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EDITORIAL

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

WHY the OFFERING?



In the life of W.M.U. the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions is now central: women's societies and young people's organizations are planning how to make the program most effective for their own members. In these programs prayer will have the chief emphasis.

Stories of rich blessings which have come in every southern Baptist foreign field in response to our praying is a moving incentive to faithful, devoted prayer throughout the week. More and more the Day of Prayer around the World is binding together the hearts of all those of southern Baptist affiliation throughout the earth. The request from our foreign fields that objects of our own needs be included for their use indicates this desire to make it a real circle of prayer.

Prayer is paramount in all plans and programs for the week. Prayer is the power that moves the world. Testimony of our missionaries and the blessings that have descended on our several world fields prove beyond doubt its lifting power, that God has all power and that He has a listening ear for the prayers of His people. Prayer lifts and energizes every cause, empowers every worker. It is well known that every missionary pleads for the prayers of all of us as the supreme service we can render the cause of missions. Then—Why the offering?

Because the moving power of prayer begets in the hearts of those who pray a desire to do something to help; so it is that an offering is the natural expression of the praying heart. Its proportion will certainly be in accord with the interest begotten in the heart, limited only by the extent of one's material resources.

Because of the dire needs of the peoples of the world who have no knowledge of the Savior—those who will not hear except a messenger be sent. The studies of the week and the praying we do opens our hearts to see this need and moves us to bring an offering that we may help to meet it.

Because the utter dependence of much of the southern Baptist foreign mission enterprise is so well known to us all. Necessity is laid upon us. We love the cause, we love its various objects. Therefore we must bring our offerings and we must make them generous—even by great but joyous personal sacrifices. The sum of our offerings is an inspiration to all of us and to the denomination.

It is called the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Its very name calls to mind the supreme devotion of a wonderful missionary. This memory moves us to renewed consecration of life, to deepened missionary purposes. The reasons for the offering are many. Careful planning that all members, women and young people, may participate in a worthy way is most important. Gleaning that the largest possible amount may be secured is vital. We will do our best.

APOLOGY for an OMISSION

RECENTLY attention has been called to the fact that in the June issue of this magazine which carried the list of churches that were A-1 in 1934, there failed to appear the name of Lindale Church of Floyd County Association in Georgia. For three consecutive years they have maintained such a record. Deeply does this magazine, as well as *World Comrades*, regret that their lists of the A-1 churches did not include this altogether victorious Full Graded W.M.U. Sincere apologies are made to the 1934 W.M.S. president, Mrs. Chas. Patterson, and to the pastor, Rev. L. M. Lyda.

PREPARING for PRAYER WEEK

LOTTIE MOON AS I KNEW HER

By Harry M. Ayers, Anniston, Ala.

THERE is no other experience that man can enjoy that is so broadening to the intellect as travel and I have often thought in recent years that there is no other departure in modern education so greatly to be commended as that which is known as the "Floating College", an innovation whereby boys and girls of college age are placed on a steamer and carried to the four corners of the globe while pursuing their studies as they would in the cloistered walls of a college building. But it well has been said that it isn't the places to which one goes that count for the most but rather the people we meet when we travel. Hence, if the Floating College is to achieve its largest potential results its faculty must be composed of men and women of character and personality—teachers who are able not merely to impart their own knowledge but also to indoctrinate their pupils with a love of learning and an appreciation of the fact that they can keep their knowledge only in proportion as they give it away in unselfish service to their fellow-men.

It was because of the fact that I was exposed to inspiring personalities of this character that my sojourn in China became a turning point in my career. I was too old to enter the English school at Chefoo when I went with my father—Dr. T. W. Ayers, for twenty-five years a medical missionary—to Hwang-hsien in Shantung Province, and hence I became deprived of a certain amount of fundamental college training. But as I look back on that experience now I would not exchange it for four years of training in any college of which I know. A short sojourn in Shanghai, one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the world, gave me an insight into the civilization of the French and the English and by reason of our comparative proximity to Tsingtao and Port Arthur I was able to learn something of the Germans and the Russians. And the longer I stayed there, watching the impact of western culture on the Chinese mind, the more I became impressed with the inescapable solidarity of mankind—the fact that no nation can live to itself alone. Possibly this thought was most forcibly stamped on my consciousness when I witnessed cotton goods made in Anniston, my home town back in Alabama, sold on the streets of Hwang-hsien, sixty miles inland from nearest port of entry.

I was sixteen years of age when we arrived at my father's station and soon became the only white boy in that city of more than a hundred thousand population. I cared nothing for the Chinese and often wondered why my father wanted to waste his life on such a people. I soon was driven to my father's library for diversion but even more important than books was association with the Godly men and women of the mission. Among the many to whom I shall ever feel indebted was Miss Lottie Moon of Teng Chow, which was twenty miles from Hwang-hsien. Miss Moon became my steadfast friend, my spiritual guide and my intellectual counselor. In the splendid biography of Miss Moon by Una Roberts Lawrence little has been left to be said. However, I have been asked to give my own impression of this great woman and her work and it is a pleasure, indeed, for me to add my testimony to her essential greatness. Profoundly steeped in the knowledge of Greek and Latin, speaking French and German and Italian, an omnivorous reader and a straight thinker, her mind was a veritable storehouse of the best literature of the ages. She had personality plus and, had she chosen to continue her work as an educator in the United States, a place of honor and responsibility could have been hers at any of the great schools for women that have made history in this

country. Had she chosen a strictly selfish life, she might have become a Madame de Stael or a George Sand, attracting statesmen and men of letters to her court. But she chose rather to lose her life in unselfish service and thus to find it more abundantly in a glorious immortality.

I think Pearl Buck's conception of modern missions was sound in one respect, at least, in that we should send to the mission field only our best minds and our most expansive souls. I agree with the author of "The Good Earth", too, in her contention that modern missions calls for more living than preaching, more of example than of precept. And certainly Lottie Moon squared to that rule, for hers was the good life in the fullest meaning of the term. To know her was not only a liberal education—to paraphrase Richard Steele's fine tribute to Lady Elizabeth Hastings—it was a spiritual benediction as well.

By a happy coincidence, this article was begun on the day we studied in the International Sunday School Lessons about Lydia and Priscilla. The former has been given a large part of the credit for the introduction of Christianity into Europe; for it was at a women's prayer meeting by the riverside, attended by Lydia and her friends, that Paul first preached on European soil; and I often think of Lottie Moon as another Lydia. Many is the time I have seen her laboring by the riverside in China—teaching, healing, praying—and, if ever the Far East comes to a complete acceptance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Miss Moon must be reckoned as one of the pioneer torchbearers.

On my return home from China in 1902, it was my great privilege to have Miss Moon as a traveling companion. We stopped over for several days in Japan and, on that New Year's Eve, we were at Fukuoka, visiting in the home of one of the missionaries. That night a congenial party of us gathered around the fireside, chatted, sang and generally made merry. A Scotchman in the party read several selections from Ian Maclaren. Just before midnight we sat listening in fancy to the bells of the churches across the waters from our several native lands; then as the clock was striking twelve Miss Moon in her rich, clear voice began to read "Ring Out, Wild Bells" from Tennyson's "In Memoriam".

There is more of the social teachings of Jesus Christ in that poem than in anything else I have ever read other than the Sermon on the Mount. It is a prayer for the coming of the Kingdom on earth that I have read a hundred times since that never to be forgotten night, and every time I read it or hear it read I think of Lottie Moon, who introduced me to so many of the choicer gems of literature. It has vitally affected my life as a citizen and the motivation of my policies as the editor of a daily newspaper. It should be the burden of the prayer of every mission worker, whether at home or in the foreign field.

The following day, pensive and homesick, I climbed a high hill to a Japanese temple and, as I sat looking out to sea, with the wind playing a "plaintive, pleasant, melancholy" air around the temple building, the waves were beating restlessly against some lonely crags in the bay, suggesting those other lines of Tennyson:

Break, break, break,
On thy cold, gray stones, O sea!

And I would that my tongue could utter
The thoughts that arise in me.

And as I close this tribute to my friend and benefactor, I would that I had the power to give expression through tongue or pen to a larger appreciation of a life that was happy, heroic, self-sacrificing and inspiring in its many faceted outlets. China, like the Yukon, grips one. My boyhood days there were days of growth in vision and I often wonder if "the tender grace of a day that is dead will ever come back to me". One thing I do know—I shall probably never meet another person who was so richly endowed and who gave so generously of her talents as did Lottie Moon, who deserted a Virginia mansion to live in a Chinese hut by the side of a road and become a friend to man.

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Explanatory Note—This additional B.W.C. page for this month is for the convenience of Business Women's Circles in their observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions the inclusive dates of which are December 2-6. If your circle has not received a copy of the W.M.S. program folder carrying the programs for the first four days of the Week of Prayer, please write to your state W.M.U. headquarters (address on page 2). The closing day (Friday) has its separate program but it is not necessary for Business Women's Circles to have a copy of Friday's program as it is for the entire day. However, it is earnestly hoped that many B.W.C. members will make a very special effort to get to the services some time during that Friday, the sixth. The following B.W.C. program has been framed by selecting parts from each of the first four days' programs. For its preparation will be needed the W.M.S. folder mentioned above and also three leaflets: one of the leaflets is to be purchased as indicated with its title; the other two leaflets are free from state W.M.U. headquarters (address on page 2). The regular monthly B.W.C. program is on page 20.



DECEMBER WEEK of PRAYER PROGRAM

Themes for Week (in Unison): "Good Tidings . . . Great Joy . . . All People"—"Christmas for Christ"

Hymn: "Fling Out the Banner"

Scripture: Luke 2:8-20

—Prayer

Talk (by B.W.C. Chairmen): Explanation of Week's Plans, Themes, Goal etc. (See week's W.M.S. folder.)

Reading of Foreign Board's Appeal (See "Appeal" on page 8 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

Talk: Stimulating Facts as to S.B.C. Work in South America and Mexico (Data for this talk may be culled from articles and statistics on pages 7-16 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

Prayer for These Countries

Talk: Why the Name—"Lottie Moon Christmas Offering" (See article on page 9 of folder. See also page 5 of this magazine.)

Story: Christ or Buddha (See story on page 21 of folder.)

Hymn: "Oh Worship the King"

Season of Prayer for China and Japan (See statistics as to these countries on page 17 of folder.)

Talk: Helping "Over in" Europe (Data for this talk may be culled from articles and statistics on pages 22-26 of week's folder.)

Story: *The House of Their Hands* (Order leaflet for 3c from W.M.U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

Talk: "Beginning at Jerusalem" (See article on page 28 of folder.)

Season of Prayer for Palestine-Syria, Europe and Nigeria (See statistics on page 23 of folder.)

Blackboard Demonstration: Facts as to S.B.C. Foreign Mission Fields (See page 32 of folder.)

Story: The Unexpected Christmas Guest (See leaflet.)

Silent Prayer for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Leaflet: "The Day Spring from on High hath visited us".

Ingathering of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Hymn: "Lead On, O King Eternal"

PROGRAM for WEEK of PRAYER



Program for MONDAY—December 2

SUBJECT: "GOOD TIDINGS"—the Glorious Gospel (*The Message of Missions*); **SOUTH AMERICA and MEXICO** Hear the "Good Tidings"; "CHRISTMAS for CHRIST"

HYMN: "Fling Out the Banner"

PRAYER by PASTOR

HYMN: "Christ for the World We Sing"

PRAYER by PRESIDENT

HYMN: "The Shepherd of Love"

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SCRIPTURE LESSON by Pastor: "Good Tidings" (*The Message of Missions*)—Luke 2:8-20; 8:1; Acts 13:32, 33; Rom. 10:15.

PRAYER by PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

HYMN: "Send the Light"

TALK (by President): Explanation of Week's Plans, Themes, Goal etc.

READING of APPEAL from Foreign Mission Board (See "Appeal" on page 8 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

PRAYER for Dr. Meddery and Foreign Mission Board

READING (by Stewardship Committee): Psa. 67

EXPLANATION: Why the Name—"Lottie Moon Christmas Offering" (See article by that title on page 9 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

TALK: How the 1933 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Helped the Brazilian W.M.U. (See article by that title on page 10 of week's folder.)

TALK: A Baptist Memorial in Bahia, Brazil (See article by that title on page 10 of folder.)

PRAYER that this and every other item on Christmas Offering list may be fully helped

STORY: The Girl Who Refused to Take the Veil (See story on page 11 of folder.)

STORY: Senhor Antonio, the Druggist (See story on page 12 of folder.)

RENDERING of LEAFLET: The Book of Glad Tidings (Order leaflet for 3c from W.M.U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

SEASON of PRAYER for BRAZIL

Population—43,340,000; Baptists—43,790; All Evangelicals—379,790; Catholics—26,675,000; Not Christian in Any Sense—16,285,210; Comprised in S.B.C. Work in Brazil: 483 Churches with 42,866 Members; 67 Schools with 4,127 Students; 86 Missionaries

HYMN: "Rescue the Perishing"

STORY: Josefina Annoni, Bearer of Good Tidings at Home and Abroad (See story on page 13 of folder.)

SEASON of PRAYER for ARGENTINA

Population—11,660,000; Baptists—4,553; All Evangelicals—43,653; Catholics—5,359,000; Not Christian in Any Sense—1,257,347

TALK: In the Republic of Uruguay (See article by that title on page 14 of folder.)

PRAYERS for URUGUAY

Population—1,941,000; All Evangelicals—6,550; Catholics—1,568,000; Not Christian in Any Sense—366,450; Comprised in S.B.C. Work in Argentina-Uruguay: 68 Churches with 4,553 Members; 1 Seminary with 18 Students; 23 Missionaries

TALK: Opportunities in Chile (See article by that title on page 15 of folder.)

PRAYERS for CHILE

Population—4,364,000; Baptists—2,800; All Evangelicals—54,800; Catholics—3,285,508; Not Christian in Any Sense—1,023,692; Comprised in S.B.C. Work in Chile: 39 Churches with 2,800 Members; 3 Schools with 493 Students; 12 Missionaries

TALK: What the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Means to the Work in Mexico (See article on page 15 of folder.)

TALK: The Day of Prayer in Saltillo (See article on page 16 of folder.)

SEASON of PRAYER for MEXICO

Population—16,553,000; Baptists—7,784; (3,703 in S.B.C. Churches); All Evangelicals—39,000; Catholics—12,675,000; Not Christian in Any Sense—3,839,000

THEMES: (in Unison): "Good Tidings—Great Joy—All People"
"Christmas for Christ"

RENDERING of LEAFLET: "It is a night to be much observed unto the Lord".

SILENT PRAYER

INGATHERING of LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS as to Week's Program

HYMN: "Lead On, O King Eternal" (See inside of front cover page of 1936 Year Book.)

Program for TUESDAY—December 3

SUBJECT: "GREAT JOY"—Brought through the Glorious Gospel (The Effect of Missions); CHINA and JAPAN Have "Joy" for "Sadness"; CHRISTMAS for CHRIST

HYMN: "Joy to the World"

PRAYER by Y.W.A. COUNSELOR

HYMN: "Oh Worship the King"

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SCRIPTURE LESSON by G.A. Counselor: "Great Joy" (The Effect of Missions)—Luke 2:8-20; Neh. 8:10; Psa. 16:11; Isa. 12:3; 29:19; John 15:11; 17:13; Rom. 15:13

PRAYER that the Christmas Offering may be the means of giving "great joy" on each S.B.C. foreign field

READING (in Unison by Stewardship Committee): Psa. 67

TALK: Thanks for Day of Prayer (See article on page 17 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

TALK: How Pingtu Observed "Day of Prayer around the World" (Page 18 of Folder)

TALK: Annie Jenkins Sallee School (Page 19 of Folder)

PRAYER that this school and every other cause on Lottie Moon Christmas Offering list may be fully helped by the offering

HYMN: "The Light of the World Is Jesus"

TALK: "Laborers Together with God" (Page 19 of Folder)

STORY: Delivered from Opium (Page 20 of Folder)

STORY: The Li Family Conquered by Christ (Page 21 of Folder)

RENDERING of LEAFLET: A Passer-By (Order leaflet for 3c from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

SEASON of PRAYER for CHINA

Population—474,821,000; Baptists—67,440; All Evangelicals—980,000; Catholics—3,469,056; Not Christian in Any Sense—470,371,944; Comprised in S.B.C. Work in China: 221 Churches with 41,450 Members; 8 Schools with 11,893 Students; 8 Hospitals; 206 Missionaries

HYMN: "There Is No Name So Sweet"

STORY: Christ or Buddha (Page 21 of Folder)

STORY: Christ Reigning through Tobata G.W.C. (Page 22 of Folder)

SEASON of PRAYER for JAPAN

Population—90,396,000; Baptists—7,346; All Evangelicals—518,000; Catholics—229,331; Not Christian in Any Sense—89,648,669; Comprised in S.B.C. Work in Japan: 21 Churches with 2,814 Members; 8 Schools with 1241 Students; 16 Missionaries

THEMES (in Unison): "Good Tidings . . . Great Joy . . . All People"
"Christmas for Christ"

RENDERING of LEAFLET: "The Day Spring from on High hath visited us".

SILENT PRAYER

INGATHERING of LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS as to Week's Program

HYMN: "The Morning Light Is Breaking"

Program for WEDNESDAY—December 4

SUBJECT: "ALL PEOPLE" Included in the Glorious Gospel (The Scope of Missions); EUROPE, AFRICA and PALESTINE-SYRIA—"One Lord"; "CHRISTMAS for CHRIST"

HYMN: "Fling Out the Banner"

PRAYER by R.A. COUNSELOR

HYMN: "Jesus Shall Reign"

SILENT MEDITATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON by Sunbeam Leader: "All People" (The Scope of Missions)—Luke 2:8-20; Mark 3:10; 16:15; Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Rom. 1:16

PRAYER that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering may reveal true adoration for Him who was born, lived, died, arose and ascended in Palestine

READING (in Unison by Stewardship Committee): Psa. 67

TALK: Central and Southern European Work (See article on page 24 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

PRAYERS for HUNGARY

Population—9,714,000; Baptists—12,936; All Evangelicals—1,656,505; Catholics—6,020,340; Not Christian in Any Sense—1,057,149

PRAYERS for RUMANIA

Population—18,172,000; Baptists—58,277; All Evangelicals—1,308,277; Catholics—14,794,362; Not Christian in Any Sense—2,069,361

PRAYERS for YUGO-SLAVIA

Population—13,914,000; Baptists—1,877; All Evangelicals—326,277; Catholics—6,872,572; Not Christian in Any Sense—6,715,151

PRAYERS for SPAIN

Population—23,603,000; Baptists—1,401; All Evangelicals—11,404; Catholics—22,106,271; Not Christian in Any Sense—1,785,265

HYMN: "We've a Story to Tell to the Nation"

TALK: "Rome Also" (Page 25 of Folder)

SEASON of PRAYER for ITALY

Population—42,217,000; Baptists—4,025; All Evangelicals—83,000; Catholics—40,709,565; Not Christian in Any Sense—1,424,435

TALK: Nigerian W.M.U. Conference (Page 26 of Folder)

SEASON of PRAYER for NIGERIA

Population—20,762,000; Baptists—29,646; All Evangelicals—290,000; Catholics—18,000; Not Christian in Any Sense—20,454,000; Comprised in S.B.C. Work in Nigeria: 191 Churches with 29,646 Members; 52 Schools with 3,020 Students; 1 Hospital; 28 Missionaries

HYMN: "Oh, Zion Haste"

RENDERING of LEAFLET: The Hour of Their Hands (Order leaflet for 3c from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

TALK: "Beginning at Jerusalem" (Page 28 of Folder)

RECITATION of POEM: Jerusalem the Wonderful (See poem on page 35 of this magazine.)

SEASON of PRAYER for PALESTINE-SYRIA

Population—4,135,000; Baptists—115; All Evangelicals—3,708; Catholics—17,630; Not Christian in Any Sense—4,113,662

SEASON of PRAYER for ALL S.B.C. WORK in EUROPE and PALESTINE-SYRIA

1705 Churches with 77,062 Members; 3 Schools with 64 Students; 11 Missionaries

HYMN: "Lead On, O King Eternal"

THEMES (in Unison): "Good Tidings . . . Great Joy . . . All People"
"Christmas for Christ"

RENDERING of LEAFLET: "It came upon the midnight clear".

SILENT PRAYER

INGATHERING of LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS as to Week's Program

HYMN: "The Kingdom Is Coming"

Program for THURSDAY—December 5

SUBJECT: MESSENGERS and MEANS for SENDING the "GOOD TIDINGS"—
PRAYER for ALL MESSENGERS We Have Sent Forth—PRAYER for MEANS to
Send the "Good Tidings to All People"—MY STEWARDSHIP of the "Good Tid-
ings"—"CHRISTMAS for CHRIST"

HYMN: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

PRAYER by PRESIDENT

HYMN: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

SILENT MEDITATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON by Stewardship Chairman: Stewardship (*The Means of Missions*)—
Luke 2:8-20; I Cor. 4:1, 2; I Pet. 4:10; II Cor. 9:7; I Chron. 16:29; Psa. 96:8; Matt.
10:8; Luke 6:38

PRAYER that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering may go far beyond its goal

READING (in Unison by Stewardship Committee): Psa. 67

HYMN: "Oh for a Thousand Tongues"

TALK: Impressions of the "Baptist Day of Prayer around the World" (See article on page
30 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

STORY: "Ready to Suffer Hardship" (Page 30 of Folder)

HYMN: "Give of Your Best to the Master"

STORY: "Did It Pay?" (Page 31 of Folder)

SEASON of PRAYER for faithful stewards on foreign fields

STORY: The Unexpected Christmas Guest (Leaflet)

TALK: Tithes Withheld (Page 31 of Folder)

BLACKBOARD DEMONSTRATION: In S.B.C. Foreign Mission Fields (Page 32 of
Folder)

DISPLAY of PLACARDS

"Missions wait on stewardship"

Stewardship waits on you!

RENDERING of LEAFLET: Prayer as a Missionary Method (Order leaflet for 3c from
W.M.U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

HYMN: "Lead On, O King Eternal"

THEMES (in Unison): "Good Tidings . . . Great Joy . . . All People"
"Christmas for Christ"

RENDERING of LEAFLET: "It is more blessed to give than to receive".

SILENT PRAYER

INGATHERING of LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS of Friday's Program of "Day of Prayer around the World"

HYMN: "Trust, Try and Prove Me"

THE program for Friday, December 6, is published separately in a pamphlet entitled
"Program for Day of Prayer around the World". Each W.M.S. is entitled to two free
copies of the pamphlet and also to two free copies of the week's W.M.S. folder as men-
tioned above. (If your W.M.S. has not received its copies of pamphlet and folder, please write
promptly to your state W.M.U. headquarters, address on page 2.) The pages herewith used
for the outline program of the first four days of the Week of Prayer are perforated, so
that they may be easily detached for use in preparation for the week.

TRAINING SCHOOL

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

FOUNDERS' DAY at the TRAINING SCHOOL

"Send out thy light and thy truth.
Some put their faith in chariots,
But thou art my Guide!"

IF THE program committee for the first celebration of Founders' Day at our
W.M.U. Training School in Louisville had searched through the whole field of
musical literature, it could not have found an anthem which more truly em-
bodies the spirit of the school and of its founders. For House Beautiful has often
been spoken of as a lighthouse of truth; and surely it has been builded and nur-
tured in faith, so that the blessing of God has been upon it, peculiarly, from the
beginning.

There is something fascinating about an occasion—the stir and movement, the
flowers and fragrance, the murmur of happy voices and soft laughter. Add to
that the filtered light from stained glass windows, strains of inspiring music—now
gentle as the summer wind, now challenging as the thunder storm—and untold
memories—tender, humorous, subtly sad—and the atmosphere of this first Found-
ers' Day is recreated.

There they were: the present faculty and student body, poised, ready, their
faces turned to the days that are to come; the visiting friends; loyal Baptists of
Louisville, five of whom were present at that real Founders' Day at the Broadway
Baptist Church, on October 2, just twenty-eight years ago; the boy to manhood
grown, who with two chums and their mothers worked from dark to rise of sun
to clear away the debris left by workmen, that the new school might open, clean
and ready, on the scheduled day; old girls, two of whom—Beulah Bowden of Mars
Hill, North Carolina, and Elsie Gilliam of Lynchburg, Virginia—were members of
the Training School's first student body; members of the Board of Trustees and
the Local Board of Managers of the school; the president and members of the Semi-
nary faculty; Miss Mallory; Miss Leachman; and one "Founder" herself, Mrs.
Maud R. McLure, first principal of the school and chief speaker and guest of honor
on this happy day.

In introducing Mrs. McLure, Mrs. Whayne, chairman of the Board of Man-
agers, spoke of her as the real founder of the school as such and said that the very
foundations and walls of the building were indeed her monument. And when the
audience rose to greet and honor her, it was a tribute from the heart, for probably
not one present but could have told some story that would have borne out the truth
of Mrs. Whayne's gracious words of appreciation.

Mrs. McLure was at her own gracious charming best as she brought reminis-
cences—gay, humorous, strong, vigorous, gently sad—of Miss Eliza Broadus, who
called the first meeting of the committee out of which the organization grew, and
was its untiring member and guide throughout her days; of Mrs. S. E. Woody who
was its strong leader during the difficult years of misunderstanding; of Mrs. Geo.
B. Eager whose faith and prayers and wisdom and tact brought to the school many
strong friends and helpers, and whose genius for friendship was an unfailing source
of strength to the young principal who had come to take up her strange new du-
ties; of Miss Fannie E. S. Heck whose rare spirit she made live for those who had
never known her. Mrs. McLure paid special tribute to Miss Heck as a clear
thinker, a woman of self-control and reserve power in whom were blended rare

insight and abundant faith and vision, yet one whose humor eased many a strained situation.

It was a particularly happy thought that Mrs. McLure's address should be followed by a lovely violin solo by Miss Coakley, one of the Training School girls. For the violin, of all instruments, can say the unsayable and express both the joy and sadness of a tryst with the past, whose figures come trooping in mind and heart to its strains.

Mrs. Whyne introduced Dr. W. O. Carver, of the Seminary faculty, as the "Finder of the Founders" out of whose tender father heart came the sense of need for a school for the young women, who were coming to the Seminary for training, and at whose suggestion the first meeting was called. Dr. Carver in his own delightful way told the story of the founding of the school and related some of its early "ups and downs". Starting with the statement that the Providence of God flings many shuttles in the loom of history and that the love of God focuses many rays to light a great institution of learning, he traced the idea of the school as it originated and grew in the hearts of Louisville women, as it was born in the wisdom and understanding of a great missionary in China, Dr. E. Z. Simmons, as it was made necessary by the expanding events of world history, as it was taken up and opposed and expanded in the Woman's Missionary Union, as under the guidance and leadership of the founders—Miss Broadus, Mrs. Woody, Mrs. Eager, Miss Heck—it proved itself against all opposition. He spoke of the "big four", those first students who came to the Seminary and needed a home, of the contribution of Miss Leachman who threw in her lot with the new movement, of Miss Fuller who gave five hundred dollars to establish a chair of Personal Work for the first two years, of the opposition which met the new school at first and, last of all, of Mrs. McLure, whom he called the real founder, because her contacts were daily and continuous. It is to her rare spirit and wisdom and devotion, he said, that the school owes the very genius of its life. He told of the providences of God in her early preparation and of her call and service. He spoke of her as the moulder of the school's ambitions, the maker of its curriculum, its very soul, who in sixteen years as principal shaped the ideals which will guide it on down the years.

After the roll call and a brief further word of tribute from Mrs. Whyne, beautiful and impressive was the simple ceremony of "drooping the lilies" in honor of the founders who have "passed on". It was followed by the song, "Pass on the Torch", by several Training School students, after which the congregation joined with full hearts in the song, "Lead On, O King Eternal", and in the closing prayer which was led by Miss Leachman.

Following these services in the Heck Memorial Chapel, there was an informal reception on the lower floor which gave opportunity for everybody to meet the visitors and to share in further informal reminiscences.—Willie Jean Stewart, '16

Another "Silver Cord Is Loosed"

AFTER forty years of missionary service for China and from the family circle that gave three other missionaries and one homeland preacher, on the third Sunday of September there entered into the Heavenly Home the gentle spirit of Mrs. D. W. Herring. Cultured, consecrated, Christlike was she in word and deed, whether she was serving in the Interior China Mission at Chengchow and Kaifeng or here in the southland. Greatly is she being missed here and there. To her family and to those whom she won to Christ in China the sincerest sympathy is herewith expressed. Their comfort is chiefly found in the assurance that, though "the silver cord is loosed" here, it is secure in Heaven where she "awaits" among many whom she safely led to Christ.

MARGARET FUND

Chairman: Mrs. Frank Burney, Waynesboro, Ga.

THIS December issue brings to you the latest list of our Margaret Fund students. Because it is Christmastime, the loving hearts of W.M.U. members make zealous pilgrimage to these young people.

Christmas away from home! How lonely such an experience can be unless friends cheer by expressions of loving remembrance. Brazil and China and Japan seem infinitely farther away on Christmas Day than at other times. Won't you read the list and find some young people in your state? Maybe you knew their fathers or mothers long years ago. If your own children are away from home, you know just what you hope somebody will do for them this Christmastime.

We have taken these young people as our trust. Remember Paul's words, "Guard well that which is committed to thy trust". Guard them with your personal interest. Guard them with definite prayer. Guard them with tender love. Then—"duty done is the soul's fireside"—Mrs. W. J. Cox

MARGARET FUND SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS—1935-36

From Africa:

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

From Argentina:

Arthur Elder, Spurgeon's College, London, England
Frank Elder, Eltham College, Nottingham, England
Franklin Fowler, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.
Mary Wallace Quastles, Bessie Tift College, Forsyth, Ga.
Maurice Sowell, Jr., Georgia Tech, Atlanta, Ga.
Edwin Speight, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.
Thomas Speight, San Jose State College, San Jose, Cal.

From Brazil:

Luther Bagby, University of Richmond, Richmond, Va.
Samuel Bagby, University of Richmond, Richmond, Va.
Elsie Baker, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C.
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Clara Brown Taylor, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C.
Laura Jean Taylor, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C.
Susan Elizabeth Terry, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.
S. Lawton Watson, Jr., Furman University, Greenville, S. C.
Maxey G. White, Jr., Furman University, Greenville, S. C.
Dorothy Wilcox, Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Texas
Juanita Wilcox, Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Texas

From Chile:

Lois Hart, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga.

From China:

David G. Anderson, Furman University, Greenville, S. C.
Theresa K. Anderson, Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss.
Julia Connely, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.
Carey Daniel, Jr., Baylor University, Waco, Texas
Wilson Fielder, Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Texas

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FAMILY ALTAR



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: "In a Manger"—Luke 2:1-7

IN Heaven the joyous song began,
And sweet seraphic fire
Through all the shining legions ran
That strung and tuned the lyre.

DOWN from the portals of the sky
The impetuous torrent ran,
And angels flew with eager joy
To bring the news to man!

His Coming

1st Day—Matt. 1:1-17
2nd Day—Luke 1:1-4
3rd Day—Jno. 1:1-14
4th Day—Luke 3:23-38
5th Day—Luke 1:5-25
6th Day—Luke 1:46-64
7th Day—Luke 1:57-80

Christmas Stories

8th Day—Matt. 2:1-12
9th Day—Matt. 2:13-15
10th Day—Matt. 2:16-18
11th Day—Matt. 2:19-23
12th Day—Matt. 2:41-52
13th Day—Matt. 3:1-18
14th Day—Matt. 3:21, 22

He Came Preaching

15th Day—Jno. 2:12-22
16th Day—Jno. 2:23-3:21
17th Day—Jno. 3:22-36
18th Day—Matt. 4:18-25
19th Day—Matt. 5
20th Day—Matt. 6
21st Day—Matt. 7

His Kingdom Foretold

22nd Day—Gen. 3:15; 12:3; 49:10
23rd Day—Isa. 60:1-5
24th Day—Isa. 11:1-10
25th Day—Jer. 23:5, 6
26th Day—Dan. 7:13, 14
27th Day—Zech. 9:9
28th Day—Mat. 3:1-3; 4:2
29th Day—Matt. 1:20-23
30th Day—Rom. 1:2, 8
31st Day—Rev. 7:9-12

"Pray Ye"

"Magnify the Lord" that "His mercy is unto generations and generations".

Rejoice that God "hath visited and wrought redemption for His people" through Christ's coming.

Praise God that we have seen His salvation and pray that we may this Christmas give unto Him our promise more faithfully to take the "light for revelation to the gentiles".

Pray that southern Baptists may greatly hasten the day when there shall be "on earth peace among men in whom He is well pleased".

Plead for sacrificial gifts in Week of Prayer, that every W.M.U. member will contribute to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and that its goal of \$185,000 will be far surpassed.

Give thanks for all missionaries, asking peace and protection for them throughout the year and years, pleading also for reinforcements and adequate equipment.

Pray for college students that Christmas may be used by them in worthwhile ways and that the churches may utilize their missionary information and enthusiasm.

Pray that each W.M.U. organization will do its utmost to reach its apportionment and every other point on its Standard of Excellence.

Ask for God's guidance in completion of Every-Member Canvass.

Calendar of Prayer December, 1935

Prepared by Mrs. Maud R. McLure, Georgia

THE wise men ask, "What language did Christ speak?"
They cavil, argue, search and little prove.
O Sages, leave your Syriac and your Greek!
Christ spoke the universal language—Love.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Script: Lifting the Banner of the Cross through Our Christmas Offering

1—SUNDAY

Pray for pastors preaching on foreign missions, thus introducing Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions; also for Every Member Canvass.
Go ye—pray ye—give ye.
—Matt. 28:19; Luke 10:2; Mark 16:7

2—MONDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Neal, educational work, Monterey, Mexico. Also that South America and Mexico may hear the Good Tidings. The Gospel must first be preached unto all the nations.—Mark 13:10

3—TUESDAY

Pray that China and Japan may have joy for sadness; also pray for Rev. and Mrs. Norman F. Williamson (on furlough), educational and evangelistic work, Fukuoka, Japan. Many nations shall join themselves to Jehovah.—Zech. 2:11

4—WEDNESDAY

Pray for Miss Ruth Kersey, nurse, Ogbomoso, Nigeria; also pray that Europe, Africa and Palestine-Syria may worship "one Lord".
Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters.
—Isa. 32:20

5—THURSDAY

Pray for all messengers sent forth by southern Baptists; also pray that our Henrietta Hall Shuck Memorial Fund may be worthy of our God. They shall walk with Me in white for they are worthy.—Rev. 3:4

6—FRIDAY

Let our prayers unite with all Christendom in petition for the evangelization of the world; also pray that our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering may far exceed the goal.
Let the whole earth be filled with His glory.—Psa. 72:19

7—SATURDAY

Pray for Dr. and Mrs. J. McF. Gaston, evangelistic work, Tsingtau, China.
Jesus being moved with compassion touched their eyes.—Matt. 20:34

8—SUNDAY

Pray for world peace.
And He came and preached peace.
—Eph. 2:17

9—MONDAY

Pray for Miss Elsie Clor (on furlough), evangelistic work, Jerusalem, Palestine.
They that dwell under His shadow shall return.—Hos. 14:7

10—TUESDAY

For Miss Mary Alexander (on furlough), Post To Academy, Canton, China.
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.—Col. 3:16

11—WEDNESDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Langston (on furlough), Rio Baptist College, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Mary E. Langston, Margaret Fund student. Whatever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.
—Col. 3:17

12—THURSDAY

For Miss Willie Kelly, evangelistic work, Shanghai, China.
He will keep the feet of His holy ones.
—I Sam. 2:9

13—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Taylor (on furlough), educational work, Jaguapara, Brazil.
Be perfected; be comforted.
—II Cor. 13:11

14—SATURDAY

For Misses Hattie Stallings and Mattie Vie Summer, educational work, Kweilin, China.
God gave us not the spirit of fearfulness, but of power.—II Tim. 1:7

15—SUNDAY

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

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Calendar of Prayer December, 1935

AS AGAIN we celebrate His holy birth
And feel a beauty through the hour—
Not born of earth—a gladness winged
With something more than mortal power;
Oh may we know it is His love
Which moves across the earth to bless;
To make life glow where'er men show
His larger law of kindness".

Topic: Lifting the Banner of the Cross through Our Christmas Offering

- 16—MONDAY**
Pray for Miss Anna B. Hartwell, evangelistic work, Hwang-Hsien, China.
He covereth him all the day long.—Deut. 31:12
- 17—TUESDAY**
Pray for Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Bowdler, educational work, Cipoketti, and xxMiss Minnie McIlroy, Publishing House, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
The breath of the Almighty giveth them understanding.—Job 32:8
- 18—WEDNESDAY**
For Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Gallimore and Miss Ruth Pettigrew (on furlough), evangelistic work, Waichow, China.
Who is he that will harm you if ye be zealous of that which is good?—1 Pet. 3:13
- 19—THURSDAY**
For Dr. and Mrs. George Green (on furlough), medical and evangelistic work, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, and for Lydia May and Dorothy Green, Margaret Fund students.
When He saw the multitudes He was moved with compassion for them.—Matt. 9:36
- 20—FRIDAY**
For Rev. and Mrs. John L. Bice, evangelistic work, Macelo, Brazil.
Jehovah will bless His people with peace.—Psa. 29:11
- 21—SATURDAY**
For Miss Sophie Lanneau (on furlough), Girls' School, Soochow, China.
Holy Father, keep them in Thy name.—John 17:11
- 22—SUNDAY**
Pray that our young people may learn the true spirit of Christmas.
For Christ also pleased not Himself.—Rom. 15:3
- 23—MONDAY**
Pray for Dr. and Mrs. Sanford E. Ayers, medical and evangelistic work, Chengchow, China.
Looking unto the promise of God be wavering not.—Rom. 4:20
- 24—TUESDAY**
Pray for Miss Anne N. Laseter, Colegio Bautista, Temuco, Chile.
In Thy name shall they rejoice all the day.—Psa. 59:16
- 25—WEDNESDAY**
Let us make this a true Christmas for Christ.
Glory to God in the highest!—Luke 2:14
- 26—THURSDAY**
Pray for Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Ware (on furlough), evangelistic work, Shanghai, China.
Jehovah fulfill all thy petitions.—Psa. 20:5
- 27—FRIDAY**
For Miss Bernice Neel (on furlough), evangelistic work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
The righteous is an everlasting foundation.—Prov. 10:25
- 28—SATURDAY**
For Rev. and Mrs. Frank Connelly, evangelistic work, Tsinchingow, China. Pray also for Julia Helen Connelly, Margaret Fund student.
The law is written in my heart.—Psa. 40:8
- 29—SUNDAY**
For all Christian workers as they make plans for the New Year.
Thou hast enlarged my steps under me.—Psa. 18:36
- 30—MONDAY**
For Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Hayes, evangelistic work, Pernambuco, Brazil.
Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?—Rom. 8:35
- 31—TUESDAY**
For Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Dawes, evangelistic work, Tsinan, China.
Whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.—Rom. 10:13

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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: "In a Manger"—Luke 2:1-7

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars looking down on the place where He lay—
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

—Luther's Cradle Hymn

A LOVER of the Christmas story is pretty apt to be a lover of Christmas music. Angels sang their announcement of the birth of our Lord. Glory to God in the Highest has been the theme of Christian hymns ever since. We have neither words nor music to the hymns of the first few centuries after Christ lived. The earliest Christians doubtless chanted Hebrew psalms. How beautiful they are!

Time passed. Each century produced a different type of song. Some of the poetry was poor; but there was a simplicity and fervor about the verses. Religious music developed in different countries from the fifteenth century. In the British museum there is an arrangement of *In Excelsis Gloria* written in 1500. A "Carol on the Birth of Christ" is dated 1580. Only one century ago the hymn, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks", was given to the world. Miracle plays and legends furnished carols many times. Favorite features of the Christmas story were the manger, the star, the wise men, the shepherds.

We are not surprised to find Latin phrases in many old English hymns. The people heard Latin until it was natural to sing "In Excelsis Gloria" instead of "Glory in the Highest".

"When Christ was born of Mary free,
In Bethlehem in that fair city,
Angels sang there with mirth and glee.
In Excelsis Gloria!

"The King is come to save mankind,
As in Scripture truths we find,
Therefore this song have we in mind.
In Excelsis Gloria.

"Herdsmen beheld these angels bright,
To them appearing with great light,
Who said, 'God's Son is born tonight',
In Excelsis Gloria!

"Then, dear Lord, for Thy great grace,
Grant us the bliss to see Thy face,
That we may sing to Thy solace,
In Excelsis Gloria!" (1500)

"A New Christmas Carol" at the beginning of this century starts

"It is the day, the Holy day,
On which our Lord was born".

The second stanza:

"'Twas in a humble manger,
A little lowly shed,
With cattle at His infant feet
And shepherds at His head.

The Savior of this sinful world
In innocence first lay,
While Wise Men made their offerings
To Him this Holy Day".

If you cannot sing Christmas hymns read them and think on the words. Then ask God to put a song into the hearts of others. By your prayers and by your offerings you may bring many to join the chorus "Glory to God in the Highest". For many the Babe of Bethlehem will become the Savior of the world. "In Excelsis Gloria!"



Miss Inubelle Coleman, Virginia

PUT CHRIST into THIS CHRISTMAS

—For that multitude of people to whom various agencies have been ministering worthily in a materialistic and social way, but for whom nothing spiritual has been directed! One will be amazed by the discoveries that will come from investigating these local groups, and one will be filled with joy to see how eagerly they will welcome worship-filled Christmas services in their homes and community center.

—For those men and women who must work on Christmas Day for the comforts of others! A service scheduled directly before or after they go on duty, and either in or near their place of work; a tiny token with a Christmas message of God's love; or something more individually in keeping with their condition and needs will warm their hearts with God's love, while otherwise they may be depressed and downhearted because life demands this that seems unfair to their reasoning powers.

—For all the foreigners in our midst; for all the local school teachers whose homes are too far away to be reached at this season; and for any local children of missionaries! To be included in a Christian family circle on Christmas Day is the greatest of all substitutes for one's own home and loved ones.

—For all the unsaved world by praying earnestly and with love for all the peoples and objects to which we are giving our greatest gift at this Christmas time—our offering unto Him! May we see it divided out among all these; and, seeing it spread over so much of the world, may we eagerly give and give—more and more—to Him whose birthday it is!

—For Christ's sake! All these will the B.W.C. joyfully do, or sponsor, that Christ may be the center of Christmas for more souls!

Poster or Program Heading Suggestions—In center of large poster board paste large six-pointed gold star with rays extending out to pictures portraying Jerusalem, Africa, China, Japan, Brazil and Argentina. In center of star print, in etched outlined silver, the word Christmas. Underneath this setting, print *Come and Follow: the Christmas Star to Six Lands Afar.*

Time..... Place..... B. W. C.
This same idea in miniature may be used at the top of the program sheets, using the acrostic outline underneath.

TOPIC for MONTH: LIFTING the BANNER of the CROSS through OUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Luke's Christmas Story: Luke 2:1-7 (See also page 19.)

O Little Town of Bethlehem (by Quartette)

Thanking God for His Gift at Christmas

Tidings from Afar

Interceding for Our Missionaries around the World

Everyone Singing: "Joy to the World"

Memories of "Our Christmas Missionary: 1888-1934" (Page 22)

Observing How "The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Lifts the Banner" (Page 25)

O verseas "Trailing the Offering" (Page 27)

Now—Girdling the Globe with Christmas—and with Prayer" (Page 31)

PROGRAM PLANS

Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE

EACH year the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering becomes dearer to the hearts of the women and young people of Woman's Missionary Union. First, this is our oldest established offering. It comes at a season of sacred joy and around this offering there cluster tender memories of those who established it and who gave their offerings through it each Christmas. It has always been given during a time of special prayer and study. These have prepared hearts to follow the gifts and so have doubly blessed givers and receivers. Now the offering has grown to marvelous proportions and is looked to by our Foreign Mission Board to carry on much work that could not possibly be undertaken except for this special gift of the women and W.M.U. young people.

Another reason for us to be most deeply interested in contributing to this offering is that we ourselves can confer with the Foreign Mission Board as to where it shall go. We are loyal in our regular gifts through the Co-operative Program of our Southern Baptist Convention—and nothing should interfere with this—but we do find it a great joy through this offering to meet many special needs, as we see them on our various foreign fields and as approved by the Foreign Board. Our missionaries are learning to look to us for help through this offering. Our hearts thrill as we read the reports of things done with the additional money that has gone to mission work through our gifts at Christmas.

There has long been quoted the saying, "Lights that shine farthest shine brightest at home". But with this Lottie Moon Christmas Offering it seems that the tiny candles lighted on our Christmas Offering tree have turned into veritable search lights in the hands of our missionaries.

Our program for December gives us glimpses of the shining of these Christmas Offering lights. The Program Committee will find short items of the work the offering has made possible in Jerusalem, Japan, China, Africa, Brazil and Argentina.

An interesting feature to the program would be to have a Christmas tree that turns round. On a table place a small tree so arranged that it can be turned around later in the program. On the side first facing the room tie a few small silver stars. These represent the gifts from the society last year.

A speaker may tell something of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (see *Our Christmas Missionary*, page 22). Next, another may give very briefly some of the contrasts in the Christmas Offering of 1884 and 1924 (see page 24).

The leader may then explain that the little tree on the table represents the gifts of the society for 1934. She may mention the amount and tell the total given by the W.M.U. Though the offering of individuals and of separate societies seemed small the total was much more than the goal set. Now what did all these small amounts do to help our mission work and workers? Let us turn the tree around to see the other side. (The other side of the tree should be covered with large silver stars. These should be taken down and the messages on their reverse side read by different members of the society. See items given under "Trailing the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering", page 27.)

Another way to use the Christmas tree plan would be to hang objects on the little tree that would represent the kinds of work done through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. First a doll—the speaker who receives the doll may say that no Christmas tree would be complete without a doll but that this one has unusual meaning: it represents the missionaries sent out and supported by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (see *Missionaries*, page 25).

The Buildings (page 26) may be represented by a toy house taken from the tree. Educational work (page 26) might be represented by a school book or a pencil box. Publishing Work (page 26) a Bible; W.M.U. Work (page 27) some W.M.U. leaflets. As each of the five women receives these gifts, she should tell of that special work.

The suggestion given (page 25) in "The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Lifts the Banner" is so beautiful that in most societies there will be no need to substitute the plan for the Christmas tree.

PROGRAM for DECEMBER

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

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

**TOPIC for MONTH: Lifting the Banner of the Cross through
Our Christmas Offering**

Hymn—Silent Night

Bible Study—"In a Manger"—Luke 2:1-7 (See page 19.)

Away in a Manger (Sung by a Sunbeam)

Prayer thanking God for the gift of the Christ Child

Our Christmas Missionary

—1888-1934

Prayer thanking God for the growth of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Lifts the Banner

Hymn—Joy to the World

Trailing the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering: In Jerusalem—In Africa—In
China—In Japan—In Brazil—In Argentina

Girdling the Globe with Christmas

Watchword for Year

—Hymn for Year

Prayer that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for 1935 may lift the Banner of
the Cross with more power than any previous offering

OUR CHRISTMAS MISSIONARY



Lottie Moon
and Christ-
mas! They go
together!
Along with
Christmas

trees and Christmas packages and Christmas candles and Christmas carols we think of Lottie Moon and the Christmas offering named for her. We call her our Christmas missionary and at this Christmas time are telling again the story of her life with its many Christmas associations.

In 1840—just five years after the sailing of Henrietta Hall Shuck to China—Lottie Moon was born in the same "old Virginia" which had given to "old China" its first American missionary. Although two decades and more had passed, the Virginia in which Lottie Moon grew up was little different from

the Virginia which had nurtured the childhood of little Henrietta Hall. There were still Negro slaves in almost every household. Life still centered in the old southern homesteads where children and servants alike were taught to worship God. In Lottie Moon's home, as in Henrietta Hall's, there was a cultural and devotional atmosphere which had much to do with the making of the two great Virginia missionaries.

Lottie Moon, like Henrietta Hall, thought much of missionary service while still a young girl, but she did not offer herself as a missionary until she was some years older than Henrietta when she had already spent her nine years of missionary life and had passed away. It was in September of 1873 that Lottie Moon sailed from San Francisco toward that land to which Henrietta had gone almost forty years before. Many things made her going dif-

ferent from that of Henrietta. Henrietta sailed from Boston, Lottie from San Francisco, reminding us of how America had grown westward during the forty years. It took Henrietta a year to reach China; Lottie Moon made the trip in about a month; Henrietta went to south China; Lottie Moon was met in Shanghai by the veteran missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. T. P. Crawford and Dr. and Mrs. Matthew T. Yates. Before Henrietta there had been no Baptist work in China; but when Lottie Moon went Dr. and Mrs. Yates had already given twenty-eight years of service in Shanghai, and even in north China, whither Miss Moon was bound, foundations had been laid by faithful missionaries. And yet so great were the needs of China and so slight was the impression made by the missionaries on that vast heathen nation that the conditions under which Lottie Moon worked were not much better than those which made the labors of Mrs. Shuck so difficult. There were the same evils to fight, there were the same superstitions to overcome, the same heathenism to conquer. Miss Moon was in every sense a pioneer missionary. She lived most of her years alone in the midst of hordes of heathen people. She took long journeys, going from village to village for months at a time, accompanied only by a Chinese woman. She suffered every hardship, she braved every danger, she faced every problem of a heathen land yet almost untouched by Christianity. And through it all she showed a spirit of courage, self-sacrifice and consecration unsurpassed in the annals of missionary history.

We cannot tell all of the story of Lottie Moon's life in China in this brief program, so let us hasten to tell only the Christmas part of it. That is a story we all know well, and yet, like other Christmas stories, we like to tell it again and again. Indeed we want to tell it every Christmas, for it has become to southern Baptists a part of the celebration of this joyous season. We remember how in 1887 Miss Moon planned to take a long delayed furlough. She was

sick and weary—home and loved ones were calling, America and Virginia were calling. We enjoy thinking of her as she made her plans for her furlough, dreaming of being again in loved Virginia with her dear ones, dreaming of another happy Christmas at home. Then as she was just about ready to go there came a message from the Chinese girls and women whom she had taught at Pingtu, begging her to come back to them. There was no one else to go and they needed her so much. Virginia was calling, but the call of Pingtu was more appealing. She gave up thoughts of Christmas at home and turned to tell the women of China the message of Christmas. In the December *Foreign Mission Journal* of that year appeared an article from her pen suggesting that southern Baptist women should institute a week of prayer and offering, not only for foreign missions but for the work of both Boards of the Convention, and she recommended that the week before Christmas be designated for that purpose. In making an argument for the fitness of this week of prayer and gifts she said: "Is not the festive season, when families and friends exchange gifts in memory of the Gift laid on the altar of the world for the redemption of the human race, the most appropriate time to consecrate a portion from both abounding riches and scant poverty to send forth the Good Tidings of great joy into all the earth?"

We remember that at that time there was no organization of southern Baptist women for missionary work. In the same article which suggested the Christmas season of prayer and gifts Miss Moon urged the women to organize. Her appeal was one of the influences which led to the organization of our Woman's Missionary Union in May of the following year. In the meantime, Miss Moon—still on the field, her furlough still deferred—had written repeatedly to the Foreign Mission Board asking for new missionaries. She said: "I should be most heartily glad of ten women for the Pingtu region". But realizing that ten was too many to ex-

pect she asked for only two. She wrote: "I am very desirous to go home next year. I think my health requires it. Still I am not willing to go until Pingtu is provided for". Every letter carried the plea, "Send on the missionaries!"

This plea for new missionaries and Miss Moon's suggestion for a week of prayer came together in the mind and heart of Miss Annie W. Armstrong, the corresponding secretary of the new Woman's Missionary Union: a wonderful plan was born—the new organization, which as yet had made few plans and had done little work, would follow Miss Moon's suggestion, would observe the Christmas week of prayer and gifts and with the offering would send the two missionaries to relieve Miss Moon in Pingtu! It was a great venture, but with sublime faith Miss Armstrong and the other leaders of the W. M. U. entered on the new undertaking. Packages of literature were sent to the missionary societies. In city, town and countryside eager plans were made for a Christmas offering for China. Everywhere the story of Lottie Moon, needing to come home but refusing to leave her work, was told. The appeal went straight to the hearts of southern Baptist women. They began saving their money, and lo! there was enough not for just two missionaries, but three! Three new missionaries were sent to China with that first offering. And something had started! Lottie Moon and Christmas and foreign missions had all gotten mixed up together in the hearts of southern Baptist women! So every year since that 1888 Christmas the Woman's Missionary Union has made a Christmas offering—for many years just for China but, for the last fifteen, for all S.B.C. foreign missionary fields.

But there is another Christmas story connected with Lottie Moon—a sad and yet beautiful one. After the memorable 1888 Christmas Miss Moon lived to see twenty-five of the joyous yule tide seasons and, except for her brief furloughs home, all of these years were spent with her beloved Chinese. Then, worn out with her long years of arduous service,

harassed by the suffering of her dear Pingtu people because of the famine, distressed because of a debt on the Foreign Mission Board she became so ill that missionary friends decided that she must return home. Accompanied by Miss Cynthia Miller she started but, on December 24th, 1912, while her boat was anchored in Kobe, Japan, she died. "Lottie Moon, Virginia's gifted daughter, God's gift to China, was herself a Christmas gift to Heaven, for 'twas Christmas Eve". (Lawrence)

Twenty-three years have passed since Miss Moon became a Christmas gift to Heaven, "but she being dead, yet speaketh". In 1918, at the suggestion of Miss Annie W. Armstrong, the Christmas offering was named the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, which name it bears to the present time. Truly Miss Moon is our Christmas missionary. She arrived in China in the Christmas month, she died at the Christmas season, she suggested the Christmas Week of Prayer and Offering, her sacrifice and pleadings inspired the first Christmas offering. So as we do our Christmas shopping, as we bake our Christmas cakes, as we set up our Christmas trees, as we light our Christmas candles, as we sing our Christmas carols let us also tell again the story of our Christmas missionary, and let us follow her example by making a real sacrifice at Christmas that the story of the Christ Child may be told to the ends of the earth.

1888-1934

IT HAS been forty-seven years since the first Christmas offering was made by southern Baptist women. The contrast of the offering of 1888 with that of 1934 is interesting and inspiring.

In 1888 the goal for the offering was enough to send two missionaries.

In 1934 the goal was \$150,000 which included the salaries of eight newly appointed missionaries.

In 1888 the leaders wondered if they ought to spend \$100 for literature.

In 1934 there was no question about

the expenditure of many times that much money on literature: many thousands of copies of the W. M. S. program, and programs for young people's organizations as well as a book and other literature, were sent out.

In 1888 all the literature was sent from Baltimore.

In 1934 the vast majority of the literature was sent from the Birmingham office to the W. M. U. offices of nineteen states; and from there to 32,863 women's and W. M. U. young people's societies.

In 1888 Miss Annie W. Armstrong, with probably a few voluntary helpers, addressed by hand all the literature sent out.

In 1934 splendid office secretaries, in well equipped offices using up to date typewriters, mailed out the thousands of packages of literature.

In 1888 the amount received was \$3,315.26.

In 1934 the amount received was \$210,921.65.

In 1888 the offering sent out three missionaries.

In 1934 the offering sent 113 missionaries, besides doing many other helpful things.

In 1888 the offering was called the Christmas Offering for China.

In 1934 it was called the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

How wondrously hath God wrought!

THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING LIFTS THE BANNER

(Enter woman representing Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. She may wear usual clothes or may be costumed in imitation of Lottie Moon, or she may wear a yellow robe. She should wear across the front of her dress a streamer with words: Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. She should carry in her hand five Christian flags, one much larger than the others: the "Christian flag" consists of a red cross on a blue field in the upper left corner, the rest of flag being white. If it isn't possible to give the following as a playlet, the information can be given as a talk.)

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering—Behold in me your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for forty-seven years. For all this time I have lifted the Banner of the Cross for you in foreign lands. I wish I could picture for you all of the wonderful things that your Christmas Offerings have done, but such would be impossible. My achievements are spiritual and therefore cannot be fully pictured. Only eternity can reveal the far-reaching results of your gifts as they have flown across the seas with each Christmas season to bless the lives of uncounted thousands of people. No, you cannot know all the achievements of your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, but you can look back through the years and see some of the ways in which it has been used to lift the Banner of the Cross round the world.

Missionaries — *(Represented by a woman carrying poster with pictures of missionaries on it. As she finishes speaking she lays down poster and takes one of the flags from woman representing Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.)* The Christmas Offering has placed the Banner in the hands of many missionaries. You remember that the first offering sent three missionaries to Miss Moon's field. I can't tell you how many missionaries have been sent and kept on foreign fields by this offering through the years, but we do have the figures since 1927. You remember how in 1927 all hearts were distressed because many missionaries were being held at home on account of lack of funds. Then it was that southern W. M. U. women and young people said: "We will make it possible for the Foreign Mission Board to send back to foreign fields forty of these missionaries with our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering". This they did, and these forty they have supported by this offering ever since. In 1929 sixty more were returned and in 1931 two others. Then in 1933 came the wonderful "beyond-the-goal" gift which made possible not only the return of certain furloughed missionaries but also the sending of eight new ones. So the Lottie Moon

Christmas Offering is supporting today 113 missionaries. It paid not only their regular monthly salaries but also furnished allowances for their children and traveling expenses to and from their fields. So, as you give your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, remember that you are placing the Banner of the Cross in the hands of over one-fourth of all our southern Baptist missionaries.

Buildings — (Represented by a woman carrying poster on which are pictures of buildings erected by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. These can be obtained from page 36 of this issue or from back numbers of "Royal Service" or "Home and Foreign Fields". As she finishes speaking she lays down poster and takes a flag from woman representing Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.) The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has erected splendid buildings on foreign fields. Dr. Maddry, after his visit to the orient, wrote as follows of such buildings: "Before our visit to the mission fields of Europe and the orient, we had a deep sense of appreciation and gratitude to Woman's Missionary Union for their unflinching support and devotion to the work of our Foreign Mission Board. But as we have visited the mission fields and have seen at first hand some of the chapels, Good Will Centers, kindergarten buildings and missionary residences erected by the Foreign Mission Board with funds given by Woman's Missionary Union in these special offerings, over and over again our hearts have welled up with gratitude and thanksgiving to God for the generous and timely gifts of the Union that in many instances have actually saved our work from utter collapse. Time after time, in these visits to heathen and pagan lands, we have gone from the crowded streets into beautiful and restful chapels built through the generosity of Woman's Missionary Union where in peace and quiet the Gospel is being preached, and many are being blessed". The Cantonese church and school at Shanghai in China, church and school at Victoria in Brazil, church buildings at Santos in Brazil, at Buenos Aires in

Argentina, at Budapest in Hungary, at Tokyo in Japan and at Jerusalem, missionary residences at Tokyo and in Africa are among the buildings which the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has made possible.

Educational Work — (Represented by a woman carrying poster on which are pictures of schools in foreign lands. As she finishes speaking she lays down poster and takes a Christian flag.) The Lottie Moon Offering has helped with the educational work in foreign lands. For a number of years the Pooi In Bible Training School of Canton has received funds from this offering. Last year the Annie Jenkins Sallee Bible School at Kaifeng also received a gift. Last year from the "beyond-the-goal-gifts" our girls' school at Abeokuta, Africa, received a thousand dollars. Other schools helped are the Girls' School at Temuco in Chile, schools at Pelotas and Campos and Sao Paulo in Brazil and the Junior College for Girls at Kokura in Japan. But perhaps the most appealing educational work supported by the offering is the James Memorial Training School in Roumania. Two thousand dollars of last year's "beyond-the-goal gifts" were designated for a similar training school in Budapest, Hungary. Every year generous allotments of the offering have gone for the support of two Good Will Centers, one at Tobata in Japan and one in Jerusalem. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering literally sets school bells ringing around the world and lifts the Banner of the Cross in the hearts of thousands of young people who are reached by these institutions of education.

Publishing Work — (Represented by a woman carrying poster on which are words in foreign languages. As she finishes speaking she lays down poster and takes a Christian flag.) Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has not forgotten publication work in its designations. In 1934 generous gifts were made for this work in all of our foreign lands. Out of the "beyond-the-goal gifts" the Brazilian Baptist Publishing House received an extra \$3,000.00. Through

these gifts Bibles, Testaments, tracts, Sunday school, B. T. U. and W. M. U. literature, weekly papers, books and religious literature of all kinds, printed in many languages, have gone out to lift the Banner of the Cross around the world.

W. M. U. Work — (Represented by a woman carrying a W. M. U. banner. As she speaks she takes in other hand the Christian flag.) It is fitting that this special offering of the W. M. U. of the south should go for the support of W. M. U. work in all foreign lands. That this part of the offering is named in honor of our beloved former president and present treasurer, Mrs. W. J. Cox, makes it all the more precious as it goes out to build up in other lands the work to which she has given and is giving all the powers of her gracious and charming Christian personality. This fund makes possible the printing of literature, help for W. M. U. national Baptist conventions, the work of their field representatives, the fostering of Y. W. A. camps and other lines of work whereby the missionary banner is carried high in the hands of Baptist women and young people of S. B. C. foreign lands.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering — All of you who have had a part in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering behold its achievements and rejoice! All of these things have been done because you, at Christmas time, have made Christmas gifts to Him who came on Christmas that the whole world might have the Christmas gift of His love. Have you done your best for this offering? If not, behold these achievements and be inspired to more faithful praying and more sacrificial giving.

TRAILING THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Leader — Let us follow the trail of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering as missionaries tell us of how this offering is blessing their work.

In Jerusalem

THE trail of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering takes us first to the

land where Christmas began. There in Jerusalem we find the Good Will Center, supported by this offering. Miss Elsie Clor, a lovely Jewess, is in charge of this work. Miss Eunice Fenderson, her devoted helper, sums up what the offering has done for the center as follows:

First—It has provided a room for Bible classes, mothers' meetings, girls' meetings and a class room for some of our children of the Daily Vacation Bible School.

Second—It has given us a chapel, including a baptistry, in which to hold our Sunday school and church services. Since its dedication, a year ago last November (1934), a number of young people have been saved and two baptized.

Third—It has meant a playground and tennis court for our young people and children.

Fourth—It means the upkeep of the Good Will Center by meeting its general running expenses.

Fifth—It has meant souls saved from darkness into light. It has meant encouragement and hope for many more souls to be brought into the Kingdom of Christ. Eternity alone can reveal all that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has meant to our work. Our hearts are truly filled with gratitude and praise to our dear Heavenly Father for His wonderful goodness in supplying the means of forwarding His cause here.

In Africa

MISS NEALE YOUNG is our very efficient W. M. U. secretary in Africa. Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is rendering valuable assistance in her work. She spends most of her time on the field, visiting existing societies, organizing new ones, holding training classes and doing everything possible to build up the W. M. U. work. Many of her trips are among the "bush" churches—those in the country districts. In a recent letter she outlines a schedule of field work beginning in June of this year and running through March of next, with almost uninterrupted field

work for all that time. She describes her plan as follows:

The idea is to have several workers and visit all the churches in the associations, have meetings, study the needs and do all we can to help the women and young people in the individual churches, then gather the leaders from all the churches in the association together in one place with the visiting workers and discuss the problems and make plans for carrying on the work in a more efficient way. We are stressing soul-winning more than anything else as that is our very greatest task. You may wonder how we can finance all this work with at least six or eight workers busy all the time, but perhaps you fail to recall that we got our usual Lottie Moon gift this year, and because of that we can even enlarge our work. We plan to have as many as twelve reserve workers whom we can call on when they are needed to teach in the W. M. U. Schools and to go about in the associations helping wherever and whenever they are needed. After we have "rounded up" an association, as I say, and have had our meeting with the leaders, then we want to have the W. M. U. Training School to follow that. Now we could not do any of these important things without the help of the Lottie Moon money. Please try to thank our faithful southern Baptist women and W. M. U. young people for us. It is so hard to let them know how very grateful we are for all they do for us.

In China

THE trail of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in China leads us to the splendid work done by Miss Lila Watson, secretary of the China W. M. U. She gives us the true record of how the offering has helped her work in less than two months' time and leaves us to imagine how the items would increase through a whole year. The record of the two months is as follows:

On March 25th, 1935, Lila Watson was sent back to China by Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. She returned to

the W. M. U. headquarters in Shanghai furnished by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, to work with four Chinese co-workers on literature for missionary societies and young people's organizations, salaries paid by Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. She found three Chinese W. M. U. secretaries at work in fields white unto the harvest, their salaries made possible by this offering.

On March 28th she attended Soochow-Shanghai-Wusih annual W. M. U. meeting, found 100% increase in number of missionary societies and great increase in number of members enlisted compared to the time of the beginning of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to promote W. M. U. work on foreign fields. On April 1st she wrote receipt for gift to Chinese Baptist Young People's Work in Manchuria: Lottie Moon Christmas Offering provided literature which inspired a group of Chinese young men to make this gift. On same date she reviewed W. M. U. Study Course and paid for new diplomas made possible by Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

On April 2nd she heard from Interior China W. M. U. that scholarship provided by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to prepare W. M. U. workers for that field would be needed again in 1935.

On May 6th Mrs. Y. C. Ling, corresponding secretary for Soochow-Shanghai-Wusih W. M. U., and Miss Watson went to Yangchow to help in W. M. U. Short Term Bible School made possible for one month in each year of the past four by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Women who couldn't read four years ago quickly found passages in the Bible and read them with understanding.

On May 8th Mrs. Ling and Miss Watson attended annual meeting of Yangchow-Chinkiang W. M. U., travel made possible by Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Mrs. Ling was used of God to give her Chinese sisters a view of W. M. U. work they would not have received from any but one of their own consecrated, winsome sisters.

On May 14th Lila Watson gave prin-

ter the manuscript for Quarterly for Boys' and Girls' Missionary Organizations, made possible by Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

After this account of the work the Lottie Moon Offering is doing Miss Watson notes a number of other things, which she hopes the offering will be able to do, and ends by saying that she will be delighted if another missionary were sent to share responsibilities and joys of W. M. U. work in China.

In Japan

IN THE fall of 1927 Miss Naomi Schell and a Japanese helper went to a particularly needy field in Tobata, Japan. At that time Baptists owned no property there but rented a small house where preaching services were held. In this house Miss Schell started a Good Will Center. She tells the story of the growth of this work as follows:

Almost immediately the Japanese women adopted this new work as their tenth anniversary project, and ever since they have stood by with prayers and offerings and service. For a year and a half we worked to win the confidence of the people, but our house was small and ill lighted and unsuited for the work and there was no suggestion of a playground. It was hard not to be discouraged, and yet we had no anxiety for there was the firm assurance that the work had been started at the Lord's command and He has never yet failed to provide for His own. New evidence of this came when word was received that the North Carolina W. M. U. had designated its Fannie Heck Memorial Offering for one year to the Tobata Good Will Center. That was the beginning, and then those charged with the distribution of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering included our struggling, infant Good Will Center. The transformation wrought beggars description. Only a block from the first little house, in a place accessible from six different directions, there now stands a neat two-story frame building, and behind it a large playground with a fair beginning of equipment. The building

includes a chapel seating seventy-five to a hundred people, a recreation room, a small clinic, a tiny business office, a reception room and a rest room which is now being used for a work room for two mothers who are supporting sick husbands as well as their children. With a kitchen where cooking classes are held both for the girls' club and the mothers' club, the first floor is described. On the second floor the only public room is the library-reading room. One wing of the second floor is given for a diminutive apartment for the director, and back of the reading room is an apartment for two Japanese women. The staff includes these two women, one of whom works for women and larger girls and the other with kindergarten age children, and a young man who serves as business secretary and boys' worker. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering pays the salaries of these three workers, besides supplying the budget for all the work which is carried on.

Beyond these material items must not be forgotten ambitions awakened, lives snatched from the very jaws of death, standards of living raised, children placed in school, jobs found which restored hope to discouraged fathers, hitch hiking bums reclaimed to normal upright living and, best of all, some ten or twelve who have found life and that abundantly in the acceptance of Christ as their Savior. Thank God for the southern Baptist W. M. U. that through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has made possible Tobata Baptist Good Will Center.

In Brazil

MRS. S. L. WATSON leads us along the trail of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in Brazil as follows:

On all sides one hears words of praise and of approval of the work done by Brazilian Baptist women through their W. M. U. In these latter years the Mother Union of the southland has had a large part in the phenomenal development. There has been no lack of literature, and the Union of Brazil has been able to secure efficient helpers because of the liberal love-gift made possible by

the "Lottie Moon Christmas Offering".

During the last year, there have come from the press 12,000 copies of primary memory work, 4,000 tracts to help mothers, 5,000 offering boxes for children, prayer cards, 160,000 leaflets to accompany the four seasons of prayer, which this Union observes, and memory work for the young women. The publication of two books, *Ann of Ava* and *Bible Stories*, has been financed. Various programs such as that of the Day of Prayer, Day of Education and Children's Day (a missionary occasion), together with attractive and appropriate posters—have been printed and sent out to all parts of Brazil. All this printed matter has been possible because of the "Lottie Moon Christmas Offering".

The Brazilian W. M. U. has been able to secure again this year the valuable services of Miss Simpson, our all-Brazil field worker. During last summer's vacation months, six consecrated students from our Girls' Schools in Recife and in Rio served as field workers also. All these, who visited one hundred ninety churches, were made possible by the "Lottie Moon Christmas Offering".

By the side of consecrated Miss Landrum, the very efficient corresponding secretary of Brazilian W. M. U., there works her assistant, a well prepared young woman, whose support, in part, is furnished by the "Lottie Moon Christmas Offering". The offering also pays the rent of the office used by them.

It would seem that this love-gift of southern Baptist women and W. M. U. young people is like the widow's meal that never gave out. Besides the far-reaching blessings mentioned above, Brazilian W. M. U. is able to offer two scholarships, one in the Recife School and the other here in the Rio College, to deserving working girls through the "Lottie Moon Christmas Offering". The young woman in training here in Rio is called Emiliana Monteiro, a delightful character, beautiful in appearance and a splendid student. She has this to say of her opportunity: "I do not know how to express my gratitude to God and to the Uniao Geral (Brazilian W. M. U.)

for the blessings and privileges that are mine, in that I have been granted the joy of studying in this school where I may prepare myself in a better way to serve my beloved Master. With my simple words I cannot make known my real thanks, for not always can words express what one feels in the soul. However, with divine help, I shall seek to honor this institution, by giving my life entirely to the most difficult and sublime task—bringing souls to Jesus. My constant prayer is that the Uniao Geral be a channel of blessing in the Heavenly Father's hands and that this college be a powerful factor for the evangelization of Brazil, for from its walls go out workers to scatter the precious seed. Anything further that I might say would be unprofitable, so I shall limit myself to the above, assuring the Uniao Geral that in my heart there is written a pledge of undying gratitude".

Surely these young lives, now in training, will be through the years a wonderful blessing to the cause of Christ, and their influence will be undying. Indeed, the W. M. U. of the southland does reach out to "the ends of the earth" through the "Lottie Moon Christmas Offering". Brazilian W. M. U. would express her deep gratitude for the meaningful token of your love, dear Mother Union!

In Argentina

WE CONTINUE the trail of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering as Miss Minnie D. McIlroy tells us of its blessings in Argentina:

In thinking of the far reaching influence and blessing of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, one is reminded of the parable of the grain of mustard seed. How the sacrificial mission spirit, conceived in the great woman-heart of Lottie Moon has spread to bless multitudes in the far corners of the world!

Today the Banner of the Cross is lifted higher in Buenos Aires, and two of our pastors have gratitude and thanksgiving unto God in their hearts, because our beloved W. M. U. of the southland, following in the footsteps of

Lottie Moon in sacrificial giving, have made possible a worthy house of worship for two important congregations. These handsome, commodious buildings are an honor to our Lord and an added attraction to the beauty-loving Latin people, inducing many to seek the place where they can worship God in spirit and in truth. (See picture of *Once Church* on page 36 of this magazine.)

Our fund for work among the women (also from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering) enables us to do many things that otherwise would remain undone. Not least among these is the printing of the "Pagina Femenil" (Woman's Page) in "El Expositor Bautista". Also thanks to our "Fund", which pays for necessary printing, last year's program for the "Day of Prayer around the World" was attractively presented and helped greatly in "selling" the idea to our native sisters and thus broadening their missionary outlook.

The space is too limited to enumerate all of the advantages and blessings of having this fund to "help out". It has bought equipment for Daily Vacation Bible Schools, making them bigger and better. It has furnished tires and inner tubes for the "missionary" truck of Dona Sofia de Mongay of Lincoln, a great brave-hearted woman who, for many years now, is carrying on her work under great difficulties on account of the continued illness of her husband.

The various summer institutes, which the fund has allowed us to conduct, not only gladden our hearts with the immediate benefits shown in additional opportunities offered for a wider service in their own churches to those who have taken advantage of the several weeks of profitable study, but also the hope in our hearts of that greatly-longed-for Training School for Girls becomes brighter, as an adequate training-place for our splendid girls, becomes more of a reality. And how we thank our Lord and the donors for that \$8,000 that will be ours the minute our "Convencion Femenil" decides when and where to begin our school!

Perhaps I myself am the missionary

who should be most grateful for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, as through it I am enjoying many opportunities for greater service. I would doubtless feel lost without the many duties at the Publishing House and as assistant treasurer of the Mission, but how inspiring it is to "run away" occasionally and have a closer contact with our work. It matters not if it be a Daily Vacation Bible School, an institute or special talks for women. They are all a means of inspiration and give added vim for the work approved by Woman's Missionary Union.

GIRDLING the GLOBE with CHRISTMAS

THE Week of Prayer with its Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has literally girdled the globe with Christmas. In every land where southern Baptist missionaries have gone and established W.M.U. work loyal Baptist women celebrate this season. The Day of Prayer around the World has become an established event of the Christmas month. It is literally true that through one entire day of 24 hours there is perhaps not a minute when some group of loyal Baptist women are not lifting their hearts to God in prayer. From every one of these fourteen lands comes expressions of joy over the blessings of this day.

In every country, as in ours, the season of prayer is accompanied by gifts. Miss McIlroy tells of a church in Argentina making its first gift for missions on the Day of Prayer. Of the gifts of the Japanese women it is said: "The first self-supporting mission work undertaken by the (Japan Baptist) Convention was partly due to the initial gifts for missions started by the Woman's Missionary Union (Japanese) at its first observance of the Baptist World Prayer Day two years ago". The Lottie Moon gift of north Chinese women last year was used for work in Palestine. How beautiful that in Lottie Moon's adopted country women are now sending Christmas gifts to the land where Christ was born.

Christmas is here! We know it is by

the gayly bedecked shops, by the wreaths already hung in the windows, by the odors of baking fruit cake on the breeze, by the feeling of joyful expectancy that thrills us through and through—and by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering envelope which has already been placed in our hand. We

are glad indeed that this envelope gives us a chance to give Jesus a Christmas gift. We are glad indeed that the Week of Prayer with its Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions gives us an opportunity to join with other Baptist women and young people in girdling the globe with Christmas.

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Compare the life of Lottie Moon with that of Henrietta Hall Shuck.
2. Tell of Lottie Moon's association with Christmas.
3. Tell something of the first W.M.U. Christmas Offering.
4. When was the name changed to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering?
5. For how long has the offering been used for all foreign mission fields?
6. Contrast the first Christmas offering with that of 1934.
7. How many missionaries are supported now with the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering?
8. Name some buildings erected by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.
9. Mention some schools helped by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.
10. What two Good Will Centers are supported by this offering?
11. Tell something of publishing work made possible by this offering.
12. Tell something of the achievements of the Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund for W.M.U. Work on Foreign Fields.
13. What is the goal for the 1935 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering?
14. Are we doing our best for this offering?

REFERENCE MATERIAL

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Home and Foreign Fields
Foreign Mission Board Report, 1935
Lottie Moon

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Una Roberts Lawrence

MARGARET FUND SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS—(Concluded from Page 15)

Lottie Hamlett, Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C.	Davie Napier, Howard College, Birmingham, Ala.
Eugene Harris, Westervelt School, Columbia, S. C.	Mary Lucile Saunders, W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Ky.
Hendon Harris, Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C.	Bryson Tipton, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.
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Rachel Leonard, Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C.	
Jackson Lowe, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.	
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Archibald M. McMillan, Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.	
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Cora May Marriott, Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss.	
Cornelia Leavelle, Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss.	
Roy Newton, University of Richmond, Richmond, Va.	
Campbell Napier, S.B.T. Seminary, Louisville, Ky.	

From Europe:

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From Japan:

Lucile Clarke, Shorter College, Rome, Ga.
Walter Clarke, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.
William Medling, Union University, Jackson, Tenn.

From Mexico:

James Lacy, Agr. & Mech. College, College Station, Texas
Clardine LeSueur, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas
Martha LeSueur, University of Texas, Austin, Tex.



YOUNG WOMAN'S AUXILIARY



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

MORE about the WEEK of PRAYER

IS IT too much to expect that every Ann Hasseltine Y.W.A., every Grace McBride Y.W.A., every other W.M.U. young people's organization in all of our churches really will observe the prayer season and gather in a worthy offering? It should not be necessary to urge upon counselors their privilege of planning this special prayer meeting, of helping the young people feel the joy of giving, yet past experience recognizes the fact that many overlook the opportunity—so, herewith the attempt at urging. As counselor be sure you receive from the state W.M.U. headquarters the suggested program provided by Woman's Missionary Union in sufficient time to make adequate preparation. In some states the programs are addressed to individual counselors; if you are a new counselor whose name was not reported to the state leader in time to have the envelope of material addressed to you, seek out the former counselor if she overlooks handing the packet to you. In other states all the material is addressed to the W.M.S. president; in others it is sent to the W.M.U. young people's director. If sickness or other circumstances have prevented either of them from passing the proper material on to you, go to them for it. The programs are ready for you as counselor; do not fail to get and use them.

As much as possible enter into the full observance of the week by your W.M.S. The more your own personal interest flames to pray and give, the more you will be able to kindle fires of interest in the hearts of your young people. Know well the objectives of the \$165,000 goal for the offering that you may make these real to your membership. You will remember that this is not a regular program meeting merely for information; it is a prayer service. Better a short meeting devoted to real

prayer than a long program that crowds out earnest prayer. Each program carries suggestions which we trust will be helpful to a reverent prayerful mood. In the G.A. program a poem was used beginning, "What do you see in the candle's glow?" At the time of publication the author's name was not known. We have since learned that the lovely verses were written by Miss Marion Phelps, for some years associated with the Sunday School Board. We would like herewith to acknowledge our gratitude to her with an expression of regret that her name did not accompany her poem.

Real prayer for the definite causes included after conference with the Foreign Mission Board in our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will certainly prompt a desire to give to the causes. The program carried suggestions to the counselor for distributing offering bags in time for the young people to practice some "doing without" and so feel they have really brought a Christmas Offering to Christ which is their own gift. An impressive ingathering offering will add to the spirit of worship in the meeting. Ann Hasseltine and Grace McBride Y.W.A.'s can usually enjoy the full week of definite praying for foreign missions by devoting the college noon-day prayer hour or the morning chapel period of the hospital to this emphasis. The continued daily praying will lead naturally to a final prayer meeting and ingathering of the offering. Where only one meeting for prayer and offering is held, be sure that the purpose of the offering is thoroughly understood before the day it is to be received. No one wants to bring money for an unknown reason, but when our young people realize the need they will want to give generously.

This special season of prayer will greatly help in a real understanding of the true meaning of Christmas. Too often the birthday of our Savior is a holiday, not a holy day—a day of getting, not a day of giving. Through the experiences of the Week of Prayer and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, our young people will come to realize this is Christ's birthday anniversary and will want to celebrate the day in the spirit of Christmas for Christ. Let no counselor fail Him this Christmas but let each help her members to share in this joy of Christmas for Christ.



OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



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

DECEMBER IS DIFFERENT

DECEMBER is different from any other month in the year. Its quiet inner joys, its outward manifestations of life's richest happiness make it unlike the eleven months that precede it. In W.M.U. activities December is different too. Being the last month in the year it is too late to make up some points on the Standard of Excellence. However, you might still hold a mission study class, and you might reach your full goal of gifts according to the state plan; you might even pull up in membership, but it would be far better to have proved that the new members received are more than names on a line in the secretary's notebook. Unless the Board of Health forbade meetings, December cannot be used for making up meetings. This is perfectly logical, because a March meeting in April or in October could not be as effective as if held in March. After all as we check up on the Standard of Excellence record in December we do not want to feel we can report A-1 by "stretching a point" here or there. (See pages 72-73 of 1935 W.M.U. Year Book.) The standard is a ladder given us whereby to climb toward efficient missionary education; let us plan in December to profit during 1936 by our experiences of 1935, especially by the weaknesses which we will surely resolve to make strong successes in the New Year.

For many Woman's Missionary Union organizations, December brings Promotion Day, though some wait until early January for this occasion. December seems the better choice because then the roll can be arranged without upsetting records seriously; by January, the first month, everything will be well ready for steady work during the months ahead. Some counselors and young people's directors are not using the Promotion Certificates. Perhaps they have

overlooked the possibility, but the certificates are among our most attractive supplies and will be sent in sufficient numbers on request of the state W.M.U. headquarters. There are certificates for promotion of Sunbeams into Girls' Auxiliary or Royal Ambassador Chapters, from Girls' Auxiliary into Young Woman's Auxiliary. The promotion of brides into W.M.S. and of other Y.W.A.'s into Business Women's Circle can be done without certificates, just as Royal Ambassadors should advance into the Junior Brotherhood. In the 1936 W.M.U. Year Book will be found a page of suggestions for an impressive and worthy Promotion Service.

Many missionary education organizations elect their officers in December so that they may be ready to take up their work with the New Year. It will be valuable to use an Installation Service to impress them with their trust of office; such service is outlined in the G.A. and Y.W.A. Manual; a more elaborate Installation Service for Y.W.A.'s may be secured from state W.M.U. headquarters. Similarly for new members there is an Initiation Service for G.A.'s and R.A.'s, and Y.W.A.'s, which will be sent on request of state W.M.U. headquarters.

December is a most auspicious month for enlarging the number of homes which receive *World Comrades* and *The Window of Y.W.A.* Let counselors and young people and their literature committees augment the enlarged efforts of the W.M.S. literature committee in helping mothers to realize how much their young sons and daughters would enjoy *World Comrades* and how their young women daughters would enjoy *The Window of Y.W.A.* These month by month visitors provide most valuable Christmas gifts for Baptist homes; let us have many Christmas subscriptions for both magazines as a reminder of the central vital message of Christmas—"good tidings of great joy to all people". So December, a month different from all the others, presents these varied opportunities to you.

Jerusalem the Wonderful

By J. Wash Watts, Formerly S.B.C. Missionary to Palestine-Syria, Now Professor of Old Testament Interpretation and of Hebrew at Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, La.

To the Tune Materna

WONDERFUL for nature's plan
In land and sky and sea,
A varied world in min'ature
Is setting fit for thee;
Jerusalem! Jerusalem!
God set His choice on thee,
Reveal thy grace to all the race
Throughout eternity.

O wonderful for peoples seen
Within thy narrow bounds,
For that the men of ev'ry name
Pass through thy holy grounds;
Jerusalem! Jerusalem!
God makes of thee a sign,
That woos the will away from ill
Into His wise design.

O wonderful for that revealed
Through Abram's faith and seed,
In whom combine hearts freely moved
With destinies decreed;
Jerusalem! Jerusalem!
God strive with thee until
Thy sons their faith by works they
prove,
Their law in love fulfill.

O wonderful for nigh thy wall
Was Jesus lifted up,
And unto Him all men are drawn
By Love that drank that cup;
Jerusalem! Jerusalem!
God make Him yet thy king,
His name reveal, the nations heal,
And peace perfected bring.

O wonderful for that to be
When God makes all things new,
The new Jerusalem comes down,
Where all our hope comes true;
Jerusalem! Jerusalem!
God set His choice on thee,
Reveal thy grace to all the race
Throughout eternity!



CAMELS and candles at this time of the year call Christmas to mind and heart, perhaps because of the long journey of the eastern Wise Men and because of the midnight when the angels sang. That their announcement may be heralded the world around and that Christians may increasingly emulate the example of the worshiping Wise Men, this magazine is published monthly. Please promote its purpose this Christmas month by making a present of it to your family, your circle, your friends by

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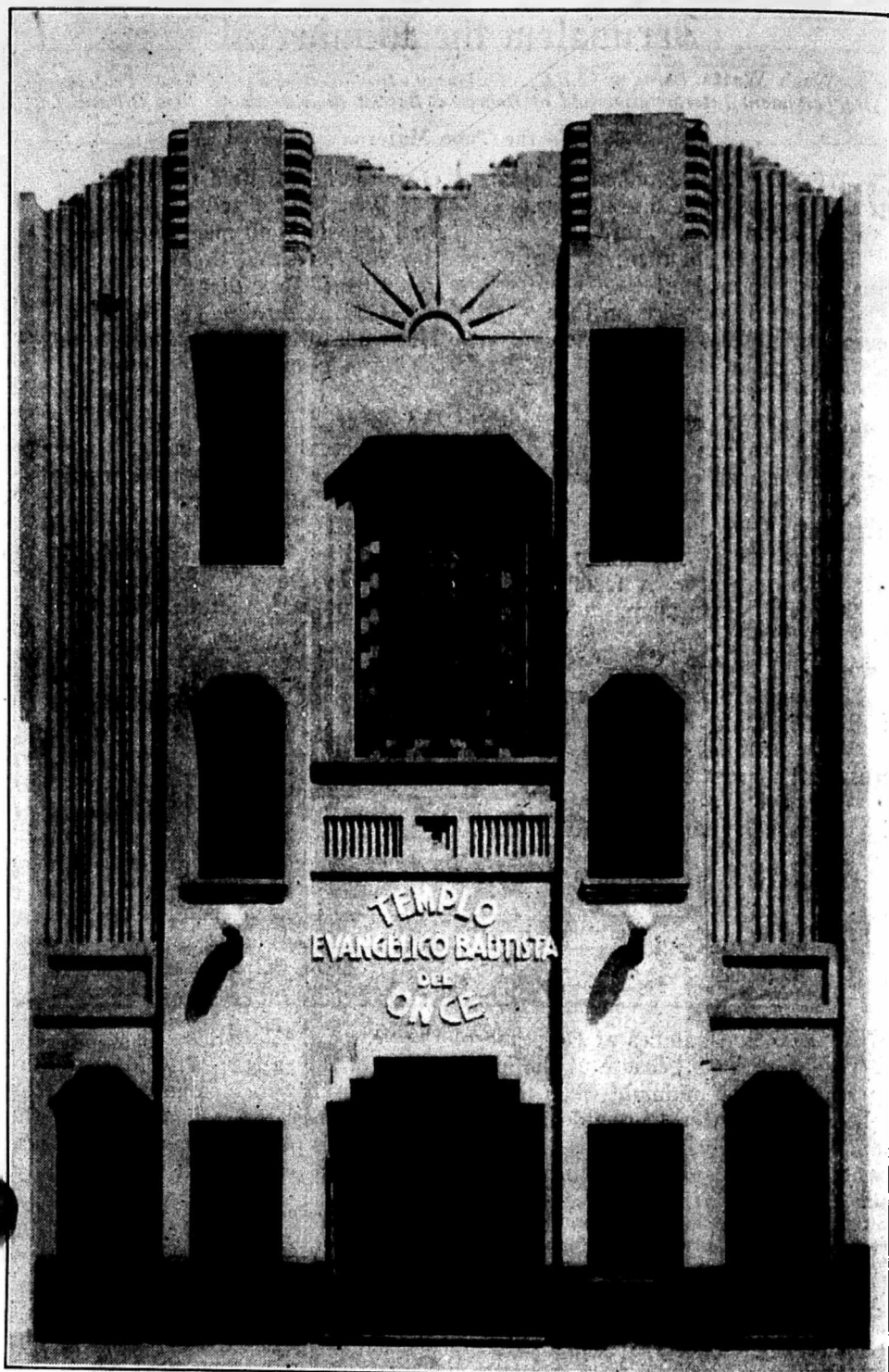
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Forward promptly, please, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering from each W.M.U. organization. See that it is carefully designated in thus being forwarded.



IN the erection of this church building in Buenos Aires, Argentina, help was given by a previous Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The offering of this December similarly seeks to help a chapel at Shiuchow in China and a church at Bahia in Brazil. This 1935 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is seeking to help many other causes, even as will be seen by referring to the list on pages 6-7 of the November issue of this magazine. The offering's goal is \$165,000. The theme is "Christmas for Christ!"