most of our personalities. We should develop every power of mind, soul and body that we possess, making ourselves just as attractive and charming as possible. Then we should surrender those personalities to God to be used in His service.

The most powerful force in the world is personality. By the power of personality kingdoms rise and fall, governments wax and wane, peoples are swayed in their thinking and acting. In fact, personalities rule the world. It is this power that we need in the Kingdom of God. God is depending on consecrated personalities to do His work. Henry VanDyke said: "Tell the grand lady in her silken dress and exquisite womanliness not to strip off these things to serve her fellows, but to give herself with these just as she is to the cause of Christ in practical helpfulness". Has any woman among us tact? Has any personal charm or grace of manner or social magnetism? If so, let her remember Him who gave

her these things and prove herself a good steward by using them for the advancement of His Kingdom.

The history of missions abounds in instances of the power of Christian personality. Who is not thrilled with the story of Ann Hasseltine Judson who stood fearless in heathen courts and so charmed heathen kings and princes that they were as docile as lambs in her presence, willing to grant her every request? Who does not read with amazement the account of Mary Slessor, a little Scotch mill girl who by the power of her consecrated personality subdued barbarian tribes in Africa, changing age-old customs and ideals and becoming herself their loved queen. To follow in the train of such as these is a privilege and an honor, and we can do so by devoting what power of personality we have to Jesus. May each of us pray in our hearts that beautiful prayer of consecration written by Frances Ridley Havergal:

"In full and glad surrender we give ourselves to Thee,  
Thine utterly and only and evermore to be!  
O Son of God, who loveth us, we will be Thine alone,  
And all we are and all we have shall henceforth be Thine own".

#### STEWARDS OF TALENTS

**S**OME one has said that "the largest cemetery in the world is the one where unused talents are buried". It is a very serious thing to bury a talent, for all talents are God-given and must be accounted for to Him. A talent is any ability to do, direct or achieve which we may possess. All of us have some talents. To be sure some have more than others, but in the distribution of gifts no one is left absolutely out. No talent is bestowed to be used selfishly by the owner, but all are claimed by God to be used for His work. There is a place for all talents of all Christians in the Kingdom enterprise. Deborah must use her gift for leadership. Hannah must use her gift of motherhood. Lydia must use her gift of hospitality. Dorcas must use her needle. Esther must use her throne. Mary must break her alabaster box of devotion. Every woman must use the talent which has been bestowed upon her for Christ and His Kingdom. It is a sin not to develop and use our talents. Some one has very pointedly said that the unused ability of Christians is the surprise of Heaven, the exultation of hell, the loss of man and the grief of God. "O ye wicked and slothful servant" was the condemnation of the Lord on the man who buried his talent. Will Jesus pronounce such a condemnation on us because of unused talents? Nay, rather let us sing if we have the gift of song; let us teach, if we have the gift of teaching; let us minister, if we have the gift of ministering; let us lead if we have the gift of leadership; let us entertain if we have the gift of hospitality. Let us use our gift, whatever it may be, that ours may be the Lord's commending words: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant".

"Hide not thy talent in the earth;  
However small it be,  
Its faithful use, its utmost worth,  
God will require of thee.

"His own which hath been lent on trust,  
He asks of thee again;  
Little or much, the claim is just,  
And thine excuses vain.

"Go, then, and strive to do thy part—  
Though humble it may be;

The ready hand, the willing heart,  
Are all heaven asks of thee".

#### STEWARDS of INFLUENCE

**EVERYBODY** has some influence. Some travel along the highway of public service and have great influence; others tread the quieter paths of private life, and so their influence is not so broad but may be just as important. We are stewards of our influence and will be held responsible for the use we make of it. We are all our "brother's keeper" and must some day answer for the way we have treated or mistreated him.

"I was born as free as the silvery light,  
That laughs in a southern fountain;  
Free as the sea fed bird that nests  
On a Scandinavian mountain;  
Yet I think of the power of God that made  
And bound men to one another;  
And I feel in my brother's fear afraid  
And ashamed in the shame of my brother".

It is terrible to think of misusing our influence. It is an awful thought that some action of ours may cause a brother to travel the downward path that leads to destruction. But oh how glorious the thought that we may lead others into the path that ends in life everlasting! Influence rightly used is one of the Christian's greatest privileges. Often we are unconscious of our influence. Just as the shadow of Paul fell with healing power on those waiting by the wayside for him to pass, so may our shadows fall on the lives of others, bringing them either evil or good, though we know it not. The girl in your Sunday school class, the boy in your Royal Ambassador Chapter, the daughter in your home, the neighbor next door, the cook in your kitchen, the Jewish woman across the street, the foreign woman in the corner fruit shop are standing in your shadow and being either blessed or cursed thereby.

Today the world is so small and all people so close together that our actions may influence those in distant places. We send out a thought, a prayer, a deed, and perhaps long afterward we will find it in the life of those so far away that we had never dreamed that our lives would touch theirs. So can God use the stewardship of influence to work miracles of His grace even around the world.

"The smallest bark on life's tumultuous ocean  
Will leave a track behind forevermore;  
The lightest wave of influence, once in motion,  
Extends and widens on the other shore.  
One smile can glorify a day,  
One new word hope impart;  
The least disciple need not say:  
'There are no alms to give away'".

#### STEWARDS of TIME

**ONE** of God's most valuable gifts to us is time. It is valuable because it is what life is made of. It is valuable because of its brevity and uncertainty.

"The clock of time is wound but once,  
And no one has the power  
To know just when the clock will stop,  
At late or early hour.

"Now is the only time you own;  
Give, love, toil with a will;  
Place no faith in tomorrow,  
For the clock may then be still".

It is valuable because of the uses that we may make of it.

"I have just a little minute—  
Only sixty seconds in it—  
Forced upon me, can't refuse it,  
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it,  
But it's up to me to use it!  
I must suffer if I abuse it.  
Just a tiny little minute,  
But eternity is in it".

It takes time to work, time to play, time to laugh, time to pray, time to be glad, time to be sad, time to be holy. My time is my very own to be used as I will, but it came to me from God and therefore I should use it according to His will. I have no right to be so busy with my own affairs that I have no time for His work.

"Too busy to pray—I hear people say—  
Too busy to do what is right;  
Too busy to study God's Word and obey,  
Too busy to walk in its light.  
Too busy, in seeking earth's pleasures so vain,  
To find sweetest joy in God's love.  
Too busy in seeking its treasures and gain  
To lay up any treasures above".

One of these days God will say to us, "What did you do with that time I gave you to use for Me?" And surely we will be ashamed to say that we were too busy with other things to remember Him. There is no more serious phase of stewardship than this. Time wasted is tragedy, but time used is triumph. Oh how the Kingdom of God needs our time—spent in prayer, spent in study, spent in service! There would be thousands more attending W.M.U. meetings if only women would give the time. There would be thousands more young people's organizations in our churches if only women would give the time. There would be thousands more hours spent in prayer every day if only women would give the time. There would be thousands more visits to sick and sorrowing if only women would give the time. And yet we have all the time that God has to bestow—but we waste it—at the card table, with worthless reading, with frivolous conversation, with needless household duties, with a thousand things which might be left undone.

Let's be good stewards of our time. Let's treasure our minutes like diamonds, never wasting a one of them. Let's make our days golden by filling them with golden deeds. Let's count our years by glorious achievement in the Kingdom of God.

#### STEWARDS of OPPORTUNITIES

**THE** Christian life is a procession of opportunities to serve Christ. Every moment we live is an opportunity to do something for Him. Every person we meet is an opportunity to influence somebody for Him. He has set before us open doors of opportunity that we may enter and achieve mightily for Him.

We can never tell when the supreme opportunity of our lives will come. One snowy Sabbath morning a preacher who was not even ordained preached a very simple sermon to a very small group of people. Back under the balcony sat a boy unknown to the man who preached. That boy heard the message, it went to his heart and he was converted that morning. The lay preacher used his opportunity and gave to the world Charles H. Spurgeon. Suppose he had made excuses, saying: "There is no use preaching to this small crowd", or "I'm not much of a preacher, I just won't try". He would have lost the most wonderful opportunity that ever passed a preacher's way. You may have a Charles Spurgeon in your Sunday school class. That missionary program for this month may be the very one which will send a member of your G.A. to the foreign field. You never can tell. Use every opportunity that you may not miss the *supreme* one.

Surely there has never been such a day of opportunity as this. The doors of the whole world are open to the Gospel. All of the ages that have gone before have prepared the world for the time in which we live, that we might have the glorious opportunity of reaping where others have sowed. The Banner of the Cross is in our hands to carry on to greater victories than it has ever known. How tragic it will be if we fail to use our God-given opportunities!

Opportunity has been pictured with a long lock of hair in front but none behind, suggesting that it may be grasped and held as it approaches, but there is no chance of grasping it from behind. An opportunity gone is lost forever. There is an old legend of a man who was shipwrecked on an island. Immediately the inhabitants took him to a palace and crowned him as their king. He thought that this was a privilege which was to be his forever, so he made selfish use of his position as king, living in luxury and pleasure. After a year he was thrown back into the ocean and forgotten. Others were washed ashore on that island—each one was made a king, ruled for a year in selfish indulgence and was then cast back into the sea and forgotten. At last came one wiser than all the others. When he was made king he said at once, "How long will I be your king?" "Only a year", they answered. "Then I will make the most of my opportunity". And he gave himself in loving service for the people of the island. When the year was over he too was thrown back into the sea, but he left behind a richer island and a happier people, and to this day they remember the year when the good king reigned. This life of ours is an island, set in the midst of the sea of eternity. It is our opportunity to live selfishly and be forgotten or to live for God and others and be remembered forever. The good steward of opportunity makes the most of his year on the island.

#### STEWARDS OF POSSESSIONS

**STEWARDSHIP** is usually associated with money, and rightly it should be, for while stewardship of possessions is not all of stewardship it is a most important part of it. Certainly one cannot be a good steward unless he is a good steward of his possessions. In fact money is the material expression of a man's personality, time, talents, influence and opportunity; so he cannot be a faithful steward of any of these without rightly using his substance.

The Bible leaves no question as to what is required of a steward in regard to his money. The requirement is given in two words—tithes and offerings. The tithe is what God claims as His very own, the tax or rent He asks us to pay to Him for the privilege of living in His world and using His blessings. It is one of His fundamental laws like the laws of the Sabbath, marriage and prayer, understood and practiced long before there was a written document. The law of the tithe was included in the Mosaic law and considered mandatory by God's chosen people. When they obeyed it they were blessed, and when they disobeyed it they were cursed. Not to obey it was declared by God to be robbery. Jesus reaffirmed

this law and practiced it Himself, for He said: "I came not to destroy but to fulfill the law"; and again: "Render unto God the things that are God's". The steward under the Gospel of love will rejoice to do as much as did the steward under the compulsion of the law and will faithfully pay his tithes to God.

But we cannot fulfill all the obligation of our stewardship of possessions with tithes only. These belong to God, and so are not gifts. We must add to our tithes our offerings freely given because we have been loved much and because we love much. God expects these offerings, and we are told that by withholding them we rob Him. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye rob Me. But ye say 'Wherein have we robbed Thee?' In tithes and offerings". Notice that the offerings are included along with the tithes.

Tithes and offerings! God's financial plan for the extension of His Kingdom. It is such a sensible plan, giving all a chance to share alike according to their ability in the whole work of the Kingdom. It is an adequate plan, for by tithes and offerings every need of the Kingdom could be met. It is a blessed plan, blessing alike the steward and the cause. To refuse to pay tithes and give offerings is nothing less than religious anarchy. It is deliberately opposing God and denying His right to say what His people should do with their money. It is an insult to God, refusing to believe His promises and to trust His financial plan for our lives. To fail to obey God in the matter of tithes and offerings is just as serious as to fail to obey Him in the matter of baptism or in anything else that He has commanded us to do. To fail to be faithful in our stewardship of tithes and offerings is to miss absolutely the meaning of stewardship and to fail in the most sacred entrustment ever committed by Deity to humanity.

#### THE REWARDS OF STEWARDSHIP

"ENTER thou into the joy of thy Lord" was the invitation to the faithful stewards of the parable of the talents. The joys and blessings of Jesus are the rewards of all faithful stewards.

If we are faithful stewards we have the joy of a *peaceful conscience*. The calumny of the robber is not against our names. We know that we have been fair with God, that none of His money is in our pocketbooks. We can look at ourselves without being ashamed. We can think of God without conscience pangs. We can read His Bible without a feeling of guilt. We can pray with an easy access to His throne. We can commune with Jesus as with a friend whom we have treated fairly and squarely.

Then there is the joy of satisfaction in a *duty done*, in an *obligation met*. Knowing that God owns us and all we have, we feel that we owe Him everything, so we rejoice because He has provided a way by which we can pay this debt. There is a satisfaction in knowing that we are using our talents, time, personality, influence, money—our all for Him—for thereby we feel that we are doing something for Him who has done so much for us. We know that we are showing our love by obeying His commandments. We know that we are winning His commendation, "Well done".

There is the joy of *partnership with God*. Surely such a privilege is enough to fill our hearts with ecstasy and to carry us into the realm of Heavenly bliss. To think that God, the creator and owner of all the universe, permits us to enter partnership with Him in His great task of world redemption! Stewardship is the plan whereby we do our part in this great partnership. Partners are usually very close together. They share the same interests, they rejoice in the same successes, they have fellowship in the same experiences. Just such a relationship can we have with Jehovah, our God, by being faithful in the stewardship with which He has entrusted us.



There is the joy of the results of our stewardship in Kingdom work. If we are faithful in our stewardship then we can feel that we have a part in every advance that is made in God's work. We hear of hundreds of children in our orphan's homes—fed, clothed, brought up in the nurture of the Lord, prepared for usefulness in life—and we rejoice because as faithful stewards we had a part in that. We hear of hospitals ministering to thousands of sick bodies and souls every year, and we can be glad because we have a part in that. We hear of great Baptist schools and colleges where students are being prepared for life under Christian influence, and we rejoice because our stewardship is partly responsible for that. We hear of old ministers tenderly cared for in the declining years of life, and again we rejoice because we are helping with that. We hear of the great work of state, home and foreign missions—schools and hospitals built, Bibles and books printed and distributed, churches established and thousands of souls won to Christ, and we exult because our stewardship helps to bring such wonderful things to pass. We see our own church set as a light in the community, blessing all who come within the reach of its rays, and again we exult because we are partly responsible for its shining. There is no joy this side of Heaven that can equal that of the faithful steward who beholds the results of his stewardship. Surely the angels in Heaven are envious of such a joy.

Then there is the joy of seeing the results of stewardship on our own souls. Stewardship living makes our souls expand and grow. The stewardship conception lifts our ideals, standards and horizons. It gives us a new conception of values. It is the great principle by which we grow in grace. It spiritualizes even the material things of life. It saves our souls from the sin of covetousness. Since "the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil", stewardship helps us to overcome all the evil tendencies of our souls. We can't be good stewards and be selfish. Stewardship is the greatest character builder in the world, for as it is properly applied to every phase of our lives we grow more and more into the image of Jesus who was the greatest steward the world has ever known.

In the last place the faithful steward has the joy of material blessing. God promises those material blessings as the reward of his faithfulness. "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over". "Prove me now herewith, saith Jehovah of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it". "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you". That God keeps these promises is proved by the experience of thousands of faithful stewards. It is a fundamental law of life that the more we give out the more we have. "He is not rich who lays up much, but who lays out much". We sometimes feel that we can't afford to tithe, but when we try it we find that nine-tenths with God's blessing goes farther than ten-tenths without it. This does not mean that anyone who tithes and is otherwise a good steward will immediately become rich; nor does it mean that he will never have financial or other troubles. But it does mean that God will be with him both in adversity and prosperity and that his life will be both successful and joyous. Surely we cannot doubt God when He says: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you". What things? Why, food, drink, raiment—in short, all the physical necessities of life. Who would deny that this has always been found true when tried? Then why do not all Christians enter into the joy of their Lord by becoming faithful stewards?

#### STORIES OF STEWARDS

Wherein we truthful stories hear  
Of faithful stewards far and near!

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#### Faithful in Adversity

"Adversity is an acid test and often tells what men's souls are made of. We find it easy to give when we are rolling along in the lap of luxury, but what about the days of heavy losses and reverses?" So writes Mrs. Plainfield, the wife of the superintendent of our Italian Mission in Tampa, Fla. She then tells a remarkable story of one of the young teachers in the Mission. This young woman was making a good salary. It was true she worked very hard, but she promised her Savior one-third of all she made and gave it happily and gladly. On a certain Sunday after the morning church service Mrs. Plainfield introduced her to a most striking young man who had just come to be a new teacher in the Sunday school, and with both of them it was love at first sight. After six months they were married and started to housekeeping. The bride was only twenty-two and full of dreams as to what an ideal home should be. But suddenly her dreams were smashed by the young husband losing his position. The bride of two months continued with her own work although she had planned giving up all else to make a happy home for the husband. The household expenses were now entirely on her own shoulders. Do you think that she used this as an excuse to cut down her personal pledge to the Lord? Never! The one-third of her income kept going into God's treasury. Of course there had to be a reduction in her expenses somewhere. What do you suppose she sacrificed? It was that thing so dear to a woman's heart—her clothes. Although young and lovely and a bride, she wore her summer's hat and clothes all winter that she might give not one-tenth but one-third of her salary to Jesus. Did that call for courage? Mrs. Plainfield asks that question and then says: "I think it a strong test of Christian character that youth, with all the allurements of today, could stand out and be faithful to her pledge at the cost of her personal appearance". Oh that the young people of today, and even the older folks of our churches, might learn to match such an unselfish example of sacrificial living and bring to the Lord's treasury the portion that belongs there.

#### A Revival in Tithing

A part of the great revival in north China has been a revival in tithing. As the Spirit of God has moved among the Christians, there has been a remarkable confession of sins, and among the sins confessed has been that of robbing God. Not only have they confessed this sin, but have made restitution by bringing money to pay up the tithes in arrears. One man brought more than \$600 in Chinese money. One woman returned \$80. But perhaps the most heroic act was that of an old paralytic woman whose yearly income was only \$30. Perhaps you are thinking that one with so little should not be expected to pay tithes at all, certainly not to pay up back tithes. But she didn't feel that way about it. When the Holy Spirit gripped her soul she said, "I will pay God every cent I owe". She had been a Christian for two years, so brought \$6 to the Lord's treasury. What would happen if southern Baptists should decide to pay all tithes stolen from God? The thought is staggering! If the tithes of only one year were paid back we would have enough money to pay all our debts and make great advance in every department of our work. What we need is a revival of the Spirit in our hearts—then would come a revival of tithing and the outpouring of great blessings on southern Baptists and all their missionary causes.

#### Give and You Shall Receive

A pastor of the Southern Baptist Convention who has from the beginning of his ministry been a faithful tither has had some wonderful experiences with his love offerings. Every time he makes a gift, which he feels that he really can't afford but which the love of his heart compels him to give, it comes back to him in some way. Over and over this has been true in his experience. One day he received

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through the mail a tie from a poor man in a tuberculosis hospital who was trying to make his living by selling ties. This pastor was requested to buy the tie at the price of \$1. Now he didn't need the tie, neither did he want it, and moreover was especially hard pressed for funds that month. His tithe and a generous over and above offering had already gone into the treasury of his church. But the "tie man" was unfortunate—one of God's needy ones calling for help. The loving hearted pastor said: "I will send him the \$1 in Jesus' name, and surely He who said 'Inasmuch' will accept it as a gift unto Himself and bless me for the sacrifice". So the \$1 was sent. A day or two later the telephone rang and the pastor was asked to come to a certain place to meet a man who had "something for him". Of course the pastor went, and the "something" was a check for \$5 as a gift of gratitude for a favor granted years before. The \$1 invested had returned multiplied five times.

#### WAITING

**AT THE** Stewardship Hour of the annual meeting of the W.M.U. in Memphis last spring there was stretched across the platform a long streamer, bearing this arresting message: "Missions Wait on Stewardship"—Stewardship Waits on You.

"Missions Wait on Stewardship"—How true is that statement. From around the world come the cries of those who are still waiting for the message of Christ. Millions of people waiting for salvation! Every mission cause which southern Baptists foster is waiting for more adequate support. Missionary volunteers are waiting to be sent. The cause of Christ falters and lags waiting on stewardship! **Stewardship Waits on You**—Yes, stewardship is waiting on you—for all of you southern Baptists to see your obligation and to give yourself to the great cause of missions. Only about twenty-five percent of you are doing anything at all for God. Only about five per cent of you are tithers. Because of your negligence and faithlessness stewardship waits on you and missions wait on stewardship. God is waiting too, waiting for you to be faithful to your stewardship.

GOD WAITS, STEWARDSHIP WAITS, MISSIONS WAIT ON YOU!  
HOW LONG MUST THEY WAIT!—OR, HOW LONG!

#### QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the need of making our Christian ideals real.
2. How does the principle of stewardship make our Christian ideals real?
3. Define personality.
4. Give illustrations of personalities that have been powerful in the cause of Christ.
5. Discuss the need of talents in Kingdom work.
6. Discuss the importance of the stewardship of influence.
7. Why is time a specially valuable gift?
8. How may time be used for God?
9. What special opportunities for service do we have today?
10. What is the relationship between tithing and stewardship?
11. Why should we give offerings above the tithe?
12. Discuss the rewards of stewardship.
13. How is missions waiting on stewardship?
14. How are southern Baptists falling in their stewardship?
15. Are we good stewards?

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#### MONTHLY MISSIONARY TOPICS for 1936

##### THEME—Thy Kingdom Come

##### January: **THE KINGDOM of HEAVEN IS LIKE—**

The nature of the Kingdom: the Ruler, the laws, the territory—an interpretation of Christ's idea of the Kingdom

The needs of the Kingdom: things in the present civilization contrary to the Kingdom—moral standards, hatreds, racial prejudice and war etc.

##### February: **LABORERS TOGETHER with GOD in KINGDOM TASKS**

A study of outstanding cooperative denominational efforts: the Cooperative Program; seasons of prayer, emphasizing the March Week of Prayer for Home Missions; the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club; the Margaret Fund; the W.M.U. Training School

##### March: **WOMAN'S CONTRIBUTION to the KINGDOM**

Christ's contribution to woman. Woman's grateful service in the Kingdom through Christian homes, teaching, direct evangelism. Examples of outstanding native women on each field. Accomplishments of the "Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund for W.M.U. Work on Foreign Fields"

##### April: **PIONEERS of the KINGDOM**

Three great pioneers: biographical studies showing departments, institutions and activities found in denominational program inaugurated by Miss Fannie E. S. Heck (*W.M.U. pioneer*), Dr. I. T. Tichenor (*home mission pioneer*), Dr. R. H. Graves (*foreign mission pioneer*)

##### May: **YOUTH MOVEMENTS in the KINGDOM**

Our W.M.U. young people's missionary education organizations as a youth movement; what these organizations mean to the Kingdom; how women can help this movement. Contrast this youth movement with other national youth movements—Hitler's, Mussolini's etc.

##### Fiftieth Anniversary of Sunbeams

##### June: **SIGNS of KINGDOM PROGRESS**

Christ's standards permeating pagan religious teaching. Growth of missionary spirit in younger churches—Bessarabian gifts to Africa and gypsies; native missionary undertakings in Brazil, China, Japan etc. Development of native leadership—organization of Italian and other Baptist conventions. A growing cooperation between white and black races

##### July: **GOOD NEWS of KINGDOM PROGRESS**

Echoes from last annual meeting of W.M.U. of S.B.C.—extracts from president's message; summary of statistical reports, noting encouraging features; news flashes from W.M.U. work on foreign and home mission fields

##### Fiftieth Anniversary of Our Mission Literature

##### August: **A SUMMER CRUISE through HOME MISSION FIELDS**

A tour of home mission fields, approaching each through one outstanding home missionary—visiting the Indian field with the Phelps, the Mexican fields with Paul

Bell, the Italians with Fannie Taylor, up the river to and around St. Louis with Mrs. Jenkins and G. O. Foulon etc.

September: **SCHOOLS and the KINGDOM**

What is Christian education? What should be the products of Christian schools? The public schools an opportunity for Christian teachers

The fruits of our mission schools in native leadership—leaders who are products of Yates, Seinan Jo Gakuin and Seinan Gakuin College and Seminary, Italian Seminary, James Memorial School etc. The value of College Y.W.A., School of Missions

October: **The BLESSED GRACE of GIVING**

Completing apportionments to Cooperative Program; Every Member Cans; tithes and offerings; Stewardship Declamation Contest

November: **OUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING in KINGDOM BUILDING**

Results from 1935 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Plans for 1936 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

December: **The KINGDOM of GOD IS . . . PEACE**

Missions, the only adequate force for peace; the first peace treaty—Acts 10, Peter's going to Cornelius; Paul's words—"neither Greek nor Jew" etc. Incident of missionary message to president regarding the return of Boxer Indemnity Fund to China; Christians as pioneers in peace movements; missionaries weaving together hearts of nations; impossibility of peace apart from Christianity



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## COLLEGE Y.W.A.

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

### YOUR DAUGHTER and the ANN HASSELTINE Y.W.A.



"Goodbye"; "Goodbye"; lips tremble; forced laughter; quick turn of the head; "Must be a cinder"; "Goodbye"; "Goodbye". It may be the first year she has gone away to college or perhaps this is her senior year. What matter? It is never easy to call that cheery "goodbye" when September gathers college students back to college halls. Did you mean it fully? "Goodbye" is "God-be-with-you". Of course you did at the parting moment, you trust her to His unchanging care but before that did you talk with her and let her know that such would be your interpretation so she could cherish it through the days and weeks?

Woman's Missionary Union would urge you, mother of a college-going daughter, mother-heart Woman's Missionary Society with young women going to college from your Y.W.A., that you help those young women by a quiet talk about their Christian living under the new or accustomed surroundings. It is so easy to forget Christian, denominational loyalties in the whirl of curriculum and extra-curriculum demands: give every advice and encouragement possible before that last "good-bye".

Quietly talk of the life on the campus, studious and social and religious. In all probability your daughter goes to a college where one of the 61 Ann Hasseltine Y.W.A.'s is well established. Its activities will vary slightly from Y.W.A. in the local church, being adapted to the college campus, but it is the same organization with missionary purpose, with ideals for personal Christian development. Moreover it offers the closest bond for mother-at-home and daughter-at-college. They will be following the same prayer calendar, they will be thinking in the main of the same program topics, a dear fellowship of spirit across the wide miles. Provide for your daughter her own subscription to *The Window of Y.W.A.* (terms on page 28) and receive her promise to follow its prayer calendar daily. You cannot—unless you remember your own college experiences—know how this will hedge her about protectively in His presence. Then, as days pass, mention in your letters the missionaries prayed for.

The Ann Hasseltine Y.W.A. will keep your daughter's eyes bright with world vision, not dimmed by circumscribed campus life; it will keep her hands busy with beautiful personal service deeds not sullied by selfish grasplings here and there. It will give her active friendships with other young women of devoted Christian interest, not lose her in too gay circles. It will remind her and teach her stewardship habits that will guide her expenditures and guard her from haphazard extravagance. Do not fail to talk to your going-away-daughter about enlisting at once in Ann Hasseltine Y.W.A. and participating in all its plans for the Kingdom.

And in the college town the W.M.S. will be helpfully alert to assist the Ann Hasseltine Y.W.A. in every possible manner. Perhaps there will be the "adopted mother" plan, each W.M.S. member adopting a college daughter for dinner, a drive, friendly visits. The W.M.S. can provide cars for Ann Hasseltine Y.W.A.'s, to use in meeting trains and buses, or refreshments for the first Y.W.A. party. The officers of the Y.W.A. will let the willing W.M.S. know how to help them, just give them a friendly opportunity to do so by proving your willingness to "foster". So you will be fulfilling your part in the college life of some other mother's daughter.

Herein is proof of Woman's Missionary Union interest in the college daughter—an organization ready, a W.M.S. to foster, a magazine to keep home and campus hearts together. "Good-bye!" "Goodbye!"

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## OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

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### "EYES to the HILLS"



"I will lift up mine eyes to the hills" sang David years upon years ago as he turned toward Jerusalem. "I will lift up mine eyes to the hills" sang Y.W.A.'s. from over the southland at the close of many of their worship services at Ridgecrest, N. C., June 25 to July 5. This beautifully arranged benediction has been used for several years now until it has woven itself into the melody of Ridgecrest-loving hearts and purposeful lives.

Morning watch comes immediately after breakfast, and from the steps of the auditorium building eyes are literally to the hills, while souls are lifted upward. The state leaders and delegations led these worship services in considering lessons from nature—"He shall be like a tree", "In the cleft of the rock", and so on until for July Fourth, "Peace like a river".

At the meeting of the Camp Staff, Miss Bourne, Director of Camp, and Mrs. Davis, Chaperon, with the state chaperons and delegation leaders suggest plans of mutual help in keeping nine hundred young women living together happily and harmoniously for ten days. Then come classes with widening horizons rolled back by teachers with true Kingdom-passion—Miss Earl Hester from Europe, Miss Inez Lung from China, Mrs. A. J. Terry from South America, Miss Gloria Ruiz from the Mexican border, Miss Emma Leachman and Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence from Home Mission Board, Miss Inabelle Coleman from Foreign Mission Board. Everyone wishes she was in herself a Dionne quintuplet plus, for enthusiastic comments came each to want to be in all these places. Impossible, but all will hear the different teachers speak on various occasions throughout the days.

At announcement and camp song period the entire camp gathers for a sing led by Clara Brashears; Miss Bourne and Mrs. Davis have advice to give; Miss Alma Hunt and Miss Elma Currin announce recreational plans for the afternoon. With state delegations grown so large that no longer can they meet in one bedroom for prayer service and discussion of what the days are meaning, a specific mid-morning period permitted South Carolina to gather her 201 young women, Mississippi her

44 and so on through the roll call of modern states plus West Virginia.

The hour before dinner was varied in proceedings, a speaker lifting eyes to the hills or conference turning thoughts toward mounting problems. Dr. M. E. Dodd carried the eager listeners on a world tour, returning them safely with the pulses of their souls quickened and hearts newly desirous of spreading the gospel. Miss Helen Topping, English secretary to Toyohiko Kagawa, presented the man, his message and his work with intimate reality. On Sunday Dr. J. L. Holcomb, of the Sunday School Board, discovered his capacity audience was one of Sunday school teachers and paid tribute to the influence of Y.W.A. Camp in his own church through the lives and activities of young women stirred to dedication of their powers during other years. Dr. J. B. Lawrence magnified home mission tasks as only the secretary of the Home Mission Board can do.

Vespers—the quiet hush of fading day, the glow of sunset, the soft murmur of pine whose shadows ripple Lake Dew, eyes are to the hills—as Mrs. Cox, through Camp years the favorite vesper speaker, brings her exquisite messages of Christian counsel. "I will lift up mine eyes to the hills," the benediction is a solemn promise.

The night meetings hold different surprises—"W.M.U. Night" with Mrs. Armstrong, Miss Mallory, Miss Littlejohn and Margaret Ford students presenting phases of our great organization life; the formal reception and talent hour, stunts; campfire Saturday while Miss Sybil Brame speaks; more about home and foreign missions. The benediction becomes a dedication.

One big event is the Stewardship Declaration Contest. This year winners from 16 states with remarkable presentations rated the discrimination of the judges but all rejoiced in the decision: "First place—Miss Virginia Wingo, Louisiana".

All too soon the last night comes; expressions of gratitude tremble for lack of thanksgiving words but every one is gratefully praising Miss Bourne for her gracious leadership, thanking hotel staff, leaders, teachers, thanking God for the days that will always with persistent memory "lift up mine eyes to the hills". Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp for 1935 is but begun—it lives on in the lives of the young women daily turning their eyes to the hills.

## TRAINING SCHOOL

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### The TRAINING SCHOOL EXTENDS ITS SERVICE



It is said, "Show me a man's cradle and I will show you his destiny". This may be too fatalistic a quotation but there is a world of truth here. Our Andrew Frances Stewart Good Will Center work in Atlanta really begins before "cradle days": twice each month we have pre-natal clinics under the leadership of city nurse and doctor with follow-up clinics through adolescent age.

We have also heard that "the band that rocks the cradle rules the world". Our Good Will Center has realized this fact and has sought to make the mothers in its vicinity the best mothers possible through various channels, one of which is the weekly prayer meetings. The average attendance is high in spite of the sacrifice it means on their part to attend after a hard day at manufacturing plants or offices. In fact it is not a sacrifice but rather a privilege because they realize that "man does not live by bread alone"; it is here they look for spiritual food. Another channel is the Home Makers' Club—they do not have only their own homes at heart but also those in distant lands: just now they are making a weekly offering to support a Bible woman in China. One of the greatest channels through which the mothers are made to see their responsibility is through the parent education class. Over fifty have been attending every class this year, which shows that they want to know and understand their children and how to train them. A two-hour class is held monthly by an instructor under the Smith Hughs Act—an hour or more of which is given to discussion of such subjects as delin-

quency, imagination, lying, stealing, obedience, mothers as homemakers; the remaining time is spent in happy social fellowship and well planned games.

Our weekly activities include Daniel and Blue Bird Clubs, Business Girls' and Mothers' Sewing and Cooking Classes, Girl Reserves and Children's Story Hour. There is also a day nursery, hence the name by which the Andrew Frances Stewart Good Will Center is commonly known—Stewart Day Nursery—began as a nursery, named for its founder and later developing into a regular Good Will Center. It affords almost the only home life of some forty children where in a sense the working mothers say to its director and workers, "Take my child and nurse it for me". Its "nursing" includes all kinds of training—from administering of cod liver oil to the supervision of furnishing a house. Since the beginning of the New Year the children have been divided into two age groups with a worker who plans activities suitable to each group. Group Bible study and memory work are supervised daily in the early morning hour and a devotional period with both groups is held before school time. Spiritual training such as few children receive even in the best Christian homes of today is given to each child. Personal habits—as cleanliness, courtesy, unselfishness, kindness, appreciation—are some of the qualities which we try to put into the code of every one of our children. A Carnegie (branch) Library is maintained so that a desire for good reading will also become habitual. An attempt is made to discover and help to develop that which each child likes best. Among the girls we have "real artists" at sewing, flower gardening, cooking, clay moulding, weaving and music. With hammers and saws the boys have fashioned book racks, match holders, book cases, bird houses, letter holders, beds, tables and tool chests.—*Elizabeth Lundy, Director; Myrtle Sellers, Assistant, Class of 1934*





## MARGARET FUND



Chairman: Mrs. Frank Barney, Waynesboro, Ga.

### "FORGET-ME-NOT"



We are told that forget-me-nots are natives of every nation. The whisper, "Forget-me-not", comes ringing over the sea from nearly every mission station where southern Baptists do work. So long as tender, responsive hearted women bear their appeals, so long will forget not to grant scholarships under our Margaret Fund and send out this love message to our beloved missionaries.

"We bid them forget-me-nots in  
Their hearts wear, without fears.  
As an emblem of our love and friendship  
Through all future years".

"An angel and his companion wandered hand in hand over the earth planting forget-me-nots in every country". Woman's Missionary Union with her hand in Christ's has plants in China, Japan, Africa, Argentina, Mexico, Brazil, Chile—her forget-me-nots, former Margaret Fund students. In humblest gratitude to our Father, we praise Him that these whose lives we've touched are now breathing blessings, as the flower, their fragrance making sweet and rich sin-cursed souls all over this world.

God does not forget the cry of the humble and we praise Him that so many of our "Forget-me-nots" are chosen of Him to be real messengers of His love. Many Margaret Fund students are volunteers for God's service; many former Margaret Fund students are here in America anxious to go to foreign fields: some are pastors, teachers and doctors begging to be sent.

Have you noticed the new marking on your Calendar of Prayer, thus calling you to your knees for our former Margaret Fund students now missionaries on far-away mission fields? (See pages 11-12.)

Those in attendance at the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union in Memphis shall forget not Helen Dozier, one of our lovely forget-me-nots, a Margaret Fund student for the past six years. She was the only missionary appointed by our Foreign Board at this convention. She sailed in July to carry the message of God's love to beautiful Japan. Her going was made possible by the W.M.U. of North Carolina through its Fannie E. S. Heck Offering. How grateful is her mother for your service of love through the Margaret Fund! Mrs. Dozier writes:

Recently my heart has been turning in tenderest gratitude and love to you and all of the mothers and big sisters of the south for rendering such beautiful service to Him in "mothering" our two dear children. Through the three years of college and two years of seminary you cared for Edwin. Then in the same way you have watched over and provided for Helen through college and W.M.U. Training School. Edwin is now on the field, pouring out his life for his brothers and sisters of Japan. And now Helen is coming to give all she has for the redemption of this people.

How can I thank you for what you have done? I can't! I can only earnestly pray that our Father, who abundantly rewards the labors of His children, will graciously bless every one who has had a share large or small in fitting these two young lives for His service.

These children are yours. And I know that you will not fail to follow them in prayer, that God will guide them, that He through them will bring many precious souls into His Kingdom. I thank you for all of your generosity and love. I humbly pray that Edwin and Helen may become vessels fit for the Master's use in this great, difficult and needy world. All down through the years we shall look back in loving remembrance upon all of you dear friends, who have been true yoke-fellows in bearing the Gospel to Japan. We thank God for you.



## BOOK REVIEWS



Mrs. Julian P. Thomas, Virginia

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

### The FOREIGN ENTERPRISE and ITS SINCERE CRITICS



This book with the above title by Dr. Cleland Boyd McAfee, a senior secretary of the Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church, is a most timely publication in view of the fact that there is at present so much criticism of foreign missions both sincere and insincere. Dr. McAfee says it was prepared after forty years' close association with foreign missions and long study of the numerous criticisms regarding the work. The author goes thoroughly into the subject, beginning with criticism of the philosophy of it and going on to the personnel, the methods and the results. His book will be most useful to those who are constantly meeting criticism of missions.

The writer closes with the convincing argument of the persistence of foreign missions through the centuries in spite

of the many objections with which it has had to contend.—Price: cloth, \$1

### MEN and WOMEN of FAR HORIZONS

THIS is the title given to a small book of sketches of missionaries and missionary activities in many lands, compiled and edited by Jesse R. Wilson, general secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement. It takes up every phase of mission work and enables the reader to understand the missionary and his work as few other books.

One of the most informing sketches is the story of Mass Education in China, by the originator, G. C. James Yen. This story is well worth cost of book.

Another story most comforting to those who sympathize with missionaries' children is "On Being the Child of Missionaries". The writer believes this to be a distinct advantage.—Price: paper, 50c; cloth, \$1

### CIRCLE PLANS (Concluded from Page 15)

#### Chapter III

1. Discuss the importance of time.
2. What are some of the essential things we should put into our daily budget of time?
3. Name some ways by which we may redeem the time.

Personal: How much of your time is being invested wisely? Would you be ready to meet the Bridegroom?

#### Chapter IV

1. What is God's "miniature word picture of a fool"?
2. What stewardship standards did this "rich fool" violate, thereby incurring the Master's condemnation?

3. Give seven reasons for proportionate giving.

Personal: Are you a fool? (Check up by Luke 12:21.)

#### Chapter V

1. In answer to what question did the Master tell the "Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard"? And what is it designed to teach?

2. Why should every one of us be diligently at work in the vineyard?

3. With what instruments shall we work? And where shall we work?

Personal: Are you a full time laborer or just an occasional one or an idler? What excuse could you give?

#### Chapter VI

1. What was Jesus' way of conquest? What kind of life does He expect His followers to lead? What rewards does He offer?

2. What are the five characteristics of a conquering life?

3. Give a final definition of stewardship.

Personal: Did Jesus mean what He said in Luke 14:26, 27, 33? If so—what about it?

## Trust, Try and Prove Me.

L. S. L.

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1. Bring ye all the tithes in - to the store-house, All your men -  
2. When my wav'-ring faith in tri - ble fal - ter, When His guid - ing  
3. I have yield - ed Him my life for - ev - er, All I am, w

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

al - tar; While your Sav - ior from a - bove speaks sweet - ly,  
mer - cy, Thro' His word He says to me, My child, just  
sev - er, While I hear Him say to me, My child, just

REFRAIN.  
Trust Me, try Me, prove Me, saith the Lord of hosts, and see  
Trust Me, yes, then try Me, prove Me,

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

The courtesy of Mr. Robert H. Coleman, song book publisher of Dallas, Texas, makes possible the publishing of this copyrighted song, which many consider the best of all the songs on tithing. It is found in many of Mr. Coleman's books such as: Modern Hymnal, Majestic Hymns, Service Songs, Gospel Melodies, Revival Songs and in his new book, The American Hymnal.

## CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

In January of this year Mr. A. A. Hyde, the manufacturer of mentholatum, passed quietly into the life beyond. There are doubtless many thousands who have used mentholatum and experienced its healing qualities but comparatively few who have known much of the life of the man behind the product. Mr. Hyde began his business career by pledging one-tenth of his receipts to the building of the Kingdom of God but so great was his success that for the past twenty-five years and more he gave nine-tenths and kept only one-tenth and often less for himself.

Of Mr. Hyde it has been said: "He was a good steward. He put the Kingdom of God first and regarded all he possessed — material, physical, mental and spiritual—as a trust from God to be administered as a steward rather than as owner".

Inspired by the success of a small Presbyterian church in Virginia, which struggling under financial burdens challenged its members to test tithing for fifteen weeks, the pastor of a Baptist church in Texas persuaded his membership to attempt such a plan. So gratifying were the reports from this church that the Laymen's Executive Committee of Texas Baptists decided to challenge the Baptists of the state to pledge to tithe for at least three months with the hope that, once they should know the inward satisfaction of tithing and the outward results, they would rejoice to continue. Reports are that a number of churches have pledged themselves to join in the movement. It is called "The Tithers' Test Movement". The challenge is: "Prove Me now".

The "Every Member Canvass for Southern Baptists" has been set for November 3rd-December 8th. It is

planned that tithing shall be particularly emphasized.

Mr. Suzuki, formerly teacher of physics in the Imperial University of Japan, has taken up a small farm in a mountainous region of northwest Japan. He has built for himself a home from which, as a base, he engages in evangelism. He was once an agnostic but was brought to Christ. He finished his scientific studies and then mastered Greek and Hebrew in order to search the Scriptures in the original. Recognizing his stewardship of opportunity and talents, he now gives his whole time to Christian work. He has an assembly hall in his own house where he holds meetings.—*S. S. Times*

A fine example of recognition of one's stewardship of the Gospel is to be found in the following story from the *Missionary Review of the World*: A man, who had been a patient in a hospital in China and who had found Christ, upon leaving took back to his home tracts and a Bible. Months later the pastor of a church some distance away visited the patient's village. To his amazement he found a group of ninety-four people asking for examination for baptism in this village where no evangelist had ever gone. The pastor found sixty-one of these candidates ready for baptism—all the fruit of one Christian native's labors. Notwithstanding persecutions this group continues faithful.

Miss Dorothy McHenry, a registered nurse in Alaska, writes that she has furnished a room for six Indian boys of the Episcopal mission, who have tubercular hips, spine or lungs, and that in this miniature hospital she is doctor, supervisor, orderly, maid, laundress, cook, dishwasher, seamstress and *chaplain*.

## SEPTEMBER DATES in SHUCK CENTENNIAL

**I**N the life story of Mrs. Henrietta Hall Shuck—Pioneering for Jesus—the author, Dr. T. S. Dunaway, calls attention to the fact that September was truly the red-letter month in her life. Among such dates the following are particularly significant:

September 2, 1831—When not yet fourteen years of age she was baptized into the fellowship of Morattico Baptist Church, Virginia.

September 8, 1835—Married J. Lewis Shuck (*pronounced Shook*) who was born Sept. 4, 1812, at Alexandria, Va.

September 10, 1835—"Set apart for China" at service in First Baptist Church of Richmond, Va.

September 22, 1835—Sailed on "Louvre" from Boston for China.

September 17, 1836—Reached Macao, China.

Surely September started the Shucks on their missionary career. September accordingly starts Woman's Missionary Union in its participation in the Chinese and Northern and Southern Baptist Convention celebration of the Shuck Centennial. Please be much in prayer, particularly on each of the above eventful dates, that this centennial's celebration will exceed all others in the advance of foreign missions.



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